

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING**

August 03, 2022  
10:00 AM



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



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## **MINUTES-RATIFIED**

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**Ratification Date: September 7, 2022**

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

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

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

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recite in unison

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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**CONSENT AGENDA****22-0510 Board of Commissioners**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Ellis, to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** Hausmann, and Arrington

**22-0511 Board of Commissioners**

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

Proclamation recognizing "Rev. Dr. Yvonne Shaw Appreciation Day."

**(Hall/Pitts/Ellis/ Abdur-Rahman)**

June 17, 2022

Proclamation recognizing "Golf Women Mean Business Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**

July 14, 2022

Proclamation recognizing "Eddie James Mumphrey Remembrance Day."

**(Abdur-Rahman)**

July 15, 2022

Proclamation recognizing "Betty Ford Appreciation Day." **(Abdur-Rahman)**

July 16, 2022

Proclamation recognizing "Walt Clyde Frazier Appreciation Day." **(Abdur-Rahman)**

July 19, 2022

Proclamation recognizing "Harold Lyons Remembrance Day." **(Abdur-Rahman)**

July 20, 2022

**Open & Responsible Government****22-0512 Finance**

No action is requested. This reporting is being provided to meet the quarterly reporting requirement for monetary transfers amount budget funds per Board Resolution #09-1262. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

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**Infrastructure and Economic Development****22-0513 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a Contractor Agreement with Southface Energy Institute ("Southface") in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 to perform project management, fiscal agency, furnishment, and installation of all necessary labor, materials, equipment, supervision, and insurance with subcontractors for the Community Resilience Hub Project design and implementation at Metropolitan Branch Library to become the County's first Community Resilience Hub. The agreement is 100% grant funded and is effective upon approval for 270 consecutive calendar days or completion of the project. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**22-0514 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 3,601 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Richard and Karen Wise, individuals, for the purpose of constructing the Wards Crossing Project at 325 Johns Landing Court, Johns Creek, Georgia 30022. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**22-0515 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 6,035 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from South Puckett, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the Findley Road Project at 0 Findley Road, Johns Creek, Georgia 30097. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**22-0516 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 7,861 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Medlock Bridge Homeowners Association, Inc., for the purpose of constructing the Wards Crossing Project at 0 State Bridge Road, Johns Creek, Georgia 30022. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**Justice and Safety****22-0517 Juvenile Court**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Juvenile Court, 201TB162521A-CJC, Accountability Courts Drug and Alcohol Screen Confirmation in the amount of \$10,400.00 with Phamatech, Inc. (San Diego, CA) to perform drug and alcohol screens. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. This contract is 100% grant funded. No county funding is required. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**22-0518 Juvenile Court**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Juvenile Court, 20RFP125479A-CJC, Accountability Courts Treatment Modalities with DIVAS, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$56,795.00 to provide Accountability Courts Treatment Modalities. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal option remains. Effective dates July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. This contract is 100% grant funded. No county funding is required. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**22-0519 Juvenile Court**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Juvenile Court, Bid# 20ITB031120A-CJC, Accountability Courts Surveillance Officers in the amount of \$26,400.00 with Living Invigorating Valuable Experiences, LLC (Atlanta, GA). This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal option remains. Effective dates July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. This contract is 100% grant funded. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**22-0520 Superior Court Administration**

Request approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with Goodwill of North Georgia ("GNG") in an amount not to exceed \$78,354.00, the amount approved and fully funded in the SAMHSA grant budget. GNG will support the grant funded Fulton County Peer Recovery Support Services Project by providing job assessment, training, certification, and job placement services. This request represents the fourth (4) of four (4) one-year renewal terms, coinciding with and contingent upon continued grant funding and the approval of the Board of Commissioners. Effective October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**22-0521 Superior Court Administration**

Request approval to renew a Memorandum of Agreement with Georgia Council on Substance Abuse ("GCSA"), effective October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$73,800. GCSA will support the Fulton County Peer Recovery Support Services Project by implementing the NIATx Process Improvement Model and by providing staff certification, training and ongoing support. This request represents the third (3) of four (4) one-year renewal terms, coinciding with and contingent upon continued grant funding through SAMHSA and the approval of the Board of Commissioners. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**22-0522 Board of Commissioners**

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

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Morris, to adopt the Regular Meeting Agenda as amended by removing item #22-0537 as requested by the County Manager; and revising item #22-0524 as requested by Commissioner Hall. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** Hausmann, and Arrington

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Arrington, to reconsider the Regular Meeting to move up item #22-0548. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** Hausmann

**Did Not Vote:** Ellis, and Abdur-Rahman

**22-0523 Clerk to the Commission**

Ratification of Minutes. **(RATIFIED)**

Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, July 13, 2022

Regular Meeting Minutes, July 13, 2022

Special Called Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, July 15, 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, Ellis, Morris, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

**Absent:** Hausmann, and Arrington

**22-0524 Board of Commissioners**

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

Proclamation recognizing “Atlanta Fire Rescue Memorial Appreciation Day.” **(Hall)**

~~\*Proclamation recognizing “Atlanta Public Schools 150th Anniversary Appreciation Day.” **(Hall)**~~

Proclamation recognizing “ARTiculate Appreciation Day.”  
**(Hall/Pitts/Ellis/Abdur-Rahman)**

Proclamation recognizing “Showability Appreciation Day.”  
**(Hall/Pitts/Hausmann/Ellis/Abdur-Rahman)**

Proclamation recognizing “Fulton County Sheriff’s Office and Marshal’s Department Appreciation Day.” **(Hall)**

Proclamation recognizing “Fulton County Sheriff’s Office and Solicitor General’s Office Appreciation Day.” **(Hall)**

*\*not presented*

**PUBLIC HEARINGS****22-0525 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)**

**4 Speakers: Council Member Liliana Bakhtiari (Item #22-0548); Anne Gray Herring (Item #21-0382); Maggie Goldman (Item #22-0550) and James Davenport (Senior Services)**

**8 Zoom Speakers: Lucia Frazier (Item #22-0526); Susan Ortiz-Villajos (Elections); Kevin Muldowney (Elections); Allison Coffman (Item #22-0548); Matt Rowenzcak (Elections); B. Rohr (Elections); Ben Howard (Senior Services) and Melissa Fiorillo (Elections)**

**3 Emailed Comments: Susan Hubbard (Elections); Paul Daiber (Elections) and Sandra Burchardt (Elections)**

**22-0526 Finance**

FY2022 General Fund Millage rate public hearing. **(CONDUCTED)**

**1 SPEAKER: Maggie Goldman**

**COUNTY MANAGER'S ITEMS****Open & Responsible Government****22-0527 County Manager**

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

**22-0528 Purchasing and Contract Compliance**

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

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

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

**Absent:** Hausmann

**22-0529** Finance

Presentation, review and approval of August 3, 2022 Budget Soundings.  
**(PRESENTED/APPROVED)**

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

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

**Absent:** Hausmann

**22-0530** Registration & Elections

Request approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement to conduct Special Elections for the City of Milton in conjunction with the General Election on November 8, 2022 and Runoff Election on December 6, 2022. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to approve items #22-0530 through #22-0534. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** Hausmann

**22-0531** Registration & Elections

Request approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement to conduct Special Elections for the City of Atlanta in conjunction with the General Election on November 8, 2022 and Runoff Election on December 6, 2022. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to approve items #22-0530 through #22-0534. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** Hausmann

**22-0532** Registration & Elections

Request approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement to conduct Special Elections for the City of East Point in conjunction with the General Election on November 8, 2022 and Runoff Election on December 6, 2022. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to approve items #22-0530 through #22-0534. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** Hausmann



**22-0533 Registration & Elections**

Request approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement to conduct Special Elections for the City of Roswell in conjunction with the General Election on November 8, 2022 and Runoff Election on December 6, 2022. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to approve items #22-0530 through #22-0534. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** Hausmann

**22-0534 Registration & Elections**

Request approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement to conduct Special Elections for the City of Fairburn in conjunction with the General Election on November 8, 2022 and Runoff Election on December 6, 2022. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to approve items #22-0530 through #22-0534. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** Hausmann

**22-0535 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval to increase spending authority - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 21ITBC130825C-MH, Plumbing Supplies and Related Items, in the total amount of \$15,000.00 with (B) Equiparts Corp, (Oakmont, PA) in the amount of \$3,000.00; (D) South K & A Specialty Parts (Newnan, GA) in the amount of \$3,000.00; (E) Tiles in Style d.b.a. Taza Supplies (Willow Brook, IL) in the amount of \$3,000.00; and (G) W.W. Grainger (Norcross, GA) in the amount of \$6,000.00, to provide plumbing supplies and related items used for maintenance and repair services in all Fulton County facilities. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Absent:** Hausmann

**22-0536 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval to increase spending authority - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 19ITBC119850C-GS, Ballasts, Lamps, Light Fixtures and Related Supplies, in the total amount of \$15,000.00 with (A) Regency Lighting (Los Angeles, CA) in the amount of \$5,000.00; (B) Voss Electric Co. d/b/a Voss Lighting, Inc. (Marietta, GA) in the amount of \$5,000.00; (D) Summit Lighting Solutions (Lawrenceville, GA) in the amount of \$2,000.00; and (E) E. Sam Jones Distributor, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$3,000.00, to provide ballasts, lamps, drivers LED engines light fixtures, lens, lighting supplies and related items used in all Fulton County facilities and parking lots. Effective upon BOC approval.

**(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Absent:** Hausmann

**22-0537 Strategy and Performance Management**

Request approval of a Memorandum of Understanding for a Communitywide Customer Service Survey in the amount of \$120,000.00 with Kennesaw State University, A.I. Burruss Institute of Public Service and Research Kennesaw, to conduct the third year of the community wide customer service survey and conduct evaluation surveys to ascertain opinions on a number of issues related to County management, services and quality of life in support of Fulton County’s Strategic Planning efforts. **(REMOVED)**

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

**Health and Human Services**

**22-0538 Community Development**

Request approval of a Resolution by the Board of Commissioners to authorize the adoption and approval of the 2022 HUD Annual Action Plan to secure federal funds supporting projects and services needed by its low- and moderate-income citizens. Funding is as follows: Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) in the amount of \$1,382,965.00 and HOME Investment Partnership Program in the amount of \$736,244.00. A Fulton County general fund match is not required for the CDBG Program. Fulton County uses its general fund to support the required 25% match for the HOME program. **(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, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**Absent:** Hausmann

**22-0539 Public Works**

Request approval to increase spending authority - Department of Public Works, SWC 99999-SPDS20190913B Equipment Rental - Wastewater System Services in an amount not to exceed \$1,850,000.00 with Sunbelt Rentals (Fort Mill, SC) to provide rental by-pass pumping equipment - wastewater system services. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Absent:** Hausmann

**22-0540 Public Works**

Request approval to increase spending authority - Public Works, 19ITB122250KEC, Standby Miscellaneous Construction - Water System Services in the amount of \$650,000.00 with Site Engineering (Atlanta, Ga) to provide on-call, standby, and emergency construction services dealing with the repair and installation of water mains, water service lines, and other miscellaneous water-service related facilities in the North Fulton water service area. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Absent:** Hausmann

**22-0541 Public Works**

Request approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) - Department Public Works, 21RFP130845K-BKJ, Progressive Design-Build Services for Atlanta Newnan Road Pump Station and Force Main in an amount not to exceed \$18,519,592.88 with Reeves Young /GMC JV (Atlanta, GA), to perform all construction activities associated with the installation of two new pump stations and associated force main pipelines to serve the South Fulton County area. Effective upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed (NTP) with work to be completed within 15 months of the issuance of NTP. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Absent:** Hausmann

**22-0542 Public Works**

Request approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Fulton County and Georgia Department of Transportation for the Milling and Resurfacing Project (PI-0013948) of CR 1385 Buffington Road from Rock Quarry Road to SR 14 US 29 Improvements in South Fulton. The project involves an adjustment of the existing Sewer Manhole with appurtenances within Fulton County in an estimated cost of \$7,000.00. **(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, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**Absent:** Hausmann

**22-0543 Public Works**

Request approval of a Public Private Partnership (P3) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Fulton County and the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for water main and sewer relocations associated with PI-0001757, SR 400 Express Lanes improvements from the North Springs MARTA station to McFarland Parkway in an estimated amount of \$2,500,000.00. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Absent:** Hausmann

**COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS****22-0496 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 101 (General Provisions and County Governing Authority), Article II (County Governing Authority), Division 2 (Rules of Order and Procedure) of the Fulton County Code Ordinances to modify Code Section 101-66(b)(3) to prioritize public comments to Fulton County residents; and for other purposes. **(Arrington) (HELD ON 7/13/22) (APPROVED)**

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

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

**Absent:** Hausmann

**Abstain:** Abdur-Rahman

**Did Not Vote:** Ellis

**22-0544 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution to amend Resolution No. 21-0277 creating and establishing the Fulton County Reparations Task Force to modify the number of appointees allowed by each member of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners and define the quorum needed for the Reparations Task Force to transact business; and for other purposes. **(Arrington) (APPROVED)**

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

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

**Nay:** Ellis

**Absent:** Hausmann

**22-0545 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution approving funding of not less than \$1 million in American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") funds to implement a pilot program to develop and construct a community of tiny homes; directing the County Manager in conjunction with the Department of Real Estate and Asset Management ("DREAM") and the Department of Community Development ("Community Development") to develop the program; authorizing the County Manager to identify suitable County-owned real property up to 0.5 acre for use in the pilot program; and for other purposes. **(Pitts/BOC) (APPROVED)**

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

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

**Absent:** Hausmann

**22-0546 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution authorizing the donation of \$500,000.00 to Atlanta Technical College ("ATC") in support of ATC's expansion of its Commercial Driver's License Program (the "Program") in Fulton County, Georgia to enhance economic opportunities for the citizens of Fulton County, Georgia; directing the County Manager and County Attorney to negotiate an intergovernmental agreement between Fulton County and ATC regarding the user of said funds for the program; authorizing the Fulton County Finance Department to expend such funds after the County Manager identifies the source of said funding under the approved County budget; and for other purposes. **(Pitts/Abdur-Rahman) (APPROVED)**

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

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

**Absent:** Hausmann

**22-0547 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) related to the transfer of certain County owned property to the Technical College Systems of Georgia through the State Properties Commission for the benefit of Atlanta Technical College (“ATC”) in support of ATC’s expansion of its Commercial Driver’s License Program (the “Program”) to enhance economic opportunities for the citizens of Fulton County, Georgia; authorizing the Chairman to execute the MOU and documents related to the transfer; authorizing the County Attorney to approve the MOU and related transfer documents as to form and to make changes thereto prior to execution; and for other purposes. **(Pitts) (APPROVED)**

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

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

**Absent:** Hausmann

**22-0548 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners to provide for appropriation and donation of \$300,000.00 to access Reproductive Care-Southeast Inc. (ARC), a non-profit, to support the reproductive health care Services provided by ARC; to authorize the County to enter into a Contract for Services with ARC to effectuate the donation; to authorize the Chairman to execute the Contract for Services and other related documents; to authorize the County Attorney to approve the Contract for Services as to form and make changes thereto prior to execution; and for other purposes. **(Hall) (MOTION TO APPROVE FAILED)**

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

**Yea:** Morris, Hall, and Arrington

**Nay:** Ellis

**Absent:** Hausmann

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

b. A Motion was made by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman to hold.

The motion failed for a lack of a second

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

**Health and Human Services**

**22-0549 Strategy and Performance Management**

Presentation: Health and Human Services Priority Area Report for FY2022  
**(PRESENTED)**

**COMMISSIONERS' PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**22-0503 Board of Commissioners**

Discussion: Invest Atlanta Board of Directors June 16, 2022 Meeting Summary  
**(Morris) (HELD ON 7/13/22) (DISCUSSED)**

**22-0550 Board of Commissioners**

Discussion: Inconsistencies in Implementing the Three Year Freeze on Property Assessment Notices **(Morris) (HELD)**  
**ITEM HELD AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**22-0551 Board of Commissioners**

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

**PRESENT IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING LITIGATION, REAL ESTATE AND PERSONNEL: Chairman Pitts, 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. Vice-Chairman Hausmann was absent.**

**PRESENT IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING REAL ESTATE: Chairman Pitts, Commissioners: Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington and Abdur-Rahman; County Manager Dick Anderson; County Attorney Y. Soo Jo; Deputy Chief Operating Officer Alton Adams; and Clerk to the Commission Tonya R. Grier. Vice-Chairman Hausmann was absent.**

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

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

**Absent:** Hausmann

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to approve the request for representation in item #1 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** Hausmann

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Arrington, to approve the request for representation in item #3 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**Absent:** Hausmann

**Abstain:** Pitts

d. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to approve the request for representation in item #2 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** Hausmann

e. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to approve the request for representation in item #4A and 4B as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** Hausmann

**Abstain:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

f. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to approve the settlement authority in item #5 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** Hausmann

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.



FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 3, 2022  
10:00 A.M.

Alexander Solutions, LLC

**(Where upon the meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.)**

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Good morning, everyone and welcome to the Regular Meeting of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. It is 10:04 a.m. Madam Clerk, please call the roll."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Chairman Robb Pitts."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Present."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Vice Chairman Liz Hausmann. 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.)

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**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you. Madam Clerk."

**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 2, Consent Agenda, **22-0510**, Adoption of the Consent Agenda - All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the County Commission and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion will take place on these items. If discussion of any Consent Agenda item is desired, the item will be moved to the Regular Meeting Agenda for separate consideration."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Any items on the Consent Agenda? All right. Motion to adopt is by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Please vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "On the bottom of page 4, Regular Meeting Agenda, **22-0522**, Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have some amendments to today's Regular Meeting Agenda. On page 7, an item to be moved to the August 17th Recess Meeting, 22-0537, Strategy and Performance Management. Request approval of a Memorandum of Understanding for a countywide customer service survey. This item will be moved to the Recess Meeting August 17th. Also, on page 5, 22-0524, we're removing a proclamation for a later date. The proclamation recognizing Atlanta Public Schools 150th Anniversary Appreciation Day sponsored by Commissioner Hall."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Any other items? Anything Commissioners?"

**COMMISSIONERS:** (No response.)

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. I'll entertain a motion to approve as amended. Motion to approve by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Please vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**22-0523**, Ratification of minutes. Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, July 13th. Regular Meeting Minutes, July 13th, and Special Call Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, July 15th, 2022."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "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; five yeas, zero nays."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "Page 5, **22-0524**, Presentation of proclamations and certificates. The first proclamation is recognizing 'Atlanta Fire Rescue Memorial Appreciation Day' sponsored by Commissioner Hall."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "It's 10:09."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Good morning and welcome Atlanta Fire Rescue. It is an honor to present you with this proclamation. And it was an honor to attend your Memorial Service just recognizing all the late great firefighters who have served over the years. That was an awesome event. Thank you, Ms. Nash, you're always so

inclusive. And the proclamation reads: WHEREAS, the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department was established on February 2nd, 1848, when the Atlanta City Council formed a committee to investigate a fire problem in the New Town; and one-week later residents were ordered to have fire buckets in their homes. And WHEREAS, Atlanta Firefighters have battled several major fires over the years that led to significant changes in fire safety codes which have enhanced fire safety in the United States and throughout the world. And WHEREAS, Firefighters are highly trained and dedicated individuals, who demonstrate an extraordinary caliber of character and courage in the face of danger without the exception of recognition or applause. And WHEREAS, these brave men and women routinely risk their own lives in unpredictable and volatile situations, to ensure the safety of their communities and fellow citizens. And WHEREAS, Firefighters are the true first responders, and exemplify the most time-honored American ideals of public service and sacrifice protecting their fellow citizens from physical harm and tragedy. And WHEREAS, those Firefighters who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty, their last alarm will always be remembered for selfless giving their lives for the good of their fellow man. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes the Fallen Firefighters of Atlanta's Fire Rescue on the occasion of their 75th Memorial. And DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM Thursday, June 9th, 2022 as 'Atlanta Fire Rescue Memorial Appreciation Day 75th Anniversary' in Fulton County, Georgia. And that goes to show you how long it has taken us to come back around but thank you."

**RECIPIENT:** "Thank you, thank you. Thank you for that. On behalf of Mayor Andre Dickens, Fire Chief Rodrick Smith, who couldn't be here with us today; and the men and women of the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department, we greatly appreciate this proclamation. Since its inception as a volunteer fire department in 1848, and its paid Fire Department in 1882, we've lost 57 members in the line of duty protecting the citizens and visitors of this City. We greatly appreciate it and thank you for that. That's it."

**CLERK GRIER:** "The next proclamation is recognizing 'ARTiculate Appreciation Day' sponsored by Commissioners Hall, Pitts, Ellis, and Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Is ARTiculate here? Hello. Come on down. How are you? Good to see you again. It was a pleasure to attend your ARTiculate ATL artists showing. It was some of the best art from local artists. I hope everyone will become more involved and really take a look at some of the things that artists are doing around Atlanta. And the proclamation reads: WHEREAS, ARTiculate ATL was founded by Brandon Ball and Esohe Galbreath, George Galbreath, and Courtney Ware Lett in 2012. And provides local emerging visual artists a professional environment to show and sell their artwork. And WHEREAS, ARTiculate ATL connects artists to artists, and artist to collector, creating a network that spurs creativity, expands their vision, and strengthens the Atlanta arts community. And WHEREAS, for a decade, ARTiculate ATL

has combined the visual arts including painting, photography, graphic design, three D sculpture, fashion, graffiti installation, mixed-media, and body painting, and an eclectic mix of contemporary music to bring art and culture enthusiasts together to celebrate modern art in all forms. And WHEREAS, over the past nine years, artists have sold over \$200,000 dollars in artwork and kept 100 percent of their sales. And the Summer Art Show is one of Atlanta's biggest cultural events; and benefits local emerging artists and arts programming in Atlanta. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes ARTiculate ATL for their cultural contribution to the Arts community in Atlanta and Fulton County. And DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM July 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as 'ARTiculate ATL Appreciation Day' in Fulton County, Georgia."

**RECIPIENT:** "Thank you very much to the Commissioners for recognizing and appreciating the work that ARTiculate ATL has been doing for the past ten years. For our tenth anniversary celebration, we featured 50 artists and the artist's sold about \$75,000 of work over the two evenings and kept 100 percent of the proceeds. So, we're very thankful for the support that we received from Fulton County Arts and Culture to be able to do the things that we've been doing for the past ten years. And thank you to Team Hall and everyone who was able to come out on Friday night and enjoy the festivities. We appreciate it."

**CLERK GRIER:** "The next proclamation is recognizing 'Showability Appreciation Day' sponsored by Commissioners Hall, Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, and Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "All right. Showability come on down. Hello, Showability board members. Hello, hello. So just a little history on Showability. They were known as 'Able To' before becoming Showability. And for those of you who know 'Able To' you know that they have always fought for the rights of those in the Artist Community who need to have access not only to the productions, but the artists who contribute to those productions. And Myrna Clayton has always been instrumental in making sure that Fulton County has everything readily available for those who are disabled. And she was very instrumental in ensuring that our theater in Central Library had the right type of stage, and greenroom, and everything for those artists that might be wheelchair-bound. So, we appreciate you, Myrna Clayton. WHEREAS, Showability is an Atlanta-based nonprofit organization that assists performing artists across the disability spectrum in sharing their talents and achieving their dreams unencumbered by policies, systems, and resource constraints, and mindsets that limit their potential. And WHEREAS, Showability creates accessible opportunities in the entertainment industry; including music, film, and television that empowers performing artists across the disability spectrum to share their talents within the disability community and the wider world. And WHEREAS, Showability founder and Executive Director, Myrna Clayton believes that everybody deserves a stage and the NorthStar for the organization is to be to the arts

and entertainment industry what the Paralympics and Special Olympics are for the sports industry showcasing talented people with disabilities. And WHEREAS, Showability is working to generate awareness and make significant impact in areas of accessibility, an opportunity within the entertainment industry for performing artists with disabilities. And WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act turns 32 on July 26, 2022, which is a significant day to the organization. And will celebrate with a special ADA 30+2 concert that will feature an inclusive course at the Best Academy Theater. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Showability for its commitment to representing excellence, equality, and inclusion for citizens with disabilities in the entertainment industry. And DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM Tuesday July 26, 2022, as 'Showability Appreciation Day' in Fulton, County Georgia."

**MYRNA CLAYTON, RECIPIENT:** "Thank you so very much, Commissioner Hall. We appreciate you so much. And Commissioners, thank you. Thank you all so very much. You guys may not realize but the disability community is the largest minority population in the country. And the only one that anyone can join at any time. The reality of that is too often we think about the disability community by what they cannot do, as opposed to all that they can do. And so, for us, it is true, everyone deserves a stage. And so, we applaud Fulton County. We want to acknowledge that Fulton County is the only County in the State of Georgia that has an ADA Coordinator. Fulton County is the only County in the State of Georgia that has a Commission on Disability Affairs. And so, you guys are already leading the state and probably the country, but I don't know that for fact. But you're certainly leading the state. And it's so much more because again, it's the largest minority population in the country. Over 26 percent of the US population have a disability that's either born or acquired; visible or invisible. And so, we represent, and we respect them. Thank you so very much for giving us an opportunity to showcase the talents and abilities of performing artists on the disability spectrum. Thank you."

**CLERK GRIER:** "The next proclamation is recognizing 'Fulton County Sheriff's Office and Marshal's Department Appreciation Day' sponsored by Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yeah, come on down. Welcome. Welcome. Welcome. Welcome. Good morning. Sheriff. Sheriff's and Marshal's. All right. Always a honor to be with our Marshal and Sheriff's Department. This proclamation reads as follows: WHEREAS, Fulton County Deputy Sheriff Esfondia Bachdiah Viper unit, Deputy Marshal Love Dean, Deputy Sheriff Jennifer Gilbert, Deputy Sheriff Charles Green, Deputy Sheriff Lieutenant Sherita Maddox, Deputy Sheriff Kevin Pace, and Deputy Sheriff Captain Sable Clark Kendall, are well-trained law enforcement professionals who are dedicated to maintaining public safety and the preservation of life with compassion and intelligence. And WHEREAS, on Friday, May 13th, 2022, Deputy Marshal Love Dean was alerted to a 73-year-old man who collapsed outside of 136

Pryor Street and found him cold to the touch and turning blue. And WHEREAS, Deputy Marshal Dean called for backup and Deputy Sheriff Bachdiah responded and began administering CPR while Lieutenant Maddox counted the chest compressions and Deputy Sheriff Jennifer Gilbert retrieved an automatic external defibrillator which she used to shock the patient's chest. And WHEREAS, paramedic Deputy Sheriff Green and emergency medical technician intermediate Deputy Sheriff Pace assessed the situation and continued lifesaving measures and advised the incident commander Captain Clark Kendall. At WHEREAS the Deputy detected a pulse and observed the patient's eyes opening and his chest rise and fall repeatedly upon the arrival of EMS personnel from Grady hospital, who transferred the patient for further treatment. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County commends these Fulton County marshals and deputies for their dedication and excellence in public safety, applauds their heroic actions and bravery in saving the life of a Fulton County citizen and DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM Wednesday, August 3rd, 2022, as Fulton County Sheriff's Office and Fulton County Marshals Department Appreciation Day in Fulton County Georgia. Let's give them a round of applause."

**PATRICK LABAT, SHERIFF, FULTON COUNTY:** "I'll be brief. First of all, do me a quick favor and give these women and men another round of applause, please. I start and stop in the same place and that's by saying thank you. Thank you for allowing us to serve, but every day, every day these women and men go out to protect our community. Whether it be the Marshal's office or the department or whether it be the Sheriff's Office, we have really joined forces to really protect and serve. And so, thank you for the honor of doing so and I don't know if anybody from the Marshal's office – Cap - to that extent, but again thank you all and I'll follow orders. So, I know Chairman Pitts wants me to get out of the way."

**CLERK GRIER:** "The last proclamation is recognizing 'Fulton County Sheriff's Office and the Solicitor General's Office Appreciation Day' sponsored by Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "All right. The proclamation read as follows: WHEREAS, Fulton County Deputy Sheriff Nicholas Reynolds, Sergeant Tamara Lee, Deputy Kelsey Avilla, and Captain Sable Clark Kendall, are well-trained law enforcement professionals who are dedicated to maintaining public safety and the preservation of life with compassion and intelligence. And WHEREAS on Thursday June 30th, 2022, Deputy Nicholas Reynolds was alerted that a woman who was on the roof of the Justice Center Tower was on the roof of the Justice Center and Tower and immediately went to the scene as the crisis negotiator to make contact with the woman. And WHEREAS caused Sergeant Tamara Lee and Deputy Kelsey Avilla also responded to assist in peacefully resolving the rescue. And chief investigator Francesca Baz from the Fulton County solicitor's office answered the call for help as an interpreter to bridge the language barrier. And WHEREAS, deputies responded with

care and compassion providing the woman with support by calming her as they risked their own safety to ensure hers. And WHEREAS, Deputy Nicholas Reynolds utilized his training as a crisis negotiator to bring the woman from the edge of the rooftop to safety and ensured she received medical care. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes the Fulton County Sheriff's deputies and the interpreter from the solicitor general's office for their heroism and bravery in saving the life of a citizen. And DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM Wednesday August 3rd, 2022, as Fulton County Sheriff's Department and Solicitor's Office Appreciation Day in Fulton County Georgia. Let's give them a big round of applause."

**PATRICK LABAT, SHERIFF, FULTON COUNTY:** "I'll be quick. And Reynolds is hiding back in here. If you did see the news coverage, he was the one that was half naked on the roof where he reached across and grabbed the young lady. Again, you can't ask a person when they get out of bed in the morning to do this, right? It's instinct. And what you see before you is not just new uniforms -- what you see before you is a new dedication to our community. And in that space, these things happen. And when Captain Clark Kendall – when she took control of the scene, it was one that would make anybody in this room proud. And to come up on a scene where you didn't know what the next few seconds was going to hold, it really is an adrenaline rush. And to that point, right? There were teams. There were drones. We had nine new canines. Your Sheriff's office in this space is proud to serve. And I know Deputy Reynolds as quiet as he is will not get up here and say anything, but really it is an honor to serve. And thank you all. I'm going to see if I can get Kendall to say anything. Give us two seconds. Come on, somebody. Come on. He says he only talks in high-pressure situations."

**Deputy Reynolds:** "I just want to say thank you to everybody and definitely the Sheriff and the team that helped me out. Thank everybody for believing in me. I appreciate it."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** All right. All right. Madam Clerk continue."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "Continuing on page 5, Public Hearings, **22-0525**, 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 at [www.fultoncountyga.gov](http://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 will start with the speakers here in Assembly Hall. We have received four speaker cards. Will the four speakers, please come down: Councilmember Liliana Bakhtiari and Gray Herring, Maggie Goldman, and James Davenport.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “All right. It is let’s say 10:30 let’s say 10:40 you have 30 minutes for public comment and when you have 15 seconds remaining in your two minutes, I’ll say 15 seconds and that’s your key to conclude your remarks with the exception of elected officials -- current elected officials, former elected officials there is no time limit. Welcome Councilwoman.”

**COUNCILMEMBER LILIANA BAKHTIARI, ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL:** “Thank you, Chairman. Although it’s hard for a Politician to be brief, with a limited time, I’ll do my best. So good morning, everyone. I am Councilmember Liliana Bakhtiari from the Atlanta City Council. You can understand that’s why she didn’t try to pronounce my last name, but I wanted to come today to speak in favor or in support of item 22-0548. Commissioner Hall, thank you for introducing this Resolution. This Resolution would donate funding to Ark Southeast, a black led female led organization that fights for access to reproductive health care. We know currently that our six-week abortion ban named the heartbeat bill, just went into effect in Georgia. I want to point out that we also introduced the same Resolution at Atlanta city hall that had cosponsors Council members Michael Julian Bond, Mallice Moreland, Keisha Waites, Jason Winston, Ameer Pharoki, Byron Amos, Jason Dozier, Dustin Hillis, Andrea Boone, Marcy Overstreet and Antonio Lewis; and that bill passed unanimously out of City Hall and we donated the same amount of funds that you all are proposing donating here today. This effort will save lives. We know that with this abortion ban that we see on the books here at six weeks when most women do not know that they are pregnant was actually proposed based on false premises. The original author represented Beth Settler said that at six-weeks a fetus would be able to exist outside of the mother’s body and breathe and survive on its own. This is completely false. This was authored by a man that does not begin to understand what women face when it comes to reproductive health care. We are second in the country for maternal mortality. It is not safe. It is already very difficult to have a child in our state, let alone our country. This additional measure, an obstacle, will affect first and foremost communities of color and will further make difficult survival in our state and we live in a great state. But this is not what communities want. This is not what the people want. Just in fact this week Kansas a deeply red conservative state put on their ballot a measure to revoke people’s access to reproductive health care because they were so certain the public would back these abortion bans. They lost that referendum 60/40 this week. I have no doubt that if we were to do the same thing here in Georgia, that the community will come out overwhelmingly in favor of reproductive health care and access to reproductive health care and a person’s right to choose what to do with their own body. Many will tell you

that what we are doing, and proposing is not exceptionally better than it is out of line, that it's uncalled for. I would counter that by saying these unprecedented times and thousands of people will die. And most of those people will be Black men and Black women, Black and Brown migrant communities are most under resourced and overlooked communities who will suffer the most with this because we know that banning abortions does not stop abortions. It stops safe abortions. And if that's what you want to see those rates go down, put that funding to do things like family education, healthcare; anything else besides preventing a person's right to choose what to do with their own body. So, I wanted to come here and let you know that my colleagues and I fully back this. We stand in solidarity with this measure and what Fulton County Commissioners. We're so grateful that you're doing this. In fact, they all wanted to be here today, but something about their duty to their community of course. But of course, we support this measure, and we stand with you. And I know that there are many others that are trying to speak virtually right now as well, but the Reproductive Justice Coalition, my community, my constituents, everyone has called me and spoken in favor of this. I have not had a single person decent against this because we all believe that the expert should be the persons -- should be a woman's right to choose -- a person's right to choose. So, I hope you all vote in favor of this today. Thank you for having me. Thank you again Commissioner Hall for putting this forth. I hope that we all do the right thing and trust women to decide what to do with their own bodies. Thank you all."

**ANNE GRAY HERRING, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Good morning. My name is Anne Gray Herring, and I am the Policy Analyst for Common Cause Georgia. Common Cause -- Common Cause is a nonpartisan grassroots organization dedicated to upholding the core values of American democracy. We believe that government should be transparent and accountable at all levels from national to local. In May of 2021, this Body adopted a Resolution number 2021-0382 acknowledging the receipt of federal funds for Fulton County as part of the American Rescue Plan Act. This bill resulted in billions of dollars for Georgia including 206 million in federal funding for Fulton County. In the Resolution, this Commission declared a commitment to supporting minority businesses, particularly those impacted by COVID-19. The Resolution displayed a clear intent to use ARPA funds to further its goal of aiding minority businesses and entrepreneurs in Fulton County. Whether minority-owned Unity National Bank and Loyalty Trust Bank each received 5 million from the Fulton County Department of Finance. It was from the County's general fund, not the ARPA relief funds. The disbursement of resources from the general fund had consequences of concern to Common Cause Georgia and residents of Fulton County. First, the general fund is comprised of taxpayer money, so the money issued to the bank was funded by Fulton County taxpayers rather than the 206 million in available federal funds. Second, the bank is not required to track or report the use--"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "--fifteen seconds--"

**ANNE GRAY HERRING, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "--of general funds money in the manner that you would federal funds. This resulted in a lack of transparency and whether the million dollars actually serve the goal of said reporting minority businesses and the lack of accountability as to whether this Body fulfilled this Resolution. Thank you."

**MAGGIE GOLDMAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Maggie Goldman John's Creek, District 1. I have been curious what the Fulton Commission could do to help with the fact that the abortion ban bill has gone into effect in Georgia and so I am also in support of the money to ARP and I'm very interested to see how they're able to use that money to help save lives in Georgia because this is really an inappropriate bill that was passed. But I'd like to speak today -- I will not be able to stay for the whole meeting, but I will be watching the last discussion item about the inconsistencies in implementing the 3 year Freezes on property assessments. We need to talk to the chief appraiser in Dekalb and see how they have gone about interpreting the current law so that you can freeze with a 3 year freeze an appeal just for submitting it. They do not inherently require residents to go to a BOE hearing simply to get a freeze. When I was told years ago that this law was passed by lobbyists for the tax industry, it hadn't really clicked why that made sense, but requiring a resident who merely wants to freeze their assessment to follow the mail over several months to get a notice about a hearing, and then literally show up -- literally you have to walk in the door -- I do this. I literally show up at the hearing, I say I want my freeze please; they process the paperwork--"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** --fifteen seconds--"

**MAGGIE GOLDMAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "-- and that is it. They want to get paid to show up for a homeowner. That is the only reason that Bill is there so they can get paid to show up at a BOE hearing."

**JAMES DAVENPORT, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Good morning, Commission. First giving honor to God, who I oftentimes call my conductor. I don't have a Ph.D., but I do have a G-O-D. Y'all gotta excuse me. However, Chairman Pitts, I did mention to you once before there was a situation at Wheat Street Towers. Now, there is another situation that I have been informed. Wheat Street Towers has a problem. They have a sprinkler issue, and they have a window issue. When a resident overcooks and smoke fills the building, the sprinkler goes off, the water floods both buildings. It needs to be addressed. The other concern I have, where I've yet to e-mail the rest of you, but Commissioner Hall, I have sent one to you. It is my concern as I have mentioned to the Atlanta city Council that you all provide free Lyft and Uber rides to senior citizens. You now have an excellent program going on and it's to my understanding that you all have been voted to increase the fee for that. Think to yourself how much it costs to actually

provide this service. Now, we're talking about senior citizens. We're talking about people who spent their time paying taxes 30, 40, 50 years -- 30, 40, 50 years. This is a public safety issue. As I mentioned to the Atlanta city Council, it only takes one time for on a MARTA train for someone to get shot. Right after I mentioned that it happened. Don't let it happen to a senior citizen. You have the ability right now to reverse what you all have voted on. You all spent a million dollars on a feasibility study on public safety issues. I'm begging you, reverse that."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Fifteen seconds."

**JAMES DAVENPORT, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Yes, sir. I've already contacted the Atlanta city Council. They're actually looking into it. I've contacted the mayor as well as the Governor. We would really appreciate that you all rethink this. All of us have mothers, fathers, and whatever. Rethink this situation and provide free Lyft rides for senior citizens. Thank you so much."

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

**RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Good morning, Commissioners. The first person to speak is Bree Waters. Bree Waters. Okay. We'll go to the next one. The next person to speak is Lucia Frazier."

**LUCIA FRAZIER, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Good morning. Can you hear me?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes."

**LUCIA FRAZIER, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Okay. Commissioners, every time I review the annual budgets, I'm worried about our future. I don't see any initiatives to reduce spending. Right now, more than ever all residents need to see their property taxes either spent wisely or refunded. You need to hold all departments accountable to some sort of cost production metric. There should be a red flag when the department request a large budget increase from previous year and a cost reduction plan should be created. In addition, local cities and communities should retain most of the tax revenues to make local choices on expenditures. Communities know what they need, and they should make their own choices on the spending the taxes that they pay. More specifically as I've been most attentive to our registration and election processes in order to attend - in order to assess election integrity. I've identified many process changes that would decrease spending and increase integrity. This department budget at 9 million in 2012, 10 million in 2016, 18 million in 2020, and a staggering 37 million in 2022, and continues to request more money such as the 10 million for temp agencies last month. I commend the outreach group in this department for setting up poll worker outreach this year. However, there's still a disconnect between this initiative and the temp agencies

that hire for early voting. The temp agencies are not being held accountable to hire a local first, and they're not encouraging part-time workdays during early voting. Another cost-saving item is to remove the incomplete, incorrect and bogus voter registrations. The election precincts and materials are budgeted based on the number of registrations. And then, one last item I'd like to add based on earlier comments on abortion bans. It's not all of the community that doesn't support these bans, but everybody should know --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Fifteen seconds."

**LUCIA FRAZIER, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "-- that it's never been not allowed to have one just because there's a ban on the timeline. Thank you."

**RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "The next person to speak is Susan Ortiz-Villajos."

**SUSAN ORTIZ-VILLAJOS, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Can you hear me?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes".

**SUSAN ORTIZ-VILLAJOS, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Okay, my name is Susan Ortiz-Vallejos. I thought Fulton County followed the equal employment opportunity policy that there will be equal opportunity for every citizen, employee, and applicant based upon merit without regard to race, color, religion, et cetera. So why is every contract for our elections awarded to minority owned businesses? And who are the minorities in Fulton County? According to the 2020 census, Hispanics are Latinos or at 7.3 percent, Asians 7.8, White alone not Hispanic, 39 percent; Black or African-American 44.7 percent. My point is contracts should be based on merit. It seems to me; Fulton County has unethical hiring practices which go against this very policy. This is also in regards to hiring out-of-state poll workers. I worked with two young poll clerks from Alabama for the Georgia primaries, and they have no interest in our Georgia elections. At the same time, three or four local women voters who came up to me to ask how I got the job; they had applied and not heard anything. I told them they had to pursue and persist. We continue to have this problem and the fare seems to be a mere façade. Not one worker at the Alpharetta library for early voting was hired through these local fairs. Besides the Alabama workers, we had poll workers from Sandy Springs and the Howell Mill district drive all the way up to Alpharetta to work. Lastly, I wanted to repeat something from our written comments --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "--fifteen seconds--"

**SUSAN ORTIZ-VILLAJOS, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "--from the last Board of Commissioners meeting. I was unfairly demoted as an assistant poll manager based on

false accusations made against me and I'm like a voter roll challenge where the voter gets to come in and face the challenger. I have not been afforded that opportunity. Thank you."

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

**KEVIN MULDOWNEY, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Good morning. Last meeting you all approved additional money to temp agencies to run our elections. Since then since you seem to insist on going this route, we must be sure to hire local residents to administer the election process. An attempt was made to comply with this request in the primary with election fairs that were run in the cities that makeup our county. But as stated earlier, there was a disconnect. The people taking the names were not with the organizations that were doing the hiring for early voting. As a result, many applicants were never contacted by hiring temp agencies. These applicants -- the applicants that were really motivated had to keep calling those temp agencies to even get considered. And then keep after them to possibly get a position. We need to make it a priority to hire able, motivated local residents to work early as well as day of voting. We need to get personnel from these temp agencies if you insist on using them to participate in the countywide hiring fairs. I also understand that many early voting precincts were allowing workers to take days off as needed therefore it seems quite possible to do away with the stipulation of working 19 days straight and opening it up to a much more accommodating schedule for our citizens to work early voting. Thank you."

**RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "The next person to speak is Allison Coffman."

**ALLISON COFFMAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Hi, good morning. Thank you all for your time. My name is Allison Coffman. I am the Chair of the Atlanta Reproductive Justice Commission and a board member of Access Reproductive Care Southeast, which is Georgia's only abortion fund. And I'm here to speak in support of the donation to provide \$300,000 dollars to Access Reproductive Care Southeast. As councilperson Liliana Bakhtiari mentioned, this is falling on the footsteps of a recent Resolution passed by the city Council to provide similar support. This money will go directly to folks who are looking to access abortion care but struggling to cover the cost. Access Reproductive Care Southeast is based here in Atlanta. 87 percent of the callers that ARC supports are uninsured or insured through Medicaid which means that they don't have their abortion care covered. They don't have any of the cost covered the average cost of a first term trimester abortion cost is \$560 which is basically unapproachable for the average person here in Georgia. And ARC is also serving those most in need in most impacted by abortion bans. 86 percent of ARC'S callers is people of color and actually 77 percent are already parents. So, these are folks making the best decisions for themselves, but also for their existing families. This is especially important given the

fact that the HB 41 has recently gone into effect in Georgia banning abortions at the detection of fetal cardiac activity which is around six weeks. Which is way sooner than the majority of folks know --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "--fifteen seconds--"

**ALLISON COFFMAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "-- know they're pregnant, and then just on a final piece, this is especially important for those of us who decide to give birth in Georgia, this will have an impact on maternal mortality in this funding will go a long way in helping to support Georgians have access. Thank you."

**RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "The next person to speak is Matt Rowenczak."

**MATT ROWENCZAK, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Good morning, Commissioners. Three things for you this morning. Number 1, I'm really astounded by whoever came up with the idea to increase the County lost percentage from 5 percent to 35. I don't know who would have the gall to propose a seven-times increase for the county. I don't think any lines have been drawn or changed for the cities or the county. So that baffles me. That does not need to change. Number 2, why is the elections department trying to expand the number of early voting locations? Anybody that experienced early voting this year or last year knows that there were no issues with lines. Often times, it is extremely quiet, but we continue to want to expand early voting locations and increase the access and waste within the elections department. So that does not need to expand. And finally, I think it's very important that you hear a specific example of why there is a complete lack of trust with Fulton County elections. In the last regular board of elections meeting there were 37 fake addresses presented and challenged from the voter rolls on Lee Street here in Atlanta. The voter registration even confirmed with the GIS department that these addresses are not real. Yet despite this overwhelming evidence and presentation, Board member Mr. Aaron Johnson decided to vote against it. This is enabling fraud. And Mr. Johnson should be embarrassed and honestly, he violated his oath. My recommendation would be for this Board to submit a letter to the Chair --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "--fifteen seconds--"

**MATT ROWENCZAK, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "-- for his resignation. This is why Fulton County cannot get a good reputation. It's why you can't hire a director of elections because you literally have a board member who is enabling fraud. Thank you."

**RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "The next person to speak is B Rohr."

**B ROHR, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Thank you and good morning. We are on the same team here. We want Fulton County elections to be safe, fair, and transparent. That is

why we consistently bring up where there are vulnerabilities. One of these issues of course you're familiar with. We have talked about Stacey Abrams who is a candidate on the November ballot who is linked to a company Now Account Network Corporations and we've pointed out that NOW Account is linked to Happy Faces which is one of the companies that Fulton County is using to work the elections. Again, your approach is using temporary agencies to run our elections which is questionable if indeed we want to be leaders and examples of how do we have safe and fair elections. But we've got a lot of feedback about that strategy. Anyway, the fact about NOW Account being linked to Happy Faces is what we've addressed as well. We've shared it with the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Registration and Elections and yet it appears to be consistently ignored or at best totally misconstrued. The claim is not, not, not (Nods head up and down.) that Stacey Abrams is part owner of Happy Faces so please no misunderstanding there. One can see the relationship we are talking about by simply doing a UCC search on the Secretary of State website and find the link between NOW Account and Happy Faces. Since Stacey's on the ballot for November, it would be a good idea ethically and perhaps even legally for this reality to be addressed--"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "--fifteen seconds--"

**B ROHR, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "-- in the county. I am looking at a printout I did here, and it shows Happy Faces as a debtor - this is on the SOS website and the secured party is NOW Account debtors. There is definitely a financial link there. Thank you so much."

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

**BEN HOWARD, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Greetings, one and all. Ben Howard, senior advocate public policy analyst. Can you hear me?"

**RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "You're breaking up, Mr. Howard."

**BEN HOWARD, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Let me try it -- let me try that again. Greetings one and all. One stood alone. It sounds like the title of a cowboy movie, but this is actually the story of one County Commissioner who stood fast against six Commissioners who were denied additional funding for senior citizen transportation in Fulton County. One of the six who put forth the so-called friendly amendment which turned out to be not so friendly after all. The motion was to provide only half of the senior transportation funds recommended by Fulton County staff. The six nays say prevail and cut the funding in half. Seniors and friends of seniors, stay tuned."



**RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "The last person to speak is Melissa Fiorillo. Okay. So, with that said that will end the Zoom comments. [INAUDIBLE VOICE IS HEARD.] Oh, excuse me, she's back, she's on, I'm sorry. Go ahead."

**MELISSA FIORILLO, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "I wanted to voice my concerns about the suppression of public voices--"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "--would you speak up, please.-"

**MELISSA FIORILLO, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "--about our elections--"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "--excuse me, speak up."

**MELISSA FIORILLO, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Yes. I'm sorry."

**RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "She needs to speak up? Speak a little louder--"

**MELISSA FIORILLO, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "--I wanted to voice my concerns about the support suppression of public voices for the Board of Registration and Election meetings. First, they took away our right to speak at the so-called special meetings. Next somewhere along the line it was decided to not accommodate public comments via zoom like the Board of Commissioners allow. Finally, at the last BRE meeting there were some e-mailed comments read aloud during the meeting from the public, and then it was decided that they would no longer be doing that. They are forgetting that they work for us. They are public servants. We demand transparency and the right to voice our opinions in comments without suppression. I suggest that all public servants reread the Georgia open meetings act. Furthermore, the BRE is not doing their job. They certify and recertify elections without having accurate numbers. This is unbelievable. Over, and over again, we all witnessed this when we the people watch these meetings. It is an embarrassment, and something needs to be done. Thank you."

**RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "And that concludes the zoom comments. Excuse me."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Next, we will have the e-mailed comments."

**REGINA WALLER:** "We have a public comment by Susan Hubbard. I would like to give feedback on poll working. I was fortunate enough to work the May election cycle, early voting, day of and runoff. I truly believe all US citizens should get involved in elections on some level when they can. It is so important. I was happy to see the election fairs to recruit workers. It worked well for me for election day. I heard back fairly quickly, but even though we were told our info was forwarded to the temp agency for finding early voting spots, it took a lot more follow-up to get on that list. I think that

there was a gap there and I hope for this next election there is more communication between the elections department and the temp agency to fill that gap or disconnect. During my time poll working, I had a surprising number of people ask me how I got the job. They said they signed up online or at the fairs. They said they never heard back from anyone. I have already been contacted for the next election since I am now on the list which is great. There was a rush to find more people for the runoffs and I kept thinking of all the people I had met before that wanted to work. I hope they get the chance. Residents Paul Daiber and Sandra Burchardt have similar comments. And that concludes our public comments for the day."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "Continuing on page 5, under Public Hearings, **22-0526**, Finance Fiscal Year 2022. General Fund millage rate public hearing. We have received one speaker cards here in Assembly Hall, Maggie Goldman."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Let me open the public hearing for the general fund millage rate. Public hearing one speaker in the assembly Hall. Public hearing is now open. Ms. Goldman."

**MAGGIE GOLDMAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Hi, Maggie Goldman, John's Creek, District 1. So, when I had initially been confused about the budget that you approved towards the end of the year being related to the prior millage rate that you passed, apparently I was incorrect. So, Bob Ellis isn't here to hear me say that, but I'm still confused that you pass a budget in January with a presumed millage rate, then in August, you determine the millage rate and you potentially what rollback some of your budget? I mean, now, I'm thinking we should do them at the same time ideally. You should somehow do the budget and the millage rate at the same time and not one before or one after because it would make sense. Now, I mean people want to roll back the millage rate, but it's like well you just passed a budget with more. So, what do you want to cut now? Wouldn't it have made sense -- I don't know to have made a budget with rollback incorporated -- I'm just very confused and I think it's difficult for me to even explain to constituents, to other residents like how they should decide what they want to recommend to you. If I literally tell my friends and my neighbors, hey, you should tell me whether you want with this millage rate or another millage rate and they can't even understand the budget, you know, there are very comprehensive budget documents; but they're not easy to understand. The budget book is like 400 pages not entirely detailed. There is a nice little platform on the website but there is just not a simple way of presenting the budget so that residents can actually make an informed decision about how the millage rate should go. They are just probably emotionally deciding --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "--fifteen seconds--"

**MAGGIE GOLDMAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "-- based on the millage rate itself and not able to comprehensibly understand the budget. I would really appreciate a easy-to-understand description of the budget and then have you do the budget and the millage rate at the same time in the future. Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Anyone else in the assembly Hall to speak on the general fund millage rate?"

**AUDIENCE:** (No response.)

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Anyone else?"

**AUDIENCE:** (No response.)

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. That will -- are we taking anyone from the Zoom -- all right. So, that will conclude the public hearing. Next item."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "County Manager's Items under Open and Responsible Government --"

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "-- I'm sorry. I wanted to be recognized. I'm sorry, Mr. Chair. Since we have the Councilmember from the City of Atlanta here representing the Full City Council and waiting on item 22-0548. Can we move that up before the COVID presentation and go ahead and get it over with? Go ahead and vote for it."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Is that a motion?"

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes, sir."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Is there a second, Mr. Arrington?"

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "I seconded it."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Motion before us is to amend the Agenda to move that particular item up this time. All right. Let's vote."

**CLERK GRIER:** "You want me to sound it?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "What?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "Do you want me to sound the item?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Sound it."

**CLERK GRIER:** "**22-0548**, on page 10. Request approval of a Resolution to provide for appropriation a donation of \$300,000 dollars to Access Reproductive Care Southeast Inc., a nonprofit to support reproductive health care services sponsored by Commissioner Hall."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. The motion on the floor is to amend the Agenda to move that item up to be heard at this time preceding the presentation of the COVID-19 report. Properly moved and seconded motion to approve to amend rather by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Let's vote, please. It's to amend the Agenda only."

**CLERK GRIER:** "To amend the Agenda. And the motion passes; four yeas, zero nays."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. It's before us. Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "I think that Councilmember Bakhtiari spoke very well about this. And as a Christian elected official I believe in life, but I also believe that everyone has a right to make decisions about their own bodies. And I want to just quote one of the late great young poet who unfortunately died very young at the hand of gun violence -- the same gun violence that we see today, Tupac Shakur. And he said 'the sense a man can't make one he has no right to tell a woman when and where to create one. And that is so true. Every person has a right to make decisions about their own body, and that's what this Resolution is all about. Nothing other than that. And to assist those who do not have the funding to take care of their reproductive health. Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Thank you, Chairman. I believe that every woman should have the right to choose. But I also believe that we should have additional services if we're going to fund individuals for reproductive health, we need to fund housing, we need to fund education, we need to fund services so we can do something about our homeless population. My question about this -- not that I do not support it, I support it -- but I want to know where the money is coming from. Can anybody answer that question upon approval where will this money come from."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Commissioner, if the Board approves it, because we've exhausted our budget soundings for the year, we would have to bring back a recommendation as part of the midyear review for the funding source."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Now, here again, we've had different situations to come before us. And situations will come before us again. We did not have mortgage assistance, when we know clearly Fulton County needed to do something about mortgage assistance. We have the safe program which has helped thousands of Fulton County applicants -- keep them from going homeless. And now it's getting ready to end in September. We're telling them it's nothing that we can do. Go to the state. I know it may be unpopular, but the voters didn't send me here to be popular. They sent me here to do the will of the people. Where will we get the money? I believe in a woman's right to choose, so please know that this is not to support that -- in opposition to that. I believe the only people involved in the discussion is a woman and her physician when it comes to abortion. However, we come here monthly and talk about Fulton County taxpayer's dollars. We come here monthly and turn down issues of substance because we don't have the funding. I really want to know where is the funding coming from before I can support this. I will support it, but I have to be accountable to not only that woman who needs reproductive rights; I have to be accountable to that homeless person that's laying in the doorway as I come in to work. I have to be accountable to that latch-key kid that's needing afterschool services. I have to be accountable to that senior who needs transportation. I have to be accountable to that nonprofit that needs funding. I have to be accountable to that minority business that needs to keep its doors open. I have to be accountable to that Fulton County taxpayer. I can support this, but I need more information, and I need to understand how we're going to fund it. Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Let's just be clear about what reproductive health care involves. It includes hormonal methods like birth control pills and vaginal rings. Implanted devices like intrauterine devices, IUDs, emergency contraception, barrier methods, patient education and counseling, and sterilization procedures, HIV screening and STD counseling, well woman visits to screen health at any time including Pap smears, breast exams, and regular checkups, counseling and screening services, breast and cervical cancer screenings, prenatal care which is care you would receive while pregnant, breast-feeding services and supplies, interpersonal violence screening and counseling, an example sexual assault evidence collection exams. These other things that reproductive health services cover that we need to ensure that women have access to who may not very well have the funding or the healthcare coverage to do so and that is what this Resolution is about. And if we're talking about funding, let's just take a look at the Agenda for today. There's a lot of funding that will need to be identified for upcoming items on this Agenda that we will have to vote on. For example: item number 22-0545 \$1 million in ARPA funds to implement a pilot program to develop and construct a community of tiny homes."

\$500,000 dollars to Atlanta Technical College to negotiate Intergovernmental Agreement between Fulton County and Atlanta Technical College for a training program, a commercial driver's license program. ARPA funds can be used as well for this particular Resolution, but as the late great County Commissioner Emma I. Darnell would say 'all the time at these meetings we have a Chief Financial Officer, Sharon Whitmore who has been with us for decades. And she has been with us doing her job and her job is to find the money and she has always done that very well. We've had no problem over the years of her being able to find the funds to fund anything. Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Arrington."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "I'm happy to support this Resolution. In relation to funding, we typically have millions of dollars a year in underruns. So, I don't think funding will be an issue or should be an issue. I would like to know though, Mr. Manager and Sharon, when do we anticipate midyear review?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "We're planning for that at the next meeting Commissioner Arrington."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Am I next?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I'm sorry. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "That's, okay, Chairman. I admit once again let me be crystal clear. I am in support of this, but I would like to know the funding. I'd like to make a substitute motion to hold this until the County manager or the CFO identifies the funding source at which time, I will support it."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Substitute motion by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman to hold. Is there a second? Is there a second? All right. Motion dies for lack of a second. Commissioner you still have the floor."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "I'm sorry, Chairman. That's fine. I'm finished."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yeah, just a couple of thoughts and comments. I guess - - I'm a little confused about the language. We've talked about donations for charitable purposes, but it's clearly contemplating contract for services and then it talks about approving the appropriation and donation. I really see this -- and I can be supportive of this, but I really do see it as something that needs to be couched more in the concept of

the contract for services. And I guess all of that money is gone even the additional money we approved early this year for contracts for services I guess all of that is earmarked is it? Am I correct in that?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Yes, sir."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yeah. And I think we typically had a hundred-thousand-dollar cap on those contracts for services."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Yes, sir. Yes, that's correct."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "I mean, I don't see this is really as a donation as much as this is a public health matter and the County does have the duty to do public health. I've been over the years supporters of Planned Parenthood and the feminist's women 's Health Center and I know there are other organizations. I'm not familiar with this one. Are we going to be looking at some of these others as well? Are we opening the door here a little bit on this or do you think this is it, Commissioner Hall?"

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Commissioner Morris, this is what was brought to me by Councilmembers Liliana Bakhtiari, at-large Councilmember Michael Julian Bond, at-large city Councilmember Matt Westmoreland, at-large city Councilmember Keisha Sean Waites, Councilmember Jason Winston, Councilmember Amir Farokhi, Councilmember Byron Amos, Councilmember Jason Dozier, Councilmember Dustin Hillis, Councilmember Andrea Boone, Councilmember Marcy Collier Overstreet, and Councilmember Antonio Louis and this was passed at the city unanimously by their full board. So, this is an organization that has been vetted by the city of Atlanta that has been approved and supported by the residents; and being that my district is unique because it's entirely inside of the city of Atlanta, this is something that received overwhelming support by the residents, by the full Atlanta city Council, and the mayor. And so, I think that ARC, which is Access Reproductive Care Southeast has been pretty well vetted for the services that they provide to the community. Excuse me."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Thank you. I'll ask the County Attorney are you comfortable with this language about donations and so on?"

**Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "We view this as a Resolution for a donation rather than contract for services."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "I'm sorry, you need to speak up a little bit."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Speak up, Madam County Attorney."

**Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** “We have reviewed this and view this as a Resolution for a donation rather than as a contract for services; and I’ve analyzed it in that context.”

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "And you're comfortable with us making a donation?"

**Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** “If it is a donation for services for purely charitable purposes that are within the confines of the law, yes.”

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** “Okay. That's a new one for me in my seven and a half years here, but, okay. All right. Well, again, I view it as a public health issue and I'm supportive of it in that context site. I'm not sure I'm totally comfortable with it being a donation, but I'll yield to the County Attorney on that -- on that score.”

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** “Did you want the County attorney to amend the language because it was the County Attorney who wrote it.”

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** “Well, if she's happy with it I'm not going to play lawyer here and back and forth on it.”

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** “All right.”

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** “I guess my last question is I assumed this organization provide services throughout the County; not just within the city of Atlanta inside the county.”

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** “Councilmember Bakhtiari, will you come up since the city of Atlanta Council members and the Mayor are familiar with this organization; if you could come up and speak to that and answer that for Commissioner Morris.”

**COUNCILMEMBER LILIANA BAKHTIARI, ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL:** “Yes, happy to. Morning Commissioner. If it is still morning, I’ve lost all track of time. So, ARC Southeast is actually one of the only organizations that does the work that it does. Feminist [is great and everything else that they’re unable to continue doing this work because of the ban. So, ARC Southeast services everywhere as they say throughout the Southeast region so they just wouldn’t be doing the city of Atlanta and is also an extremely renowned organization that works with every single institution that you named. Yeah.”

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** “Thank you.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “Commissioner Arrington.”

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "I guess I was going to just ask if it's matching funds, the same amount from the city?"



**COMMISSIONER HALL:** “Yes, it’s the same amount that the city is contributing.”

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** “So, I would just say you know I have already made the motion to approve it if you want to second it. I’m certainly sensitive to Commissioner Morris’ concerns. So, I guess my motion would be to approve and to have the County Attorney review for whatever necessary language is making sure we’re complying with the law.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “All right. Anyone else? All right. The motion is to -- I’m sorry, Commissioner Ellis.”

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** “I just want to clarify that and so this is not a competitively procured contract, correct?”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “That is correct.”

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** “No, it is not.”

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** “Nor has it been vetted in that sense – just like we have our other services that we do provide through public health and other or competitively procured and follow our rules; this - any decision here would be outside of kind of our traditional route. This would be a donation. So, I just wanted to clarify that. Okay. Thanks.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “All right. Anyone else? Cast your vote. The motion on the floor is to approve.”

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “Next item.”

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**CLERK GRIER:** “Back on page 5 at the bottom, County Manager’s items under Open and Responsible Government, **22-0527** - Presentation of COVID-19 operational response update.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “Mr. Manager.”

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Commissioner’s. We have an interesting report this morning I think due to the trends. So, we’ll spend a little bit of time on those and give you some highlights up front. The daily cases are now up to 330; that’s a 28 percent increase. Positivity rate at 19.2 percent, also a very significantly higher number. And our wastewater projections have

cases at 2300 per day estimated. So, there's really little doubt on the new surge. I want to give kudos to David Clark, team, more specific Patrick Persons and Justice team Janet Waller for the great press coverage that we had last week on our new wastewater surveillance program. Primary concern is of course with the unvaccinated we have 330 in the hospital now the death rate is increasing although still below two per day. All this adds up which you'll see when Doug Schuster covers our report that this is the worst level per CDC for risk as well as transmission. So, it's a dramatic increase and particularly when you look at the case projection chart that's in your material. We've also included a monkeypox summary, and with Fulton County having the majority of these cases, in fact 300 out of 351 that's very significant, and one that does represent the need to both educate as well as vaccinate. We are seeing increased cases in our employees up to 75 in this reporting period. We also have two cases of monkeypox within our employee base. So, our messaging will be more targeted emphasis on vaccination availability and the benefits through digital media predominately and we still have multiple vaccination sites as well as good events that continue with APS and Fulton County schools. For internal purposes, I just want to bring to your attention the Tax Commissioner's office will require the public to wear a mask upon entering which is consistent with what we do in our courts, have continued to do in our courts. We would also expand mask requirements to our senior centers, not just senior day. All of this in the vein of attempting to keep up the public and employees safe in this most recent surge. It does create some inconsistencies in terms of the citizen experiencing or attempting to act and adjust as we see these trends, but still appreciate the greater societal considerations among our populous. ERAP and ORCA continue to be our two primary programs. You'll see information on both of them today in your deck and we'll spend a little bit of time specifically on ORCA. ERAP applications we'll see soon in the anticipation of the funding being fully expended. We will however try to make a seamless transition to the state for distribution. We appreciate Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, you bringing up some of that this last week in terms of work with the courts; and we'll continue to do that. ORCA remains ahead of plans but is slowing. You'll see that in our information; so, we continue to monitor that progress on backlog reduction. We will present the ORCA communications plan, Mr. Chairman, you asked for that that would be presented today to draw attention to this important area. We will also present the Health and Human Services strategic area report as well as the HUD annual plan. So, there will be a lot of information presented today that's looking ahead as opposed to looking backward. And again, I thank Commissioners Ellis and Abdur-Rahman for their help in being the Board liaisons for this important area. The COVID financials remain unchanged. We do plan to support Grady as we receive FEMA reimbursements based on your decisions and we'll consider any other allocations based on BOC Resolutions. Kind of under the preview of coming attractions we've already mentioned that we'll have a full review of not only midyear outlook, but also multiyear projections. One of the

things that we've been working on diligently is as we prepare for and are engaged in the lost discussions, but also for our own financial planning purposes getting a handle on what the multiyear implications of some of the bigger issues that we confront would be for our financials. So, we'll share that with you as you consider the millage rate decision. And we'll ask Sharon to get you that information in advance of that important discussion. As well the last thing I just mentioned is several of us toured the Election central/warehouse location this last week. It's really coming together and will be a phenomenal asset for Fulton County in terms of our operational capabilities, but most specifically the benefit to Elections. And we're also prepared after a review yesterday to bring forward our plans for -- not only pandemic proofing which was an early term that we used when considering reconfiguration of our existing workspace; we're really reimagining that workspace with a lot of benefits that you'll see in terms of how the citizens will interact with us as well as how employees will be enabled to work remotely as well as being a modern space. So, we're prepared to do that in the next meeting or so. So again, with that, Mr. Chairman, Doug Schuster -- Matt is out today. He's actually prepared to highlight a few of these trend items. I hope we can spend a little bit of time on them due to their significant change. So, Doug is remote. If you'll take over."

**DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI:** "Thank you, Commissioners. Thank you. Next slide, please. So, in the process of giving the most current best information out there - there's some things that we believe are very interesting. All of our current track metrics are in the red category which is our highest category. Our current reported seven-day average cases is 330; which is up from the last Board of Commissioners meeting. Our positivity rate is at 19.2 which is very high for the life of the pandemic. And based on historical data with percent positives and our new wastewater analysis, from going back as far as omicron comparison, we're assuming that underreporting of cases is approximately seven times more than our reported case number, which make our daily seven-day average 23,010 which that number will be an all-time high for Fulton County. So, there's a lot of transmission out there now with the new variances they surge. An important fact is still to this day vaccines -- unvaccinated people account for 92 percent of hospitalizations, and 92 percent of the continuing deaths in Fulton County. As the variants progress, there are less effective against catching the virus, but still very effective from three things: severe consequence of hospitalization and death, and also symptoms of long-term COVID. So, vaccines are still our best tool to fight what's going on. A few things - other things I want to highlight here is we're at the highest level on the two things that the CDC tracks which is the risks to our health system, we're in the orange category for the third consecutive week which is the highest. And the community spread level is red for the 14th consecutive week which just means there's a lot of COVID out there. Next slide. Want to highlight something that we're pretty proud of this late in the game is we had a huge weekend with back-to-school events with both school systems. Banneker High School vaccinated 100 individuals; North Springs High

School vaccinated 41, and the back-to-school bash for Atlanta Public Schools at the World Congress Center vaccinated 86 people. Most of these were first vaccinations, and it's the highest vaccination total since January 6 for Fulton County. So, we're pretty happy with the numbers we got there and on the right for your reference later is our updated vaccination schedule going forward. Next slide. This is the CDC risk to the healthcare system. This week all three metrics that they track went up. To be in the worst category, you have to be over 200 cases – we're at 250. You have to be over ten for hospital admissions per hundred thousand – we're at 16.21. And so, based on that data, the recommendation from CDC is stay up to date on your vaccinations, get boosted, wear face masks when indoors or in public settings or crowded outdoor spaces, avoid nonessential activities if you can especially if you have senior people at risk that you spend a lot of time with, and maximize social distancing when you can. When transmission is inside, this is always the recommendation. Get tested if you have symptoms exposed or travel interactively with other members and stay home if you're sick. We hope that that's something that everybody is doing today. Next slide. Again, the County Manager mentioned our partnership with Emory University and the wastewater program. It is really just starting and continuing to expand and providing great results for us. It's an important early warning signal and not only are we tracking all versions of COVID SARS variants, we're also tracking monkeypox which we'll talk about a little bit later. So, we're excited about that partnership and what we can do with it and be able to share data with this group. Next slide. One more slide, please. One more. This is just an example of the two maps showing the high levels of Fulton County for both risks to the health care system and the communicability on the right. Go to slide 13, please. This is really kind of a visual display of what we were talking about earlier was seven times the -- the reported case rate. We are currently at 330, but the estimated infections based our historical analysis is we're approximately 2,310 which puts us above where we were this holiday -- this past holiday season with the omicron variant. Next slide. We've got Dr. Holland from the Board of Health on the line. He can give more information here and we just tried to summarize some keys simple bits of information on monkeypox. I'll scroll down on case counts - the world is at 22,485, US 5,200, Georgia I believe is up to 370 now and the Fulton County Atlanta metro area has approximately 300 of Georgia's cases; over 90 percent. Vaccination is in short supply and our allotments are being administered by the government. We are now starting this week administrating Jynneo's vaccine which is two doses four weeks apart at the Neighborhood Union Health Clinic, Wednesdays and Thursdays from nine to three. More days may be added when our vaccine supply increases. Due to a limited supply, these vaccines will be by appointment only and either have a positive case of monkeypox or those who are at a higher risk for being exposed. Dr. Holland do you have anything to add here?"

**DR. DAVID HOLLAND, FC BOH:** "The only thing that I want to emphasize is the vaccine is in incredibly high demand and is in very, very limited supply. So, we are doing our best to make sure that it gets equitably distributed among the individuals that are most in need of it, following the CDC guidelines. I believe we're having some success with that, but it is -- if you get in any calls from constituents about how to get the vaccine or something like that, there is simply just not enough of it right now. We are releasing appointments weekly via our social media channels. And any questions about how to get tested for monkeypox or to -- how to access the vaccine should be referred to our hotline at 404-613-8150."

**DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI:** "County Manager, we're open for questions."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, on questions, Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yeah, I actually wanted to get in the queue to talk about monkeypox because I've gotten quite a few calls. Could you repeat that hotline number, for us?"

**DR. DAVID HOLLAND, FC BOH:** "Sure. 404-613-8150 and it's actually the same number that is used for COVID calls as well. So, it's just our call center number."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Thank you. Yeah, I've gotten some inquiries from constituents and one message I'll just read it's very short. Commissioner Morris, I've read for the past several weeks that monkeypox is an emerging threat to the people of Fulton County, yet our public health department does not have any information on its website about when and where to get vaccines. I assume that's old news now that there is something on the website, Dr. Holland?"

**DR. DAVID HOLLAND, FC BOH:** "That's correct."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Okay. A citizen has to follow them on social media and maybe catch the news. After COVID, one would think we could be do better. I hope you will implore the Department of Public Health to have walk-in clinic appointments, but obviously you've indicated that you can't do that because there's just not enough of the vaccines."

**DR. DAVID HOLLAND, FC BOH:** "That's correct."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** Additionally, I would encourage you to call on the CDC, Georgia Department of Public Health, US Department of Health and Human Services to do more. Thank you. So, it is increasingly of concern to folks. I also got a call from a friend yesterday to see about where to get a vaccine. And I told them I really didn't know. And he had contacted someone in Chatham County, and he drove down there to

get the vaccine there. I don't know if they have more or -- do you know if other counties are doing the same thing with walk-ins? I mean, with call-in appointments first?"

**DR. DAVID HOLLAND, FC BOH:** "Yeah. As far as I know, every health district is offering vaccine is doing by appointment only. The thing is that we have the largest number of individuals that need the vaccine. We're also getting the largest numbers of vaccines; however, when we open appointments, they just disappear within minutes. If we try to do a walk-in vaccine, we would have people lined up around the block -- blocking traffic you know every time we get it--"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "-- I understand."

**DR. DAVID HOLLAND, FC BOH:** "--there's no way to do it. The further you get out from the center of the city, so Gwinnett has the same problem. Gwinnett has been offering vaccinations, Dekalb did the same thing. But my understanding is that there is some kind of ascertain counties that have had appointments go somewhat slower, but the social media buzz on demand for vaccine is ensuring that even those appointments get sucked up. The numbers that are being given to those counties is just not -- you know, we got -- we're giving out 1400 -- well, 1200 first doses this week --"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "--1200 within a week; is that --"

**DR. DAVID HOLLAND, FC BOH:** "-- well, this week, we're giving out 1200."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Okay."

**DR. DAVID HOLLAND, FC BOH:** "And the appointments opened up last night. They were gone in less than five minutes."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Okay. Well, it sounds reminiscent of the startup of the COVID vaccinations where you have it opened up for appointments, and they fill up immediately and people get so angry because they said well, the system isn't even working. It was working but they were filling up so quickly that there just weren't any more available. I assume the country's working and companies are working on producing more, and more of these things, and maybe we'll get some more relief as time goes on?"

**DR. DAVID HOLLAND, FC BOH:** "That is correct. The vaccine that we're using called Jynneos, which is the inactive vaccine. There is a supply. It's manufactured in Denmark and the US has procured a supply; it just hasn't arrived yet. So, the amount of vaccine that we will be getting will be increasing and as we get more, we're working very hard to build a system so that we can distribute everything that we can get and get everybody vaccinated. My concern is that it's just -- that, you know -- the cases are --"

the number of people that's been infected by monkeypox is going up much faster than the vaccine is arriving. And therefore, it is very important that people learn how to protect themselves. We would have information about that on the website which is really good information put out by the CDC on how to protect yourself in social and sexual encounters.”

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** “Thank you, Dr. Holland. That's it, Mr. Chairman for me.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “All right. Other questions? Mr. Manager, would you clarify -- did I -- you were talking monkeypox too in your remarks -- I don't want to -- what did you say about within our, among our employees?”

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** “Yes, we've had a report of two cases just yesterday and if there's any - in fact it would behoove us to let Joe Davis discuss what our protocols are briefly in terms of when we do experience that, because obviously it has a high transmission rate visa vie touch. Joe, if you would, brief the Board on our plans.”

**JOSEPH DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.:** “Good morning, Commissioners. As the virus called monkeypox is considered a tier one virus which means it's an enveloped virus, it is in the same category as that other virus that causes COVID-19. As such, the EPA has and the CDC has indicated that all EPA registered disinfectants that are suitable for tier one viruses will also be suitable for disinfecting areas where there's been a suspected monkeypox exposure. As it relates to our overall protocol at this particular point, we're going to follow the same one that we use for COVID in that Departments that have a reported exposure or positive reporting to HR or to the HR office, it goes into our web AOC, a work order comes into DREAM's customer service center requesting sanitization and we will follow the exact same protocol, which is that evening our janitorial contractors will come in using one of those EPA registered disinfectants, wipe down all services that are high-frequency touch points; whether it be counters for the customers, desks, handrails, doorknobs, and things of that nature which is like I said before the exact same protocol that we're currently following for COVID exposures.”

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** “Any questions?”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “Commissioner Hall.”

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** “Thank you, Mr. Chair. So, we will be receiving a report like the COVID employee report?”

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** Yes, ma'am. I think we were all taken aback yesterday that that was the report. But we'll plan to add that given that it's

entered our own environment now. And then again with Joe's help I do think that we've got a good response mechanism and a quick response mechanism for that. But we will include it in our same reports that we provide for COVID."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "All right. And so, the protocol is what if an employee even suspects that they have monkeypox? Can you repeat what the protocol is for the employee?"

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "I think it would be the same as it is for COVID. If they have symptoms, then they need to seek medical attention to have that confirmed. If confirmed, then they do report to HR and then follow a set of protocols as it relates to isolation and the like. And then Joe's responsibility is the sanitization of the environment itself."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "So should they immediately isolate themselves?"

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "I think certainly if they have been diagnosed as having it. Now, if they have a rash, I'm not sure. I had a rash two weeks ago from poison ivy, so I don't know that they need to isolate if it's nothing more than a symptom, but certainly if confirmed, they do."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "The rash for monkeypox that I've seen is really significant. It's not just your normal rash. So, if somebody has a rash that is that severe, shouldn't they isolate and seek the -- they should isolate immediately and seek doctor's care --"

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Yes, I think so."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "-- because I wouldn't want anybody to just continue coming into work just you know waiting for their doctor's appointment and you can see that the rash might be similar to monkeypox."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "I think you raised a good point. Dr. Holland if you're hearing this discussion, let me refer to you."

**DR. DAVID HOLLAND, FC BOH:** "Yeah, I have my hand out. So, first of all, I just want to point out that monkeypox is not easy to get. There is no evidence that this is been spread you know by any sort of just casual contact. There's been no -- no transmission recorded in like -- even in like you know a clinical environment like a medical provider getting it from a patient or anything like that. It does seem to require some very, you know perhaps prolonged intimate contact in order to get. That said, in past outbreaks in Africa where this was seen previously, you know, there have been incidences where people have gotten monkeypox through like soiled bedding and everything. So, you know it is important to like sterilize the environment. It does not need to be anything fancy just as was mentioned standard disinfectants work really well. Anybody that is in



a risk group for monkeypox that has an unusual rash, should stay home and get tested. Stay home from work and then seek testing to confirm. And if confirmed, should stay isolated and there's isolation guidance that's linked on our website until the rash is crust over and starts healing. There is not a specific time course like a certain number of days or weeks you have to monitor it clinically. And this is guidance for everybody; not just employees. But you know, we've had actually good success from people following that guidance. But I do just want to circle back to this point that this is something that is circulating in certain social networks and not at present something that has been documented as being transmitted by any sort of casual contact."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Okay. You kind of, to me, contradicted yourself. You said it cannot be contracted through casual manner, but you need to sterilize behind someone who had monkeypox and may have touched or been in a specific area. To me that sounds like you still need to be very careful if you have to sterilize. And there are children who have even contracted this. California and Illinois just declared states of emergency over monkeypox, and others are following suit. I think that, you know, with that being said, that this is more serious than what we are presenting it to be today. So, I look forward to hearing more information on what we're doing to address this and to make it not only safe for our County employees, but safe our residents."

**DR. DAVID HOLLAND, FC BOH:** "And to clarify: In this outbreak there's been no documented transmission through services or from [Inaudible.]. The sterilization stuff comes from cases in Africa; some of which were actually of other strains. It's more, you know, it's been documented before in other places so we're taking extra precautions. But in this outbreak the transmission has all been skin to skin with you know pretty prolonged intimate contact."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Thank you. Any other questions? Commissioner Khadijah Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Thank you, Commissioner Hall. Dr. Holland you may have already said this, and I apologize if I have overlooked the information. At present in the state of Georgia, do we have any deaths or a number of deaths from monkeypox?"

**DR. DAVID HOLLAND, FC BOH:** "There have been no deaths in the United States from this monkeypox outbreak."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Okay. Thank you."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "All right. Anymore to report? Mr. County Manager?"

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** “No, ma'am, we have not planned on over-viewing anything further in terms of ERAP or ORCA, unless you have questions. We do have the ORCA communications plan which has been included in your deck as well. We're proud to have Jessica overview that. Again, if there are questions, but we do not have any further presentation planned.”

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** “Commissioner Ellis.”

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** “I did have some questions around the ORCA stuff. Slides that are in there. Just for reference, I do think it's an important issue that we need to keep ourselves -- keep in front of ourselves and be talking about in detail at some level at each meeting as we're doing these updates. So, I had just a handful of quick questions and just sort of things I wanted to highlight. On I believe it's slide 31 of the report where it looks at the case but disposition progress. If I read this sketch right, the progress from 7/03 through 7/31, 86, 367 to 8/4, 381 that's 1,986 cases resolved this month which is we straight lined that out. That we would end this backlog in three and a half years and a significant drop off from progress was made in the month from 6/5 to 7/3; not necessarily asking for an explanation of that. I'm just pointing out the numbers and what they are. You know our objective was to have this backlog cleared out by remind me again at the end of 2023? Okay. So, obviously at that current pace, three and a half years out is well beyond 2023. So, I think, you know that's one thing to sort of keep in front of us on page 33 if I'm reading this right, I guess in that bottom portion under criminal cases - I guess it's the light green and the light blue I guess is what would be open criminal cases? Is that correct? So, we have 68,000 between the backlog and existing we have 68,085 open criminal cases at the present point in time? Is that the fair way to interpret that? Yes? Okay. I take that as an affirmation on that. So, I think that number in particular is the number for us to zero in on. And on page 36, the detainees by judge slide. I did have a question on this. If I run those numbers across that's 1,596 detainees by judge - is that specifically for ORCA related cases or that sort of general detainees by judge?”

**ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS:** “These are general detainees.”

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** “Okay. So, if they're in our population right now is 3400? Roughly?”

**ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS:** “That's correct.”

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** “Running across here and I realize we may have some state court detainees, maybe?”

**ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS:** “You also have about a thousand individuals who are not indicted.”

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** “That was my question. What was the number of that 3400 do we know the number 3400 represents unindicted individuals?”

**ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS:** “It’s a combination of the ones that have been assigned to a judge, ones that have been indicted and you have individuals that have not been indicted yet. And then you also have -- this doesn't include certain cases that for example if someone is -- if there’s a warrant out for someone and other types of things. But for the most part, the big buckets are the individuals who have been assigned to a judge and then the individuals awaiting indictment.”

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** “Could we begin -- I mean could we get a slide or incorporated in the data is sort of the three -- two of three other data points. Number 1 is sort of a jail population you know kind of the same point in time we’re reporting this and some maybe retrospective look back on that you know kind of with some detail. You know whether that’s a month or three-month periods, whenever we have the data. Look back a year with whatever it is. So, jail population, the average length of stay, and the number of folks of the jail population that are unindicted. Can we begin to get that on a regular basis as part of this report?”

**ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS:** “Absolutely.”

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** “Okay.”

**ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS:** “I’m going to - I’d have to obviously talk to the County Attorney. I want to make sure we’re not against some litigation things that we may have an impact. But for the most part, we can gather the information.”

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** “Okay.”

**ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS:** “I would also say to your point about the slowdown in the case dispositions, I think part of that Commissioner Ellis is due to this being apparently conference season, right. So, two weeks ago, it was all the prosecutors. I think next week it’s all the judges. They go to these places because they have to use them for CPE credits and so I think this is what I think everybody goes to Jekyll Island at some point in July and August.”

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** “Well, I’ve been going to Jekyll Island, whatever I don't think our taxpayers want to hear about going to Jekyll Island when we got a --”

**ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS:** “--totally agree.”

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** “I’m not looking at what’s going on I just pointing out you know kind of the number and this pace you know slowed considerably. So --”

**ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS:** "--it has over the last - and as I said, July and August are going to be slow months and you're right."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "You said August is going to be slow, too?"

**ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS:** "Absolutely. The reality is that conferences are put on in July and August. My personal bias is I'm not sure why they don't do it like the private sector which is allow people to take these courses via the web and doing at their own timing and not have super spreader events. That's just my perspective. But at this point in time, that's how it's always done and not something that we can change."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "I appreciate what you're saying, you're just only kind of conveying something, but I mean that's a nonstarter to me to go to our public and say we have to significantly slow down the courts because we had to have people to go conferences I mean you know the world works. We all have conferences to go to, a continuing ed to meet, and all that sort of stuff. We have to figure out how to run our operations and provide services at a similar pace not have it result in a dramatic slowdown. So, you know, I hope that's not -- I hope that's not some sort of continued refrain that we hear, and we start to see some movement. But if we can get those other things, I do think they will be useful numbers for us to kind of continue to have in front of us really for -- I mean they have a lot of meaning and impact on a lot of stuff that we're trying to measure as well as you know meaningful impacts on stuff we're trying to make decisions around in terms of funding so I think that will be useful to have that."

**ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS:** "Absolutely."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. We always tell our residents to refer to the CDC as it relates to health issues. And I just happened to look at the CDC's website to see what it says about the spread of monkeypox, and I was surprised to see that it says and I'm going to read this verbatim: Monkeypox spreads in a few ways. Monkeypox can spread to anyone through close personal often skin to skin contact including direct contact with monkeypox rash, scabs, or body fluids from a person with monkeypox, touching objects, fabrics, clothing, bedding, or towels and services or surfaces that have been used by someone with monkeypox, contact with respiratory secretions this direct contact can happen during intimate contact including oral, anal, and vaginal sex or touching the genitals or anus, hugging, massage, and kissing prolonged face-to-face contact, touching fabrics and objects during sex that were used by a person with monkeypox and that have not been disinfected such as bedding, towels, fetish gear, and sex toys. A pregnant woman can spread the virus to their fetus

through the placenta. So, this says right here that you can get it from touching objects and I just want to ensure that I provide that clarification to our residents who are watching and listening.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “All right. Any other questions at this time?”

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** “Mr. Chairman, you had asked in the last meeting for us to have a crisp communications strategy around project ORCA. We have that today if you would like to review it.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “Yes, sir.”

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** “So, I'll ask Ms. Corbitt to do so.”

**JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** “Good morning, Commissioners. Please go to the slide with the communications plan. For Project ORCA. Commissioners essentially, we have identified--”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “--speak up a little bit, Ms. Corbitt.”

**JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** “Can you hear me now? I'm just going to wait a minute for them to pull up the slides. Essentially, we have identified a few opportunities to tell the story of the investment that this Board has made in the work that our justice partners are doing to reduce the accumulation of cases due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This Board approved a \$75 million dollar investment, and that leadership is to be noted. Many counties have struggled to find the resources to do this. Each of the cases that were referenced in those slides a few minutes ago represent numerous affected parties, whether it's a divorce, a small business claim, a criminal case. And so, we want to make sure the public is aware not only of the investment that you all have approved, but the work that is happening so there's trust and confidence that the system is working as it should be. We have many programs and tools to provide insight into the use of our resources, and we have many of the dashboards that you see in addition to the briefing at these meetings we have online dashboards where the public can see. I understand there is concern about some slowdown month-to-month, but there has been a huge amount of work that has occurred reducing from the original point of 149,000 cases to where we are today. And that work will continue. In addition to that, as part of the work to reduce this accumulation of cases, new tools are being introduced into the system to help it work better than it did before. And so, we will also want to highlight some of those efficiencies and innovations that are occurring. Next slide, please. So, essentially this just kind of provides a snapshot of some of our goals but really about making sure the public has insight into what is happening, how progress is being made, and also, we want to shine a light on our leadership in this area. It's also important that should not be

a one-and-done communication. This is an ongoing update that needs to happen until the last case is resolved. Next slide, please. So, we'll start at the bottom with the general public which should really be at the top. But every Fulton County resident has an interest in this. Every person who lives here on any given day may find themselves interacting with the justice system. There also as we hear from often at these meetings many advocates who are interested in the justice system specifically whether they're defending or advocating for defendants or for victims of crimes or for generally have an interest in the justice system. The legal community in Fulton County is very strong. We have many attorneys and legal professionals who interact with the system. Obviously, reporters who cover this justice system, if they are there for a high-profile case or whatever reason, we want them to also understand what's happening with the COVID-19 case reduction program. Law enforcement agencies have a stake in this. Many of the cases that they have made arrests for are working their way through the system they need to know what's happening. And then finally, elected officials, especially our state delegation has a very strong interest in the operations of our justice system, our municipal elected leaders, and some of our federal leaders as well. Next slide, please. So, this is kind of the nitty-gritty of what we are proposing. One is this set of briefings with press whether those are individual reporters editorial board meetings, things of that nature, and also monthly intermittent briefings about how, where we are working. I know we talked last time about our good friends at the AJC but there are lots of other media outlets that also cover the Fulton County justice system that have an interest in this work. We would also recommend announcements and celebrations of key milestones. We are relatively close to the halfway mark with the cases, and I think that is a great milestone for us to observe. We also have many communication channels of our own. We want to do more to push out the content that is provided at these updates. We've talked with Mr. Adams and others about making sure -- and I had this experience myself when I went back and looked at some of these slides -- as I'm listening to explanations, they make perfect sense. When I looked at them on my own, I need a little help interpreting the data. So, we want to make sure that the slides are a snapshot that anyone can understand very clearly what is the story that's happening. How many cases were resolved this month? How many more to go by agency and by judge? What is the progress that is being made? We've also had some discussion about community meetings to highlight this work and to other initiatives that this Board has funded and our justice partners have taken on that address Public Safety. There is sometimes -- I think an oversight of how much work Fulton County does to improve public safety in our community and we want the public to know that this Board has a huge interest in that and invest millions and millions of dollars every year to advance public safety in our communities. Mr. Chairman, that, I think that concludes that presentation. Next slide, please."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "That's it."

**JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** “Yes, sir.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** So, what I was looking for and asking for -- I mean, it seems like we're still what's the expression tippy-toeing around with what the real issue is here. And that is -- I mean, I know what it is; you know what it is, Mr. Adams knows what it is; my colleagues, we all know what it is - the judges know; the DA knows; the solicitor knows; we know who's working and who's not working. And I don't understand why we just won't say that and make it public and let the public make a decision. And I don't see -- this is all good what you have here; but you missed the point, I think of how are we going to let the public know? Every time there's an outcry because of an increase in crime, you'll have, and there's some comment among the public about judges not doing their jobs. Then you have a group of citizens primarily north-side citizens, women who will say we're going to monitor the judges. Well, they'll get a group together; they'll go to a courtroom, and that lasts for about a month, then it's gone. But we've got a problem here now and I just think that we got to be more aggressive in letting the public know - the broad public know who's working and who's not working. You know them by name. I know them by name. Based upon the work that Mr. Adams and his team that they've done. So, why don't we -- what I'm looking for is a way to get that to the broader public. And let the public decide and I don't see that in the work that you've done presented here today. You give a broad brush to it, but--"

**JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "-- I hear you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman for that. So, when we were reviewing some of the data that would be shared, just a few minutes ago, there were charts on the screen here that showed different rates of processing and handling cases by agency and by judge. And that would be part of the information that we've/is already shared publicly, and we would simply share that -- it's there for people to draw their own conclusions. We are -- understand -- these are complex issues, but the data is there and this is the exact same data we would be sharing. But simply making it easier for a layperson to understand what is the progress that's being made. There are some cases that are more complex than others. We understand that and I don't think any of us are trying to point fingers, but I think that the data is there for people to draw the conclusions they need to draw, and we would simply be providing that to them. And Mr. Chairman you certainly could take that information and share it in the way you see fit."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “We are pointing fingers. We've got a problem and as I understand it, and I've heard others say the magistrate judge on the magistrate court they've done a great job in getting through theirs, but then the slow down comes when it gets to the solicitor, the D.A., and the judges. I may be missing someone. But I don't know why we're hesitant about this calling it like it is. Calling balls and strikes.”

**ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS:** “If I can, I don’t know how to say this. That's not exactly accurate.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “Which part is not accurate?”

**ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS:** “It's not a solicitor issue. It's not a D.A. issue. The vast majority of judges actually show up and do a great job. Are there outliers, like there are in any role, whether it be any function including some on this side of the street, yes. And in the discussions that we had; the question was: Is calling out judges helpful? Is it going to move the needle? Is it going to change things? And classic change management or real-time change management would say absolutely not. And so, what we are trying to do is use this data to work with our agencies to see if we can help them make changes to be more productive, to have a faster throughput. We've got a number of initiatives to do that, but we provide the data and I guess what I would say in talking to Jessica, if that data is something that you want to use to call out particular judges, then that is something that obviously as elected officials you can do. It's not something that either she and certainly not me because I have to work with these folks and dare to consider them to be my clients and partners and trying to solve their issues. That's not something that I can do.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “All I'm saying is the data you’ve -- and I’ve acknowledged that you've done a great job in compiling the data for us, but we need to get it out and let the public make their own decision. They can read they can write they can see who's working and who's not working but we're still -- for some reason hesitant to do it. And I said before I don't plan to go before a judge. I’m not worried about them giving me a maximum sentence and I’m not doing anything that I know of that's gonna require me to come before them. So, I’m not afraid of that. So, if the ones who are working, we know who they are. But our audience is limited. All I’m asking for is a means, a method, and the only thing I can think of is buying an ad in the AJC and publishing it on a monthly basis and let the public draw their own conclusions. Because it's crystal clear who is and who is not. And I don't want to beat this to death. And I want to commend Commissioner Ellis for keeping this up and bringing all of this to our attention. But I think it is incumbent upon not only each of us as individuals, but upon the County and the ORCA crowd to make this known. Otherwise, it's business as usual. Why have --”

**JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** “--thank you Mr. Chairman.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “Why are we being timid about this?”

**JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** “And I'm sorry if I’m giving the impression of being timid; because I don't feel timid, but I would say that the data is there. I do agree that the public can draw their conclusions. I think in next



steps for us, we appreciate the feedback today would be to create some of the products we've recommended; some of the templates, newsletters, graphics that we can share and to bring that back and hope I think with your feedback I feel confident that we can tell the story and raise awareness of this important work."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yeah. Thank you, Chairman Pitts. I concur with many of the things that you spoke about. I do want to go -- and I think maybe refrain a few things in sort of amplifying that. You go to the front thing with your key messages on this."

**JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Can you please move this slide to the key messages slide."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "The first one of this I believe. Keep going. Keep going. "

**JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Keep going, please."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "It's page 40."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "All right."

**JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "There we go. Back."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "So, the main thing I want to communicate is I don't want us attempting to paint this that it's all right, right? And the fourth bullet point, the COVID case, COVID-19 case ID reduction project is working, that's not a statement I don't think that all of us would necessarily agree with up here."

**JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Okay."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "There are aspects of it -- you all report to us. We allocate the funding and we're looking at results, okay? And we're also, you know, there's \$350 million dollars of funding we're talking about - 288 on our annual general fund budget and 75 million additional in ORCA, okay? We've got a lot of challenges in this area over time. It's become amplified. It's been great work that's been done to put a plan together to execute around, all right? A lot of good things have happened within it, but there are leading indicators in here that suggest that there are other places where it's not working as what we intended it to do. So, this fourth bullet point down, I'm not - if this is the message coming from the Fulton County Commissioners, I'm not comfortable saying that the COVID-19 project is working; let's declare victory. I want us just to report the results."

**JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** “Okay.”

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** “That's all we have to do. Here's where we started; here's where we're at. I don't want to say we're failing, because it all may catch up. But I'm not comfortable saying, hey, high five, it's working. Because we've got a lot of leading indicators around some stuff that maybe it's not. And maybe we're going to have to make some adjustments you know. I'm not, you know, I don't know in here nor do I really have that much time and energy to kind of like – hey, I want to go put up a you know a wanted sign saying you know that judge is doing you know, he's not doing their job; and she's not doing her job; whatever that's not my intent with all of this. It's really just to highlight here's where we are collectively, right. And let's not try to paint this as put all light fuzzies and roses around this thing. Let's just put the facts out there.”

**JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** “Okay.”

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** “And then I think we are going to have to continue to sort of ask the questions around why certain things may be not moving right you know kind of and you know time is going to tell on that, right? You know, so, you know I think the best thing we can do is come up with good data, not try to over interpret it, you know for the public's benefit. And then let them arrive at their own conclusions. Let us continue to ask questions. Let those markers be out there for all of our justice partners who have to look at this and sort of do their own assessments about you know how they think their teams are doing, right? I mean, it's – we - this is all this stuff, right? It's data that we're using to sort of help us all collectively perform better, so, but I'm generally comfortable with everything else that's up here that you shared, but this fourth bullet point I'm not comfortable with the way that that's phrased in that outline . I think it needs to be repositioned.”

**JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** “--okay.”

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** “--and then I also think that we need to, you know, the criminal aspect of our courts, I mean, is crucially important and that's an area I think we need some of the better data around that one talked about and the jail population you know, unindicted cases, et cetera, and just the data out there. You know let's not over interpret it for everybody and I think that's generally what you were speaking to, Mr. Chair is not to like, hey, you know, this is all great, you know. This is just what it is, so.”

**JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** “Thank you. That is very helpful feedback.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “All right. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman.”

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** “Thank you, Chairman. With all due respect to you, Chairman and my colleagues, I think for me, and I can only speak for me, our justice partners and the purpose of this was because we were in COVID; however, COVID didn’t stop people from divorcing, COVID didn’t stop people from committing crime; COVID didn’t stop things associated with the legal system that happened on a daily basis. And so, while you’re trying to work on a backlog, you still have to go with the day-to-day business. Are there areas of improvement? Yes. I will adhere to that; however, I would be remiss if I didn’t say I think we need to be just a little bit careful in throwing our judges or what they are trying to attempt to do under the bus. There is no litmus test from one judge to another as to how quickly they dispose of cases. Depending on the seriousness and depending on several factors that will add to the length in time. One can look at this report and see that glass half-full as well as one can look and see it half empty. It’s all on interpretation. However, as a sitting Commissioner, I just want us to be clear about the fact that the judges and our entire system at one point was shut down. And at one point when it reopened and at one point when all of this was going on, this is the very first time we have been in COVID -- this is the very first time that we have had to basically rise to the occasion of making sure our legal system did not come to a complete halt while trying to deal with a backlog. So, I guess I -- part of the conversation for me and for the public is to make sure that we are realistic with our view of this report. Because we may have made differences and changes, but even though that the COVID was still in place, crime didn’t stop. Things that affected the court system didn’t stop. And so, when you continually have to deal with cases, deal with a backlog, deal with COVID, deal with funding, deal with a lot of different things, I think it would be just a tad bit unfair to unjustly throw any of the judges under the bus because of this. Now, I know there is a concern. Some judges move differently from others. I recognize that, but I don’t want to look at this report as a report to say that a judge is not doing their job. I’m sorry. I haven’t seen any data right now that shows me that. It shows me maybe areas of improvement, it shows me maybe some better communication, but it does not show that it is not working. And so, I don’t think it’s fair to give the public the view that this is not working, and we need to put a billboard up on Peachtree against the judges. I think that’s a tad bit harsh with all due respect. So, I just want us to make sure that we understand that during a backlog, you still have to process what comes in daily. And so, I just wanted to make sure that I put that out there. Thank you, Chairman.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “Other comments? I’m not sure where we are. Business as usual. Anything else on this, Mr. Manager?”

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** “No, sir, we don’t have anything else.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “Just a minute. Commissioner Hall.”

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** “Thank you, Mr. Chair. I think that we need a little bit of clarification. The court backlog didn't just happen because of COVID-19. The court backlog has been taken place years before that. There have been chief judges, and staff, district attorney, and others who even met with the late Commissioner Joan P. Garner. And then me, as a new Commissioner starting in 2018 to show me caseloads by judges, to show me calendars by judges, to show me vacations set by judges, and how those vacations conflicted with the caseloads getting done; and just so much more information that was provided that showed why there are significant issues with the court caseloads. And so, of course COVID-19 brought a lot of funding that allowed us to assist in this area of identifying additional issues as it relates to the court system and the processes and you know the jail overcrowding, and sentencing, and all the things that contribute to the issues that we are experiencing in this process. But these are not new issues that only came about because of COVID-19. These are issues that we have been discussing years before COVID-19. Thank you.”

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

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** “No, sir.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “All right. Madam Clerk.”

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**CLERK GRIER:** “On page 6--”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “--now it's 12:36 and we haven't gotten to one -- have we voted on anything yet? Other than the item that was pulled up, but the point I'm making, I want to talk about the Agenda going forward. But it's 12:36 already.”

**CLERK GRIER:** “Okay. On page 6, **22-0528**, Purchasing and Contract Compliance. Request ratification of countywide emergency procurements.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Please vote.”

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** “**22-0529**, Finance. Presentation, review, and approval of the August 3rd, 2022, budget soundings.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, second by Commissioner Morris. Commissioner Hall, you have the floor.”

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** “I have a question. In reviewing the documents that are part of this item, what I saw was it says the ending contingency balance is zero. And it doesn't show where the funding is going to come from to fund these two items which are the water sewer billing, and the attorney's budget which they absolutely need the funding for. Can you -- can you answer that question of where is the funding going to come from because I did not see it. I just saw a zero-ending contingency balance.”

**HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE:** “Good afternoon, Commissioner Hall. The funding will be coming from the first one for the \$192,000 dollars will come from water and sewer contingency fund. Not the general fund. The schedule that you're looking at is used to track general fund contingency. So, this particular item is within the water and sewer fund and that is where the funding will be coming from on that \$192,000 thousand. The other one for \$1,929,993 is within the risk management fund. So, the funding for sounded request will be coming from that fund's contingency fund which is fund 725.”

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** “All right. And what is the actual balance of the contingency fund?”

**HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE:** “Our general contingency fund for soundings is down to zero. We've used up every amount.”

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** “It is actually zero.”

**HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE:** “Yes, ma'am.”

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** “Thank you.”

**HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE:** “You're welcome.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Please vote.”

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

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**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “Commissioners, the next five are all IGA's with various cities regarding the running of their elections. If no objections, we can take all five of those together. All right just sound the caption on the 5, Madam Clerk. Madam Clerk?”

**CLERK GRIER:** “Okay, **22-0530**. Request approval of an IGA to conduct special elections for the city of Milton, city of Atlanta, city of East Point, city of Roswell, and city of Fairburn.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “All right. I'll entertain a motion to approve. Motion to approve by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Commissioner Ellis, you have the floor.”

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** “Just a quick question on all of these just for the benefit of the public since Elections is certainly a topic for conversation whenever different items come up. As I understand it, these are all IGA's where we will add on provisions that the individual cities have whether there be tax related such as exemptions or something of that nature and they will piggyback onto our election -- to the General elections, and there'll be no additional cost for them for that. Is that correct?”

**NADINE WILLIAMS, INTERIM DIRECTOR, FC BRE:** “Hello. Nadine Williams. Yes, there will be no additional cost for that. Since it's in conjunction with the statewide election, there is no cost to the municipalities.”

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** “All right. That's all I wanted to have go into the record. Thank you.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “All right. Please vote. Motion is to approve.”

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** “**22-0535**, Real Estate and Asset Management. Request approval to increase spending authority to provide plumbing supplies and related items.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Hall. Please vote.”

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** “On page 7, **22-0536**. Request approval to increase spending authority to provide lighting supplies and related items.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Commissioner Hall, you have a question?”

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** “Mr. Chair, I was just noticing that on 535 and this item 536 -- that I wanted to just ask a quick question: Is this due to supply chain issues, which are creating delays and cost increases?”

**JOSEPH DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.:** “Commissioner Hall, the issue is that the supply chain issues brought upon by the pandemic; staffing shortages have all had a

trickle-down affect sort of as it relates to individual providers cost that they have to pass onto us as their customer and that is what's causing this. So, we're seeing this across the board in all our materials and supplies. This will not be the last authority increase that we bring before you for this very reason."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "I just appreciate these weren't necessarily large items, but I do appreciate Commissioner Hall raising this and we also kind of got moved through fairly quickly at our last meeting, but we also had you know on this notion of escalated costs and that sort of stuff due to costs of materials as well as labor. We also had a significant increase in for our landscaping costs at the last meeting very significant. So, you know, I think this is -- I just only get in the queue to note this and amplify it because it is something that you know we're going to be facing in terms of the context of all of our, you know, continued discussions around spending this year as well as budgetary stuff for next year. It plays into what we would do relative to our millage rate to."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Motion before us is to approve. Please vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "Under Health and Human Services, **22-0538**, Community Development. Request approval of a Resolution to authorize the adoption and approval of the 2022 HUD Annual Action Plan."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Commissioner Hall, you have the floor."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "I just have a few questions about what is the target market that you're going to be looking at and how are the selections made for the target areas?"

**STAN WILSON, DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** "Stan Wilson, Director of Community Development. In terms of who's served by the federal dollars, those are low- and moderate-income families."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "No, this is 537, right."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "No, 537 was removed."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "I missed 537."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “Yeah, it was removed.”

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** “Oh, you removed it. That’s right; I’m sorry. Well, 538 - my question is when will the home funding RFP be released?”

**STAN WILSON, DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** “We plan to release the home RFP in September.”

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** “In September – oh, this year?”

**STAN WILSON, DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** “Yes, Commissioner.”

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** “All right, thank you.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “All right motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, there was a seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Please vote.”

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** “**22-0539**, Public Works. Request approval to increase spending authority to provide rental bypass pumping equipment.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Hall. Any questions or comments? All right. Let’s vote.”

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** “On Page 8, **22-0540**. Request approval to increase spending authority to provide on-call standby emergency construction services dealing with the repair and installation of water mains, water service lines.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, there’s a second by Commissioner Ellis. Please vote.”

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** “**22-0541**. Request approval of a guaranteed maximum price to perform all construction activities associated with the installation of two new pump stations to serve the South Fulton County area.”



**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Hall. Any questions or comments? None. Let's vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**22-0542**. Request approval of an MOU with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the milling and resurfacing project of Buffington Road."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Please vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**22-0543**. Request approval of a public-private partnership Memorandum of Understanding with the Georgia Department of Transportation for a water main and sewer relocation associated with state Route 400 express lanes improvement."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Please vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "Under Commissioners Action Items, **22-0496**. Request approval of an Ordinance to amend chapter 101 article two Division II of the Fulton County code of ordinances to prioritize public comments to Fulton County residents. Sponsored by Commissioner Arrington."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Any questions or comments? All right. Let's vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "On Page 9, **22-0544**. Request approval of a Resolution to amend Resolution 21-0277 creating and establishing the Fulton County reparations task force to modify the number of appointees allowed by each member of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “Motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Any questions? Please vote.”

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** “Yes, Mr. Chair--”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “--I’m sorry.”

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** “-- I just wanted to say that the committee has been meeting. They’ve been doing a great job. But part of the challenge has been there; not being able to get a quorum due to not having enough people so this will hopefully allow them to be able to get a quorum.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “All right. Commissioner Ellis.”

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** “I just think to me this sort of raises a bigger question when we’ve got to be attached for us or whatnot. I don’t think any of them should be meeting and doing anything unless they have a quorum from there or else you’ve got a representation of the broader public for which I was intended to you know bring to bear views on a matter. We’ve got one board; I think, the animal control board which I think they repeatedly don’t meet because they don’t have a quorum. So, I don’t see why we should have different rules for task forces or advisory boards than what we have for or anything else. I think there should be uniformity with that. So, I can’t be in support of modifying that to have that kind of provision.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “Okay. Let’s vote.”

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** “All right, I’m sorry. So, what I would say in response to that Commissioner Ellis is that I think as with any group, they are able to meet without a quorum is that they cannot take action without a quorum. And so, they have had a quorum on occasion, and they have been able to take some action. And so, the reason I’m putting this forward is so that they can take more action and have more people there. And so, I would ask everyone for their support.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “All right. Motion is to approve. Let’s vote, please.”

**CLERK GRIER:** “And the vote is open. And the motion passes; five yeas, one nay.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “Okay, just one comment here on these Boards and Boards and authority, et cetera. Commissioner Ellis mentioned the animal control that really needs to be populated. So, if you do not have someone -- if you have not appointed someone, please do so. But the other one is a what’s it called a Mental Health Board. We have about very few of us have appointments on that and the focus going forward is on mental health. So please look at that Madam Clerk you need to get that to them to let them know who needs to make appointments to that mental health board. Continue.”

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** “Mr. Chair, one point of privilege on all our boards and task forces. You know can we get a -- we should be notified or have some sort of mechanism that’s notifying the public about whether their task force or whether their aboard when they are meeting and where they are meeting. And a report back of the notes or whatever from their meetings. So, I you know, some of these things I haven't seen move on; so, I don't know whether they're meeting or not meeting.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “Good point.”

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** “Nor the public.”

**CLERK GRIER:** “Okay.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “Okay, Madam Clerk.”

**CLERK GRIER:** “Yes.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “All right. Continue, please.”

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**CLERK GRIER:** “**22-0545**. Request approval of a Resolution approving funding of not less than \$1 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds to implement a pilot program to develop and construct a community of tiny home sponsored by Chairman Pitts.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “All right. Very quickly. This is an opportunity for I think, Fulton County to lead nationally again with respect to governments being involved in. You always hear about affordable housing, but this is more -- it is affordable housing, but it’s more about homeownership. And these tiny homes are -- they’re just a thing of the future and we’re going to have to make an adjustment to that in our thinking. Quite simply, what the pilot program would consist of us building a pilot project on County owned land, about a half an acre. On a half an acre, you can get six to eight of these tiny homes. We've identified at least three of four sites within Fulton County. They all happen to be within the city of South Fulton and the city of South Fulton's council for whatever reason they've decided to pass a Resolution as I understand it against constructing tiny homes which I think it's shortsighted on their part. But that being said, the city of East point -- strike that College Park, though, has identified property in East point -- that half-acre lot and they are eager to participate - partner with us in this effort. Again, it’s an opportunity for us to really set an example nationally for other local governments to follow. All right, I'd like to ask Commissioner -- strike that -- Dr. Roshell to briefly explain the concept and what we're hoping to do. And then, we'll hear from Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Arrington, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman.”

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS:** “Thank you Mr. Chairman. So recently the U.S. Treasury did release some additional guidance regarding the final rule for the use of ARPA dollars and the target for affordable housing using ARPA dollars. So, this type of project does fall in line with eligible use for ARPA. Basically, a project of this nature would include under affordability targeting household incomes between 40 and 60 percent of area median income with the option to donate land. This would allow these home purchases to remain affordable if we enter into an agreement with someone like the land bank to put the land in trust, so that we can ensure for the future that the land remains affordable. We would also look at partnering with a nonprofit developer who has experience in the construction, sale, and marketing of affordable housing projects. And we again would target household incomes between 40 and 60 percent area median income and we would use many of the HUD standards for affordable housing qualification, guidelines, and standards which basically state that our homeowners would not be able to afford a mortgage more than 30 percent of their income. And so that would be the target range for the mortgages. We would seek to enlist a project manager with some expertise in tiny homes to join our team here. We have of course a strong DREAM organization led by Joe Davis. They of course have extensive expertise in construction and then we have Stan Wilson, our Director of Community Development who has extensive expertise developing many affordable housing communities in his vast experience with HUD programming. So, Mr. Chairman that is a very high-level overview of what this project could look like.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “Thank you, Dr. Roshell. Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Arrington, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Commissioner Hall.”

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** “This is something that I’m very happy to see come before us being that the city of Atlanta passed the first ordinance to have the first tiny houses in Atlanta. And this was back around 2017, I believe it was when the first policy recommendation from the department of planning’s tiny house feasibility study also championed by former Atlanta sitting Councilmember Kwanza Hall allowed for the sensory dwelling unit in areas zoned for duplexes. And it was unanimously passed by the city Council. So, this is absolutely something I’m in favor of, and it came into office in 2018 requesting that we do further study and try to move toward doing this in Fulton County. So, I’m thankful for this Resolution, Chairman. And because it will expand the diversity of housing and the needs that -- and the need to address affordable housing and making a way for homeownership for those who normally would not have the ability to have homeownership. And thank you, Dr. Roshell, Dick, and County executives for your hard work on this effort.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “Thank you Commissioner. Commissioner Arrington.”

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** “Thank you, Mr. Chair. I’m supportive of this idea. I do have some questions. I guess one about donating the land or doing the land lease. And then I also have questions about, you know, this is basically another type of community Association like an HOA. We’re going to have these many people you know in that small of a confine, like a mobile home Park Association, right? HOA condo association and mobile park association. So, we may want to have -- I’ll just make sure that we’re considering putting in rules you know the challenge with any community Association is individual rights versus group rights. And so, we need to make sure that we just keep our eye on that and make sure that we have a mechanism in place to help manage that. I don’t know if we need an Association or exactly how we’re going to do it, but we need to be mindful of that. But I’m certainly supportive of tiny homes and you know less is more, right? So, I’m glad to see us leading the way in this effort.”

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

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** “Thank you, Chairman. I, too, am in support of this. It was unfortunate that the city of South Fulton did put that in place, but I do understand why. I would just only ask, Chairman, and the County manager, as well as the community development department, let’s educate or try to educate this what tiny homes are about. As being an ambassador with Atlanta Habitat, there is a trend that will be here -- that’s really already here for tiny homes. There is a need for it, there is a market for it, and as we begin to increase our technology-based jobs, the consensus among the individuals that are looking for technology-based jobs also look for tiny homes. So, I commend you, Chairman -- I would like to cosponsor this because of the simple fact that I want to help take ownership of educating our public. I think there is some resistance to it, Chairman is because people don’t understand when you have someone in an open meeting saying we go with tiny homes; we’re going to turn our area into ghettos. That shows that you are not educated on what tiny homes are. And so, I can understand the pro and the con of it. But as the leader and what you’re trying to do I think it’s incumbent upon us to take the lead and educate the community. And so that’s all I’m asking Chairman. Whatever we can do in our perspective offices to make sure the correct information gets out as to what tiny homes are, I think that will make the resistance of it lower. So, thank you. I appreciate that.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “Thank you Commissioner. Commissioner Arrington.”

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** “So briefly I just want to go back to the point. I guess make a finer point. If the land is sold to individuals, somebody could potentially come buy all of that up later and put something else there, right? So, I think there has to be restrictive covenants placed on the land which require it to maintain its tiny home status which is again back to the community Association that I was referring to. So, we need to just make sure we consider that.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “Good point.”

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** “I mean if the purpose of this is to keep the tiny homes, we need to set it up so that somebody can’t come in in five years and undo that, right? And then now they’ve gotten this land. We need to have some type of restrictive covenants on the declaration of protective covenants I think is the technical term.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “Great point Commissioner Arrington. Commissioner Hall.”

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** Thank you for that Commissioner Arrington. And thank you, Mr. Chair. And I just want to add that as a member of the Atlanta Homeless Continuum of Care Governing Council which allocates millions of dollars toward housing for the homeless and a member of the National Association of County's Economic Ability Leadership Network funded by Bill and Melinda Gates. It's foundation, tiny houses are something that we have discussed. I've never seen any resistance to the tiny houses. And so, it is something that everyone is open to. The Economic Mobility Leadership Network has flown us around the United States to many cities and states and counties and we have seen tiny homes set up for homeless, for low-income families and everything; and you can take a little drive down to the coast of Georgia and Savannah and Brunswick, Georgia have tiny house communities. So, if you want to see one in action, that's pretty close by - four and a half-hour drive at the most.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “Thank you Commissioner. The motion on the floor is to approve. Motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Hall. Commissioner Ellis.”

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** “Yeah, I just have one question. So, this also will be funded through ARPA money, correct? No general fund money being dedicated towards this?”

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS:** “Yes, sir. It's all ARPA.”

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** “All right. Thank you.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “And also Commissioner Hall had asked to cosponsor, and Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, and anybody else that wants to make it -- we can make it a Full Board with no objections. I certainly have no objections. Just make it a Full Board. All right. Let's vote, please.”

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** Next item.”

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**CLERK GRIER:** “22-0546. Request approval of a Resolution authorizing the donation of \$500,000 to Atlanta Technical College in support of expansion of its commercial driver's license program. Sponsored by Chairman Pitts.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “All right. Thank you. I'll be very brief. These next two both relate to the same next item. I've been working on this one probably almost three years now with Dr. Seals. Come on up Dr. Seals. Atlanta Technical College. And the purpose in this school program would be to train people, Fulton County residents in particular, in these really high-paying jobs in logistics and what's that thing called CDL truck driver's license. I mean that's most goods and services now move through trucks and so we have an unemployment project problem. This addresses that particularly in our community. So, our contribution in it to working with the Atlanta Technical College and the state of Georgia would be to provide the land as well as \$500,000. So, Dr. Seals if you would speak with us about it and we'll hear from Commissioner Abdur-Rahman.”

**DR. VICTORIA SEALS, PRESIDENT, ATLANTA TECH COLLEGE:** “Good afternoon. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “You're welcome.”

**DR. VICTORIA SEALS, PRESIDENT, ATLANTA TECH COLLEGE:** “I appreciate that. Thank y'all Commissioners. Pretty much, you summed it up. So as part of our mission at Atlanta Technical College is to address the workforce gap in our area, particularly the skills gap. And so, CDL in particular in truck driving is one of those programs that are high demand and well-paying jobs and we as an institution can pretty much do about five times as much as we've been doing. So, this is an investment that will allow us to build that capacity. That's what the land will do and then for the \$500,000 is to really help fill in the gap. So, 98 percent of our students get some form of financial aid, and with the cost of tuition and fees, there's still often a gap after their financial aid is applied. And so, we have a larger \$15 million capital campaign going on to help support the center as well as provide those supportive resources to students to fill in that gap after their financial aid has been applied. And so, again this has been three years in the making, but that's the overall gist of what we're trying to accomplish here. I'd be happy to answer any questions.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “All right. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman.”

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** “Thank you, Chairman. This is a great project. I receive calls on it. Dr. Seals, you know, you and I talk. And I appreciate you all doing this. I also wanted to may be clear up some miscommunication or misinformation that was out in the community. This is a match, so to speak, and what I mean the city of Atlanta is putting money towards it. I know an ask was made of Clayton County. I don't know if they're on board as of yet.”

**DR. VICTORIA SEALS, PRESIDENT, ATLANTA TECH COLLEGE:** “No. It’s definitely not a match. We do have --”

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** “-- well, I'm sorry, I don't mean match but it’s a collaboration. I’m sorry. I misspoke.”

**DR. VICTORIA SEALS, PRESIDENT, ATLANTA TECH COLLEGE:** “Yes, ma'am, so we do have a overall campaign going on to raise --”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “-- speak up a little bit.”

**DR. VICTORIA SEALS, PRESIDENT, ATLANTA TECH COLLEGE:** “Oh, I’m sorry; can you hear me now? We do have an overall campaign going on to support and fund the center as well as the student support. So, we do have for the center itself we were approved with state appropriations of \$3.2 million dollars that will go towards the construction of the Center for Transportation and Logistics. In addition, the city of Atlanta separately has contributed \$1.7 million dollars towards that as well and then we do have - the same time I reached out initially to Fulton County, I did reach out to Clayton County because those are our service areas. And so, we are still working that, but they haven’t committed anything to date.”

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** “Now, just for the viewing public because I did get a question to my office about the land. Now, my understanding is the by it being a state institution that the land has to be owned, correct? Could you just speak on that a little bit as to why it has to be owned as opposed to a lease.”

**DR. VICTORIA SEALS, PRESIDENT, ATLANTA TECH COLLEGE:** “Correct. So, the state of Georgia does not allow us to improve any property that’s not owned by the state. So, in order for us to have those funds to build and for future expansion, it does have to be owned by the state. And the Resolution does have that clause that if we didn't do anything between now and next May, it would revert back to the County.”

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** “Thank you. I appreciate that. And in closing what I did find out from a lot of the veterans and the nonprofits that are trying to help individuals get their CDL's, their truck driving, this will open up an additional facility. I mean, I think the only facilities we have now are Gainesville and what’s the other area? But they're outside of Fulton County, correct?”

**DR. VICTORIA SEALS, PRESIDENT, ATLANTA TECH COLLEGE:** “Correct. And Covington.”

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** “-- Covington and Gainesville--”



**DR. VICTORIA SEALS, PRESIDENT, ATLANTA TECH COLLEGE:** "--that's the facility for the testing. So after - there are others who train, but for testing so once a student completes their CDL training, they have to go and actually do the driving test to actually get their license. And so additionally, in addition to the training that we'll have at this location, we're also already applying to be a testing location as well. So, there'll be a separate path to handle the training that will be available to anyone all over the State, particularly in metro Atlanta."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "I think it's wonderful that we'll have a place where the person can get this certification, right? They can come there and get their certification, even if they - I mean I want them to attend, you know, your school; but say for chance that they don't, they can come there and pass the test and get the certification--"

**DR. VICTORIA SEALS, PRESIDENT, ATLANTA TECH COLLEGE:** "Yes, ma'am."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "-- I think that's wonderful. Chairman, I applaud you on this and I would like to be a cosponsor. Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. No problem. Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I recall during COVID-19 when we had grocery store shelves that were empty and being told by the managers of those stores saying that there was a shortage of CDL drivers. And so, this is very good to combat that shortage that we have been seeing and the supply chain issues that we're experiencing, as well as the fact that we actually went to a location and saw the land. Dick remembers this because I was running behind, a little bit late --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "--not behind, late."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "--yes, and Harriet -- I think Anita called Harriet and said we are in route and Anita was driving like a bat out of hell and Dick said go anyway, take a look at the site. It's a great location. And it was -- it's a great location, and I actually was able to also show Perrin Bostic from Senator Reverend Rafael Warnock's office and he was able to present that to the Senator as well. And so, this is an absolutely wonderful program. Thank you, Chairman."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you."

**DR. VICTORIA SEALS, PRESIDENT, ATLANTA TECH COLLEGE:** "Thank you Commissioner."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Arrington."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** “Yes, I’m happy to support this. I’m glad you spoke on the land because that was my question; why couldn’t it be a lease. And I guess I would just you know ask the County Attorney to confirm that. But great program. Happy to support it, and I look forward to you bringing it to fruition.”

**DR. VICTORIA SEALS, PRESIDENT, ATLANTA TECH COLLEGE:** “Yes, sir. Thank you.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “All right. The motion – I’m sorry, Commissioner Ellis.”

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** “Just sort of, just two follow-up questions. I’m in support of this as well. But just in terms of the land issue and you did generally sort of clarify that for me, but I guess I would be interested in understanding if there are any obligations so to continue like if the college dissolved and it was not in operation within you know, after two years or something strange like that happen, would the land revert back to the County or does it stay with the state? Is there any obligation to sort of that the state continues to fund the program? I mean we’re making an investment with the land with a potential dollar investment you know go assurances that it continues.”

**Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** “Commissioner Ellis, I don’t know that the agreement currently contains the MOU – it currently contains that. It is my understanding that the state which needs to own the land because the technical college system is part of the state system--”

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** “--I understand that.”

**Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** “-- attend to issue bonds on the capital improvements that they intend to make; and I would also expect that those bonds would contain obligations on the part of the state to continue using the property for the purposes stated in the bonds.”

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** “Okay. All right that’s helpful. And then last, you know, kind of smaller question on our contribution. I guess we’re still ascertaining whether we would use general fund money or potentially ARPA money for this or has that been decided?”

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** “No, sir, we haven’t made a decision either way. I think the plan was probably to bring it back also as part of the midyear review.”

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** “Okay. Are you evaluating under whether it would be a permissible use, under--”

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "-- have not done so, but we could--"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "-- we could evaluate that if it's a permissible use or ARPA. I think I mean to me it's sort of generally kind of falls squarely in one of the focus points of it, so you know anyway. I'd like to see that. As long as what we're voting on right here is that we're still determining the source really is my question?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Yes, sir."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "I saw the land brain trust walking up here like he was going to add something. Did you have something to add, Tim?"

**TIM DIAMOND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M:** "Thank you, sir. Tim Diamond, Deputy Director, Real Estate and Asset Management. There is a reverter, Commissioner Ellis, in the document that says that they have to provide a level of documentation as to their readiness to commence construction. And as Dr. Seals said, it goes to about May of next year. And if they have not commenced the project by that time, that the land does revert back to us."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Motion on the floor is to approve. Please vote."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, next item."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**22-0547**. Request approval of a Resolution authorizing the execution of a MOU to transfer certain County owned property to the technical college systems of Georgia sponsored by Chairman Pitts."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And this one is related -- that this speaks to the land. Motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Hall. Any questions? Let's vote, please."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 10 --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. 0548 we've moved that up; we've already dealt with that one. So, it is 1:18. I'll entertain a motion to recess for lunch and executive session. Items of real estate litigation and personnel. Please vote. Motion favorable by Commissioner Arrington, seconded by Commissioner Morris."

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

(Executive Session at 1:19 p.m.)

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Without objection, we will resume the regular order of business. Madam Clerk."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman, are we going to do Executive Session first?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I'm sorry, correct. Items from Executive Session, Madam County Attorney."

**Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Yes, Chairman, thank you. Is there a motion to approve request for representation set forth in items number 1 through 3 and -- 1 through 3 -- I'm sorry, let me take these separately because we will be --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yeah."

**Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Is there a request for representation as set forth in item number 1 of the Executive Session Agenda? A motion."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Motion to approve by Commissioner Morris, seconded Commissioner Hall. Please vote."

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

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**Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Is there a motion to approve the request for representation set forth in item number 2 of the Executive Session Agenda?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Motion to approve by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Please vote."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes; five yeas, one abstention."

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**Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Is there a motion to approve request for representation set forth in item number 3 of the Executive Session Agenda?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Motion to approve by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Hall. Please vote."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the vote is open."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Is this three?"

**Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Three. Is there --"

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

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**Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Is there a motion to approve request for representation set forth in items 4A and 4B of the Executive Session Agenda?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Motion to approve by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Hall. Please vote."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; four yeas, two abstentions."

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**Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "And finally, is there a request to approve the request for settlement authority set forth in item number 5 of the Executive Session Agenda?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Motion to approve by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Hall. Please vote."

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

**Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "That's the final item of business from Executive Session."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you, Madam County Attorney. Madam Clerk, please continue."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 10 under Health and Human Services. **22-0549:** Presentation, Health and Human Services Priority Area Report for fiscal year 2022."

**MICHAEL ROWICKI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, FC HHS:** "Good afternoon, Commissioners. Mike Rowicki with Strategy and Performance Management Office. Today we're here to present to you the Health and Human Services Priority Report for 2022. Next slide, please. What I'd like to do to start with the presentation is actually offer opportunity for both of our priority area liaisons, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and Commissioner Ellis, to provide any brief comments they would like before we start."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "You all are doing a great job. Thank you."

**MICHAEL ROWICKI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, FC HHS:** "Okay, next slide. What I'd like to do is to start out with some highlights of what we've actually accomplished as Fulton County for 2021 under Health and Human Services. First, I'd like to start out with our HIV Elimination was awarded \$27.2 million, which they awarded to 27 different -- 23 different agencies. And they have served over 18,000 people with that funding. For Behavioral Health and Disabilities, we've actually done a hybrid model through the COVID, dealing with tele-health and face to face, in order to help maintain our continuity of care for our services. And with that, they've served over 4200 people. For Senior Services for our Health and Human Services Departments, we've actually worked with them and we reopened those centers and they have been operating and actually been doing improvements to the centers over the time and making those major improvements as those facilities. We also have provided the command operation for our COVID vaccination programs. With that, we have served over half a million people in Fulton County with vaccinations. Next slide, please. For the -- our current priority area, the strategic objectives for this priority area are, again, to prevent illness by engaging in healthier behaviors, to prevent health disparities by educating our residents, to help residents realize educational potential through community -- of community services and library programs, and to support our vulnerable residents with our social services such as our homeless community. Next slide, please. A couple of things that we're going to go over today and Dr. Roshell will give you more details on these, are our Behavioral Health Crisis Center, what we're doing with that in the coming future of that, our continued efforts for testing and vaccination across the county. We're also going to talk about what we're doing to actually improve and expand our Health and Human Services, both North and South. We are going to explore the service delivery model that we're using for affordable housing throughout the community. Again, HIV elimination is a big -- prevention and care plans for that are huge with efforts that we're doing and the awards that we've received. We're also -- are working to finalize the distribution of the \$96 million that we've actually received for rental assistance funding throughout our community. Next slide. So, with this, I'm going to turn it over to Dr. Roshell and she'll walk you through each of these projects with a little bit more detail."

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS:** "Thank you, Mike. As you have you heard from Mike, the departments that make up the HHS cluster have continued to act and

adjust and to really put their best foot forward to respond to the ever-changing HHS landscape. So, today as we review many of these very impactful projects, you will see some of that tenacity demonstrated here. The first project that I would like to review is the Behavioral Health Crisis Center. As we may -- as you may have read, and we know that COVID has had a negative impact on the behavioral health, the mental health of our constituents. We have gone from one in ten constituents experiencing acute mental health issues to four in ten constituents experiencing mental health issues. We're seeing more addiction issues, more suicide, and just more crisis situations in general. In response to that, the County has proposed or is proposing a 24/7 access Behavioral Health Crisis Center. Believe it or not, Fulton County does not have a standalone Behavioral Health Crisis Center in the largest County in Georgia. This crisis center will address both adults and children. We will have 15 stabilization beds for adults, 15 stabilization beds for children, along with 18 observation chairs. The picture you see here is the Oak Hill facility, which is a County-owned facility. We are proposing to repurpose a portion of this facility for this purpose, investing \$15 million in the American Rescue Plan Funds to construct this facility. We are in continuous conversations with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for two reasons. One, we have to gain access for our certification through this department, and we seek to form a partnership for ongoing operational support. We will also align services that the Board of Health currently provides to the Behavioral Health customer, as well as maintaining services for the community in general in other parts of this canvas. Next slide."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Dr. Roshell."

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS:** "Yes."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "You mind if I just add --"

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS:** "Yes, please."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "-- an editorial comment that Dr. Roshell has helped me with and LaTrina as well. We have put together this description that she just showed you, as well as practical next steps that would have to be accomplished with DBHDD. And if you recall last year, we weren't completely knitted together on that, and that's critical to be able to get state funding for this initiative. And the state funding for this, of course, is really the ongoing funding. And that's what would be the most significant -- first of all, they have to certify it, and secondly, having them fund it, would be hugely helpful. So, with a one-page summary that both Commissioner Fitzgerald would sign at the bottom and I would sign at the bottom -- kind of old tactics that we might have used at BellSouth, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. I think we will be in complete agreement -- she and I met last week and really agreed that this was a great way to do it and that Fulton County is the top priority for this. So, I'm hopeful, although the legislative gristmill can

spit out some things that none of us anticipate that this will be our best approach and will yield a good result."

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS:** "Thank you, Dick. Moving on to our COVID-19 response, of course you're very familiar with our response and our efforts, we report in detail at every Board Meeting. You know that we, and the public may not know this, that we ran the largest vaccine site in the United States. And our work really did lower the death rate per capita, as compared to the rest of the state. What you see here are just some of the performance outcomes for testing, test kits, and fixed -- fixed doses and boosters, as well as the work that we've done for mobile vaccines. Moving forward, we will continue to offer seven fixed sites, and we will continue the work that we're -- that's underway with community engagement. Next slide, please. Another unfortunate consequence of COVID has been really, shining a light on some of the very vulnerable populations from economic and health perspective. So, I am personally and professionally excited about this North and South project. As you know, a couple of years ago we did purchase a facility in North Fulton in Alpharetta, with the hopes of really creating a coordinated care model, bringing together our Behavioral Health, our Public Health, as well as our Senior Services and other social support services. During the pandemic that facility was used as an emergency operations command center. We are in the process of relocating those operations to a warehouse so that we can fully occupy the North Service Center. The planning is underway with the departments that will occupy this space. Again, Behavioral Health, Public Health, as well as Senior Services, DUI Court. And we will complement that with community partners that will offer social services as wraparound services in this facility. We are proposing and researching and vetting and working very hard to stand up a similar facility in the South. Again, with the same focus to mitigate, not only some of the impact of COVID, both economically and health-wise, but just again to provide a coordinated access point for Health and Human Services in the South. We are proposing the -- a similar footprint as far as size. The facility in the North is over 100,000 square feet. And so, the facility in the South would be the same size. These two projects are on different tracks, as far as how they're moving forward. Again, the picture you see here is the facility we've already purchased, so we're well underway with planning to occupy that facility in early 2023. And we are continuing to vet options for the South facility. And we feel that using Fulton County-owned property would be to our benefit in this endeavor. But again, two similar facilities, both to address health, behavioral health, and social service needs in North and South. Next slide, please. Community Development today, we presented the consolidated plan, annual action plan, we appreciate your approval of that plan. We continue to work with cities throughout our County to provide access to these funds, specifically for things like, sidewalk improvements, park improvements. One of the more popular and newer options has been a splash pad to provide a very safe way for children in the community to have some good clean fun in their community. And so, the Department of Community Development is



continuing to work very hard to ensure that the cities has access to these dollars and can stand up projects that are most meaningful and impactful for their community. Of course, we're continuing to administer the CSP Program. And we've recently added the Veteran's Program, and are looking forward to releasing applications for those, both of those programs later in the fall. These programs, specifically, CSP that has been in place for a number of years, continues to serve thousands of residents. And we project serving over 70,000 Fulton County residents through this program in 2022. Next slide, please. Social services for vulnerable adults, here I'd like to point out the fact that we are looking at our home repair program and how we can really revamp the way this program is administered to provide a even higher quality of service. So most recently, we have partnered, we, being Senior Services and Community Development, have formed an alliance to really leverage the expertise in Community Development, specifically, the building inspectors, with the hopes of improving the quality of the assessment before we go in to do a repair on a senior's home. So, we are continuing to provide that program. We continue to receive funding for our senior services through the Atlanta Regional Commission. Meals and transportation continue to be a need that we hear over and over. The department has developed an outreach and marketing plan to really improve and increase awareness of these programs in the community. We continue to receive calls daily from families who simply don't know that these resources exist. And so, we want to increase our outreach and marketing efforts to ensure that every senior who is eligible and is in need of these services is aware of the program and how to access these services. Next slide, please. Finally, the HIV Elimination Program, Jeff Cheek continues to do an amazing job with the administration of this program. It's one of most successful in the country. Most recently, we received an 8 percent increase due to the management of that program to continue to address HIV prevention and care. The very top bullet I want to draw your attention to is the integrated prevention and care plan. This is the County's opportunity to receive input from the community as to how we will move forward over the next several years in developing a prevention and care strategy. I want to ensure that you as Commissioners know when the community sessions are held, so that you can invite your constituents to these sessions. We really do want to hear from the community as we help to develop our plan for the next couple of years. Jeff Cheek will be sending a memo with details regarding when these community sessions will be held and how you can engage your constituents in this process. Mike, I'll now turn it back to you to conclude the update."

**MICHAEL ROWICKI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, FC HHS:** "Okay. So, the next slide that we have for you is basically, the representation of what the budgets for Health and Human Services have looked like over the past five years. There was a dip from 2018 down, but that is because when we shifted priority area, some of that funding was moved over to the Economic Development side, as to how it was prioritized dealing with workforce developed in those issues. But then it gives you again, a comparison that for Health and Human Services that makes up just under 20 percent of our overall budget for the year.

Next slide, please. And all of the information that is in this report and on this project is available on our website in transparency pages. And the link to that is available. And this is posted up there as a PDF file for anybody that would want to download this file from our website. So, with that next slide, we'll open up to any questions that you guys have for us."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Are there questions? Okay, no questions, you've been very thorough. Next, continue, Madam Clerk."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "Continuing on page 10, **22-0503**: Invest Atlanta Board of Directors June 16th Meeting summary, sponsored by Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Again, this is a summary of the minutes of the last Invest Atlanta Board Meeting. I think it reflects five action items. There were no bonds for title, tax abatement projects taken up. There were, I think, three loans or grants, various TAD dollars for developments. But if you need any additional information about any of those items, I'm delighted to get that for you. Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, next item."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**22-0550**: Inconsistencies in implementing the three-year freeze on property assessment notices, sponsored by Commissioner Morris."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Well, thank you. I put this on the agenda because I had been receiving -- and I understand from staffs of a couple of you that you might have too, folks who thought they had -- well, folks who appealed their assessment last year and thought they had a three-year freeze, and then found out when they got their assessment notices this year, they did not have the three-year freeze. And they were quite surprised and upset and asked me to take a look at it. I put it on the agenda. And then I heard from the Interim Chief Appraiser that he had to be out of town this week on personal business, family business, and understandable. And I told him, we would -- we would hold this discussion item until next time if that's okay. And he's going to be prepared to talk about some of the issues, why this occurs. And we'll let the public know as a result of that as they listen in."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you, Commissioner. Madam Clerk. All right. No further items to come before us today, without objection, we are adjourned. Thank you. See you at 6:00 o'clock for the Public Hearing."

**(Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.)**