

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FIRST REGULAR MEETING**

November 06, 2024

10:00 AM



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



MINUTES

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Scheduled date for ratification: December 4, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Robert L. Pitts

10:02 a.m.

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)

PRESENT
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ABSENT
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PRESENT

Chairman Pitts asked for a moment of silence in honor and respect for the passing of Commissioner Ellis' father.

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**24-0692 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 First Regular Meeting Agenda for separate consideration. **(ADOPTED AS AMENDED)**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended by moving item #24-0709 to the First Regular Meeting Agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: Ellis, Barrett, and Arrington

24-0693 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing "Jamila Canady Appreciation Day." **(Hall/Arrington)**
October 8, 2024

Proclamation recognizing "Eagle Scout Ronit Sankhe Appreciation Day." **(Thorne)**
October 19, 2024

Proclamation recognizing "Eagle Scout Tye Wade Appreciation Day." **(Thorne)**
October 19, 2024

Proclamation recognizing "Eagle Scout Charlie Buck Appreciation Day." **(Thorne)**
October 19, 2024

Proclamation recognizing "Women In Film and Television Atlanta Appreciation Day." **(Abdur-Rahman)**
October 24, 2024

Proclamation recognizing "Georgia Latino International Film Festival Appreciation Day." **(Thorne)**
October 24, 2024

Proclamation recognizing "Pastor Christopher Wimberly, Sr. Appreciation Day." **(Abdur-Rahman)**
October 27, 2024

Proclamation recognizing "Maurice Moetown Lee Appreciation Day." **(Arrington)**
October 27, 2024

Open & Responsible Government**24-0694 Human Resources Management**

Request for approval of Fulton County's participation in the Working Advantage Employee Discount Program. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0695 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to accept a name change and authorizing the Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance to reflect the name change of Ed Castro Landscape to Mariani Enterprises, LLC. dba Ed Castro Landscape. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0696 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to award a contract without competition - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, #24SSREQ1325561C-JH, Firing Range Lead Maintenance Services in the amount not to exceed \$32,400.00 with Metals Treatment Technologies, LLC (MT2) (Arvada, CO), to provide firing range lead maintenance services at the Fulton County Multi Agency Range firing range located at 5301 Aldredge Road SW, Atlanta, GA 30331. Effective upon issuance Notice to Proceed until completion of project as determine by Fulton County Police Department. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0697 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Lease Agreement between Fulton County, Georgia ("Lessor") and the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia ("Lessee") for the City of Sandy Springs to enhance the maintenance, care, and landscaping of the Reading Garden located at the Sandy Springs Library, located at 395 Mount Vernon Highway, NE, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia. Effective upon approval. There is no cost to Fulton County. The term of this Lease Agreement Lease is for a period of twenty (20) years, commencing on the Effective Date, unless sooner terminated or extended. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0698 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a revenue generating contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 24ITB143401C-JNJ, Electronic Equipment Recycling Services with Novus Solutions, LLC (Marietta, GA), to pick up all salvaged computers and electronic equipment and deliver to an approved and licensed recycling facility. This is a revenue generating contract. Effective upon execution of contract, through December 31, 2024, with two renewal options. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0699 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 39,770.28 square feet to Fulton County, Georgia, from EA Homes, LP, for the purpose of constructing the Argosy Park Project at 0 Northpoint Parkway, Alpharetta, Georgia 30005. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0700 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 11,236 square feet to Fulton County, Georgia, from CRP/WP Union City Owner, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the Altera Union City Project at 5125 Campbellton Fairburn Road, Union City, Georgia 30213. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0701 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 23RFP138765K-CRB, Standby Professional Services for Environmental Engineering & Testing Services in the total amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 with (A) Atlas Technical Consultants, LLC (Duluth, GA), in the amount not to exceed \$50,000.00; (B) Nova Engineering & Environmental, LLC (Kennesaw, GA), in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00; and (C) Oasis Consulting Services, LLC (Roswell, GA), in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, to provide standby environmental engineering and testing services on an task order basis for a variety of professional services projects in support of the Department of Real Estate and Asset Management. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0702 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 22ITB134833C-MH, Fire Extinguisher Testing and Maintenance Services in the total amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 with (A) Cintas Fire Protection, Inc. (Norcross, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00; and (B) Summit Fire & Security (Loganville, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00, to provide fire extinguisher testing and maintenance services on an as needed basis for Fulton County facilities. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0703 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 23ITB138800C-MH, Scrap Metal Removal with M&M Waste Inc. (Atlanta, GA), to provide scrap metal recycling services for Fulton County facilities. This is a revenue generating contract. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0704 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 23ITB071323C-MH, Septic Tank and Grease Trap Maintenance Services Countywide in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00 with Darling Ingredients, Inc. (Atlanta, GA), to provide septic tank and grease trap maintenance services on an as needed basis for Fulton County. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0705 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 23ITB13887CJNJ, Towing and Wrecker Services for County Fleet in the amount not exceed \$60,000.00, with CSS Transportation LLC (Smyrna, GA), to provide towing and wrecker services for the County fleet. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0706 Finance

Request approval to amend an existing contract - Finance Department, 20RFP110320C-CG, GASB 75 Actuarial Consulting Services to resolve conflicting language regarding renewal terms; and request to thereafter renew the amended contract in an amount not to exceed \$27,000.00 with The Segal Company (Atlanta, GA) to provide GASB 75 actuarial services. This action corrects a scrivener's error and exercises the fourth of four renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Arts and Libraries**24-0707 Library**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Fulton County Public Library System, 24ITBC141418B-RT, Auburn Avenue Research Library, in an amount not to exceed \$60,858.27 with Yankee Book Peddler Inc., dba Gobi Library Solutions from EBSCO (Contoocook, NH) to provide research material for Auburn Avenue Research Library patrons. This exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0708 Library

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Fulton County Library Systems, 24ITBC1288213B-PS, Library Non-book Materials (CD's, DVD's and Spoken Words Audio Materials) in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 with Baker and Taylor LLC (Charlotte, NC) to provide non-book materials to all 34 library locations. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0709 Library

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Fulton County Library Systems, 21RFP0210B-EC, Shelf-Ready Books for Adults, Teens and Children and Lease Books for Adults in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.00 with Baker and Taylor, Inc. to provide adult, young adult, and children's books, and adult best-selling lease books. This action exercises the fourth of 4 renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

(APPROVED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to approve items #24-0709, #24-0725 through #24-0736, #24-0739 through #24-0742, #24-0744 and #24-0745. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

Abstain: Arrington

24-0710 Library

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Fulton County Library System - 22ITB0210B-EC, Shelf-Ready Foreign Language Books for Adults in the amount of \$36,520.00 with Multi-Cultural Books and Video (Madison Heights, MI) to provide foreign language books in multiple languages to all 34 library locations. This action exercises the third of three renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Health and Human Services**24-0711 Senior Services**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Senior Services, 23ITB125742A-BKJ, Swimming Pool Maintenance Services in an amount not to exceed \$130,000.00 with United Pool Maintenance, LLC (Roswell, GA) to provide pool maintenance, repair, and preventive maintenance for all four Senior Multipurpose Facilities. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0712 Public Works

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Public Works, 23ITB137323A-KM, Laboratory Testing Services in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 with Eurofins Environmental Testing Services, LLC, (Atlanta, GA) to provide laboratory testing services. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0713 Public Works

Request approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Fulton County and the City of Milton, GA for water main relocations associated with the road improvements Morris Road in the City of Milton, GA, in an estimated amount of \$336,051.60. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0714 Public Works

For spreading on the minutes: Executed temporary Right of Entry (ROE) agreements permitting Public Works staff or contractors to enter properties within Fulton County to determine the composition of their water service lines, as required by the Lead Copper Rule Revision as administered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0715 Public Works

Request approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Fulton County and the City of Johns Creek, Georgia for Fire Hydrant, Water Meter and Water Valve Box relocations and adjustments associated with the road improvements at various locations in the City of Johns Creek, Georgia, in an estimated amount of \$100,000.00. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0716 Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Request approval of Subrecipient Award Agreements with the Atlanta/Fulton County Prearrest Diversion Initiative, Inc. (PAD) and Applied Research Services, Inc. (ARS) to fulfill a COSSUP Grant between Fulton County, on behalf of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) with Subrecipients for the grant award in the amount of \$1,599,999.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. The two agreements are with PAD in the amount of \$564,093.00 to provide Diversion Services, and (b) ARS in the amount of \$150,000.00 to provide data collection services for this grant. The County Attorney is authorized to approve the agreements as to form and make necessary changes thereto prior to execution. The agreements are effective upon BOC approval through September 30, 2025. The payment period for eligibility for payments from the grant utilized in funding these Agreements is effective for the duration of the eligibility period of the grant (October 1, 2023 through September 29, 2026), but shall not extend beyond September 30, 2025. This item is 100% grant funded. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0717 Community Development

Request approval to enter into a Data Use Agreement (DUA) between Fulton County, Georgia, as the GA-502 Fulton County Continuum of Care Collaborative Applicant (FC CoC) through its Department of Community Development and the Fulton County Board of Health (FCBOH) to validate housing status assessment questions to inform future public health actions; and for other purposes. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0718 Community Development

Request approval to utilize Cooperative Purchasing - Department of Community Development, Westmoreland County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in the amount of \$82,000.00 with Northeast & Bucks Company DBA, Mullin & Lonergan Associates (M&L) (Pittsburgh, PA) to provide technical assistance (TA) and aid in the preparation of various reports and documents related to the administration and implementation of HOME ARP, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME, and NSP Programs. Effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. This item is 100% grant funded. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Justice and Safety**24-0719 Police**

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Police Department, 23ITB140069B-EC, Wrecker and Towing Services, a revenue generating contract with S&W Services of Atlanta, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) to provide wrecker towing services. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

FIRST REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**24-0720 Board of Commissioners**

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

A motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to adopt as amended. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: Ellis, Barrett, and Arrington

24-0721 Clerk to the Commission

Ratification of Minutes. **(RATIFIED)**

First Regular Meeting Minutes, October 2, 2024

Second Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, October 16, 2024

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

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

Absent: Ellis, Barrett, and Arrington

24-0722 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing “The Honorable Thelma Wyatt Moore Remembrance Day.” **(Arrington/Hall)**

~~*Proclamation recognizing “Paul Zucca Remembrance Day.”~~
~~**(Abdur-Rahman/Pitts/Ellis)**~~

Proclamation recognizing “Operation Green Light for Veterans Appreciation Days.”
(Thorne/Pitts/Abdur-Rahman/Ellis/Barrett/Hall)

Proclamation recognizing “Auburn Avenue Research Library 30th Anniversary Appreciation Day.” **(Hall/Arrington/Ellis)**

**removed during the meeting*

PUBLIC HEARINGS**24-0723 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 First Regular Meeting, nor will this portion exceed sixty (60) minutes at the Second Regular 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.

(CONDUCTED)

9 Speakers: Darius Bowdry (Library Publication); Deandre Mathis (Corruption); James Davenport (Lyft Rides); L.A. Pink (Corruption); J. Wesley Day (Justice/Solicitor Office); Katie Benson (Elections); Matt Rowenczak (Elections); Christopher Bruce (Item #24-0764) and Michael E. Mizell (Veterans Services)

4 Zoom Speakers: Julie Allen (Water System); Ben Howard (Seniors Services); Lucia Frazier (Elections) and Christopher Hayden (Elections)

24-0724 Public Works

2024Z -0001 SFC, 4143 Fulton Industrial Boulevard (SR 70) **(APPROVED)**

Public Works Dept. Recommendation: Approval Conditional

CZB Recommendation: Approval Conditional

CLUP: Consistent

Application by Brent Harris for White Coat, LLC seeks to amend the zoning of the C-2 (Commercial) of property located at 4143 Fulton Industrial Boulevard to increase the total square footage of the building from the previously approved 1,800 square feet to 3,000 square feet to add additional space for an X-ray and procedure room to accommodate an urgent care facility. The 0.44-acre property is currently developed with an 1,800 square foot building and parking lot. The applicant intends to renovate the existing building for occupational medical use as an urgent care facility focused on providing service to area workers.

The subject site has 94 feet of frontage along the northwest side of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and is located within Land Lot 23, District 14F, Fulton County, Georgia.

CZB PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCTED: No public speakers

**PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCTED
NO SPEAKERS**

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

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

COUNTY MANAGER'S RENEWAL ITEMS**Open & Responsible Government****24-0725 Finance**

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Finance, 23RFP100423C-MH, Annual Audit Services in the amount of \$304,000 with PJC Group, LLC to provide Annual Audit Services including OMB Uniform Guidance (Single Audit), T-SPLOST and the Fulton County Employees Retirement System. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to approve items #24-0709, #24-0725 through #24-0736, #24-0739 through #24-0742, #24-0744 and #24-0745. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

Abstain: Arrington

24-0726 Finance

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Finance, 23RFP060923C-MH, Printing & Mailing Water and Sewer Bills in an amount of not to exceed \$432,500.00 with Dove Mailing Inc. (Atlanta, GA) to provide printing and mailing of Fulton County water and sewer bills. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to approve items #24-0709, #24-0725 through #24-0736, #24-0739 through #24-0742, #24-0744 and #24-0745. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

Abstain: Arrington

24-0727 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 22ITB135741C-GS, Fire Sprinkler Protection System Maintenance Services, in an amount not exceed \$215,000.00 with VSC Fire & Security, Inc. (Norcross, GA), to provide fire sprinkler protection system maintenance services for Countywide facilities. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to approve items #24-0709, #24-0725 through #24-0736, #24-0739 through #24-0742, #24-0744 and #24-0745. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

Abstain: Arrington

24-0728 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 23RFP138825K-CRB, Standby Landscape Design and Installation Countywide, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 with Mariana Enterprises, LLC dba Ed Castro Landscape (Roswell, GA), to provide professional landscape design and installation services along with installation of irrigation systems for County facilities. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to approve items #24-0709, #24-0725 through #24-0736, #24-0739 through #24-0742, #24-0744 and #24-0745. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

Abstain: Arrington

24-0729 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 22ITB134934C-MH, Moving Services in the total amount not to exceed \$265,000.00 with (A) Beltmann Relocation Group (Stone Mountain, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$85,000.00; (B) ALS Van Line Services, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00; and, (C) Tuxedo Logistics, LLC dba Allied Commercial Services (Columbus, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 to provide moving services on an as-needed basis for Fulton County. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to approve items #24-0709, #24-0725 through #24-0736, #24-0739 through #24-0742, #24-0744 and #24-0745. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

Abstain: Arrington

24-0730 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 23ITB138801C-GS, Janitorial Services for Selected Fulton County Facilities (Groups C, D & G) in the total amount not to exceed \$1,404,863.00 with (A) American Facility Services, Inc. (Alpharetta, GA) in the amount not to exceed \$907,928.00 for Group C (Central Libraries) and Group D (North Fulton Libraries); and (B) Good Success Company, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) in the amount not to exceed \$496,935.00 for Group G (North and Central Senior Centers), to provide janitorial services for selected Fulton County facilities for Fulton County. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to approve items #24-0709, #24-0725 through #24-0736, #24-0739 through #24-0742, #24-0744 and #24-0745. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

Abstain: Arrington

24-0731 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 23RFP138801C-JNJ, Standby Emergency Repair and Restoration Services in the total amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00 with (A) Complete Contracting Partners, LLC (Powder Springs, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00; and (B) Cotton Commercial USA, Inc. dba Full Circle Restoration (Duluth, GA), in an amount not exceed \$1,500,000.00 to provide standby emergency repair and restoration services for Fulton County facilities on an as needed basis. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to approve items #24-0709, #24-0725 through #24-0736, #24-0739 through #24-0742, #24-0744 and #24-0745. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

Abstain: Arrington

Health and Human Services**24-0732 Public Works**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department Public Works, 23ITBC100523A-KM, Water Meters in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 with Delta Municipal Supply Company (Braselton, GA) to provide water meters. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to approve items #24-0709, #24-0725 through #24-0736, #24-0739 through #24-0742, #24-0744 and #24-0745. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

Abstain: Arrington

24-0733 Public Works

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Public Works, 22RFP134460K-JAJ, Professional Services for Airport Consulting and Engineering Services Design/Engineering/Construction an amount not to exceed \$1,015,000.00 with Michael Baker International to provide design, engineering and construction inspection services for updating, modifying and implementing the Capital Improvement Plan at Fulton County Executive Airport - Charlie Brown Field. This action exercises the second of four renewal options. Two renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to approve items #24-0709, #24-0725 through #24-0736, #24-0739 through #24-0742, #24-0744 and #24-0745. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

Abstain: Arrington

24-0734 Public Works

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Public Works, 22ITB075A-KM, Sewer Line Chemical Root Control Services in the amount not to exceed \$349,996.36 with Duke's Root Controls, Inc. (Syracuse, NY), to provide sewer line chemical root control services. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to approve items #24-0709, #24-0725 through #24-0736, #24-0739 through #24-0742, #24-0744 and #24-0745. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

Abstain: Arrington

24-0735 Public Works

Request approval to renew existing contract - Department of Public Works, 23ITB137397A-KM, Sewer System Cleaning, and Manhole Camera Inspection Services in an amount not to exceed \$550,000.00 with Woolpert, Inc. (Atlanta, GA), to provide sewer system cleaning and manhole camera inspection services. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to approve items #24-0709, #24-0725 through #24-0736, #24-0739 through #24-0742, #24-0744 and #24-0745. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

Abstain: Arrington

24-0736 Public Works

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Public Works, 24ITB230702A-BKJ, Valve Assessment in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00 with Pure Technologies U.S., Inc. d/b/a Wachs Water Services (Buffalo Grove, IL) to provide valve condition assessment services. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to approve items #24-0709, #24-0725 through #24-0736, #24-0739 through #24-0742, #24-0744 and #24-0745. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

Abstain: Arrington

24-0737 Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, 22RFP038A-CJC, Fulton County Behavioral Health Network in the total amount not to exceed \$13,658,597.12 with (A) River Edge Behavioral Health Community Service Board (Macon, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$4,208,688.44, to provide Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI), Core Adult Outpatient - Center for Health & Rehabilitation, Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), DUI - North Fulton Service Center, Center for Health & Rehabilitation & South Fulton Service Center, Misdemeanor Mental Health Court (MMC); (B) Chris 180, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$3,549,409.68, to provide School Based Mental Health - 38 Fulton Schools, Text 4 Help, Core Child & Adolescent Outpatient - Adamsville & North Fulton, Clubhouse for Youth, Re-Entry - Fulton County Jail; (C) The Summit Counseling Center, Inc. (Johns Creek, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$988,738.35, to provide School Based Mental Health - 28 Fulton Schools; (D) Grady Memorial Hospital d/b/a Grady Health System (Grady) (Atlanta, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$3,177,290.10, to provide Core Adult Outpatient - North Fulton Service Center & South Fulton Service Center, Re-Entry (Women on the Rise), SRU - Fulton County Jail; (E) Health Connect America (HCA) d/b/a Georgia Hope (Woodstock, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.00, to provide Core Child & Adolescent Outpatient - Oak Hill; and (F) Step Up on Second Street, Inc. (Decatur, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$934,470.55, to provide Permanent Supportive Housing (124 units). This action exercises the second of nine renewal options. Seven renewal options remain. Effective Dates: January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, and Abdur-Rahman

Abstain: Hall, and Arrington

Absent: Ellis

24-0738 Senior Services

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Senior Services, 21RFP000027A-CJC, Senior Transportation Services in an amount not to exceed \$7,186,827.03 with Transdev, Incorporated (East Point, GA) to provide transportation services for Senior Services and Behavioral Health programs. This is the third of four renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

24-0739 Senior Services

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Senior Services 23RFP137278A-CJC, Comprehensive Nutrition Care in an amount not to exceed \$2,754,104.58 with Open Hand Atlanta (Atlanta, GA) to provide congregate and home delivered meals, meal delivery, nutrition education and nutrition counseling for Fulton County residents aged 60 and above. This action exercises the second of four renewal options. Two renewal options remain. Effective dates January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to approve items #24-0709, #24-0725 through #24-0736, #24-0739 through #24-0742, #24-0744 and #24-0745. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

Abstain: Arrington

24-0740 Senior Services

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Senior Services, 23RFP137326A-CJC, Food Services Management in the amount of \$1,038,226.81 with Piccadilly Holdings, LLC (Baton Rouge, LA) to provide food service management and purchasing of perishable and non-perishable food items for the four senior multipurpose facilities and three training centers. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to approve items #24-0709, #24-0725 through #24-0736, #24-0739 through #24-0742, #24-0744 and #24-0745. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

Abstain: Arrington

24-0741 Senior Services

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Senior Services, 21RFQ000007A-CJC, Senior In-Home Services in an amount not to exceed \$1,030,166.32 with (A) Southern Homecare Services dba Always Caring Home Care (Roswell, GA) in the amount of \$540,642.91; (B) Help At Home LLC (Newnan, GA) in the amount of \$115,990.92; (C) At Home Atlanta (Roswell, GA) in the amount of \$216,288.76; and, (D) Trusted Hands (Stone Mountain, GA) in the amount of \$157,243.73, to provide In-Home Services to eligible Fulton County seniors aged 60 and above. This action exercises the fourth of four renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective date January 1, 2025 thru December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to approve items #24-0709, #24-0725 through #24-0736, #24-0739 through #24-0742, #24-0744 and #24-0745. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

Abstain: Arrington

24-0742 Senior Services

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Senior Services 22RFP035A-CJC, Aging Services in the total not to exceed amount of \$4,363,792.43 with (A) Senior Services North, Inc. (Alpharetta, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$1,779,844.50; (B) South Fulton Senior Services (College Park, GA) in an amount of \$1,469,171.63; and (C) Visiting Nurses Health Systems (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$1,114,776.30 to provide Aging Services for Fulton County seniors aged 60 and above. This action exercises the second of four renewal options. Two renewal options remain. Effective date January 1, 2025 thru December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to approve items #24-0709, #24-0725 through #24-0736, #24-0739 through #24-0742, #24-0744 and #24-0745. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

Abstain: Arrington

24-0743 Senior Services

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Senior Services, 21RFP000016A-CJC, Alternative Senior Transportation Services in an amount not to exceed \$3,134,178.00 with Common Courtesy (Atlanta, GA) to provide transportation services/ride sharing to eligible Fulton County residents aged 60 and above. This action exercises the third of four renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(HELD)**

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to approve. **(NO VOTE TAKEN)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

24-0744 Police

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Police Department, 23ITB139979B-RT, Automobile Repair Services in amount of \$153,000.00 with Moon's Service Center (Mableton, GA) to provide automobile repair services for the Police Department's fleet. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to approve items #24-0709, #24-0725 through #24-0736, #24-0739 through #24-0742, #24-0744 and #24-0745. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

Abstain: Arrington

Justice and Safety**24-0745 Sheriff**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Sheriff's Office, 17RFP07012016B-BR, Inmate Medical Services with NaphCare of Fulton County, LLC (Birmingham, AL) in an amount not to exceed \$35,143,457.16 to provide physical and mental health services to inmates at the Fulton County Jail and other locations and an estimated not to exceed amount of \$6,000,000.00 for annual medication pass through costs for a total not to exceed amount of \$41,143,467.16. This action exercises the seventh of nine renewal options. Three renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

(APPROVED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to approve items #24-0709, #24-0725 through #24-0736, #24-0739 through #24-0742, #24-0744 and #24-0745. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

Abstain: Arrington

COUNTY MANAGER'S ITEMS**Open & Responsible Government****24-0746 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval to utilize cooperative purchasing - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, North Georgia Fuel Cooperative (NGFC) Contract #BL051-23, Gasoline and Diesel Fuel in the total amount not to exceed \$2,331,442.00 with (A) James River Solutions, LLC, (Ashland, VA) in an amount not to exceed \$940,000.00; (B) Boswell Oil Company (Athens, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$730,721.00; and (C) Sunoco, LP (Dallas, TX) in an amount not to exceed \$660,721.00, to provide gasoline and diesel fuel for Fulton County fleet vehicles. Effective dates: September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

Did Not Vote: Arrington

24-0747 Registration & Elections

Request approval of a statewide contract - Registrations and Elections, SWC# 99999-SPD-ES40199376IS-02, In-State Car Rental in the amount not to exceed \$149,040.00 with Enterprise Leasing of Georgia, LLC (Atlanta, GA) for the rental of box trucks, passenger vehicles and cargo vans for the Presidential General Run-off Election. Effective upon approval through December 31, 2024. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Hall, and Arrington

Absent: Ellis

Did Not Vote: Barrett, and Abdur-Rahman

24-0748 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of Task Order No. 1 - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 23ITB138741K-JAJ, Task Order Contract for Minor Construction Projects in an amount not to exceed \$277,000.00 with Hawk Construction Company, LLC (Ellenwood, GA), to provide upgrades/replacement and complete installation of new fitness equipment systems in five (5) Senior Centers currently identified with life/safety hazards and/or non-operating equipment. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Absent: Ellis

Did Not Vote: Barrett

24-0749 Information Technology

Request approval to amend an existing contract - Information Technology, 22RFP315692K-BKJ, Design, Development and Implementation for Phase I, Public Facing Website in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 with Svanaco Inc., DBA Americaneagle.com (Des Plaines, IL) to complete outstanding project deliverables and to provide additional support hours for the County's public facing website project effective upon BOC approval for an additional 12 month period. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Absent: Ellis

Did Not Vote: Barrett, and Arrington

24-0750 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to award a contract without competition - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 24SS092524C-MH, Countywide Postage Services in an amount not to exceed \$2,300,000.00 with the United States Postal Services (Atlanta, GA), to provide postage services for all County agencies. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Absent: Ellis

Did Not Vote: Barrett, and Arrington

24-0751 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to amend an existing contract - Fulton County Library System, 11RFP78732K-NH, Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (FF&E) Consulting Services for the Library Capital Improvement Program, Phase II (FCLS-CIP) with Hillsman, Inc. (Alpharetta, GA) in the amount not to exceed \$3,425.00 to provide additional changes to the existing scope of the interior design, furniture selection, procurement of furniture and furnishings and installation of all procured items for East Point Library Expansion, MLK Library, Northside Library, and the Peachtree Library. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, and Hall

Absent: Ellis

Did Not Vote: Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

24-0752 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a statewide contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, SWC90816, Motor Vehicle Maintenance & Inventory Management Services, in an amount not to exceed \$755,000.00 with Automotive Rental Inc. dba Holman (Mt Laurel, NJ), to provide repairs and maintenance for specialized heavy equipment and other fleet vehicles for Fulton County. Effective date: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

24-0753 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to utilize cooperative purchasing - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, US Communities Home Depot Contract #16154, a Master Agreement Contract for Maintenance, Repair, Operating (MRO) Supplies, Industrial Supplies and Related Products and Services, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 with Home Depot USA, Inc. (Atlanta, GA), to purchase building materials, hardware, tools, paint, electrical and roofing materials, and related items. Effective January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

24-0754 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a statewide contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, SWC#99999-001-SPD0000164-0002, Natural Gas Firm Delivery Service in the amount not to exceed \$700,000.00 with Scana Energy Marketing, LLC (Atlanta, GA), to provide natural gas services to all Fulton County facilities to include the Fulton County Jail Complex. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Absent: Ellis, and Barrett

24-0755 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to utilize cooperative purchasing - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Omnia Partners Public Sector Contract #R190303 Office Supplies, Related Products and Services in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 with ODP Business Solutions, LLC, formerly Office Depot Business Solutions (Norcross, GA) to provide copy paper and related office supplies as needed Countywide. Effective January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Absent: Ellis, and Barrett

24-0756 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to increase the spending authority - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Sourcewell Contract #042821-ORK, Pest Control Services Countywide in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 with Orkin, LLC (Atlanta, GA), to cover the costs to provide additional comprehensive pest control services at the Fulton County Jail Complex and other Countywide facilities for the remainder of FY2024. Effective upon BOC upon approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Absent: Ellis, and Barrett

Health and Human Services**24-0757 Public Works**

Request approval of an Agreement for Cooperative Technical Assistance and Intergovernmental Cost Sharing among the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) and the City of Atlanta, the Atlanta-Fulton County Water Resources Commission ("AFCWRC"), Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority, DeKalb County, and Gwinnett County in the annual amount of up to \$150,000.00 each - for a total annual contribution of up to \$75,000.00 from Fulton County to AFCWRC for its share - and with Forsyth County and City of Gainesville in the annual amount of up to \$75,000.00 each, for a three year term from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Absent: Ellis, and Barrett

24-0758 Public Works

Request approval to increase the spending authority - Public Works Department, 21RFP129860K-JAJ(D), Standby Engineering Services in an amount not to exceed \$116,000.00 with Stantec Consulting Services (Atlanta, GA) to provide closeout sanitary sewer model calibration services for the Camp Creek, Long Island, River Ridge, and Game Creek sub basins. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Hall, and Arrington

Absent: Ellis, and Barrett

Did Not Vote: Abdur-Rahman

24-0759 Public Works

Request approval to increase the spending authority - Department of Public Works, 22RFP134460K-JAJ, Professional Services for Airport Consulting and Engineering, Design, and Construction Services in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 with Michael Baker International, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) to provide design, engineering, and construction services. Effective upon BOC approval through December 31, 2024. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Absent: Ellis, and Barrett

24-0760 Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Request approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Fulton County, on behalf of the Fulton County Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (BHDD), and the Atlanta/Fulton County Prearrest Diversion Initiative, Inc. ("PAD") to continue providing financial support for delivery of prearrest diversion services in the amount of \$400,000.00 for the period January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025, subject to the appropriation of funding. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Absent: Ellis, and Barrett

24-0761 Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Request approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Fulton County, by and through its Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (BHDD), and Grady Memorial Hospital Corporation d/b/a Grady Health System for the purpose of continuing integrative strategies to provide medication assisted outpatient treatment of substance use disorders for Fulton County residents. Fulton County shall pay Grady Memorial Hospital in an amount not to exceed \$464,000.00 annually or as otherwise provided by an amendment to this MOU. Effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Absent: Ellis, and Barrett

Did Not Vote: Arrington

COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS**24-0611 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of an Ordinance amending Part 1, Subpart B, Chapter 101- General Provisions and County Governing Authority Article I, Sec. 101-68 - Decorum, of the Code of Laws of Fulton County, Georgia Relating to Rules of Decorum Governing Meetings of the Board of Commissioners; and for other purposes. **(Pitts) (HELD ON 9/18/24, 10/2/24 AND 10/16/24) (HELD)**

24-0654 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution to designate a resignation procedure for appointed members of the Boards, Commissions, Taskforces, Committees, Councils and authorities created under the authority of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners; and for other purposes. **(Pitts) (HELD ON 10/2/24 AND 10/16/24) (HELD)**

24-0655 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution to ensure free accessibility to Fulton County records by County officials and employees as needed to fulfill their public duties and functions; and for other purposes. **(Thorne) (HELD ON 10/2/24 AND 10/16/24) (HELD)**

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

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

Absent: Ellis, and Barrett

Did Not Vote: Arrington

COUNTY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**Open & Responsible Government****24-0762 County Manager**

Discussion: Elections Update. **(DISCUSSED)**

Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman interjected Decorum against Commissioner Thorne.

Commissioner Thorne interjected a Decorum violation against Commissioner Arrington. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

24-0763 County Manager

Discussion: 10th Floor Renovation Update. **(APPROVED)**

a. A motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Barrett to approve the County Manager's recommendation to allocate \$3.4 million for renovations of the Commissioners' Office space and public access area, excluding the County Manager's office space.. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, and Abdur-Rahman

Nay: Arrington

Absent: Ellis

Abstain: Hall

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to call the question. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, and Abdur-Rahman

Nay: Arrington

Absent: Ellis

Did Not Vote: Hall

24-0764 External Affairs

Approval of 2025 Legislative Agenda. **(HELD)**

24-0765 Finance

2025 Budget Development Update. **(PRESENTED)**

24-0766 Sheriff

Discussion: Request approval to utilize \$1.2 Million in non-agency funds, currently allocated for the FCSO, for the purpose of overtime use/compensation, for sworn staff. **(MOTION TO HOLD FAILED)**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to hold. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis, and Barrett

Did Not Vote: Hall, and Arrington

Commissioners' Full Board Appointments**24-0767****Board of Commissioners****ATLANTA-FULTON COUNTY RECREATION AUTHORITY (STADIUM AUTHORITY) (MOTION TO HOLD FAILED)**

This Authority consists of nine (9) members: three (3) members appointed by the Board of Commissioners and six (6) members appointed by the City of Atlanta. Vacancies in the membership of the authority, whether caused by the expiration of term of office, death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be filled by the governing body of Fulton County or the City of Atlanta, upon the nomination of the chief executive officer and confirmation by the governing body of said city. Any member of the authority may be elected to succeed himself. All members, duly appointed, shall hold office until his or her successor shall be appointed and duly qualified. Any member, appointed to fill an unexpired term, shall serve only for the term of the member he or she replaced.

Term = All subsequent terms of office shall be for four (4) years. Any person appointed to membership on the Authority who is a public official of the City of Atlanta or Fulton County at the time of his appointment shall serve as a member of the Authority only so long as he or she remains a public official of the city or county government which originally appointed him/her.

Term below expired: 11/1/2024

Commissioner Marvin S. Arrington, Jr. **(BOC)**

Commissioner Barrett has nominated Commissioner Marvin S. Arrington, Jr. for a Full Board reappointment to a term ending November 1, 2028.

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to hold. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, and Abdur-Rahman

Nay: Arrington

Absent: Ellis, and Barrett

Did Not Vote: Hall

COMMISSIONERS' PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**24-0615****Board of Commissioners**

Discussion: Inmate Phone Contract & Jail Commissary Contract (Pitts) (HELD ON 9/18/24, 10/2/24 AND 10/16/24) (HELD)

EXECUTIVE SESSION**24-0768 Board of Commissioners**

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

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

a. A motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Chairman Pitts, to enter into executive session. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis, and Barrett

Did Not Vote: Hall

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to approve the request for representation in items #1, #2, and #3 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Hall, and Arrington

Absent: Ellis, and Barrett

Did Not Vote: Abdur-Rahman

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to approve the execution of participation agreements in the suits set forth in items #4 and #5 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Hall, and Arrington

Absent: Ellis, and Barrett

Did Not Vote: Abdur-Rahman

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S
FIRST REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2024
10:00 A.M.

Alexander Solutions, LLC
"A Court Reporting Firm"

(Whereupon, the meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Good morning, everyone and welcome to the First Regular Meeting of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. Today is November 6th, 2024; it is 10:02 a.m. Madam Clerk, please, call the roll."

CLERK GRIER: "Chairman Robb Pitts."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Bridget Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Bob Ellis. Commissioner Dana Barrett. Commissioner Natalie Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Present."

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

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Present."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you very much. Before we begin, let's have a moment of silence and honor and respect for the passing of Commissioner Ellis' father."

(Whereupon, a moment of silence was observed.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Continue, Pastor."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Continue, please."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 2, Consent Agenda, **24-0692**, 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 First Regular Meeting Agenda for separate consideration. Mr.

Chairman and Members of the Board, we have one item to be removed from the Consent Agenda, 24-0709, Library, page 5: Request approval to renew an existing contract in an amount not to exceed \$800,000 to provide adult, young adult and children's books. This item has been moved to the First Regular Meeting Agenda under County Manager Renewal Items."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. That's it?"

CLERK GRIER: "That's it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Anything, Commissioners?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Entertain a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Motion to adopt by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman; seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 8, First Regular Meeting Agenda, **24-0720**, Adoption of the First Regular Meeting Agenda. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have amendments to today's agenda. First on page 8, 24-0722, Presentation of Proclamations and Certificates. We have a proclamation to be removed: the proclamation recognizing Paul Zucca Remembrance Day."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "To be removed?"

CLERK GRIER: "For a later date. Yes, to be removed from this meeting for presentation. And proclamation to be moved up and to be heard first; the proclamation recognizing the Honorable Thelma Wyatt Moore Remembrance Day."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Anything else?"

CLERK GRIER: "And on page 16, items to be revised: 24-0749, Information Technology: Request approval to amend an existing contract to design, develop and implementation of Phase 1 of a Public Facing Website. This item is revised to include an amount not to exceed \$200,000."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

CLERK GRIER: "That's all I have."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Commissioners, any items?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "If not, I'll entertain a motion to approve the Regular Agenda as amended. Motion to adopt by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman; seconded by Commissioner Bridget Thorne. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**24-0721**, Ratification of Minutes. First Regular Meeting Minutes October 2nd; Second Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, October 16th, 2024."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to adopt by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman; seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**24-0722**, Presentation of Proclamations and Certificates. The first proclamation is recognizing the 'Honorable Thelma Wyatt Cummings Moore Remembrance Day' sponsored by Commissioners Arrington and Hall."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All right. It is certainly a pleasure to present this proclamation, but also a burden. Judge Thelma Wyatt Cummings Moore was a fixture in Fulton County for long time and served the residents of Fulton County on the Superior Court. So the proclamation reads as follows: WHEREAS, born Thelma Wyatt on July 6, 1945, to James Otis Wyatt, Sr., and Annie Lavergne Wyatt in Amarillo, Texas. Judge Thelma Wyatt Moore's illustrious legal career began after she earned her Doctorate of Jurisprudence Degree with distinction from the Emory University School of Law, where she was inducted into the Order of the Coif and honored with the Emory metal; and WHEREAS, Judge Thelma Wyatt Moore was appointed the first African-American woman to serve full time on the City Court of Atlanta, and later as the first African-American woman to serve on any state court bench in the state of Georgia. In addition to being the first woman to serve as Chief Judge of the Superior Court of Fulton County, or any Superior Court in the state of Georgia, where she created the Fulton County Family Court and the Family Law Information Center which are recognized nationally as model programs; and WHEREAS, Judge Thelma Wyatt Moore's exceptional service was honored with the Judicial Excellence Award which was presented at the Great Hall in the US Supreme Court, and a Lifetime Achievement Award for diversity and inclusion from the State Bar of Georgia; and WHEREAS, Judge Thelma Wyatt Moore's leadership and influence extended beyond the bench as she led

initiatives with the National Bar Association and chaired of the Judge's Advisory Committee on ethics of the American Bar Association, and the Judicial Counsel of the National Bar Association. In addition to serving in many other legal, civic, social, and advocacy organizations until her retirement in 2008, following more than three decades of exemplary judicial service; and WHEREAS, Judge Thelma Wyatt Moore was first united in marriage to Arthur Bernard Cummings, Sr. with whom she raised two beloved children, Khari Sekou Cummings and Ayanna Rashida Cummings. And in 1993, she married the late Honorable Luke Charles Moore with whom she was united in marriage until his death; and WHEREAS, in addition to her beloved children, Judge Thelma Wyatt Moore leaves to cherish her memory, her brother, Morris Wyatt, II, and her sister, Rosemarie Wyatt. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes the Honorable Thelma Wyatt Moore for a life marked by the relentless pursuit of justice and fairness, along with the passionate advocacy upon -- along with passionate advocacy upon her retirement from judicial service; and does hereby proclaim Friday, November 8th, 2024, as the 'Honorable Thelma Wyatt Moore Remembrance Day' in Fulton County, Georgia. Let's give her a big round of applause."

JUDGE GLANVILLE, RECIPIENT: "I want to thank Commissioner Arrington and the Members of our Fulton County Commission for their proclamation. I would agree that it is bittersweet. I had the distinct privilege of being one of Judge Moore's mentees as a young prosecutor; her telling me where to stand, what to say, and just mentoring me all along the way. And I feel serendipitous that I now am the chief judge of a court that she first was the first person of -- female to hold within the state of Georgia as a chief. She was a trailblazer. She established our Family Court and along with many other initiatives as listed in the proclamation. She served as a mentor to many of us to include the Honorable Kimberly Esmond Adams as well as several other members of our court, members of our bench and bar. She is a person of great stature and I'm very honored that our Commission has saw fit to honor her in this particular way. And I just want to say thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "The next proclamation is recognizing 'Operation Greenlight for Veterans Appreciation Day' sponsored by Commissioners Thorne, Pitts, Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, Ellis, Barrett, and Hall."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Mike, come on up? If we have any law enforcement that's military or any veteran that is in the audience, we would encourage you to come stand with us now. We want to always support our veterans, so please come and stand with us. The contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens. And veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as county veterans service officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than 52 million -- excuse me, 52 billion in federal health, disability, and compensation benefits each year; and WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service

members transitioned to civilian communities annually, and an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and WHEREAS, Fulton County government is proud to work with our Veterans Empowerment Commission and others in the community to support the more than 45,000 veterans who call Fulton County home; and WHEREAS, America's Counties have a long and proud history of serving our nation's veterans and the National Association of Counties, and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers have invited the nation's 3,069 counties, parishes, and boroughs to join Operation Green Light and show support for veterans by lighting our buildings green from November 4th through July 11th -- excuse me, November 4th to November 11th; and WHEREAS, by shining a green light, county governments and our residents will let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported. As I read the last paragraph of this proclamation, I preclude it with freedom is not free. Someone paid the price. And I always want everyone to know, as a Body down here, we may not always agree on everything, but we do agree on this. The veterans and those that sacrifice and the families that sacrificed for the uniform will always be honored by this Body. WHEREAS, by shining a green light, county governments and our residents will let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT resolved that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes all veterans and have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for their service; and does hereby proclaim November 4th through November 11th, 2024, as 'Operation Green Light for Veterans Appreciation Day' in Fulton County, Georgia."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "So, I just want to say, one of the pleasures of serving as a Commissioner is being able to work with all the veterans organizations that we have here in our county. We give over a million dollars to support our veterans and veterans organizations. And here today, we have a representative from our veterans committee who is a past president, and he heads up John Creek Veteran Association. And they are an amazing group of veterans that serve other veterans. If a veteran is in need, they need a house, they find a house. They need a job, they find jobs. If they need medical help, they help them get placed with medical help. If they need financial assistance, they help them with financial assistance. And so, I just want everyone in the county to know that we have heroes among us. Heroes that came home that were willing to pay the ultimate price and are continuing to serve our communities today. So with that, I like to have Mike Zell give a few words."

MIKE ZELL, RECIPIENT: "Well, thank you so much. First and foremost, I want to thank Fulton County for planting the seed. You've set a precedent that now the other counties in our state need to step up and emulate. We have over 640,000 veterans in the state of Georgia. Over 95,000 of those veterans are homeless, and 150,000 of those veterans and veteran families are eating less than one meal a day. I didn't create those numbers. Those numbers come directly from the Commissioner's office for the Georgia Department of Veteran Services. But I had the distinct honor of serving on the first ever committee for veterans empowerment here in Fulton County, and the second year I was the vice chair. I stepped down because my calling, I think, is to do more to

create opportunities throughout the rest of the state, and I'm going to do that by emulating what we've started here in Fulton County. So from the bottom of my heart in representing those 45,000 plus veterans in Fulton County, God bless you for your effort. Thank you for recognizing the blank check that we signed because I don't even know you, but I love you, and I'm willing to die for you."

CLERK GRIER: "The last proclamation is recognizing 'Auburn Avenue Research Library 30th Anniversary Appreciation Day' sponsored by Commissioners Hall, Arrington, and Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I see we have our great staff from the Auburn Avenue Research Library joining us as well as our library director. All right. The proclamation reads as follows: WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners are proud to join the Auburn Avenue Research Library on African-American Culture and History, a special library of the Atlanta Fulton Public Library system, in the celebration of its 30th anniversary; and WHEREAS, on May 16th, 1994, the Auburn Avenue Research Library on African-American Culture and History became the first library of its kind in the Southeast offering specialized reference and archival collections for the study and research of African cultures. Opening its doors for service to the citizens of Fulton County, the City of Atlanta, the state of Georgia, and the southeastern region; and WHEREAS, during the last 30 years, the Auburn Avenue Research Library on African-American Culture and History has continually provided public library service, program events, and activities highlighting its varied referenced and archival collections to the general public, scholars, and researchers to further their understanding of the African-American life and culture; and WHEREAS, the collection covering all aspects of the Africana experience has steadily grown during the past 30 years as a research source for library users, searching for information on the history of peoples of African descent; and WHEREAS, we honor and recognize the historic contributions made by the Auburn Avenue Research Library on African-American Culture and History to the cultural and educational achievements of the people of the southeastern region and of national and international scholars throughout the world for these first three decades. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County recognizes the invaluable contributions made to the community by the Auburn Avenue Research Library on African-American Culture and History; and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, November 6, 2024, as 'Auburn Avenue Research Library 30th Anniversary Appreciation Day'. And, of course, our libraries and the Auburn Avenue Research Library could not do any of the things that it does without the staff, the people that are there working every day. So let's give them a big round of applause."

VICTOR SMITH, JR., RECIPIENT: "Good morning. I'm Victor Smith, Jr., the library administrator at the Auburn Avenue Research Library. On behalf of the entire staff at the Auburn Avenue Research Library, I want to thank Commissioner Hall and Commissioner Arrington for sponsoring and cosponsoring this proclamation. I want to thank Fulton County Library System's director, Gayle Holloman, for her continued support. I want to also take the time out to thank our staff, both past and present, for

their hard work and determination to make it possible for us to be here today, 30 years celebrating this anniversary. I want to thank past and present Commissioners, library board members, the Library Foundation, the past and present County Managers for also their continued support and what it is that we do at the Auburn Avenue Research Library. Lastly, I want to thank the citizens of Fulton County. We are an institution that is one of only a handful of free public research library that focuses on African-American culture and history in this country, and our home happens to be right here in Fulton County. We are thankful to all of you for your support, whether it be financial, whether it be your volunteer time, whether it be your attendance to our programming or utilization of our collection. We would not be here without all of you. And so for that, I want to say thank you to all of you. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue, please."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 9, Public Hearings, **24-0722**, 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 by registering on the county website www.fultoncountygga.gov. Priority for public comment will be given to Fulton County citizens and those individuals representing businesses or organizations located within Fulton County. 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 60 minutes. 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. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we'll start with speakers here in Assembly Hall. We have received nine speaker cards. Will the first five speakers, please come forward: Darius Bowdry, Deandre Mathis, James Davenport, L.A. Pink, J. Wesley Day."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, speakers, you have 15 seconds. I'll say 15 seconds and that's your key to begin to conclude your remarks. Thank you. First speaker."

DARIUS BOWDRY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Darius Bowdry, and I have seven copies of a proposed titled Rationale and Proposal for the purchase of Bernard Song by Darius Cash for distribution within Atlanta Fulton Public Library system. And Commissioner Khadijah, I thank you for taking the time to speak with me and coordinating a meeting with a member of your staff earlier this year. And I also have a copy of the book for review. And there is contact information there, and I'd also like to say happy holidays."

DEANDRE MATHIS, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Fulton County Board, Mr. Chairman, I am not here because I want to be. I just stood in the line for veterans of this country. I'm a veteran of a foreign war. I currently serve as vice chairman, city of South Fulton's

Zoning Board of Appeals. I've been in that position for seven years. And so, I'm a community advocate. I'm here because Judge Scott Kaye, Judge Linda Ellerbe. Judge Scott Kaye, Judge Linda Ellerbe are selling cases across the street in the Fulton County Courthouse. Some of the people participating are attorney Janine Lowery Clark, attorney Jessica Graham, attorney Shaunita Goolsby. I'm not here because of a dissatisfaction of the outcome of a case. I'm here because these judges' and attorneys' conduct was so egregious, my senses tell me that they have done this before and will continue if unchecked. I'm making very specific accusations. I think their conduct here is indictable. I believe this would be a slam-dunk RICO for Ms. Fani Willis. I am ready to be vetted as to my authenticity in making these inflammatory statements. I challenge everyone whose name I have called; I came here first to make my allegations public, because I am in fear for my safety."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Fifteen seconds."

DEANDRE MATHIS, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "From here I'm going to Ms. Willis' office and from there, a few blocks over to the State Attorney General. Thank you."

JAMES DAVENPORT, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners. First giving honor to God who I oftentimes I call my conductor. Y'all pray with me. I don't have a Ph.D., but I do have a G.O.D. A couple of things I wanted to talk about today: Senior Lyft rides. You all have cut the amount of Lyft rides that seniors take. One thing I would like to say, whose money is it? Whose money is it? That y'all you are budget that you all spend? It's the citizens of Fulton County. Please reinstate those rides. As a matter-of-fact, if you would, cut it down a little bit. People are hurting. I wanted to make a comment. Chairman Pitts, I heard you say a while ago, you're for reparations, but not money. That hurt me when you said that. It truly hurt me, but I'll follow that up to say this, tell me where I can pick up my 40 acres and my mule. I just could not consciously understand why you would say something like that. And earlier when you actually asked people that you know we do a moment of mourning, which I just finish mourning myself; we just sent my mom away --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

JAMES DAVENPORT, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- October 20th. Also loss of one of her brothers on yesterday. Thank you. Thank you so much."

L.A. PINK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Didn't y'all say this was the road to the White House? Ain't that what was said? Well, Georgia, get ready to rumble, because it's on and popping. Y'all let a crooked DA stay in, a crooked Sheriff; and trust me, God ain't pleased. All I'm asking is these Republicans as well, and this is directed to y'all, because y'all need to grow some nuts. Y'all need to come out the closet. Stop being scared of these demon rats. It is time for y'all to fight, because as y'all could see, this crooked Sheriff y'all got, I need for y'all to not allow him to get any more money. He's going to come down here begging again, today. I need y'all to take in consideration he

has bought all of these high-class -- electric cars; \$225,000 van that he -- and he's claiming on the news that a van broke down. But he got a \$ 220,000 van we cannot find. He has taken trips around the world; him and his -- his lover, April Moore, from what the streets say. Like the venues, with his boy, Ike Arrington. So I need for you guys take in consideration when he comes down here begging for money, let him know about these loose expenses he has taken out and spent of the people's money."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds."

L.A. PINK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "And so, the answer should be no. We need a new Sheriff. I'm going to continue to say that. We need an investigation. We need an indictment going on, okay?"

J. WESLEY DAY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "First, I want to express my disappointment to Dana. I wish she was here. I saw her last night at the CT Martin Center, and she ran to her car as if I was going to rob her. She slammed her car door on me. I just find that just very rude and disrespectful. My name is J. Wesley Day, and I woke up twice in my life to do no harm to anyone as I have done my entire life. Yet I returned home not the same on those two days in 2018 and 2020, as I was charged with criminal charges that has no merit. Which was further escalated to additional charges including a felony. And no one has been able to explain the prosecutorial misconduct of Keith Gammage. Why are you all afraid of Keith Gammage? Why does Keith Gammage operate with little to no oversight? Why is the Fulton County Board of Commissioners afraid to ask the key questions as follow: Keith Gammage, why did you dismiss the charge of the main assailant who is on camera tossing homophobic epithets and hurtling the first punch before five other men entered? How many people were charged with a single charge of disorderly conduct, also known as affray, from 2018 to present? How many of these charges were escalated to a felony as mine was, by the Solicitor General from 2018 to present? How many of those charged with affray had their charge dismissed from 2018 to present?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds."

J. WESLEY DAY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "How many people were charged with a single citation of trespassing from 2020 to present? How many of those people had the additional citation of obstruction to a police officer added as he did to me? Please ask Keith Gammage those questions."

CLERK GRIER: "Last four speakers in Assembly Hall, please come down: Katie Benson, Matt Rowenczak, Christopher Bruce, Michael E. Mizell."

KATIE BENSON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners. I would like to voice my -- Katie Benson, Fulton County resident. I would like to voice my serious concerns from this election in Fulton County. Nothing new, right? There is a serious lack of transparency and blatant obstruction of observation during this election. Why is

there always so much hostility from the Elections Department when it comes to transparency? Why is that? There were multiple times when law enforcement had to intervene and educate election workers that they were violating the law by obstructing observation? Why does this continue to happen? There is a clear culture problem that needs to be fixed. This starts with Election's Director, Nadine Williams."

MATT ROWENZCAK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners. Matt Rowenzcak, Fulton County resident. This morning, right, we did a proclamation for Veterans Day that's coming up. We say that we honor the service of our, you know, military men and women and their sacrifice. I think experience in our lives is a pretty, you know, influential part on how we make decisions that affect our worldview. I would be, you know, if we could do it easy, highly encouraged that many from our Election's Department be put in a foxhole with veterans that took bullets for this country; and many lost their friends. I'm aware of criminal activity that happened during this election again. There is a culture problem in the Election's department. It happened multiple times. When does law enforcement intervene? And employees were pissed off because they were corrected and they couldn't continue to obstruct observation and illegally register people to vote; and tell them that they could vote yesterday, after the deadline. Blatantly after the deadline; not a day or two. And there's much, much more. I've witnessed blatant disrespect by Nadine Williams to fellow Board of Election's members and said that she runs the whole county. So there is a culture problem, and it is \$40 million of our money being spent frivolously and wastefully every year. So when are we going to take this seriously?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds."

MATT ROWENZCAK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "We have a continued problem. Let's put, you know our actions where they should be instead of just, you know, virtue signaling our veterans and our military and all Americans voters. Thank you."

CHRISTOPHER BRUCE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Chairman Pitts, Members of the Commission. I'm here today, Christopher Bruce; I'm the policy and advocacy chair of the ACLU of Georgia; a organization that is dedicated to first, freedom of speech and all civil rights and liberties that are outlined in our U.S. Constitution, our bylaws, and the Georgia Constitution. I want to talk to you today specifically on your agenda item 24-0764, External Affairs; your approval of the 2025 legislative agenda. It has come to the attention of the ACLU as well as many other coalition partners that the sale of AC/DC will be on there; AC/DC, the Atlanta jail. We strongly oppose that. As we know across the country, when you increase the carceral footprint as in when you increase the amount of beds that happens in jails, for some reason they get filled up. For some reason, there is a reason why people have more people that go into these types of jails. We are opposing that, especially on the premise of what we could use the Atlanta jail for nonviolent offenders. Were they're nonviolent; they shouldn't be in jail in the first place. There are other ways and other solutions that we can actually go about this. The ACLU has written two reports on that: the Prison Project, Color of Change, the

Southern Center for Human Rights and a lot of other organizations are looking at what is happening within this. Let me stop and end on this note as well: be careful what you wish for. When it comes to dealing with the state of Georgia, coming into municipalities, you may think they're looking into the city of Atlanta as we've seen with trying to sell Hartsfield Airport; that was a problem. The sale of --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

CHRISTOPHER BRUCE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- not sell of Buckhead and the removal of Buckhead from the city. I can tell you what, if you're pointing at the city of Atlanta, I can guarantee the state is going to look into Fulton County even more. So be careful where we go within this. (Indiscernible.) by looking in the camera. Thank you."

MICHAEL MIZELL, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Again, my name is Lieutenant Colonel Michael Mizell, United States Army Military Police Corps, retired. I may not look it, but for the past 51-1/2 years, I've lived an oath. And that oath was of the troops and for the troops. Meaning I am one of you, but yet I have responsibility for you. That relationship doesn't go away because I took off the uniform and chose to return to civilian life. But what you've done in Fulton County is remarkable, and I want to encourage you to reconsider your pledge that that \$1 million is a starting point, not an ending point. We have so much work to do, starting with getting our veterans and their families off the streets and into temporary housing, but it goes from there and then it follows on that there's so much more involved. Recently, Tunnels to Towers came to Georgia and they took over some buildings. And I said and, and that and is now you have responsibility for the rest of their life: for the opportunity to get them to doctors, to lawyers, to job opportunities, vehicles when they need it, short-term financial support. Those are the kind of things that we can continue to do. I'm stepping down this year as the president of the Johns Creek Veterans Association which I've chaired as the president for seven out of its 13 years as an original founder of that group as well. We now have the second largest privately funded Veterans Memorial Park outside of Washington DC in the nation, in North Fulton, and I invite you to come see me there. I look forward to working with you in the days ahead. We have a lot to do. We need to find ways to take care of our veterans so that we would be the shining example in the hills for the rest of the state of Georgia saying these are your favorite sons and daughters."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds."

MICHAEL MIZELL, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "They signed that blank check for you, and as a good man standing here today, I did this for you, are you going to be there for me? Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have four speakers on Zoom."

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

JULIE ALLEN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners. Congratulations to Commissioner Ellis on his election victory, and I extend my condolences to him on the loss of his father. September 24th, a federal judge in California ordered US EPA to eliminate the unreasonable risks to the health of children posed by water chlorination. Water in the US has been chlorinated since 1945. More than 200 million Americans, about 75 percent of the population, currently have fluoride added to their drinking water at recommended levels of .7 milligrams of fluoride per liter of water. However, a Judge Chen ruled the scientific evidence shows that this level of fluoride exposure may damage human health, particularly that of pregnant mothers and young children. Studies have linked IQ decrements of even one or two points to reduce the educational attainment, employment status, productivity, and earned wages. The verdict is a major blow to the EPA, CDC, and perpetual lobbying groups like the ADA who have claimed that water chlorination is one of the greatest public health achievements of the 20th century and an unqualified public good because the court has found that their claims of safety made for over 75 years were, in fact, not supported by evidence. Communities add fluoride to water on a voluntary basis. The US practice differs from Europe where fluorinated drinking water is rare. Policymakers at the local and state level do not need to wait to take action. The federal government doesn't mandate chlorination and thus local and state decision-makers can take action immediately. We have a very thorough decision made by a federal courts based on extensive evidence. The public didn't sign up to have chemicals added to public drinking water that could adversely affect the brain --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

JULIE ALLEN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- and while a cavity can easily be filled, damage to the brain is permanent, and the consequences are life-long. There are no second chances when it comes to impaired brain development. I implore you to take action today. Thank you."

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

BEN HOWARD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Greetings, Commissioners and staff; and special greetings, fellow citizens. Ben Howard, Senior Advocate and Public Policy Analyst. Even as efforts continue and are increasing to bridge the digital divide, there is willful neglect of that technical resource substituting as the Commission on Elder Affairs website. If a person is no longer on the Commission on Elder Affairs Board, that person's name ought to be removed. If there are vacancies on the Board, that situation ought to be properly conveyed to the public. The committees on the Commission on Elder Affairs should be listed along with details of how citizens interested in the committee's activities might join in. The website could also provide updates on waiting list for food, waiting list for transportation, waiting list for home repairs, et cetera."

Someone is being paid enough to provide this vibrancy. Who that might be, won't always be a mystery. Stay tuned."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Christopher Hayden. Christopher Hayden. Okay. The next person to speak is Lucia Frazier."

LUCIA FRAZIER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners. Thank you for the last three years for working with the public on several elections' issues. Irregardless of the winner, I do see that we still are lacking in transparency on many levels. I have tried to get us back to where we should be, and so I faced a lot of obstruction. I've asked for simple election data, which should already be generated; and per Georgia Sunshine laws, available to the public. So I really feel we need a new Election Director and a new Election Board Chair that don't obstruct the law every which way that we try to make things better. Thank you very much."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Okay. The last person to speak again is Christopher Hayden."

CHRISTOPHER HAYDEN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hello. Can you hear me?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes."

CHRISTOPHER HAYDEN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "All right. This is addressing an issue at the precinct I was a poll worker at, East Roswell Library advanced voting precinct. The precinct was laid out in such a way that the BMDs, the ballot marking devices, and ballot scanners were in a separate room from the poll clerk working the polls pads, checking voter's registration. The precinct manager and assistant manager were in a room with the BMDs and scanners. Also, in this room was a poll worker beside the scanner monitoring its operation. The poll pad clerks doing the registration were in the lobby area of the library. Voters would confirm their information there and were given a voter card. They were then directed to enter the room with the managers and BMDs to vote. I think this is a very bad set up. At the poll, were all the poll workers and managers and equipment need to be in the same room. There was an accident at this precinct of paper without watermark being used to produce ballots. I do not know the specifics of how that happened, but maybe having everyone in the room would have prevented it. Also, poll workers were not allowed in the room with the BMDs and scanners when the polls closed. Once the poll opened and voters were in the room, no poll watchers were allowed. They only sat in the library lobby observing the check-in process. Thank you for your time."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "And this concludes the Zoom public comments."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "No further speakers."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, continue."

CLERK GRIER: "Continuing on Page 9 of the Public Hearings, **24-0724**, Public Works: 2024Z-001 SFC, 4143 Fulton Industrial Boulevard."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "This is a public hearing?"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes, public hearing."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Is anyone here to speak on this matter? Mr. Clark."

DAVID CLARK, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS: "Just because we don't deal with zoning issues very often, I just wanted to take a brief second before we started the public hearing. Again, David Clark, Director of Public Works. Randy Beck, who used to be the director of planning here in Fulton County, is now a consultant, and we've retained him and his firm to help us with the few zoning projects that we get from time to time and today is the first one. If you'll remember, we still have a small unincorporated area around the Fulton County Airport that is unincorporated so, therefore, we still have some planning zoning functions that come up from time to time on today is one of those."

RANDY BECK, COLLABORATIVE REPRESENTATIVE: "Good morning. I'm Randy Beck. I'm with the collaborative representing the public works department. This petition, number 2024Z-001 SFC, is a request to rezone from C2 commercial to C2 commercial, to increase the square footage of the approved urgent care facility from 1800 square feet to 3,000 square feet. Recommendation of the staff is approval; the recommendation of the community zoning board is approval."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Anyone else?"

DR. BRETT HARRIS: "Dr. Brett Harris. I'm here with US Med Clinic. We will be operating the facility, and if you guys had any questions, just kind of run of the mill family medicine occupational and urgent care facility, so."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. The recommendation is to approve. Any questions? Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I just wanted to say I was in full support of this. I appreciate it being in my district."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Beck. You said from C2 to C2?"

RANDY BECK, COLLABORATIVE REPRESENTATIVE: "Yes, sir. It was recently approved, and the zoning was changed from M1A -- or M1 to C2. And all they need is to increase the square footage that was approved as part of that zoning. And so, it's from C2 to C2 with the increase of the square footage."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. So it is basically staying the same?"

RANDY BECK, COLLABORATIVE REPRESENTATIVE: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "It's just required for the size."

RANDY BECK, COLLABORATIVE REPRESENTATIVE: "Right. It was approved for the density and the square footage as a condition of zoning, so you're amending that condition of zoning."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Any other questions or comments? Anything else, Mr. Beck? Mr. Clark, no issues? All right. We'll entertain a motion to approve. Motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne; it's seconded by Commissioner Natalie Hall; is that correct? Yeah. Let's vote."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you."

DAVID CLARK, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS: "Thank you, guys."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 10, County Manager's Renewal Items under Open and Responsible Government."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. The next -- how many, 20? I think the next 20 -- the next 20 items are all standard renewals, and in the interest of time, we can, if there are no objections, take all of these together. If there are any that you'd like additional information on or to be discussed separately, we can remove those for separate discussion at this time. And I do have one. All right. On page 14, item number 0743, that's that senior transportation. That's the one you wanted to pull off? Okay, what is it? Page 13."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "On page 13, the other senior ride share services which is 24-0738."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "0738. Okay."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "And I have 737 to add to --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- what page, Commissioner?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Page 13."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "738, okay. 737?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "737."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Commissioner Arrington? Okay. All right. So that will mean no issues with the other 17. So we will -- I'll entertain a motion to approve those 17. But sound those 17, just the captions, quickly."

CLERK GRIER: "24-0725, Finance: Request approval to renew existing contracts in the amount of \$304,000 to provide annual audit services; 24-0726: Request approval to renew an existing contract in an amount not to exceed \$432,500 to provide printing and mailing of Fulton County water and sewer bills; 24-0727, Real Estate and Asset Management: Request approval to renew an existing contract in an amount not to exceed \$215,000 to provide fire sprinkler protection system maintenance services; 24-0728: Request approval to renew an existing contract in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 to provide professional landscape design and installation services. On page 11, 24-0729: Request approval to renew existing contracts in a total amount not to exceed \$265,000 to provide moving services; 24-0730: Request approval to renew existing contracts in a total amount not to exceed \$1,404,863 to provide janitorial services; 24-0731: Request approval to renew existing contracts in the total amount not to exceed \$3 million to provide standby emergency repair and restoration services. Under Health and Human Services, 24-0732, Public Works: Request approval to renew an existing contract in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 to provide water meters. On page 12, 24-0733: Request approval to renew an existing contract in an amount not to exceed \$1,015,000 to provide design, engineering, and construction inspection services; 24-0734: Request approval to renew an existing contract in an amount not to exceed \$349,996.36 to provide sewer line chemical root control services; 24-0735: Request approval to renew an existing contract in an amount not to exceed \$550,000 to provide sewer system cleaning and manhole camera inspection services; 24-0736: Request approval to renew an existing contract in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 to provide valve condition assessment services. On page 13, bottom of page 13, 24-0739, Senior Services -- we're removing the first two for separate."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

CLERK GRIER: "Okay. **24-0739**, Senior Services: Request approval to renew an existing contract in an amount not to exceed \$2,754,104.58 to provide congregate and home delivered meal, meal delivery, nutrition education, and nutrition counseling. On page 14, **24-0740**, Senior Services: Request approval to renew an existing contract in an amount not to -- in the amount of \$1,038,226.81 to provide food service management and purchasing of perishable and nonperishable food items; **24-0741**: Request approval to renew existing contracts in an amount not to exceed \$1,030,166.32 to provide in-home services to eligible Fulton County seniors; **24-0742**: Request approval to renew existing contracts in the total not to exceed amount of \$4,363,792.43 to provide aging services; **24-0744**, Police: Request approval to renew existing contracts in an amount of \$153,000 to provide automobile repair services."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

CLERK GRIER: "Page 15, under Justice and Safety, **24-0745**, Sheriff: Request approval to renew an existing contract in an amount not to exceed \$35,143,457.16, to provide physical and mental health services to inmates; and then we have the renewal on the Consent Agenda, on page 5 that was removed."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

CLERK GRIER: "**24-0709**, Library: Request approval to renew an existing contract in an amount not to exceed \$800,000 --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- that one was removed for further discussion, correct?"

CLERK GRIER: "To be included."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "To be included?"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes, sir. To provide adult, young adult, and children books."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. I'll entertain a motion to approve those. I have a motion by Commissioner Thorne; seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman. Please vote."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Now, back to, what page, 13?"

CLERK GRIER: "Page 13."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "0737?"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes. **24-0737**, Behavior Health and Development Disabilities: Request approval to renew existing contracts with Fulton County Behavioral Health Network in the total amount not to exceed \$13,658,597.12."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. This has come before us before through Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. And I've asked this question before, and the response was that there were talks with APS about partnerships. But as I read this, I didn't see anything about any services or a partnership with Atlanta Public Schools. Can you tell me; is there an update on any discussion with them about helping them? I know they've consistently said they don't have enough counselors. Ever since COVID, they have seen an uptick in mental health and behavioral health issues within the schools; and have had various incidents within the schools. And so, can you give me an update on any discussions with them?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO: "So, thank you for the question, Commissioner Hall. Just in the past week, I've had a conversation with the new director of DFCS, the Department of Family and Children Services. His name is Kenyon Brown. He joined DFCS as the director in July of this year. So we have talked about strengthening the partnership with Behavioral Health. As a matter of fact, he and Latrina are going to be meeting within the next week to discuss not only any partnerships with APS, but how they can work together and approach APS and the network in Fulton County to address the concerns. So some of this is due to the changes at DFCS with the new director, but now that we have that position filled and a stable staff there, I believe that we can move forward."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "That's great news. And then if you look at page 7 of 7, of -- is there a heading on here? There's no head other than it says at the top, file number 24-737, version one; Overall contractor performance rating. There are two ratings that are significantly lower than the others. And so, it caused me to look at the sheets that follow the performance evaluation details, especially starting with CHRIS 180. They scored only a 69. And when I looked at the overall rating guide and what was said, it was very concerning. And so, I'm going to read some of this and I'd like to know if, you know what efforts have been taken to resolve these issues, because they sound very major to me. Such as: CHRIS 180, many issues with project management that negatively impacted scope, schedule, quality, and/or budget; Corrective action slow. Understanding of project objectives risk and contract requirements was lacking and required some intervention by the user department. Risk issues were communicated late to the user department. In the core program, the provider has struggled to maintain an adequate client census and retain staff affecting their consistent delivery of quality services as outlined in the contract. Additionally, the provider experience, the client backlog, and had difficulty reducing it through network referrals. The reentry program

faces challenges in offering a comprehensive range of services and has low conversion and retention rates. The clubhouse experienced a disruption in services after a change in management in July, and school-based therapy experienced the departure of their VP through other staff -- though other staff has stepped up to try to maintain operations. And it goes onto say: CNA core and reentry are not on track to meet their client targets. And Text for Help is not being utilized effectively by the students. The quality of reports requires improvement. And earlier this year, the vendor switched EMR systems, but the data transfer process was not smooth, resulting in inaccurate data reporting. Additionally, the vendor struggles to collect surveys, making it difficult to accurately assess customer feedback, assessing the impact of services challenging due to data errors and low number of client surveys providing feedback; and the agency experienced staff turnover in a migration to a new EMR system this year, which has contributed to the overall struggles. And so, with that being said, what has taken place to try to resolve these issues and has it gotten any better because it's a lot."

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, BHDD: "Good morning, Latrina Foster --"

COMMISSONER HALL: "-- you're --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- speak up, Ms. Foster."

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, BHDD: "Is it on?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes."

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, BHDD: "Good morning, Latrina Foster, Behavior Health. Thank you for bringing that to everyone's attention, Commissioner Hall. And, yes, CHRIS 180 has struggled. They have gone through a complete reorganizational structure. As you know, they lost their VP; she stepped down. They have a new one in place. They have hired additional staff to direct the clinical services. I think that my team has worked hand-in-hand with CHRIS 180. The transition to a new electronic medical record did cause delays in reporting. We lost some client data based on the transition to the new EMR; however, CHRIS 180 has gone back. They have captured the data for those reports that were missing, important data. So they have submitted new reports. So you will see a significant increase in their fourth quarter performance eval."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "All right. Because I noticed that this evaluation period covered April through July of this year, so it's been three months since July. So, and then moving on --"

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, BHDD: "-- Georgia Hope."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "The next one, Health Connect America, who received a 54 in their score."

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, BHDD: "Yes, Ma'am."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "And as I began to read, it was alarming as well, saying that many issues with project management that negatively impacted scopes, schedule, quality, and/or budget; corrective action slow. Understanding of project objectives, risks, and contract requirements was lacking and required some intervention by the user department. Risk issues were communicated late to the user department. They're issues with service encounters not being entered into the correct system due to a communication glitch between the parent company and service providers. The agency also struggles with outreach efforts which limits the ability to attract additional clients. Year to date, the vendors' client service numbers are significantly below target. Additionally, the vendor has difficulty obtaining surveys from consumers, schedule slippage, but some effort made by consultant to achieve timelines. Minor issues with monitoring and forecasting. The vendor is not on target, and the probability of them making that target is extremely low. Vendor needs to review data monthly to keep track of KPIs that are outlined in the contract. Above average number of issues with deliverables, resubmission of supports, and/or deliverables may have been necessary. The vendor has an issue with data collection and submitted reports with erroneous data. Vendor needs to track their data on a consistent basis. Satisfactory response to the user's department requests and changes. The vendor is not very proactive and has been guided often by BHDD. Despite consistent support by BHDD, the vendor does not have a definitive plan to increase clients. Minor issues with compliance took a long time to resolve and/or required multiple interventions to resolve the issue to the user department's satisfaction. The vendor has not been entering their data into Care Logic, and the staff was unaware that they were supposed to be submitting the data to the State. There needs to be more communication between corporate and the team on the ground to ensure consistency, updates, and cohesive operations. I think that the one about the vendor did not know they were supposed to submit data to the State is even more concerning, because that would be a legislative and legal requirement, but yet they're still on here to win this contract with a score of 54 in all of these notes. Can you tell me, have there been improvements? It's only been three months, but this is a lot."

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, BHDD: "It is a lot. However, they are under corrective action plan. We have worked hand-in-hand with the State, John Quisenberry, on the ASO system to ensure that Georgia Hope, who is under the company Health Connect America, which it was a merge. And so, that caused a lot of problems in the transition of Georgia Hope taking on this contract with Behavioral health as a part of the Behavioral Health network. We are working hand-in-hand with them. As I said, we did pull in assistance from the State to ensure that they were trained and fully aware of their responsibilities as it relates to the ASO system for the State. Just ensuring that the communication between the bigger company and Georgia Hope is seamless and that they're also communicating with us as well, so we are constantly monitoring them. Our staff, my staff is meeting with them once a week just to ensure that they are maintaining

their level of responsibility as it relates to the corrective action plan that has been put in place for them."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Well, I want to commend you and thank you and your staff on the hard work that you do and the oversight that you provide on these contracts. And you've always had a great team. You and your team need to definitely be commended, so thank you."

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, BHDD: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "How many people are they servicing? How many citizens are being serviced by this contract?"

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, BHDD: "The overall contract or specifically Georgia Hope or CHRIS 180?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Overall."

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, BHDD: "I do not have that number in front of me, but I will be able to send that over to you as soon as I walk away from this podium."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. How many are being serviced in the South Fulton Service Center?"

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, BHDD: "I will provide you with a complete breakdown. I'm sorry, I ran over here, so I don't have my data sheet in front of me."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "No problem. No problem."

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, BHDD: "But the overall goal for each contractor varies. So for instance, River Edge is responsible -- their responsibility as a part of their contract is to serve 2,000 individuals. Georgia Hope, their responsibility is to serve 800 individuals, and then CHRIS 180, their responsibility is to serve 1,200 individuals as a part of their core contract; and that's just for core outpatient services only."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "But those are the target number of people, right?"

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, BHDD: "Yes. Yes."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "And so, my question is more, how close are we getting to that target, right? If the goal is to serve 2,000 people and we're servicing 1,800 people, then arguably we're getting close to that goal. But if the goal is 2,000

people and there are only 20 people being serviced, then there's a bigger problem. I guess the other problem that I have with this is, as it relates to the APS, this contract says it's to service 38 Fulton County schools. So if we don't include APS in this contract now, then there's going to be an additional -- there will be additional fees incurred in order to service the APS schools?"

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, BHDD: "Well, I will say this. As a part of Georgia Hopes corrective action plan, since they are stationed at Oak Hill Child and Adolescent - I'm sorry, Health and Human Services at Oak Hill. A part of their corrective action plan is to establish and cultivate a relationship with APS schools. We met with Chelsea Montgomery last week and we're looking at coordinating where Georgia Hope clinicians are embedded in some of the APS schools, just to increase census, increase their presence within that footprint around Health and Human Services at Oak Hill. In addition to that, we are collaborating with APS Schools to expand Text for Help for 2025. We just received a quote from Lee that will show us how much it will cost to expand the services, but that funding will actually come from APS. So we're still working with APS to see how we can expand Text for Help, and we will work with Georgia Hope since they all right there at Oak Hill, so that they are that partner for the APS Schools as we expand our services within APS."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So that's why it's going to be important for me to know how many people are actually being serviced. I think you said Georgia Hope, their goal was 800."

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, BHDD: "Their goal is 800. Over all the contracts, the expectation is that we provide services to at least 5,000 unique individuals, so that's one person 5,000 times. Overall, we will exceed our total number of clients served, but perhaps that is because some contractors are doing better than others."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All right. Well, do we know how many APS schools? See, the reason I need to know how many we're servicing is because we might be able -- if we're only servicing 80 out of 800, then we could include APS in the scope of this. If we're serving 750 out of 800, then maybe there's no room to include APS. But without those numbers, I don't know, and hearing and seeing all of those things that Commissioner Hall just mentioned, unfortunately, I'm not going to be able to support this."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Other questions or comments?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner, you finished?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion on the floor is to approve. Motion to approve by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman; seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Let's vote, please. Madam Clerk. What's wrong? Should I do a voice vote?"

CLERK GRIER: "No. The vote is now open. And the motion passes; four yeas, two abstentions."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "Continuing on page 13, **24-0738**, Senior Services: Request approval to renew an existing contract in an amount not to exceed \$7,186,827.03 to provide transportation services for Senior Services and Behavioral Health programs."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett -- I'm sorry. Commissioner Hall followed by Commissioner Barrett followed by Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just have one question. It's on -- well, the page doesn't have a number, but the heading is 'overall rating guide professional services'. This stood out to me. It says we have had several safety concerns with passengers as of late. Some incidents have resulted in passenger injuries. And the reason why this stood out to me is because I've had a senior, one senior in particular, who has consistently said that there were passenger injuries, and I reported this to Senior Services. And that senior, I believe, has also spoken to someone in Senior Services about the passenger injuries, but then it was relayed back to me that there was no incident that could be found. But here it says that there have been passenger injuries. So can you speak to that and what resolution has been provided so that we don't see injuries anymore?"

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "Good morning, Ladisa Onyiliogwu, Director of Department of Senior Services. We do track any type of injury or incident, alleged or an actual incident, and we'll report that information to Risk Management, so one incident is too many. I can give one example, Commissioner, because I didn't hear a specific about the one that you're referencing. There was, at times a senior may not sit in the seat properly and fall, but it has nothing to do with the operation of the vehicle or not following protocols by the contractor. Other times, if there is a contractor performance issue, we do document it so that information is recorded in Bid Net, the purchasing department system, so we can provide more details to you. But the way that we address those is to quickly submit an incident report to Risk Management. We also work closely with our county attorneys assigned to the department and inform them and give any type of guidance needed. I also elevate any issues to County leadership as well. If there is a need to have a conversation with the contractor, we will perform as a corrective action plan if needed and document that

information. So any specifics that you're interested in, we can provide that to you today."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you so much. I think it would be more important to my seniors that have actually -- they have reported these issues in the past. So if you could e-mail that, then we can send it over to them so that they know that these are things that are being addressed, and thank you."

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "You're welcome, Commissioner Hall. And if you have the name of the senior, I'll reach out to your staff as well, just to make sure that we can directly connect with them. We always do, so that's something we pride ourselves on, but we'd love to speak with that senior today or the seniors in question."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO: "And, Commissioner Hall, if I could just add when the instances are elevated to me, we do -- or I do ask about opportunities to revise policies as well as implement additional training."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you so much."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next speaker, Commissioner Dana Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just have a couple of questions because this is a renewal, the entire contract was not attached, and I just had a question about the procedural issues that we talked a little bit about this, all of us. But does the contract for Transdev specify the procedure for seniors who request the on-demand rides, or is that just an internal procedure for Fulton County?"

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "To clarify --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "-- in other words, when they are requesting -- right now, we have some, I know we have some internal procedures and policies, for example, that I just got, I think, much more familiar with over the last week or so because of a constituent request. But, you know, I was not aware that if you used Common Courtesy, the Uber/Lyft program, and ran out of rides, that you then couldn't take Transdev to ride to the senior center or request an additional on-demand ride from them. I didn't realize that you had to choose one or the other. But then also when I was trying to investigate this a little bit more for my constituent, it sounded like we have -- the procedure to request rides is pretty -- or it seemed to me to maybe be a little bit burdensome on the seniors in that they -- my understanding was that they called -- they can start calling on a particular day of the month prior, but not before then, and then they can only request two of the on-demand rides in that phone call, and if they need six for the upcoming month, they'd have to call back; is that true?"

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "Well, I can answer your first question. I believe it was about the procedure being included in the contract?"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yes."

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "So that's on the department side. So we provide the information and the steps to follow and how to contact Transdev so we don't speak to usage of Transdev services and another vendor within their contract. So, no, we do not."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah, that's part I understood. I was more asking contract wise, not the procedure about one or the other, but the procedure for requesting the rides. Is that in the contract?"

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "That is not in the contract. We referenced the requirements of the contractor to provide demand response, and list the deliverables; but we do not include the procedure on how to request or demand response to it."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay. And that's good because that is what would have stopped me from supporting the renewal of the contract. But if the procedures are things that can be worked on outside of that, then I can support the contract going forward. But, you know, before I move on and let somebody else take the floor, so to speak, I do have some concerns about that procedure. It does feel awfully burdensome to me, and I know -- this was, coincidentally, I guess, today brought up by our public commenter, Ben Howard, who talks about Senior Services, and the idea that there's not enough online. And I will say that what is online about senior ride share right now is pretty limited. It's just got a description of the two different services, but neither one actually says how to sign up. You have to just -- on the bottom left, there's a call the Star Line, but it's not even clear if it's relevant to what you're looking at there. There's nothing on that page that says you can only do one or the other. You know, I understand also, and correct me if I'm wrong here, but that there are only, I think, what was it 20 on-demand rides per week, per day?"

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "Demand response. We actually -- dialysis riders are not considered fixed routes. And so, that's an update for you and this entire Board. The majority of the contract is used for fixed routes or trips to the neighborhood senior centers and back. All other riders include demand response and dialysis. We have 154 or so seniors using the Transdev contract for dialysis."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "How many did you say? I'm sorry."

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "154 weekly. Then we also have 20 additional seniors that are nondialysis that use the contract for demand response, so it's more than 20. It's about 174."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Oh, no. I guess what I -- the number I was asking about --"

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "-- the number trips per day?"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "That are even possible to be booked?"

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "Yes, correct, correct. And we do prioritize dialysis trips; and then we work to include other trips that are outside of the medical needs and demands a response, so to your point, yes."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah, I don't have a problem with the limitation. I just -- I guess, you know, if you're asking a senior to choose between the two and try to figure out what is going to suit their needs better, it's hard to understand what will be solved by the Transdev that wouldn't be solved by Uber/Lyft, and vice versa, if that makes sense. So, I just think, I guess what I'm looking for procedurally, we can all talk about this off-line, but I think I'm just looking for more sort of in print and online information that's really clear and that the steps are really clear, and in an ideal world for the seniors who are capable to be able to request their rides all at one time, they may get refused for some, but the idea that they have to keep calling back seems burdensome and, of course, also there are seniors are getting more and more tech savvy as, you know, as things shift. And so, with the ability to request that on line versus on the phone, also I think would be ideal, but I will let it go there."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO: "Thank you, Commissioner Barrett. We certainly are looking at a couple of things. One, we have had several conversations with IT, Kevin Kerrigan's team, to look at solutions to innovate in this space. And so, standby for more there. Certainly, appreciate your comments regarding communications tools, so we will work with Jessica Corbitt and her team to determine how we can be more explicit and simple to help constituents understand and not necessarily have to go to the Star Line, so we really appreciate that suggestion today, and we'll circle back with you about how we will improve that communications tool."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Bridget Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yes. I just have had continual issues at the North Fulton area with pickup times for dialysis patients, drop off and pick up time issues at the Well Center and appointments. And I know Roswell has experienced, you know, Transdev not showing up. So I was just wondering, because it seems to be a continual issue, what's being done to address that."

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "Yes, Commissioner Thorne. Thank you for the question. I was just at Roswell Neighborhood Senior Center a few days ago. So what you're referencing are some things that we've been tracking over the year and even last year; on-time performance. It was good to hear from that central manager that the on-time performance has improved. It's evident in the reports that Transdev is now sending to us, so overall, it is getting better. They've even noticed the same driver, which is important to seniors because they build and develop a relationship and a rapport. There are still some challenges with on-time performance. Transdev's main location and headquarters is in East Point. So we've been working with that vendor and looking at possible solutions to improve the on-time performance, because the bus will leave from East Point, travel, face the traffic to get up to the north, so that's a factor that we're aware of. So even though the vendor has improved overall with on-time performance, there are still some outliers and we need to address. We've also talked to our county attorney's office to determine how we could possibly use space, county space, in the northern area, and it's really up to the vendor to signal whether or not they would agree to the terms that we would lay out there, but we're still looking into that."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yeah. I know they were trying to get a bus that would just stay in the northern area instead of having to drive to East Point and battle traffic all the way across the county. So we haven't really gotten anywhere with that, and that's on the vendor's side, do you think?"

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "We need to have a follow-up conversation. We did share that with the vendor, but we -- our plan is to continue to figure out how to get to a successful process and experience for the senior rider."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. Thank you. And I appreciate you continuing to work on that area and holding them accountable in trying to work through the difficulties. Thank you."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO: "Commissioner Thorne, the other piece of information I'd like to add is this contract allows us to go up to 54 buses; we're only around 20. And so, we believe if we can increase the fleet up to the maximum, or at least increase the fleet in any substantial way, that that will help improve our performance for on time as well."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Anyone else?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion on the floor is to approve. Motion to approve by Commissioner Arrington; seconded by Commissioner Natalie Hall. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 14, **24-0743**, Senior Services: Request approval to renew existing contracts in an amount not to exceed \$3,134,178 with Common Courtesy to provide transportation service and ridesharing."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. So does this -- I'd ask for this one to be pulled off. Does this contract include the increase from \$1 to \$4 per ride, which I opposed?"

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "This contract renewal includes the Board-approved changes where seniors who self attest a certain income threshold will pay \$4 per trip, and seniors who self attest a certain income will pay \$1. So, yes, sir."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So it does -- this includes -- it goes to \$1 to \$4?"

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "Yes, sir. That was approved this June."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I understand."

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "Yes, sir."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. I didn't support that then, so I will not be supporting that at this time because of the increase from \$1 to \$4 on our seniors."

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "And Chairman, if I may share as we're going this process, we have about 86 percent of seniors who are paying the \$1, and 14 percent who are paying the \$4."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I understand. All right. We have a motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne; seconded by Commissioner Hall. Commissioner Hall, you want to be heard?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes. I have a question about what you just stated that this will go from one to four, so there is no in-between, either you pay \$1 or you pay \$4; is that correct?"

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "The cost share the senior will pay, yes. It will either be, once they schedule a ride, the cost for their ride will either be \$1 for a one-way trip or \$4 for a one-way trip."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "It's not a sliding scale based on income, just one or four?"

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "Correct."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. I just wanted to make that clear. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes, Chairman, we had someone to speak about this at the public comments this morning, and like you just stated, you didn't support this, I didn't either for obvious reasons. I think as well intent the 1 or \$4 may have been, I don't believe that it served the purpose that this was articulated to me. So I won't be able to support this. I think the seniors, at least the ones in my district, have reached out about this, and I don't know if we need to go back to the drawing board on it, Chairman; but I can't support this. I didn't support it the first time, and since it's been in place, the questions and concerns from the seniors -- and I know, Madam Ladisa, I know you say 86 percent of them are using the one dollar, but the other people that are left, I don't know if it is a communications issue; I don't know if it's an issue of maybe we need to revamp it, because I don't see that it's serving the purpose that was intended. But unfortunately, I have not changed in my idea that when it comes to seniors, we should make stuff easier for them, not hard. Some people are saying that if they can afford to pay \$4, they need to pay it. I disagree. But unfortunately, as it stands, I won't be able to support this. Thank you, Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Now, I'm not suggesting that we rework this. I'm simply saying that I didn't support it in the beginning, and I want to be consistent. I don't support it now. I think it should remain at \$1 period. But the Board has taken action. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you. I want to make sure that the record is clear in regards to this program. And Senior Services came forward requesting changes. The Board had a very detailed discussion about those changes. And the changes were made in order to accommodate additional seniors; is that correct? Or additional rides?"

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "One of the primary concerns was the funding allocated by the Board and the spending trajectory that kept exceeding the authority, so we would have to continue to come back and request. The popularity of the program continued to grow, so one of the recommendations was to implement a spending control. And that occurred through the change from 16 one-way trips, Commissioner Arrington to eight one-way trips. We are in the process of now testing how that will look, and whether or not we can continue to support more seniors as they request. So, yes, to your point, if the trip levels change monthly, then the result should be for us to provide more services to seniors. This just implemented -- we just implemented this October 1st. We received the first round of data Monday, I believe."

So we're now in the process of considering what you're presenting right now, and we'll report back to the Board."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So it was approved in June, but it wasn't implemented until October 1st?"

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "Yes, sir. We had to -- we begin work the day that the Board approved it. We sent out letters informing the seniors of the approved changes to over 7,000 seniors or so; then we had to develop a process for collecting their self attestation information. So we used staff to make calls to most of the active riders, then we had to wait for all the letters to come back, provide that information to the contractor so that they could update their systems. So when the senior calls them for a ride, they would have the accurate information. So it's still an ongoing process, but from June 26th to October 1st, that was the time we ran into a few challenges along the way with mailing and postal code, so that was one delay, but we were able to implement this October 1st."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I want to make sure I understood you. So due to the popularity of this program, the budget was exceeded?"

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "We did not this year. But every single year we would inform County leadership and the Board that we are approaching the authority. And because there were no controls in place, we had no mechanisms for making any adjustments to slow that usage, the rate of usage. We did not exceed the budget this year, and we will not, because of these changes."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. So -- and 86 percent of how many seniors? What are the raw numbers?"

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "The raw numbers as of our nine-day report, we have about 3600 -- a little over 3600 seniors that responded with their self attestation information. So I'm considering that are active roster. In October 21,000 seniors scheduled rides -- 2,100 seniors scheduled rides, so even though we have an active roster of 3600, only 2100 of those seniors requested trips in October."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Does the County have unlimited funds to pay for this service?"

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "I wish they did."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So no, we do not?"

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "Only, if you -- correct. Right now, we do not. We have 4.6 million for this year."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "And based on your calculations, when you came to us in June, we were going to run out of that if we did not implement some type of controls, correct?"

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "Based on our projections. Things changed. There's no way to tell that we had over 7,000 seniors who had registered for the service, which meant that any of those 7,000 could have scheduled a ride. We now have over 3600 who are active riders. At any point in time, those 3600 seniors can still schedule rides."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Natalie Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. So, couple of things I want to get some clarity on. You said that you're still in an ongoing process of evaluating this?"

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. And that this year was the only year that you did not exceed the budget on this?"

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "Every year, Commissioner, Senior Services has brought forward a request for a spending authority increase, a request for additional funding, and the Board has provided that. So we are holding at 4.6 million. We are not coming today signaling that we're going to exceed that 4.6 million, so we will stay within the authority approved by the Board, and the funding given to this program."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "And that funding was due to you starting to charge \$4?"

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "Could you restate the question one more time?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "The approval of the 1 and \$4; did the \$4 approval contribute to you being able to stay within budget?"

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "This is something that we're still looking at. Now, the eight trips per -- eight one-way trips is a contributing factor. We believe that the changes in the cost share will contribute, but to answer your first question or comment, we are still evaluating so that we can give a clear answer as to what we are receiving in terms of data and the ridership levels, and in looking at that over time and how it contrasts with these new changes."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. So you're saying that the decrease from 16 one-way trips to eight trips is what has contributed to your not going over budget?"

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "No. There are a couple of variables, Commissioner, and we'll continue to evaluate to give a solid answer as to which factors are contributing to this change. Looking at the ridership data just from July through October, there are fluctuations. We hit a peak in August, and the ridership has changed. It may go up for the next month, but I don't have an answer for you as to one exact reason why we are under -- I just believe that the spending controls that the Board approved are helping us to manage this program."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. So there seems to be a lot of -- still a lot of questions in the air, and you've said consistently that it's still an ongoing process of evaluating this situation. We voted last time, two different votes. One was to keep it at a dollar, which failed, which I voted for, keeping it at a dollar. Then we voted to move to the 1 and \$4, which I thought was actually a sliding scale at that time, but now finding out it's just either one or four; and I'm going to have to withdraw my second. And I going to make a motion to hold because there's a lot of ambiguity right now. Who said second? I'm sorry. Oh, okay. Because I think that you need more time."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO: "Commissioner Hall, thank you for your comments. If we could receive some direction as to what you would like to see us provide when this comes back for consideration. When I worked with the department to present what was really a cost-containment measure as Commissioner Arrington pointed out, it was really about wanting to continue to serve as many seniors as possible by implementing a reduction in the number of trips coupled with the cost share, which it's not a sliding scale; however, we do look at income levels to determine whether you're eligible for the one or the four. What we don't know yet is which of those levers contributes more, so is it the \$4? Is it -- by itself? It's more than likely a combination of both of them. The program has gone from 1.5 to \$4.6 million over time, and we certainly appreciate the Board's support for that. But we would like to know, so that I can help the team bring back the information that you have. I don't believe in two weeks that we will know anymore about which of those factors contribute. We're willing to suspend the waiver, or put a waiver in place whatever we need to do. We just certainly want to make sure that we have a contract in place by January 1. So we really appreciate any direction you can provide to us so that we can bring back information that you really want to know."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Well, I want to know the answer to a lot of the questions that were just presented up here, which we were told they're still ongoing evaluation that's happening. And that I want to know about the sliding scale, because I actually voted for it to remain \$1 and that failed, and then we voted for one to four, but I was under the assumption that it was a sliding scale which I asked about doing that meeting; and it was communicated as though it would be a sliding scale. And now I'm finding out it's 1 or \$4, and I do have to go back to the gentleman who came to our last meeting, the

senior from Buckhead, who voiced a very loud concern. And he said he was representing multiple senior housing in Buckhead. My Chief of Staff, Anita Harris, literally spoke to him, and he was very clear on this 1 and \$4 is really causing some issues for the seniors. And he made it very clear that everybody in Buckhead is not wealthy as the perception is out there. And that there is a whole -- I think he said east side of Buckhead where the seniors are really struggling. And so, I think we need to go back to the drawing board on this. And it's always good to talk to the residents, as we could see by even this election. Elected officials and the workers of government need to talk more to the people who we're providing these services to."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO: "Thank you, Commissioner."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I hope that helps."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO: "It does. We did speak to Commissioner Barrett as well as the constituent that you referenced, and one thing that I've asked the team to think about is, since we are currently realizing an under utilization of funds, is there some opportunity to present a program for medical trips in particular that will allow seniors to have an opportunity for increased trips based on the fact that we have under utilization of funds. So we certainly are sensitive to the comments that we've heard. We take those concerns very seriously, and are really looking at how we can continue to serve seniors so that they can continue to be as independent as possible and continue to thrive in the community. So we are certainly open to whatever direction the Board would like to give us as to making the program viable up to suspending what was previously approved."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes. Thank you so much. You and your team have always been great at connecting with the residents and making sure that we serve them well. So thank you for that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. What's on the floor now is a substitute motion by Commissioner Hall -- strike that -- to hold. It was seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman. Commissioner, do you want to be heard? Now, the motion is to hold."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "No, that's fine, Chairman, thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Commissioner Thorne, on the motion to hold, do you want to be heard?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yeah. I'm okay holding this, but I just want to say we talked about it, we discussed it, we were trying to find a cost-containment measure to provide our seniors rides in the most equitable way that we can find, and we've implemented the program effective October 1st. What's the date today? November 6th. We really haven't given it time to see it play out and work on it. So, but I'm totally great holding this to have further discussions."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Arrington, on the motion to hold?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes. I just wanted to say, Dr. Roshell, I think the idea of, you know, maybe special programs for medical rides might make sense. And then I was also wondering how much of the million dollars that we allocate for veteran services is being used, and if a special program for veterans might make sense and/or be able to supplement -- if we're not using all the million dollars for veterans and there's some left over, maybe we can use some of that to supplement this for veterans, and that may make more rides available for seniors that are not veterans, so."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO: "Thank you, Commissioner Arrington. We certainly will take all of the good thinking of the Board and bring back to you some possible solutions to address the concerns of the constituents that have been brought forward."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Any other comments on the motion to hold? All right. Let's vote, please."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. There's one other from --"

CLERK GRIER: "No, that's all."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We've already taken care of that one? Okay."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 15, under Open and Responsible Government, **24-0746**, Real Estate and Asset Management: Request approval to utilize corporate purchasing in the total amount not to exceed \$2,331,442, to provide gasoline and diesel fuel."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. We have a motion to approve by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman; seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "24-0747, Registration and Elections: Request approval of a statewide contract in the amount not to exceed \$149,040 for the rental of box truck, passenger vehicles, and cargo vans."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. We have a motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne; seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman. Commissioner Thorne, you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I was just confused. It said Presidential' General Runoff Election for that purpose. I was just curious. I mean, I'm totally supportive of the measure, but I was just curious of exactly what we were running them for."

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "Good morning. Right now, from the election results from yesterday, we project a Runoff Election for possibly the city of Atlanta and the city of East Point."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Sine those are municipal elections, will the municipalities be paying for the Runoffs?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "Legal is currently reviewing that, but at this point, we'll advise if they're going to be paying for that."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. That would be great if you could look into it, because normally cities run on odd years and they pay for their elections. I think it's against the law for us to be funding their elections, even if it is in conjunction with (inaudible) -- if we don't have a client -- I wouldn't say client -- a candidate that it's either state or federal on the ballot."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes. Well, I thought that was a question for me. We do recoup the cost, the additional cost that the municipal election causes us to incur."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. So we're approving it, we'll spend it, and then we'll bill the cities later, correct?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Correct."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Thanks. Thank you. I just wanted that clarification. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Anything else?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion on the floor to approve. Motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne; it was seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "24-0748, Real Estate and Asset Management: Request approval of the task order number one in an amount not to exceed \$277,000 to provide upgrade, replacement, and complete installation of new fitness equipment systems."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "New fitness -- all right. We have a motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne; seconded by Commissioner Arrington. All right. Let's vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 16, 24-0749, Information/Technology: Request approval to amend an existing contract for the design, development, and implementation of Phase I, a public facing website in an amount not to exceed \$200,000."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We have a motion to approve by Commissioner Natalie Hall; seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Please vote."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I'm in the queue, Commissioner."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a minute. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes. Tell me about what this is for? I mean, we already have a public facing website so I --"

KEVIN KERRIGAN, CIO, IT: "-- yes, sir. Good morning, Commissioner Arrington. Yes. This is for additional work to help us with the upgrades associated to the site as well as implementing a new search capability across the site, and having hours to address any ADA compliance updates we need to make to the site or just ongoing enhancements as well. So they provide more -- in addition, they provided Tier II and Tier III support beyond what our staff is maintaining for the site today."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All right. Will there be any functionality to track the users?"

KEVIN KERRIGAN, CIO, IT: "To track users? We do have analytics tied into the site, so that information can be shared. Are you not receiving that information at this point? We see page use, page visit, sessions, you know, we have that level of detail."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah, but I know -- or at least, I think, I have proposed in the past the ability to be able to track someone's use across departments, the users, so that we know who they are, what they are using and the department, and all of that, and so that's what I'm referencing."

KEVIN KERRIGAN, CIO, IT: "Okay. So that's more of the database discussion we've had around consumption of services by constituents."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

KEVIN KERRIGAN, CIO, IT: "Okay. So this would not be addressing that; this is more front-end functionality, capabilities in the site. I think we need to have a further discussion around the ability to pull all that data together to present that kind of information."

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

KEVIN KERRIGAN, CIO, IT: "I'm happy to meet with your office when available to discuss further."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you."

KEVIN KERRIGAN, CIO, IT: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. We have a motion to approve by Commissioner Natalie Hall; seconded by Commissioner Thorne."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**24-0750**, Real Estate and Asset Management: Request approval to award a contract without competition in an amount not to exceed \$2,300,000 to provide postage services."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne; seconded by Commissioner Hall. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**24-0751**: Request approval to amend an existing contract in the amount not to exceed \$3,425 to provide additional changes to the existing scope for the East Point expansion MLK Library, Northside Library, and the Peachtree Library."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "The motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne; seconded by Commissioner Hall."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**24-0752**: Request approval of a statewide contract in an amount not to exceed \$755,000 to provide repairs and maintenance for specialized heavy equipment and other fleet vehicles."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We have a motion to approve by Commissioner Hall; seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**24-0753**: Request approval to utilize cooperative purchasing in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 to purchase building materials, hardware, tools, paint, electrical and roofing materials."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne; seconded by Commissioner Natalie Hall. Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Chairman, I got something. I'm going to wait. This is not pertaining to this, but I'm going to make a request -- a motion to move an item up after this."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Hold on. We're in the middle of this vote."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I know. I hit it before I realized."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Okay. All right. The motion on the floor is to approve by Commissioner Thorne; seconded by Commissioner Hall. Please vote."

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

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Can I make a motion, Chairman? Please excuse the interruption. But we have an item that needs to be addressed. It's item 24-0763, and I'm going to ask the County Manager if he would speak on it. Unfortunately, we

have an emergency with Commissioner Barrett, and so we're going to need to move the item up."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So that would be amending the agenda to do so."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes, sir."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Do you have any objections to moving it up? You have to leave?"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yeah, she's got an emergency. She needs to leave."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Any objections to moving it up?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, there are no objections. Sound -- where is it? On page 19, item number 0763."

CLERK GRIER: "**24-0763**, Discussion, 10th Floor Renovation Update."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Mr. Manager."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and Commissioners. Madam Clerk, could you pull up that PowerPoint that's associated with this item? If not, I'll talk through it. Just let me know if you have it. Here we go. All right. So if you'll recall, this came up in the last meeting. We went back and wanted to present this a little bit more effectively than the ad hoc treatment that we gave in the last meeting. As you recall, one of our major initiatives utilizing the ARPA funds that we were allocated was to modernize this building, specifically for public access as well as hybrid work environment. What we found was the construction cost had tripled from our estimate, so we had to resize that entire program. So we're spending 28 million in ARPA funds for this project and other projects. The other two pieces of this that are very important are the move of all of our HHS personnel from across the street down to the Central Library giving them better public access and then we're moving things down to the second floor that otherwise are on upper floors, like the Board of Equalization, the Police, and the like to give, again better public access. The third piece that we considered, which represents about ten to 15 percent of that total 28 million, was to update the 10th floor. And the reason for that is there is, you know, a significant amount of public access there where citizens come to see you, either in formal meetings or just for constituent services. The goals of this are what are listed there, you know, fundamentally are spaces not been updated in decades, which is, you know, which is the case in a lot of the space in this building. We need to improve some of the environmental as well as storage, but predominately the underlying goal was to improve the experience for visitors that you would have coming to your offices. Next

chart, please. I'm not going to go through this chart. I hope that you have seen it either by virtue of us sending it to you electronically. Some of you we have met with, and we worked with the Chairman's office to develop this design. It's very simple in nature in that all of the Commissioner's offices are along that far wall or top wall, as you see it. And then there is some enhanced conference space as well as it ensures an equal treatment for our Chief of Staff position, which is where a lot of the constituent services and need for privacy and communications occurs. Next chart. And then I'm going to turn this over to Tim Dimond to answer any questions. There was a question raised about could we simply use these funds at the jail. We have researched that question. The regulations are not clear, but anywhere that that has occurred, it's been challenged initially by the ACLU and likely will be reviewed by the federal authorities, and we think represent a risk if we were to do that. The cost of this option again represents ten to 15 percent of the total for at 4.7 million. However, one idea that I had that would shave some costs off of this, and I think would be consistent with only limiting this to public space access is not due on anything past that midpoint where you come up on the County Manager's side of the equation. We don't have to do that for public access. I think it was designed to make it all consistent, but that's not necessary. That would reduce the cost of 3.4 million."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a minute. On that point, are you saying then if we do nothing, basically what you're saying where your offices are?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, sir."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That would reduce the cost of this by 3.4 million?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "No, sir. It would reduce it to 3.4 million. It would reduce it by 1.3. So the cost of the project then would be 3.4 million versus 4.7. Pardon me. Is that clear, Mr. Chairman?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, sir."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Okay. And then we did look at further reductions to just painting and carpeting. Quite honestly, once we get down to that level of minimalization, it's almost not worth doing. We certainly could do it, but that doesn't address some of the things that I think would be most beneficial. Getting, again, a consistent look and feel, getting the elevator lobby addressed, obviously getting the bathrooms updated would be paramount to having a good experience for any visitors. If approval was granted to this, and again this is where Tim can give you any more details. It is a -- it's not a simple project in it there is construction involved in terms of moving walls as well as getting permitting and that kind of thing done. This is the timeframe laid out by the selected vendor, a vendor that we've used many times over successfully, but we're glad to discuss again any alterations off of this, but this is our recommendation for the use of these funds."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, this is interesting. Does this include the escalators in this building? Not this, but are we going to fix the escalators as a part of this?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "This project does not, but we do have plans to do that and have a funding mechanism using ACCG funding to do that. Both cases, as you and I've discussed a week or so ago."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "My only concern is, I mean, I sound like a broken record, I assume. Half of this building is vacant at any point in time; and probably 75 percent of the 10th floor is vacant at any point in time. So if this is going to help the Commissioners and their staff come to work, maybe that's the intent. But I'll listen. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm a little confused by this layout, and I guess also by the numbering. I don't know, did people request this? I see District Five, District Two, District Three, District Six, District One, and then there seems to be a space for another area, and then that doesn't seem to be allocated to any district. And then there seems to be District Four. So I'm -- it's not in numerical order, so I'm trying to understand how do we go from five, two, three, six, one, four; and what is the space in between one and four, and how is that allocated? I guess that's number one. And then number two, is there access out to the balcony on those offices?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Tim, I'll ask you to address the specifics, the numbering or the layout of the offices we worked with the Chairman's office to determine that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, wait a minute, now. Let's see. Now this layout, I think was presented to me and each Commissioner or each Commissioner staff was asked whether they -- well, first of all, I may be speaking out of turn here. What I understand and what I was told is that each Commissioner's office would be the same square footage, which is not the case now."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, sir."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Some Commissioners have, what do you call it, not satellite office, what do you call them, satellite offices?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "District offices."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "District offices, except you -- except Barrett, you're the only one, right? And so, the numbering here, this was a layout that was brought, and this is what was presented to each Commissioner to ask for his or her input. And this is probably two or three weeks ago. The only input that we received was, I think that there was one or two Commissioners wanted their doors to swing -- actually relocated from how,

where they're located on this drawing. One or two others wanted to have their Chief of Staff right across from their doors so they could check on the Chief of Staff. And if I recall, that's about it. Everybody said, the feedback that I got, was that everybody said, okay. And my statement was, you can leave mine as is, but I'm here every day. And if we're going to do this, I would hope as I said earlier, that this would encourage those who do not come to come. But I don't know how, where they came up with the numbering, Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Well, yeah. My question wasn't for you, Mr. Chair. I was really asking the County Manager as this is his proposal. And I guess, he seems to be under the impression that it came from you, but you're saying that it didn't, so."

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

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Mr. Chairman, I know I'm not in the queue, but can I answer what my understanding of that specific question is?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "My understanding, Commissioner Arrington, was that it had to do with -- the reason I think the Chairman brought up the fact I don't have a district office was, I think part of it was the number of cubes and how they could fit in the cubes, because the offices are all the same for us and the Chief of Staff, but the number of cubes is different, depending upon people's needs for in-office at Fulton County Government Center. And I think that was part of the reason, was how many cubes each person wanted. And so, I don't think it was supposed -- I thought it wasn't particularly aligned with any district numbers for any reason other than for the cubes next door to the offices that they were relevant to. But I could have that wrong, but that was the way I understood it, yeah."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. And then as far as -- is there access to the balcony up there?"

TIM DIMOND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Good morning, Commissioner. I think one or two of them might have access, but I don't think all of them have access to the balcony at this moment."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "At this moment. This is a plan for the future, so at this moment is irrelevant. We're talking about the future."

TIM DIMOND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Yeah, we weren't -- I mean, this design, if there isn't a door now, we had not incorporated the structural changes that would be required to put a door into the spaces."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. So some people will have access to the roof and some people won't?"

TIM DIAMOND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "If there is an existing balcony door, they would have the access. If they do not, they would not."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "And so, the space, the square footage space is the same?"

TIM DIAMOND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Yes, sir. Part of this is to bring that consistency and equalization for the offices as well as providing an office for the Chief of Staff for everybody."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Oh. Consistency and equalization to the rooftop deck, is that what you said? Wait a minute. Either we're going to break consistency and equalization or we're not."

TIM DIAMOND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "For the size of the office, sir."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Well, consistency and equalization, either it's consistent and it's equal or it's not."

TIM DIMOND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Well, I understand, sir. But if it would be the will of the Board to do something with the structural changes, that would increase the cost."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I don't know about that. I mean, I don't really agree with any of this, but if you're proposing that this plan was to bring consistency and equalization then it doesn't appear that it does that."

TIM DIMOND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "I apologize, sir. For clarification, my reference was to the size of the offices and the number of offices that were provided to the Commissioners and the Chief of Staff."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Well, consistency and equalization transcend the size of the office. It transcends everything that is available. And so, what you do is you make one thing available to one person but don't make it available to someone else. And that is inherently unfair. So either you make everything available to everyone or make nothing available to no one. That is how you achieve consistency and equalization not by making one thing available to some and not to others."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER "Can I ask a question of, Tim? How many - there's one access down here on the far end to the balcony; is that right, or is that through an office now?"

TIM DIMOND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "No, sir. That's through what will be open space, the one you're pointing to."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "This one right here on the far right?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I don't know what you're referencing."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah, what are you referencing?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Well, I'm looking at that, Mr. Chairman, in that area that says, Chairman. It's hard to read. But if you go up from the middle of that space and there's a table. Then there's a doorway that goes out onto the roof. Now, is there any other -- or on to the balcony. Is there any other balcony access?"

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: "Through the break room."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Through the break room? Is that the only two places of access? On the other side."

TIM DIMOND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Yeah, I think that's it."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "So those are the two areas. Those are the two access points for the balcony, right? Okay. So that is equal to -- or equal access for everyone's use."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Well, I don't know about that. It looks like the Chairman has two rooftop access points. So that certainly is not equal."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Well, let me rephrase. That's what exists today."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Right."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, what I was saying --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- either way. But this plan, we were just told, is for equalization and consistency. And so, if it's for equalization and consistency, it should be equal and consistent."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Well, interpreting what you say, that would necessitate the creation of seven doors or six. Yeah, seven doors."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Either we're going to be consistent and equal or we're not?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "I'll leave that up to the group."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All right. And I guess no one has anything to say about the numbering or why the numbers are numbered where they are and why people are being moved and shifted around? Why is District Two being moved from where it is to where District Four currently is? Why is District Three being moved from where it --"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "-- the staff's indifferent to the numbering."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I understand that. But by adopting this plan, we would be inherently adopting the numbering that has been put on there. So do we need to remove the numbers? How do we come up with a system? I'm just trying to understand. Did Commissioner Ellis say that he wanted to be moved to there? Did Commissioner Barrett say that she wanted to be moved there? So perhaps we need to remove the district numbers and we need to come up with a system -- a separate system that allows the Commissioners to either choose to stay where they are or select where they want to go. But, in fact, it looks like Chairman's office got three rooftop accesses."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, I don't need any. So you can close mine off if that would help. And in fact, you don't have to do anything to where I am; and I'll repeat it. I'm here every day and on weekends. If that helps, strike my balconies. Close them. Put plywood up."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So what other funding you said cannot be used, since we're using ARPA funds that cannot be used in the jail? What other funding could this ARPA funding be used for? Could this be used for seniors and rideshare?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "The issue is really the period of time that we have to spend the resources. We can spend it on a construction project like this, or our ERP upgrade because those are under contract. I'm not sure that would be able to spend the additional resources on senior transportation beyond the end of this fiscal year? That's something that we would have to look at the obligation rules to see if it would qualify for moving into next year. So that's really the issue as we get closer to the end of the year being able to react and place the monies into a contract that will allow us to go beyond the end of this year."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All right. I mean, I'm going to let someone else talk, but somebody put district numbers on there. Somebody made a conscious decision to number those offices and/or to move people, and I think that that needs to be part of the discussion."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, you have the floor."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. I don't want to belabor the point, because if we're going to talk about numbering, I mean, even here, the succession of how we're numbered out here is different. I don't think anybody necessarily sat down and said, let me put this in the order that they put it in. I'm going to support County Manager. You're stating in this that the more economical one would be the one that does not upgrade on your side. I'm going to support this, because one it's needed; two we are the leaders of the Fulton County Government; it stops with us at the 10th floor. And even though, Chairman, with all due respect, some of us are in the office, some of us are not, but when individuals do come down here, I think it's appropriate for us to look a certain way, to present a certain way. So I will respectfully say I don't think that the time in the office is always an issue, but I think fairness is the issue. I came in; I didn't have a balcony door. I still don't have a balcony door. But it has nothing to do with my level of commitment to my district. And so, I think this is a good medium, so to speak, after having a conversation with you, County Manager, about what we could do with the funding, you know, what we can't do with the funding. So I'm going to make a motion that we approve the one that you said that does not include the upgrade on your office, because I think that's a happy medium from where we first started out at the four-point. I think we first started out at 4.7, and that brings it down, but that allows everybody to have an upgrade. Some of my colleagues, even though I'm not suffering, some of my colleagues are. And so, I think it's in the best interest of us to move forward, so I'm going to make a motion that we accept the one with the three -- what was it, 3.4 million and it excludes yours."

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

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion on the floor is to approve by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman; seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Commissioner Barrett, you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Call the question."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is there a second?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Properly moved and seconded. Let's vote on the call of the question."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open on call of the question. The motion passes; four yeas, one nay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "On the motion on the floor."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "Back on the bottom of page 16, **24-0754**, Real Estate and Asset Management, Request approval of a statewide contract in the amount not to exceed \$700,000 to provide natural gas services."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne, seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman. Let's vote, please. Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "One moment. What happened? And the motion passes; five yeas, zero nays."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 17, **24-0755**, Request approval to utilize cooperative purchasing and amount not to exceed \$150,000 to provide copy paper and related office supplies."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The favorable motion by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**24-0756**, Request approval to increase the spending authority in the amount not to exceed \$100,000 to provide additional comprehensive pest control services."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: ""All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne, seconded by Commissioner Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "Under Health and Human Services, **24-0757**, Public Works, Request approval of an agreement for cooperative technical assistance and intergovernmental cost sharing in the annual amount of up to \$150,000."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Bridget Thorne, seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**24-0758**, Request approval to increase the spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$116,000 to provide closeout sanitary sewer model collaboration services -- calibration services."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion to approve by Commissioner Bridget Thorne, seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**24-0759**, Request approval to increase the spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 to provide design, engineering and construction services."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion to approve by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Thorne."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 18, **24-0760**, Behavior Health and Developmental Disabilities, Request approval of an MOU with the Atlanta/Fulton County Pre-arrest Diversion Initiative to continue providing financial support for delivery of the pre-arrest diversion services in the amount of \$400,000."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion to approve by Commissioner Arrington, seconded Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**24-0761**, Request approval of an MOU with Grady Memorial Hospital, doing business as Grady Health System, for the purpose of continuing integrative strategies to provide medication-assisted outpatient treatment of substance-use disorders for Fulton County residents."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We have a motion to approve by Commissioner Arrington, seconded by Vice Chair -- strike that, Commissioner Natalie Hall."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. It's 12:35; I will entertain a motion to --"

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Entertain a motion for recess for lunch and Executive Session, items of real estate, litigation, and personnel."

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

(Recessed for Executive Session)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Without objection, we will resume the regular order of business. Madam County Attorney, items from Executive Session."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman, but I don't believe you have a quorum yet."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We do us -- one, two, three, four. Commissioner Hall is here."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Oh, I didn't see you, I'm sorry. Okay. Is there a motion to grant the requests for representation set forth in items number one, two, and three of the Executive Session agenda?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne; seconded by Commissioner Hall. Please vote."

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

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Is there a motion to approve the execution of participation agreements in the suits set forth in items four and five of the Executive Session agenda?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to adopt by Commissioner Thorne; seconded by Commissioner Hall."

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

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "No further action items from Executive Session."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, continue."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 18, Commissioners' Action Items, **24-0611**: Request approval of an ordinance, amending the Code of Laws of Fulton County relating to Rules of Decorum governing meetings of the Board of Commissioners and for other purposes, sponsored by Chairman Pitts."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Barrett and Commissioner Thorne --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Thorne."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- y'all are working on that, right?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "We all are working; we're still working on it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Sorry about that, so we'll hold that if that's okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Continue."

CLERK GRIER: "**24-0654**: Request approval of a resolution to designate a resignation procedure for appointed members of Boards, Commissions, Task Force, Committees, Councils and Authorities created under the authority of Fulton County Board of Commissioners and for other purposes, sponsored by Chairman Pitts."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair, you and Commissioner Barrett were working on that. Y'all ready or not ready?"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I -- we'll just hold it since she had an emergency and she had to leave. If that's the pleasure of the Board, I think that'll be best."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "**24-0655**: Request approval of a Resolution to ensure free accessibility to Fulton County records by county officials and employees as needed to

fulfill their public duties and functions and for other purposes, sponsored by Commissioner Thorne."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, ma'am."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yeah, this is, I'm just bringing this back again. We held it -- I mean, it's just basically, if you're on a Board, you should have right and access to any information that you need to do your duty, serving on that Board, Committee or Task Force. I believe that we need to be as transparent as possible. We don't need to hide stuff. We don't need to block people from getting information that they need as they serve our community. And I think this will help root out your cultural corruption, Chairman Pitts that you talk about so much if we're fully transparent."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Vice Chair."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I can support this. But I want to be careful to what I said before that if someone is not giving you access, and as an sitting legislator, I don't know that this will answer that. And so I support it, Commissioner Thorne. But if -- I guess my -- my point of, of my concern is that, if you -- if someone has not given you access, or if you've asked for something and the person or department doesn't have it or does have it, I don't know that this will answer that. And so that's my only concern, that I want to go on record that whatever may be happening, I don't know that this answer the question. I do support it, but I still feel as though, if there is any issues that's going on, I would hope that the level of communication can be better, or there can be a cease fire, or whatever needs to happen, because I don't know that this will necessarily get to the root of, you know, what problems may be going on that you're having. That's my only concern."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah. I'm unable to support this, because although I do agree that anyone that's serving on Board should be able to get those, the records. The problem that I have with the resolution is that it elevates those people that are on Boards to the same level as Commissioners and our access to records. And frankly, you know, again, I am -- I'm troubled and confused as to what records you may or may not been getting, because I have not had any difficulty getting any records from - from any department or any employee that I requested. So that, I think this goes, the resolution goes too far. And I think this was done, you know, this was put on on October 2nd. Let's just, you know, we'll talk about transparency, let's be fully transparent. This was put on the agenda so Julie Adams could get access to records at the Board of Registrations and Elections. The Judge already ruled that she could have that access. So frankly, it's moot."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yeah --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: Yes. I mean, it's just open records for anybody. I mean, you look at Reparations Task Force; they should be able to get whatever records they need from whatever county entity. And it's public records that can be publicly accessed without having to go through the open records. It's avoiding the open records, ORR process for these Boards, Task Force, Committees, essentially."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah, I'm not willing to go that far. And if any of my appointees on any such Board have any trouble getting any of the records, they contact me and I obtain them for them."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Madam County Attorney, were you -- I'm sorry, go ahead."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I'm sorry, Chairman. And that speaks, here again, to what I'm speaking about. If someone is denying you access, then I don't know that this gets to the heart of what you're trying to -- what's was -- trying -- what you're trying to -- let's say if it was to pass today, let's say for the sake of conversation, I'm going to play devil's advocate. If it passes today, and tomorrow, you try to get access, and they tell you, no, this is not going to do anything. And so, yeah, that's a concern of mine. But I'm sorry, Chairman, I just -- that's the point that I'm trying to -- I'm trying to get clarification on."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "So then what's the purpose of drafting resolutions if they're never enforced? If I can't get something, I can't say, look, we passed a Resolution; you're in violation of this resolution if you don't give me that material. Without it, I just am at the mercy of the department or whatever, from saying, no, you can't have that information."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I mean, there's a state statute called the Open Records Act that requires --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "But I shouldn't --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- requires disclosure of information requested, and it also sets forth penalties for failure to comply."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "But I shouldn't have to do an open records request to get information. That's the whole purpose of this resolution is to avoid having to do an open records request and having to pay for an open records request as well."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Madam County Attorney, I thought you were asked to review this and to make some observations."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "So in response to Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman's question about it being a -- of course, you're correct, the resolution would not be self-executing. And it is true that as a practical matter that if a department is resistant to providing documents, then the resolution would not necessarily change that, that posture. I think what the resolution attempts to do is to fill the gap between an ordinance or, excuse me, a policy that we have that our own employees do not have to go through open records in order to get documents that are not just for personal reasons. So if you're try to get your own personnel file, you have to go through open -- I mean, I'm sorry, if you're trying to get something for personal reasons like just for your own curiosity, you go through open records like any member of the public. But if you need something in order to do your job, you don't have to go through open records is what our policies say. The Board Members, such as the BRE, for example, do not fit squarely within that, so I think that the resolution attempts to fill that gap to show that that same principle would apply to members of Boards that operate in conjunction with Fulton County."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah. That makes me even more uncomfortable, because then how is their job defined? Who defines their job and what's needed for their job? Where is that definition? How was that defined, and who defines it? What's our job definition, and how is it defined? And what do we need to do our job? That -- that makes me even more comfortable. That that's -- that's so loosey-goosey and so subject -- so subjective to whoever is making the request or whatever they say their job is for that day. Absolutely not."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Chairman, with all due respect, I think it's in the best interest just to hold this. I'm going to make a motion to hold this."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to hold by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman; seconded by Commissioner Hall. On the motion to hold, let's vote."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, matter is held. Continue."

CLERK GRIER: "Bottom page 18, **24-0762**, County Manager Discussion, Elections Update."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Mr. Manager."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman, while Nadine Williams is coming up, I just want to take a minute to say a couple of things. Number one, I think, last night, which was the penultimate test of all of our planning, coordination, investment, your leadership, Mr. Chairman, and involvement, as well as the resources allocated by the Board was passed with flying colors. I think everyone knows, but just to underscore, we had press from all continents except Antarctica, according to Jessica, which I guess they don't cover elections, but everybody else was there. And there was nothing but, you know, I think significant recognition of the process that we followed, the way things were run, the outcomes. So no criticism that, at least that I read. What I did see, as I mentioned to several of you, as I was listening to all the returns last night, I saw the Elections Hub on CNN. I saw it on MSNBC several times, and it was on the front page of the AJC this morning. So I think that, in of itself, was a testament to again, how we were perceived. I also want to say again to Nadine, specifically Nadine, thank you for your leadership. Because we had to have a quarterback, and you were a terrific one throughout this entire process. But leading up to this, because we've been through many seasons and scrimmages and everything else, but last night was the Super Bowl. And you did a -- you did a terrific, terrific job. I also want to thank the BOC, because I do think, you know, the basic formula of allocating resources, and I know that's difficult to do when there's a lot of competing needs, allowing us to create a plan, and in this case, a whole-of-government plan. This was never just the Board of Registration and Election. And sometimes I do feel like when Nadine is taking some of the incoming fire, that we should step to the, you know, to the floor as well, to say, hey, this is a -- the holistic government here, it's not just Nadine, nor her department only. But I think that combination really served us well. And also, I think you allowing us, more or less, to do the job of bringing this election and getting it across the goal line. So again, Nadine, we're glad to hear your report, but saying up front, a huge thank you, at least from the management side of this equation."

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, BRE: "Well, good afternoon. Well, first, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Registration and Elections Division Managers, who are experts in their field and have worked long and hard hours to conduct these elections. And we also want to thank the temporary staff and poll workers for their dedication and endurance. And despite attempted distractions and disruptions before and during the election, our team remained steadfast and in -- in their commitment, ensuring a smooth and fair process under a global microscope. We want to thank the County Manager, the Board of Commissioners, the Board of Registration and Elections and the numerous Fulton County departments that supported this important effort. There are too many county departments to name individually, but we thank them all because we know they have additional work duties during these election cycles. We planned, we prepared, and we ensured that over 500,000 Fulton County voters

expressed their voice. Their voices were heard, no matter who they chose to vote for. There were over 9,000 voters that participated on Election Day, over 400,000 during advanced voting, and over 24,000 by absentee, by mail. We will complete post-election procedures, preparing for the election certification and risk-limit audit. And to date, the election results are projecting that there will be a runoff election in the city of Atlanta and city of East one at large, and we'll prepare for that election as well. And again, we thank you for all your support. And if you have any -- I can take any questions at this time."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Nadine and all departments, the Executive Team, the County Manager, I want to thank everyone, because I think we did an excellent job. We did an excellent job under the spotlight, and we did an excellent job -- I want to take this particular time, Chairman, to thank law enforcement. I don't think I've ever seen an election nationally that we had so many bomb threats called in, and you all still -- and this even -- even counties, sister counties to us. But I want to especially thank law enforcement, Fulton County Sheriff, Atlanta Police, all of the law enforcement that played a role when those bomb threats came in. I'm just flabbergasted that we had so many bomb threats. But Chairman, they were able to keep it going, keep it moving. People were encouraged to stay. The teams interacted with the people that waited, and I think you all did a great job, and I just want to personally go on record that there's no end to democracy. Democracy still is in place, Chairman. And we should continue to make sure that we have open free, free from bomb threats, free from everything we possibly can, because your vote is your vote, and nobody should be intimidated. No one should be suppressed. And I am very, very honored, Chairman, to be on this Board. I know there was a time when I first came in, you know, we were, people were talking about the elections, our elections was always being thrown up under the bus. And I just think with the Elections Hub, with the things that you all put in place over these four years that, County Manager, I think everyone here at Fulton County, especially the executive leadership, especially those, who after we went home, they were still working, deserve the kudos, especially to our law enforcement. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Wow, it was late night. I know you didn't get any sleep at all, maybe a couple hours. But I do have to say, when I drove down to the Election Hub and I saw the news sign welcoming the whole world to our facility, it was lit up, the parking lot was lit up, there were tents everywhere, there was media everywhere. And you walked in and there was a whole wall of media, and I just have to say, well done for the orderly process. Everything was very transparent and orderly, no complaints about anything. And literally, the whole world was there taking pictures. But for me, election integrity, I just have to say, it is a nonpartisan issue. It is not a Republican issue, it's not a Democrat issue, it is a nonpartisan issue. Both sides should be concerned with election integrity, and election integrity requires open, free, and most of all

transparency. So there are some things I need to address, and one of them was last weekend, last Friday, the last-minute decision to open four locations after the drop boxes had closed, which I know is legal, and it was totally legal to do. And Soo, your team, County Attorney Soo, you did a fabulous job representing us in that emergency hearing on Saturday morning. I think you found out about the hearing at 3:30 in the morning, and were prepared by 8:00 a.m. So I have to say, well done to you. You represented our county well. You were straightforward, you were informative, and you defended us very well. But that was chaos. That was chaos thrown into our election process. And I felt like it was unnecessary chaos, unless you can explain how the decision was made. Was there a major issue that came about? Why was it last minute? And maybe that could help that there was something that was happening last minute, and that we needed to inject this chaos to our election process."

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "Yes. So we received several complaints from voters or concerns from voters because of the postal mail, they were not receiving their absentee ballots, so I made the decision to open our offices on Saturday and Sunday so people can hand deliver their ballots. The chaos occurred when a social media post was put online and put all of our staff's emails online. And our whole, all of our departments received a group of people that decided, out of transparency, they would, to me, do voter intimidation and harass our staff. But outside of that, thankfully for the voters that could show up and drop off their ballots that was available to them because of the postal mail concerns that a lot of voters reached out to our office in regards to."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "So you may decision to open, it was your decision?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "It is an operational decision that I made to make sure that we can let voters drop off their ballots. We sent information to the Board, we spoke to legal before we made the -- before the decision was made, all those things happened."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "The Board was not informed, because I was on the phone with the Board Member when she found out. They were in court all day that day. They found out Friday. They had no part of the decision. They were told that they were doing this, so they weren't prepared. People were coming --"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "I didn't ask --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "-- at them --"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "-- when you put the social media post online."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "When Fair Fight put the social media online at 7:15 before Board Members had even known. Fair Fight knew that all six counties, all

Democrat counties, had miraculously all decided to announce on Friday that they were going to be open for the weekend to accept absentee ballots. So for me, the optics of it was horrible. If it had been decided at your Board meeting by your Board, or you had an emergency meeting to decide. It's called transparency. It's called simple transparency. Having your Board informed, having your Board knowing that this was happening."

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "I cannot speak for --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "It's unfortunate that --"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "I cannot speak for DeKalb, Cobb, Gwinnett or Walton County as to when they advised they would be open on the weekend. Nevertheless, a media release was sent out, and we were assisting voters."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "That's what you said. I mean, it was just poor optics, because three of the four locations were not -- we're in the southern part of the county, Atlanta and South. Only one was up in the north location."

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "These are Election's offices. Just for the record, they're our offices, they're not additional sites. They're literally the North Annex, South Annex and Government Center. We have offices there throughout the -- throughout every -- every day, voters have been dropping off ballots there every day for over a decade, through every election cycle."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yeah, I know. I'm just saying that the optics of it are very poor when we're in a Democrat County and we align, happen to align with six other Democrat counties at the same time, to go ahead and accept these ballots. It's just a perception. I'm not saying we did anything wrong. Soo Jo did a great job of saying we did not break the law, but that shouldn't be our line in the sand. Our line should be developing trust in our election process, and that trust was broken by the last-minute decision and the chaos that it created. So what was the cost of opening these locations?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "Staff was working there anyway. They were working their hours. But the chaos was caused when you posted the social media post. Let me be clear about that, because I'm not going to sugarcoat that anymore. The chaos was caused when you put all of our staff in jeopardy by the social media posts that you posted. Let's be clear about that."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I posted what the State Senators, our Senators had."

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "You posted staff's email, that's what you posted."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "That's what the State Senators gave me."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. All right, y'all."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I just want to know what it cost us, because when we interviewed the people that were working, they were told on Friday -- they work Monday through Friday at those centers. They said they were getting time and a half. They were notified Friday that they were working the weekend, and they were getting a time and a half. Or were these employees lying? It was the workers and it was our security staff. It was an additional cost that you incurred and you made the uniform decision without going before your Board. That's all I'm saying."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, so --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Wait, wait, wait, I'm not --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a minute. Just a minute. Just a minute. Just a minute. Come on, let's calm down. Continue, Commissioner."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "So who made the decision that we weren't going to allow anybody in there to look, to watch?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "Are we -- okay. Again, our offices are open to the public for business of the -- of elections. So if you have staff there that is being harassed by people that have crowded the lobby -- and I would love for somebody to play the cameras back --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I have that, Nadine. I actually --"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "Yeah."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "-- have a recording of you --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a minute. Just a minute."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "-- Nadine, speaking to three Senators."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a minute, everybody. Just a minute. There was a North Annex, this building, and South Annex was open, correct?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "And the Elections Hub."

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "That's where our office are located."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, all right. Every -- just a minute. They were open?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "There were employees there?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And she asked, was there any additional costs, since they were there --"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "They work on the weekends."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. So there was no additional cost. Now, continue."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "It was disputed when we interviewed the actual employees --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "-- that were there."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, okay."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "So we can disagree -- we can agree to disagree --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a minute."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "We were told one thing --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a minute."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "-- from your employees."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. It was an operational decision you made. Continue."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: So the monitoring, it would have been so easy if we said, we welcome, we have nothing to hide, we'll allow two people from each party to come in and observe our processes, because we have nothing to hide. Instead -- and don't blame me for the email, the Senators sent me the email, because they were concerned that they gotten that they were not allowed in. And then I listened to the recording of you speaking to three sitting State Legislators, telling them -- accusing them of harassment. I'm not having you harass -- you weren't even there. They were standing in the lobby against the wall."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I'm -- decorum. Decorum."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I --"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Decorum."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Listen. Stop it. Stop it. Stop it."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I was just -- so I apologize, Ms. Williams."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne. Commissioner Thorne, please. Now, I think we got to where we are, and let me talk about what happened on Saturday. Mr. Manager, in fact, the -- I called, when I heard about this, I called you or you called me. We had the Chair of the Board of Registration and Elections on the line and Chief Yates, I believe. We collectively made a decision to allow anybody that came to one of those three locations with an absentee ballot to drop that absentee ballot off, and they could stay in the lobby and observe anything they wanted to observe. But they could not, and it was a unanimous decision with us could not go back and follow the employees back to their desk and hover over them while they were doing their work. That was a decision that was made by the five of us, and I supported that decision. And that's what happened."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "And that's acceptable. And that, that's acceptable. But to have Senators in the lobby against the wall being yelled at and accused of harassing --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I don't know, okay, I don't know about that --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "And I will show you the video --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Point of order, Mr. Chair, isn't there litigation over this? There's litigation over this right now. Yeah, this --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I don't know."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "This is how we treat people."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "There's lit -- wait, point of order, point of order. Point of order --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I'm in the queue."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Point of order."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Please."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "There is litigation. The matter is in litigation. We discussed it back there in Executive Session, and it should not be discussed any further out here."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam County Attorney, is there litigation on this matter?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Not on the treatment of Senators."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a minute. Just a minute."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "There is pending litigation about the opening of our offices to receive absentee ballots on those days."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, thank you."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "And I said --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "And I support our stance on that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I just believe we need total transparency. We need to treat -- there seems to be a -- I'm sorry, I am a Republican, and I feel like our election process is totally blocked to Republicans. As we can see, the Republican Party submitted a list. How many people do we hire for this election? How many poll workers?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Point of order. There's litigation on that matter."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "No, I just want to --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Point of order. There's litigation on that matter."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne. Commissioner Thorne, Commissioner Arrington, please."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "We should welcome --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Please, please."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "-- 60 people? Really, 60 people we can't hire --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne. Commissioner Thorne, Commissioner Thorne, please."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What else do you --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I -- I mean, there's other things, the absentee ballot processing, we had a lot of college kids that did not get their ballots on time. I don't know if we're to blame or if it's the Post Office. But I know even ballot issued was blank on some people who were calling me. I had a veteran who was in hospice care, all he wanted to do was vote. And I thank you for getting him a ballot. But I felt like I had to fight to get him a ballot. He reached out to our offices last week because he had applied August 24th, and he had not gotten his ballot, and he was told, you have to go the precinct, it's too late now. He can't, he was bedridden. I have a picture of him with his hospice nurse and his wife helping him fill out his ballot. This isn't about me. This is how we treat people. And I'm sorry you guys are treated like saints when you come down there to the Election office. Nadine doesn't even say hello to me at the Election office."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne, Commissioner Thorne, please. What else do you have for her?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I -- well, I wanted to thank you for getting him the ballot on Election Day so that he could vote. It meant a lot to him. It meant a lot to his wife. And I just hope, moving forward, that you would not have this hostility towards people, that our Election office will be welcoming to everybody. And that's it. That's all I have to say."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. All right. Vice Chair, you have anything?"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I do. Yes, Lord, I do. Commissioner Thorne, Trump won yesterday. Several other Republicans won yesterday. With all due respect, please do not disparage this woman who runs a department. Whatever it is that y'all need to work out, I will pray that Jesus come down here and mediate for you all. It is ugly to have, and I have called other colleagues out too, to have a department head down here and be handling them this way. So if I'm going to call other people out, I got to call you out too, with all respect. I know elections is dear to your heart, but let's be civil, and let's be fair. Ms. Williams, I apologize to you in front of my colleagues, in front of Fulton County, because that was totally unnecessary. We can agree to disagree. We can agree to disagree. I was not there. I got the posts. I got all kind of stuff sent to me too. I think we lose sight of what's the most important thing here. And the most important

thing is fair and free elections. And people come in and vote for who they want to vote for, and that person wins. The voters have spoken. There's nothing anybody can do about that, but move forward. But as a Body, Chairman, we cannot have people come down here to this well and be attacked because somebody feel a certain way. And I want to on record telling you that it's unfair. And I apologize to you, Ms. Williams, and I pray and hope that whatever this is that somebody who's listening would intervene and do a mediation or whatever. We cannot spend another four years in Fulton County having this go back and forth, not when you got executive staff in here, not when you have colleagues in here, Chairman. And I know I sound upset. I sound upset because we getting ready go into 2025. When does this stop? So once again, Ms. Williams, with all due respect, Commissioner Thorne, we can agree to disagree. Ms. Williams, I apologize for that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Natalie Hall, please. And this a -- what is -- this is, the topic of discussion here is what? Elections update."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Well, Nadine Williams, let me just say thank you to you and your department and everyone who contributed to a very smooth and fair election. Let me just make it clear, publicly that you did not report to the Board of Commissioners. And I just had a flashback of the previous person who held your position literally having to say that to some Commissioners in the past. But yet, you still stand up here and take that type of behavior. That is not appropriate. And I want to commend you on being patient, resilient. You are handling it like a real, real -- just you're doing a great job, okay? And, yeah, we need -- they need the decorum policy. Thank you for your work."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Nadine, I guess you're the victim in this whole thing. I can be abused, three Senators can be abused, your Republican Board of Registration -- it's okay if they're bullied, if they're told -- they ask someone a question --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Point of order, Mr. Chair, she's going back to the items that are in litigation."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I am not. It's okay, I'm talking -- I'm -- I am not talking about any litigation."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne, Commissioner Thorne, Commissioner Thorne, please --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I just want to say --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne, please conclude."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I'm -- I am concluding. I am concluding. I just want to say, if you want to come talk to me, I will sit down and talk to you. We can hash things out. But I am not going to be bullied anymore."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, thank you. Thank you."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "And your Board Members, I'm going to stand up for the Republicans. I'm going to stand up for anybody who is hurt and feels bullied, accused of her -- if you -- if I ask somebody a question that isn't harassment. If I'm standing in a room while they're working, that is not harassment. And you got to be careful when you throw out those words, because now that's a law; that is a felony if you harass a poll worker."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Thorne, please."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "No, I just want to say, I hope that we can make amends, that we can welcome -- everybody can feel welcome, because not everybody feels welcome at the table right now when it comes to elections. And I'm trying to do my best to have patience in all this. But when I see other people -- it's okay if you don't -- you can sit there and roll your eyes at me."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Thorne, please."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "It's okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Come on."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "She just rolled her eyes at me."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne, just a minute, please. Ms. Williams, Commissioner Thorne, now, y'all need to stop it."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I am --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Stop it."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I would love -- welcome you to come to my office. We can sit it down, and have a nice talk if we can, okay? I'm just saying, let's talk. That's it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Thank you. We got it. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Ms. Williams, thank you for -- you and your team for your dedication and hard work and service for this election and leading up to

the election and post-election and for the runoff. I see why you can't get any records. I see why they don't respond to you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I wouldn't either."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington. Just a minute. Commissioners --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Decorum violation."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Ooh, ooh-wee."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Commissioner."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All right. Ms. Williams, thank you for what you did and what you have done. And, you know --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Point of order."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- you should not have to go through --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Point of order. I want to do a decorum --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What is your point of order?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Decorum violation by Commissioner Arrington."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Just a minute. Just a minute. Just a -- continue. Continue, Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So thank you, Ms. Williams for the work that you and your team have done. As has been echoed by other Commissioners, we apologize that you had to go through this stuff. One of the things that they may be a good resolution, Mr. Manager, we might just need the full-time, 24/7 camera access to the Elections Hub. So then that way nobody has to go down there, and no one has to feel threatened or intimidated, and people could just watch online, right? And that, I mean that way we don't have to worry about none of that, because that, that's ridiculous, that someone would -- would do that today. And I know that they were more aggressive when they did it over the weekend. And so you have the right to make a decision. You made a decision, and everyone is operating in good faith. And it's the assumption that people are not acting in good faith that presents the problem. See, once you start assuming that these people are not acting in good faith, and then they're out to do

something nefarious, that is what the problem is. I assume that everyone is doing their job in good faith and that they are going to do what they are supposed to do. And so I don't have any belief that someone is doing something that they shouldn't be doing, because I believe everyone is going to do what they're supposed to do in good faith. And I -- and I would challenge us to do the same, to assume that everyone is acting in good faith, unless and until you can prove that someone did not act in good faith. But to just assume that people are out there doing things not in good faith or not in the best interest of the county, is a problem. And that is the problem that leads to all these other problems. So Mr. Manager, if we can, let's look at -- let's look at having 24/7 camera access at the Election centers so that we don't have to have these people talking about they want to go down there, and we don't have to have employees worry about being intimidated by people being there. We can have 24-hour seven days a week access on the internet."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Commissioner Arrington, I totally agree with you. I would love to have 24/7 webcam in the Election Hub. I think that would resolve a lot of issues. I think it'd resolve a lot of transparency issues. I suggested it to somebody maybe Mike Rowicki or something at some point. I think that would be so great, and I think it would help. I think the fact when we're not transparent is what the problem is. When we're not transparent, if we don't have anything to hide after that court hearing, if we would have just welcomed everybody, I think everybody would have been appeased. They would have been happy. And you talk about safety, I'd love to show you the emails, the threatening emails that I've had. I'd love to share with you that I've had police have to park in front of my house. Because all I'm doing is trying to make sure processes are correct, things are done well. I'm listening to voters and their voter experience, making it a better experience, that's my complete goal. Oh, as I said, I'm going to finish with this, election integrity is a nonpartisan issue. Just because I have a R by my name doesn't mean my ideas are horrible. Election integrity, fairness, faith and integrity and transparency in our election is what we need to strive for -- for both sides. So I love your idea, Marvin -- Commissioner Arrington --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I hope we can get that done with those cameras. And I just wanted to comment on that. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "One more comment, please. Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yeah. People talking about officers sitting in front of their houses and all this. But Nadine, let me just share with you, a certain Commissioner posted about a friendship that I had with the DA and caused somebody to post on my page that I look great dangling from an oak tree with my legs dangling. How racist is that? And they had to get investigators from not only the DA's office, but the Police

Department the Sheriff's Office to track on social media this person or these people who did not like my relationship with the DA because a certain Commissioner posted on their Instagram page about my relationship with the DA. And so they continued these death threats against me and wanted to post police all around my house, my family's house, follow me around all day. But thank God, I have God, and I know Jesus Christ. And they found the person in that Commissioner's district. So stand strong. You're doing a great job, keep pushing forward."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Thank you, Ms. Williams. Next item, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "24-0764, External Affairs: Approval of the 2025 Legislative Agenda."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Good afternoon. Jessica Corbett, Director of External Affairs. Just asking the team to please pull the slides up. We were here at your last meeting to provide the first read of the legislative priorities for 2025. And we're going to go through those today. Two pieces of feedback we received last time were to clarify, make the language simpler, and clarify our top-three priorities. And we have attempted to do that here. Next slide, please. So we have organized at the top of this page, this is a summary of the priorities within the three recommended priorities, which are in the justice area. One is about the appointment of resources for Superior Court, including additional Judges and Judicial Officers. The second is resources for State Court. And then the third is support for the recommendation of the Senate for transfer of the Atlanta City Detention Center. We do have additional items, and we will go through those. Next slide, please. So again, just to recap, we had two areas for support for Superior Court to increase resources for case processing. One is to authorize Superior Court -- excuse me, authorize the appointment of Judicial Officers in the Superior Court to handle non-serious felony and civil cases. And this follows a resolution that was adopted by the Board of Commissioners last December to provide those resources for Superior Court. The second of those is to also seek on a parallel track, additional judgeships within the Superior Court to manage the high volume of cases. So we would recommend pursuing both of these simultaneously. They have different, slightly different pathways, typically, but we would recommend supporting and moving forward with both of these. Mr. Chairman, please let me know if you'd like us to go through these all, or if you'd like to take votes as you go through."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You want votes today?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "We are here today to request your approval. If you're not prepared to do that, let us know."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Mr. Chair, we might want to hold this. We got a lot of people missing today. We have two people out that are sick. So it might be best if we hold this."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I agree with that."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Well, would you like us to still go through it, or would you rather just come back in two weeks?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What's your pleasure, Commissioner?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I would just say come back."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Okay."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I think the day is getting away from us."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. No objections."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you, appreciate it. Y'all, please let us know if you have any questions. Have a good afternoon."

CLERK GRIER: "**24-0765** Finance, Finance 2025 Budget Development Update."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam CFO."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe that we have a brief presentation to make to the Board. I don't know if the Manager wanted to make any comments on the front end. Okay. Waiting on that document to be pulled up. I think you can go ahead to the next slide. Briefly, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we just wanted to share with you the summary of where we are in the process, get some initial feedback from you before we finalize the proposed budget and present it to the Board. What's on the screen now is just the brief executive summary. First, to let you know that we're still in the sausage-making process. We're still tying up all of the loose ends for the 2025 proposed budget. We do plan to present the balance -- balanced budget on or before November 15th, with a modest revenue growth and increased recurring expenditures. We are still, from a budgetary perspective, continuing to exceed our ability to fund our recurring expenditures with recurring revenues, simply meaning that we continue to have a need to rely upon fund balance carry-forward in order to balance out each year spending plan. We did encourage departments during the process this year to reprioritize within their current recurring base budget for anything that they could before they submitted an

enhancement request asking for additional budgetary resources. Preliminarily, the general fund budget is currently balanced, and you'll see that in a few slides. Based on some revenue and expenditure assumptions, including our recurring tax revenue projected nonrecurring revenue, that's the reliance upon fund balance and an expenditure budget that at this point does not consider operational or capital enhancements. Next slide, please. Next slide, please. So with that summary in mind, the numbers are looking like this, and as I stated earlier, we are still making the sausage. These are our most recent projections on our '24 spend, as well as the summary of what we see currently for 2025. So the top portion of this slide is the update on our 2024 general fund spend. We began the year with 227 million in fund balance. We currently project receiving revenue in the neighborhood of 886 million. We have projected expenditures of around 890 million -- 890 million, that would leave us with 224 million in fund balance. Our required fund balance reserve is 16.67 percent of those expenditures, that would be about 148 million, leaving us about 75 million of that fund balance carry-forward available to use to help balance the 2025 budget. So rolling into 2025, we start with that ending 2024 fund balance 224 million. We're projecting revenue of around 904 million. The primary and most major assumption in that revenue picture is that we would project about 3 percent growth in our billable tax digest that really is the portion of the digest that's outside of any Tax Allocation District that the county is actually able to bill and collect on. And that would be at a 96 percent collection rate. And then currently with based departmental budget and the items that we have built in from a multiyear view perspective, we're looking at an expense budget of 975 million. That would leave us with a projected fund balance of 152. When you do the calculation for the required fund balance reserve, which in this case would be 163 million, and that's at 16.67 percent of the 975 million proposed budget, we would need a reserve of 163 million, which means that we're currently facing a shortfall. Our plan to cover that is to, as we have in past years, apply about a \$10 million attrition factor. So we would reduce our planned salary spend across all agencies by \$10 million, and that would balance us out thus far. As indicated, that really does not leave any resources available for enhancements or capital spend. Next slide, please. This next slide really just documents and summarizes the underlying assumptions. I've covered most of those in my comment, but they are here of note. I think it's important to note that we are again, planning for some growth in the digest, about 3 percent. This year we were at 6.35, down from the previous years where we were, I believe, almost 14 percent on the gross digest, so we're looking at about 3 percent now for billable growth in the digest. Pretty much, the status quo recurring expenditure budget, with the inclusion of items that have been previously approved or presented to the Board as part of our multiyear planning process. And those items include things like our investment in behavioral health, continued funding for the Board of Health, justice and safety, including inmate outsourcing and the items that have been previously presented as part of the Jail Bridging Plan. In addition to that, as we presented at the last Board meeting, we will have a requirement for a countywide election next year, that being the mandatory public safety -- I mean, Public Service Commission election. So we have included funds in the budget to cover that, as well as building in some resources to support a performance bonus for county employees. That would be a one-time bonus not added to base pay.

Next slide, please. So where does this leave us? It leaves us with, again, a budget preliminarily that's balanced, but it doesn't include departmental enhancement requests. Those submitted operational and capital enhancement requests are being reviewed and evaluated utilizing our rules based criteria, those criteria being life safety, contractual, regulatory, statutory and inflationary increases in order to continue to maintain the current level of service to our citizens. After that, we will then determine how we will tranche out the remaining and prioritize the remaining enhancement requests so that if funds become available, we would have a plan in place for how we would recommend funding enhancement requests to you. Currently, one of the areas that we're looking at to be able potentially to fund some of the enhancements that have come in and that are being evaluated is to pull over the interest that has accrued on the ARPA funds that we've received in order to use those to support one-time nonrecurring enhancement requests for the '25 budget, as well as any improved performance at the end of 2024. So should we do better than our current projections and have a higher fund balance, we might have some cushion to work with some of the enhancements, and then, of course, any guidance that we may receive from the Board today on any adjustments that we could make to our plan. Next slide, please. We just wanted to share with you a high-level summary of the enhancement -- the enhancements that we have received. So across all of our various operating funds, we received a total of 217 million in operating enhancements. Of that amount 196.1 is specifically related to the county's general fund, our primary operating fund. We broke those down into our strategic focus area so that you could kind of see where the enhancement requests were coming from in broad context. And you can see Arts and Libraries, 5.7 million; Health and Human Services, 19.7 million; Infrastructure and Economic Development, 13.1 million; Justice and Safety, 1304.3 million; and Open and Responsible Government, 23.2 million. From a capital enhancement request perspective, we received requests totaling \$65 million. And again, we've broken those out into our primary focus areas just so you, again, have an idea of where those enhancements are originating from. Arts and Libraries, a million dollars; Human Services, about 444,000. Infrastructure and Economic Development, 26.7 million; Justice and Safety, 33.7; and Open and Responsible Government, 3.3. We will continue our enhancement review and evaluation and prioritization process between really over the next week, as we finalize our full proposal to the Board of Commissioners. And we'll share the complete list of the enhancements with you as we did last year, along with our priorities tranches like we did last year. Next slide, please. This last slide is just a summary view of our budget process calendar for the year, showing you where we are in the process with our presentation to you today on November the 6th, this is just the summary update. We do plan to present the proposed budget to the Board on or before November 15th, as we're required to under our budget ordinance. And then officially and publicly present the Board with the budget presentation at the Board meeting on November 20th, hold our legally required public hearings on December the 6th, which will allow the Board of Commissioners to approve the budget at either the first or second meeting of the Board in January. Mr. Chairman, that completes our update, happy to take any comments or feedback from the Board unless the manager wants to --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Madam CFO. Any questions or comments at this time?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "May I ask, just one, add one P.S."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "I think this had come up, Madam Vice Chair, some time ago, you recognized that expenses were beginning to outstrip revenues. Well, now that, that -- and that's been the case for several years. But we've always been able to take savings from the previous year, put those in the current year, which is somewhat a false sense of security about our revenues. Now, even that potentially gives us very little, if, and according to these calculations, if they end the way they do, no monies for enhancements. What we're proposing we would have to do is use the interest income from ARPA to fund any enhancements, which is about 10 to 12 million. So I think most helpful to us will be getting a clear understanding of any assumptions that we should change, which can range from changes in the millage rate, changes in the growth rate, or a clear signal to the organization that enhancements are just not in the -- in the recipe. Now reprioritization, meaning you've been given 50 million to operate, if you want to do something as your highest priority, great. You pick something within your departmental allocation that's a lower priority and stop doing that. And you, of course, have done that, as have I in previous lives. But the -- it has not gotten through, as you can see from the enhancements that have been proposed, to the organization that they should be operating in that manner. That's why we have over 200 million in enhancements, plus another 50 to 60 million in capital requests. So somewhere that's got to -- and we can run it all the way through January with a lack of that understanding, but I think the more clear that the Board can be and the more early in the process, the better."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I agree, County Manager. I think back during budget time, I said, you know, we're going to have to have the hard conversations. I said, we've got to set the expectations then. And everybody's own office, their own budget is important to them, and I understand that. But unless you got a printing press over there and you willing to do some fed time to make some money up, we don't have it. And so I think the mindset needs to be, we don't have it. But so much has went on since yesterday, and we have expended so much energy that I don't know that I even have enough energy to even give more thought than other than we've got to let the process play out. But I would encourage everyone, because see, this is my fourth year, when I came in, it was a laundry list, and it was -- it was almost like, hey, you get a car, you get a car, you get a car. And that's not to demean, I'm saying the process in a real world does not work. And so I'm just asking everyone, Chairman, not trying to take over for you, but I'm just asking everyone to go back and look and see where they can just trim, because we are not going to be able to fund all those enhancements. And so I think the quicker that we have that mindset, the quicker we have that conversation, the

quicker we can try to make a always-painful process a little less painful. So I'm just going to end on that note."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Vice Chair. Anything else, Mr. Manager?"

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Madam CFO, anything else?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "No, Mr. Chairman, thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, thank you. Madam Clerk, continue."

CLERK GRIER: "**24-0766**, Sheriff, Discussion: Request approval to utilize \$1.2 million in Non-Agency funds currently advocated for the Sheriff's office for the purpose of overtime use compensation for sworn staff."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Good afternoon, Sheriff."

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "Good afternoon. How we doing? First of all, I think all the conversations leading up to this one is really, as Madam Vice Chair said, lot has changed since yesterday, so certainly appreciate that. And also want to preface the conversation around the overtime funds, if I can, Mr. Chair, with respect to a conversation you and I had, or at least publicly about IC Solutions, the telephone contract and the actual inmate commissary contract, which would, one, we both agree, we need to reduce to try and make sure that those that are incarcerated, they're incarcerated --

CHAIRMAN PITTS: Speak up a little bit, Sheriff.

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: They're incarceration is not paid for on the backs of their families. And so to that extent, I want to be very specific about where we are and what we have done with IC Solutions, the contract itself. Prior to the FCC ruling, we were -- we had revenues going into the inmate services account, or an inmate welfare fund, whichever one you want to call it, of right at \$135,000 a month. Now, with that ruling that projection would drop it to \$40,000 a month. Now that the ruling, in and of itself, there are a couple things about it. So we were at one point charging 12 to 14 cent a minute per call, because we could. The ruling itself says large jails and Department of Corrections are now restricted to 6 cent, and you -- and the entity can only get 2 cent, hence the projection of \$40,000. That does not go into effect until November 19th. There are over a dozen court challenges to that ruling in the FCC. And then it would go into effect in January of the new year. Again, that was predicated on the previous administration. So I fully expect things to change around that piece. Also affecting that

going into the inmate services account is the inmate population decrease. What does that look like? If you recall, we started out with a high of 3700 individuals, almost three, three and a half years ago, and now today's population is 2,451. But again, that's important, because nobody's sleeping on the floor. It is, again, important to note we are still outsourcing, and some of those outsourcing areas, be it Oconee County or alike, don't use the same phone service, so hence a drop in services from that perspective. But moving to the inmate commissary account, which -- or the company itself, which was in place as we took over as an administration. Couple things to -- to realize there, one that from my understanding at the time, there was only one proponent. That company has about several other smaller or several other commissary companies. And they've done, and what we've asked in a new contract there, is they decrease everything by 10 percent."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You said increase or decrease?"

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "Decrease."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Decrease."

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "I may have said -- if I misspoke, but decrease by 10 percent. Now, what that also means, in both the commissary as well as inmate phone realization of that conversation means that, one, if you decrease it, you can -- you still -- we're still looking at, ultimately, what the charges are, what it looks like. Because if I decrease it that just means I can spend more time on the phone. If I put \$50 on someone's books, I'm still going to spend \$50 regardless to what the costs are. So we are focusing on making sure that it's less of a burden on those that have loved ones incarcerated. So I wanted to make sure, as promised, I came back to you and certainly had that conversation."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Do you have what you just said in writing?"

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. I'd like to have that."

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "We'll get that to you, which is primarily that page from that perspective. The other thing moving to a, again, leveraging technology and what we expect to happen is we are incorporating tablets into our inmate phone system, meaning whether it's educational opportunities on those tablets, whether it be more communication between the residents and their families, whatever that looks like, ultimately, we can make that happen. There or some implications in terms of charging those tablets just as you charge of your phones, your iPads and the like. So we're working with D.R.E.A.M. on figuring out the electrical options when it comes to making that happen. So again, with an eye on the future, we want to make sure that we offer the best services to our residences as possible. So that's really the culmination around

those two particular items. We'll get that to you in writing as well as, and we may have it with us, the actual cost per commissary item. So either your Chiefs of Staff or Michael will pass these out so that you can have them. So whether it be a pair of socks, whether it be a bar of soap, whatever that may look like, we have those. You can have those as well as to what the current atmosphere is, with respect to, again, our commissary items and listings and the like. So if there's some things that you see on there, to your point earlier, that we should be providing as a -- as a county, then we certainly want to know what that is, and we can make those adjustments accordingly. And then to move to the -- and now, I have turned this back-of-the-envelope calculations on the \$1.2 million for overtime. It's important to note a couple things, and that is in as far as our overtime, if you recall when the budget was ratified, it was reduced by \$2 million. Back of the envelope would suggest over our last three or four months, our spend has been right at three or \$400,000 which means October, November, December, would take us to the \$1.2 million. Really following up on another conversation that Vice Chair had about us as administration and us as the Sheriff's office coming together certainly with the County Manager's leadership in our CFO's leadership, we actually have had several meetings that took place with our entire teams, both sets of teams, whether be the Finance team in its entirety, not just the CFO, and our team as -- in its entirety. And the one thing that we have discovered is that \$2 million will actually -- the \$2.1 million that's sitting in the non-agency account will actually at this point, fill a gap. And we still have the overtime for October, November and December to deal with. So ultimately, there -- it's a larger ask than the \$1.2 million as of this past Monday when we had that finalized meeting from that perspective. So again, when we start talking about overtime, we're talking about a really good example of that is, as you know, we have the largest number of sexual registered offenders in the state. We have some 4,000 just in the Mighty 6, another 4,000 in Commissioner Hall's district that we are responsible for making sure that we track, that we monitor, and if they abscond, we go get them. That overtime is also predicated upon, sometimes, the Judge's schedule. So just in transfers alone this past year, we've transferred almost 12,000 residents back and forth to court, back and forth to state prison, whatever that may look like. But if court runs long, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 o'clock at night, our deputies are there. And what we have done, and as asked by one of the other Commissioners, is provided in the last couple meetings, what those transfer funds look like amongst the accounts over 105 transfers, equaling \$18 million so that ultimately, we have exercised and used our budget accordingly. One of the things, and certainly Commissioner Thorne, I want to -- I appreciate you and Commissioner Barrett coming to visit the jail most recently. You all had an opportunity to talk to some of the contractors that were actually paid out of our general fund because we moved -- we were paying them elsewhere out of the inmate services fund at a certain point. So those are the kinds of things we're getting ready prep for, not just the budget meetings that we need to level set and have a more stern conversation around that piece as we get ready to move forward. So I'll stop there. If there are any concerns, questions that we need to delve down into, I want to make sure we have time for those answers."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: So you want to take 1.2 million out of non agency, how much is in that non agency fund?"

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "So right now -- well, go ahead."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Commissioner Thorne, after the payment for Leo Tech, we have about 1.4 million remaining."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "And how do you normally budget your overtime pay?"

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "So the overtime -- and I appreciate the question. And there's some foundational conversation we need to have, and we go back to 2022. For double time that was put in our overtime budget, \$10 million; we spent 6.25. On the day of ratification in 2024, there was a motion made to cut that, and then a further motion made by the CFO to cut it even further by \$321,000 -- \$362,000, which left us woefully short in terms of the overtime projections. The other thing that has to be taken into account, one -- and I want to ask for clarification from our CFO, because we pay Leo Tech apparently out of the \$2.1 million, when the substitute motion that was made was to pay it out of the inmate services account. And so I need clarification there, because then that shorts that account, and ultimately, what path forward, with you all's guidance, should we take. So it's really \$2.1 million was the overall conversation about what needed to be taken out to make sure we level set that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue. You're done? All right. Other questions or comments?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, none."

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "Okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Oh, sorry. Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yeah. I do. I got lost. So I got lost when you said in 2024 there was a request for overtime, and then somehow you got approved for only 362,000, somewhere along there, I was trying to take notes, and you were talking so fast, I couldn't even -- I couldn't fit them on my little sticky."

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "All right. So let me --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "And lost track."

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "No worries. Let me go back --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay."

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "-- if I may. All right. So in 2022, when we -- in coming out of COVID, and we had the double overtime, and we actually were ramping up and being able to retain people, there was \$10 million sitting in the overtime budget in the conversation. We expended two-point -- 6.25 of that. Then upon the county's recommendation, or the County Manager's recommendation, as we came to the day of ratification for the budget, it was to eliminate the double overtime, which took us to \$4 million in terms four-point -- \$4.5 million in terms of the overall overtime for the Sheriff's Office. And so on January 24th there was a motion made that actually decreased that overtime that projected overtime, which we knew we would need, by \$2 million. And then at that, on that same date, same conversation, Madam CFO made a recommendation to balance the budget, that another, an additional \$362,000 come from that same bucket. It was voted on, it was approved, hence that's why we find ourselves October, November, December, in a place that we are not paying overtime. So we've made the adjustment, because I know there's a question around what adjustments have been made. We've gone back to the compensatory conversation of making sure people receive their time. But those are the kinds of things, one, that really impacts morale, what that looks like. And even to that -- and even on that note, if you keep in mind, women and men of the Fulton County Sheriff's Office have really stood stern in making sure we provide safety and security around those very things that we talked about, that we talked about earlier, and that was a recognition, and I appreciate it, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, around even election security; what does that look like? Also, we take into account in this unusual year in time, we had as many as 15 to 20 different candidates, like, whether they'd be Presidential, Vice Presidential, whether they look like coming to this particular area to try and win Georgia. And while it may seem like a nicety, it is one of those requirements in terms of us being able to provide safety and security in that aspect. So those things ultimately pay for or create the overtime. But again, we made the adjustment, and we are paying comp time. And so we need to figure out whether it comes to morale, and a large portion of that is being paid at the jail. And here's the other piece that bears, you know, keeping in mind, and that is, quite simply, when we start paying comp time, we've already lost over 60 people with respect to when we stopped paying double time. Because you can go somewhere else in law enforcement and focus on those particular acts, and it leaves us that much more short. So there are a lot of opportunities for us as we get ready to move forward, we're going to make sure we continue to have the conversation."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. So are your Sheriffs actually working overtime, and getting paid for it, or they're not getting paid for it? What -- what's the situation --"

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "So they are banking comp time. And so I'll give you a really good example. Just two weeks ago, we had unfortunately, DeKalb County Sheriff's Office released somebody, was wanted for murder. Well, our Criminal Investigation Division went out, worked over the weekend, they banked comp time, but

it took almost 48 hours of straight surveillance to make sure we brought that person back into custody. So those things ultimately matter when -- so we're right now, being more specific, we are paying comp time."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "You said you are paying comp time?"

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "Yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "You're paying comp time and overtime?"

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "No, not comp time and overtime. We made the adjustment with respect to not being able to pay overtime for October, November and December, and move to comp time."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. Well, I know I probably contributed to that through requests that came through my office, for your office to secure some of the polling places. And I had -- but I had no idea that we would get bomb threats at our polling places. So I understand why those requests were coming in early, people were really afraid of the climate of the election. So what you need today, the \$1.2 million, is going to cover the overtime in this -- how did you get these prices so cheap? I'm sorry, it just - _"

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "We do a really good job in negotiating."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yeah, it just struck me, I'm like, I can't go out and buy a lot of this stuff in the store for this cheap. It is really inexpensive. But anyway, so it's to cover this and overtime?"

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "So, no, the 1.2 is just for -- let -- and again, let me provide some clarity."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay."

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: The 1.2 million was prior to the conversation we had the CFO and her team with respect to what we need. And so the ask would be to get the 2.1, and then we will still have to manage the overtime requests as we get ready to continue to move through, at this point, November and December. So that, ultimately, the 2.1 is the ask, because we know it should be there, which is part of the conversation around, why I mentioned the Leo Tech piece and the minutes that you all ratified earlier this morning, which included the substitute motion as to where that money is -- those monies would come from. So I just wanted to make sure we continued to have the conversation."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "All right, thank you. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. Thank you, Sheriff, for coming here. Thank you for what your department did on yesterday and during the entire election process. I know there were times that you had to send people out. And so I want to go on record thanking you for that and thanking you for being here."

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "Thank you."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I would ask from me, and I can only speak for me, but you know that I'm a person that speaks my mind, and I take ownership of that. I want -- I want whatever decision I make with this, Chairman, with all due respect, I want to make that decision either up and down -- up or down by the next meeting. Let me tell you why. I just had a text to come in, and because we have two people that are absent today, you know that both of them was dealing with own emergencies. And the Sheriff is here today, and he is giving information, I want to take this up at the next meeting. I mean, I appreciate that the presentation. But I think is imperative that if we're going to move on this, that we have a least one of the two, I would like for the two to be here, but at least one of the two other, you know, Commissioners here. And that's just a thought that I wanted to throw out there, Sheriff. I know your time is very precious. But I also think that in this, if we are really talking about a reset, that we all do it collectively. Do you understand the point that I'm trying to make? And so I want to offer that up at this time that if we're able to table this up what he's asking, so we can get the clarification for what he just asked about. Because we kind of -- Commissioner Thorne and I was just saying, it's like two different amounts or where the amounts are coming from. And so I want to see if we can table this until the next meeting if at all possible."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So are you making a motion --"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I'm making a motion --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- to hold until the next meeting?"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes. Yes, because I think out of fairness to this Body and fairness to the Sheriff, that the -- if not the whole full Board, at least, you know, one of our Commissioners will be back by then, if not both."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So your motion is to hold -- hold this, hold off on approving or not approving the utilization of the 1.2 million?"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And there's a second by Commissioner Thorne. Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I'm a little bit confused. We're holding the -- did we vote?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "What are we holding?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No. She made a motion to hold this item until the next meeting --"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Commissioner Hall --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "To hold a discussion --"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "-- to bring it back -- to bring it back. It's a discussion, but to bring it back on in the next -- in the next two weeks, because Commissioner Barrett isn't here or the other Commissioner. And so as -- even though we would take a action on it, maybe today, considering what he brought forward, we still have a few questions, and we have two Commissioners that are absent. That's what I'm putting forward."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yeah."

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "May I ask --"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Go ahead."

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "-- quick question. And I certainly respect that. And in the spirit of making sure that we not only are transparent, but everybody has a full grasp of that, what I would ask, and I'm not -- is that a motion be made or direction be given to the CFO and to the County Manager to identify what October's overtime looks like, and then potentially pay that. And let me tell you why I asked is because, in the spirit of Emma Darnell and the like, last thing I want is for our employees, as we come up on these holidays, not to be paid, and to be given comp time. So if there is, if at that point, if there is the execution of in terms of asking just for October, which gives us to get to the next meeting to see what the rest of it is, and that would be based on you all's communication from the actual administration, the CFO, as to what they might look like. Because we expended a lot of overtime making sure, to your point, the elections went off without a hitch, all the visits et cetera. But on behalf of the Sheriff's Office and the women and men of the Sheriff's Office, I would ask that we parcel that out. Because the money is still sitting there and the money is still gaining interest. But ultimately, an opportunity to say here's what this team has put together for October's overtime. Because I don't want to hold it off for two weeks and then there may be a payroll issue, I don't know. But if there is some way to make sure that you all are satisfied for October, we still have November and December to deal with. But that's just my -- my ask if that's the --"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I understand."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, anything else?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes. So what are you asking for? What amount are you asking for? Because you said at least cover October."

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "So again, the back-of-the-envelope math was \$400,000 for each month, that's the \$1.2 million. But what I was also suggesting is that the County Manager and his team even provide more specificity with respect to, okay, here's what October's overtime would be, And then it come from that same pot of money. But at least it wouldn't hold us in a position where our women and men of the Sheriff's Office aren't getting overtime. Because right here against this holiday or several holidays -- and we know what good government is. Good government is, a lot of things shut down around Thanksgiving --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "No, I was in the queue."

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "-- and Christmas, et cetera."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Is there a problem?"

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "So just a thought."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. So you're saying you need us to vote today?"

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "I would ask for that to take place, because we could do that in short order. We could partner with the CFO, her team, et cetera, and say, okay, here's October's overtime. As opposed to paying comp time, this is what it would cost, and ultimately, we would continue -- we would be in a posture to say here's what's left, and here's the decisions that can be made based on that. And I'm talking about hours worked. I'm not talking about any projections. I'm talking about the hours at the polls. I'm talking about the hours at, whether it be securing someone's house because of the threats, whatever that may be. So there's an opportunity for us to at least do right by the women and men of the Fulton County Sheriff's Office."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion on the floor is to hold until the next meeting. Anything else? All right, let's vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion to hold fails; three yeas, zero nays."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right."

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "Thanks, you all."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, just a minute, Sheriff. Before you go, I'd like for to -- you made a couple statements, and I need some clarification on. You don't have to do it today. But you stated that the -- well, I guess it's more of a question. Are you saying that there is a legislative responsibility that you have, Sheriff's Department has, when dignitaries come to town?"

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "So let me further clarify --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That's what you said, now."

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "Now, let me further clarify then. There's a legislative responsibility, a duty, to handle all election security --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I said dignitaries coming to town."

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "I just want to make sure I'm clear, right? And so when it comes down to the law enforcement activities, to be the Chief Law Enforcement in Fulton County, all of those matter. And so I understand what you're asking. But I also want to make sure we're clear that the duties for elections falls under the Sheriff's Office, not the Police Department, not Emergency Management, it falls under the Sheriff's Office. And then lastly, and I appreciate that, if you all are free tomorrow, we have promotional ceremony in the Atrium, and would love to see you. But that's, that's what that is."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, let me make sure you understand the question. I said does the Sheriff's Department have a --"

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "First of all, the Sheriff's Office."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "The Sheriff's Office have a specific responsibility to handle dignitaries when dignitaries come to town?"

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "We have a specific responsibility to be the Chief Law Enforcement Officer in the county, to include, when you asked me personally, is there anything we could do about street racing? And we took our teams out and did that. So again, we have an ultimate responsibility. See, the difference -- and let me provide some clarity, and I appreciate that. The difference in having a Police Department, it's a nicety. The Sheriff's Office, which is the oldest form of law enforcement in the entire world, is constitutionally bound to make these things happen and be the Chief Law Enforcement Officer. I stand by that, you and I have some --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We disagree. All right, the next --"

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "-- opportunity to disagree."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- second part of my question. You have a, what is it, not department, you corrected me."

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "You know it's an office."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Office of the Sheriff."

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "Yeah."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Does the Office of the Sheriff have a specific responsibility for elections?"

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "It does. The Office of the Sheriff actually has the main responsibility for elections. And so it is written in the Constitution of Georgia, the Office of Sheriff provides protections for elections, the polls and the like. And so there has been some miscommunication, and I provided some healthy response to -- the team did a great job. Let me be absolutely clear. And I'll get you that verbiage as well. And matter of fact, our County Attorney ought to be able to expound on that for us to get you some legal conversation around that as well."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No, I know what it says. I just wanted to hear you say it."

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "Yeah, I know what it says, too, and it doesn't say the Police Department does anything."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah, okay."

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "It says the Sheriff's Office."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Anything else for Sheriff today? Next item. Thank you, Sheriff."

PAT LABAT, FC SHERIFF: Thank you, all.

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I always -- almost said something else, but I'm going to see you later."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioners' Full-Board Appointment, **24-0767**, Atlanta Fulton County Recreation Authority, Commissioner Barrett has nominated Commissioner Marvin S. Arrington, Jr. for a Full-Board reappointment to a term ending November 1st, 2028."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yeah, I just had a few questions about this position, like what it requires, entails? What special skills does it need, that type of thing, and what it does, basically, the Rec Authority?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, it's a nine-member board, six appointed by -- nine-member board, six appointed by city of Atlanta, and three appointed by the Board of Commissioners. If you're asking what it does, I don't --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yeah, State Farm --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Let me finish here. So --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "State Farm Arena and the Zoo are your only two things, correct?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, we'll let Commissioner Arrington and the CFO and others, because I've asked the CFO. We've had this discussion ongoing. I'm not sure. No, I am sure. I don't even think there's even a role for the county in the Recreation Authority anymore. I can go back to the -- years ago, when you had the titans of industry who were on this board, and actually had a role to play in running, managing the old Turner Field where the Braves played, State Farm Arena. But now, it is, I guess we're holding title to the leases, that's about it. And the other thing about this is, I'm -- typically, there's a -- I've never seen as much interest in this, on the board, on an authority. You've asked about being on this board. Commissioner-Elect -- what's her name -- Ivory wants to be on this board. And here's the -- so I don't know how this is going to be resolved. Typically, there's not been this kind of interest. I'm not sure what it's all about."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "For me, personally, being lifelong athlete, coach, wife of a coach, travel, professional tennis tour, eight years kids that all ran -- one ran college, you know, played all multiple sports. That's was my interest because I saw that you guys gave grants to youth programs for uniforms. And I imagine AAU travel budgets and stuff like that. So that was my interest in it. But out of respect for Commissioner Barrett being on here, I think it's probably better that we just hold it until the next meeting anyway."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "It doesn't matter to me. I just think, I'm not even sure we need to -- Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah, so to your question, the Rec Authority owns the State Farm Arena, owns the Zoo, and it also owns other land. We're actually

in the middle of the deal now. It owns the land right out -- it owns the parking lot outside of our Juvenile Court. And we're in the middle of trying to do a land swap so that -- with them so that we can own the land outside of our Juvenile Court. So that is one of the other things. The other -- we did at one point own Turner Field, we sold that to Georgia State. And so there are other properties that the Recreation Authority owns and other things. But, yes, we do give grants to organizations. And that's a, you know, simple application process. Certainly, I have gotten money for Welcome All Park and Sandtown in the past through that grant process. But it is primarily controlled by the city of Atlanta, because they got the six members, right? And so a lot of the things they do through city of Atlanta. We did -- I think we did -- I was able to also get some money for the Bagley Park up in Buckhead, which is named after the Bagley's. And it was a whole controversy regarding that and the coach and honoring the coach that was there, and the also honoring the Bagley's that actually owned the land. And one of the appointees, I think is actually even on the Reparations Task Force. So it is certainly one, a good position, but, you know, if the will of the Board is to hold, we can certainly hold, or we can go forward. I think that I have represented the board well. I bring back the minutes from every meeting and put them on our agenda when we get those minutes, and circulate them to the rest of the Board so that everyone can see and know what is going on. And you know, I guess we get updates from Invest Atlanta and other places. So there may not be a need to make those minutes available from the other meetings that people attend. But for all of the boards that I'm on, I bring those boards back, I bring those minutes back, and make them a part of our meeting so that everyone can be informed about everything that's going on."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You still have the floor. What?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I made a motion to hold."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "She made a motion to hold, I'll second it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Hold until when?"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Next meeting."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Madam CFO, when will you have a report on my request, ongoing request of you as to whether or not there's really any need for the county to be involved in the Recreation Authority at all, since it -- we're just holding title to some property?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "I can provide you with our analysis on the financial side of it with regard to the land piece of it. I would actually want to talk with Tim Dimond on that. I have not looked at the land ownership or the lease piece of it, but as far as the financial obligations that the county had under the Recreation Authority, those have all been fulfilled. And I do have a request in with the

County Attorney's Office looking at any other responsibility or obligation. So I would have to follow up with Soo's team on that as well."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So from the sale of Turner Field, there was \$30 million, and the county receives \$10 million of that money, right? And so I don't know that there's other land that is being sold as part of the Gulch deal. And so I don't know, Mr. Chair that it would behoove the county to withdraw from the Recreation Authority. In fact, you know, they've got two big events planned coming up in March, the SWAC Basketball Challenge, as well as the SIAC Basketball Challenge. So there are -- it is an ongoing operation and concern. I think my term expired as of November 1st. So if we're going to bring it back at the next meeting, I guess that will be fine. I don't know that we have a meeting between now and then. And I guess like any other board, you continue to serve --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Correct, yes."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- until a replacement is appointed. So -- but, yeah, it is certainly an ongoing operation. And I think it makes sense for us to be involved. And I don't know, Mr. Chair that it's fair to ask the CFO if we need to still be involved. I think like she said, she can provide the financial analysis of how much money we put in or how much money we got out. But I don't know if it's fair to put her in a position to ask her, do we still need to be a part of it. And I -- I mean, I guess, you know, if anything, it may be a better question of the County Attorney to ask, you know, if we wanted to get out, how would we get out and, and/or what would be the process? Because I don't -- I mean, would it have to dissolve? Would we have to dissolve it?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah. I didn't mean to ask her for her opinion. I'd ask her financial implications, if any, and then she's already talking to the County Attorney about a process, and what would it -- and I've had this conversation with the Mayor as well, Mayor of Atlanta. What would the process be? So that's just one issue, then the other issue, for the first time, we got three -- I've never had this happen before. You got -- because typically, when it's a Board appointment, there's one person say, I'd like to be on this, and there's no issue or if it's me. Now, we got three. She wants to be on it, she's gone, now. Ivory wants to be on it. She says it's in her district. So we got to deal with that."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Well, I don't know that it's in anyone's district. But there are --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Meaning the two, the State Farm Arena and the Zoo."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: Yeah, okay. Yeah, perhaps. Perhaps. So whatever the will of the Board is, is what will occur. I, you know, I'm on -- I'm on two boards. I'm on the Recreation Authority Board and the Fort Mack Board. And my understanding is that we were all, everyone was serving on boards and that -- so, you

know, if we want to look at, I guess, everyone's boards and what boards they're on, and you know, I guess we can -- we can do that too."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Your motion is to hold?"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Commissioner Thorne is to hold it to next meeting. I'm going to second that since we got to two Commissioners absent, just out of fairness --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "And Dana is --"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "And Dana, you know, Commissioner Barrett is the sponsor."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, that's fine. You may not be ready at the next meeting, only thing I'm saying. That's the motion floor. All right, let's vote on a motion to hold."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open on the motion to hold. And the motion fails; three yeas, one nay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Anything else?"

CLERK GRIER: "We have one more discussion item. Inmate Phone Contract and Jail Commissary Contract."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We -- the Sheriff talked about that. And then he's going provide some additional information."

CLERK GRIER: "Are we bringing it back?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah."

CLERK GRIER: "Okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "The idea there is to reduce the cost to the inmates, thereby reducing the cost to the inmates' families and loved ones if you're really going to help the inmates."

CLERK GRIER: "Okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Because right now, I mean, it's a very lucrative contract for the vendors."

CLERK GRIER: "No further items."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. No other matters to come before us today, we are adjourned."

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

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