

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RECESS MEETING**

April 20, 2022
10:00 AM



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



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Ratification Date: May 18, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Robert L. Pitts **10:03 a.m.**

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

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

INVOCATION: Reverend Clifton Dawkins, Jr., County Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recite in unison

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CONSENT AGENDA**22-0269 Board of Commissioners**

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

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Hausmann and seconded by Commissioner Morris, to adopt the Consent as amended by removing the following items for separate consideration: #22-0274 as requested by Vice-Chairman Hausmann, #22-0275, #22-0276 as requested by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman The motion passed by the following vote:

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

22-0270 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing "Gloria Tanner Remembrance Day." **(Abdur-Rahman)**
April 13, 2022

Proclamation recognizing "Vincent Dichotomy Hockett Appreciation Day." **(Arrington)**
April 17, 2022

Proclamation recognizing "River Trail Middle School Appreciation Day." **(Hausmann)**
April 21, 2022

Open & Responsible Government**22-0271 Finance**

The Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Family and Children Services operates a federally funded Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). Finance is requesting Board authorization to contractually participate in the program which will allow eligible Fulton County water and sewer customers to enroll. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0272 Finance

Ratification of March 2022 Grants Activity Report **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Arts and Libraries**22-0273 Library**

Request approval to pay outstanding invoices for Walscot storage services in an amount not to exceed \$8,300.00. In January 2019 the Library requested a storage container to be placed in the back of the Milton Warehouse for storage of Library materials while branches were being renovated. The Library's Financial System's Manager retired soon after and the storage bill was never paid. The storage company recently reached out to the Library System which is when the Library found out about this escalating outstanding bill. The aforementioned dollar amount will take care of the past due balances up to April 2022. The department has setup a procurement from May 2022 until December 2022 in order to cover current and anticipated invoices and services. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0274 Library

Request approval for usage of BeltLine TAD funds for the BOC-approved collections enhancement in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00. On January 19, 2022, the BOC took action to fund the purchase of a collection of shelf ready books to be distributed throughout all 34 Libraries. Although the funding was formally approved at a prior BOC meeting, this action authorizes the usage of the funding out of the tax allocation district fund. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY VICE-CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN

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

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

Infrastructure and Economic Development

22-0275 Select Fulton

Request approval of a recommended proposal - Department of Economic Development, 22RFP0121B-PS, Adult and Dislocated Worker Services in an amount not to exceed \$1,028,125.00 with Arbor E&T, LLC dba Equus Workforce Solutions (Equus) (Louisville, KY), to provide comprehensive career services for Adult and Dislocated Workers for the Fulton County Local Workforce Development Board. Effective July 1, 2022 through June 31, 2023 with three renewal options. 100% grant funded. **(APPROVED)**

ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to approve items #22-0275, #22-0276, and #22-0291. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

22-0276 Select Fulton

Request approval of a recommended proposal - Department of Economic Development, 22RFP0120B-PS, Youth Services, in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00 with Arbor E&T, LLC dba Equus Workforce Solutions (Equus) (Louisville, KY), to provide comprehensive career services for Youth for the Fulton County Local Workforce Development Board. Effective July 1, 2022 through June 31, 2023, with three renewal options. 100% grant funded. **(APPROVED)**

ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to approve items #22-0275, #22-0276, and #22-0291. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Justice and Safety**22-0277 Police**

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Police Department, 22ITBC0125B-EC, Judgmental Pistol Simulator in an amount not to exceed \$62,500.00 with InVeris Training Solutions, Inc. (Suwanee, GA) to provide a judgmental pistol simulator for the Fulton County Public Training Center. Effective upon BOC approval. 100% grant funded. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0278 Police

Request approval to amend an existing contract - Police Department, 20RFP125037B-CJC, Armed and Unarmed Security Services with Universal Protection Services, LLC dba Allied Universal Security Services, (Atlanta, GA) to increase the current pay rates for contract security positions. No additional funding is required. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

RECESS MEETING AGENDA**22-0279 Board of Commissioners**

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

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to adopt the Recess Meeting Agenda as amended by revising item #22-0281; removing item #22-0293 to be discussed in Executive Session as requested by Commissioner Ellis; and by a super majority vote adding item #22-0301 as requested by the County Manager. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, and Arrington

Did Not Vote: Hausmann, and Abdur-Rahman

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Morris, to reconsider the Recess Meeting Agenda to hear items #22-0275 and #22-0276 with #22-0291. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Morris, to reconsider the Recess Meeting Agenda moving up item #22-0274. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Did Not Vote: Arrington

d. A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Morris, to reconsider the Recess Meeting Agenda moving up item #22-0301. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, and Morris

Did Not Vote: Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

22-0280 Clerk to the Commission

Ratification of Minutes. **(RATIFIED)**

Recess Meeting Minutes, March 16, 2022

Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, April 13, 2022

A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to ratify the meeting minutes. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

22-0281 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing “Eslene Richmond Shockley Appreciation Day.”
(Hall/Arrington)

Proclamation recognizing “Makenzie Thompson Appreciation Day.” **(Arrington)**

~~*Proclamation recognizing “Latin American Association Appreciation Day.” **(Hall)**~~

Proclamation recognizing “National Organ and Tissue Month.” **(Arrington/Hall)**

** Proclamation recognizing “Mansoor Luqman Ndiaye - Muhammad Appreciation Day.” **(Abdur-Rahman)**

**removed during the meeting*

***added during the meeting*

PUBLIC HEARINGS**22-0282 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. In the event the 30 minute time limit is reached prior to public comments being completed, public comment will be suspended and the business portion of the BOC meeting will commence. Public comment will resume at the end of the meeting. Similarly, written comments (that were timely submitted) not previously read, may be read at the end of the meeting. For more information or to arrange a speaking date, contact the Clerk’s Office. **(CONDUCTED)**

2 Speakers: Sandra Burchardt (Elections) and Ruth Walker (Fair Housing)

5 Zoom Speakers: Matt Rowenzcak (Item #22-0286); Ben Howard (Elder Affairs); Candice Stockham (Elections); Kevin Muldowney (Item #22-0286) and Marika Lamoreaux (Elections)

3 Emailed Comments: Carrie Heffner (Elections); Susanne Hubbard (Elections) and Tom Wohlbach (Elections)

COUNTY MANAGER'S ITEMS**Open & Responsible Government****22-0283 County Manager**

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

22-0284 Finance

Presentation, review and approval of April 20, 2022 Budget Soundings
(APPROVED)

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

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

22-0285 Human Resources Management

Request approval to modify the Classification and Compensation Plan by moving the existing title of Technology Innovation & Support Manager, BOC to the key classifications section at grade K10; and by adding a new title of Chief Counsel to the Sheriff (grade K11) to the key classifications section. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

22-0286 Registration & Elections

Request approval of a statewide contract - Department of Registration and Elections, #47800-SOS0000037, Master Solution Purchase and Services Agreement in the amount of \$135,950.00 with Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. (Denver, CO), to provide ballot paper and equipment for the 2022 General Primary/Special Elections and General Primary Runoff. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Ellis, and Morris

22-0287 Information Technology

Request approval of statewide contract - Information Technology, SWC99999-SPD0000139, Enterprise Infrastructure in the amount of \$1,442,395.86 with Dell Marketing L.P. (Round Rock, TX) to upgrade the County's server infrastructure for improved system performance. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Ellis, and Morris

22-0288 Information Technology

Request approval to utilize cooperative purchasing - Information Technology, General Services Administration (GSA) Contract GS-35F-0410X, Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Services, in the amount not to exceed \$728,005.00 with Mission Critical Partners (Port Matilda, PA) to provide added resiliency to the County's E911 system. Effective upon BOC approval until final acceptance by the County.

(APPROVED)

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

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

Did Not Vote: Ellis, and Morris

22-0289 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to utilize a cooperative purchasing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, GSA Contract #GS-07F-154DA, X-Ray Scanning Systems, with Rapiscan Systems, Inc. (Palmetto, GA) in the amount of \$84,366.99, to provide three (3) new Rapiscan 922CX multi-voltage 160KV X-Ray Scanning Systems for Fulton County facilities. This is a one-time procurement.

(APPROVED)

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

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

Health and Human Services**22-0290 Senior Services**

Request approval to increase spending authority - Department of Senior Services, RFP 17RFP109210A-FB, Comprehensive Nutrition Services in the total amount of \$23,569.13, Open Hand Atlanta (Atlanta, GA), to provide Home Delivered Meals and Congregate Meal for Fulton County residents aged 60 and above. Effective upon Board approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Infrastructure and Economic Development**22-0291 Select Fulton**

Request approval of a recommended proposal - Department of Economic Development, 22RFP0119B-PS, WIOA One Stop Operator, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00 with Arbor E&T, LLC dba Equus Workforce Solutions (Equus) (Louisville, KY) to provide comprehensive One Stop Operator Services for the Fulton County Local Workforce Development Board effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 with three renewal options. 100% grant funded. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to approve items #22-0275, #22-0276, and #22-0291. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Justice and Safety**22-0292 Sheriff**

Request approval to extend an existing contract - Sheriff's Office, 17RFP33017B-BR in an amount not to exceed \$2,550,739.00 with Aramark Correctional Services, LLC (Conyers, Georgia) to provide inmate food services to inmates housed at the Fulton County Jail, Marietta Annex, and South Fulton Municipal Regional Jail. Effective dates: May 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS

**22-0208 Board of Commissioners
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF FULTON COUNTY (HELD ON 4/13/22)
(MOTION TO APPROVE FAILED)**

Term = 4 Years

Term below expires: 5/31/2025

Jo Anna Potts (**Abdur-Rahman**) (**Resigned**)

Commissioner Abdur-Rahman nominated Rodney Littles to replace Jo Anna Potts for a District appointment to an unexpired term ending May 31, 2025.

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

Yea: Pitts, and Abdur-Rahman

Nay: Ellis

Did Not Vote: Hausmann, Morris, Hall, and Arrington

22-0293 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution approving the emergency maintenance on certain storm water detention ponds located within the boundaries of the City of South Fulton Georgia, in order to address the growing public safety and health concerns, pursuant to certain Fulton County Easement rights, and for other purposes. (**Abdur-Rahman**) (**REMOVED**)

22-0294 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution to amend the limitations on seeking Elected Office Personnel Policy (211-22). (**Hausmann/Hall**) (**APPROVED**)

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Morris, to call the question. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, and Arrington

Did Not Vote: Abdur-Rahman

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Vice-Chairman Hausmann, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

COUNTY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**Health and Human Services**

**22-0295 Information Technology
Presentation of Health & Human Services Application (**PRESENTED**)**

Justice and Safety**22-0296 Strategy and Performance Management**

Presentation: Justice and Safety Priority Area Report for FY2022 **(PRESENTED)**

COMMISSIONERS' PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**22-0264 Board of Commissioners**

Discussion: Update of activities of the City of Atlanta and Fulton County Recreation Authority (AFCRA). **(Arrington) (HELD ON 4/13/22) (DISCUSSED)**

22-0266 Board of Commissioners

Discussion: Transparency and Accountability in Fulton County **(Abdur-Rahman) (HELD ON 4/13/22) (DISCUSSED)**

22-0297 Board of Commissioners

Discussion: Invest Atlanta Board of Directors March 17, 2022 Meeting Summary **(Morris) (DISCUSSED)**

22-0298 Board of Commissioners

Discussion: Atlanta BeltLine, Inc April 13, 2022 CEO Report **(Morris) (DISCUSSED)**

22-0299 Board of Commissioners

Discussion: Closing of Wellstar Hospital in South Fulton. **(Pitts) (DISCUSSED)**

EXECUTIVE SESSION**22-0300 Board of Commissioners**

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

PRESENT IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING SECURITY: Chairman Pitts, Vice-Chairman Hausmann, Commissioners: Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington and Abdur-Rahman; County Manager Dick Anderson; County Attorney Y. Soo Jo; Police Chief William Yates; Police Captain Kenneth Schierle; and Clerk to the Commission Tonya R. Grier.

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

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

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

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman to approve the settlement offer in the case of Kevin Burney, et al. v Fulton County, Civil Action File No. 1:19-CV-01770-MLB, United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia in the amount of \$300,000.00. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to accept the settlement recommendation in item #2 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

ADDED TO THE MEETING**Items added to the Agenda****22-0301 Public Works**

Request approval of a Material Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) - Department of Public Works, #21RFP130845K-BKJ, Progressive Design/Build Services for Atlanta Newnan Road Pump Station and Force Main in the total amount of \$3,470,242.12 with Reeves-Young/GMC, a joint venture comprised of Reeves Young and Goodwyn Mills Cawood GMC (Atlanta, GA) to amend and modify the Agreement by the Critical Pipe Material Amendment and establish a Guaranteed Maximum Price ("GMP") and furnish the critical pipe, fittings, and required accessories for the Project in order to have them ordered and in place when needed. Effective upon issuance of Notice to Proceed for 540 consecutive calendar days or completion of construction project. **(APPROVED)**

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Ellis, to approve to add item #22-0301 to the Recess Meeting Agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

b. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Hausmann and seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve item #22-0301. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: Arrington

Did Not Vote: Hall

22-0302 Board of Commissioners

Commissioners' Item - Request approval of a Resolution creating and establishing The Fulton County Summer Teen Job Training Program for the purpose of providing Fulton County teens with professional skills and hands-on work experience and for other purposes. **(Arrington) (APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Chairman Pitts, to approve to add item #22-0302 to the Recess Meeting Agenda. The motion failed.

Motion failed for a lack of a super majority vote.

Yea: Pitts, Ellis, Hall, and Arrington

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S
RECESS MEETING

April 20, 2022

10:00 A.M.

Alexander Solutions, LLC

(Whereupon, the meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Good morning -- excuse me. And welcome to the Recess Meeting of the Fulton County Commission. Madam Clerk, please call the roll. Today is April 20th, 2022; it is 10:03 a.m."

CLERK GRIER: "Chairman Robb Pitts."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Vice Chairman Liz Hausmann."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Bob Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Lee Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Natalie Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Marvin Arrington, Jr. Commissioner Khadijah Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Present."

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

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

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 2, Consent Agenda, **22-0269**. Adoption of the Consent Agenda. All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the

County Commission and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion will take place on these items. If discussion of any Consent Agenda item is desired, the item will be moved to the Recess Meeting Agenda for separate consideration. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, Vice Chairman Hausmann has requested on page 3 to remove item 22-0274, Library. Request approval for usage of Beltline TAD funds to fund the purchase of the collection of self-ready books. This item will be removed for separate consideration."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Any other items? Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I would ask -- I would humbly ask that item 0275, Select Fulton; item 0276, Select Fulton be removed as well."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "For further discussion?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Please."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Any other items? All right. On the Consent Agenda as amended, motion to approve by Commissioner, Vice Chair Hausmann, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Cast your vote, please."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And motion passes unanimously."

CLERK GRIER: "Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have two items that have been requested to be added to today's Recess Meeting Agenda. The first item, 22-0301, Public Works: Request approval of a material guaranteed maximum price."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "To be added to the agenda?"

CLERK GRIER: "To be added, yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Is that an emergency? Who?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. This is one of these classic supply chain problems where getting this equipment for this line, as well as securing a price works to our advantage, and we'd like to have it done today or have the approval done today."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. This will require five affirmative votes to add it. Motion to approve to add by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Please vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open to add 22-0301. And the motion passes unanimously."

CLERK GRIER: "Second item requested to be added, 22-0302. Request approval of a Resolution creating and establishing the Fulton County Summer Teen Job Training Program sponsored by Commissioner Arrington."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. What's the emergency?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "The emergency is that school is about to get out, and the crime in the community is out of control. And so, as we have done in past summers, I'd like to make sure that we have funding available to train our teenagers to keep them out of trouble; and make sure that we can hope to try to curb the crime that is going on and put these young people to work."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. There's a motion to approve by Commissioner Hall. Is there a second? Is there a second? All right, I'll second it to add to the Agenda. This will require five affirmative votes. Cast your vote, please."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open to add 22-0302. And the motion fails: four yeas, zero nays."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 4, **22-0279**, Adoption of the Recess Meeting Agenda. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have an item to be revised: On page 4, 22-0281, Presentation of Proclamations and Certificates. We need to include a Proclamation recognizing Mansoor Luqman Ndiaye Muhammad sponsored by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Anything else?"

CLERK GRIER: "That is all in the added item."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to -- excuse me. Oh, Commissioner Ellis. Sorry."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes, Mr. Chair. As at the previous meeting, item 22-0293 was ruled to be inappropriate for our Regular Agenda, and appropriate for Executive Session. And I know that we've had multiple discussions on this within Executive

Session about the reasons and so forth why. And so, with that being the case, I would like to give Commissioner Abdur-Rahman the opportunity to remove this on her own. If she would be willing to remove this item based upon previous discussions, Commissioner?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Do I have the floor?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "No, this is just a question."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. Well, I'll wait until I get the floor."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. I'll interpret that as you're not willing to remove this on your own, so. I'm going to ask the County Attorney just to confirm again, that based upon all prior discussions this is not an item that should be the purview for Regular Meeting, but it's the purview for Executive Session."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Item 22-0293, has previously been deemed by the Board to be a matter reserved for Executive Session at the March 2nd Executive Session, and also at the April 13th Executive Session."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. So, with that, I just, you know, I would ask that the -- this be removed from the Agenda, and that'll be one of the amendments and taking up in the Executive Session."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. I'll rule on that. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. This item came before the Board on March 2nd, and we are at the end of April. Why this is not considered an emergency, or something that deems to be important by this entire Body still baffles me. With all due respect to the County Attorney, I made a request for information; I still have not received that information. And so, not in a spirit to be contrary, I think it is with disrespect to have a sitting Commissioner to continuously ask over and over again for information to make a educated decision, and to allow the constituents, the 175,000 constituents that I actually represent, I think, it's a travesty for this Board to be in collusion for the disrespect of a sitting Commissioner. I will not remove the item. I will continue to bring the item until the County Attorney understands that she works for the entire Board, and not for the Chair. And so, with all due respect, I will not remove this item. And the information that I have requested, in order to let my constituents know the position of this Body, I am still standing on that request. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. I rule that this Resolution is properly before us in Executive Session. Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "Mr. Chairman, we're voting on the adoption of the Recess Meeting Agenda --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- all right. On the --"

CLERK GRIER: "-- as amended."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "As amended. Motion to approve the Agenda as amended by Commissioner -- Commissioner Arrington, you want to be heard? The motion is to approve. Just a minute. Just a minute. The motion to approve the Agenda as amended by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Now, Commissioner -- you'll remove it. All right. Thank you let's vote."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "**22-0280**, Ratification of Minutes, Recess Meeting Minutes, March 16th. Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, April 13th, 2022."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Is there a motion? All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Hall. Please vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes unanimously."

CLERK GRIER: "**22-0281**, Presentation of Proclamations and Certificates. The first proclamation is recognizing 'Eslene Richmond Shockley Appreciation Day' sponsored by Commissioner's Hall and Arrington."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You have five Proclamations, one that was added by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman; is that right? Five?"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes. Maybe, four."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "--which one is going to be removed?"

CLERK GRIER: "They're not here."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "The Latin American Associates [inaudible]."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Mr. Chairman, as the last time because of my knee I'm not going to try to go down there and stand. No lack of respect for these items."

CHARIMAN PITTS: "Understand."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Come on down. Everybody come down. Yes, and stand with this powerful woman, community servant leader. Come on Caring for Others; we know you care. Good morning. Good morning. Ms. Eslene Richmond Shockley is an amazing woman, and her team is an amazing team. I have known her for -- I'm going to date myself if I say how many years. But this organization, Caring for Others feeds hundreds of thousands of people; they clothe hundreds of thousands of people; they give out brand-new refrigerators, brand-new appliances, stoves. And they have designers who give them tractor-trailer loads full of clothes, and baby carriages, and everything you could imagine: anything that someone needs to be sustainable in their household for themselves, the youth, and their families. This organization has what every family needs to stand up and get on their feet, and sustain their lifestyle. So it is an honor to present you with this Proclamation and it reads: WHEREAS, Eslene Richmond Shockley is a native of Guyana, South America; and relocated to the United States in 1979 to further her education at Southeastern University where she studied international economics and finance. And WHEREAS, Eslene moved to Atlanta, Georgia in 1985 after marrying her life partner and biggest supporter, Mr. Ray Shockley, a native Atlantan, and began her career with MCI Telecommunications Company. And WHEREAS, Eslene became attaché for her native country of Guyana during the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. After the Olympics, she formed an international consulting company, GBTS Enterprises, working with Third World countries in the Caribbean. And WHEREAS, Eslene and some friends planned a joint program with Dodd Sterling United Church in 2001 to organize the first community holiday event which provided over 300 low-income individuals with children's clothing, food, and toys which gave birth to the development of the infrastructure for Caring for Others, Incorporated. And WHEREAS, to date, Caring for Others, Inc. has provided assistance to more than 35,000 individual families, children, and senior citizens with over \$30.5 million of in-kind goods and services. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Eslene Richmond Shockley for her tireless work that impacts the lives of people in need. And does HERE BY PROCLAIM Wednesday, April 13th, 2022, as 'Eslene Richmond Shockley Appreciation Day' in Fulton County, Georgia. Congratulations."

ESLENE RICHMOND SHOCKLEY, RECIPIENT: "I would like to say thank you. This is very emotional. I don't like to be recognized like this. I only want to do my work that God has called me to do. But it's only what we do for the least of these; and it is important to me for us to continue to give a voice to the faces of poverty. Poverty has taken over our city, our County, and we must help. Thank you so much to all of the Commissioners and all of you here today. Thank you for this recognition."

CLERK GRIER: "The next Proclamation is recognizing 'Makenzie Thompson Appreciation Day' sponsored by Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Welcome. Welcome. Welcome. Certainly my pleasure to present this Proclamation today and you'll find out why in just a moment. WHEREAS, Makenzie Thompson, a resident of South Fulton and Senior at Westlake High School has received acceptance letters from 49 colleges, and over \$1.3 million in scholarship offerings. And WHEREAS, Makenzie has been a star student throughout her high school career, and credits her success to strict time management and multitasking. And WHEREAS, Makenzie serves as her senior class president, co-captain of the Blue Rain Dance Team, Vice President of the Beta Club, and the varsity baseball manager. She's also a member of the National Honor Society and an Honor Society of Dance and Arts. And WHEREAS, Makenzie has chosen Tuskegee University in Alabama, a Historically Black University, where she will pursue a degree in animal science in her pursuit of becoming a veterinarian. And WHEREAS, Makenzie's love of animal begins when she was growing up as an only child and her house was full of dogs, guinea pigs, fish, and other pets. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Makenzie Thompson for her example of academic excellence, and extends to her our best wishes in her pursuit of becoming a veterinarian. And HEREBY PROCLAIMS today, Wednesday, April 20th, 22 -- 2022, as 'Makenzie Thompson Appreciation Day' in Fulton County. Let's give her a big round of applause."

MAKENZIE THOMPSON, RECIPIENT: "Hi. I just want to say thank you for this Proclamation. It really feels good to get recognition from my own community. This community raised me, you know, so it feels really good to give back and people see the good that comes out of our community rather than all the bad stuff. So, I just want to thank my parents as well. That is my whole backbone; couldn't do anything without them. And also, my schools, Westlake, Sandtown, and Stonewall Tell, all that good stuff. Mr. Parker, for being here. He's one of my administrators. And, yeah, that's it."

CLERK GRIER: "The next Proclamation is recognizing 'National Organ and Tissue Month' sponsored by Commissioner's Arrington and Hall."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Can that be a Full Board"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Absolutely. No opposition to that all. Welcome. Welcome. Proclamation reads as follows: WHEREAS, more than 106,000 United States citizens await lifesaving, or life enhancing organ transplants of which nearly 3500 reside in Georgia. And more than 2.5 million people throughout the country. And in Georgia, benefit annually from tissue transplantation, thanks to thousands of tissue

donors. And WHEREAS, a record number of transplants occurred in 2021 thanks to the generosity of 20,400 deceased and living donors. Of which 1,243 transplant patients, and 574 deceased and living donors were from the State of Georgia. And WHEREAS, the need for organ, eye, and tissue donation remains critical as a new patient is added to the national waiting list for an organ transplant every ten minutes. And an average of 20 people die daily due to the lack of available organs. And WHEREAS, organ, eye, and tissue donation is the ultimate act of generosity and kindness; and can provide countless families the comfort of knowing the gift of donated organs and tissue and dial another person with renewed hope for an improved quality of life. And WHEREAS, nearly 3.8 million Georgians have registered their decision to give and donate their organs at donatelifegeorgia.org when getting or renewing their driver's license, or state identification card, or when getting a hunting or fishing license through the Department of Natural Resources. And Life Link of Georgia continues its mission for recovering organs and tissue for transplantation therapy in Georgia. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Donate Life Georgia and Life Link of Georgia for their lifesaving mission of providing hope to those in need of tissue and organ donation. And supports efforts in encouraging citizens to become donors. And does HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of April 2022 as National Organ and Tissue Month in Fulton County, Georgia. Let's give them a big round of applause."

RECIPIENT for LIFE LINK: "Good morning, everyone. First of all, I want to thank everyone, the Board of Commissioners on behalf of Life Link of Georgia for honoring us; and understanding that our fight and our efforts to educate the community on a daily basis on organ, tissue, and eye donation. It is almost heart wrenching to know that eight out of ten years, one black person has to wait for a kidney transplant. So, the best way that we can help is to understand the dynamics in our community, and where we fit in, and how we can assist and register and be a blessing in death to donate organs. Thank you."

RECIPIENT for LIFE LINK: Good morning, everyone. I'm a represent -- representative of Life Link as well. Seven years ago, I was given five days to live; and by the grace of God, I got the most important gift you can give anyone which is the gift of life. And so, for the rest of my life, I go around and I promote the importance of really registering to be an organ donor. Twenty-two people die every day, 22 people die every day, and 60 percent are African-American or Hispanic. We need the organ, but we got to get the message out to register to be an organ donor. So, I'm here today because somebody paid it forward for me, and I want to make sure I continue to pay-it-forward for others. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "The last Proclamation is recognizing 'Mansoor Luqman Ndiaye Muhammad' sponsored by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I am so proud this morning as you see this wonderful group of young people. Mansoor, you've make be so proud. This is a Proclamation -- this is the highest civilian recognition at the County level. WHEREAS, Mansoor Luqman Muhammad is a student at Blackstone Academy, and author of the series 'Mansoor and the Mysterious Wheel'. And WHEREAS, Mansoor, struggled with reading early in his life because many of the books he read did not reflect a life nor imaginary -- excuse me imagery that was familiar to him. But with the support of his mother, sister, and additional creative writing classes, he began writing about adventures that excited him. And WHEREAS, Mansoor series showcases various scenarios that teach him lessons on building character, and addressing life's challenges, including how to turn community cleanup into an entrepreneurial opportunity, or overcoming social isolation in the midst of a pandemic by getting guidance from a friend on a wheel that seems to be following him. And WHEREAS, Mansoor has learned that other children of color had the same type of interest barriers as he did, and sought to help other children, both domestically and internationally. And WHEREAS, with the support of KSTB Enterprises, Mansoor is now the founder and president of Ekra [Phonetic.] International, LLC a 501(C)3 nonprofit, whose mission is to bring the joy of reading to children of color around the world; and to address the systematic problems of illiteracy head on. It is with immense, immense proud and humble respect for this young entrepreneur that saw a problem that he had, recognized a problem in the community, and started his own nonprofit. And I also want to say, I humbly thank the parents because as my late mother, Victoria Travis Jackson says, 'the fruit does not fall far from the tree'. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Mansoor Luqman Muhammad for his vivid imagination, hard work that has led him to be one of the youngest business owners in Fulton County. And does HEREBY PROCLAIM Wednesday, April 20th, 2022, as 'Mansoor Luqman Muhammad Appreciation Day' in Fulton County, Georgia."

MANSOOR LUGMAN NDIAYE-MUHAMMAD, RECIPIENT: "Thank you. [Islamic Greeting.] everyone. In the name of Allah, the Benevolent, the Merciful. Thank you, Commissioner Khadijah Abdur-Rahman for honoring me with this wonderful Proclamation. You are truly the Commissioner who cares. Who would have thought that when I was writing a book with my Mom in a basement apartment at five years old, that one day I would be receiving such an amazing honor as this. Thank you to my parents, sister, grandparents, extended family, friends, Blackstone Academy teachers, students, and the community for your support, encouragement, and of course, you purchasing my books. Allow me to leave you with these words of encouragement:

Everything you desire to know to fulfill your dreams can be found in a book. So read and take on wings. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 5, Public Hearings, **22-0282**, Public Comment: Citizens wishing to participate in public comment will be allowed to appear in person, or may choose to participate virtually via Zoom videoconferencing, or by submitting their comments in writing online by registering on the County website www.fultoncountyGA.gov. Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each. The public will not be allowed to yield or donate time to other speakers. The public comment portion of the meeting will not exceed 30 minutes. In the event the 30-minute time limit is reached prior to public comments being completed, public comment will be suspended and the business portion of the BOC meeting will commence. Public comment will resume at the end of the meeting. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have received two speaker cards."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "How many?"

CLERK GRIER: "Two here in Assembly Hall. Will the two speakers please come down: Sandra Burchardt and Ruth Walker."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Speakers, when you have 15 seconds remaining in your two minutes, I'll say, 15 seconds and that is your queue to conclude your remarks."

SANDRA BURCHARDT, PUBLIC COMMENT: "My name is Sandra Burchardt. I live in Fulton County. I've been attending these meetings for months. Why? I come for two reasons: to pray, and to speak the truth for two minutes. Truth motivates me. It has no gender, it has no political party, it has no color. It should unite us all. Many people in powerful positions are aware of the size of Fulton County and the arrogance they displayed over the part they can play in elections is disconcerting. At the last Fulton County Commissioners meeting, several individuals from South Fulton used their two minutes to say they believe Fulton County Commissioner Chairman, Robb Pitts should resign for several reasons. One was his influence over elections. Chairman Pitts, I will say that I was concerned when I heard you say in a press conference, 'we delivered Joe Biden, we delivered Senator Ossoff, we delivered Senator Warnock, and we will deliver Senator Warnock again in 2024'. No elected official should consider delivering candidates as part of their responsibility. At these Commissioner meetings on March 16th of this year, the widow of Andrew Young, Carolyn Young said, what I do, I do for God. That is also my desire. Thank you."

RUTH WALKER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Greetings. My name is Ruth Walker and I come here today because we have a housing crisis in the state of Georgia; and it needs to be addressed immediately. Because the people's rights are being violated. If you are a white person and would you please stand if you would like to be treated the way the black people are being treated? Okay. So, since no one is standing, that's a clear answer that they don't want to be treated the way that we're being treated, and it's been a systematic problem that's been going on for very a long time in this state of Georgia. Even from 1935 to 1975, there was a whole reconstruction of Atlanta, and it has been a systematic system that has been set against us as black people and racism – race does not even exist. That's a whole lie that's fabricated; that we are the human race and then there's one person that thinks that they are superior to others, and there's others that's not. And that's not the truth. And so, what I am here to do is to tell everybody that we, the black people are afraid of you and we don't know what to do about it because you have all the power and you rule all areas of our life; and it's unacceptable that we have – we live in such a wealth disparity in this country. It's terrible. It's like the Tale of two cities -- you go to Buckhead, which used to be an all-black neighborhood -- Macedonia Park, but we were displaced. And we're continuously displaced by the system and that's not, okay, because it's systematic. And what it all boils down to is white genetic survival. And guess what, we're all out here trying to survive. That's our relatability. We're all family when it comes down to the end of it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds."

RUTH WALKER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "We all come from Africa. That is the origin and there's no way that we, the African-American people are the minority. We're totally the majority."

CLERK GRIER: "Next, we have six speakers that are on Zoom."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Good morning, Commissioners. The first person to speak is Matt Rowenczak."

MATT ROWENCZAK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners. Today I want to discuss item 22-0286 with you regarding the purchasing of \$136,000 worth of items from Dominion Voting System. This item needs to be discussed today and given some clarity, because first of all, we have a new voting system; so, one of the items that is included, and thank you for the supporting documentation, is a server worth \$11,000? So, why are we buying a server when this is a fairly new system? There's also an ATI kit which is like USB thumb drive it looks like worth \$15,000? We'd like clarification on that. And there's a shipping line item of \$6,000. I know there's a lot of ballot stock paper that's included in there; but you can purchase an entire 18-wheeler semitruck and

drive it across the country for less than \$6,000. Maybe today it's closer than that. But I would imagine, we're not renting an entire semitruck and driving it all the way across the country for these items. Secondly, there's this tactic of waiting until the last minute and saying this is an emergency, and that we need it. Well, if you'll notice on these supporting documents, this quote was received -- one was February 19th and one was February 24th. So, I would expect the same tactic to be used again today but why are we waiting two months to bring this item forward if--"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "--fifteen seconds--"

MATT ROWENCZAK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "--it's such an emergency? So, let's stop this tactic of waiting until the last minute and claiming it's an emergency. Lastly, I have applied to be a poll worker on Election Day and I still -- and this was weeks ago, and I still have not received any response. So, there's still a lot of issues. Thank you."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Ben Howard."

BEN HOWARD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Greetings, Commissioners and Staff; and greetings to you citizens of Fulton County. Ben Howard, Senior Advocate, Public Policy Analyst. This talk is about the Fulton County Commission on Elder Affairs under the so-called watchful eye of the Office of Aging and Youth Management. Apparently, when those Commission on Elderly Affairs Board Members raised their right hand and took that oath of office, they failed to understand that serious to service -- serious service to senior citizens leaves no room for the lingering or going AWOL in December. In 1912, the elderly founder said Board meetings 12 times a year. Tradition has said Board meetings 12 times a year. For years, the Commission on Elderly Affairs bylaws have said Board meetings 12 times a year. This month, the new pretenders said, 'oh no, we're not having that in our bylaws, we're not meeting in December. Board meetings 11 times a year'. So, what next? Meeting only ten times a year like neighborhood planning units are in Atlanta Council Districts 11 and 12; who vacation during the month of June and again during the month of December. Oh, no. We're not having that. Commission on Elder Affairs members. Folks, stay tuned on this one."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Candice Stockham. Candice Stockham."

CANDICE STOCKHAM, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hello. Can you hear me?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes."

CANDICE STOCKHAM, PUBLIC SPEAKER: “Hi, Commissioners. Thank you for all your hard work in Fulton County. I had like to ask that you please support the Board of Elections and give them all the resources that they need to sufficiently staff, prepare, and fund the administration for the voting cycle of the entire year. Also, as the BOE is endeavoring to recruit and train sufficient staff currently, I would ask that you are mindful and proactive in ensuring that the County precincts are staffed and equipped. Thank you and have a great day ”

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Kevin Muldowney. Kevin Muldowney, okay.

KEVIN MULDOWNEY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: “Hello. Yeah. How you doing? I had to unmute it. Good morning, Chairman Pitts and esteemed Board. Both the BRE audits as well as the Carter Jones report point out a major problem at the BRE submitting invoices late. Agenda item 22-0286, Exhibit 3 cross proposal two for that ballot stock: a ream of paper 500 sheets for \$65,000 --1600 reams for \$104,000 -- enough for 800 registered voters which is what we have, actually 110,000 delivered. This must be really special paper. A ream of 8 ½ x 11, 80-weight paper I saw on Amazon for \$25. Fulton County BRE is buying 1600 of these for \$65 each and paying six grand for delivery. Seems expensive on both counts, but we'll never know. The invoices dated Feb 24, 2022, and today is April 20th, nearly two months later. Early voting starts in 12 days. Procrastinate and holdback the invoice until there's no time to make an informed decision. Force the Board of Commissioners to forgo their fiduciary duties. This seems to be the MO of the BRE. To a simple citizen of Fulton County, their seems to be a bunch of bull -- baloney. Thank you.”

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Marika Lamoureux.

MARIKA LAMOUREUX, PUBLIC SPEAKER: “Good morning. My name is Marika and I live in Midtown Atlanta. Thank you for your work in Fulton County. The May 24th Primary Election is fast approaching. The Fulton Board of Commissioner’s should continue to support the Board of Elections by giving them the resources that they need to sufficiently staff, prepare, and fund administration of the 2022 election cycle. Fulton Board of Elections is currently working to recruit and train staff for the upcoming election, and funding allocated by the BOC is critical to ensuring precincts in the County are fully prepared with staff and equipment. Thank you for allowing me this time to speak.”

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Thomas Wohlbach. Thomas Wohlbach. Okay. Thomas Wohlbach. With that being said, that concludes all the speakers for the Zoom comments."

CLERK GRIER: "Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have three e-mailed in comments."

REGINA WALLER, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The first e-mailed comment is from Carrie Hefner. As a resident and voter in Fulton County, thank you so much for all you do. As we approach a busy election year beginning with the May 24th Primary, I ask the Board to continue supporting the Board of Elections as they work hard to prepare, staff, and run our elections. Continued funding allocations enable the BOE to effectively recruit and train staff across all of Fulton's voting precincts. It is critical that all precincts are fully prepared and are supplied with the staffing and equipment they need to support all of Fulton's voters."

REGINA WALLER, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next e-mail comment is provided by Suzanne Hubbard. Last week, I made a public comment about poll working and received a number of responses. I was happy to learn that people are listening. Everyone was very nice and seemed eager to help. They said they would be able to find me a spot to work and would call me back. More than one person said they would get thousands of applications for both poll workers, so you cannot possibly respond to everyone. But during the BOC meetings, we are given the impression that you cannot get enough community support to do the elections without the temporary staffing agency's help. I was told to give the contact information to have other people call them if they were also still looking for help, so I did. So far, no one has been called back that I know of including me. I am sure everyone is busy; but it should not be this difficult. I will continue to reach out. Just thought you would like to know the community is interested in helping. Thank you for your time and consideration."

REGINA WALLER, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The last e-mail comment is by Tom Wohlbach. The voting rolls in Fulton County need a lot of work. When is the County going to rid the rolls of people signed up with no addresses at post offices or UPS stores, add dead people, duplicate names, moved to other states or counties, et cetera. Integrity in elections begins with clean voter rolls. This concludes all of the comments."

CLERK GRIER: "No further speakers."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Thank you. That will conclude the Public Comment section of the Agenda. Continue Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: “Continuing on page 5, County Manager items under Open and Responsible Government, **22-0283**, Presentation of COVID-19 operational response update.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Mr. Manager.”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. Good morning. With only one week of lapsing and we do not have a lot of new information in the material that you have. And also, DPH has moved to weekly reporting now as opposed to daily. So that may serve to diminish some of our insights and ability to project, but we're making adjustments in light of that. I think it makes even more critical the partnership that we talked in the last meeting with Emory for wastewater testing for COVID results. That'll give us kind of a silent sentinel to see either hotspots or general trends in Fulton County from that effort and we look forward to kicking that off in the next week or so. All of our operations remain open and largely normalized as we prepare for the special grand jury on May the 2nd. We've work with the Fulton County Sheriff's office, as well as Fulton County police and Chief Yates. Specifically, for public benefit, the tax, and vital records office is here at Fulton at 141 Pryor. Fulton County will close that week, and our employees will be encouraged to telework. There will be some street closures and our building will be open. And the shuttle service will continue to run, but just in the abundance of caution, we'll have that posture. The plan for today is really to focus on our most significant program which is Project ORCA. Another 10,000 cases have been resolved since March 28th. There are some risks in the program specifically, in security, hiring, as well as a number of cases being charged; and Alton Adams will highlight the overall results as well as those risks. I do want to make you aware if you have not already received your copy, this effort was profiled in the ACCG Magazine for the spring which I happen to have a copy of here. And really as a point of excellence in County government and a very nice note from Dave Will, which we appreciate that recognition. With the BOC approval in the last meeting, we've moved forward with making key classification pay range changes. We're also working on broader communications relative to compensation for our employees as well as details for our department heads. And as you know, we plan to bring back a comprehensive review of all positions to be considered in the July timeframe. Also, with BOC approval, we are now developing procedures for simplified procurements for purchases below a hundred thousand; so again, we want to thank you for both of those important initiatives being approved. As we emerge from COVID response, we want to highlight a new Health and Human Services mobile app today. It's been developed with the collaboration between Dr. Roshell, Jessica Corbitt, and Glenn Melendez. It's another innovative approach I think to connect citizens with our

services. And also, we'll be talking about developing a robust plan using mobile health vans with our sponsors help, Commissioner Hall. And it's up to three. I just want to make that note for the public benefit because we did purchase two during the process when the CARES dollars were available. We've maintained ownership of those. They're being used by the Board of Health and now we're going to pull together a program using all three of those for pushing health services out into the community in a robust way. In that same way, again, also brought up in a question last session is we're working on fixed sites for Health and Human Services in two locations: North Point where we already own a building that has served as our COVID response Center; as that transitions that will become a Health and Human Services center. And then the development of a new building on Stonewall Tell, across from our current South Annex, in a like manner and like size to also provide Health and Human Services from a central location. Of course, that'll be complimented by these mobile efforts that I've talked about as well as long-standing clinics; but I think having those two centers in place will turbocharge our efforts to take the learnings from the pandemic and really bring them to the forefront in terms of public health services. On the COVID financials, we've not received any confirmation from our lobbyist about funds being recalled. There is a visit scheduled to DC by Commission leadership in early May; so, we'll certainly be seeking any input then. But as it stands now, we continue to operate with that approved set of initiatives that the Board approved back earlier in 2021. We're glad to get back today to having a strategic area of report on Justice and Public Safety. Want to thank the two liaisons, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and Morris for their help, guidance, and support for this effort; and then again, Alton Adams will be leading that discussion along with a discussion of Project ORCA. So, if there are any questions on the first part of the report, we're pleased to take that now. If not, we'll transition to going through the details from Project ORCA."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Thank you, Mr. Manager. Any questions from anyone? Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Vice Chair Hausmann. I'm looking for the page number -- its 13 it says COVID-19 response where it says COVID-19 on the top in red. And I just think maybe the comma, is in the wrong place for COVID-19 vaccines administered it says 550 comma zero, zero; and then below at where it says at home antigen tests procured for distribution, the 174 comma zero, zero; so, is that--"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "--yes, ma'am, thank you for catching that. We left out a zero so it should be 550,000 vaccines administered; these are through our sites. And then 174,000 at home antigen tests procured for distribution."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I was hoping that's where the comma went. Thank you."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “Thank you, apologize for that.”

COMMISSIONER HALL: “That's all right.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Very good. Normally, I catch that kind of stuff. Vice Chair.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “No, its Mr. Arrington's in there next.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “My question goes back to the mortgage assistance. Dr. Roshell, I know we identified some cases in Superior Court with foreclosures pending. Have we been able to coordinate with the Chief Judge and the Superior Court to have them work with the 354 million that is available?”

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: “Good morning. The plan for providing information to homeowners is going to be through the Justice Resource Center, both the in-person services and the website. The court itself, David Summerlin is meeting with Judge Brasher to determine how the alternative dispute resolution process will include any information and engagement for homeowners. As of yesterday, I had not received any update from David Summerlin regarding his conversation with Judge Brasher, but I expect to be receiving that update any day now.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “All right. I would like to, I guess, be involved in those conversations. I don't think that the list that was provided is comprehensive. I think there were maybe 30 or 33 on there--”

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: “--yes, sir--”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “--I believe, I believe there's more cases than that. They may just not be identified as foreclosure. They may be under contract, or breach of contract. So, all right. I guess, I'll just reach out to the Chief Judge myself because I don't understand why we can't do what the magistrate court did and work with these parties to make sure that people stay in their home especially knowing that we have money available to help them stay in their homes.”

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: “Yes, sir.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “And I guess if you could -- I'm going to do it; but you could do it as well, so we can double team them.”

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: “Yes, sir, I will. I'll keep your office updated.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Thank you.”

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: “You're welcome.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Vice Chair Hausmann.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I didn't see you come back. I am just wanting a little more information on the water testing program. I'm looking at page 15 -- has it started yet?”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “No, ma'am. I think we're going to start within a week or two' but we've had really great discussions with Emory and let me say it, maybe perhaps differently. On a widespread basis, there has been testing at Hartsfield-Jackson, so they know how to do it; and quite frankly, as I heard on the conference call, the results are astounding. It's like the ability with five cases with a hundred thousand folks to identify the presence of COVID, so it's quite precise--”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “--well--”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “--and our plan is to work with Emory to determine “A” how do you do it broadly; but then “B”, how do we look at certain places that may be are more targeted like Mercedes-Benz Stadium is one that came up at the call. It might give us a broad cross-section of folks coming together for a single event.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “Well, I'm looking at the graphic here. It looks like the City of Atlanta, I'm struggling to read it quite frankly, but -- and I see red dots. Are those locations that the testing will occur?”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “Yes, ma'am. I think there has been some testing that they had done with the Atlanta Watershed. But Atlanta Watershed did not have ample staff to continue or do as often. So these are indicating -- some of this testing has been done. I mentioned Hartsfield-Jackson, but there have been other locations.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “So, is this the -- excuse me, was there someone who's going to answer?”

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFECMA: “Matthew Kallmyer, Emergency Management. The locations that you see, is a combination of Atlanta Public Schools locations that they have an agreement with as well as Atlanta Watershed locations that they have been doing with historically. We will be working with them to add an additional 20 locations that will be done in unison with them as well as our Office of Public Works to find out something that would give us a great snapshot from north to southeast to west of our local jurisdiction.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “You reading my mind. I just want to make sure that we were being comprehensive and going all over the County and not just the City of Atlanta. So, thank you for that.”

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFECMA: “Absolutely.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “So, it’s going to start next week, did you say, and we’ll get reports on this periodically?”

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFECMA: “Not that quickly. We actually had a meeting with him last week. We’re trying to determine the 20 locations now. Luckily, because the state [Inaudible.] program the Public Works Department runs, we’ll be able to go ahead and help the statisticians do some incredible work and do more analysis than they’ve been able to do thus far, and we will be able to hopefully get you guys something in the very near future. We do not have a date to share at this particular point in time.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “All right. Thank you. My second question is in regard to this BA2 outbreak that seems like some parts of the country, and may be other parts of the world that it’s more significant than we’re experiencing here at the moment. But it does raise the question of the treatments that are now available that we didn’t have in the other surges and I’ve asked this question a few times before. I’m just curious where we are currently with getting the adequate treatments in-house in order to be ready should we have some sort of major event.”

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFECMA: “I’d have to defer to Dr. Paxton and Dr. Holland for more specifics on that. They are not with us today. I will say that we’ve had coordination calls with them. We reported that increase and the amount of availability with those within the metro area. The Board of Health will not be offering the anti-viral [inaudible.] at their location – it’s just a little too difficult for them to be able to accomplish that. But they are increasing in availability in metro Atlanta.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: I would appreciate in the next report just a little more detailed information about the availability. I think we’re getting questions, I know, I am about that; so I just think it is important that we understand exactly what the environment is; should anything else occur. Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Commissioner Abdur-Rahman.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “I just wanted an update on -- I don’t know this may be further in the report, but it’s exactly what we’re going to have in place for COVID safety for the upcoming Election polling places.”

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: “Commissioner, it’s not specifically addressed in the COVID report; so, we can pull that information together and share it with the Board, but we should have the same protocols in place that we’ve had for previous election cycles: hand sanitizing, election workers with masks available to them to wear. We have the shields and everything, so we should have what we need to ensure that we are keeping the poll workers and the voters as safe as possible. Since we’ve listed our mask requirement, it would all be, you know, available and recommended for use.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “The reason I was asking, my office received the question from a constituent; and I was under the assumption that the old protocols was in place. But I did not want to speak for that department because I know we have listed the mask update, you know here. So they wanted to know you know in the actual polling places will you be required to wear a mask or not. And so, that’s why I was asking. If we could just get an update at some point.”

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: “We’ll work with Elections to get that to you.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Vice Chair Hausmann.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “Yeah, I want to follow up with that. I’m sure most of you’ve heard that just day before yesterday that mask mandate was lifted for all sort of travel. I think, I heard a collective sigh of relief throughout the country quite frankly about that lifting of that; and I don’t want to send the mixed message that we’re going to require masks again in our Elections facilities, because I don’t think that’s the direction we’re headed, is it? Please tell me, no.”

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: “Commissioner, if I gave that impression I did not mean to. I said that I believe that we have all of the items that we would need -- we have masks, we have shields, we have all of the things that a poll worker or a voter, you know, who may not feel comfortable without -- I believe that we have all of that available.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “So we would provide it, it would be optional, should an employee or worker or a member of the public feel like they wanted to utilize that; we would have it available, but it’s not going to be a requirement to vote?”

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: “Yeah, we’ve not had any discussion about it being a requirement since we’ve lifted the mask mandate in our

facilities. Now, I guess, there may be a caveat to that because some of the facilities that we're using are not County facilities. At those facilities, I believe, we would have to abide by whatever the requirements are in place for those facilities.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “All right. That makes sense. Thank you very much.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Now, y’all have confused me now. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Yes, Chairman, I am confused as well. I think -- and here again, with all due respect, at a later date County Manager, if we could just get some kind of updating clarity because one of the questions that one of my constituents asked from before they were required to wear a mask upon entering the polling place. And so, like Ms. Whitmore said, some of those places are out of our control. And so, I think just for the sake of the public, if we can actually give an update, you know, in a timely manner may be by the next Board meeting, or if I can at least get some of the information I would like to just have clarity to what I need to let the constituents know. I would appreciate it.”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “Yes, ma'am, we'll do that.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Anything else, Mr. Manager?”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “Yes, sir. We’d like to walk through the Project ORCA slides. It starts -- Madam Clerk, on page 31, I think. Mr. Adams will lead that discussion as usual.”

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: “Good morning, Commissioners. I will give you a high level and answer any questions rather than diving into detail on this. But overall, we continue to see good progress on Project ORCA. If you can go to page 33, please. Terms of hiring: We continue to make progress, but we are in fact starting to experience a bit of attrition, and we are having some of the challenges that broadly speaking Fulton County and other entities are having in terms of attracting individuals. That having been said, three things I’d like to point out: 1 is, in the case of the public defender, the recent increases to salaries which will be mirrored in ORCA, should help dramatically in terms of increasing their staffing and their capability. They’ve had a number of vacancies for quite some time. Additionally, we’re working closely with the Sheriff and Marshal to update postings. We have increased salaries for the Sheriff's deputies. And so, that will continue to be a bit slow because as you are aware, there are challenges in terms of recruiting sworn officers across the country and the Atlanta area is no exception to that. But we continue to work to try to fill those vacancies as well. The next slide is a summary of the progress to date. Since we started our official count on the 6th of December, we have disposed of 30,000 cases. Overall, we are

tracking in terms of a kind of linear model of disposing of the cases. What I will say is that we are exceeding the plan when it comes to civil cases. We are continuing to run a bit behind plan, when it comes to criminal cases which we expected; but at this point in time, I think, we feel good about the fact that we continue to trend down and trend down at a good pace. Our next slide talks to the cases that have been closed by judge. And I think the one thing I would point out here is we've made significant progress across the board in terms of the judges disposing of the cases. The next slide, page 36, gives you a sense of the remaining cases. So we made a lot of progress, but we got a ways to go in terms of the cases that need to be disposed of. And here again, we'll continue to track it, but feel good about the momentum that we have in Superior Court. Same as the case for State Court on page 37. Where here again, we continue to have good progress in terms of closing cases since December across the board. And then the next page gives you a sense for the magnitude of the remaining cases in State Court. As part of the Sheriffs focus on reducing the jail population -- if you can go to the next slide -- as you're aware, we are currently housing approximately 300 of our Fulton County detainees at the Cobb jail. One of the challenges we ran in to in doing that; however, was the fact that Cobb did not have the Zoom room capabilities that we currently have at Fulton County. So, what you're seeing is the three Zoom rooms that we have actually equipped working with the Cobb jail to allow Fulton County detainees at the Cobb jail to have virtual access for hearings, and being able to talk to their attorneys and the like. And so, this is going to help us dramatically be able to ensure that the individuals at Cobb don't necessarily have to be transported to Rice Street, and then to the courthouse to actually move their cases along. And then finally, on page 40, a quick summary of kind of where we are. Seventy-five percent of the hiring, as I mentioned excluding the Sheriff and Marshal because those are particularly challenging. We've added many Zoom rooms to -- actually additional Zoom rooms to the Fulton County jail. And so, what we have done is we've increased the ability for our Superior Court and State Court judges to actually have hearings once a week as opposed to once every ten days. That's going to continue to help our through-put, and it's going to continue to help provide the necessary capacity that we need to be able to advance the cases as we move forward. And so those have been up and running. We have approximately five Zoom rooms on each floor of the Fulton County jail as we sit here today. We continue to have evening -- evening court. We've approximately 500 cases to date that have gone through that since we started the pilot. So, that's a quick summary of where we are. In terms of risk or issues; there are three things that I'd like to highlight: First is on the hiring side. It continues to be a focus. We continue to use a number of levers to ensure that we get individuals into the process; and quite frankly that we get them through our hiring process as quickly as possible for the qualified, for those individuals deemed qualified. The second big risk though is that as I've

mentioned this is not a linear process. As we start to move further down with civil cases, and start to move into criminal cases, we are in fact going to have a few bumps in terms of the pace. And so, it's something we're keeping an eye on. Something we're trying to make sure we focus on as much as we can. But it is something that I would consider to be a risk long-term as we look at our trajectory. And then finally, I think that the only other thing I would point out is we still have a significant number of cases that have yet to be indicted or charged by the solicitor; and it is critical that those cases move from their docket, so to speak, into the State and Superior Court Chambers so that we can continue to move down the path and continue this trajectory. So that's a quick summary of where we are. I'm happy to take any questions or provide additional information."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis followed by Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Thank you, Mr. Adams. One sort of general question. In terms of cadence going forward, should we expect to see this exact same data set every two weeks or every month now?"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "We haven't -- right now we have it once a month, Commissioner--"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "--once a month we'll continue to see that?"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. So on slide 34 which kind of gets to the this waterfall, if you will, which I think we need to begin to pay particularly close attention to, you know, we started the process back in November, October?"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "We started the actual hiring in August. And then we actually -- by the time we got everyone hired and got everything up and going, the official date was December 6th in terms of kind of measuring--"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "--so, we sort of picked that date because that's what you've used as the official kickoff?"

ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY , FC PSS: "That's correct."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. Okay. I mean, I guess, I would look at the numbers on the one hand, but I'm a little bit discouraged with the progress we're in a few of the areas given the resources that we've committed in; and given that some of the places, looking at the hiring chart we've almost hired all of the folks that, you know, that were allocated to and then some of the ones that, you know, haven't hired all the folks or

performing a little bit better in terms of dispositioning cases. And I'm not, you know, I don't say that to, you know, cast aspersion on anybody's performance, but I do think in a very quick order, you know, I want to understand why this isn't moving at a faster pace? And then, you know so, I know you alluded to some of that in your remarks, but I think we need to get a little bit more granular going forward if we're not seeing these numbers move at a quicker pace than what they are. You know, I understand certain aspects around criminal trials and that sort of stuff, but I guess I don't necessarily understand some of the stuff around the why some prosecutorial stuff isn't moving faster than what it is. My other question sort of within this is, you know, what's -- this is good to see, but what's going on with new cases coming in the door? So, I mean, I guess ,I'm curious, you know, where we -- so whatever progress we're gaining here, we're basically being neutered by new cases that are coming in the door and we're effectively not ahead, but we're behind. We don't really have a snapshot of that in here, unless I'm missing it. "

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "No, we don't; but I can provide a snap -- we've been talking and looking at the data, so we'll be prepared to give you an update on that same time next month in terms of how we're tracking on the post, what we call post ORCA cases. We have a bit of a small backlog as to be expected because we -- we have kind of a standing start in some of the kind of business as usual. The other thing too is we have some practical constraints in terms of the number of individuals that we can transport over. So, while we've increase the capacity of the court and we added people, we still have constraints in terms of how many individuals can be brought over for trials and the like, and we're still ramping up with jury cadence; so, yes, I'll be prepared to give you an update on where we are."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. So, it sounds like, I don't want to put words in your mouth, but it sounds like in some of these places we may not have made any real progress based upon the new backlogs that's come on."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "No, I wouldn't say that. I think, what I would say is that there is kind of a lag time between a case and then the charging, and then getting to court and so on. So, I would say that we are making progress. We are hearing trials, obviously. And we're doing really well even in the, you know, kind of post ORCA, when it comes to civil trials; a little less so on the criminal side."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. And, you know, the -- the water falls on the judges stuff are really kind of hard to gauge what's, you know, efficient or not efficient, you know. Really, I mean, based upon -- I don't know if there's a way we can, you know, kind of put this in perspective, you know, individually in terms of cases on their docket versus cases being closed out. Because I know some of them have different caseloads

based upon the work they're handling and that sort of stuff. So, you know I don't know if there's a different way to kind of think about the way we might present this. But I mean, obviously, if somebody's got a lot of pending cases and then, you know, they're high on one end and low on the other end, I guess that's sort of raises some questions and stuff they can look at. But I know there's a way to present this -- these two together, okay, in sort of a way they kind of view it might just help sort of conceptually to look at it."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Okay."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "And then lastly, just want a little bit better understanding on page 39 about these Zoom rooms, or I guess, you've got it -- you may have another slide on it as well. But really my fundamental question was it seemed to be like if we're adding that many more at from 40 -- we're adding 26 additional at the Fulton Jail, how many do we have right now? I mean, is this, is this like we only had two or three there and now we're?"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "We had three per floor Commissioner and we've added two additional ones per floor, which will increase our capacity significantly."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "We don't have enough -- the way we have it today, literally, a Superior Court Judge has to wait ten days between calendars just because of our capacity, and so this is going to allow us to accelerate that so they can have a calendar a week as opposed to a calendar every ten days."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. So, what -- say that again allow the reduction from ten days to five days?"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Yes, exactly."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay, with this additional stuff?"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "So, what's the estimated timeframe for when these would be completed?"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Well, the ones at the jail -- our jail are actually in process right now. I'll give you an update, but they've ordered the hardware, and as I understand, it is being implemented kind of as we speak. But I'll give you an update on when they're going to be actually finished."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “So, I mean in terms of magnitude of impact on through-put, I mean, do you have any --“

ALTON ADAMDS, COO, FC PSS: “--well, here again --“

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “[Inaudible.] in a sense -- I understand the calendar being shortened a week, but what is that mean in terms of like a number of cases?”

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: “Well, this increases our overall output through-put by 60 percent. So, I can give you a sense, I can give you some specifics; but just at a high level, we’re going to be able to do 60 percent more cases once this is completed than we're able to do today.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Okay. And then on the -- have we started the evening courts?”

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: “We have. We have. We've had approximately 500 cases go through evening court so far; and we’re ramping it up. We had started with a pilot. We had a few things that we needed to refine a little bit, and some technology things, and some calendaring things and working closely with the public defender; so we gave them enough notice for these. So, we worked through that. And so, at this point in time, 500 to date. I think last week, we did somewhere in the neighborhood of 70 to 80 cases.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Okay. All right. Well, thank you for this. I mean, I understand we’re only doing this once a month in terms of the detail, but I think that if there are, you know, you know, notable items that you think are worth sharing every time we do the COVID report, just to, you know, make some brief remarks I think it's fine that we keep this sort of front and center, you know, at every -- within every one of our updates at least on some level.”

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: “Okay.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Commissioner Morris.”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “Thank you, Commissioner Ellis for those questions. I was going to seek the -- seek the floor to talk about some of the things you did talk about, so that'll shorten it a little bit. First of all, know that we have an ORCA update meeting every week. I sit in on that every week and Alton has done an unbelievable job in pulling all this together. It really is quite complex. I'm a lawyer although I never did any criminal law, so I don't really understand some of the processes, but I'm certainly getting

an education and Shay Alexander, our facilitator, has -- is a real treasure, and you all are to be commended tremendously, Alton, for the work that you've been doing. As we have the justice partners, I mean, they really are trying to work very hard on all of this. I did want to just make a comment on page 34, if we can go back that. It has been a little disappointing about the charge rates, but I also understand and have been informed in response to some of my questions, we're going to see for example the orange, the Solicitor Generals' numbers, we're going to see that one go down and some of those cases -- when the Solicitor General works out something, dismisses a case, or works out something with a plea bargain, you know, that may not go to the State Court number; but otherwise, when the Solicitor has charged -- done the process to charge the case, it will then leave the Solicitor Generals' number and go to the State Court number and similarly when the DA has indicted somebody it will leave the purple number and go to the Superior Court number. And so, we'll see shifting of some of these cases and a reduction as they go through. You asked about the post COVID number that's been a question of mine at virtually every meeting, because we didn't want to see the justice partners so focused even with the additional resources we've provided -- we didn't want them so focused on this backlog that they're not really dealing with the new cases. And so, we've been -- we've been looking at that and are going to try to have some numbers for future reports on that because it doesn't as you've suggested, it doesn't serve us well if we reduce the backlog here and the balloon expands on the other end. And then finally, we have wrestled as a group about presenting the judges' numbers. There's so many reasons why some of these numbers will vary from judge to judge; if a judge for example had a big backlog before COVID hit, you know, we're going to see that judge disposing of a lot of them and still having a lot left; and we might have a judge that had very few numbers because he or she was really pretty well up-to-date on the cases, have very few disposed of here and very few left. And then we've got judges who are doing Family Court and not even on this list and so on. And again as we've suggested before you get a judge who's got a three-week trial, you're not going to see much movement in his or her disposal of pre-COVID cases. So, we have to be careful about drawing any conclusions. And so we've wrestled with you know just presenting the data and let folks look and raise the questions if they want to raise the questions without -- without implying any -- any -- any causes and that sort of thing. So, anyway, it's complicated; and the folks are working hard, and Alton's Team is to be terribly commended for all of the hard work in this very complex -- the moving parts when we sit and talk for 30 minutes about the new Zoom rooms, the complications, and implications of that are quite profound; and it takes an awful lot of work to get that thing done, funded, built, and so again, you know, this team is to be commended for this hard work. It's important stuff here really important for us to deal with the inmates who need to be -- have their cases disposed of so they can either

go to state prison, or be released because we have to remember that some of the folks in the jails are innocent. They're all presumed innocent, but some of them are probably actually innocent, and they need to have their cases disposed of so their lives can go on."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "He sounds like a criminal defense attorney."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "I sound like a criminal defense attorney? I don't mean to."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Hausmann."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Yes, thank you both for those questions and comments. I'm going to shift a little bit to the hiring on page 33 of our public safety officials that obviously are lagging behind the other categories. And, I mean, I think, we're all very well aware of the challenges of hiring in those particular functions. But I am curious Mr. Hermon I don't know if there's anybody here from the Sheriff's or the Marshal's office. You know, what's the typical time it's taking -- I don't think people understand just how long it can take to find these individuals and what their qualifications might need to be. They might need training and those sorts of things, so, someone -- because I do think this is going to get a lot of attention, this piece."

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF, HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER: "Yes, Commissioner. Good morning. As you can imagine to find the right law enforcement fit does take some time beyond the recruitment activities that the HR department provides for the Sheriff department. Then it goes through a slew of background check process that could take upwards of 60 days on itself just to complete the entire background check process; and then the extensive training that goes into making a best-in-class detention officer or sheriff deputy. So, those things combined, you know, could take up to about six to seven months of getting great deputy through the pipeline into full operation within the Sheriff's office. I know the Sheriff has been working with us to get a more through-put into the pipeline, so we've been sending names as they've qualified. He is trying to expedite his background checks process to be more efficient as well to shorten those times, but it is a very grueling process just to make sure we're not putting the wrong element within our facilities."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "So, based on your answer, could we expect in the next report or two to see a jump in the folks in those categories? What's the realistic expectation here?"

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF, HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER: "It's hoped that we can find the right individuals to provide more options for the Sheriff. I would not want to suggest that you will see a spike because of the hiring criteria that the Sheriff and his

team has put in place, but we can definitely work with them Commissioner to do our best to see a lot more through-put as it relates to candidates coming through for the position.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “Well, I think we’re all aware we’re getting into the summer season which, you know, can cause an increase in activity. So, I do think it would be helpful to -- in the reports, to give us the target number of employees in each category as we’re looking at this data.”

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF, HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER: “Okay.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “So, we really have a clear idea of what’s outstanding. Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, anything else?”

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: “Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Mr. Manager.”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “That completes our report, Mr. Chairman.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Okay. Thank you, sir. Madam Clerk.”

CLERK GRIER: “Continuing on page 5, **22-0284**, Finance. Presentation, review, and approval of the April 2022 Budget Soundings.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. There's a motion to approve by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Any questions? Any explanation needed? If not, cast your vote, please.”

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

CLERK GRIER: “**22-0285**, Human Resources Management. Request approval to modify the classification and compensation plan.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Motion here to approve by Commissioner Hall. Do I hear a second? Is there a second? Seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Any questions or comments? If not, let’s vote.”

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Why is mine not showing up?”

CLERK GRIER: “Okay, seven with Chairman Pitts, unanimously.”

CLERK GRIER: “**22-0286**, Registration and Elections. Request approval of a statewide contract to provide ballot paper and equipment for the 2022 General Primary Special Elections and General Primary Runoff.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, is there a second? Is there a second? Seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Commissioner Ellis, followed by Vice Chair Hausmann, followed by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Yeah, if you could just sort of articulate what the item does and provide a little bit of color on, you know, kind of the amount. I know this is through a statewide contract; so, I don’t think there are a whole lot of options with what we're doing here, but just speak to the amounts, and, you know, why this is relatively expensive paper I guess it probably has to be preserved into eternity it seems like to be able to run through several machines multiple times. And also, to the timing and sort of cadence in terms of which items are brought before us, and, you know, if there's a way in which we can obviously this is a resource that we have to have and if there was a way we can kind of in future cycles get this stuff addressed, you know, sooner so thanks.”

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PURCHASING AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: “I'll start us off. Good afternoon, Commissioners. Felicia Strong-Whitaker, Chief Purchasing Agent. As everyone knows the State of Georgia entered into a contract with Dominion Voting Systems back in 2019 to replace all of the voting equipment within the State of Georgia. They provided the County with a certain amount of equipment, and the County bought additional equipment. With this equipment comes accoutrements that we have to have: paper, additional equipment, services all of this is through the statewide contract with Dominion Voting Systems. What we’re requesting is for the voting paper, the vendors have to have a letter of qualification from Dominion Voting that they can provide this security paper -- this is a special kind of paper. It’s not regular office paper that you can buy from Office Depot. It is a security paper. They have to show us that they have the letter of qualification in order for us to purchase the paper from them. On the ATI's, I'm going to let Ms. Williams talk about what the purpose is for the ATI kits and the server, but as it relates to the items attached, those

were quotes and not invoices. Where we have to get quotes for a certain amount for what we are needing. The issue is that everything is put into legistar at the same time, but as you know everything going through legistar has to go through ten to 15 different people, so if someone doesn't approve it, it doesn't move through workflow in a timely manner so that we can get them all on the Agenda at the same time. So, we're going to work a little bit better with Registration and Elections and the whole team, so we can get all of the Registration and Elections items on one time with all of the needs that they have. So we are working towards that. The County Manager did ask us to try to work towards that. So that is something that we're going to try to get done for the next cycle.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Before you pass on, just to sort of clarify on that: This is not something that we've already, you know, received and whatever -- and now, whatever this is the actual, you know, in response to the quote so--”

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PURCHASING AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: “--yes.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Okay. And, if I’m hearing you right, too, some of the timing aspects of this may not have anything to do with the actions necessarily, per se, of, you know, I don’t want to get into, you know, way down the weeds on each and every one of these items. But if I’m hearing you correctly, the reason why this may be coming before us at this point in time may not have anything to do with actions or inactions of Registration and Elections, but what happens after they have submitted something into the process for purchasing.”

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PURCHASING AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: “Correct.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Okay. And we're working to seek to get that rectified so that we're not dealing with this kind of timing?”

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PURCHASING AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: “Yes.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Okay. Thank you. You were going to pass it on for some comments relative to--”

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PURCHASING AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: “--yes, I wasn't sure about the ATI kits, Nadine, and the server.”

NADINE WILLIAMS, INTERIM DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:
“Good morning, Board, and Chairman. Yes, Mrs. Strong-Whitaker’s statement is accurate. The paper is required. We have to buy it from the Dominion vendor. It is

security paper that's required by SOS. There's not another vendor that we can possibly order this paper from. So, we have no control over any shipping fees or anything of that nature. In regards to the ATI kits, those are the handicapped accessible kits that we attach to our two-unit carriers, and we just needed additional kits to put in our inventory to make sure all the two-unit carriers have those required ATI kits. They are required by state by election code. In regards to the server, that is a backup server that we were requesting in case we have to work out of two warehouses. We want to make sure we have a backup server, if there's any problems with our system."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "So I mean, I guess, again for the public to realize that this is an expenditure that we didn't have in previous, well, prior to last election cycle, right? But as a result of the Dominion machines in all that sort of stuff, you know, and the move to paper ballots, this is something that we're going to have to deal with throughout every election cycle, or sort of mandated around, you know, who we can purchase it from based upon the requirements that are set forth by the State."

NADINE WILLIAMS, INTERIM DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "Yes, we would have to order paper for every election."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yep, all right."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Hausmann."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: Yes, thank you. Okay. So the server is just something that we determined we needed as a backup; is that correct?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, INTERIM DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "That's correct. We are just merely using that to expedite the (Inaudible.) process."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: All right. And one of our public commenters today brought up flash drives; is that part of this or not? I don't see it--"

NADINE WILLIAMS, INTERIM DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "--I don't see that on here. I know they also brought up the shipping fees which we have no control over; so, no, but that's not on here."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "All right. I was just wondering where that came from. I mean, it did remind me though, to ask a question about our inventory control that was identified as somewhat problematic in the first cycle of using all of this equipment. So, can you just tell us what's in place to make sure we keep up with everything?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, INTERIM DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "We currently have a new system that tracks all of our devices. We have a brand-new WDS

inventory system that we're going to be implementing for the May election. So, that would be all those controls in place."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "All right. And as far as the supplies, we now have to have to produce these paper ballots. I would assume that would be ink as well, is that a special?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, INTERIM DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "It is not a special ink, but it is a supply item that we have bought through a statewide contract. But every BMD, which is a ballot marking device has to have paper; it has to have ink, so that's why the election costs have gone up throughout the years. Because the previous machines did not need all these extra expenses."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Well, as we get in a routine going forward, I just echo the comments that, I think, it would be great if we could have a lump item, you know, that dealt with everything that you're going to need for a cycle. So, I hope y'all are getting to that point. I had one other question, too. I may think of it and may comeback, Mr. Chairman. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you. I just would like to know the paper and what you're having to do that is increasing the costs because I noticed one of our individuals did say that you could buy the paper on Amazon or something of that nature. And so, could you explain why we have to have this, and if any of the things that's involved in this is to be compliant with SB202."

NADINE WILLIAMS, INTERIM DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "Yes. We have to have this Dominion paper because it is from the manufacturer. It is required by the SOS to order Dominion paper, security paper that is also in SB202. Prior to that, we talked about the emergency provisional paper that is also required paper by SB202. We have to have 10 percent of our registered voter count to order ballot paper. I believe that came up before. People compared us to Forsyth County, but we have -- they have roughly 20,000 voters -- two hundred thousand voters, I'm sorry. We have roughly 800,000 so, we're going to be four times the costs of a smaller County, but we're required by SB202 to order provisional paper, we're required to order security paper."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "So, let me get this right. SB202 came into place from the Republicans at the State, and the cost was increased by us and carried onto the Fulton County tax payer. So, therefore, you must have this to be compliant with SB202."

NADINE WILLIAMS, INTERIM DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “We must have to have -- we have to have the paper we have to have.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Let me rephrase that. If you do not have this paper, you will not be compliant with SB202.”

NADINE WILLIAMS, INTERIM DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “Yes, we will be in violation of the election code.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Vice Chair Hausmann.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “Yes, I remembered my question. Seems like there was also a provision in the State budget to help offset some of these costs. Is that still in force, or is that just the first year?”

NADINE WILLIAMS, INTERIM DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “I cannot comment to that. I don't know, I don't -- I'm not aware of any funds being received by the State. So, no. I would have to research that to get back to you.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “Yeah, I think we should look into that - that was a one-time or if that's a recurring type of assistance. Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Motion on the floor is to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Please vote.”

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

CLERK GRIER: “Bottom of page 5, **22-0287**, Information Technology. Request approval of a statewide contract to upgrade the County server infrastructure for improved system performance.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: All right. I have a motion to approve by Commissioner Hall. Is there a second? Seconded by Vice Chair Hausmann. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman you have the floor.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Thank you. Is there any minority and women participation in this particular contract?”

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PURCHASING AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: “Commissioner, we're using a statewide contract.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: Okay.

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PURCHASING AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: “We did not do the procurement for this.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Okay. All right. Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Motion on the floor is to approve. Please vote.”

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

CLERK GRIER: “On page 6, **22-0288**, Information Technology. Request approval to utilize corporative purchasing to provide added resiliency to the County’s E-911 system.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Vice Chair Hausmann. Any questions or comments? Please vote.”

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

CLERK GRIER: “**22-0289**, Real Estate and Asset Management. Request approval to utilize a corporative purchasing contract to provide three x-ray scanning systems.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hall. Is there a second. Is there a second? All right, seconded by Vice Chair Hausmann. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Can you just -- for the sake of our listening audience -- explain whether these scanning systems do and exactly where were they being used or and/or placed.”

JOSEPH (JOE) DAVIS, DIRECTOR, DREAM: “Good morning, Commissioner. Joe Davis, Director, Real Estate and Asset Management. These x-ray machines are identical to those that you find at all of our nation's airports, they're used for security scanning of packages, purses, things of that nature, so that security personnel are able to see the contents and provide a safe environment to the occupants of the facility. These are going to be placed in both the Justice Center and the Government Center to replace existing aging equipment. The current systems are well beyond their current lifecycle, and with complex x-ray technology, they've become much more expensive to maintain and continue to operate over time, as well as they become dangerous.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Thank you. My final question is do we have any minority or women owned business participation in this particular contract.”

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PURCHASING AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: “No, Commissioner, this is for goods.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Okay. Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Please vote. The motion is to approve.”

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes unanimously.”

CLERK GRIER: “Under Health and Human Services, **22-0290**, Senior Services. Request approval to increase spending authority to provide home delivered meals in congregate meals for Fulton County residents aged 60 and above.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Motion to approve by Vice Chair Hausmann, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Any questions -- Commissioner Abdur-Rahman.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Yes. I'm just curious: Do we have a -- are we able to track the increase -- if there was an increase this year versus last year, in comparison to the amount of meals we delivered? And do we have any type of feedback from the seniors as to, you know, as to the program or to the meals? Do we have any type of feedback that we can reference to in this contract? I see that the rating is good, so I'm not questioning that; but I'm just wondering do we have anything in place directly from the seniors?”

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "Good morning. Ledisa Onyiliogwu, Director for the Department of Senior Services. Our department surveys seniors so we can provide you information on that customer feedback. We can also provide you information on the increase in meals. To answer your question, yes, there has been a substantial increase because of the number of grants that we received to provide meals during COVID. So, our Department can provide that to you.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Okay. Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. The motion on the floor is to approve. Please vote.”

CLERK GRIER: “And the vote is open. And the motion passes unanimously.”

CLERK GRIER: “Under Infrastructure and Economic Development, **22-0291**, Select Fulton. Request approval of a recommended proposal to provide comprehensive One-Stop Operator Services.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Motion to approve by Commissioner Hall. Is there a second? Seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Commissioner Ellis followed by Vice Chair Hausmann.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Mr. Chair, I didn’t necessarily have a question per se on this item, but just sort of as a point of order, I think it makes sense, too. There were two items on the Consent Agenda 0275 and 0276 that related in this, the same vendors on 0291 seem to be a very similar description of different services that seem to be that we should reconsider the Agenda and take all of these three items during this point in time while we’ve got our folks from Select Fulton here given this is the same vendor. Page 3 of 8 on the Consent Agenda -- 22-0275 and 22-0276 at the bottom.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “0275 and 0276?”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Yes sir.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Well, you want to reconsider the Agenda to take those two?”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Whatever means necessary to bring them forth at the same time. That’s fine. Yes. If that’s a motion to reconsider then you can consider that, so moved.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Properly moved and seconded. Let’s vote on the motion to reconsider the Agenda, to bring those two items to be heard with 0291. Let’s vote, please on the motion to reconsider.”

CLERK GRIER: “And the vote is open on the motion to reconsider. And the motion passes unanimously.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right.”

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SELECT FULTON: “Thank you, Commissioners and we will present on all three items during our presentation. I’m Samir Abdullahi, I’m the Deputy Director for Select Fulton, we’re the economic and workforce development arm here for Fulton County government. Today, we’re going to give an update on our workforce development contracts. Brett Lacey, who is our Workforce Division Manager, is going to give the bulk of the presentation. But just wanted to highlight some important facts up front. In 2018 workforce development fell

under the management of Select Fulton really due to years of returning funds to the state and numerous state findings. In response we have evolved into a service provider model to focus more on strategy and partnership, and not the burdensome case management. And more importantly, to better align workforce development with our economic development functions and opportunities. And I'm pleased to say that almost after five years and due to the commitment of the Team to the new model, our revamped local workforce development Board, the support of the Chairman and many members of this Board, and to our provider and of course Brett Lacey who's really just taking a great leadership stance for this organization, we've transformed workforce development not only to a state, but I think a national leader. I think most notably Work Source Atlanta which is had his own struggles with managing the grant has recently mirrored our operations in both a provider centric model in alignment with the economic development under Invest Atlanta just like Select Fulton. So again, today representing our major contracts for career one-stop services; Brett's going to highlight our Team structure, how we operate in concert with that vendor, and how we plan to successfully carry forward the work we've done so far for with these new contracts. Brett, come up. If the Clerk could pull up the slides here."

BRETT LACEY, MANAGER, SELECT FULTON: "Again, Brett Lacey, Workforce Division Manager for Select Fulton. So, I think Samir did a great job of really illustrating where we've come, and so we're here today, we're really ready for the next cycle of this. We've gone through one contract period, and now those contracts are back up, and we have one for adult and dislocated worker services, and there's one for youth services and then there's a one-stop operator contract. So again, if we have that, we'll show you through the presentation, we sort of outlined how the funds that we receive, the grant funds from US Department of Labor are really allocated to workforce in the County. We basically have it for two years. Our Team takes it in the first year and that funds our County Team of about 11 employees, and then we take the bulk of that that we don't spend in the first year, and that gets rolled over into these contracts to spend out before they expire. And to Samir's point, since we have been in this model, we have not returned funds to the state. They've been put to good use of helping jobseekers get back into the workforce and help employers attract and retain that talent. So, we are proud to say that through the last two years, and we've talked a lot at this meeting about the struggle of retaining our workforce. At the workforce division, we have not lost any employees over the last two years. We are still as strong as we were going in the pandemic and in fact, we've just brought on an additional team member of our business services manager to help us engage with the private sector and try to land these employment opportunities for the jobseekers that are coming into our system. Do we have that presentation up? Clerk? They are up? Okay. So again, it should be in the package that we provided you all the presentation. So, our Team there is focused on

really the strategy and the partnerships that we build throughout the County. So with our community-based organizations, other partners around the region, you have the workforce boards to make sure that we're in alignment in creating the workforces system that really helps all Fulton County residents particularly those that are below the poverty line help give them that economic mobility ladder into a self-sufficient job. That also allows us to go and find other funding sources so that we can put the dollars that the federal government gives to Fulton to the highest and best use and to serve as many residents as we can with those fundings. What these contracts do is allows this contract provider to handle the bulk of that day-to-day operations of the case management of these grant funds. There we go on – we can go to slide 2, so that the Board can see where I'm at. Equus Workforce Solution is the vendor that we have had and what this new contract would be for. So, the adult dislocated worker and youth services would be a bulk of that day-to-day operations. As a jobseeker comes into our career centers, whether they are looking for a job and just need help with maybe their resume, interview skills or whether they actually need the technical skills to be able to compete for these jobs. We are ensuring that they are getting those through this contracted provider. So, they do all of the case management they put the documentation into the case files so that we can't verify that these are eligible uses of these federal dollars and then help with the follow-up of getting them into the actual job position and following up to make sure that they don't need anything else so that they can retain that job for six months, 12 months on as they've exited our program. The other contract that you have is for what's called a one-stop operator. This is a federally required contract that we have to go and procure for basically an individual or a company to manage what is called the one-stop; and that's our Career Center. So not only do we have our services there but the Georgia Department of Labor is there, Georgia voc rehab is there, technical college system is there. There's a number of mandated partners that we have to have there, and that one-stop operator essentially ensures that all of these partners are there providing the services that are outlined in the law and they help refer customers that come in to be sure that we can co-enroll them in any of these services that are needed. You can go to the next slide. So, we've given you a breakdown of our funding of sort of how it goes out and as I stated we really take the funding when it comes in that first year, and that's our Fulton County operations. It's right now, it's about \$150,000 that's for our Team and our operations. The bulk of it goes into these two contracts one would be for the adult dislocated worker and the youth contracts of the total is approximately \$2 million and the other is for that one-stop operator contract which is \$125,000 and both of those would be for one year, does year dollar amounts. We would note that the federal law restricts us to 10 percent of our expenses as admin funds; so, 90 percent of every dollar that goes out our actual program dollars and is important to note that there's only 10 percent that is going to

admin functions. If you could go to the last slide. We've noted for you on this next slide a number of the successes that we've had with this particular contractor. I would start at very recently the US Department of Labor selected Fulton to do sort of a quick check on our readiness for economic recovery and job recovery. We were evaluated as being ready on 24 out of 24 metrics. We aced every single one of those that they looked at for us, and a lot of that is due to this vendor being able to bring in some national best practices as well as some of the things that the County has done to be sure that we're serving the public during COVID. We have also greatly improved our efficiency in serving jobseekers. When this contract went into place, jobseekers were spending on average 112 weeks in our program. We've dropped that down to just 79 weeks right now, the state averages about 92 weeks so you can see that there are jobseekers that come to us are getting back into the workforce much quicker now than they were four years ago when we moved to this model. The vendor has also given us greater flexibility. That mobile unit I know it's a passion for a number of our Commissioners -- that mobile unit is operated by this contractor, and it has been out. We've had great success in partnerships with groups like MARTA, at being at the College Park MARTA station at least once a month to engage jobseekers there and it's been a huge tool while the Career Center has been closed or individuals may not feel comfortable coming into our service center; we're able to go to them, conduct business out in open fresh air; and get the services that they need while staying COVID safe. And then finally, maybe the most important, is the actual outcomes. During this contract period, not only have we had an increase in the number of Fulton residents that we have served, we have had an increase in the number that have had employment outcomes, and the percent of those that are finishing our program and having successful outcomes has also gone up. So, in volume and percentage, we've seen increases over the life of this contract. So, I'll stop there and answer any questions that the Board may have. We would be going with this vendor for all three contracts."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Excuse me. Vice Chair Hausmann followed by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "First of all, I want to commend you on the ratings that you just described; you've come a long way. A long, long way in restructuring this and I think that the results speak for themselves. So, I really want to commend you on that. You mentioned some things geared towards youth. As was mentioned earlier in the meeting, we're entering the summer season; can you just -- it may not be in your wheelhouse, but if you do know, I'm curious what efforts are the County making right now to focus on youth while they're out of school this summer?"

BRETT LACEY, MANAGER, SELECT FULTON: “Right. That’s a great question, Commissioner. So, we are serving youth year-round. Our focus is primarily going to be on out of school youth that’s designated by our funding. We’re proud to say that we were the only youth program in the County in the summer of 2020 when COVID shut everything down. We switched to a virtual model, and allowed about 40 youth in the summer of 2020 -- 40 in the summer of 2021 to engage with employers and get some quote unquote on-site job experience through a virtual model and we paid them a stipend for completing that work. It was about 50 to 60 hours of work over the summer that they were paid for. We not only did that in the summer, we did it in the fall, and we did it in the spring and we’re still doing it. We’re getting ready to add a new cohort that will start at the end of May to do a summer virtual work experience with us using that same model. And then we also now as employers are reopening are able to now put some youth as well physically at a location with an employer and do that work experience. So again, our focus with youth is primarily going to be on getting that high school diploma or an equivalent degree. But we are required to do some sort of a work experience for those youth, and we’ve been doing that the whole time before new way of doing business, old way of doing business; we’ve been doing that and continue to find those opportunities for youth.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “Well very good. I would also like to ask that we get updated on what’s specifically out there that we can focus on for the students this summer, the youth this summer. It may not be included in what you just gave us, but surely y’all are looking to bring us something to help with that effort as we’ve done, I think, every summer that I’ve been here. So thank you.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “When you say youth and high school, are you talking about youth around the age of 18 or 16?”

BRETT LACEY, MANAGER, SELECT FULTON: “So, we would serve out of school youth from 16 to 24. Sixteen would be the compulsory age. We are able to serve youth as young as 14.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Okay. First of all, I want to say, I do think you are doing a good job at the South Fulton Annex. I’m at that office quite a bit and I have an opportunity to speak to people that go in there -- constituents. My only question at this point is really not a concern. I know, Samir, I brought it up to you before, so many women were displaced as a result of the COVID -- the pandemic. So what exactly are some of the things that you all are doing whether it be, you know, bus passes, or whatever. What are we doing to help everyone? But, I just see so many women that are either trying to change careers or have been displaced. And so for me, I take it very personal, because I know what it is to be a single headed household trying to get to

work, trying to cover bus fare, trying to cover MARTA fare. So, can you just kind of expound on some of the things that you all incorporate.”

BRETT LACEY, MANAGER, SELECT FULTON: “Sure. So, it’s very relevant to some of the work that we’re doing right now, and some of the work we’ve been able to focus on by using this model is really looking at how our programs and our services are offered to the public and how they can get access to them. What paperwork is required, what you know in other words what hoops you have to jump through to unlock them. We’ve really noticed that a lot of our processes delay getting that help and really make it intimidating for some of our participants to unlock things that they should have access to. So, we’ve been taking a look at transportation and childcare in particular as those are really have become barriers and hindrances, in particular women who have taken over you know household responsibilities of childcare. And what we need and what we do to engage with our jobseekers that may need the support to get back into the workforce and how we go through that process of offering them. So, we’ve changed our transportation policy to switch from just offering MARTA cards to learning how to best offer a stipend that can be used, whether for Uber, to pay a family member for gas, to help offset the cost of your own transportation; I mean we’re now doing that with childcare as well to look at how we can support working families to be sure that they have the childcare taken care of as it is a support that we can offer if the jobseeker is in training in our programs. While they’re going to training, we can help support childcare, so they can be successful and enter that career field.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Thank you for recognizing those barriers, but more importantly, thank you for thinking outside of the box. Because childcare is a barrier, and it is an issue especially in this day and time that prevent some people from taking a job. And also, the fact that people can Uber; they can give someone gas to get back and forth from work. It’s just not the MARTA cards, so, I thank you for thinking outside of the box. I appreciate it.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, any other questions? Vice Chair Hausmann.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “Yes. I’d like to make a friendly amendment that we vote on all three items together.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Any objections? No objections.”

VICE CHAIR HAUSMANN: “That would be adding an item 0275 and 0276 to this item.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. No objections we’ll take all three together. Are you ready, Madam Clerk?”

CLERK GRIER: “Yes.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. The motion is to approve by -- strike that. Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. We're voting on all three. Cast your vote, please. We're not ready yet. We're ready? All right, is it faster to take them individually?”

CLERK GRIER: “Okay. And the vote is open.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Thank you.”

CLERK GRIER: “And the motion passes unanimously.”

BRETT LACEY, MANAGER, SELECT FULTON: “Thank you.”

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SELECT FULTON: “Thank you.”

CLERK GRIER: “Bottom of page 6, Justice and Safety, **22-0292**, Sheriff. Request approval to extend and existing contract to provide inmate food services.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman followed by Commissioner Morris.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “I have a little concern about this. I see the rating is below good on the performance report. A rating of 2 out of 5. I'm concerned because, in my opinion, that would not speak well of the contractor. So, I'm concerned as to why we should be spending more money with them. But in fairness, one of the determining factors that we used to develop the performance ratings for this contract?”

AMELIA JOYNER, SHERIFF'S OFFICE: “I'm sorry, could you repeat the question?”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “I was asking, what are the determining factors we used to develop a performance rating for this contract; because I see on here that the rating is below good on the performance report.”

AMELIA JOYNER, SHERIFF'S OFFICE: “Yes, Commissioner, and good afternoon. I'm Amelia Joyner, Sheriff Labat's Chief of Staff and General Counsel. The performance rating criteria is listed in the back of the packet on the contractor's performance report. And specifically, the quality of goods and services are listed there, the timeliness of performance, business relations, customer satisfactions, and contractor's key personnel

their credentials and such. So, those are the numerous categories that are considered for ranking.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “So, are you able to speak as to why they are below good?”

AMELIA JOYNER, SHERIFF’S OFFICE: “Yes, I am, Commissioner. We have -- the Sheriff has some concerns about the vendor's performance. And as a result, he has initiated a corrective action plan with the vendor and we have been meeting with them routinely over the past several months, improving their performance. As recently as this past Thursday, we met with them attempting to satisfy some of their performance.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “One of -- one of the things – and I’m trying to really be fair about this, but I also have a concern. One of the issues in the past has been roaches in these meals. Yes, according to the County record. And so, I need to know if the, because I'm assuming -- I support Sheriff Labat, and I'm assuming that he knows that, but I'm concerned if that has been an issue, is that part of the corrective plan? And I’m just a little concerned that we are continuing business with that, but it may have been something that has, in all fairness, that has been corrected. I just don't know.”

AMELIA JOYNER, SHERIFF’S OFFICE: “Well, Commissioner, I am not aware of any such recent complaints relating to that type of failure.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Okay.”

AMELIA JOYNER, SHERIFF’S OFFICE: “--on the part of the vendor.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Okay.”

AMELIA JOYNER, SHERIFF’S OFFICE: “--to the extent it would come to any of our attention. The Sheriff would immediately address that and make sure that it was corrected, but with respect to this specific contract, the Sheriff has already begun the RFP process so that this can go out to solicit bids--”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “--okay.”

AMELIA JOYNER, SHERIFF’S OFFICE: “So, we are looking to -- because as you know, the Sheriff and the County are required to make sure that the inmates are fed. And so, we need to make sure that that happens in the interim while we're going through the solicitation process.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Well, like I said, I support Sheriff Labat, so that is a concern of mine and I know that if you don't -- if you haven't heard of it, maybe it's something he may have already addressed or is in the process of addressing. But if you would just kind of update me at a later time, I really would appreciate it.”

AMELIA JOYNER, SHERIFF'S OFFICE: “I certainly will, Commissioner, yes.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Thank you.”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “Vice Chair.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “Commissioner Morris.”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “Thank you. I see a letter in the materials from the Sheriff to our purchasing director, Ms. Strong-Whitaker indicating that we put in place plans to correct the deficiencies and we believe that by instituting these actions performance will continue to improve. So, and he's suggesting then that he's willing to extend the current agreement, so you know he's on top of almost everything over there and I know he's been on top of this. So, if he's, okay, with that I'm, okay, with that despite the deficiencies in the grading. I got in the queue really to ask about -- we extended this through April 30th I think last year with the idea that it was going to be an RFP; and now we need to extend it again. What is the timing now of getting this out?”

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PURCHASING AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: “The Sheriff's Department is still working on there specifications. They want to change everything under the new Sheriff. He wants to put some more things in place, and so they're still developing the specifications. So, as soon as we get them, we can let the Board know what the schedule will be. But we have not received those specifications yet because they are still working on them.”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “Okay. So, in December, we planned to have it out, obviously by now. We've extended it for four or five months, whatever it was. Now, we're extending it through the end of this calendar year and presumably we'll have something out by then.”

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PURCHASING AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: “Hopefully soon.”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “Okay. Thanks.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Any other comments? All right. Motion is to approve made by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Let's vote.”

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes unanimously."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 7--"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "--okay, all right, hold on, let's see; it's 12:18. A couple have said you're hungry. You want to recess now or continue? Continue? Recess. All right. I'll entertain a motion to recess for lunch and executive session items of real estate, personnel, and litigation. All right motion to approve by Commissioner Hausmann -- Vice Chair Hausmann, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Please vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And motion passes unanimously."

(Executive Session at 12:20 p.m.)

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Mr. Chair."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes sir?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Since you've re-gaveled us back in, we're waiting on the Attorney to arrive, I just wonder if we could reconsider our Agenda to take up the Library item that was off the Consent Agenda, so we could--"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "--what page and what?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Give Ms. Holloman a reprieve; she's been up there all morning."

CLERK GRIER: "It's on page 3."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "--item number."

CLERK GRIER: "-- **22-0274**."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. I'll entertain a motion to--"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "--reconsider."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Reconsider the approved Agenda as amended in order to take up item 22-0274. Motion to approve by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Please vote."

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

GAYLE HOLLOMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LIBRARY: “Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Thank you.”

CLERK GRIER: “And on page 3--”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “--no, not yet, hold it. All right.”

CLERK GRIER: “On page 3, **22-0274**. Request approval for the usage of Beltline TAD funds to fund the purchase of a collection of self-ready books to be distributed throughout all 34 libraries.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right.”

GAYLE HOLLOMAN, DIRECTOR, LIBRARY: “Good afternoon, Commissioners. Gayle Holloman, Library Director. I’m here to answer any questions you may have with regard to the item.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, we have a motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, and seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Vice Chair Hausmann.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “Yes. I pulled this item off just to get some information and you know it is a large expenditure to be on the Consent Agenda. So, I thought it was worthy of making sure the public understands what we're doing. With adding to the collection of books in all of our libraries throughout the County. But it does you know we have historically increased every year a little bit how much we're funding. And now that all of our libraries are open and beautiful and well attended and well used, I just want to get an update on where we are with our collection and our content? What it looks like with our waitlist? And just if we were adequately funding the services that are very popular with our community.”

GAYLE HOLLOMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LIBRARY: “Yes, thank you so much, Madam Vice Chair. The situation as you probably remember is that we have phase I and phase II of our building program. And of course, in phase I, what happened is we built new libraries; and of course, we renovated Auburn Avenue. But what we had nine new builds, and of course, they needed collections; because it had not existed before. Then in phase II, we renovated the rest of them. Well, they had old collections. They didn't get - there was no funding for new collections. So, we weeded very heavily those libraries and that left us and also, we reduced the height of our shelving. So, that left us with a collection that has aged. And so, at this point now, we are trying to go back now and look at those libraries starting even with the Central Library as to what books and

materials we need to bring in. This is also being driven by the fact that our public is now asking for more and more of the ability to be able to come in and walk out with a book. When we went to curbside service. They moved with us. They were wonderful; the public really worked with us on all of that and you were very wonderful with regard to funding for our virtual programming. However, now we're at the point where those collections need to be energized. And so, that's what we're trying to do. That \$1 million will allow us to put books in all 32 of our libraries because 33 of our libraries because Auburn is different. They don't circulate the materials. But to put in the circulating libraries new collections, so that when you walk in, you will be able to go out with materials. Now, we realize that you know that won't happen every single day that somebody will find what they want. But, it will be a lot easier than it is now because of the ages I've said of those collections. We do have a situation with our holds, if you come in now and you don't find something, you know you go online and you don't find something, you'll use the hold process. Well that has its limits as well because we've got, just as an example, 20 items right now that are available with Patterson and Parton's new book that's out there -- James Patterson and Dolly Parton. But the problem is there are 192 holds on them and so that becomes problematic for us. The average cost of a fiction, a novel or fiction is \$25. When you go on the e-books, the average cost is \$60 and then the publishing rights rules are that we have to keep the book either 24 checkouts for an e-book or 24 months. So, you got these publishing rules in all these things that we're dealing with all the time, and it causes us to have to look very closely at how we're budgeting for those items. And so, we're trying really to meet the demand that we have to get these bestsellers particularly out to the public and to increase what we have as far as our offerings for the other books as far as nonfiction and the other categories go. So, that's what the funding request is about."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "So, you mentioned the holds, what's the typical wait on a bestseller?"

GAYLE HOLLOMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LIBRARY: "The typical wait on a bestseller is you get it in about 15 days, but it depends upon who the writer is; just as I said, James Patterson and Dolly Parton have this book out right now. We've only got 20 copies and 192 holds on it."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Is that in line with the industry-standard?"

GAYLE HOLLOMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LIBRARY: "The industry standard is a lot higher because the funding in a lot of our other libraries within the nation is a lot greater."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "So, we're behind or a head; I'm not following."

GAYLE HOLLOMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LIBRARY: “We're behind.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “Then that's what troubles me, okay, we're a large urban suburban district, we should be on par. And so, you know, this is a great step in my opinion, but I would like for us to work towards being more on par with our national peers. And so, that's what I would like in the next budget cycle to see from you is what it would take to actually get us on par. We've got these beautiful facilities now that people love, and we need to make sure they're utilized as much as possible.”

GAYLE HOLLOMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LIBRARY: “Exactly.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “Thank you so much.”

GAYLE HOLLOMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LIBRARY: “Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Thank you Vice Chair. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “So good to see you. I just wanted to basically ask you -- recently I received a survey, not too long ago, for the library system. Are you aware of that survey that you all sent out? It was a little while ago.”

GAYLE HOLLOMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LIBRARY: “That we sent out?”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Yes. I don't know if you all send it out or you all empowered an agency to do an actual survey? I think it may have been towards the last – end of last year. At any rate, I wanted to commend you on it because some of the questions on the survey was what did we consider to be some of the best practices of things that we liked about the library. And it also talked about some of the things that we wanted to say what we didn't like or what we felt that we needed. And so, I just wanted to commend you in an open forum; because I thought it was very good because they gave me the opportunity at the end of the survey to say -- talk about the libraries and what I though were the good things during you know the pandemic at the height of it. You all did, and what was some of the suggestions? Some of the suggestions, I actually solicited from some of my constituents as far as reading material. I think we've got great reading material; however, I do believe that we have some Georgia born authors. We saw one today that I really would like to see a little bit more presence of the Georgia born authors. Not saying it's a bad thing. I think you all are doing a great job. But I just wanted to put out there that I would love to see more of the Georgia born authors in our libraries.”

GAYLE HOLLOMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LIBRARY: “Thank you. And I think you were referring earlier to the survey that we do at least two surveys a year, where the patrons can come into the library and actually complete them while they're sitting

there. So, that may be what you're speaking of. And as far as Georgia authors or even authors who are self-published, we do have a collection development policy that allows us to accept at least one copy of what they published and then when we need future ones, we can go forward to obtain those. They just have to be with our current vendor—”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “—okay—”

GAYLE HOLLOMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LIBRARY: “--who at this time is Baker and Taylor and then we can move forward telling them how to go into that process.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Thank you. I appreciate it.”

GAYLE HOLLOMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LIBRARY: “Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Vice Chair Hausmann.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “Yes, just one more comment. I’m sure that this summer’s going to be very busy at our libraries. With summer programming, they’ll be back—”

GAYLE HOLLOMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LIBRARY: “Yes.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “-- I just would like to ask that you let the Commissioners know what’s happening so that we can share it with our constituents that may not be aware of all the great things happening in our libraries.”

GAYLE HOLLOMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LIBRARY: “For sure we will. Summer reading starts June 1.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Thank you. All right. Motion on the floor is to approve. Please vote.”

CLERK GRIER: “And the vote is open. And the motion passes unanimously.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right items from executive session. Madam County Attorney.”

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: “Thank you. Is there a motion to approve the request for approval of settlement in the -- excuse me. I’m sorry. I’m sorry, I broke my glasses today. Is there a motion to approve the settlement offer in the case of Kevin

Burney et al versus Fulton County, civil action file number 119 CV-01770 in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia in the amount of \$300,000.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Morris seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Please vote. I'm sorry, Commissioner Ellis, you want to be heard?”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “No.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “I'm sorry, let's vote, please.”

CLERK GRIER: “And the vote is open and the motion passes unanimously.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Continue, Madam County Attorney.”

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: “Is there motion to approve the settlement recommendation set forth in item number 2 in the executive session Agenda?”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Let's vote.”

CLERK GRIER: “And the vote is open.”

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: “And that is the final item. Thank you, Chairman.”

CLERK GRIER: “Motion passes unanimously.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Thank you. All right, continue Madam Clerk.”

CLERK GRIER: “Back of page 7, **22-0208**, Development Authority of Fulton County. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman nominated Rodney Littles to replace Joanne Potts for a district appointment to an unexpired term ending May 31st, 2025.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. What's your pleasure? Motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Is there a second? Is there a second? All right. I'll second for discussion. Commissioner Ellis.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Thank you, Mr. Chair. I pulled this off the Consent Agenda at the previous meeting, and had another appointment I had to leave before this came up late in the day. I want to express -- I believe that the prior appointment by -- the district appointment was on the Consent Agenda as Pottts, and I think as we all know

we've all sort of been made aware through our own findings and through plenty of writings in the press, Fulton County Development Authority has had some challenges -- challenging issues in terms of this government and its actions and behavior specifically of its Board Members. They go back quite a ways. And, you know, we dealt with a lot of that stuff with per diems and that kind of thing; and then Ms. Potts was appointed, I believe, after, you know, we had taken action or a lot of action has been taken in on addressing governance matters and after appointment there was the Development Authority itself, received some questions regarding behavior of Ms. Potts and they sought out a third-party legal firm to conduct an independent investigation and that report is public. Its' been written about and also as I understand it, there are pending ethics charges involving said individuals. Well, and they're pretty serious allegations in terms of the complaints and the findings within the report; and I'll certainly cast any dispersions until I mean if thing's been resolved, but inducement's to pay up to 5000 for a bus tour 10,000 in bit coins Ms. Potts inducement to pay \$75,000 to another individual, and \$1500 as well as an amount for a roughly \$3400 Louis Vuitton luxury handbag. So, there's some pretty strong matters that are you know being investigated and are now before our ethics group. Within that individual report, and again I'm not casting any dispersions against this individual, but within that individual report Rodney Littles, who is this individual before us for nomination is mentioned in the report as being someone who was interviewed within the context of the investigation. I have no idea what, why he was interviewed or not, but out of the abundance of caution and given how we've been burned, you know collectively on this Board by folks that have gone on to the Development Authority, I'm not prepared to support a person that's referenced in this report until this ethics complaint is fully vetted and they've made a determination on it, you know. So, that's my reason why I can't you know support this particular nomination. It has nothing to do with the Commissioner that nominated him. Nothing to do with race. Nothing to do with partisanship. It's solely for the reasons that I have just expressed."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Now, if you ever want to see white privilege this is it. Now, we know that the Development Authority and people had all kind of accusations about the mis-spending of money. People came down here with all kind of accusations about Mike Bodker and other people. And as far as a pending ethical -- ethics investigation, there's no pending ethics investigation. There's innuendo, but of course Commissioner Khadijah, Rodney Littles, who is an upstanding member of the community, happens to be African-American, happens to be Democrat, happens to be someone that may or may not support somebody here. Then all of a sudden, you want to cast aspersions. This is what's wrong with this County Commission. Because, guess

what? Your hatred for Commissioner Khadijah must not be stronger than your love for your constituents. So, at the end of the day whether you put Rodney Littles forth or not, a upstanding member of the city of South Fulton, a local Democratic Chair and a state party member of the Democratic Party -- what in the world does he have to do with Joanna Potts? I am thoroughly disgusted at the acts of this Board when it comes to Commissioner Khadijah. Enough is enough. So, what I would say to my colleagues, you can vote Rodney Littles up or you can vote him down. What you can't do is disenfranchise 175,000 constituents and think Commissioner Khadijah is going to be quiet about it. It is amazing to me that when we was having discussions about the Development Authority and the amount of money that was spent that was out in the public, Commissioner Ellis, at that time, was extremely quiet on it. Didn't have anything to say about it. But now that I have put forth Rodney Littles, you want to take innuendo and tie it to him from Joanna Potts from something that's not even being investigated -- shame on you. White privilege, racism at its best. Vote it up, vote it down, it doesn't matter, because elections have consequences."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Mr. Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Mr. Chair, just a point of order. I deem it highly offensive for me to be referred to as a racist by this Commissioner. That is totally out of line and uncalled for. These are the facts. And I just stated them. There is a report that's put together by Anderson, Tate, and Car. It's out in the public domain. That is not in dispute. On page 5 of that report, hold on, excuse me, on page 4 of that report, Mr. Littles is mentioned as being a party that's interviewed in that investigation. That is not in dispute. I contacted the Ethics Commission to confirm whether or not there is a pending ethics charge against Ms. Potts. They confirmed to me that there was. These are not fact – these are not innuendo. This is not gossip. This does not have anything to do with race which I said going into this. These are based on facts. And that is why I am not prepared to support this particular individual at this point in time. You want to turn it into something that it's not, you can continue to speak your nonsense and your lies. But I have stated clearly and specifically based on facts why I'm not supporting this particular nomination. And your comments trying to twist this into a race issue, are totally unacceptable and out of line."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioners, let me remind you all of us to refrain from personal context. Comments. Now, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Like I said before, an act of racism, a act of white privilege is before us. Now, if it gets me in trouble, like John Lewis said, I welcome good trouble because what you're not going to do is tie Joanna Potts to

Rodney Littles. What you're not going to do is say it's an ethical issue going on when that complaint was pulled back. They put a complaint in and they took it back. And Rodney Littles wasn't the only one interviewed. It was others that were interviewed. And so all of a sudden, we're taken the fact that someone was interviewed as a question to their character when we never did it when a white person was being brought forward and we had people that stood at that podium and had issues with Mike Bodker. Now, I don't have a issue with Mike Bodker, because I voted for him. But what I have a issue with is this Board continues to do this and think that I should be quiet about it and I'm not. So, if you don't want to vote for Rodney Littles because you want to make sure that a white Republican Commissioner has say so and who my district represents -- representation is, but when it comes to your district representation, I'm supposed to be quiet. Now, I'm not going to be quiet. Because what you're doing is wrong. So as far as being offended, all of us are offended one way or another. But one thing about it I'm not going to sit up here and let you in a sly and slick way, tie Rodney Littles to what happened to Joanna Potts. It's not fair. It's inexcusable and it is another example of what is wrong with this Board of Commissioners. There are no permanent enemies. There are no permanent friends. There are only permanent solutions. And until we get on the page with that and make Commissioner Khadijah not be your issue every time I put something on the Agenda, then we're not going to get past anything because I'm not going to let it go. I'm not going to be quiet. I'm going to continue to talk to the people in the actual community and I promise you, elections have consequences and all of us have to run one day or another."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Any other comments? The motion on the floor is to approve. Let's vote, please."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion fails; two yeas, one nay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "**22-0294**. Request approval of a Resolution to amend the limitations on seeking elected office personnel policy 211--22 sponsored by Commissioners Hausmann and Hall."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Hausmann."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. If you think you have seen this before, Commissioners, you have. We voted on this previously. I'm bringing it back for your consideration to ensure that this policy is reinstated for the future. Just to remind you, Fulton County personnel policy long held that employees must separate

themselves from their work when running for public office, similar to still existing personnel policies of numerous local governments. That policy was changed during 2016 as a part of a total overhaul of Fulton County's personnel code. Unfortunately, this specific policy change was not highlighted to the Board of Commissioners when it was under our consideration at that time and I for one -- and I know many of you have said that you were unaware that it had been changed. At our previous meeting, when we discussed this, I went through what other jurisdictions in our County, in our state do along these lines. I'm not going to repeat the city of Atlanta, the Roswell section, the Alpharetta charter, the state of Georgia, or the city of Sandy Springs policies, but I will add to that because I've had time now to do some further research. The Union City section code of ethics section 2-104 political activities of certain officers and employees - no appointed officer and no employee of the city shall continue in such employment upon qualifying as a candidate for the nomination or election to any public office. College Park Section 6-11: effective qualifying of elective office, unemployment or appointment to a city Board. The employment status of any city employee shall be declared voluntarily resigned upon such employee qualifying in any election for municipal elective office within the city. Any such person who is contracted with the city for employment, shall be deemed to have submitted the applicable notice of termination to the city. Hapeville, Article 6, code of ethics Section 2-6-7, political activity: no person employed by the city shall either publicly or otherwise hold himself or herself out as a candidate in any city election while employed with the city. East Point, chapter 5 Ethics, Section 2-507: restrictions on certain political activities. No employee of the city shall continue in such employment upon election to any public office in the city or any other public office which is inconsistent, incompatible, are in conflict with the duties of the city employee. Such determination shall be made by the city Council either immediately upon election or at any time such conflict may arise. So, you've all been provided a copy of this Resolution that is cosponsored by Commissioner Hall and I. It is verbatim practically to the Resolution that we passed unanimously on March 16th; and I ask for your favorable consideration today. This will take effect going forward.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. The motion is to approve by Commissioner Ellis. It’s seconded by -- is there a second? Seconded by Vice Chair Hausmann. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman you have the floor.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “What’s interesting about Vice Chair Hausmann's comments is had this been done the first time, we would have saved taxpayer money. We have spent taxpayer money on hiring lawyers to fend off a lawsuit because of the previous legislation which I see that that was left out. This should have been the language the first time around. The County Attorney, were you aware in the previous

version that it would not pass the retroactive constitutional requirement before the Board approved it? Were you aware of that?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I was not aware what the final outcome of the court's decision would be, no."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay, you weren't aware that the retroactive constitutional requirement would not be an issue when it went before the judge? You wasn't aware that that would have been an issue?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Commissioner, I think you're asking me to issue a legal opinion on a pending legal matter that the county's involved in; so, I decline to respond to that in open session."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay, that's fine. That's not what I'm asking. But that's fine. At the end of the day, this is another example of what I said earlier. I'm going to vote for this. I have no problem with it. But what's amazing to me is this was not brought first, but it's correct. The one that was brought first was morally corrupt, it was disrespectful to the citizens of Fulton County, and it was abuse of power by this Board. And it required outside legal representation for something that was wrong. And it wasted taxpayer's money. So, you can't say one end you want to be frugal and protect taxpayer's money and then you put something forward that ultimately failed because it was illegal. Each one of you voted for this. The original one. Now you want us to pretend like the original one was never in place. This should of have been first and it didn't. It's happening now. I will support it, but I will not be silent about what the first one did and it wasn't a minor tweak. And it cost taxpayer's money to be expounded on something that was illegal. And the judge -- in the judge's order, the judges said it was unconscionable and goes against everything. So that's not a minor tweak. That was something that the original paper had with an intent to injure, my opinion. But now that you've done the right thing after you've wasted Fulton County taxpayer's dollars, then I can support it. But I won't let it slide."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yeah, I said this when this originally came before us. What's unfortunate is that -- unfortunately we're the elected body of the County that's sort of governing the County, we windup having to police ourselves. Generally speaking, we don't have to waste a whole lot of time on policing ourselves, because we do a pretty good job of it. And what's unfortunate, we ever had to consider something like this in the first place; because it's pretty much as Commissioner Hausmann had outlined, Vice Chair Hausmann had outlined, this is pretty much a standard that other people operate

under. So, we shouldn't have to have rules around it. Unfortunately, we didn't, and some people thought that despite the mistakes, probably a conflict, probably should resign; didn't do it, okay. So, now we have to go about the process of wasting taxpayer resources, wasting attorney resources, wasting time to approve something. So, here we are. We got to police ourselves. We got to come up with a new set of rules because people can't, then generally operate under something which sounds like everybody's in favor of doing anyway. So here we are."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I'd like to call the question."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. On the motion to call the question, let's vote, please. No. On the motion to call the question, there's no discussion on it; but there is, and I suppose, on the part of the Clerk, there is a parliamentary inquiry. Motion to call the question is not debatable. There is a motion to call the question?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I would advise a safer to have a second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Second."

CLERK GRIER: "Okay, so we need to -- Commissioner Arrington made the motion."

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

CLERK GRIER: "The vote is open and the motion to call the question passes; six yeas, zero nays."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. On the motion is on the floor. Let's vote. The motion is to approve."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open to approve. And the motion passes unanimously."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right next item."

CLERK GRIER: "Under Health and Human Services, **22-0295**, presentation of Health and Human Services application."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: "Okay, good afternoon, Commissioners, Pamela Roshell, Chief Operating Officer for Health Human Services and Public Works. Today, it is my pleasure to introduce a new tool for outreach and engagement in Fulton

County. The Fulton County CARES mobile application. This application is a complement to the great work that is already happening in Senior Services through our Star Line which fields over 23,000 calls a year, and our customer service call center which fields over 78,000 calls a year. Here in Georgia, over 5.4 million mobile connections are in our environment. And you might say to yourself how is that possible when we only have 3.9 million citizens in Georgia. That's because many of us have two devices. So, this application will allow us to scale our opportunities to connect to Fulton County residents at a time when many of them really need the services that are provided by Health Human Services and the Board of Health. So, this collaboration between the six departments in the Health and Human Services portfolio along with Behavioral Health, IT, and External Affairs will definitely provide an opportunity not only here in Georgia and the US, but worldwide to connect to hundreds of services that we provide every day. I do want to thank our County Manager, Dick Anderson, who is always pushing us to come together for creative and innovative solutions for service delivery. Today you will hear more about the IT value of this application as well as the External Affairs strategy and now I want to turn the conversation over to Glen Melendez who will discuss the IT value followed by Jessica Corbitt, who will review the External Affairs strategy along with a demonstration. Glenn.”

GLENN MELENDEZ, CHIEF, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: “Thank you, Dr. Roshell. Glenn Melendez, Chief Information Officer for the County. I’d like to first start by saying I am absolutely excited and thrilled to be part of this collaboration and bringing this application to the citizens of Fulton County. Couple of keynotes if you could turn to the next slide, please -- a couple of keynotes is the application will be available on your Apple device or your Android device so regardless of which you choose you'll have access to the application. It does expand on our digital footprint. We have used the platform before and we continue to expand services on this platform for our citizens providing our unique brand and experience for Fulton County especially with the Fulton CARES branding. The application has an in-depth analytics in the background which allows us to see those services that are most in demand from our citizens and be able to place our resources where there is demand. So, the analytics provide a good resource for the County and for our citizens to ensure that we're providing the services that they're looking for. And then finally, it promotes citizen engagement with a modern – a modern mobile app. And that is really at the core of what the IT strategy is for the County, really, is to promote citizen engagement in a digital way. With that said, I'm going to turn it over to Jessica Corbitt, Director of External Affairs, who will talk a little bit more about the features of the app. Jessica.”

JESSICA CORBIT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you so much, Glenn. And just to reiterate, this has truly been a collaboration; and before I go

into my remarks, I'd really just like to quickly acknowledge two ladies at the back of the room, who are the ones who really have led this project and made it happen. They've spent hundreds of hours uploading information and leading this project; so, I want to thank them for their work. But really this builds on our mission of empowering people with information. If a person is a need of many of our services, and they come to our website, they – although we believe we worked very hard to organize that information, they still have to find the tools that are the information that's relevant for them. So, this is a new and additional way of delivering the right information to the right people at the right time, through a really slick, well performing application, calendars information, locations, how many times have we gone to a facility and needed to get directions; so, it links immediately to those directions. The chat box tool that we introduced during COVID is also integrated into this tool. So, we're very proud of it and we're excited for citizens to download it. For those of you who may have not found it, if you've been looking in the Google play store, if you go to [FultonCountyGA.gov/FultonCARES](https://www.fultoncountyga.gov/FultonCARES) will have the links right there, and you can easily get to the app. At this point we can go ahead and go into our video demonstration and you'll get to see a little bit more of it for yourself."

(Video playing.)

JESSICA CORBIT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "I'm going to ask if the guys in the back can turn the audio -- there is some audio that goes with this that we're not able to hear. While they're working on the audio, just want to mention again, one of the benefits as you saw, there are many different Departments that were there; so, in addition to reaching constituents directly, we are working with our school partners, our nonprofit partners, discharge planners, social workers, and organizations that not only serve people, but also are seeking to connect them with key services. So again, we're glad to take any questions and I'll turn it over again to Dr. Roshell and to Glenn."

GLENN MELENDEZ, CHIEF, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: "I'll just jump in for a second here. Dr. Roshell, I just want to also say while they're working on the audio to the app, is that the collaboration on this Team is fantastic. This was a cross collaborative effort between Information Technology, Health and Human Services as well as External Affairs [Inaudible.]"

(Video now playing.)

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: "That concludes our presentation. We're here for any questions."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Thank you. Commissioner Hall.”

COMMISSIONER HALL: “You know I don't have any questions at all. I'm just really pleased to see this finally come to fruition, and it is awesome. You know I've talked to many of you over the years about how can we connect to our constituency, to our residents and using technology, and just charged you to do what you do best which is find solutions; and you just hit this ball right out of the ballpark. Dick, you know, we've had discussions about this even back when Anna was here and Bridget Bailey has been part of this discussion because of her being a part of customer service, and Jessica, Glenn, your IT Department, Dr. Roshell and many others. And you just really did an awesome job. This is great and I just want to commend you for that. Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Thank y'all very much. Continue Madam Clerk. 3:03, continue.”

CLERK GRIER: "**22-0296**, Strategy and Performance Management, presentation. Justice and safety priority area report for fiscal year 2022.”

MIKE ROWICKI, ASSISTANT TO CSO: "Mike Rowicki, Strategy and Performance Management Office. I am actually very happy to be back here today, in front of the Board of County Commissioners, to start representing our priority reports for our strategic plan. This is just a reminder that back last year, you guys did adopt our strategic plan for 2021 through 2025, with six priority areas; and throughout this year, we will be bringing back each of those priority areas to you working with each of the priority area liaisons to develop these reports and hopefully those reports will show you the performance and some of the highlights of projects that we're doing in the next year. With that, I'm going to turn it over to Alton Adams who's going to present the Justice and Safety report.”

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Thank you, Mike. And perhaps, before I get started, I'd like to ask if our liaisons from the Board of Commissioners, either Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and Commissioner Morris would like to say a few words before I dive into the meat of the strategy.”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “No.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Just thank you for meeting with us and you know including us all along the step of the way. I do appreciate that.”

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: “Great.”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “And I'll just say that I'm proud of the report that got put together. Obviously, the project ORCA is a big deal, but the jail feasibility study is also a big deal. These other things are big deals as well; but those two, in particular, stand out to me, and they're going to be very, very important to the citizens of this County. I am sorry that I couldn't come up with a better word than operationalize, which I looked up and it's actually a word. I was sure it wasn't, but it is.”

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: “Okay, great. Well, thank you. Can you bring up the slides for me, please?”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. We got to do better, whoever's doing this.”

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: “Great. Thank you. Next slide, please. And the next slide. So, I'd like to start with our strategic objectives for 2021 through 25. We won't go into each one of them in detail, but I'd like to talk about some of the highlights. One is obviously our focus and our commitment is to exceeding the recognized standards for Safety and Justice functions and we have standards for a number of them. The court has standards in terms of case processing. The medical examiner has commitments that they need to make in terms of keeping certification and the like. So, one of our focuses is on priorities is always been on making sure that we adhere and meet or exceed the standards associated with different aspects of the system. The second is delivering a high level of public safety services, whether it be the police, medical examiner, 911, emphysema – we'll talk a little bit more about that specific; but that's a big priority for us. And then finally focusing on things like cyber and some emerging challenges that have become perhaps even more important and more prevalent as of over the last couple of years. Next page, please. And so in terms of on the horizon or the priorities over the next few years one is we've talked a lot about project ORCA but one is obviously focusing on reducing the backlog of cases. Additionally, we're also focused on improving the end-to-end performance of the court system, in addition to project ORCA. So, what you'll hear from us over the next couple of months is what does the system look like post ORCA? What are we going to do in terms of continuing our virtual court system? What are we going to do in terms of implementing technology and keeping technology that we've had? What are we going to do in terms of improvement processes? Before COVID, we weren't in fact meeting the standards associated with criminal and civil cases. The only places we were meeting standards was in Family Court. We need to get back to ensuring we're on the right track so that be a priority for us as well. You have heard a presentation on the Justice Diversion Center. We'll talk a little bit more about that. A big focus of ours will be making sure that we are ready for the next pandemic. We're going to be moving from what we call an operational protocol which is where we actually administer tests and administer

vaccines to making sure that we are ready in fact to deal with a future occurrence of a virus. And then we talked a little bit -- Commissioner Morris had mentioned the jail feasibility study that's a big deal. I'll talk a bit about that. And then our public safety training center, which is where the planning process is underway. Next slide, please. We've talked about project ORCA -- I won't get into details. We talked about this month. But we have reduced the number of cases by approximately 30,000. And we have a number of other actions we need to continue to focus on as we continue down that path for the next -- for the next 17 or 18 months. Next slide, please. This just gives you a sense of how we're tracking, here again, if it was linear, we would be tracking exactly what you would expect, but this is not going to be linear. There are going to be some times where we are above the line, below the line; but, here again, we had a discussion about that earlier today. Next slide. Performance standards and here again as I mentioned, we have a system where we had begun to start making some changes including greater transparency in terms of the court system itself and dashboards and the like as well as focusing on things like how do we use case management more effectively and more extensively through the court system. We will continue to focus on those things because we do have a system that does in fact need to continue to transition to using better practices and better policies and better technology. So that will continue to be a focus of ours and as we talked about earlier today, the ability to improve the operations of the court system is what's going to reduce the potential for us in building a new backlog as we move through -- as we finalize the cases that are a part of project ORCA. Next slide. This talks to the Justice Diversion Center. As you know we have a program underway -- a partnership with the city of Atlanta where we are looking at the Atlanta city detention center as a potential place for diversion services. Our County Manager is part of that committee. I know they've met a number of times and during the planning process. I think it's fair to say that opening in the fall of 2022, is probably aspirational at this point in time, 'cause there's a lot of work that has to be done. Judge McBurney is our key representative on that committee amongst others, but he is one of the leaders of it. So, that's kind of where we are. But here again, the plan is really to develop what I call a broad-based diversion capability utilizing the AC/DC with details become. Next slide, please. This talks to emergency preparedness and I as I mentioned before, we're really moving from a protocol of delivering vaccines and delivering tests and being in an operational mode to one of okay, let's step back and figure out, one, what have we learned from the processes in terms of what do we need to do in terms of an adequate supply of PPE? What do we need to do in terms of our partnership with the Board of Health in terms of being able to deal with some of these things? What do we need to do in terms of tracking and reporting and analyzing on how we're in fact progressing through a particular virus or pandemic? Some of those things are going to be part of what I'd call our continuous operating plan or continuous

operating plan associated with a virus of some type. The other thing is we're going to make sure that we have the resources to be able to respond appropriately. When COVID first hit, we like a number of other organizations was scrambling quite frankly to get PPE -- basic PPE. In some cases, we were able to get to the front of the line and in some cases we're at the back of the line; some cases, we didn't get what we expected to get. And so one of the things we're making sure that we have is a supply of the things that we think we would need certainly in the first stages of a future pandemic and making sure that we're able to deploy those things appropriately. Obviously, we learned a lot in terms of the work that Matt Kallmyer and Doug did in setting up the vaccination center over at Mercedes Benz, right. It was one of the largest in the country. Very well regarded, but it took us a while, right? We had some bumps along the way and some of those things we're going to make sure that if we would do this again, we'll be able to do it and maybe faster more efficiently and more effectively. And then finally, a focus on what I call the whole community. One of the things we learned is in dealing with the pandemic, it required a lot of cooperation, collaboration with our cities, collaboration with the Board of Health, collaboration with departments within the County itself; whether it be DREAM, or whether it be AFECMA. And so having that holistic approach and that partnership with our cities as well as our internal capabilities, it's going to be one of the key things we're going to make sure that we have in place as we move forward from an emergency preparedness standpoint. Next slide, please. Jail feasibility study: Thank you, Commissioners for being part of the discussions we've had to date. As part of the jail feasibility study. As we've talked about in the past, this is a holistic study that's going to be looking at everything from you know how big of a jail do we need, where might that they jail be, what services should be offered, what's it going to cost, and what are our options? We're about three months into what I call a nine-month process. Our goal is to have that set of recommendations delivered to you at the end of this year. There will be some touch points along the way. We've had a number of internal interviews. We've also started our external interviews with external stakeholders that will include various cities that will include individuals from nonprofits in the community to ensure that we have a total kind of view of this thing; and that is quite frankly it's inclusive in terms of getting input into what this you know 21st century jail might look like. That's, you know kind of where we are at this point in time. I think the Team has done a nice job at this point, getting input and gathering data, but a lot of more work to be done. Next slide, please. Public Safety Training Center: at this point in time, we're kind of finalizing the where, and the what in some ways. We have a target completion for early 2023. The total budget is a bit over \$12 million. At this point in time based on the spec, we're looking at a facility of about 30,000 square feet; and here again hope to get started on the actual identification of the site and get some work done in terms of a ground breaking before the end of this year. With a target completion date here again

first quarter of 2023; probably a little aspirational, but certainly hope to make significant progress between now and then. Next slide, please. It just gives you a sense for the budget associated with the Justice and Safety area. It is in fact one of the largest single categories, if not the single largest single category's of spend we – the County has spent on an annual basis. As you can see in 2022, that spend is a little south of \$400 million that is spent on all of the justice and safety related items that includes obviously general fund items, and includes the Sheriff's budget, and includes other things that generally fall under the Justice and Safety umbrella. It has been relatively flat for the last couple of years. Part of that obviously has been because of COVID. We've also had the opportunity to use some CARES and ARPA dollars to devote to certain parts of the spend associated specifically with things that were COVID driven; but this gives you a sense for the order of magnitude associated with this particular area. And finally – next slide. For 2021, just a quick review; and again, we've talked a bit about this but in terms of looking back at 2021 and some of the highlights, we talked about the launching of the backlog project. We did in fact continue to transition more and more in-person hearings to virtual which is I mentioned earlier is going to be critical for continuing to reduce our back log, and making sure we don't have one that grows in the future. We talked a bit about emergency management and all the things that Matt and AFCEMA and Doug and their Team did. We continue to focus on how do we increase the transparency of court operations by the development and roll-out of dashboards. If you go out on any County site around the US, you will not find the level of transparency that you find in Fulton County when it comes to information on the judges, information on the amount of cases and so on. So, we feel really good about where we are. We continue to make changes and to enhance it. But very much are focused and accomplishment by Mike and the Strategy Team. And then finally focusing on transitioning; the Fulton County Police Department in light of in part because of the changes in the land that we're responsible for or the parts of FIB. But also, with an eye towards increasing our building security, which is particularly important for a number reasons. These days it's something that I think we have been lagging behind and so the big focus, and the big priority in terms of improving and heightening the level of security that we have across all of the Fulton County structures. Next slide. So that's pretty much it. You have the detail I think in front of you. You've seen the glossy that's going to be up on the website. Happy to take any questions; but that is a very high level ten minutes of in terms of where we are with Justice and Safety in our priority areas.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “You have time for one question?”

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: “I do. One question or more than that depending upon who's asking.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “No, no, no—”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “--I might have three questions. Thank you for that report and for the update. I know that you know folks are really tuned in these days to Public Safety issues; and so, it’s great to give a snapshot of where we are and where we think we’re headed. The Justice Diversion Center, that we’re - is underway, I know there’s other conversations about partnerships with potentially with Atlanta and the with the jail with the Sheriff. I’ll ask you about that separately, but I’m just curious the footprint of the building and this program how much of the building itself will this program require?”

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: “That’s a good question. I might defer to County Manager because he may have a feel for that. But I will tell you I think that’s still to be determined, but my understanding though is that even with -- even with this particular effort in diversion, there would be plenty of space. It would be a separate floor for us when we got the opportunity to move some of our detainees over there.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “So, you think it’s one or two floors or something like that?”

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: I’m not quite sure, Dick. I don’t know if you know yet.”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “I think it has the possibility of two at the most, and I don’t think it’s the entirety. I mean, in other words, it’s a pretty modest use of that whole facility.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Right now, it’s two floors in the conversations now, it’s two floors.”

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: “Okay.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “Thank you. And second question is about our progress, if any, with Atlanta on those discussions. I know there’s been some recent media reports; but, I haven’t seen anything concrete. Is there real conversations underway?”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “So, there are real conversations. I had one with O.D. Donald last week. I’m expecting, based on that conversation, a proposal from them either last week since that’s past, or this week. So, hopefully, it’s eminent.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “Well that’s more good news. I’m glad to hear that. Also, on your Public Safety Training Center, are you getting close to making a recommendation of the location?”

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: “Yes. We have identified a particular location and we we're down the path; and then there was some structural issues with that particular spot. So, I think, actually I think the location is going to be right next to the new animal shelter—”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “—there you go, yes it is—”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “—perfect—”

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: “—it's actually going to use the same, it's going to share a road – its, how would I say it-- if you're facing -- if you're facing west, it's going to be on the left side of the animal shelter.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “So, no land purchase necessary—”

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: “—that is correct—”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “--with your aggressive timeline there, I thought that that would mean we already have the property, so—”

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: “--the property is -- obviously it's good to have the property; but the other things are supply chain issues, permitting, and everything else associated with getting going. We're learning that from our efforts with the animal shelter, the constraints and the concerns about supply chains when it comes to building materials, it is real. That's probably one of the bigger things we're going to have to contend with.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “All right. And then there's nothing in this about the conversations that are ongoing with Alpharetta and the Sheriff about reopening that facility. But I just wanted to make sure that the Commissioners were aware that the conversations are productive and hopefully there will be some sort of movement in the near future on that item.”

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: “Okay.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Anything else? Thank you, Mr. Adams—”

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: “--thank you--”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “—and thank you, Commissioners. Madam Clerk.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Mr. Chair?”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Yes?”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Before we move to the next item, there is one action item that was added as an on that I’d like to move to reconsider that we address that before we potentially might lose a quorum. And that was the add-on item 22-0301.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “On page?”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “It was on the add-on Agenda—”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “—okay, all right. Entertain a motion to amend the Agenda to take this item up now. It’s been motioned by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Please vote.”

CLERK GRIER: “And the vote is open to reconsider the Agenda. And the motion passes; four yeas, zero nays.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, it’s before us—”

CLERK GRIER: “**22-0301**, Public Works. Request approval of a material guaranteed maximum price.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Ms. Strong-Whitaker.”

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PURCHASING AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: “Yes, good afternoon, Commissioners, and thank you, Commissioner Ellis. This item is to purchase some of needed pipe material. Pipe material is still at an all-time high. It has an extremely long lead time and the pricing is very volatile. The pricing is just going up and up and up. And so, this is a very key component for the pump station and we wanted to go ahead and get the piping purchased so that when the project starts, we’re not delayed. So, it is critical that we get this done.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Thank you. Motion on the floor is to approve. Motioned by Vice Chair Hausmann, second by Commissioner Morris. Any other questions? None. Cast your vote, please.”

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Next item.”

CLERK GRIER: “Bottom of page 7, the next item is Commissioner Arrington’s. Would you like to—”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “—he asked us to go-ahead and just to provide the you know the report from the city of Atlanta Fulton County Recreational Authority and I think he previously supplied the minutes from the various meetings to all of us to have access to.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right.”

CLERK GRIER: “22-2064 for the next item is **22-0266**, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman transparency and accountability in Fulton County.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Commissioner.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Yes, Chairman. I wanted to bring forth to the Board in open session here at the Board of Commissioners. I noticed that an actual I think it was a filing or something I'm not going to be specific about it because I know that the from the reports on TV there's ongoing litigation, but what I am concerned about, especially when it comes to transparency and accountability here at the County -- and I will ask the County Attorney this question: if there is pending litigation should that not come through executive session?”

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: “Should what not come through Executive session?”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “If there's pending litigation, if someone has filed a suit -- there was news reports of an EEOC complaint and I saw paperwork that showed the Board of Commissioners name on it, but I never saw it come through executive session; so, my concern or question to you -- my understanding based on being here is that any litigation comes through executive session.”

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: “If it is litigation, that is correct. If you are referring to the matter that I believe you're referring to that was recently in the news, that is a prelitigation matter that is pending before an agency that is not a court. So, it is not. It's currently a prelitigation matter that would not have been reported.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “So, prelitigation matters don't come through executive?”

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: “It's my understanding that they have not.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Oh, okay, thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Next item.”

CLERK GRIER: “Next item on page 8, **22-0297**, Invest Atlanta Board of Directors March 17th meeting summary, sponsored by Commissioner Morris.”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “Mr. Chairman and colleagues, this is the usual summary of the meetings of the last Invest Atlanta Board of Directors meeting that I think there were two items on it. One was a Beltline TAD grant for an affordable housing project, and the other was a contract matter where we were simplifying an increasing like we've done here the kinds of things that can be contracted for and purchased without Board approval to up the dollar amounts for those kinds of things; keep up with inflation and that sort of thing, but if you need more information on either one of those items, delighted to get that for you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, continue.”

CLERK GRIER: “**22-0298**, Atlanta Beltline April 13th CEO report sponsored by Commissioner Morris.”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “And again as we try to do each Board meeting is give you a copy of the CEO of the Beltline's report either to our Board which meets quarterly or to the executive committee which meets in the Board's absence. So, this is the April 13th CEO report and again if you look at it and want to know any additional information about any of the items on it, I'm delighted to get that for you.”

CLERK GRIER: “**22-0299**, closing of WellStar Hospital in South Fulton sponsored by Chairman Pitts.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, Mr. Manager, do you want to give a quick update on where we are just quickly. The conversations are ongoing and there's still a lot of work going on behind-the-scenes regarding a first-class medical facility in South Fulton County. That's all I'll say publicly at this time with respect to what's before us.”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “Yes, sir. I was going to ask Dr. Roshell to make some comments that came out of the meeting.”

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: “Thank you, Mr. Manager. So, there are four steps that we are researching and assessing regarding how to continue with services around emergency room and acute beds in South Fulton. Those steps are as follows: Research and assess a County special tax for hospital and public health up to seven-mils, complete a community health needs assessment in partnership with Grady with a focus of South Fulton, request WellStar to extend their deadline for exiting the emergency room acute bed services, and restore 25 acute beds, and finally seek crisis access hospital designation from CNS which could lead to an increase in reimbursement rates for Medicare and Medicaid for future emergency room services.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. That's where we are now. Any questions? I'll just add that the most recent conversation with WellStar is that the deadline is firm, and the request for additional beds is pretty much fell on deaf ears, but they're still open and we will continue to operate. Vice Chair Hausmann.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thanks for bringing this forward for conversation. I do think there's a couple of representatives of WellStar here with us today, if we want to hear from them. But did I just hear correctly a seven-mil hospital tax?”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “No, no, no. Well, she sort of misspoke; but go ahead to Dr. Roshell--”

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: “—and it's up to; so it could be a percentage, but it can be up to. So, the proposal is not to levy seven, but the conversation was around —”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “--okay, that's a huge conversation—”

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: “—yes--”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “--what is the current value of a mil -- \$70 million?”

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: “—more around 60—”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “—all right, so, that's \$360 million or something crazy like that? I'm so shocked by this seven-mils that I'm not doing adequate math I'm sure--”

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: “Commissioner Hausmann, the seven-mils, and the County Attorney can correct me on this if I'm wrong, but that is statutorily what's allowed under the Hospital Authorities Act in Georgia that accounting

can levy to support hospitals through the Hospital Authorities Act and it would be somewhere in the neighborhood of 420 million—"

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "--our current millage rate is what—"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "—nine and some change—"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "--yeah, nine and some change—"

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "--yeah, so almost equal to our current overall millage rate would be that proposal. You know I've heard media reports about a potential millage rate. I will tell you it's going over like a lead balloon and people I'm talking to -- so, I'm not sure if the real feasibility of that, but I am curious what y'all are talking about that potential millage rate covering."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, actually there's no -- whatever improvements are made -- first of all, the objective is a first-class medical facility in South Fulton County and I don't think there's any doubt about that. There's a need, there's a demonstrated need for it. The question is even improvements to the existing facility has a price tag; so, the question becomes how do we pay for whatever we decide in the final analysis to do with respect to that facility. And one of the options that other cities and counties across the country several of them have a dedicated revenue stream for public health. That's how that came about. There's no decision made. We haven't even discussed that, but it would be a possible source other than our current general fund."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Okay. We all know that we currently support a public hospital, and that's Grady already. I know that Grady has many conversations over the last three years maybe with WellStar about possible partnerships or you know what to do about this situation with the South Fulton facility. I also -- the data I've seen indicates that there was only 10 percent or so of the market share that was utilizing that hospital currently before this decision was made for whatever reason -- I mean I would like to ask if the WellStar folks would like to make any comments. We'd give them the opportunity to do so while we have them here. Would that be, okay, Mr. Chairman?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Sure. They're welcome up to say anything they want to say. But let's be--"

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "I mean, I know, but if we're going to start this conversation, let's get an update from them."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Absolutely. Have them come on down. Let's be real clear that there is an absolute demonstrated need for a first-class medical facility in South Fulton

County and what that looks like going forward we don't know but whatever it looks like, there is a price tag to it, and we will have to consider that in addition to what we currently do with Grady hospital.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “Okay. I’m not disputing the need -- it’s who pays for it that’s is the question--”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “--exactly.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “I would put on the table. Alright, thank you. Welcome.”

BRANDON REESE, DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, WELLSTAR :

“Thank you. Madam Vice Chair. Thank you, Chairman Pitts and Members of the Fulton County Commission. We have appreciated very much the opportunity to talk with so many of you over many cases the past two years as Commissioner Hausmann stated, but especially here over the last two weeks since we've been able to share with the group and with our elected leaders at the local and state and federal level that the new plan for WellStar AMC South. We also want to thank Mayor Deana Ingraham from East Point and Council Member Karen Rene’. We’ve had two very constructive conversations -- meetings with over the past two weeks. It's great to have partners in our elected leaders. County Manager Anderson, thank you again for all of the meetings you have helped us to secure over the past couple of years. You know there's been some press coverage that has been sensational about the issue that's occurring at WellStar AMC South and they talk about hospital closure, the facilities closing and leaving the community and I just want to stand before you here today and promise you one more time that WellStar has signed our name on the dotted line. We’ve raised our hand and said over and over that we want to provide healthcare services in this community, when nobody else has been willing to sign on that line or raise their hand including as Commissioner Hausmann mentioned other potential partners that we have been exploring over the past two years. What we're realizing is that only 10 percent of the population is choosing to use WellStar AMC South for emergency services, acute care services, elective procedures and the rest of the patient base is driving right past that facility. And despite the fact that we have invested more than \$120 million since we bought that facility, took it off of the for-profit tenant chopping block so that we could rescue it and we’ve hoped with all of our hearts that by implementing a marketing campaign, hiring full-time physicians instead of employ – excuse me – contract physicians, employed nurses rather than contract nurses, employed security rather than contract security, that we would get great buy-in from the members of the community and we did get some but the truth is it hasn't moved the needle. And we have accepted some constructive criticism about our marketing campaign. Is there more than we

would have liked to have done? Is there more that we could've done? That was the plan until COVID came and we had to shift those marketing resources to COVID awareness, and it took you know considerable financial investments in order to educate the community. You guys remember all the COVID calls that we had. Our epidemiologist and others all in trying to educate the community, and keep folks out of the hospital with COVID. WellStar, again, is not closing the facility. What this facility going to look like is an urgent care plus and it's going to continue providing the services that the community is choosing us for now. It's going to be a 24-hour seven day a week unique model that is going to continue to accept and to treat every patient regardless of their ability to pay and that's a big deal. That's a big commitment. But we're proud to do it. And again, we're the ones that have signed up for it. This is going to allow us flexibility because we're going to keep the hospital licensure to continue to have conversations with each of you with the elected leaders in East Point, the other mayors in South Fulton County, with Grady, with the state, with other partners to help us perhaps find a better way forward and perhaps find a way to allow this to continue as an acute care facility. But what we're doing right now is moving those acute care team members to AMC South -- excuse me AMC main, if they would like to go there. We've taken a unique approach in our - excuse me - in our HR department to look up each team member's home address and we're finding many of those team members live in Douglas County, live out in Austell, and Cobb County where we've got you know good hospitals and in both of those areas and offering them a chance to be able to work a little bit closer to home. And so, we have a no layoff policy and we're proud of that. So, I just appreciate, again all of you for the grace and the understanding that you have extended to me and the other members of the WellStar team and the conversations that we have had leading up to today and that we promise to continue to have in the future. Mr. Chairman, if there are any questions, I'll be glad to try and answer them."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, anything else, Commissioner Hausmann?"

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "No."

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

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "How you doing?"

BRANDON REESE, DIRECTOR, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, WELLSTAR : "I'm doing good. I'm doing real well."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I just want to say that I appreciate you and I appreciate what you all do."

BRANDON REESE, DIRECTOR, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, WELLSTAR : “Thank you.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “I know -- well from the reports that I got in the conversations that I was in, anyone wanting to come in and get it, it was -- you talking about \$50 million. And so, what I don't want to happen to you all is for you all to be beat up.”

BRANDON REESE, DIRECTOR, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, WELLSTAR : “Thank you very, very much.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Okay? Because I know your commitment. I know what you were dealing with. I think that we have dropped the ball. When I say we, I mean we as a community, we as committed individuals, we as elected officials because South Fulton has needed a hospital for quite a while. In my district, I know we had some earlier conversations at the beginning of my actual being sworn in, and my concerns about a hospital. And so, the one thing that I don't want to do with this – what I'm seeing is people begin to play politics with it.”

BRANDON REESE, DIRECTOR, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, WELLSTAR : “Thank you for saying that.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “And I think is just think that's a travesty because I know what you all went through. I know what you were trying to do, and I know how dedicated you are to the community. But I also know that when it comes to business decisions, we have to put the infrastructure in place, we have to put the band width in place, we have to work together—”

BRANDON REESE, DIRECTOR, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS WELLSTAR : “—there you go—”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “--to make sure that we support our hospitals. And so, I'm openly telling you that I support you all. I know the decision was not one that's being played out in the media; but some benefited for it being played out like that because it's election season.”

BRANDON REESE, DIRECTOR, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, WELLSTAR: “--I understand—”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “--and I for one stand with you all. I hope that we can find like I said, in the conversations I have had with people myself trying to find out what can be done to come and do what they want to do, it would be a 50 million-dollar price tag or more. So, I can understand, you know, Commissioner Hausmann's concern

as far as what we're trying to do. But at the end of the day, I don't want the finger to be pointed at you all.”

BRANDON REESE, DIRECTOR, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, WELLSTAR : “Thank you.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “The finger should be pointed at all of us because we have a responsibility to this community for you not to be in the situation you’re in. And I for one apologize that you're in that situation. I, for one apologize that it looks one way or it’s being portrayed one way, and is not that way.”

BRANDON REESE, DIRECTOR, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, WELLSTAR : “Sincere thanks.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “So, I just wanted thank you. And hopefully whatever we can do, it would be in the best interest of the community, but I know that you all worked very hard. You’re continuing to work hard, and you have the community heart first. And I know that, and I just wanted to tell you, thank you.”

BRANDON REESE, DIRECTOR, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, WELLSTAR: “That means so much.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Commissioner Ellis, you have the floor. Commissioner Ellis.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Yeah, I don’t [Inaudible.]”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: OFF MIC/INAUDIBLE

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Any other questions--”

BRANDON REESE, DIRECTOR, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, WELLSTAR : “If I might just one more last thing? We're going to continue with that same optimism and I will add that because of the heightened profile that these news stories and generated, we've had several people reach out to us and we're having conversations again about potential partnerships; therefore, we remain very optimistic that the healthcare that we’re able to provide in this community, in South Fulton, will only improve. Thanks for the opportunity.”

COMMISSIONER HALL: “I did want to say something.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Thank you. Commissioner Ellis.”

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: “Thank you.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Now, I appreciate you raising the issue. I mean I think there's obviously – this is a multifaceted issue you know WellStar certainly expressed some certain things. I mean people also would probably have some different views about you know the obligations that our operator has when they've got a certificate of need in a particular area you know how long they stick with that - they make certain purchases; so, you know I mean, there's a lot of different opinions on this, right? So, and I appreciate the folks from WELLSTAR coming up and sharing that. I just -- I just you know would caution us about getting too far down the road about you know we're going to go out and levy mills and this sort of stuff without really sort of, you know, thinking all that through, right? I mean, there are a lot of things we would it take to form a hospital authority you know, and an authority be sent out within a certain graphical area? Can be a multi- come County hospital authority? You know all those little things, right? You know what would that mean for you know the kind of support were giving to one entity through do you know our own hospital authority, right? I don't. We have a second hospital authority? All those sorts of questions you know abstain you know cannot really comment that play. And analyzing what the media certainly you know seems like there is a need for that particular area, but you put the best facility in the world and people aren't using and as a moment to come right? Delay the County should necessarily you know fund and investment or something that wouldn't get utilization so we have to have some verification around that will be put money into would not get a return away specters of Avalon still here so hopefully this the chairman is raising the issue no certainly it's a key issue within this community. I get that are not understand that it is the hopefully the chairman's raising it in the spirit of you know getting discussions going versus a preconceived sort of solution to the matter. I understand you may be requested we'll start was which were a fair request to make and they chose not to exempt that, but it is illegal for this is really more a start with a very long-term discussion.

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “You're correct, Commissioner Ellis. Commissioner Hall.”

COMMISSIONER HALL: “I'd like to ask WellStar to come back down to the microphone, please.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Mr. Smith, are you, WellStar?”

COMMISSIONER HALL: “Whoever wants to speak to the fact that we have had a conversation about this. Thank you, Brandon. Appreciate that.”

BRANDON REESE, DIRECTOR, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, WELLSTAR : “Thank you, Commissioner Hall, I did allude to the fact that we've had some great, constructive conversations with members of the Board, with the Chairman, and Mayor Deanna Ingraham from East Point, and Council Member Karen Rene’ absolutely want those conversations to continue in the same vein that Commissioners Ellis stated. You know, this is a big conversation--”

COMMISSIONER HALL: “—yes--”

BRANDON REESE, DIRECTOR, GOVERNEMENT RELATIONS, WELLSTAR : “— and although it’s one that’s been ongoing for a couple years now, it’s going to take some time to find the best model for the community—”

COMMISSIONER HALL: “—yes—”

BRANDON REESE, DIRECTOR, GOVERNEMENT RELATIONS, WELLSTAR: “—and we appreciate the grace, the wisdom, and the creative minds that we’ve talked to, especially over the past couple of weeks. It’s exciting and we have had some new interest from potential partners who have reached out to us. So, that provides us with some optimism forward—”

COMMISSIONER HALL: “--yes, and I just want to say that you know when we all spoke, your team and mine, I stated that this is absolutely an opportunity for us to do what is right for the community—”

BRANDON REESE, DIRECTOR, GOVERNEMENT RELATIONS, WELLSTAR: “-- that's right—”

COMMISSIONER HALL: “--and I was happy to hear that WellStar and Team are on board with that sentiment—”

BRANDON REESE, DIRECTOR, GOVERNEMENT RELATIONS, WELLSTAR: “— absolutely—”

COMMISSIONER HALL: “--that this is simply an opportunity. And as one Commissioner who did attend the Chairman's meeting, and I know that we cannot have a quorum. So, I was very careful not to attend it if there were other Commissioners there, but there were not. So, I was happy to attend that meeting because I can tell you this, the meeting was all about what can we do to save this facility. So that we do have those services below I-20 and to be more specific, South of I-20. And our discussion in that room was simply about how do we address this? How do we remain a good partner with WellStar and anyone else that can contribute to assisting with maintaining these medical services in that community? And two things that came out of that were --

and I want to thank Dr. Roshell for her input because she's very knowledgeable about health. And, so what came out of that was we definitely need to do a hospital feasibility study; is that not correct, Dr. Roshell?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: "Yes, ma'am."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "And that we also need to do a community health needs assessment, but I do recall when we talked on the phone, somebody said we call it China--"

BRANDON REESE, DIRECTOR, GOVERNEMENT RELATIONS, WELLSTAR: "--that's right, that's right because of the acronym, yes--"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes. So, we are on the Fulton County side of like mind that we do need to have this study and the assessment. Dr. Roshell, explained the need for that when we brought it up as it was Chairman, myself, and Commissioner Arrington actually called in after he got out of court. And so, we agreed that there is a need for those things. And I enjoyed the conversation because you proved to me that you definitely want to continue to help in this area. That you're not trying to just abandon the people there. You do want to maintain the beds and everything; so, we are of like mind with that. I just want to be clear of that to our listening and viewing audience. Thank you."

BRANDON REESE, DIRECTOR, GOVERNEMENT RELATIONS, WELLSTAR: "Thank you, Commissioner Hall, for helping to correct--"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "--thank you."

BRANDON REESE, DIRECTOR, GOVERNEMENT RELATIONS, WELLSTAR: "--some of that media narrative and if I'm not mistaken, Dr. Roshell, mentioned having Grady at the table to conduct those needs assessments and we at WellStar would also very much welcome the opportunity to be with you at the table for those discussions moving forward."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yeah, I'll try to be brief. I appreciated our opportunity to talk the other day--"

BRANDON REESE, DIRECTOR, GOVERNEMENT RELATIONS, WELLSTAR: "--yes, sir--"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "--it's a complicated issue. It's a lot more than throwing money at something and building some wonderful building. You've got to have people who have faith and confidence in wanting to go to the facility; you've got to have specialist, physicians, and other providers. I mentioned in our conversation in my prior life, my firm, I'm the CEO/CFO, general Counsel for an architecture engineering firm and we did a lot of hospital design throughout the Southeast and saw so many hospitals closing because the specialist, the orthopedic surgeons, the OB/GYNs, whoever, wanted to go to bigger cities or bigger hospitals or wherever--"

BRANDON REESE, DIRECTOR, GOVERNEMENT RELATIONS, WELLSTAR: "--or to go private--"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "--I mentioned the hospital in the town my mother still resides in, they have an ER and when she fell and broke her hip and got taken to the ER, you know they could x-ray her, but they didn't have an orthopedic so she had to get in the ambulance and drive to Gaston. And so, it's complicated. You've got to have a lot of things to make the hospital viable and throwing money at it is probably not the solution, but if you know it's always great. This is not a rural area like so many of the hospitals that my firm saw closed. In rural areas which didn't have that capacity. This is a highly populated part of the Metro area. You'd think it would all be there; and so, if we can make it happen, great. And if not, you know more power to you all continuing to do what you all can do down there."

BRANDON REESE, DIRECTOR, GOVERNEMENT RELATIONS, WELLSTAR: "Thank you, for that recognition."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. And I just have one question. Is WellStar in the process of trying to buy any other hospitals in the state of Georgia right now?"

BRANDON REESE, DIRECTOR, GOVERNEMENT RELATIONS, WELLSTAR: "Not to my knowledge."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Any other questions for WELSTAR? Thank you. Any other matters to come before us today? If not, we are adjourned. Thank you."

(Whereupon, the meeting concluded at 3:54 p.m.)