

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

March 6, 2024
10:00 AM



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



A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Robert L. Pitts

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

Robert L. Pitts, Chairman (At-Large)
Bridget Thorne, Commissioner (District 1)
Bob Ellis, Commissioner (District 2)
Dana Barrett, Commissioner (District 3)
Natalie Hall, Commissioner (District 4)
Marvin S. Arrington, Jr., Commissioner (District 5)
Khadijah Abdur-Rahman, Vice Chair (District 6)

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.

IF YOU NEED REASONABLE MODIFICATIONS DUE TO A DISABILITY, INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS IN AN ALTERNATE FORMAT PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK TO THE COMMISSION. FOR TDD/TTY OR GEORGIA RELAY SERVICE ACCESS DIAL 711.

CONSENT AGENDA**24-0138 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.

24-0139 Board of Commissioners

Proclamations for Spreading on the Minutes.

Proclamation recognizing "Apostle Darryl Winston Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
February 24, 2024

Proclamation recognizing "Judy Forte Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
February 24, 2024

Proclamation recognizing "Worth R. Christler Remembrance Day." **(Hall)**
February 27, 2024

Proclamation recognizing "Gregory Crayton Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
February 27, 2024

Proclamation recognizing "Patricia Powell Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
February 27, 2024

Proclamation recognizing "National Association of Artists from Historically Black Colleges and Universities Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
March 1, 2024

Proclamation recognizing "Donald George Webster Remembrance Day." **(Pitts)**
March 2, 2024

Proclamation recognizing "Black Health Matters Winter Health Summit & Expo Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
March 2, 2024

Commissioners' District Board Appointments**24-0140 Board of Commissioners****FULTON COUNTY CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD**

The Board shall consist of seven (7) members, each to be appointed by the Board of Commissioners. Initial appointments shall be staggered as follows: three (3) members will be appointed for two-year terms, and four (4) members will be appointed for four-year terms. Members of the board shall be residents of Fulton County. The Board of Commissioners shall make good faith efforts to appoint one or more individuals who have experience or expertise relevant to one or more of the county codes under the jurisdiction of the Board, such as property management, engineering (structural or civil), construction, and/or law experience. The absence of such individuals from the membership of the Board shall in no way limit the authority and jurisdiction of the board.

If a Board member fails to attend two of three successive meetings without cause or without the approval of the chairperson, the enforcement board shall declare the members' office vacant and ask the Board of Commissioners to promptly fill the vacancy.

Term = 3 years

Term below expired: 7/1/2023

Damita Chatman (District 6)

Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman has nominated CaLise Williamson for a District appointment to a term ending July 1, 2026.

24-0141 Board of Commissioners**FULTON COUNTY HIV/AIDS PREVENTION, CARE, AND POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Advisory Committee shall have the following members: Each Commissioner shall appoint two members. Such appointees shall be residents of or work in Fulton County, and shall have experience or expertise in public health, HIV prevention and/or care, or be otherwise deemed qualified to serve as an advisory committee member. The Advisory Committee has the discretion to create subcommittees to assist it with the assigned tasks. The members of these subcommittees do not have to fulfill the residency restrictions imposed on the appointed members of the Advisory Committee. Appointees to the Advisory Committee shall serve three-year terms at the discretion of the appointing Commissioner, and members may continue to serve beyond his/her term until a successor is appointed.

Term = 3 Years

Term below expired: June 7, 2023

Anne C. Spaulding (**District 6**)

Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman has nominated Anne C. Spaulding for a District reappointment to a term ending June 7, 2026.

24-0142 Board of Commissioners**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ALLOCATION PROCESS CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL**

The CDBG Allocation Process Citizen Review Panel shall consist of fourteen (14) citizens. Each Commissioner shall appoint two (2) members from his/her district for a two (2) year term, subject to ratification by the Board of Commissioners. Such term shall not extend beyond the term set for the Commissioner who made the appointment. Panel members may be reappointed to serve additional terms.

Term = 2 years

Term below expired: 12/31/2021

Keisha Kent Sawyer (**Abdur-Rahman**)

Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman has nominated Josette T. Bailey for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2025.

Open & Responsible Government**24-0143 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a change order less than 10% - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 21RFP22421K-DB, Construction Management at Risk Services for the new Fulton County Animal Shelter Facility in an amount not to exceed \$186,996.00 with Winter Johnson Group (Atlanta, GA), a joint venture comprised of The Winter Construction Company and Johnson Construction Service) for additional funding to cover costs associated with the final close-out of the newly constructed Fulton County Animal Shelter Facility. Effective upon BOC approval.

Arts and Libraries**24-0144 Library**

Request approval to increase the spending authority for an existing contract between Fulton County and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia on behalf of Cooperative Extension in the amount of \$640.00 and to approve the execution of a revised contract, as may be amended as to form by the County Attorney, to provide increases in compensation to UGA staff resulting from the changes to the UGA Teachers Retirement System benefits. The original contract was approved by the BOC on 11/15/2023 (item # 23-0816) in the amount of \$203,450.00 and the revised contract will be in the amount \$204,090.00.

Health and Human Services**24-0145 Public Works**

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Public Works, 23ITB137323A-KM, Laboratory Testing Services in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 with Analytical Environmental Services, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) to provide laboratory testing services. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: March 31, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

24-0146 Public Works

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Public Works, 22ITBC079A-KM, Colilert Reagent 24 and Colilert 18 Reagent Supplies, in an amount not to exceed \$90,669.40 with IDEXX Distribution Inc. (Westbrook, ME), chemicals for drinking water analysis for use with existing County-owned lab equipment. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

24-0147 Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Request approval to enter into a contractual agreement with PAD and ARS to fulfill COSSUP Grant between Fulton County, on behalf of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) with Sub-recipients for the new grant award in the amount of \$1,599,999.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. The two MOUs are with (a) the Atlanta Policing Alternatives and Diversion Initiatives (PAD) in the amount of \$564,093.00 to provide Diversion Services, and (b) Applied Research Services (ARS) in the amount of \$150,000.00 to provide data collection services for this grant. The County Attorney is authorized to approve the MOUs as to form and make necessary changes thereto prior to execution. The MOUs are effective upon BOC approval through September 2024. This item is 100% grant funded.

24-0148 Senior Services

Request approval of a change order less than 10% - Senior Services 22RFP035A-CJC, Aging Services in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00 with (A) Senior Services North, Inc. (Alpharetta, GA) in the amount of \$30,000.00; (B) South Fulton Senior Services (College Park, GA) in the amount of \$30,000.00; and (C) Visiting Nurses Health Systems (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$30,000.00 to provide Aging Services for Fulton County seniors aged 60 and above. Effective upon BOC approval.

24-0149 Senior Services

Request approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Fulton County, through its Department of Senior Services, and the Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia, Inc. (SCF) to guide and direct their affiliation and working relationship to provide access to quality mobility services offered through Senior Services' Alternative Senior Transportation Services for eligible seniors at SCF. Effective upon Board approval through December 31, 2024.

Infrastructure and Economic Development**24-0150 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a Resolution approving an Underground Distribution Construction Agreement and Release for Construction Agreement between Fulton County, Georgia and the Georgia Power Company for the purpose of completing planned renovations and new construction at the Oak Hill Child, Adolescent and Family Center located at 2805 Metropolitan Parkway, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30315; to authorize the Chairman to execute the Underground Distribution Construction Agreement and Release for Construction Agreement and related documents; authorize the County Attorney to approve as to form the Underground Distribution Construction Agreement and Release for Construction Agreement and to make modifications as necessary to protect the County's interest prior to execution; and for other purposes.

24-0151 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Water Line Easement Dedication of 57,511 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from JEN Georgia 19, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the Pinecone Project at 11190 Rock Mill Road, Alpharetta, Georgia 30022.

24-0152 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 42,268 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from JEN Georgia 19, LLC for the purpose of constructing the Pinecone Project at 11190 Rock Mill Road, Alpharetta, Georgia 30022.

24-0153 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Resolution approving a Lease Agreement between Fulton County, Georgia (Lessor) and Times Journal, Inc., a Georgia corporation (Lessee), for the purpose of leasing 743 square feet of office space in the basement of the Fulton County Courthouse at 136 Pryor Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia; authorizing the Chairman to execute the Lease Agreement and related documents; authorizing the County Attorney to approve the lease agreement and related documents as to form and to make modifications thereof to protect the County's interest prior to execution by the Chairman; and for other purposes.

Justice and Safety**24-0154 Police**

Request approval of the 2024 Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification with the U.S. Department of Justice for the Fulton County Police Department, establishing the requirements for participation in the Federal Equitable Sharing Program and the restrictions upon the use of federally forfeited cash, property, or proceeds.

24-0155 Emergency Management

Request authorization to execute the Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS). Once executed the agreement will be effective through March 1, 2028.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**24-0156 Board of Commissioners**

Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda.

24-0157 Clerk to the Commission

Ratification of Minutes.

Regular Meeting Minutes, February 7, 2024

Recess Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, February 21, 2024

24-0158 Board of Commissioners

Presentation of Proclamations and Certificates.

Proclamation recognizing “Soumaya Khalifa Appreciation Day.” **(Abdur-Rahman)**

Proclamation recognizing “Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.” **(Ellis)**

Presentation of Certificates: Youth Commission Induction Ceremony. **(BOC)**

PUBLIC HEARINGS**24-0159 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.

Priority for public comment will be given to Fulton County citizens and those individuals representing businesses or organizations located within Fulton County, including their employees, whether such persons are commenting in-person, via emails or via Zoom or other electronic media (i.e., phone call). Non-Fulton County citizens will only be heard after all in-person Fulton County citizens, representatives of business and organizations located within Fulton County, including their employees, have been heard and the time allotted for public comment has not expired, except as otherwise provided in this code section. County staff shall verify the residency of each public speaker prior to such person being heard by the board. 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 sixty (60) minutes at the Regular Meeting, nor will this portion exceed sixty (60) minutes at the Recess Meeting. In the event the 60-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. For more information or to arrange a speaking date, contact the Clerk’s Office.

COUNTY MANAGER'S ACTION ITEMS**Open & Responsible Government****24-0160 Finance**

Request approval of a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Georgia Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Fulton County, Georgia General Fund Tax Anticipation Notes; Authorizing the Distribution and Use of a (a) Request for Bids and/or (b) Preliminary Official Statement and Notice of Sale, in each case relating to such Tax Anticipation Notes and the Solicitation of Offers for the purchase of the Notes and related matters.

24-0161 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 23ITB092023K-JA, Restroom Renovations for Fulton County Juvenile Justice Center, in an amount not to exceed \$1,498,000.00 with Brad Construction Company II, LLC (Fayetteville, GA), to demolish and renovate sixteen (16) public restrooms (8 Men's and 8 Women's) in the Fulton County Juvenile Justice Center. Effective upon issuance of Notice to Proceed for a period of 180 calendar days.

24-0162 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidders - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 23ITB110923C-GS, HVAC On Call Maintenance Services Countywide in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00, with (A) Mechanical Services, Inc. (Marietta, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00; (B) Trane U.S., Inc. (Atlanta, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00; (C) 5 Seasons Mechanical LLC (Norcross, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00; and (D) JR Hobbs Co. - Atlanta, LLC (Lawrenceville, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, to provide standby on-site HVAC on call maintenance services of air conditioning systems on an "as needed" basis for all Fulton County facilities. Effective upon execution of contracts through December 31, 2024, with two renewal options.

24-0163 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to increase the spending authority - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 22ITB121622K-DJ, Industrial Racking for the Fulton County Central Warehouse in an amount not to exceed \$11,831.00 with McGee Storage & Handling (Norcross, GA), requesting additional funding to cover the costs to purchase 15 bays of pallet racking, other related equipment components, and freight to complete installation at the Fulton County Central Warehouse located at 5600 Campbellton-Fairburn Road, Atlanta, GA 30213. Effective upon BOC approval.

24-0164 Human Resources Management

Request approval of a Resolution renewing authorization for enhanced overtime compensation for designated Sheriff personnel until the allocated funds in the non-agency budget, specifically earmarked for this purpose, are depleted.

24-0165 Purchasing and Contract Compliance

Request approval of funding for professional services contracts entered into by the Fulton County Sheriff's Office using funds from the former Inmate Welfare Fund, now under the control of Fulton County, in a total amount not to exceed amount of \$642,580.00 with various consultants identified in Exhibit 1. Effective upon BOC approval through December 31, 2024.

24-0166 Purchasing and Contract Compliance

Request approval to rescind contract 23ITBC060923A-KM, Uniforms and Accessories awarded to Onyx, Ink, LLC, on September 6, 2023, BOC Item 23-0593.

Health and Human Services**24-0130 Public Works**

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Department of Public Works, 23ITBC060923A-KM, Uniforms, and Accessories in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00 with Jonah's Enterprises Inc, (Brooklyn, NY) to provide uniforms and accessories. Effective upon execution of the contract through December 31, 2024, with two renewal options.

24-0167 Senior Services

Request approval of a change order greater than 10% - Department of Senior Services, 21RFQ000007A-CJC, Senior In-Home Services in a total amount not to exceed \$227,000.00 with (A) Southern Homecare Services dba Always Caring Home Care (Roswell, GA) in amount not to exceed \$68,100.00; (B) Help At Home LLC (Newnan, GA) in amount not to exceed \$68,100.00; (C) At Home Atlanta, LLC (Roswell, GA) in amount not to exceed \$45,400.00; (D) Trusted Hands Senior Care (Stone Mountain, GA) in amount not to exceed \$45,400.00, to provide In-Home Services to eligible Fulton County seniors aged 60 and above. Effective upon BOC approval.

Justice and Safety**24-0168 Medical Examiner**

Request approval to increase the spending authority - Medical Examiner's Office, 21ITB131809C-MH, Forensic Postmortem Toxicology Testing in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 with Axis Forensic Toxicology, Inc. (Indianapolis, IN) for additional toxicology testing for decedents. Effective upon BOC approval.

COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS**24-0093 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners urging the Georgia General Assembly to support legislation sponsored by the State Senator Donzella James to amend the Official Code of Georgia to lift the ban relating to restrictions on rent regulations by local governments and allow Counties and Municipalities the ability to regulate the rent to be charged for privately owned single-family or multiple-unit residential properties for those residing within the state of Georgia; and for other purposes. **(Hall) (HELD ON 2/7/24 ON 2/21/24)**

Commissioners' Full Board Appointments

24-0169 Board of Commissioners

DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Members of the Advisory Council shall be appointed for a period of three (3) years. A member may serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms on the board.

Fulton County having a population of more than 50,000 according to the United States decennial census of 1990 or any future such census shall appoint one member for each population increment of 50,000 or any portion thereof.

Term = 3 years (No more than two consecutive terms)

Term below expired: 8/1/2018

Vacant (**Member 6**)

Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman has nominated Tara Miller for a Full Board appointment to a term ending August 1, 2024.

COUNTY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Open & Responsible Government

24-0170 External Affairs

Presentation of 2024 State Legislative Session Update

COMMISSIONERS' PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

24-0171 Board of Commissioners
Discussion: Boards, Authorities, Committees, and Task Forces **(Arrington)**

24-0172 Board of Commissioners
Discussion: Reconfiguration of office space **(Pitts)**

24-0173 Board of Commissioners
Discussion and approval of back to work plan pre-covid **(Pitts)**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

24-0174 Board of Commissioners
Executive **(CLOSED)** Sessions regarding litigation **(County Attorney)**, real estate **(County Manager)**, and personnel **(Pitts)**.

ADJOURNMENT