

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

March 01, 2023
10:00 AM



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



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Ratification Date: April 12, 2023

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

INVOCATION: Reverend Clifton Dawkins, Jr., County Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recite in unison

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CONSENT AGENDA**23-0142 Board of Commissioners**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Vice-Chairman Ellis, to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended by removing item #23-0147. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: Arrington

23-0143 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing "Michael Gidewon Remembrance Day." **(Arrington)**
February 14, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "Thomas W. Dortch, Jr. Remembrance Day."
(Arrington/Hall/Abdur-Rahman)
February 15, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "Atlanta DreamFest Artists Against Bullying Appreciation Day." **(Arrington)**
February 18, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "Terry Godfried Clark Remembrance Day." **(Arrington)**
February 21, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "Barbara Greene Arrington Remembrance Day."
(Arrington)
February 23, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "Belize Appreciation Day." **(Arrington)**
February 25, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "Bishop James H. Morton, Sr. Remembrance Day."
(Abdur-Rahman)
February 25, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "Reverend Dr. R.L. White Remembrance Day."
(Abdur-Rahman/Pitts/Ellis/Thorne/Barrett/Hall)
February 25, 2023

Commissioners' District Board Appointments**23-0144 Board of Commissioners
FULTON COUNTY CITIZENS COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT
(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

The Fulton County Citizens Commission on the Environment shall consist of citizens from throughout Fulton County to be appointed by the Members of the Board of Commissioners. There shall be fourteen (14) members to serve on the Commission. In making such appointments, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners shall ensure that the terms of appointment are staggered. Each District Commissioner shall appoint one Commission member to a four (4) year term. Each District Commissioner shall also appoint one Commission member to a two (2) year term to ensure staggered terms. After the expiration of each appointee's initial term, the regular term of office for such an appointee shall be four (4) years. No term of any member shall extend beyond the term of the District Commissioner who appointed the member to serve on the Fulton County Citizens Commission on the Environment; however, each member may continue to serve beyond his/her term until replaced. After the expiration of any appointee's initial term, the Commission may recommend to the Fulton County Board of Commissioners a list of eligible persons for consideration as appointees to the Commission. The Appointing member of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners may remove his/her appointee(s) to this Commission at any time and within the sole discretion of that individual of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Barrett nominated Jean Jordan for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2024.

**23-0145 Board of Commissioners
FULTON COUNTY REPARATIONS TASK FORCE (APPROVED UPON
ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

The Reparations Task Force shall have the following members: Each Commissioner shall appoint two (2) members, for a total of 14 members. Each member shall be a resident of Fulton County at the time of the appointment. A member shall serve for a two-year term and subject to removal by the appointing Commissioner for cause. No member's term shall exceed that of the appointing Commissioner but shall remain as a voting member until replaced or reappointed by the successive Commissioner.

Term = 2 Years

Commissioner Barrett nominated Amanda Meng for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2023.

23-0146 Board of Commissioners**COMMISSION ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

The Commission on Disability Affairs shall consist of a total of sixteen (16) members to serve staggered two (2) year terms and appointed as follows:

Each member of the Board of Commissioners shall appoint two (2) members; one of them said appointees shall have an initial term, of one (1) year; No term of any member shall extend beyond the term of the District Commissioner who appointed the member to serve on the Commission for Disability Affairs; The Commission on Disability Affairs shall appoint two (2) members, who receive the consent of the majority of the members of the Commission on Disability Affairs and one (1) of the appointees shall have an initial term of one (1) year.

The Commission on Disability Affairs appointees shall be made for the purpose of maintaining diversity.

Term = Staggered two (2) year terms

Commissioner Abdur-Rahman nominated Vernitia Shannon for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2024.

23-0147 Board of Commissioners**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF FULTON COUNTY (REMOVED)**

Nine (9) members serve on this authority. Seven (7) regular members (each Commissioner appoints one person to serve) and two (2) housing resident members are appointed by the Board of Commissioners. The enabling statute calls the Housing Authority Board members "Commissioners."

Term = 5 Years for BOC Appointees
1 Year for Resident Members

Term below expired: 7/13/2019

Stuart S. Canzeri (**Morris**)

Commissioner Commissioner Barrett has nominated Lauren Waits for a District appointment to a term ending July 13, 2024.

Open & Responsible Government**23-0148 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 EYP, Inc., to Page Southerland Page, Inc. Inc. Effective upon BOC approval. (**APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**)

Arts and Libraries**23-0149 Library**

Request approval to award a contract without competition - The Fulton County Library System, 23SSN0120B-EC, VOX Readalongs Books, in the amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 with Library Ideas, LLC to provide a read-along book selection with a permanent reader box, allowing the reader to also listen to the text, attached to the hard cover of the book copies. Effective upon BOC approval for a 12 month period. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Infrastructure and Economic Development**23-0150 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of an Indemnification, Maintenance, and Land Use Agreement for Private Improvement (Indemnification Agreement) between Fulton County, Georgia and Pulte Home Company, LLC for the purpose of granting conditional approval to allow a stormwater drainage improvement within the County's existing sanitary sewer easement for the Enclave at Parkway Village Project at 0 Thompson Road, Union City, Georgia 30213. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**23-0151 Board of Commissioners**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to adopt the Regular Meeting Agenda as amended by revising items #23-0153 as requested by Vice-Chairman Ellis and Commissioner Hall, #23-0088 as requested by the County Manager, #23-0167 as requested by Commissioner Hall; removing item #23-0138 as requested by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman; and with a super majority vote adding item #23-0172. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: Arrington

23-0152 Clerk to the CommissionRatification of Minutes. **(RATIFIED)**

Regular Meeting Minutes, February 1, 2023

Recess Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, February 15, 2023

A motion was made by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to ratify the meeting minutes as amended by revising the motion on item #23-0135 on the February 15, 2023 Post Agenda Minutes as requested by Vice-Chairman Ellis by thanking Invest Atlanta for the supplemental information on the Eastside TAD and to advise them on our continued participation in the Eastside TAD. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: Arrington

23-0153 Board of CommissionersPresentation of Proclamations and Certificates. **(PRESENTED)**

Proclamation recognizing “Developmental Disabilities Awareness Appreciation Month.” **(Ellis/Abdur-Rahman/BOC)**

~~*Proclamation recognizing “North Fulton Chamber of Commerce Appreciation Day.”~~
(Ellis/Thorne/Hall)

Proclamation recognizing “David Getachew-Smith Appreciation Day.” **(Hall)**

Proclamation recognizing “Barbara J. Koll Appreciation Day.” **(Hall)**

~~*Proclamation recognizing “G. Maurice Swiney Appreciation Day.”~~ **(Hall)**

Proclamation recognizing “National School Social Work Week.” **(Arrington)**

Proclamation recognizing “President Jimmy Carter Appreciation Day.”
(Abdur-Rahman/BOC)

Proclamation recognizing “Women’s History Month.” **(Abdur-Rahman/BOC)**

Proclamation recognizing “Tawanna Williams Appreciation Day.” **(Abdur-Rahman)**

**removed during the meeting*

PUBLIC HEARINGS**23-0154 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 30 minutes at the Regular Meeting, nor will this portion exceed thirty minutes at the Recess Meeting.** In the event the 30-minute time limit is reached prior to public comments being completed, public comment will be suspended and the business portion of the BOC meeting will commence. Public comment will resume at the end of the meeting. Similarly, written comments (that were timely submitted) not previously read, may be read at the end of the meeting. For more information or to arrange a speaking date, contact the Clerk's Office. **(CONDUCTED)**

1 Speaker: State Representative Kim Schofield (Item #23-0167)

2 Zoom Speakers: Ben Howard (Senior Services) and Robby Caban (Lifeline/Fulton County Animal Services)

3 Emailed Comments: Jennifer Abernathy (Lifeline/Fulton County Animal Services); Radhika Tulpule (Lifeline/Fulton County Animal Services) and Julie Arrington (Lifeline/Fulton County Animal Services)

COUNTY MANAGER'S ACTION ITEMS**Open & Responsible Government****23-0155 External Affairs**

Presentation of 2023 Legislative Session Update. **(PRESENTED/APPROVED)**

a. A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Commissioner Arrington, to approve a Resolution by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners opposing Georgia Senate Bill 113 and Senate Bill 114; and for other purposes, with a friendly amendment by Commissioner Arrington to include Fulton County Schools in paragraph three of the Resolution. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Abstain: Thorne

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington to approve returning the 58/59 positions to the Magistrate Court. The motion failed for a lack of a second.

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Vice-Chairman Ellis, to approve returning the 58/59 positions from Superior Court to the Magistrate Court with the process remaining budget neutral, with a friendly amendment by Vice-Chairman Ellis to have the proposal brought back to the Board of Commissioners in a clear Resolution providing financial impacts, how the process will be implemented, and bring forward any alternative proposals; and with a friendly amendment by Commissioner Hall to ensure the proposal(s) does not have a negative impact on Superior Court. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Thorne, Ellis, Hall, and Arrington

Nay: Pitts, and Barrett

Abstain: Abdur-Rahman

23-0156 External Affairs

Presentation of Federal Legislative Update. **(PRESENTED)**

23-0088 Registration & Elections

Request approval of a statewide contract - Registration & Elections, SWC99999-001- SPD0000136, Temporary Staffing - Clerical & Light Industrial in an amount not to exceed ~~\$304,619.52~~ **\$155,000.00** with Dover Staffing, Inc. (Smyrna, GA) to provide temporary staffing services to assist in preparation for the move to the new warehouse location at 5600 Campbellton Road, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30331. Effective upon BOC approval. **(HELD ON 2/1/23 AND 2/15/23) (APPROVED AS AMENDED)**

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

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

23-0157 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a recommended proposal - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 22RFP136813K-DB, Design/Build Services for the Replacement and/or Refurbishment of Air Handling Units and the Replacement of Associated Fans and Ducts Heaters - Phase III Fulton County Justice Center, in the amount not to exceed \$4,845,528.00 with Mallory & Evans Service Company, Inc. (Scottdale, GA), to provide complete design and construction of the Replacement and/or Refurbishment of Air Handling Units and the Replacement of Associated Fans and Duct Heaters - Phase III for the Fulton County Justice Center located at 185 Central Avenue SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Effective upon issuance of Notice to Proceed for a period of 545 calendar days or until contract completion as determined by the County. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

23-0158 Human Resources Management

Request approval of the proposed plan design to extend a childcare/elder care benefit to eligible employees as part of Fulton County's benefits package. **(HELD)**

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

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

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

23-0159 Human Resources Management

Request approval to modify the classification section of the Classification and Compensation plan by adding the new titles of Contracts Administrator (grade 23), Purchasing Card Program Administrator (grade 21), and Emergency Management Sergeant (grade 17). **(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, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Health and Human Services**23-0160 County Manager**

Request approval of a Resolution of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners to approve a modification of the Fulton County Board of Health's Fees For Environmental Health Services to address changes in law regarding mobile foods services establishments with active permits from other jurisdictions operating within Fulton County; to provide for the collection by the Fulton County Board of Health of an administrative fee in Fulton County; and for other purposes. Effective 30 days from BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

23-0161 Senior Services

Request approval to increase the spending authority - Department of Senior Services, 21ITB000028ACJC, Indigent Burial in the amount of \$21,675.00 with Mutual Meadows Inc. (Peachtree Corners, GA), in order to close out invoices for FY2022 for indigent burial services. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

23-0162 Public Works

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Public Works Department, 22ITB1366384K-JAJ, Sanitary Sewer Extension on Manning Drive, Pinetree Circle, & Cold Creek Drive in an amount not to exceed \$3,269,450.00 with Site Engineering, Inc., (Doraville, GA) to provide construction services for the installation of sanitary sewer within the City of Alpharetta. Effective upon execution of contract for three hundred 300 calendar days upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

23-0163 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 intersection improvement at Hopewell Road and Bethany Bend in the City of Milton, GA, in an estimated amount of \$503,585.00. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Arrington

23-0164 Public Works

Request approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Fulton County and the City of Alpharetta, GA for water main relocations associated with the Webb Bridge Road Roadway Improvements between East of North Point Parkway to Big Creek Greenway in the City of Alpharetta, GA, in an estimated amount of \$333,925.00. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Arrington

Justice and Safety**23-0165 District Attorney**

Request approval of the 2023 Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification with the U.S. Department of Justice for the Fulton County District Attorney's Office, establishing the requirements for participation in the Federal Equitable Sharing Program and the restrictions upon the use of federally forfeited cash, property, or proceeds. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Pitts

COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS**23-0166 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 38 (Human Relations) of the Fulton County Code of Ordinances to implement the Fulton County Crown Act; and for other purposes. **(Hall) (APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Thorne, and Ellis

23-0167 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners urging the Georgia General Assembly to enact Senate Bill 82, commonly known as "The Crown Act"; urging the municipalities within Fulton County, Georgia to adopt similar legislation if no such legislation currently exists in their jurisdiction; and for other purposes. **(Hall) (APPROVED AS AMENDED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Thorne, Ellis, and Arrington

23-0168 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners repealing Resolution 22-0995 and re-affirming Fulton County's participation in the Eastside TAD as previously authorized by Resolution 03-1465; and for other purposes. **(Hall/Barrett) (WITHDRAWN)**

ITEM WITHDRAWN AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER HALL

Commissioners' Full Board Appointments**23-0137 Board of Commissioners
BOARD OF ETHICS (HELD ON 2/15/23) (APPROVED TO REFRAIN FROM
TAKING ACTION)**

Each member selected after the initial terms of office have expired shall serve a term of three (3) years or until the termination of his or her membership in the organization from which he or she was selected. The chair shall serve as chair for the remainder of the calendar year and until a successor is chosen. (See Fulton County Code of Laws, Section 2-80).

Term = 3 years

Terms below expire: 2/12/2023

Benjamin E. Fox (**Atlanta Bar Association/BOC**)

Daraka Satcher (**Gate City Bar Association/BOC**)

The Gate City Bar Association has recommended Daraka Satcher for a Full Board reappointment to a term ending February 12, 2026.

A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to refrain from taking any action regarding the composition of the Board of Ethics until the pending matter involving a Commissioner is no longer pending before the Board of Ethics. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nay: Arrington

**23-0138 Board of Commissioners
SOUTH FULTON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD (HELD ON
2/15/23) (REMOVED)**

Term = 2 years/Except the appointed members serve at the pleasure of the governing body which appointed them.

Kent Mason (**BOC-1/Abdur-Rahman**)

Jim Sams (**BOC-2/Abdur-Rahman**)

Commissioner Abdur-Rahman has nominated Reverend Tonjie Clark to replace Jim Sams for a Full Board appointment.

**ITEM REMOVED FROM THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AS REQUESTED
BY COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN**

23-0169 Board of Commissioners
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FULTON COUNTY DEFINED
CONTRIBUTION PLAN **(APPROVED)**

Members of the Administrative Committee shall hold office for a term of four (4) years or until their successors have been duly qualified and appointed. Positions 2 & 3 shall be appointed by the BOC at its regular January meeting or as soon as practical. Such members shall hold office for a term of one year.

Term = 4 Years

Term = 1 Year (Positions 2 & 3)

Terms below expired: 12/31/2022

Don May **(Position 8/Employee)**

Commissioner Hall **(Position #3/BOC)**

Chairman Pitts nominated Commissioner Hall for a Full Board reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2023.

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

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

Did Not Vote: Pitts

COUNTY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Justice and Safety

23-0170 County Manager
Discussion: Jail Feasibility Update **(DISCUSSED)**

COMMISSIONERS' PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

23-0097 Board of Commissioners
Discussion: Ordinance to amend Chapter 2 (Administration), Article III (Finance), Division 2 (Budget) of the Fulton County Code of Ordinances to modify Code Section 2-261 to require the County Manager to present the budget requests for the next fiscal year to the Board of Commissioners no later than sixty (60) days before the millage rate is set; and for other purposes. **(Arrington) (HELD ON 2/1/23 AND 2/15/23) (DISCUSSED)**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

23-0171 Board of Commissioners

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

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

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

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

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

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

ADDED TO THE MEETING**Items Added to the Agenda****23-0172 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Real Estate and Asset Management - Request approval to increase spending authority - Bid #22ITB134934C-MH, Moving Services in the total amount of \$130,000.00 with Beltman Relocation Group (Stone Mountain, GA), requesting additional funding to cover the costs in support of the relocation of Registration and Election to the newly renovated Fulton County Central Warehouse located at 5600 Campbellton-Fairburn Road, Atlanta, GA 30212. Effective upon BOC approval.

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve adding item #23-0172 to the Regular Meeting Agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nay: Thorne

Did Not Vote: Arrington

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve item #23-0172. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 1, 2023
10:00 A.M.

Alexander Solution, LLC

(Whereupon, the meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Good morning, everyone and welcome to the Regular Meeting of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. Today is March 1st 2023. 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: "Vice Chairman Bob Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Dana Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Natalie Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Present."

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

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Present."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Please, rise for the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 2, Consent Agenda, **23-0142**, Adoption of the Consent Agenda - All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the

County Commission and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion will take place on these items. If discussion of any Consent Agenda item is desired, the item will be moved to the Regular Meeting Agenda for separate consideration. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have one item to be removed from today's Consent Agenda, on page 4, 23-0147 it's a Board appointment. This item has been amended and will be moved to the March 15th Consent Agenda. It would be a Board appointment to the Community Development Block Grant Allocation Process Citizens Review Panel, and Commissioner Barrett has nominated Lauren Waits."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So this was being removed?"

CLERK GRIER: "Removed."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, anything, else?"

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Commissioners, any other items on the Consent Agenda for further discussion? If not, I'll entertain a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Vice Chair Ellis. Please, vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have an item requested to be added to today's Regular Meeting Agenda -- on your add-on memo, 23-0172, Real Estate and Asset Management: Request approval to increase spending authority in the total amount of \$130,000, for additional funding to cover the cost and support of the relocation of Registration and Election to the newly renovated warehouse."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. This will require a supermajority of five affirmative votes. This, I think, does qualify as an emergency. We had a problem the last time because the Board held this item up and if we do not do this today, we run the risk of losing the moving company as we've gotten the prices down; but this does -- we need to take action on this today. Commissioner Thorne, you have the floor; but the motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "When are we predicting the moving date? Do we have a CO on the building?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, we do have a CO on the building, but long poll on the 10th now the date will be the furniture. We anticipated moving in late March, early April; it could be a month later from there."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "And so, this is a necessity -- it's urgent and it's going to be a month longer than --"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Well, what I think we don't want to do is not have a moving company available or not have these temporary services available, and I'm sure there will be some planning that will occur during this time period before the actual move date."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I was just wondering, like the moving company, I understand we have them on retainer?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Well, not retainer"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Like a -- we pay 60,000 and we use this company, but is that --"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Well, we can't dictate that they would be available on any date in the future."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "We need to get them on the contract immediately?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. I'd appreciate your affirmative vote. Let's vote, please."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Continue, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 5, Regular Meeting Agenda, **23-0151**: Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have amendments to today's Regular Meeting Agenda. On page 6, we have two Proclamations to be removed: First proclamation recognizing 'North Fulton Chamber of Commerce Appreciation Day' that proclamation will be moved to the April 12th Regular Meeting. And the proclamation recognizing 'G. Maurice Sweeney Appreciation Day' will be moved to a later meeting."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, any others?"

CLERK GRIER: "And on items to be revised, on page 7, 23-0088, Registration and Elections: Request approval of a statewide contract. This item was revised to change the dollar amount to \$155,000. On page 9, 23-0167: Request approval of a Resolution urging Georgia Assembly to enact Senate Bill 82, commonly known as 'The Crown Act' sponsored by Commissioner Hall. Item revised to amend page 2, line 33 to reference the ordinance 23-0166. And on page 10, an item to be removed, 23-0138, South Fulton Community Improvement District Board: That item will be moved to the March 15th Recess Meeting."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, any other items on the agenda for today? If not, I'll entertain a motion to approve the Regular Agenda as amended. Motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Please, vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "23-0152, Ratification of Minutes. Regular Meeting Minutes, February 1st. Recess Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, February 15th, 2023."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Hall. Vice Chair Ellis, questions?"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Yes, I just have one modification for the Recess Meeting Post Agenda Minutes for February 15th, 2023, on page 20 of 25. The post agenda in reference to item 23-0135, there were two parts that were approved with a substitute motion. One is appropriately reference Princeton Lake TADS, and there's a piece that is omitted, and I would ask that that would be added. This will be included in the Regular Meeting Minutes once those come forward. And the second component is to add the portion that it was also included that we would thank Invest Atlanta for the supplemental information provided on the Eastside TAD and to advise them of our continued participation in the Eastside TAD. So, if that could be added to -- the post agenda meeting -- post agenda minutes to properly reflect that."

CLERK GRIER: "So noted."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. On the proposed agenda as amended; motion to approve as amended by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. It is seconded by Commissioner Hall. Please, vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 6, **23-0153**, Presentation of Proclamations and Certificates. The first proclamation is recognizing 'Developmental Disabilities Awareness Appreciation Month' sponsored by Vice Chair Ellis and Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. We originally had nine proclamations and it takes about five minutes each, depending upon how much we talk, so that would take us up to about 45 minutes, but two have been removed from today's agenda. And technically, we need to have some conversation about these proclamation as well because based upon the -- our own rules and procedures, proclamations are be presented only at the Recess Meeting. And they are to start at 10 o'clock and end at 10:30. The first problem with that is this notion of a Recess Meeting is outdated. That was -- we used to call that second meeting Recess Meeting when we had zoning. We no longer really deal with zoning, so we need to make some adjustments there and we can talk about how we want to move forward with a limited number of proclamations or expanding the time, but just for us to have -- be thinking about that. But we have seven now. So five minutes each that'll take us past the 30 minutes and instead of starting at 10 o'clock, we're starting at 10 -- what is that, 10:13."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Who's reading? I'm I reading or you reading? I'm reading? Okay. All right. Well, I just want to note that this is a Full Board proclamation not just by the two Commissioners that are noted, so y'all -- we all stand in unified support of what we're about to proclaim right here; and I want to thank all of the staff and the clients we have from our various -- our three centers around the county. Thank you for being with us and we value all of you. WHEREAS, in 1987, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the month of March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month to increase public awareness of the needs and exceptional potential of Americans with intellectual disabilities. And WHEREAS, intellectual development disabilities are a group of conditions due to an impairment and physical learning language or behavior areas that began during the developmental period and may impact day-to-day functioning that usually lasts throughout a person's lifetime; and WHEREAS, the 2023 theme for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is 'Beyond the Conversation' which shines a spotlight on intellectual and developmentally disabled individuals in every area of daily life. Beyond the Conversation recommends initiating actual items to increase consciousness in the following areas: Innovations in disability work, inner sexuality, sexuality training, financial stability, and entrepreneurship. And WHEREAS, orange is the official color of DD Awareness Month because it symbolizes energy and positivity. One of the easiest ways to participate is to invite your team to wear orange. I need to admit as a Georgia Bulldog, I guess I should have rolled out my orange today, so I apologize for that. All right. WHEREAS Fulton's Department of Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities has served the IDD individuals through its day services programs for the past 48 years. The program is committed to bringing awareness and acceptance for people of every ability and providing opportunities to become more independent, economically self-sufficient, and contributing members of their communities. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County recognizes the intellectual developmentally disabled as valuable

members of the Fulton County community, encourages their inclusion in every facet of life in Metro Atlanta; and does hereby proclaim March 2023 as 'Developmental Disability Awareness Month' in Fulton County, Georgia. I just want to say just a quick sort of point of, you know, just a personal note. I think my first act of political engagement occurred when I was a fat 11- or 12-year-old and I went over to the state capital and participated in a sort of an ad hoc developmental disability awareness day at the state capital. And actually I have a couple photos from that that still set up in my office today. So, we've come a long way since whatever that was 37, 38, years ago. But we definitely have -- still a long way to go. And Beyond the Conversation is an important initiative as we consider that, you know, in this Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. So thank you, and with that, I'd like to turn it over to our staff to make a few remarks."

VERONICA ROOKS, RECIPIENT: "Good morning and greetings from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. I'm Veronica Rooks, a program manager in the developmental disabilities division. On behalf of our team, I would like to thank the Commissioners and our leadership for continued support of our program. It is also important to acknowledge the awesome staff who often pour extra time and resources to create wonderful experiences for the clients we serve. Lastly, we would not be in the position of continuing to thrive without the participants and their participants and caregivers who choose to come to our facilities and who trust the services we provide to their loved ones. Please join me in celebrating and saluting Intellectual Developmentally Disabilities Awareness Month."

CLERK GRIER: "The next proclamation is recognizing 'David Getachew-Smith Appreciation Day' sponsored by Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Good morning. Good morning. Good to see you. Good morning. Come on down, everybody. Is that it? That's everyone? Come on down. You can give him your phone if you want pictures taken. You good? Okay. Is that everybody? All right. It is truly an honor to present this proclamation. When the DA contact me and told me about your background, I was like, of course, I will do this. And the proclamation reads: WHEREAS, David K. Getachew-Smith, Sr., was born in Atlanta, Georgia to David and Pauline Smith, and graduated valedictorian from Saint Andrews School in Tennessee. He furthered his education at Yale University, the London School of Economics, and Harvard Law School. And WHEREAS, David began his legal career as Georgia Pacific's first African-American attorney followed by his appointment to Associate Judge to the Fulton Juvenile Court. During Atlanta's Olympic period, David served as managing director for local government and community relations for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games. Followed by his tenure as legal producer of the Judge Hatchett show -- oh, I love that show. And WHEREAS, David served as Fulton County's Chief Senior Assistant District Attorney for almost two decades, and he has represented the state of Georgia in over 240 appeals before the Georgia Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court. He has also served as the director of district attorney internship and fellowship programming where he trained hundreds of law students. And WHEREAS, David has served as Vice President of the Gate City Bar

Association under two separate administrations, and he has also been active in numerous organizations and activities including: Leadership Atlanta, Fulton Truancy Project, ARC Regional Leadership Institute, and St. Paul's Episcopal Church vestry among many others. And WHEREAS, David's greatest accomplishment in his family, he married to Dr. Esete "Kiddy" Getachew-Smith, and they are proud parents of two adult sons, David Jr. and Daniel, and grandparents of three grandsons -- wow, you don't look old enough to have three grandsons. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton Board of Commissioners recognizes David K. Getachew-Smith, Sr. for his stellar career and celebrates with him and his family on his retirement; and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, March 1st, 2023 as 'David K. Getachew-Smith, Sr. Appreciation Day' in Fulton County, Georgia. Congratulations and I apologize if I messed up --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "David, I have known you all my life. I grew up in his parents' restaurant, Smith's Restaurant. My dad and family, we used to go there for dinner all the time. I'm just so thankful for your service to Fulton County, for all that you have done and the time that you have taken. It is truly a pleasure. I know you will enjoy your retirement from Fulton County, but you graduate and you're going to be a full-time granddad."

MIKE CARSON, FC DA'S OFFICE: "Hello. My name is Mike Carson. I'm an executive district attorney with the Fulton County District Attorney's Office, and along with my fellow executive district attorney, Deja Young and, of course, on behalf of Madam District Attorney, Fani Willis, I would want to thank the Board of Commissioners and the people of Fulton County for this well-deserved honor for my old friend and colleague -- a long time. I won't say -- date both of us -- a long-time friend and colleague, David Smith. In addition to the inspiring words here, I just want to say that David has spent so many years, not only as an advocate, teacher, mentor, and most of all friend to so many. It's been a privilege to know him. It's been a privilege to work with him, and as he goes out into this next chapter of his life, I want folks to know what an example he served, not only as a zealous advocate, but as a poised professional, and someone who people could -- who can look up to, of course, not only professionally, but personally as embody exactly what public service is all about. We will miss him, but we will remain inspired by him, and we're hoping he stays in touch. Thank you so much."

DAVID GETACHEW-SMITH, RECIPIENT: "Okay. Well, this is quite a surprise to me. I did not expect this, but I certainly appreciate it. It's certainly been enjoyable over the years. I've been a member of the bar for 43 years; and having served in two major capacities with Fulton County over the juvenile court for many years and also -- almost about two decades with the District Attorney's Office. And so, I will leave with a smile on my face and I look forward to staying touch in with many of you. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "The next proclamation is recognizing 'Barbara J. Koll Appreciation Day' sponsored by Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Good morning. Come on down. You can spread out on each side. All right. Barbara Koll, it is an honor to present you with this proclamation and it reads: WHEREAS, Barbara J. Koll earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of North Carolina in Asheville, and her Juris Doctorate degree from the University Of Tennessee College Of Law in Knoxville. And WHEREAS, Mrs. Koll, served as an Army officer and the Judge Advocate, General Courts, from 1982 until 2012 when she retired with the rank of colonel. Her final assignment in her military career was the Chief of Staff of the US Army Reserve Legal Command in Gaithersburg, Maryland. And WHEREAS, Mrs. Koll is the Chief Clerk for the Fulton County Probate Court where she has worked since June of 1985; during which time she has served in a variety of positions including law clerk, senior staff attorney, judicial hearing officer, and chief clerk. And WHEREAS, Mrs. Koll is a member of the State Bar of Georgia and spends time volunteering with Fur Kids -- and Cat World Sanctuary in Utah. And WHEREAS, Mrs. Koll and her husband of 40 years, Reverend Si Lynch, Pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Conyers, Georgia, live in Stone Mountain with their three cats. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners and all associated with Probate Court recognizes Barbara J. Koll for her professionalism and 37 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Fulton County; and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, March 1st, 2023 as 'Barbara J. Koll Appreciation Day' in Fulton County, Georgia. Congratulations, Mrs. Koll."

HONORABLE KENYA JOHNSON: "It has been said that when a great longtime leader retires, a library burns to the ground. Mrs. Koll has been a leader in the probate court for many years and with the United States Government Job Corp. We are saddened to see that she is leaving; however, we were excited that she will continue to be engaged with our court as a hearing officer. And so, we say farewell to you, Mrs. Koll and thank you."

BARBARA J. KOLL, RECIPIENT: "When I took a position as law clerk with Floyd Probst, the former probate judge in 1985, and made a two-year commitment to him, I certainly did not expect to still be here in 2023. Every day that I have served Fulton County and the citizens of Fulton County has been a pleasure. This has been the best job ever. I've served under three judges: Floyd Probst, Judge Pinkie Toomer, and now Judge Kenya Johnson, and I appreciate everything that they have done for me and the - just the confidence that they've given -- had in me to lead our court. I'm going to miss it, but I am certainly going to be thankful that I can continue to serve the citizens of Fulton County and the probate court as a hearing officer. And thanks to the Board for this recognition."

CLERK GRIER: "The next proclamation is recognizing 'National School Social Work Week' sponsored by Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Welcome, ladies. Welcome. Good to see you. All right. The proclamation reads as follows: WHEREAS, the social work professional is dedicated to improving human well-being and enhancing the basic needs of all people;

especially the most vulnerable among us. And this year's theme, 'Social Work Breaks Barriers', embodies the heroic contributions of the social work profession to our nation including the work social workers have done to heal our nation during these times of pandemic, racial unrest, and economic uncertainty. And WHEREAS, school social workers are valuable members of the multidisciplinary team who have an essential role in creating a positive school climate serving as a vital link between the home, school, and community to ensure that students remain in school and graduate, reach their fullest academic potential, and grow socially and emotionally. And WHEREAS, school social workers have expertise in many areas including human growth and development, mental health, positive behavioral supports that affects a family and environmental dynamics on the student, child abuse and neglect, community resources. And WHEREAS, school social workers are present in times of crisis, connecting students to staff to wraparound support that assist with wellness matters, providing crisis support that helps with overcoming traumatic events, and linking families and communities to resources that help with recovery from natural disasters such as floods and hurricanes. And WHEREAS, school social workers are professionally trained to provide services to students who face serious challenges to school success including poverty, discrimination, abuse, addiction, homelessness, divorce of parents, loss of a loved one, and other barriers to learning. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, recognizes March as professional social workers month; and does hereby proclaim the week of March 5th through 11th, 2023 as 'National School Social Work Week' in Fulton County, Georgia."

RECIPIENT: "So, I did not have to give a speech. But we really want to bring greetings from Atlanta Public Schools Social Work Department. We thank the Board of Commissioners and Fulton County as a whole for supporting the life-affirming work of school social workers. We can't say enough about all of the things that go into really helping to break barriers and reduce gaps; and to really link families and connect to resources and supports in these times. So we thank you so much for honoring us and helping us to celebrate this month with us. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "The next proclamation is recognizing 'President Jimmy Carter Appreciation Day' sponsored by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I just want to quickly take this time and make it known that all of the Commissioners support this. We have heard about our former president, Jimmy Carter, entering hospice care. And as a Habitat for Humanity ambassador, I felt it was a need for us to put into the record our proclamation. I will not read the entire proclamation, but I would just give some highlights and why we're doing it. WHEREAS, United States President Jimmy Carter was born on Wednesday, October 1st, 1924 in Plains, Georgia, where he attended public school. He furthered his education at Georgia Southwestern College and the Georgia Institute of Technology later earning his Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Naval Academy in 1946; and WHEREAS, President Carter began his political career in 1962 when he was elected to the Georgia State Senate. He was later sworn in as the 76th Governor of

Georgia in January of 1971, and served as the Democratic National Committee campaign chairman for the 1974 congressional and gubernatorial elections; and WHEREAS, President Carter was sworn in as the 39th President of the United States in January of 1977 and served one term. During his term as president, significant foreign-policy accomplishments of his administration included the Panama Canal Treaties, the Camp David Accords, and the establishment of US diplomatic relationships with the People's Republic of China among many, many others. WHEREAS in 1982, President Carter founded the Carter Center, a nonpartisan and nonprofit center that addresses national and international issues of public policy which includes the Jimmy Carter Library and Museum and is located in Atlanta, Georgia. President Carter has also been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his many decades of untimely efforts to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts. And WHEREAS, President Carter and his wife, Rosalynn Carter, volunteer one week every year for Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit organization that helps needy people in the United States and other countries renovate and build homes for themselves. He also taught Sunday school in Maranatha Baptist Church in his hometown of Plains until recently -- by the way, that he stopped teaching Sunday school. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes President Jimmy Carter for his legacy of leadership and commitment to the citizens of Georgia and the United States and citizens around the world; and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, March 1st, 2023 as 'President Jimmy Carter Appreciation Day in Fulton County.'

CLERK GRIER: "The next proclamation is recognizing 'Women's History Month' sponsored by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Also, as we know, March is Women's History Month. This is a proclamation that has Full Board Support, so I will not read it in its entirety due to the time. But WHEREAS, Women's History Month highlights the contributions of women in history and contemporary society and is celebrated during the month of March in the United States, Great Britain, and Australia which corresponds with the International Women's Day on March 8th. And WHEREAS, Women's History Month traces its beginnings back to the first International Women's Day in 1911 and in February of 1980. President Jimmy Carter issued a Presidential Proclamation declaring the week of March 8th, 1980 as National Women's History Week. And WHEREAS, Women's History Month celebrates iconic leaders like Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Harriet Tubman as well as many local leaders who struggle for equality. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes the many contributions that women have made in our society for the benefit of all people and acknowledge the women in our local community who continue to make history; and does hereby proclaim the month of March 2023 as Women's History Month in Fulton County; and having said that because it is Women's History Month, I'm going to immediately go into this next proclamation. So glad to have my colleagues to sign on, also, so glad that the Chairman gave special permission when I asked if we could actually show a clip of this individual that we are celebrating for National Women's Month and also, it ties into the developmental

disability. So, if I can get everyone to look at the monitor, please. And as you can see, I have the orange on, so they want you all to look at me. I'm ushering in spring. There we go. Okay, can we get the volume, please?" (Video playing at this time.)

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Can I get Dave Manuel -- can I the County Manager. Can you please join us as Tawanna makes her way here? This is a phenomenal woman and nobody could bring in this month other than you, and we appreciate you here at Fulton County. Can I get some of you all to come on this side, please?"

TAWANNA WILLIAMS, RECIPIENT: "What an honor and a privilege to be here on today. Thank you, Commissioner Khadijah, and your team; we honor you on today for all you do for this community. I bring greetings with my husband, Toby, from Wilson, North Carolina and around the world. I -- I'm Tawanna Williams, your messenger of hope, help, and inspiration. And I was blessed -- I'm going to say that again. I was blessed to be born without arms and impaired use of my legs due to the drug thalidomide that was given to my mother during pregnancy. Then my mother told me there was nothing that I could not do, and I had a Grandma Rogers that did not play with me. And when I was four and a half years old, she looked me in the eyes and she said, T. you must not have needed arms because God didn't give them to you. She said nothing's missing. If you don't have it, then you don't need it. And those words continue to resonate throughout my soul. And, yes, I've overcome some major adversities and challenges throughout my life. I was gang raped many years ago during a home invasion, raped by my stepfather. I was addicted to crack and cocaine for ten long years. I've experienced abortion, motherhood, a stroke, a mild heart attack, and COVID-19. So I know that I'm here to give you hope and to help you overcome whatever adversities and challenges you may be facing in your life; and that's why I am unarmed but dangerous, and an eagle without wings. God bless you. We thank you, and I am honored."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Not much I can follow up with that; but let me just say, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners in commemoration of Women's History Month recognizes Tawanna Williams for sharing her story of resilience, tenacity, and determination; and does hereby proclaim, Wednesday, March 1st, 2023, as 'Tawanna Williams Appreciation Day' in Fulton County. And I will be remiss if I didn't say this special guest that I have to the left of me; I did not realize he was here. But at the end of the day, when you can bring out one of our champions in the community that has actually -- all I can say is -- what's the favorite words, Tawanna, they say, at the end of his commercial, this is it. This is it, and I honor you all for coming out today, and I honor my Commissioners and my Chairman for allowing us to sing your praises and give you your flowers while you're living. Thank you."

TAWANNA WILLIAMS, RECIPIENT: "This is my friend, my long-time friends, about 15 years, Mr. Butch and his beautiful wife, Diane. We've been friends for years and years; and I love them."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you for all that you've done in the community and thank you for taking time out your busy schedule coming here today."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Where are we? All right, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "On Page 7, Public Hearings, **23-0154**, Public Comment. Citizens wishing to participate in public comment will be allowed to appear in person or may choose to participate virtually via Zoom, videoconferencing, or by submitting their comments in writing online by registering on the county website www.fultoncountyga.gov. 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 30 minutes. In the event the 30-minute time limit is reached prior to public comments being completed, public comment will be suspended, and the business portion of the BOC meeting will commence. Public comment will resume at the end of the meeting. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we will start with speakers in Assembly Hall. We have received one speaker card. Representative Kim Scofield, please, come down."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Good morning, Madam Representative. Thank you for being here and we normally have a two-minute limit for public comments, but that does not apply to public officials, so you have the floor."

REPRESENTATIVE KIM SCHOFIELD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Thank you, Mr. Chair and note that we're voting over there, so I really need 60 seconds. Well, good morning, Mr. Chair and Members of the Board of Commissioners and to the residents of Fulton County. I'm State Representative Kim Scofield representing Fulton County. It's a pleasure to be here with you today to discuss creating a respectful and open world for natural hair, also known as the Crown Act. Thank you, Commissioner Hall, for introducing this ordinance, ordinance 23-0167, and urging the State of Georgia to pass HB 432 and Senate SB 82, a law that prohibits race-based hair discrimination, which can be used in the denial of employment and educational opportunities because of hair texture or protective hair stylings such as braids, locks, twists, bantu knots. The official Crown Act was introduced by the Crown Coalition founded by Dove, National Urban League, Color of Change, and Western Center on Law and Poverty. And we know that to deny the hair texture of anyone is like denying our own heritage. We're inclusive and discounting embraces all and celebrates diversity in housing, employment, healthcare, education, and public service. And there are doctors, lawyers, and many people that

came down today. I'm just noticing all of the diverse hairstyles. And so, I just wanted to thank you for making this county more inclusive that we don't look -- or looked at as revolutionary, and we feel valued more than devalued. A few years ago the military introduced the ban on hair discrimination, and it passed overwhelmingly, 467 to one vote. So again, I just wanted to thank every member of the Commission -- the Commissioners for embracing this and joining Clayton County, Gwinnett, DeKalb, and the cities of Atlanta, East Point, South Fulton, and Stockbridge on the acceptance and passage of this ordinance. Thank you very much."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you."

REPRESENTATIVE KIM SCHOFIELD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: I also have come bearing gifts. You know, at the state we like to give you gifts. So I do have for everyone a button, and I'll hand everything to the Clerk. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Are they ready? If they're not go to the -- you said one e-mail?"

ARTHUR SIMPSON: "Good morning, Commissioners. We have three speakers on Zoom. The first to speak is Ben Howard."

BEN HOWARD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. Ben Howard, Senior Advocate, Public Policy Analyst. Seniors and friends of senior citizens, every now and then you get to the point where you might say, enough is enough. That enough point came when Office of Aging Management literally tantalized six members of the esteemed Fulton County Commission to pass Fulton County Ordinance 23-0-0051. 0051 gave the Atlanta Housing Authority representation and a double vote on the Fulton County Commission on Elder Affairs, the official representative of senior citizens in Fulton County. I think it's safe to say the Atlanta Housing Authority would never be given a double vote on any vote on the Atlanta Commission on Aging. For proof of that statement, get out your notebook 51 and somehow view the video of the Atlanta Housing Authority Board of Directors meeting last week. At that board meeting, Atlanta senior citizens took the Atlanta Housing Authority to task during public comments. Stay tuned."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, next speaker."

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: "The next speaker is Robby Caban."

ROBBY CABAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hi, I'm calling -- I'm sorry. Pardon me. Board of Commissioners, thank you for allowing public comment. I am reiterating my concerns

as a Fulton County taxpayer, business owner, and homeowner on behalf of your one million -- over one million residents in Fulton County and constituents regarding animal control. Fulton County Animal Services, you have purview and overview of that tax funded county contract now using about \$5 million in county taxpayer funds, not including donations which are not tracked, and not including the grants received. Unfortunately, and as you know, you have received six whistleblower statements. You were misled and advised that those statements were old. That is incorrect. Those whistleblower statements are circulating online. You've been sent them. You've had the names of corroborating witnesses including 20 who are all waiting your action; your action, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Emergency Management, because we have corruption and malfeasance throughout our operation in every department. Field services, the kennel, dispatch, reception literally everywhere. You have the information you need to call for an independent audit with the vendor Lifeline who appears to be mismanaging our taxpayer funds. As you know, county animal control services are a mandated service. We expect you to please be responsible with our taxpayer funds, ensure that our contract is compliant, our animals are protected, and our communities are safe. The whistleblowers and no employee of Fulton County should be fearful of losing their career, their employment, being blacklisted, for simply coming forward in regards to --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- you have 15 seconds remaining."

ROBBY CABAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Please do the right thing. The animals are voiceless and we need you to step up for them."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next speaker."

ARTHUR SIMPSON: "The last speaker is Amanda Brennan. Okay, I think that's it. Thank you. Thank you, Commissioners."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "There's one e-mail? Three? All right."

REGINA WALLER, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The first e-mail comment is from Jennifer Abernathy. I'm appalled by what I've read recently in regard to Fulton County Animal Services under the management of Lifeline; allegations ranging from sexual harassment of employees to abuse and breeding of dogs in the shelter, to convict felons using animal control trucks to traffic drugs. All of these allegations with supporting documentation have been brought to your attention; and an independent audit among other resolutions of grievances have been requested. I do not understand why you failed to act on these serious allegations and grievances. And I am asking you to act immediately to address them. Employees and animals in the shelter, and people and animals throughout the county are endangered every minute that you delay. For example, when I reported recently a pitbull tethered in North Fulton County, I was told by the responding officer and director, Trey Law, that a runner is not a tether because it's not attached to a stationary object. It's attached to two stationary objects. The

officer stated, in fact, FCAS provides runners to residents whose dogs are tethered unattended. When I expressed concern that a child could be mauled by a dog on a runner, the responding officer told me that if a child is mauled it's the parents' fault. From this interaction, I've concluded that FCAS officers and field service directors have created their own loophole for not enforcing the ordinance as written. The way the ordinance is written and the intent of the tethering section as amended more than a decade ago is that unattended tethering is prohibited, period. I helped lobby for this amendment so I know the purpose --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "--15 seconds."

REGINA WALLER, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "-- that was to protect the dogs. It saves it shall be unlawful for the owner, custodian, or owner of a dog to restrain or anchor such animals. There is nothing for interpretation. Reform Fulton County Animal Services shelter and field operations. Thank you. Similar comments were also provided by Rahika Toupill and Julie Arrington. This concludes the e-mail comments. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "No, further comments."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, no further? All right, continue, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "Bottom of Page 7 under Open and Responsible Government, **23-0155**, External Affairs: Presentation of the 2023 Legislative Session Update."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Ms. Corbitt."

JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you. User error there. Good morning, Commissioners. Jessica Corbitt, Director of External Affairs. We have two updates for you today. The first will be about our state legislative update, and we'll go through a number of bills and then you will also hear from our federal government affairs team who are here from DC; and many of you had an opportunity to meet them when you were at the NACo Legislative Conference a few weeks ago. Also, just wanted to say Happy Women's History Month to the four women on our Board of Commissioners. Congratulations and thank you for all you do. So just to start off, I'm going to go through again several of the bills and then there are a few bills that from conversations with many of you I wanted to ask if you'd like to take a position. And one specifically, Mr. Chairman, yesterday we talked late yesterday afternoon about the two Buckhead City-Hood bills and we do have a simple Resolution that we will distribute now. The County Attorney's office is putting in proper format, but we have that for you if you'd like to consider that today."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, that's being passed out now. I would like for us to take a position on that one today."

JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Yes, and if you would like to take a floor-vote on any others, that that one has been, of course, of specific significance. So I'm just going to start off; next slide, please. Again, I'm going to talk about several of our priorities today by just sharing these for our viewing public. Next slide, please. Just wanted to -- as a reminder -- we're still in the midst of the budget process. They have adopted -- the Senate has passed the amended FY23 budget, but the FY24 budget, which is where some of our appropriation requests are, has not yet gone through the full Appropriations Committee, and we're expecting that to happen in the next several days. House Bill 520 -- and this is one that the Board may want to consider -- is a new omnibus bill related to mental health access. It includes funding for services and also has a number of facets related to workforce for healthcare providers, which is a major issue here and around the state. And also talks about data sharing and transfer, which are ongoing issues in healthcare. Crossover day is Monday, so there's a lot of activity this week. And next week, there will be a joint session with the justice partners presenting to the General Assembly. Next slide, please. Other Fulton County government did not organize Fulton County Day. There was an agency that organized that and several of you attended that session. We also wanted to mention that the delegation has had their ongoing meetings on Thursdays. Last week, the Fulton County Tax Assessor's office provided some comment about a bill on Senior Homestead Exemptions, which was one of our priority areas. District Attorney Fani Willis gave several updates, and there was also a bill that we'll talk about today related to the Clerk of Magistrate Court. That bill was -- a draft of that was circulated on that day, and then we expect that to be introduced. There was some discussion about the two Buckhead City-Hood Bills. Also wanted to mention that, on Friday, the South Fulton delegation heard -- had a number of questions about elections, and the Department of Registration and Elections provided updates at that meeting. Tomorrow's delegation meeting will include presentations from Sheriff Labat and the Atlanta Police Foundation. Next slide, please. This is really just a reminder of where we are with our behavior health crisis center funding. Again, we are waiting for appropriations process to continue, so the FY24 budget is still in the House, but we expect to see movement on that before your next meeting. Next slide, please. So here's where we are with the priorities that are part of our adopted package. There is a bill related to state court pensions specifically. That bill we actually have had the certification letter and that bill will be dropped today by Representative Roger Bruce. Senator Sonya Halpern is introducing a bill on the Senior Homestead Exemption simplification, so we are expecting that to be introduced and have a number this week. We have also worked with the child attorney's office, and the bill that they have -- Representative Mandi Ballinger, who is the Chair of Juvenile Justice, she has carried that bill with us and other child attorneys' offices. That bill has -- was passed out of committee last week and has actually now passed out of the House. But we are still continuing to have conversation on the tax appeals. We don't have legislation right now, and that is an ongoing conversation. At your last meeting, this Board took positions on two pieces of legislation, House Bill 30, and SB19, and both of those -- your positions have been communicated on both of those. Next slide, please. So

specifically wanted to say that House Bill 30 has -- that was passed out of committee, and then we also had Senate Bill 19; that also passed by the Senate. It passed out of committee last week, and passed out of the Senate yesterday. There was a substitute with some amendments, but that is one of the bills we are tracking. That is the one that is related to passport fees by Clerks of Superior Court. I'm going to go off book a little bit here and just talk about a couple of other bills that are related to the county. One of those, I wanted to mention, was the bill related to the Magistrate Court Clerk, and we provided a copy of that to you via e-mail; and I've received a few questions about that, and specifically about fiscal impact. As written, essentially this legislation would take the clerk function that is currently managed by the Clerk of Magistrate and Superior Court, and create a Magistrate Court Clerk position with that clerk to be appointed by the Chief Magistrate Judge. We've been asked about fiscal impact and it's difficult to say as written. We have many transitions, and it is true that unless the bill specifically and explicitly says there can be no cost impact, we have no way of knowing that there could or could not be. In other words, many transitions do result in a cost. You know, do we have to buy new computers for staff because they've now moved to a different department, or if there is any number of issues that can arise. So the bill as written does not specify that it is to be handled in a revenue neutral manner. And if the Board -- the Board, at your pleasure, may choose to oppose the legislation or you may choose to request an amendment that specifies that there can be no cost impact. Also wanted to make you aware that the Clerk of Superior Court has requested to present to the delegation and it was her response to that legislation, and we expect that to occur next week. Wanted to also provide an update on House Bill 226: this is a bill that is related to Medicaid coverage for persons with HIV. As you know, Georgia is not a Medicaid expansion state, so this is a limited expansion that would specifically provide for care for persons with HIV under -- under Medicaid provisions. The notion is to allow people who currently have an HIV diagnosis to receive, by providing them Medicaid, to provide them additional care before their illness progresses, as we've seen unfortunately in many cases. Wanted to also mention that House Bill 189 has had additional hearing this week: this is the bill that is related to truck weight limits on five axle trucks on state routes, so that is an ongoing discussion. And then lastly, on the Buckhead City-Hood Bill, again, you have that Resolution. There are two pieces of legislation, Senate Bills 113 and 114. They were introduced on February 7th and, on Monday, both of those bills passed out of slow-go, so they created this point, progressed to the next stage. The Governor's office has issued a legal memorandum, and I think we're getting copies of that for you if you haven't seen it. That raises a number of questions about constitutionality and fiscal impact, and that has really the debate, is about the fiscal impact on bonds, on the school systems. The vouchers at Atlanta Public Schools are contiguous with the city limits; and if those change, that would have an immediate impact potentially on Fulton County schools. There is also a question about local option sales tax, about MARTA, and other key partners who are part of that fiscal discussion. So those questions, the Governor's office has raised, align with many of the questions that we have seen in our own analysis, of course; and specifically, as we just went through a very difficult negotiation period on loss, the last year, having to go through another round of that could be very difficult for everyone. So this is a Resolution, again

based on my conversation yesterday with Chairman Pitts that would signify the Board's opposition to these two bills."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Let's deal with that one. You wanted to sound the draft Resolution. We will take a position on that? Read that into the record, please. Do you have a copy of it?"

CLERK GRIER: "A Resolution by the Fulton Board of Commissioners opposing Georgia Senate Bill 113 and Senate Bill 114 and for other purposes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Read it."

CLERK GRIER: "WHEREAS, Georgia Senate Bill 113 and 114 introduced on February 7th, 2023 are under consideration by the General Assembly related to the creation of the City of Buckhead. And WHEREAS, SB 113 and SB 114 were given a due pass recommendation by the Georgia Senate state and local governmental operations committee on Monday, February 27th. And WHEREAS, if passed, Senate Bill 113 and Senate Bill 114 could have negative financial implications for Fulton County, Atlanta Public Schools, and the City of Atlanta, and other existing cities. And WHEREAS, the office of the Governor of the Georgia Governor Brian Kemp has issued a legal memorandum raising questions about the constitutionality and financial impact of SB 113 and SB 114. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Fulton County Board of Commissioners opposes any legislation that would have significant negative consequences for Fulton County government and its operations. And BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners opposes SB 113 and SB 114, and urges members of the General Assembly to vote against the passage of SB 113 and SB 114 in this biannual session. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk to the County Commission is hereby authorized and directed to send copies of this Resolution to the Clerk of the Georgia House of Representatives and Secretary of the Georgia Senate. BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption and that all Resolutions and parts of Resolution in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict. Passed and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Georgia this first day of March 2023."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. I like to move approval of this Resolution and get this -- I'm sorry. Thank you, my IT person here. I like to move approval of the Resolution. I have a second by Commissioner Arrington. Any discussion? Any discussion? Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I just have a quick question for the County Attorney. I think we have to refer to it as the city of Buckhead City, which in the first line of the Resolution it just says City of Buckhead, because there's already Buckhead, Georgia, just to be clear. Also, I just want to be on record as the Commissioner who represents all of Buckhead that this is crucial and I would love to have everyone's support of this."

JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you, Commissioner, and I'll take responsibility for the error and leaving out the extra city."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, Commissioner Thorne, you want to be heard?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yes. Why are we just getting all --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- just a minute. Just a minute. Just a minute on this -- Commissioner Arrington."

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

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I was actually going make a motion to do just what this Resolution does. And so, I'm glad to see that it's there. I don't think people have really thought through the unintended consequences like Jessica stated, as with regards to schools and what schools their children will go to, and how that will impact APS, Fulton County Schools; and so, I am glad and happy to see this Resolution and happy to support it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yes, I just wanted -- I mean, we're bombarded with information as we're sitting here. Like, why we were given this at a time with --"

JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:

"Commissioner, this has -- I think that's a very fair question. This has moved very quickly, more quickly than expected. The Governor's memo was issued late yesterday. It was in this morning's paper and we, again, Chairman Pitts and I, had a conversation late yesterday afternoon, so apologies. You know, recognize that this is a last-minute being brought before you. We did send a quick e-mail yesterday with some of the things we thought the Board might want to consider, just based on questions I've received in my office. But, yes, that is the reason that this is really in response to some rapid changes that have occurred down the street."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. So I attended in Buckhead a meeting on this, and a lot of these questions -- as I haven't had time to read through all of them, but a lot of these questions were answered in that meeting, and there was going to be -- my understanding, no changes to Atlanta Public Schools. They were going to still stay in the school systems, so I'm getting conflicting information here, and I can't verify it from, you know, anybody because the people that are presenting it were very informed. So, for me it's, you know, I'm just -- I'm going not going to pass anything if I don't fully understand it."

JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I just want to ask a quick question here for clarification: it is true, is it not, that there is not a single elected official from Buckhead, be it state-level, city, or us that supports this, correct?"

JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "That is my understanding, Commissioner Barrett. I haven't, you know, polled personally, but that's -- that is what I have heard in conversation that the City Council members from that district and that the state representative in the House and the Senate for that specific community are not in support."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah and I also want to be just clear on the fact, in case there's any confusion for people reading or looking at this or listening to us, that this is by no means something that the citizens of the area of Buckhead, the neighborhoods in Buckhead want. This is a small group of people who've had to go out of the District to find state senators elsewhere to propose these pieces of legislation; so this is coming, not even from anybody in Buckhead, but from others. And to answer your question, yes, the schools will in fact be affected. I've heard from school board, from the Atlanta Public Schools, there are schools in the district that would just be no longer part of Atlanta Public Schools and those kids would not have a place to go on day one."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Not to belabor the issue or the point. Thank you, Jessica Corbitt. Because at the end of the day, when we don't take action or we don't come together and find out the facts, then we give the appearance that we are approving something. And I think it's very important as elected officials that we take the time, even though it may be at the last minute -- I understand you talked with the Chairman on yesterday. But this is the thing; when we as a Body is silent, it is received as though we support something. And many times people will take that information in the community as though we, as the Body, don't have a problem or more importantly, we support something. And so, I know this is at a very late time, but we, as a Body must, accommodate and know that this is a very important issue. I have received calls on both side of the coins, but I cannot move forward in support something with unintended consequences that is going to affect, not only our businesses, our children; it will affect -- it will far-reaching effects that we don't even know. And so, I think, just to say that I appreciate the leadership here, that we are taken a statement on this. We are letting individuals know where we are as a Body, and I appreciate your efforts in making sure that we know that. Thank you."

JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you, Commissioner."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Couple of quick remarks: I don't necessarily believe when it comes to state legislation that, you know, us not taking a particular action on an issue, you know, signifies that we are definitely in support of, just because there's so many issues that come forth and that's their role and the play in terms of vetting through legislation, not ours to go through and sort of, you know, debate and look at everything that they bring forth. Couple of things on this, and I have not read this stuff, but other than what stuff has been in the press and it does look like a pretty sloppy piece of legislation that's put forward that does have a lot of, you know, a lot of questions that need to be answered, you know, and I respect the Governor's office and their Executive Council in terms of the things that they brought forward regarding the constitutionality of it. I do think that bears serious consideration, you know, as we consider not supporting it. One thing, I do think -- I think there's two distinct issues, and these can be two distinctive issues. We, as a Board, generally if not taken positions around whether citizens are wanting to have the right to, you know, annex into a particular area, create a separate city, we didn't, you know -- we did not take, you know, a particular position on that related to the City of South Fulton. So there's some precedent on that particular issue; but I think this is sort of not necessarily speaking to that specific issue, but to the nature in which these two particular pieces of legislation appear to be written, and that's what, you know, I guess we're taking a vote on today, not necessarily, you know, if something were to be modified it would give the citizens the right to vote in that particular area, should they so choose. So I think that there are, you know, some distinctive issues at play with this -- with what's before us in terms of, if we want to take a position against these two Senate bills. That is separate and distinct from taking a position relative to, you know, giving people the right to determine, you know, kind of their form of government. I think they're two different issues. So those are my comments. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Vice Chair. Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yes, I was driving through a lot of Buckhead, and I noticed a lot of signs in support of Buckhead City. I saw very few against. Like I had to look to actually -- oh, there it is, for the first one. So, I do believe that the people of Buckhead should have the right to vote, and they can turn it down if they don't want it to go through, but I do think the questions need to be answered. My understanding was there was going to be no effect on the Atlanta Public Schools because there's a law that limits the number of school boards that you can have in the State of Georgia, and we're at that limit. So they have to just go along with the APS Schools. So they were just going to -- basically, instead of Atlanta City tax, my understanding was it would say Buckhead City Tax, but all the other taxes would stay the same. So the schools would still get their funding. Now, what you mentioned about the voucher, you know, does that affect the vouchers if they're not within the confines of Atlanta Public Schools? A lot of that stuff is very interesting, and a lot of things that -- frankly, I don't think we can vote to

support or not support when we don't know the answers to everything until these answers are answered. That's my two cents."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I agree with my colleagues who have spoken before me concerning the impact -- the negative impact of these two bills. First of all, we have not spoken about the financial impact, not only to Atlanta, but to Fulton County. And then let's just be for real. There's some underlying discrimination, and the impact to the children in the Atlanta Public School system. And I want to ask you a question because I keep hearing that we're late, and so I'm trying to understand how we're late because I was receiving text messages and calls on Monday saying that these two bills had just passed. And so, how are we late? Because that just happened on Monday, and everyone was like this is just going really fast at the last minute."

JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:

"Commissioner Hall, I think what you said is accurate that legislation this time of year, especially right before crossover, can move very quickly. These bills did receive a very close margin, a do-pass recommendation from slow-go, which is their committee on Monday. So this is the first meeting since that happened and so we bought this part before you today."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "All right. Because I don't want to give the impression to the public that, you know, our intergovernmental affairs people are running behind or late presenting things to us. And I know the text messages that I received on Monday, they were very -- they were very in-line with what was actually going on with these two bills. And I want to say that yes, we do need to always try to -- in situations like this where there is a huge impact, negative impact to our residents, we do need to weigh in on where we stand. It just gives it more strength and power. So it is very important for us to do that. People look to Fulton County. As the Chairman always says, Fulton County is a big deal. And so, people look to us for guidance and to see what we're doing in every aspect of anything that impacts our residents, and we serve the same residents as the City of Atlanta. They are our residents, and so we need to show our support or opposition. And in this case, our opposition is very important. Thank you so much for your work, ladies."

JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you, Commissioner."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Commissioner Hall. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Commissioner Thorne, I will be happy to talk with you and help point you in the right direction. This is not the first time that we have addressed this issue. We've addressed a similar issue with the creation of the City of South Fulton. To be very clear, only residents in the City of Atlanta can attend the

Atlanta Public Schools. Anyone outside of the City of Atlanta is required to attend Fulton County Schools, so that is a fact, right? There's no wavering on that. We had to deal with the issue with the creation of the City of South Fulton because, in particular, in some of the areas that didn't get annexed or trying to get annexed, there were schools. Randolph Elementary, Sandtown Middle School would have been completely shut down and sat there vacant. In this scenario, North Atlanta is in Buckhead. It will be shut down -- well, I don't know if it will be shut down, it will be empty, right? It'll be empty because only City of Atlanta students can attend there. So, I don't know who was presenting at that meeting, but only people can attend the Atlanta Public Schools are residents of the City of Atlanta. And while I do respect the right of the citizens to vote, as I think Commissioner Ellis stated, this is different than the creation of a city out of a county. This is a derivative of a city of a city, right? This is something completely different. And so, I'm absolutely opposed to it, and I would, Colleagues, like to add Fulton County Schools to this list in paragraph three where it says 'Fulton County, Atlanta Public Schools, the City of Atlanta', and I want to make sure that we specifically list Fulton County Schools. Because then, Fulton County Schools and the parents will have the burden of trying to place all of the students from North Atlanta in existing Fulton County schools. And all of the students at those Fulton County schools will have the burden of having an overcrowded classroom. And they'll be a big old building, old IBM building up in Buckhead sitting empty. So --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- you want to add Fulton County Schools after Atlanta Public Schools and WHEREAS -- the third WHEREAS?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. I'll accept that as a friendly amendment."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah, thank you for that, Commissioner Arrington. That was a very good explanation of exactly what the school situation is, and I would also just like to add to that, that as those kids who live in Buckhead and attend Atlanta Public Schools are displaced, they would also have to be transported, in some cases, to a long distance; meaning their parents will have to drive them or there will have to be bus routes or whatever to get those kids to a school. And this will all have to be decided, and I think you made an interesting point, Commissioner Thorne, that we don't have all of the information while this legislation is being considered without any provisions for a lot of this, which means it's extremely dangerous. If this were to take effect and, in fairness, it would go through a House vote, and then it would have to be on the ballot. But nonetheless, if this were to go all the way to the end and be voted in, there will be no plan for the schools. And that's just one thing for which there is no plan. So again, as the Commissioner representing Buckhead who has heard from my neighbors and my

citizens, this is not what they want. And also I just want to add, that using -- that the fact that you've driven through wealthy neighborhoods and see the signs is irrelevant. There's a lot of high density in Buckhead. You can't put a sign out front of your condo. So the fact that you're not seeing signs for Atlanta United has nothing to do with the popularity of Buckhead City."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I represent Buckhead, too."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "My apologies, sir, you and I both."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Just for the record. All right, any other comments?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "The city too busy to hate. The city too busy to hate. If only we could make it the state too busy to hate. "

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion before us is to approve. Let's vote."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Ms. Corbitt, you also mentioned the pending legislation. You don't know yet whether it's been introduced or not regarding the Magistrate Court?"

JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Yes, sir."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What do you know about that?"

JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "That bill does not have a number yet; and as written, it would seek to create a clerkship under the Magistrate Court that would be appointed by the Chief Magistrate Judge. This was a matter that was discussed by the Board of Commissioners a few months ago and, again, that bill was -- as I understand it, is in the process of being introduced by Representative Cannon, although other legislators have also been a part of that discussion."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So it has not been introduced yet?"

JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "It does not have a bill number yet, so we are anticipating --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- that's not my question. Has it been introduced?"

JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "It was -- a draft was circulated to the delegation. It is not in the hopper, which is the method of introduction."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Should we wait until it's introduced before taking a position or what? I've put a call in to Representative Cannon when I heard about this nonsense last night, and I haven't heard back from her yet. Now, I understand she may be under the weather."

JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "I'm sorry to hear that, Mr. Chairman. We have circulated it to this Board. I think the Board's input would be appreciated, but I'm not clear about what your position is across-the-board."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, let's -- all right, Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I was looking for HB505 and just wanted to know if you know anything about that bill?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Hold on. Is that the magistrate one?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "No, no. Are we still talking about the magistrate one?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I wanted to talk about magistrate, but I want wait my turn."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "No, no, go ahead. I will flip to the end so that you can discuss that, okay?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Thank you. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, we're on the magistrate. You have the floor."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yeah, I received a lot of phone calls about this and the, here again, unintended consequences. As much as I would like to support our delegation chair, there are too many questions about this that's not being addressed. And at the end of the day, my duty as an elected official to Fulton County Board of Commissioners -- Commissioners, I have to oppose anything that looks like even in a very small matter to usurp our power, and that's what it looks like to me. And so, I am more than open to have a conversation with you all to make sure that my understanding or with the County Attorney to make sure that my understanding, but reading the bill of what I saw, I was very uncomfortable with it, and I received a lot of calls from other colleagues that were at the state and the city level that were very uncomfortable with it. And so, I can't -- and I just want to go on record, as what I've seen and my

understanding, I would not be able to support it. But clearly, you know, if you all want to weigh in the County Attorney or you, Jessica, I'll be more than happy -- but that's what I see it as being."

JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "And Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, I know there are others in the queue, but I just want comment quickly, that I think that is one of the challenges is that this was -- this arrangement that is in place today was created through -- by local action. And to now create something through state action, would then require -- if there was a desire to unwind that at some point would then require new state legislation. And generally, this Board has always taken a position in support of Home Rule issues, so I think that is one consideration for this Body. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Yeah, on this particular issue, I guess, two things I don't like. I mean number one, is that this is an internal issue that we should resolve, right? It doesn't need to be a piece of legislation, and I don't think it was proper for the magistrate to go about soliciting that without putting it out there without really any input from us. I'm not going to excuse either party in terms of their inability to work together, which is inexcusable in and of itself, but we just need to -- I would urge us to take opposition to this and let our delegation know that it's our intent that we're going to get this addressed internally, you know, come up with some form of solution. This is, you know, as we discussed at that one meeting when it was here, this is sort of, you know, really beyond the pale that this is going to continue on in the way it has."

JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you, Mr. Vice Chair."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Colleagues, I want to offer a different view on this. The reason that this legislation is before or being considered and proposed right now, is because of our failure to act. And so, before I finish, I'm going to make a motion to give the Magistrate Court Clerk the 58 positions back, and the whole Magistrate Court down on first floor, because we could be done with this today. Right now. But this is the -- those two people, those two officials are unable to work together. Period. End of statement. There's nothing else to be said. Those two individuals are unable to work together. We and they still have the responsibility to serve the citizens. And the only way that I can see that that happens is if we unwind the Resolution, and give the 58 positions or whatever it is, I don't know it maybe 59 positions, I believe it's 58, to Magistrate Court along with all of their equipment and people on the first floor. The Superior Court's Clerks office is upstairs on the ground floor when you walk in; the Magistrate Court's office is downstairs. So, my motion is gone be that we give the

Magistrate Court the 58 positions or whatever that number is if it's not 58, so that we don't have to talk about this again."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So do you want to make a motion now?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes, sir. I think I just did."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. So the motion by Commissioner Arrington is to provide the 58 or 59 positions to the Magistrate Court. I would hope that we would, as strongly as we can -- I love him like a brother -- but we're in the process now of actually proposing a consolidated effort and this would preempt all of that. So I would hope that we would vote against that motion. Is there a second? Is there a second? All right, that motion fails for lack of a second. Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. I would second that if I knew that we were going to address keeping the clerk whole as well. But there are many pieces to this that need to be addressed, because if you take 58 positions from the clerk, then what is the impact on the clerk's office ability to continue to efficiently and effectively do their job? Because it was my understanding from a conversation that I personally had with the clerk that these positions are not just only doing the Magistrate Court work, that they are doing additional work. And so, those are things that need to be addressed in this. There's a whole business process, reengineering process that needs to take place to really make sure that we make the Judge, Judge Cassandra Kirk whole, but also to keep the clerk's office whole. So that is my stance on that. And what I was saying earlier is, there is a bill, House Bill 505 that says they're going to make it a felony to protest. And I wanted to know if you knew something about that, if you could just give us an update."

JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "I think that was in debate right now. I'm going to ask Ms. Phillips-Calhoun if she can share an update."

FRAN PHILLIPS-CALHOUN, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Good morning. Fran Calhoun, Department of External Affairs. House Bill 505 is a very small two-page bill that does say that it provides a 20-year sentence, up to a 20-year sentence for -- and makes it a felony if violence and act of violence is committed during a protest. They also use the term, riot in the bill. This bill is being debated on the floor right now. It does appear that it will pass the House, and some of the questions, of course, is the length of time to perhaps potentially be served, as well as the rank of the criminal charge, and then also - what this definition of violence, what does that look like, what does that mean. It's a very vague and very brief bill. It just doesn't have a lot of meat in it to really kind of better define. So, if the Board wishes to oppose, then we would have to do something in the Senate likely."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I just wanted to get back to the magistrate conversation just briefly to say that I don't -- while I appreciate your comments, Commissioner Arrington, I don't think this was a failure of ours in terms of not acting. I think by not changing something, that is an action at the moment. We have said that they are operating the way they have been operating. And so, I think --if you want to use the word failure, the only failure is that we haven't given into the demands of one side or the other at the moment and are considering other alternatives. That said, I think the issue on the table legislatively is do we support or not the state making this decision for us, and I think it's probably fair to say that none of us want to lose control of the county business. And so, in that regard I would think it will be important to make this something that we stand together against at the state level."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Yeah. I mean, I know there's a lot that Commissioner Arrington that I agree with. I don't necessarily agree that, you know, this is -- this is our fault for failure to act, because I don't think -- we didn't get elected to be, you know, kind of divorce court up here. These are two elected officials entered into an agreement, restructured it, and then they can't get along with each other. And we shouldn't be in a position to try to help to mediate those particular differences, between two adults that enter into a consenting agreement. Now, if they can't make it work, and we can't come up with some other thing that's going to work with a consolidated court, I got my doubts about that given the parties that would be engaged in doing the consolidation. So, I think that, you know -- the concept of that I'm in support of, but I don't know that we've got the parties that can make that work, that are here with us today -- here with us today. But I'm generally in support of the idea of breaking it up and moving it out, but what I want to see it needs to be budget neutral. The idea that we would allow -- allow something to happen, add the positions in to it, and then we're going to break it up and we're going to increase our financial responsibility, just because the two parties couldn't work together, that's -- that's not acceptable. So, you know, if we want to look at bringing something forward that doesn't break this back out, it indeed does need to be budget neutral. And I'm not in support of any sort of legislation going forward to the state. This is just something we need to reach agreement upon, you know, internally and we need to tell the two parties that they need to make it work, whatever it is we agree upon."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So I just want to add some perspective and history. I was here when the request was made by the Magistrate Court Judge to use the clerk as the -- the Clerk of the Superior Court in a dual role as the clerk of the magistrate court. I was also here when the Magistrate Court Judge came back and asked for the additional 58 positions. We gave them to her. The Clerk of Court has 240

people, 240. I pray to God that they are not being worked out of class and doing more responsibility than what they were supposed to be doing. So, the 58 positions belong to the magistrate court; they were given to the Clerk of Superior Court because the Magistrate Court Judge -- Chief Judge -- Chief Magistrate Judge wanted to use the Clerk of the Superior Court at that time. You all are right. This is not our fault, but we have been aware that they have been unable to work together since at least 2019, which is four years ago. We paid for lawyers, we paid for mediation, all of that in 2019. It's now 2023. I'm going to make a motion again for the 58 positions; for it to be budget neutral, and that is my motion. The 58 positions need to be returned to the Magistrate Court that whole -- everything down there, all of the equipment, and pens and pencils. All of that stuff that is Magistrate Court needs to remain with Magistrate Court. The two have to be separated. We can do it now, we can do it next week, or we can wait four more years. What do y'all want to do?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. I will rule that that is a proper motion, even though it sounds like the other; the difference between his -- the motion that's on the floor -- not on the floor yet, the motion that's being proposed by Commissioner Arrington is that it be budget neutral is radically different from his original motion. But again, I would hope that we would not support this and we would wait. We cannot govern and legislate based on the fact that two grown women can't get along. That's not our problem."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Mr. Chair as the only practicing attorney -- as the only practicing attorney that's been practicing for 26 years in both of those courts. Again, we can do it today, we can wait four more years, or we can let the state do it. What do y'all want to do?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. All right. The motion by Commissioner Arrington. Is there a second?"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. There's a second now to the motion that it be budget neutral. That has been seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Mr. Ellis you have the floor -- Vice Chair."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Mr. Chair, I'd like to offer up a slight amendment to what Commissioner Arrington has proposed. And that that be that we're not actually specifically vote on that today, but that we vote to allow that that proposal as you've proposed, be brought back to us in a clear Resolution with a financial understanding of it, how it would take place just to ensure that we're not doing anything, you know, just verbally right here, you know, that's going to create some unintended consequences there. I'd like to have it fully before us and, if there's an alternative proposal that we're supposedly working on, have those vote before us and we vote this thing up or down, one way or the other, whichever way we're going to go."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Do you accept that, Commissioner Arrington?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I except that as a friendly amendment."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Commissioner Hall. Now, the friendly amendment has been accepted by Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes, I heard that, and I was going to make a friendly amendment that we make sure that there are no functions that these 58 people are doing that may impact the clerk's office negatively that we make sure that that's not --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I will absolutely accept that."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I'm comfortable with all these amendments and what Vice Chair Ellis said, but I don't think we really need to pass any legislation to have that happen or pass a motion rather to have that happen. I think we can just have that happen. I also want to point out that everybody keeps saying that they can't work together. I agree. It's not our problem to deal with that, but also they are working together. So they are both working. The magistrate court is working, the clerk is working. Are they working well; again, not our problem. It's not like the magistrate court has come to a dead stop. So, I just think it's important to note that we have the system set up the way it is. They have to operate within it. I don't really care if they can't get along. That's their problem, and we need to stay cost-effective here and not solve, you know, a fight between two people."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Arrington, do you want to be heard again?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Colleagues, I would just say that, you know, the sooner we handle this better. I'm fine with making it budget neutral. I'm fine with making sure that there are no unintended consequences for Magistrate Court or for the Clerk of Superior Court. But, you know, we cannot deny the history of this. Magistrate Court may have not come to a halt, but they are not operating at their optimal level. There was an agreement. There was an settlement that was in place until the end of December of 2021; and so, for all of 2022, they have not been functioning properly. How do I know this; because I have clients with evictions that haven't been to court. Haven't been to court. They've been in there for 12, 18 months. They hope they can stay 12, 18 more months rent free. We have a duty and an obligation to put these people in a position so that they can run their own offices. I don't want to tell the clerk how to run her office; I don't want to tell the chief magistrate how to run her office, but we do need to give them the resources that are necessary for them to operate. And I

believe with someone with 240 people can make up the difference in those 58 positions. And I'm confident that the magistrate court will function better and cases will be heard more efficiently and in a timely manner if they are giving the clerk positions back that this Board granted them and expanded for them when they came and asked. She asked for another 39. I think she had 19 people, and then she came back and asked for another 39 people on top of that. And so, all she's asking for now to get those 58 people back. And, you know, divorces are hard, right? People splitting up; but we can't move forward until the split is done, and we don't want the state to act. The biggest way for the state not to act is for us to act."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I agree, Commissioner Arrington. First of all, we can't make these two women work together. And we've seen that in the fact that we're still sitting here talking about this years later. And I'm really tired of walking around Atlanta and Fulton County having people come up to me about the eviction situation. It is really turning out to be a big issue. I even received an e-mail -- a long e-mail from Herman Russell, this family, the Russell family about the evictions and the fact that we need to move on resolving this issue. And then a gentleman who's the head of some type of Apartment Association, who is at the state speaking to the state legislators, he walks up and says, there's all these -- you know, these two women are talking and people are talking about the situation, and it's really making us look incompetent. We need to do something. We've tried all the other stuff, Mr. Chairman, you have tried to get them to speak to the County Attorney, to Alton Adams -- is Alton or Alton today?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We're going to hear from him. It's Alton today."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "It's Alton today. So, you know, you've tried to get them together with everyone possible to resolve this, and we're still sitting here talking about it. And so, it's time for action, because this is really -- it's spreading beyond the walls of Fulton County. It's spreading across to the state capital and everything, and it's just -- it's really ridiculous. So, that's my two cents. I'm ready to vote."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Commissioner Barrett, and I'd like to hear from Mr. Alton -- strike that, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and Commissioner Barrett, and I'd like to hear from Mr. Adams as to where we are on the consolidated effort. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. I wanted it budget neutral and wanted a clean separation, I believe requires input from our County Attorney and also requires input from our executive team. I, in theory, do support Commissioner Arrington and I been one of the biggest advocates of us doing something before it even got to this point. What I'm not an advocate for is the knee jerk reaction. What I'm not an advocate for is making a vote today on something that I do not have all

of the information from. As much as I want to support this, and as much as I want to say this could be the answer, I don't have everything that I need in front of me in order to make that decision today. And I think we do a disservice when we come on the floor at the Board of Commissioners meeting with information based on what somebody else did, one at the state; two, this is something that I have to say, we knew was a problem. Everybody in this room knew it was a problem. But what's a bigger problem, if we move on something today not having all of our information in front of us. And so, what you're doing, you're making a decision based on emotion and not intellect; and that's not to say that it's not a smart decision, and it may be a decision that needs to be made later with the same components. But I'm not ready to make it today because I need some questions answered. And once I get those questions answered, if we could come back in two weeks and pass it, I would love to do it. But today, I cannot, because today if I do it, I'm doing it off of emotion and not all of the facts that I need to have in order to make sure we're not at this position again; that we're not at this junction again. So I would say that, with all due respect, Commissioner Arrington, I do in theory respect and hear what you're saying. I been hearing what you've been saying all the while, and I've been supporting it, but I still need to get some information from Mr. Adams. I still need to get some information from the County Attorney so I can make an informed decision, what's best for this situation. Because one, it has lingered too long and; two, if we have unintended consequences or we have some other issues, we need to deal with everything now. Thank you."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I think that's why Commissioner Ellis recommended --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Hold on, hold on, hold on."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "She called my name, so I'm just --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Hold on, hold on. Do you have a question for Mr. Arrington?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "What I'm asking is, can we -- if the questions are answered, would you have a problem with this being put on the next agenda? With all the questions that we need answered?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I believe that that is the motion that is before us. Commissioner Ellis asked for it to be brought back and I accepted his friendly amendment."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay, thank you."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "And so it is for it too -- I think as it stands now, it is for it to be brought back to us written out and, not only do we need to speak to all the people that you mentioned, but we obviously got to talk to the two main people --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "-- exactly, exactly."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "The first one the chief magistrate."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Exactly. So, okay, now that you've said that, I can support it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett, no? All right, anyone else? This is a mistake, ladies and gentlemen. Let's vote."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next items. Oh, wait a minute. I'd ask to hear from Mr. Adams about where we are on the consolidated -- and we are making progress, by the way, with the two ladies that are in question, but Mr. Adams, can you put this on the record for us, please, sir."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Yes, Mr. Chairman. Just a couple of things: I just wanted to point out that, because I think it's important that we operate from the same fact base. Magistrate Court never had their own clerk. The clerk before it was moved to Superior Court was actually in State Court. It was moved at the request of the Magistrate Court, because there was some issues in terms of the relationship between the magistrate judge and state court judge at the time. So they never did have their own structure. So when we talk about breaking it up, we're really not breaking it back the way it was. Because the way it was would mean we would move it back to State Court. We're talking about doing something very different than what existed when Magistrate Court was actually set up in the first place. You've asked that we look at the concept of a unified clerk, unified administration. It's something that in talking to the CFO; we have talked about for quite some time. It's also been the recommendation of a number of studies that have been done that we, in fact, the county has paid for over the years, and in some cases you can say it's best practice. But it's certainly something that has worked successfully in Gwinnett County. Not that we necessarily need to copy them, but it has been worked very successfully. They have one clerk, they have one administrative function. And they get along really well, right? Because the Chairman and I went out and sat at the County Attorney and visited with them a few weeks ago. So, in terms of where we are, we're in the process of putting together the information in terms of what that would look like. We haven't done the analysis to Commissioner Arrington's question about what the revenue -- what the cost impact would be. I would tell you it's not going to be zero. There will be some financial implications. There's also going to be some operational implications because you can move the positions, but it doesn't mean that the people are going to want to move. And so, there are a number of operations and financial applications to doing this that we ought to take a look at, in my

view, my recommendations, before the Board would necessarily say this is something we should move forward with. You've asked that we work on that. We are in the process of working on it, and we can bring back certainly some of our preliminary recommendations at the next BOC if, in fact, that is your request."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I just have a quick question, Mr. Adams. It's been brought up a couple times now in this conversation that there's a backlog on the eviction cases, in particular. Commissioner Hall brought it up, and it is definitely true. I have also spoken to the folks at Russell as well as the folks at the Apartment Association. And I just want for clarity to ask about the reasons for the eviction backlog because my understanding is, it's not -- it's not because of the clerk situation, but rather because of COVID, the backlog from COVID, and then also issues with now the way things are proceeding with the Marshals not having some of the staff that they need to do things more quickly. So I just wanted to get some clarification on that."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "That's my understanding as well. And just as a bit of background: I have been working -- I first got involved in discussions with Chief Judge Kirk and the clerk three years ago when I first joined. When, in fact, that MOU between the two of them was in place, and I have tried to work, right, to make sure that we're able to continue moving forward despite the personal issues. And I do think that while there may be some challenges, most of those challenges, I think, around some of the cases has to do perhaps with, do we have enough judges, do we have enough staff in supporting them as opposed to the constraint being in the clerk's office. Here again, happy to bring back some more facts. But my understanding is that if we have some issues, it's probably attributed to perhaps some other resource issues as opposed to it being based on the clerk not being part of Magistrate -- Magistrate Court."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Alton, you said that the problem may be that some people don't want to move. What do you mean by that?"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "I mean that -- how do I say this? Culture counts. And we have an issue in terms of turnover in Magistrate Court that I personally would be concerned that the number of individuals that -- we can move the positions, but a number of those individuals would probably look to take jobs either in open positions back in the clerk's office or potentially the Tax Commissioner Office or potentially the Chief Appraiser's office rather than be part of a new organization."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So, I'm not sure where you all are getting your information. But again, I've been practicing across the street for 26 years. There was an agreement in place that ended at -- between the two parties that ended at the end of December 30, 2021. As a result of that agreement ending on December 31st, 2021, the clerk's office stopped providing -- hold on -- the clerk's office stop providing functions for the magistrate court judges. The magistrate court judges are being forced now to enter all of their own paperwork and all of their stuff. And so, it takes them longer. So the number of cases that we're going over reduce from, I don't know, 20 cases to 12 cases, because now the judges have to do all of the clerk functions in addition to performing their role as judges. And so, because they have to do that, they're not able to handle as many cases. So, Mr. Adams, I'm not sure where you're getting your information from, but that's inaccurate. And so, I'm very familiar, because I have spoken with them, and I have family members that work over there."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Right? So, hold on. Wait a minute. It's my time. Hold on. Hold on."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Hold on."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "No, you hold on. This is my time. No, no. You hold on. This is my time. I have the floor."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Mr. Chair, this is my time. I have the floor."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington, I'm not saying you don't have the floor. Your motion has already been approved. And so, we're trying to move on."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Well, we're having further discussion here. And I'm participating in it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You have the floor."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "We're having further discussion, and I'm participating in it."

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

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I'm trying, too. You keep interrupting me."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You have the --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- you keep. There you go again."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You have the floor."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "There you go again."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You have the floor --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- stop interrupting me."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Stop interrupting me."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Order, Mr. Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Sir, stop interrupting me. Allow me to talk."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You have the floor."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Please, be quiet so I can finish."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You have the floor, Mr. Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Please be quiet so I can finish. Okay. Thank you. So the work is not being done. The cases are slowed down because the magistrate court judges are having to perform all of the clerk functions since the agreement ended on December 31st, 2021; and that is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. And that is the problem of why these courts are backed up and why they are not proceeding. And anything else that somebody says to you is hogwash. Yes, there's a backlog because of COVID. There are all types of backlogs because of COVID. The reasons of this particular backlog is because the settlement agreement ended on December 31st, 2021, and the people under -- that should be working as clerks in magistrate court are no longer performing those functions and the judges are having to do it themselves. And it takes longer for them to have to do it, so they have to -- they can only take fewer cases. Now that is what is going on, and that is the reason for the delay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Ellis, you still want to be heard? All right, let's close this out now. The motion by Mr. Arrington has been approved, and we will come back with a -- it's been asked to come back with a budget neutral proposal that we'll look at. In the meantime we'll ask Mr. Adams to come back as well, and we'll have an intelligent discussion on this issue. But for the state though,

any representative to get involved in this who has no idea, no knowledge about what's going on here is -- we'll have to deal with that in another manner. Do you have anything else other than our presentation?"

JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Mr. Chairman, we are about to hear from our federal team. There are a number of bills in the package, and in the interest of time, we won't go through those unless there's one that the Board would specifically like us to take a position on or but that you all would like to take a position on, excuse me. I think this would be the time to do that before crossover day. Also, just wanted to note, I understand Commissioner Hall has an item on today's agenda also related to a piece of legislation or pieces of legislation with the Crown Act -- House Bills -- House Bill 432 and Senate Bill 82, and I don't know if you want to consider those now or at the time when they would normally be on the agenda."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "We can take it up now, if that's more efficient, or we can wait. It doesn't -- okay, all right."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Let's bring it up --"

JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Okay, all right, thank you. With that, we will ask the team to please switch over to our federal presentation. "

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

JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Oh, I'm sorry."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I just want to ask a quick question on the timing with House Bill 30 and crossover day; and I'm just wanting to know if you guys are -- your team is doing anything to address, making sure that this gets across."

JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "We are continuing to; again remind the members -- the Commissioners, of your position on this. And I don't know that it has been scheduled for its next step yet. I think its next step will be in Rules, as I understand it. And so, there's a lot going through Rules right now; it's a pretty heavy volume. So we will remind the committee and see if we can get some information about -- ETA on when it will be on the Rules calendar."

FRAN PHILLIPS-CALHOUN, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Commissioner Barrett, it was on the general calendar yesterday, so we expect to see it to hopefully come to Rule soon."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Great news, thank you."

JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, continue, Ms. Corbitt."

JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Yes, can you, please pull up the federal presentations, the next agenda item? And while they're doing that, I'll just quickly remind everyone that we do have, in addition to our state work; our federal team helps us with matters of federal representation. We are right now in the period where some of the members have their earmarks process open, so we're evaluating county projects that are in need of funding that have already been kind of packaged, and that is a big part of our federal agenda. We have been engaging with our delegation members. In fact, Chairman Pitts had some visits earlier this week. And we are also doing more and more to engage with the administration on their work related to Fulton County and our priorities, and as you can imagine, there are many. So I will just ask the team as soon as these slides come up, to just ask them to go ahead and introduce themselves as soon as they are there."

CLAYTON COX, MCGUIRE WOODS: "Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. Good to be with all of you again. I'm Clayton Cox, part of the federal affairs team here and I work at McGuire Woods; with my colleague, Scott Binkley. We're entering into our second year with y'all and, of course, really enjoying working with Fulton County, so thank you for allowing us to continue with you. Next slide. We have started the year off pretty fast. We had the Chairman in DC on Monday. We took him to see Senator Warnock's staff, and we took him to see Congressman Scott's staff, dropped him off at the White House for a black history month reception and made sure that we are vocalizing early and finding out what priorities these, our members, for funding when it comes to earmarks, when it comes to grant programs and other things. Just making sure we are having those conversations now. And sort of putting together - I think right now we're working through earmarks and what things we will request. And then sort of moving into what's bigger priorities the county has, behavioral health, public health, public safety other things. We had the NACo Conference in February that went very well. I think the majority of the Commissioners were up for that. Got to sit down and have some one-on-one time. Went to Commissioner Arrington's black history month film festival; got to sit down with Commissioner Thorne. Talked with Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and Commissioner Hall, and had a great time there. So we're just sort of learning what the county landscape is. We have a new Congress. We have a divided government. So how do we sort of, you know, now that the Congress and administration is going moving in to implementation of all of these major acts and pieces of legislation, so what can we do to make sure that we're positioning ourselves to get the most money, to get the most funds for the county; and also advocate on things that are important to the county. We also applied for a -- for a FAA grant to continue our work with the general aviation airport FTY; that was in January. We were able to secure support from both of our senators for that, and continuing and sort of hammer away at

making sure that the airport receives the funding and it's been identified as a priority by this Board. Jessica mentioned it, earmarks: those are coming up very soon, and our first deadline is next week. Senator Ossoff on the 7th, Senator Warnock on the 10th, so we're moving very fast there. You're also, as I said earlier, these major pieces of legislation that came down, the first two years in the administration, that's now moving into implementation. So you're seeing new grant programs, new rules coming out, so making sure that we have our finger on the pulse there. It's a major priority for us. I'll hand it to Scott to talk about what we are doing going forward, but it's been a busy first quarter of the year."

SCOTT BINKLEY, MCGUIRE WOODS: "Thanks, Clayton. Can we have the next slide, please? My name is Scott Binkley. I'm also with Maguire Consulting. It's always an honor to be with you guys and just give a little preview of what we're going to be working on for the rest of this year. Obviously, one of the main federal priorities is funding for FTY. And the main focus of that effort will be amplifying the roll out of the Master Plan this year, when that's done, very soon. We will continue to work to strengthen our federal relationships, as Clayton mentioned. We had the Chairman up in DC this week. We'll look forward to y'all coming back any time, but we'll be planning kind of a fly in as we did last year in the coming months. We have heard loud and clear from the Commissioners and the External Affairs Team that one thing that we want prioritize and set as a goal for this year, will be having members of the administration, whether that be the president, the vice president, or cabinet level officials visiting and highlighting these things in Fulton County. And so, that something that we have heard as a priority from you guys and will be working on that this year. We will continue to monitor and identify grant opportunities. Of course, we support those with letters of support and push on behind those with letters of support from the delegation and phone calls, et cetera and we'll continue to do that. We'll continue to amplify the successes you guys have at the federal level with our federal stakeholders, such as the successful ERAP program that has now kind of been a model that the White House touts when they're talking about successful ERAP administration of those funds. And then as always, we're going to be leveraging congressional support for your priorities as they arise. And so, we'll continue to look forward to working with each of you, talking with each of you individually to hear those priorities with the executive team, and push on those at the federal level. Next slide. And that will just say any questions."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Questions for the federal team? Any questions? Great. Thank you, gentlemen. Ms. Corbitt."

JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "That concludes our presentations today, Mr. Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Stick around because we're going to need to take up Commissioner Hall's matters shortly."

JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Okay. No problem. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Continue Madam Clerk. It's 12:23. We can get through most of the agenda, I hope."

CLERK GRIER: "Bottom of page 7, **23-0088**, Registration and Elections: Request approval of a statewide contract as amended to an amount not to exceed \$155,000 to provide temporary staffing services."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Commissioner Hall, question?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes. Is -- well, are you going to speak?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Well, I'm prepared to give a preamble and then attempt to -- I think we can -- oh, there's Nadine as well."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes. All right."

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "Good morning."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Good morning. Good afternoon. Okay, so this is being decreased down to \$155,000, and this is only for the staffing; is that correct?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "That's correct. We removed -- because the trucks are no longer available or cannot be guaranteed to be available, we remove the couriers from the total and that's what reduced the price."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "All right. So, this is only for the temporary staffing, and I see there is a lot of last-minute paperwork that came. Can you explain how the decrease in staffing took place and just explain exactly what they're going to be doing that is beyond just boxing up documents and moving them?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Nadine. Could I help you just, to set up? Since this is both the coordination with DREAM and BRE. I want to say something upfront, and then we'll get into the specific questions. I think, as you all know, the belief is this will be one of the most important moves that we will make. And I say that because this creates election central that we've been talking about. Consolidating three locations into one, but more importantly and for any of you that have seen it. I can't remember, Commissioner Hall, if you've been able to visit yet, but I encourage each of you to visit. But then obviously when we have a ribbon-cutting to attend that because it's truly going to be phenomenal in terms of efficiency, but I think also in public visibility

and insight into our elections process. But this move, while important, is probably one of the most complicated. So this is not the movement of furniture and boxes, but as she will explain, which I think is what your questions is going to get to -- there's many tasks that are nontraditional to a move. So she'll get into how documents have to be filed and scanned; there's a custody set of issues, and a number of other things that for this to be successful, need to be sourced. What we found after the Board asked some questions and we looked at both options, could a staffing company do everything or could a moving company do everything? What we found was really neither adequately could do the entire job. And what we had planned previously was having some Enterprise vans available for a staffing company to effectuate the move. When I think upon further review, a moving company's better prepared to do the physical movement, but there is a staffing component to prepare for the move. And that all then being said, resulting in us perfecting and getting bids from both, which the good news is, and while there is now a second agenda item, so one would be to approve the staffing company at a reduced rate. And the other will be to approve a moving company at the rate quoted from them, both of which then added together are less than the \$305,000 previously estimated. The last thing I wanted to say, because I wanted to correct what I said a moment ago -- or early when this was being considered for adding to the agenda: There is no retainer for any of these, but they are partners that we have worked with before, both on the staffing side and on the moving side. The certificate of occupancy, I thought Tim has said in the last Thursday meeting, we had in hand, but he said it's eminent. We have a couple of other inspections to go through, but that's, I don't think, really on the critical path now, in the sense that it's not long in coming. But what is critical in my view is getting all of this preparation and coordination done because I lived through, as several of you did and were here at the time, the June 2020 Election, when we had a major snafu with a moving company. And I remember being at two locations that night at about midnight, and the moving trucks had still not shown up. So in my view, there is no risk too small to avoid when it comes to Elections and specifically to this move."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "So that's why we're for this -- after a lot of work between Joe's staff and Nadine. So anything that Nadine can't answer or vice versa, I think the two of them by working together can answer the Board's questions, and I appreciate it being considered today."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you."

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "So, yes. When we were asked to do the cost comparison, we did meet with the moving company. We did a thorough walk-through through both warehouses, and our downtown offices to explain to them that we have to have data entry termed WDS system, which will produce labels to go on our items that would have been scanned in and out to ensure that things are getting moved from one warehouse or from the downtown offices or have an exact home. Those shelving's would need to be labeled in a new location. So there's a lot of things we want

to make sure that everything is securely transported, and it's easier for our staff to supervise the persons doing that compared to moving company that's coming in for a few days. So, to do all that to make sure everything's secure, that we know exactly where everything is in the new location, we wanted to have our temp staff come in; so that's our supervisor can supervise them and have a clean transport to ensure everything is secure. And the moving company cannot do those duties, so we wanted to -- the hybrid is a better model for us since we cannot ensure the rental of trucks."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Well, that makes sense. That resolves the issue in my mind. I understand that. And it sounds like you're doing like -- it almost sounds like an inventory tag to make sure that things are properly moved from one location to the next, and then filed in the appropriate manner that they need to be filed. All right. Thank you so much."

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yeah, I just had a question: Like, why are you hiring the different hierarchies of temp agencies? Why -- if they're being supervised by your supervisors, why don't you just bring in a team of 35 temp workers, all paid the same rate? Like, why are some being paid \$20 an hour, some are being paid \$16, some are being \$25 an hour. Well, I guess our cost is up to 33.50 when you add on the temp fee."

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "Correct. So, some of them will have different duties. Some will do data entry. Some will be drivers, or forklift drivers. That's what the rates are paid in each range, since they have different duties."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. And then why -- I thought you projected that this move would take a couple weeks. Did I misunderstand?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "It will. It will take a couple of weeks for our staff to come in and do the labeling, to do the prioritizing of boxes, and so those things will take a few weeks."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "But then, it looks like on here, some of the people are being paid for nine weeks, some are three weeks, some are four weeks, some are two weeks."

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "Right. It depends on the duties that they are assigned."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "So, the system specialist will be working for nine weeks along with the logistics lead?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "Yes. So the systems specialists are persons that are doing the data entry, they will also create all the labeling that has to go to both warehouses and to the downtown offices. So that's a process that takes more time than any other positions."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. And that what are -- what will the Elections, like the regular staff be doing during this time?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "They will be assisting the temps, also packing supplies and ensuring that labeling is done correct and we're logging everything to be sure everything is moved from the old location to the new location. Everything is housed, and it can be found easily."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "So, like one thing, I kind of -- you initially had 30 couriers and five fleet coordinators, so it would be a total of 103,000, and you just took them out and that's what the moving company is doing now, is what you had as the courier?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "Yes, our couriers -- we're going to be the person that would load the trucks, transport, and unload the trucks. But now the moving company would do those duties, so that's why they were moved."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. So like the difference between those two totaled out to a hundred and -- about \$103,000? So would you say the extra 27 is -- we're paying 130 now to have that done? Is that in supplies and that type of stuff that would be incurred?"

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

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. I have no more questions, thanks."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Can we hear that other item right after this?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Can what?"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Can we hear the related item right after this. That was my only --"

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

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. Congratulations. I don't think I've seen you since you were officially, so I just wanted to openly tell you congratulations and I also wanted to openly say I appreciate you giving me the

information -- all of the information, all of the questions I asked before BOC meeting so I know everything. I do appreciate -- I have been given the information and anything that I have a question about, you readily answer me and meet with me, and I do appreciate that. But I just wanted to openly say congratulations, and I look forward to bigger and better things coming forward. Thank you."

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "Thank you. Thank you all for your support."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Thorne, you want to be heard again?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I forgot. Are there going to be any other moving expenses that we're going to incur besides this? Because we approved the trucks and then the trucks were taken off, correct? We're not using the Enterprise trucks. So are there any other expenses that are going to come along the way that you can foresee?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "No, we don't have anything else that we're pursuing at this time."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion on the floor is to approve. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Let's vote, please."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, before you leave, let's take up the add-on item which relates to the same issue."

CLERK GRIER: "Seven -- unanimously with Vice Chair Ellis."

CLERK GRIER: "Add-on item **23-0172**, Real Estate and Asset Management: Request approval to increase spending authority in the amount of \$130,000 for additional funding to cover the costs in support of the relocation of Registration and Elections."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, questions?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I just seconded."

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

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Ms. Williams. Continue, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 8, **23-0157**, Real Estate and Asset Management: Request approval of a recommended proposal in the amount not to exceed \$4,845,528, to provide complete design and construction of the replacement of air handling units."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. We have a motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Any questions? If not, let's vote. Motion on the floor is to approve."

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

CLERK GRIER: **23-0158**, Human Resources Management: Request approval of the proposed plan designed to extend a childcare, eldercare benefit to eligible employees as part of Fulton County's benefits package."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. We have a motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Commissioner Barrett, you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I'm not sure who to direct these questions to, but I just had a question about costs. This is sort of listed as showing no cost, but that doesn't seem possible. So what's the cost?"

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER: "Good afternoon, Commissioner. So what we've presented to you is the plan design. We wanted to make sure what we came up with, the plan designed met the approval of the Board of Commissioners. If you recall during the budget process, Commissioner Hall earmarked, I think, about four to five thousand, \$500,000 for this initiative. So now that we've got the -- if we get the plan design approved, in a subsequent Board meeting, we will bring back the actual agreement with the provider and you'll then see the costs on how we plan to manage the program and the costs to stay underneath that budgetary item that was approved as part of the budget."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "And as part of that, will there be an estimate of how much usage do you expect to have?"

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER: "Yeah. So, we have a little bit of data now, but in my opinion, I think it's skewed because it was data from COVID-19 when we

had a number of school closures, so the numbers are a little higher. So we will have – we'll have data on that day, but just take into consideration it just might be a little skewed from what we anticipate will be occurring into the future base on the new program."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "So, just to be clear: This item is just for the idea behind the copay, et cetera et cetera?"

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER: "Correct."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay, got it. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne. Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Can we check the figure because I thought it was over 600 and something?"

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE: "Yes, Commissioner Hall. It was \$632,000 just for one year."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "All right. So you almost shorted yourself."

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER: "I was trying to give Hakeem a break."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, what's the correct amount?"

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE: "\$632,000, nonrecurring."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That's the correct amount? All right."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "And I just want to say that this is amazing, because it is not only -- it's not just specific to COVID. This is childcare benefits for our employees, and the hourly -- the copay is outstanding. It is so low, \$3 per hour for in-home childcare, and I just want to check something, because this is amazing. It says personal network backup care. Can you just explain that? Because I don't want to assume what I think it is."

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER: "Yes, Commissioner. Personal Network Backup Care is a component of the Care.com platform. What Care.com has built into their platform is -- let's say, for example, you have a neighbor that you're very comfortable with. That neighbor is working from home or is in a position to be at home. But you have to report to work and there is an emergency that requires you to report to work, but your child needs -- your child is sick that day. You can arrange for that neighbor to watch your child and if you pay them, let's say a hundred dollars, you can submit that receipt to Care.com and be reimbursed since it's a co-pay. We reimburse

\$75 for your neighbor watching your child so you can come to Fulton County to perform the services of what our citizens expect. So that's what the personal -- personal network care system, how that works within the Care.com ethos."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you. That is exactly what I thought, but I just wanted you to confirm it. And the benefits of this to our employees really shows how much we care for them and their families. Thank you so much."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Yeah, I don't know this -- I don't know. To me, this sort of seems backwards that the concept should come before us with sort of a clear articulation of what it is and what the potential cost would be in the approval of that. And then if approved, then the plan design, proposed plan design to be able to effect it be brought forward. It seems somewhat out of order to me. I'm not -- so."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Response, thoughts, comments?"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Why is that not coming forward first?"

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER: "I guess the best response that I could provide, Commissioner, is typically it would have come from HR as a recommendation to the Board and a funding approval. But because it was adopted as part of the budget that now we're kind of reverse engineering into the budget."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Yeah, but we didn't -- approval of a budget item verses a formal, you know, kind of plan program are two different things. So, to me this is out of order, and whatever is going to be adopted should come before us first, not this. I mean we have a lot of stuff that's in, you know, in budget as a line item, I mean. But that doesn't imply that all aspects of it, you know, have been before us vetted and, you know, we've formally signed onto that in total as a Board. So, I would move that this is held and brought back forward in that reverse order."

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER: "And Commissioner, when you say reverse order, you are expecting me to bring back -- just so I'm clear, so I meet the expectation of what you and the Board is about to vote on. You want me to bring back what particularly? Because, I mean, the program as presented would be the same thing that I would bring back as there is no additional information, other than the agreement that would then outline the costs aspects of the agreement with Care.com. That will be the only attachment that I'll bring back, which I plan to bring back in a subsequent Board meeting."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Yeah. I think that should come before us first. Whatever the agreement is going to be, so I understand it."

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER: "Okay. So what I can do --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Because if they don't like it and you put this in there and you're not going to extend it. I mean, it just seems sort of backwards to me."

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER: "Okay. At the Commissioner's request, Commissioners, I can, at the subsequent Board meeting, I can combine both, the plan design and the agreement that has been reviewed by the County's Attorney's office, and then you'll see both as one item and hopefully that meets your expectations."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right in interest of time, the sponsor, Commissioner Hall, has no objection to that. Is there a substitute motion to hold, Commissioner Ellis? All right."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: (Not on mic.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Second?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, substitute motion to hold. Any discussion on that? Let's vote on the motion to hold."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, continue."

CLERK GRIER: "**23-0159**, Human Resources Management: Request approval to modify the classification section of the classification and compensation plan by adding new titles."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Can you just explain a little bit about what this is for?"

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER: "Yes, Commissioner. Actually, this is your first one. So from time to time, we work with departments to enhance the classification plan. In this instance, we've worked with the department, and they've identified gaps within the types of jobs that they have in their organization. The HR department has validated that gaps do exist, meaning that those unique responsibilities that we've incorporated into these new classifications that we put in front of the Board of Commissioners for approval today do not exist in any clear job description that is currently in my repertoire. So we ask you on a periodic basis to create these new

classifications. Once the new classifications are created, we then work with the department and finance to fund the jobs within the departments' respective budgets, and then we go proceed with the normal hiring practices."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. All right. The motion on the floor is to approve. Please, vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "It's not allowing me to select."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Record Commissioner Abdur-Rahman has voted in the affirmative. Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion passes unanimously."

CLERK GRIER: " Under Health and Human Services **23-0160**, County Manager: Request approval of a Resolution to approve a modification of the Fulton County Board of Health fees for environmental health services."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. These are new fees. Motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Hall. Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I just wanted to make sure that on page 1 of the Resolution that there was a correction on line 30. It says, now operate in Fulton County with thing - it should say without, I'm assuming? Do you see that? Page of 1 of the Resolution, at the bottom, line 30."

DR. BRANDON LEFTWICH, FC BOH: "Yes, without."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "It should be without, so that correction; I just want to make sure that's made. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yeah, I was just trying to find out what -- what is the percent increase in the fees going to be?"

DR. BRANDON LEFTWICH, FC BOH: "It's actually going to be a decrease. Prior to the adoption, it was a \$300 annual fee for the mobile trucks. Now, it's just going to be a one-time \$75 administrative fee."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay, great. Thank you."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: **23-0161**, Senior Services: Request approval to increase the spending authority for indigent burial in the amount of \$21,675."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, a motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Hall. Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I'm waiting for Ladisa. Good afternoon."

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "Good afternoon."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "My question is related to the increase. Is there additional funding in the 2023 budget to cover the expected increase for this year?"

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "The total authority for this year in the budget is 418,000, to answer your question. The department does experience underruns throughout the year, so we may possibly have additional funds and will increase the spending authority should we believe that our invoices are trending high. I'm scheduled to meet with DCFS this Friday just to discuss our contract value in the budget for this year, and to discuss how they approve and certify burials to our department."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. Thank you."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 9, **23-0162**, Public Works: Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder in an amount not to exceed \$3,269,450, to provide construction services for the installation of sanitary sewer work within the City of Alpharetta."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Favorable motion by Commissioner Thorne, seconded by Vice Chair Ellis. Please, vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "23-0163: Request approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Milton for water main relocation in an estimated amount of \$503,585."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Again, favorable motion by Vice Chair Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Please, vote."

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

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Mine did not. It's a yea."

CLERK GRIER: "Six with Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

CLERK GRIER: "23-0164: Request approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Alpharetta for water main relocations."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, a motion to approve by Vice Chair Ellis. Is there a second? Seconded by Commissioner Hall. Please, vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "Under Justice and Safety, 23-0165, District Attorney: Request approval of the 2023 equitable sharing agreement and certification with the US Department of Justice for the Fulton County District Attorney's Office establishing the requirements for participation in the federal equitable sharing program."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Favorable motion by Commissioner Thorne, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Please, vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioners' Action Items, 23-0166: Request approval of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 38 of the Fulton County Code of Ordinance to implement the Fulton County Crown Act; and for other purposes sponsored by Commissioner Hall."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is there motion? All right, motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I just had a quick question. I saw what I believe is a typo on page 1, line 17. It's -- all the other occurrences read national origin, that one reads natural origin. So I just wanted to make sure that got corrected in the final."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "After you mentioned it before the meeting, we've already corrected that, Commissioner. Thank you."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Wonderful, thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "I assume we've got two matters before us related to this and understand the second one, I guess -- my question on the one that's before us now, in terms of -- it would appear it's creating an ordinance that would potentially impact employers within the Fulton County unincorporated area? Am I reading that correctly?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes, Commissioner. It would apply to employers within unincorporated areas of Fulton County."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "So, I thought -- I mean, I thought we couldn't, as a Body, can't create employment law for others?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "We can't aggregate employment law that is in place from federal and state laws, but we can add to the protections."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "You can add separate, you know, discrimination provisions to state law?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Not to state law. We can add protections that are under the Fulton County ordinances. We can't change state or federal employment law."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "So, I mean as a practical matter for an employer in this particular footprint -- it doesn't seem like it would be -- what sort of penalty could be remedied against it? It doesn't seem like any felony could be remitted against it."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "As it's currently written, this Resolution does not impose penalties on a private employer within unincorporated Fulton County. It does voluntarily add those protections to Fulton County as an employer."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay. Well, I mean, to me it's somewhat misleading if it's giving the impression that it's creating an ordinance that employers need to adhere to, but yet it has no effect in terms of any penalty related thereto. So, I don't know, I just -- I mean, there's a concept and then there's sort of potential unintended consequences. I don't really -- I'm struggling a little bit in terms of, you know, just thinking through the

ramifications of that sort of mid mass as opposed to, you know, a separate and distinct issue of a statewide act being considered that would, you know, obviously probably be a little more, you know, strongly vetted I guess, you know, kind then maybe what we've done so far today. So any way, that's my concern."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I kind of had similar concerns of how it was going to be enforced. Would it set up a liability aspect for those employers?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "So the practical effect of the Resolution as currently drafted is that the -- the small number of employers in unincorporated Fulton who would be affected -- it essentially acts as an encouragement to be mindful of this issue, but because there's no penalties built in, they would not have additional liabilities under the Resolution as currently written under the ordinances currently written."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "So no one can sue them because of what we pass today."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "The proposed ordinance does not contain a separate cause of action that someone could use to sue an employer."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. And I also had a question about, like doesn't -- isn't this like already covered under the basic Civil Rights Act? How would it --"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "The case law has not completely evolved as to that. There is an argument to be made that this falls within the race and natural origin portions of the protections that already exist. But I believe the intent of this legislation is just to make it clear that Fulton County takes the position that that is protected aspect of your expression."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "So it's more just to make a statement than really any meat or substance to it?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "So, as to Fulton County as an employer, I believe the effect of it is to let our citizens and our employees know that Fulton County government takes the position that that is a protected classification specifically."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So the -- two parts to this as I read it is, when you're applying for a position, you can't be discriminated against based upon your hairstyle; and after you're hired, you can't be fired based upon -- in laymen terms, based upon your hairstyle, correct?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "The specific types of hairstyles described in the legislation, not any hairstyle. It's as described in the legislation."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What does that mean?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Meaning --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- for example, if Michael O'Connor comes in with a Mohawk and with pink hair?--"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "So the legislation describes protections for protective and cultural hairstyles. Fashion choices are not addressed in this particular legislation."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. So he would not be protected with the Mohawk."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "In that example, I would not --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- okay. All right, I just want to be clear."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "-- consider that protected."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion -- Commissioner Ellis do you still want to be heard?"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "-- similar to the -- if you have hiring entities which have hair restrictions for, you know, whatever reason."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "For example: law enforcement has certain hair restrictions for safety reasons."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Right. That doesn't -- does this present any issues for them?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "There is a carveout for that that would -- we would analyze that in a separate way from say somewhere in a customer service position."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay."

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

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, next item."

CLERK GRIER: "Five with Commissioner Arrington."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "**23-0167**: Request approval of a Resolution by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners urging that the Georgia General Assembly to enact Senate Bill 82, commonly known as 'The Crown Act'; urging the municipalities within Fulton County to adopt similar legislation, if no such legislation currently exists in their jurisdiction; and for other purposes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Let's vote, please."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 10 --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- just a minute. Where are we now; page 10. It's 1 o'clock; let's recess for lunch and Executive Session. Okay. Recess for lunch and Executive Session, items of real estate, litigation, and personnel."

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

(Whereupon Executive Session began at 1:00 p.m.)

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

Y. SO JOO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Excuse me. Excuse me, Chairman, sorry to interrupt, but --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I'm sorry, yeah."

Y. SO JOO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I had one motion coming out of Executive Session. Is there a motion to approve the request for representation set forth in item number 1 on the Executive Session agenda?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is there a motion? Motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, it's seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Please vote."

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



CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 10, **23-0168**, Request approval of a resolution by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners repealing resolution 22-0995, and reaffirming Fulton County's participation in the Eastside TAD."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I'm going to go ahead and withdraw it. Commissioner Ellis actually resolved the issue earlier in the meeting."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You withdraw?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Without objection that item will be withdrawn."

CLERK GRIER: "**23-0137**, Board of Ethics, The Gate City Bar Association has nominated Daraka Satcher for a Full-Board reappointment to a term ending February 12th, 2026."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Colleagues, I'd like to make a motion here. And my motion is as follows: To, from this Board, refraining from taking any action regarding the composition of the Board of Ethics until the pending matter involving a Commissioner is no longer pending before the Board of Ethics. That's my motion. Have a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Questions, comments, if not let's vote, please."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 11, **23-0169**, Administrative Committee of the Fulton County Defined Contribution Plan, Chairman Pitts has nominated Commissioner Hall for a Full-Board reappointment to a term ending December 31st, 2023."

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

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Looks like the other position expires as well. So I would make a friendly amendment -- I would ask to make a friendly amendment to renew Mr. May in that position."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Mister who? Don May -- position -- employee. I don't know."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "That's right. I guess he continues to serve until someone else on it. But it just seems that there's an opportunity, both of those positions expired on December 31st. But perhaps, Commissioner Ellis is right, the employees need to make -- perhaps the employees need to make that recommendation."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Do you know that? Who makes the nomination for -- I mean, I have no problem with extending his term. But who's supposed to make it?"

CLERK GRIER: "I think that is the employee, Sharon?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "That recommendation typically comes forward through a process that the Administrative Committee itself runs to establish the employee --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Would they have to be elected? Is that like, similar like, someone where they have to run, employee reps have to run for election or, no?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "I believe it's more of a voluntary --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "-- type arrangement, where employees present their interest in serving on the Committee and the Retirement Committee evaluates their interest and makes a recommendation to the Board."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. On the floor, motion to approve by Vice Chair Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Let's vote, please."

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

CLERK GRIER: "County Manager's presentation and discussion items under Justice and Safety. **23-0170**, Discussion, Jail Feasibility update."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Mr. Manager, Mr. Adams."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Chairman Pitts, Commissioners, at the last meeting when the Jail Feasibility Team made their presentation, there were a number of questions that were raised by the Board of Commissioners. The Chairman asked that

they come back and address those questions. We did submit to you, the presentation that included the answers to those questions. And so the team -- some of the team are here today to take you through that and to answer any additional questions that you might have. They also have some specific recommendations in terms of next steps in the event that you are prepared to ask us to move forward with subsequent actions."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Gentlemen."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "Chairman Pitts, how are you? Commissioners, my apologies for my voice today, it's a little hoarse. Again, as Alton mentioned, we were here February 1st chatting with all of you and we appreciate the time and all the feedbacks you provided us. We have nine questions today. Next slide, please. That we believe answer eight of the questions and we've added one additional that we think might be helpful for discussion today. So next slide, please. So the first question -- please, back one slide, please. So the first question that I'd like to discuss is: Please clarify the number of persons in custody with unindicted felony charges. And our summary of that particular topic, as you'll note here, and forgive me for reading. But our analysis of the data available, which is a merge of the jail database and the courts' database, indicates that there is an average of 1600 people who have unindicted charge at the Fulton County Jail. This is an approximate number by our statistician, Patrick Jablonski. Of that number, approximately 860 have no indictments, okay?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Should we ask you questions as you go along or for any follow-up questions?"

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "Yes, please Chairman, you can interrupt me any way you'd like, okay?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. So on that 860, because frequently what I -- what I hear is that, well, there are -- an inmate may have multiple charges. But that 800 number, says those are 800 folk with no other charges, right?"

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "That is correct."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And that's the crowd that could, based upon some's belief, could be released?"

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "That is correct. Well, not necessarily released."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, what's the word then, if not released?"

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "It would depend on the charge."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Those are individuals who are not indicted on any charge. They could then be indicted by the DA at her, you know, at her time and whenever she felt it was appropriate. That would then begin the process for them to be assigned to a Superior Court Judge and to start moving the case along."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "But some of that 800 though, whether it's half of them or 25 percent of them, I would think they are there and have not been indicted and may not be indicted."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "So there is a -- there's a possibility that some of those individuals could, in fact, arrange for a plea or have some kind of thing once the -- with -- before they were indicted. That is correct. But here again, we -- most of the individuals that are in our jail today, are there because they have committed -- they're accused of committing serious crimes. And so here again, the DA would have to comment on what her actions might be. So I'm not sure we could project and say any of them could, theoretically, be released because you'd have to look at the charges for which they were arrested."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "But is it not possible though to -- we would presumably, we know the names of the 800-plus and who have not been indicted. And we would also know, presumably know, whether their charges are serious or not so serious."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "I guess we could go down and categorize those charges. That is correct."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No, I'm not asking you guys to do it. Because intellectually, it seems to me that we -- it's got to be, I would think that there's a number in our jail who should -- who should not be in our jail. And if that is the case, they don't need to be there. And that -- and if they're let go, released, that reduces the number of folk that are in our jail. That's just --"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Well, I'm not sure I could say, or anyone could say that there are people in our jail who should be released. We have a process where those individuals get arrested and then they appear before a Judge. Judge makes a decision on their bond and next steps. I'm not an attorney, but here again, that's left to the judicial branch to decide whether those individuals should, in fact, be in our jail or not. And it's based on a number of factors. So I can't, I don't think any of us could comment and say, there are people there who should, theoretically, not be there."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "(Off-mic comments) It might not be a full release --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Right, that's probably --"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "And here again, I'll defer to Commissioner Arrington. But I believe that you could be eligible for bond without necessarily having been indicted; is that correct? Because you have bond hearings, yes, so --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah, you're entitled to -- if there's no indictment in 90 days, you're entitled to a reasonable bond."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And that group, we ought to know who that -- who falls into that category."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Well, that's really -- yeah, we can categorize the individuals and we can do some more research --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "-- Mr. Chairman, I'm not saying we can't do that. What I'm saying is, I -- I wouldn't necessarily jump from -- I wouldn't necessarily make the assumption that there are individuals who could, theoretically, be -- be released. I think that's --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I don't -- I like what Commissioner Arrington said, they're on bond."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Yeah. I'm sorry, John."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "Thank you all."

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

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. I just want to weigh in on that since it's one of my priority areas. We want to be very careful about saying that we have a 860 individuals that have no indictment because here in an open forum like that, what that gives to the lay person is that we got 860 people in there that have no indictment. And so the first thing they say is, well, if they haven't been indicted, why are they in there? And it changes the scope of what we're trying to do according to the Feasibility Study. So I just want to be crystal clear, they may not have an indictment, but it may be another issue. Bond, it may be another issue that has absolutely nothing to do with what we're talking about. And the only reason that I'm saying that because I had to educate myself on that. Because when I heard before, a particular number, Mr. Adams, to your credit, it made me think, well, we need to hurry up and try to get these

people out. But that's -- that's more of, for the lack of a better word, a convoluted issue because we've got several other issues in there dealing with that. So I just -- for the people that are listening, I want to be crystal clear that we don't have 860 people in there that's not indicted that can be, you know, let out, because that's not the case."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "That is correct, Commissioner. And here again, because we just spent a lot of time talking about this. If somebody is arrested for a charge, the DA, as I understand it, then has an investigator who goes about gathering things. Some of those things for example, could be toxicology things in the case of someone arrested for drug charge. Toxicology -- before they indict that individual, that individual may, in fact, be in our jail while they await -- await the evidence being gathered that then feeds into whether the DA will charge that individual or on what charge that individual may be charged. So there are a number of steps that go through, number of things in that process that lead up to someone, in fact, being indicted."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis, Vice Chair Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Yeah, I just do want to say one thing though. I mean, this -- these are numbers, they should be reported. They should be out there and we should be looking at them all the time. And I think one of the problems when we look at this entire area is, we interject too much anecdotal into the mix. And really, as a Body, I mean, you know that there's stories behind every numbers, whether it's, you know, in a business or with this. And I think we sort of collectively, should get a little bit less concerned about trying to understand every potential issue with it, but instead, trying to look at these numbers consistently over time, you know, because numbers ultimately, they're out there in front of people. Then the people behind them collectively tend to work at addressing them. And let them do their work as opposed to trying to get down and understand each and every issue behind it. So, I mean, there are mutually exclusive issues. The number doesn't necessarily mean this and mean that. People can arrive at their own conclusions. But we should not, not be transparent with the public in terms of reporting these numbers. I think it's important to do so."

CHRIS SOFFE, VICE CHAIR AMERICAS - GLEEDS: "I think the next sentence is key, where it doesn't affect the forecast model. That's an important component of this --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Excuse me. Excuse me. We had one other question on the previous slide."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Sorry, it's still for Mr. Adams. Hang on, you guys. I just want to be clear. I don't disagree with what Vice Chair Ellis is saying. But I think using that number alone, doesn't tell the whole story. And I think there are other numbers that need to be included. So if we are going to report on that number, I think it's important for example, to include, you know, the number of those unindicted who are repeat

offenders, for example, and things of that nature, because there are reasons, I think -- and you already made this point, Mr. Adams, so I'm really just amping up what you said, that there are reasons for that number and that this is the justice system is operating this way, Judges are making these decisions, et cetera. And while I agree that it's better to have people further along the process faster. I think if we're going to present those numbers, let's just be careful that we're giving as full a picture numerically as we can."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Thank you, Commissioner."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue. I'm sorry, back --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "(Off-mic comments.)"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Continue."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "Chris, would you like to finish your thought."

CHRIS SOFFE, VICE CHAIR AMERICAS - GLEEDS: "Yes. I was just mentioning the next -- the next sentence in that same paragraph, actually, where Patrick is keen to point out that it doesn't affect our average length of stay or the bookings, which is what we benchmark the 5480 from. So this is a little bit of a rabbit hole for us in terms of, you know, what it means to the big picture. So that's all there. Thanks."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "Shall I move on with slide 8?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis, you want to be heard?"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "(Off-mic comments.)"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "So slide 8, we have updated this slide to reflect the current population projections by the Georgia Governor's Office of Planning and Budget. So what's highlighted in the lower end of the slide there, there are a number of population projections that have been updated that were incorrectly referenced earlier. And the sources are noted on this slide as well."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Did you all -- the last statement on the point 1, that the two primary drivers are bookings and average length of stay. Could you all generate a scenario that's based upon -- and I said this before -- I mean, look, you know, there are a lot of diversion interest in this county. And there are a lot of stuff that's been worked on in the context of, better policing make our communities safe, diversion, mental

health, et cetera. And there's also, as we've just discussed today, there's great feeling that we're housing people, you know, in -- in our jail facilities for a much longer period of time than what they should be, and that we're all not comfortable with that. You know, whether the fact that, you know, the 3600 lives that are there stayed in there that length of time, that there's some concern about that. So I just, you know, I'm uncomfortable, you know, making a decision on a scenario that sees our average length of stay be at nearly 60 days. I mean, I just don't think that's acceptable as a, you know, Body for us to consider that said that it's acceptable that our justice system is going to operate in that capacity. I mean, I -- I'd talked to some people and the -- LA County's average length of stay is 27 and a half days. And we're at -- you know, we're almost at 60. I mean, so could we build a scenario and as I'm -- you know, I believe you all said that, really sort of a watermark for most people is around 30 days. If we build a scenario and look at what should our capacity be with the average length of stay at, say, 35 days, which builds you a little bit of, you know, cushion in it, but strives to get you to a number that appears to be, you know, a generally doable number across the country. And then secondarily, I know you said you adjusted sort of the population figures to be the correct population figures here, but I'm also find it just -- it is tough of a situation as we are in right now in terms of criminal activity within the county, the notion that we are considering something that has our average daily bookings increasing at a greater rate than the rate of population is insane. And it also makes me want to just pick up and sell my house and move somewhere else. If that's what the forecast for the future holds from us is that we're just going to have as more people move here, we're going to have more criminal activity than what we have right now. And I don't know that -- you know, so my ask on the average daily booking sort of -- and it does play in a little bit of the population question from talking to some folks. It's my understanding that sort of our greatest degree of -- the greatest degree of booking activity tends to come from folks 18 to 44 years old. Fair?"

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "Yes. I can tell you, Commissioner that in the -- in the model that we --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Right."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "-- developed, it's the age of 17 to 49."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay. So what does that population doing over the next -- estimated to do Fulton County over the next 25 years?"

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "The rate of increase of that population?"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Yeah."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "Yeah. We probably have that information. I can provide it for you. We can pull it out. This is total population."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "The total population, but I mean, I guess sort of given sort of what's generally going on demographically right now, the assumption would be that that population is actually not going to be growing as fast in terms of birth rates, aging population, et cetera."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "We certainly have that data available to us. It would be easy --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "So if it --"

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "-- to pull that apart --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "If it's growing even at a lower rate than what population in a whole is growing then -- and then our average daily bookings are growing greater than overpopulation is -- population rate as a whole, then I'll struggle with that too. So could we not build a scenario that would look at, you know, a average length of stay of, say, 35 and, you know, some book -- average booking stay that which would appear to be somewhat more realistic than what's on this page and try to understand what that is, you know, whether that's, you know, 70, 75? I mean, I -- we seem to be building a scenario for a worse-case scenario. Well, you shake your head at me, but I mean, you know, that we're going to have, you know, average length of stays, you know, at this high level and bookings at, you know, a really increased level."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "You're suggesting a scenario that's even more aggressive than the optimal scenario."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Yeah, that's what I'm suggesting."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "Right."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Yeah, I mean, so could we build a scenario where average length of stay is 35 and, you know, you know, whatever, do a -- like look at the -- I mean, I -- I'm still struggling with how our bookings per day is at 52.7 today, and that's going to grow to 87.8 in 2047. I mean, just that even intuitively doesn't make -- that doesn't make sense to me."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "That's what our model suggests right now."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Well, I mean, I know that's what your model suggests to you, but if just living in the world we're living in right now that intuitively -- in looking at the population growth that doesn't seem to make sense."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "It's mathematically derived from that model."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Well, you're going to have to explain to me better the underlying detail behind that model. I mean, if you're, you know, if intuitively, we're thinking that the age population that's most getting arrested is the -- is not going to be growing at -- is going to be growing at a lower rate than the population as a whole. But the bookings are going to grow greater than population as a whole. I don't -- I mean, it calls into question the credibility of your model if you can't articulate to me kind of, what all is behind the -- behind the iron curtain, so to speak. So, you know, I do think it's reasonable for us to look at, you know, an alternative scenario that's more aggressive than that. And it would be something that's in line with the way more of a, you know, model, you know, judicial system, you know, should work."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Vice Chair Ellis, if I can, I want to address a couple of things you raised. You mentioned the average length of stay. The moderate forecast, which is what was used --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Forty-three."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "-- shows it going from 39 -- can we go back about a couple of pages?"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Yeah, it was 43, right?"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "It's up to 43 --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Right."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "So it's relatively, it's 10 percent increase from where we are to -- it goes from 39 to -- actually 39 to 51 on the moderate. And for the optimal it goes from 39 to 43. And so that's driven by a number of factors and we can -- we can have Patrick take us through the model. I think the reason -- and to your point, we can build a scenario with any assumptions that we want. But I will also say that, we kind of hired the experts who've been doing this for a while. And I'm not saying we shouldn't push back on that. But what I'm saying though is, we can use any scenario we want to generate the model and we can make some assumptions about -- that's why they did a range because we can decide whether we want to build our assumptions on the -- can you go back, please. To the chart, yeah. To the -- no, to the one with the numbers. There you go. We can build our assumptions based on the optimal or the status quo or the moderate. And quite frankly, there, you know -- like recommendations from any professional services, whether it be the doctor or a lawyer or accountant, we can decide whether we want to take their recommendations or just make a decision in a different direction. And we can run scenarios because we do have the model."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Right."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "But I do think that the reason that we asked them to build a range was to give us a sense for the fact we -- that we truly do believe that in 2047, the average length of stay is going to be somewhere between 43 and 59 days. And we can pick whatever scenario we want in between those or we can run alternative scenarios. But based on their best estimate and what they have seen in other jurisdictions and based on the data, that's the range that we -- that we have. But like I said, John, we can go back and build a scenario that may not necessarily be the recommendation of what this group would say you should expect going out in the future. The other thing I would say is, like any forecast, when you start going out 17 and 27, 30 years, you start to have a level of uncertainty that you should expect. And that's why when the recommendation in terms of the size of the jail, they said, let's build the underlying infrastructure to allow expansion to a number in 2047. But let's not build the cells to anything beyond what we expect in '37. So there is built into this, an opportunity for us to dial back if we feel we've overbuilt. So that's where -- that's where the kind of the check and balance is in terms of whether we think we've overbuilt. But I will say that, when our current jail was built, it was obsolete the day opened it --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "I understand all that. I've heard all that stuff before."

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

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "I know we need a new facility. I know the facility needs to be constructed differently. It needs to be built with space that allows for all the other things that happen outside of housing. I get all of that. What I'm struggling with is what you're showing us is a set of underlying assumptions that's basically saying that all of the work -- we're saying that either it's okay for our judicial system could continue to work ineffectively and people to be housed in jail for an extended period of time and that we're going to arrest and book a boat load of more people all around our county. That that's our future state and that we're comfortable with that. Or are we going to say, we're going to look at -- we're going to come up with a reasonable scenario and the expectation from our judicial system. This is our expectation as a Board that it is going to operate in this kind of fashion, where the average length of stay is contained within a reasonably acceptable number. And that is what we're -- we're holding you to, and that's what we need you to be accountable to to bring something that's reasonable and affordable to our taxpayers."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "And I understand that --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Right?"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "-- but there are other things that feed into this. We're also in an environment where we have a Legislature that's proposing more minimum sentences rather than less --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "I get -- I get all that."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "-- right, so --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "I mean, I get all that, right? But, you know, it's not acceptable for us to run a system where we're having people in jail for this long."

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

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "So, anyway, all my ask is, reasonably, can we redo a scenario --"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "We can --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "I'm not looking to get into a philosophical discussion about it necessarily. But, you know, can we run a scenario that's based at, you know, a 35 average length of stay and a bookings number that, you know, is trending less than that kind of growth than what you are showing."

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

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "I mean, that's even, you know, 15 years to go to 52.7 to 80.4, that's a significant about more criminal activity."

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

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Because, you know, then -- you know what this also entails if it says that we're doing this, what does this also mean? Should we be doubling the size of our court facilities over there? Do we need to be doing a feasibility study about how many courtrooms we need to entertain, you know, dealing with all these folks? Is that -- should also be with this should contain?"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Well, your point is well taken. I mean, at the end of the day, the jail is the end of the process --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Right."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "-- not the process itself. And as we've talked about, I think, you know, we have a request in to add one more Judge --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Right."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "-- when we probably arguably should have, you know, ten times as many, right, as -- as, you know, add ten Judges. So there are a number of factors that feed into this. I think the -- so we can -- we can run that scenario. I guess the only thing I was trying to communicate is that -- that based on all of the factors and based on the variables, they did, in fact, produce a range and to allow us to step back and say, you know what, we think the optimal forecast for the average length of stay is really 43 as opposed to 51, is the one we ought to be basing the size of the jail on. We had that ability to do that. And if we want to dial that back further and make some further assumptions, we could do that as well."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "And could you also not -- could you also think about model assumption where you had continued access to let's say, 500 beds, 1,000 beds elsewhere, beyond this main facility? Could we build a scenario like that?"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Yeah, we could. You mean where we, for example, had continued access to ACDC or somewhere --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Or whatever, right."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Yeah, we could do that --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "I mean, I think it's important to look at something like that too --"

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

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "-- you know, because we obviously have other existing facilities that we either have access to or that we own --"

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

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "-- outside of Rice Street right now."

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

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "And, you know, if we had, you know, future capacity of, you know, whether it is 500,000, what could that do to a potential scenario as well. I think that question may be even more important than the other stuff that -- and I was just -- sorry, unnecessarily going on with you about, so."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Well, the other thing too is to your point, you know, we know that a third of the individuals in our jail have some kind of mental health issue. And arguably, if you were to pull one lever to be able to say, can we find a place for those individuals to be dealt with, treated in a different way that solves the problem long term, because we know jail isn't the right place. That's also; you know -- you know

something that we want to focus on. So you are correct, there are some levers that we could pull. But I think what you're seeing here is a -- are scenarios that are based on what we consider to be kind of the most likely scenarios. But we can build those, absolutely."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Don't go too far, Mr. Adams. I just want to say, first of all, you, Mr. Adams, just basically answered or said a lot of what I would have said in response to Vice Chair Ellis. But I want to -- it seems like the only way things ever get officially done or not done here is if a Commissioner speaks up and says, do this or do not do that. So I just want to be clear, I don't agree with Vice Chair Ellis asking for additional models to be run based on his intuition. I don't think it's fair to put up a comparable report based on a number that he just made up of 35 days average length of the stay, when the numbers we have come from a complex data model and experts who do this for a living and who have done this across other projects. And so I would like to be on the record suggesting that if we are going to run a model, as Vice Chair Ellis suggest that it be very clearly labeled so that public sees it, we see it as -- as based on a request of a Commissioner, not on the data model. So unless we're going to totally change the data model or hire new experts, I just -- I don't see why running scenarios that we just willy-nilly come up with helps us move this project forward. In fact, just the opposite is happening, we're slowing it down. And if the -- sorry, I'm on a rant now. But if the -- if the object here is to save taxpayers money, I'd like to also reiterate the point that I've made multiple times already, not today, but in previous meetings that every day that would push this further, we increase the cost."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "So, I'm not sure -- was that a question --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I mean, the questions is -- well, the request I guess, and all I'm really asking for you to do is acknowledge this. I frankly think it's a waste of time and money to run additional scenarios based on intuition. So if you're going to do it because you're being respectful and honoring the Vice Chair, which I understand, I just - - I'm requesting -- and maybe I'm just asking for acknowledgment that it be very clearly labeled what is and why it does not compare to the expert opinions."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Yeah. And I guess that's an important point. We can run the scenarios, and we will do it because we do have the model. It will not change the official on-record recommendations of this group for me, right. I happen to believe -- I've been looking at a lot of numbers for a long time. I'm not an expert, right. They say an expert is 10,000 hours of something. These are the experts. I don't have 10,000 hours of looking at jail stuff. But I've spent a lot of time with them. And I do believe, yes, we can run scenarios and we can come up with that. But ultimately, it's the Board of Directors -- Board of Commissioners, I apologize -- that has to make a

decision on the size of the jail or if we build a jail. We can, based on your recommendations, it doesn't have to be based on what this group recommends. You can very well say, you know what, we're going to build a jail with 1,000 beds, right. Or we're going to build a jail with 10,000 beds. And quite frankly, that's the decision of the Board of Commissioners. What this group was hired to do, is make a recommendation based on their experience and their expertise. We can, in fact, develop scenarios around that, but it won't necessarily change the on-record recommendation of the -- of this group."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Right. I mean, I would maybe ask the -- if it might be helpful again for the public, and I know the actual study is quite lengthy and there are a lot of appendices and such, and maybe this one is already there. But perhaps, it would be helpful to list all the factors that go into the data model just kind of with a short phrase, so that's clear that it shouldn't be a one-to-one correlation between population increase, for example, and number of bookings because that seems to be the numbers that are at issue with Vice Chair Ellis. So maybe that would be helpful to say that it's, you know, it's these political situations, it's the, you know, these extenuating circumstances that the county can't control, for example, sentencing guidelines. So that it's the perceived future of political landscape, et cetera, et cetera, right, that is causing the model to come out the way it does. Again --"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "We can -- we can do that. We can include that in the report itself as being kind of finalized. The other thing too is, here again, the reason that the recommendation is to build to a certain scale at 2037, take a pause and then figure out whether we build the additional, I don't know, 15-20 percent was very much to allow for any uncertainty that might have been built into these models given the forecast horizon."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah. And I want to thank you for reminding me about that, Mr. Adams. And that is a very important point. And I think it needs to be made over and over and over again. This is meant to be a phased approach. And as we move into design phases, we can certainly also talk to the design team about making sure that, you know, the building can be repurposed if necessary. And so I think the phased approach and the fact that this is not a design at this point, but rather a guideline for amount of space needed, is really important. And the only other thing I wanted to mention is if we're going to take into consideration, and again, not sure that's what we should doing right now from a timing perspective. But if we are going to take into consideration beds at another facility that we also then talk about the cost to operate two facilities versus one. I would have to make the assumption, and Mr. Adams, you can correct me here that there would be repeated processes, for example, of checking people in sort of. I know it's not a hotel, so pardon me, but, you know, the process of bringing people in. You have to have staff that's duplicated in two locations in some scenarios. And I don't know how much more or less, you know, or how much you save, you know, and how those numbers play out for a smaller facility that we're

building new versus additional staff requirements and just whether management issues the Sheriff's Department may have with the two facilities."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Well, the other variables would be, whether the Mayor in those particular areas would be so inclined in 15 years. And secondly, whether the Sheriffs in those facilities would be so inclined. Because my guess is, they're not prepared to sign a 15-year agreement with us. So here again, you add another set of variables into the equations that are hard to predict. Not saying that we shouldn't run the scenario, but it is -- those then become other things that, here again, potentially are beyond our control."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah. Thank you very much for that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall, please."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I really believe in my heart of hearts that there is no one that wants to see these numbers showing an increase in the number of people incarcerated. And I think what we're forgetting is the programs and services piece of this and addressing recidivism. And Alton, you're shaking your head really hard. And I want to say, thank you to Alton because you've been working hard on this. And you've been doing a really outstanding job on this whole project. But you and I have had long conversations about this. And what we're missing is, you know, addressing recidivism, pre-arrest diversion, partnerships that help us to decrease these numbers. And we have to remember that being mandated by the state to provide health and human services, means that we look at all aspects of what we can provide to our constituents to address these issues. And we have to start with looking at the children. Because talking to many, many of the people in the school system, caseworkers, case managers, and teachers and psychologist, they're saying that the children are predisposed for incarceration, that they're literally being prepared to go to jail when they start school. And Alton, you're shaking your head, yes, again. It is what it is, and it -- and that especially children living in poverty with poor school systems are just -- we can literally count them and we know -- we can -- these numbers right here. We can know these numbers very easily. And it's unfortunate, but we can all do something about that in making sure that we have this programs and services that are needed to start addressing those issues early on. And I want to go back to your original presentation on page 13, the one, the page that says the new jail includes new services for detainees and staff. And you mentioned expanding wraparound programs and services. You mentioned state-of-the-art medical and mental health housing that supports treatment and recovery. You mentioned focusing on case management and reentry services to a achieve success for return to the community. But the thing that is a little bit questionable is on page 14. We look at the percentages for the space allocation. And we look at the existing jail, we look at the proposed programming. And there's really nothing breaking down the programs and services across -- actually, all the way to page 15 that mentions programs and services. There's nothing that really kind of categorizes what we're going to try to actually address as it relates to that as a recidivism. Is it the

family? Is it -- even halfway houses, I think we need a whole new model for halfway houses. People should not be released back into the same exact environment that created their issue that sent them to jail in the first place. They should be sent to a much more productive environment, not halfway house. So I think I've asked for this before, but I'm going to ask again, if you could categorize this and kind of break it down and show us how this space will be used and what types of programs and services are we looking at. What types of partnerships to address bringing the numbers down and not just going with this so-called quote/unquote status-quo forecast, which is high. And I agree, Commissioner Ellis, we -- these numbers are really heartbreaking. But thank you all."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "Thank you, Commissioner for your passion relative to that. I can tell you that the next phase of this assignment could and should include an analysis of these programs, spaces that you're mentioning right here. These are considered macro-level programming numbers, which means there's not a significant amount of definition given to those numbers as of late. Some of these are percentage and statistical analysis that we have to use on other projects so we know, roughly, how many square feet you would need to execute these programs properly. But the next phase of this assignment should include what we call, the micro-level program, which looks specifically at each of these areas in great detail, and actually maps out exactly what those spaces look like in many ways. So I can assure you that is the next phase of this. So for example, that 127,500 that you're referring to, I would give you a report that breaks down exactly what that is and what programs sit within that, and certainly solicit your input on that as well and any other constituents that you think should be involved in it. But this is really seen as sort of a high-level view to shape the building initially in the feasibility study. But you're referring to another level of detail, which I completely appreciate. But that typically takes a couple of months to look through those programs and then define them with you and with your constituents. And we'll make some recommendations on what we've seen in other counties as well."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "That would be great. And it shouldn't be that hard because that's what we are mandated to do. And we have departments that focus on a lot of these areas. And we fund nonprofit organizations to help us serve our constituents. And so that -- there's plenty of assistance in that area."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "We have some good examples of recent projects where we can show you how those programs have broken down --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "That would be good."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "-- for other counties as well, some that are active at this time. So I think that would be extremely helpful, but completely understand your point."

COMMISSIONER HALL: Thank you.

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "You're diving deeper into the details, which I appreciate."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "But that, in many ways, you've pinpointed the square footage that can make the most impact in the project."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "That's right."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "So I understand your messaging of this."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "And I'm diving deep into it because there could be potential funding impact because your number doesn't include programs and services."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "Well, and the other -- excuse me. But the --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "-- other way to look at this is, I may not have enough program, which might be your ultimate point here."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "That's right."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "The 125,000 and change that we've noted that may actually not be sufficient for some of the programs that you're trying to achieve. That would occur in the next level of analysis."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "That's right. Thank you."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "We look forward to that if you'd like to --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Thank you, Chair. I just want to clarify, you guys have built the simulation model and arena. And to set a variable at a fixed, like Commissioner Ellis, it takes no time once you have the model built; isn't that correct? It's not like we're looking at a huge cost to just run some numbers to make -- see what that looks like."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "I won't speak on behalf of Patrick, but I imagine that he could -- he could generate that model for us."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yeah. I mean, I -- I know prehistoric simulation. I took simulation and I know, like, to do something like that is not like asking thousands of dollars of expense. It's just running the numbers, fixing that one variable, and running it."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "I can tell you that it's -- it's music to our ears to drive down the size of the facility. We just have to be comfortable that the mathematics that we're using are achievable based on what we see and what we believe to be the truth. So, I see no reason why we wouldn't try to simulate that model -
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COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yeah, just to see --"

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "-- and give you --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "-- because we want our courts to have a goal of not keeping people -- keeping them there at the minimum amount that they need to be there. So it'd be good just to -- just to have the numbers just to look at it so we can compare."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "We'd be happy to run another model."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "That'll be great."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "Sure."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Again, just want to point out; if the models are not based on the full data model then it doesn't hold up compared to what numbers have already been presented. I'm not worried about the cost to actually change a couple of numbers and press go. What I'm concerned about is that we continue to push this process down the road. We're already behind schedule based on the recommended next steps, which should have started at the beginning of February; we're now at the beginning of March. If we take two, three, four, five, six more months running models based on intuition, we will not get to fruition on this project and we need to start moving. So that's all I'm suggesting and again, want to make it clear that if we run any additional models and they don't have the full backing of the -- of all of the data points, then we need to make that clear on anything that's presented. I know you guys will do that because you're professionals. But I just want to make that clear."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "We will do that. And it'll be the fourth model that'll be more aggressive than the -- than the optimum."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I was just saying it'll be great information to have. I think we need to give our court system -- they obviously were working with the courts, trying to make it more efficient. And if we do that then we probably can shorten this length of stay. That's all I'm just saying, we should have that goal that should be all looked at together, not just the predicament that we're just going to increase our length of stays through the years, so."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "Understood."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "Thank you, Chairman. Next slide, please. We were asked last time we were here to kind of break down the macro program slightly to give more definition to the 109 -- excuse me, 1,984 medical and mental health beds. And if we, just for the moment, talk about those, there's 392 medical bed. I think, Commissioner Ellis, you had raised this topic and wanted some more detail about it. And there are 1,592 mental health beds. And if you would just advance the slide, please for me for a second. This is a breakdown -- again, this is a macro-level summary of all the housing in the entire facility, the manner noted -- noted in the left column in the women in the right. But if you come down and you start after the word youth there, and include mental health, acute, and all of the housing below that, that is the summary of 1,984 beds and how these breakdown. Now I will tell you that typically, a macro-level program like this, again, will get more definition through the next phase of the programming process. It's quite possible that some of those beds kind of slide one way or the other after deeper discussions with the Sheriff and the staff. But we're comfortable at this level with these numbers based on the conversations with -- that we've had with the Sheriff and their staff to date. But it gives you kind of a snapshot of where these are."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Vice Chair Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Yeah. A couple of things."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "Yes, Commissioner."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Not willy-nilly questions, but questions that I've got based upon things I've observed and seen. The 1,592 mental health beds and 392, I guess, how did you -- what are you considering a mental health bed? I mean, it's -- that -- while our inmate population has, many of them may have mental health needs, I think having a mental health need and being in a mental health bed are not necessarily going to be always mutually exclusive, i.e. a person needing an antidepressant may not need a mental health acute or sub-acute bed. That's a very large number, even of 1,592. I

mean, it's my understanding right now that our total beds in use with medical and mental health is probably more in the neighborhood of like, two -- 250 to 300, maybe, what you would classify as a mental health or medical bed right now."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "Well, I can tell you that this information has come from the Sheriff's Department in discussions --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Well, I -- come from the Sheriff's Department, how? I mean, it's -- in other words, did you derive the mental health bed number by the -- did somebody say, okay, we have 1500 inmates on some form of mental health medication. Is that how it's derived? Some of the data -- I mean, if that's the basis for it, I mean, I'm just -- how did you arrive at that figure? If it came from the Sheriff's data or -- the Sheriff gave you information and that's how you came up with it?"

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "We -- the Sheriff gave us information and then we balanced that against the normal percentages of mental health beds that we find in detention centers, yes. This population is a growing population, it's a very significant population. It's a growing population and there is obviously, room built into this program for 2047."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Yeah, I understand that. Maybe, let me ask my question in direct again. What is a mental health bed? Who goes into a mental health bed? What is the description of a person going into a mental health bed?"

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "Well, that's determined by the Sheriff's Department through their classification process, but --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "The other source of this, Commissioner Ellis -- Vice Chair Ellis, was Naphcare."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Right."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Because they're the ones that are treating the individuals. Today we have about 30 to 35 percent of our population are under some -- have some type -- taking some type of psychotropic medication. That's about average when you look at the prison and jail population across the country. To your question about what a mental health bed may mean, it -- what it means is, we basically are separating those individuals from general population. So it might be a separate pod that basically houses individuals in an individual cell who have those issues. But it doesn't -- so that's how it would be classified. It doesn't necessarily mean that that particular cell is different or whatever. It just means that we have some way of classifying them or separating them from general population. That's my understanding anyway of what that bed --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "-- of what that quote/unquote bed means."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Well, it sounds like, I mean, look, I understand the issues related to mental health in our, you know, in our -- in our jails and prisons. And we definitely need segmentation, whatever. This -- just number is just seems to be disproportionately high. And maybe it it's -- that's why I asked to try to understand what you are meaning by it. And how fungible are these beds to be able to flow from medical to mental health. And I mean, medical, you know, I sort of get means, sort of something that's very clearly, generally defined. And people may float in and out of that. Mental health, just because I'm on, you know, some form of medication, doesn't necessarily, you know, imply that I need to be in a acute or sub-acute bed. I -- I mean, I -- so --"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "That's correct. And that's why the sub-acute and the acute are, I don't know, 700 or whatever, 600 and something. But we're talking about, I think, the sense is that there would be some, to your point, using the word fungible, between general population and the non-acute type of beds."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "So is that more, I guess, sort of maybe that's another question too. These would be more fungible between a medical bed or more of a general population bed?"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Be more fungible between a GP bed --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "-- general population bed and individuals who may not be acute or sub-acute."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Is that correct?"

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "That is correct. One --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Is that correct?"

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "One other point there, Commissioner, is that these beds typically need full observation. These beds typically are on one level. These beds need more access around the actual bed itself. So the configuration of these types of patient rooms, if you will, are slightly different than the other configurations in the facility."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "But wouldn't necessarily prohibit it being used for general population?"

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "That exactly -- that is --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "That is a correct statement."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "And these are typically smaller housing units, if you will."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay. And special needs is more special housing, is that a --"

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "Yeah, special needs is really more of your geriatric population, pregnant women, mothers, ambulatory issues. These are people that fall into that category of special needs. These are also very flexible beds as well for the most part. But these are people that need -- have special needs and have special access to programs."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "So would those be more fungible with medical beds?"

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "I think they could be --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Or, yeah, either."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "They could probably be either, frankly."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay. All right."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "And the -- go right ahead."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "No, go ahead."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "Then they just need to be located in a way that they're accessible easily in the facility once we began to really understand how the building stacks --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "-- if you will."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "In terms of the model of supervision for the inmates, in terms of the structure, is this generally meant to be a direct-supervision facility?"

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "This is -- this is, in our view, a direct --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Or a hybrid?"

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "This is a direct-supervision facility, for the most part at this point in time."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "Yes."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "So in the -- with that, you know, one of the things, you know, that we've heard is that our inmate population has become increasingly a more, on a percentage basis, like housing more violent criminals or alleged criminals. But looking at this, our high-maximum number that we've configured this with, is 288 and medium 2176 and GP of 360. Is that realistic in terms of the makeup of our inmate population right now that we would only have, you know, sort of a structure that was built for, you know -- and I don't know, that's a classification issue, I guess, with range -- like, what is -- what does medium mean? And, you know, does a full direct-supervision model really work for the type of inmate population that we're housing right now?"

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "I think you make an interesting point. It's quite possible that when we begin to program this building in more --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Right."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "-- detail, Commissioner, with the Sheriff and his staff that there are specific housing units that they feel need a higher level security. And those could actually become indirect supervised facilities if it -- if it actually gets to that point."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "Our starting point was to try to have the facility as directly supervised as possible."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay. So what would indirect -- would indirect more imply that you've got a broader number of people in there, in that pod with them --"

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "Well --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "-- or that there's a --"

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "The officer has no engagement with actual population."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "No engagement? Okay."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "Right. The officer would be behind glass, if you will, Commissioner."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Is that the way generally that -- the high maximum, that's what that implies?"

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "From time to time that is the case, depending on the severity of those individuals, yes."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay. All right, thanks."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "So there's nuancing in there, in who these housing units will be laid out, which becomes another level of kind of programmatic definition, if you will."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "But good, great questions."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "No further questions on that particular --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No, sir, continue."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "Next slide, please. This is slide 16. We simplified this slide; I believe it was Commissioner Arrington that reminded us that we were sort of mixing apples and oranges here. So we've simplified this slide. Next slide, please. Talk about it slightly. Next slide, please. So on the left-hand side, we've modified that 250 -- excuse me, 2510 number to reflect beds, which is consistent with the beds on the green side of the slide. How we derived the 2510 is essentially, the available beds in Rice Street, that's the 1125 times 2, plus Union City beds, which is 260. So for comparing apples to apples here, there are 2510 beds available, technically speaking, inside the Rice Street Facility and Union City. And the new facility, as we are suggesting, would have a total capacity of 5480. So now we're beds to beds. Commissioner Arrington, this is the slide you had some concerns with, so we tried to simplify this and make it a little more logical. Of course, the gross square feet per bed number has gone up slightly. The gross square feet is unchanged. But those are the actual bed numbers. And then we've included the people as well, Commissioner

Arrington. You'll see the 2022 actually ADP at 3300. Again, roughly, the ADP compares to that 2510, which clearly tells you there isn't enough room. Then to the right is the new facility recommendation, with our ADP at 4455. Remember, the difference between average daily population and the actual capacity of the facilities that 20 percent that you set aside for classification, repairs to the facility, things of that nature. So hopefully that's a little more appropriate, Commissioner Arrington, on the side-by-side comparison of the beds. We feel pretty comfortable about that. I think it's a -- certainly an improvement, thank you. Next slide, please. Okay. Question 6, which is slide A6, and if you just of bear with me a little bit. This was the slide that we developed that had the comparable counties. We call them comparable counties, and let me start there. The comparable, in our mind was to find, as counties that were urban with active or recent jail expansion projects and counties which the Feasibility Study Team has some data. We basically talked ourselves into this slide because we thought it was an interesting comparison across projects that we knew were under construction. It was noted that these counties are not located in the southeast. And thus, geographically not comparable with regional differences and other variables that would prove significant. So there was some weakness to that slide and we moved it to the appendix. What we have done is we've revised that slide to compare now, incarceration rates across counties in 2021. So if we could just take a look at that slide, please for a moment. Next slide. So we've basically repackaged this slide. I think, Commissioner Arrington, you raised very good points about this. So what we did is, we came back and for example, we took Wayne County's population and their jail, ADP and that develops an incarceration rate. Incarceration rates are noted in first population for 100,000, okay. So there's Wayne County, there's Franklin County, there's Cuyahoga, and Baltimore, and there is Fulton County. So we think this is simplified things, Commissioner Arrington, hopefully."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes, it does."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "It's fairly clean in our minds. The one thing that we did do here and I will bring it to your attention. You're probably wondering why we didn't use 2021 for Fulton County. And we could have done that, and that incarceration rate would have been lower. However, we wanted to use this same 2022 Fulton County number on the next slide, which I'll show you shortly. So to -- to not confuse matters, that's exactly what we did. Next slide, please. Next slide. Oh, there it is. Go back one, please. I'm sorry. So I believe, Chairman Pitts, you asked us to take a look at the neighboring counties, which we attempted to do with this slide. These -- this data or these data points are actually from the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget. And the Department of Community Affairs tabulates the inmate jail population. And they do that periodically during the course of the year. So what we've done here for you is, you'll see Gwinnett County, Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton, and Clayton with their ADPs in 2022. And those by the way are tabulated in December of 2022. They have a unique way of doing this. But you'll see how Fulton County carries over 3426. And it puts the county in perspective of the neighboring counties, Clayton being significantly higher in this matrix. Any questions on that? It's really just a data

assembly of -- and you can see where the points of reference are here. We wanted to take it one step further for you -- next slide, please -- was to actually look at the highest incarceration rates by state in the United States. And these are the five: Arkansas, Georgia, Oklahoma, Mississippi, and Louisiana. Now I will tell you that this incarceration rate is jails and prisons. That's why these numbers are higher. This also includes juveniles, and this also includes anyone in federal custody. Again, this data source is the Prison Policy Initiative, which can be easily accessed as well. But these are the five highest incarceration rates in United States, Georgia being one of the top five. And again, these are 2021 numbers that were available off these web links. Any comments there?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "On the -- going back to slide 202, the neighboring county stuff. Do we have any way to obtain average length of stay or daily booking data from those, from those entities?"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "We can try."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "It'll be worth it to see if, you know, kind of what are the drivers, you know, kind of behind some of these numbers."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "Any particular in mind, Commissioner, that you were focused on there that you'd be interested in?"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Say that again."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "Any particular counties that you're focused on? Just out of curiosity."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "I think Gwinnett, Cobb, and DeKalb would be a good comparables to have."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "We can certainly look into that."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "I'm sorry. Next slide, please. There was also a question about P3 and where that delivery method has been utilized on municipal projects. We had Jay do a little bit of research for us on this. And this is actually interesting in our minds. There are roughly 185 municipal-social infrastructure project in the US. Of that, ten are criminal-justice related. A few of these I am familiar with and can comment on them. But what I do find interesting, I'll elaborate on the Alabama prison facilities. Those were considering a fairly aggressive P3 strategy. I am not certain that that is the actual delivery method at this point in time. I know they are

under design and underway. And the Kansas prison, if that is in fact one of the ones that we've been involved in that was a true P3 design/build/operate type of facility. But what I find kind of interesting about this list is its more courts related, than it probably is corrections or detention. And that might be the take away from this list as a whole. I will remind us that the next phase of this project does look at the delivery methods and the financing options in more detail. And it could be at that point in time that the P3 approach is simply not the right approach, one way or another. But that remains to be seen, but this will give you a gentle snapshot of where some projects are in the United States that fit into the criminal justice category of P3 projects. Any questions or thoughts there? Next slide, please. This is a duplicate of the slide that I talked about last time on the recommended next steps. I will tell you that we have been chatting with Alton about the next steps. We have developed some preliminary strategies and fees related to these with Alton. And those are under conversation with him right now. But I will tell you that the only one that we are not considering at this point in time that's on this list is to update population forecast, that's been removed. We don't really see that necessary at this point. If you talk to Patrick, he thinks that until early 2024, when some of the programs and initiatives that are underway in Fulton County right now really take additional flight that the reduction in the bed needs may surface as predicted in our model. So that is really not a necessary objective at this point in time. But to create the jail operating cost model, the detailed space program, to Commissioner Hall's comment earlier, the jail phasing options on the site, Commissioner Barrett that you mentioned as well, there are different ways of doing that. I'm sure Chris has many thoughts in his mind. Of course that involves developing some site concepts. These are somewhat rudimentary, but they'll give you an idea what the building stacks and looks like and the shape of the building, and then update the cost estimate that Chris would do as well to see if the markets change in any way, shape, or form. And then determine the project financing and construction delivery strategy; we do have that in our fee at this point in time. That would be where Jay would come in, Jay Brown, that is, and really look at this aggressively with us on what is the proper way of finance and deliver the project. This would give you, in my mind, the right tools and documents that you could attach to your solicitation to design/build teams, the next architectural team that's assigned to this project, and that would give you your launching point for the project in 2024. Any questions there?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah, I can save this for the end if you have more, because I know we're close to the end here."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "I have just the closing slide, Commissioner."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay. Which is the question and answer slide, so perfect timing. I just want to -- I think I may have asked this, this might be a County Manager or a Mr. Adams question last time. But do -- maybe you guys just hang

nearby just in case. But do we have -- is the idea to do some of these next steps with you all? And do we have a price for that?"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Yeah. We have worked with Procurement and we believe that we can use our existing firm as part of an extension, because we envisioned some of this when we did initial RFP. We do have a price, we're working through some details of work with our CFO. We think we have the funding, some of the funding identified. So if it is your -- your request, we can come back to you with a specific agenda item that would lay out what that cost would be broken down by these areas, as well as the potential funding lines."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah. I mean, I think that may be the next step. But I - before we get to that, I want to just direct a question to the County Manager. We had spoken a little bit beforehand. And I just want to ask sort of how we go from this phase of accepting the base assumptions and the base requirements if we, you know, take these recommendations or throw them out, as has been offered. And how do we sort of move forward to the next step? I mean, obviously, I think it's pretty clear that from my perspective, we would like to -- I would like us to use the experts that we've hired and use this data and move forward. So how do we do -- what is the next step to move forward and say this is data we're all comfortable with and continue forward?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Before you begin, Mr. Manager, I don't want to make the mistake we made at the last time when we're talking about TADs, and y'all interpret it because only one Commissioner made a statement that that was the will of the Board. So let's be real clear about this. No decision has been made yet. Now, if there's some next steps in your mind, that's one thing. But we've not signed off on this, by any means."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Of course. I think that's sort of what I am asking is about signing off. I have the floor."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No, you don't. The Manager is getting ready to answer your question, if you let him talk."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Mr. Chairman, would you like for me to answer this in the context of what's being discussed in terms of strategic retreat for the Board?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "So, Commissioner, and as we discussed prior to the meeting, and has been discussed with several of you, the thought process is, we've concluded the Jail Feasibility Study and delivered recommendations on next steps. There's still obviously, some fleshing out of that to do and perhaps an alternative scenario. As you know, or many of you know, we've been working with Grady, with

Morehouse, and also with NY in a data-analytics effort, looking at the healthcare gaps that exist in Fulton County and the ones that were made worse by the Wellstar closures. Of course, social determinates of health plays into that as well. And it's becoming very compelling as a piece of work requiring, I think, a county-level response. As you know, we have financially modeled both of these primary areas before public safety and public health. And they represent very significant financial commitments. We discussed both of these as the primary use of LOST funds during our negotiations with the cities. We did make some nominal progress, but not nearly enough to adequately address these issues that are emerging. As I mentioned, we discussed with the Chair and the Vice Chair, kind of an alternative way of putting a retreat on the schedule that would be perhaps easier to accomplish. And that would be ending the next two meetings slightly early, and then adjourning from here into a retreat format, using the Public Affairs room on the third floor, which could be legally advertised and accomplished based on what the County Attorney has advised. The thought of the structure of those would be in two meetings with one of being a simple update on what is our strategic plan, even though these non sequiturs are going to inform at very significantly. But giving you an update, again, on what that plan was how we managed to that plan on an annual basis so you'll get a good view of what 2023 deliverables are. But in that first meeting, really addressing the legal requirements of what you should be thinking about in terms of how you respond to what's being presented today, but also what'll be presented as we get closer with the public health work. The second meeting then would be the two more perspectives, the operational perspective, much of which you're hearing, of course, today. But you'll also begin to hear that from Public Health. And we would plan to deliver a perspective on this public health work, and then finally, the financial perspective. So if you thought about it in simple terms, it's kind of, what are you required to address, which should you address, and perhaps what can you afford to address. As I said, we'll finish these next meetings early, adjourn and do so. And the objective would be to come out of those with a clear path forward relative to the jail, healthcare, and also financial strategy. I'm sure there will be some dangling participles. Like on financial, are there ways to accomplish this other than just a millage rate increase; are there sales tax mechanisms; are there things that could be done through a Hospital Authority approach. But nonetheless, the goal would be to have the Board coalesce around this, sounds like something we've got to legally respond to. Operationally, we can -- we have all the data that is needed. And financially, we understand the implications. So that's, over the next now, what would be approximately a month, since that first meeting in April is delayed, we would like to come to a collusion, if you will, on a direction."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "So just to follow up on that, if that all goes according to plan and we're able to come to some conclusions after two sort of retreat-style meetings, the next steps that are proposed here would be starting April 1st; is that correct?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, ma'am. I think that would be an expectation."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "So we'd be pushing this whole schedule back three months, basically?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Oh, May, I'm sorry."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "It'll be May."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "It'll be May 1st, or the end of May?"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "No, May 1st."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Right. So I was saying, April 30th, same diff. But, yeah, so essentially, three months later than what this current schedule is, which would push everything out three months at least, right?"

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

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay. Just to be clear. Thank you for that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Anything else, gentlemen?"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "I had one other."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Ellis -- Vice Chair Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "On slide 201, or whatever it was -- page 201. The one about the other urban counties, which of the facilities that have recently been done, would you say, close -- runs most close approximate, which you all recommended in terms of a design for our structure?"

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "It'll probably be Franklin County, Commissioner Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay, thanks."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "Yeah. That is constructed facility. It's -- it has -- it's held in high regard right now nationally --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "-- so I think it's probably a good example and probably best answers your question."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "All right."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Anything else? Thank you."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "Thank you all."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam Clerk."

JOHN EISENLAU, PROJECT MGR, TREANORHL: "Have a great afternoon."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioners' Presentation and Discussion item, 23 --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What page?"

CLERK GRIER: "On page 11."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right."

CLERK GRIER: "**23-0097**, Discussion of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article III, Division 2 of the Fulton County Code of Ordinances to modify the code to require the County Manager to present the budget request for the next fiscal year to the Board of Commissioners no later than 60 days before the millage rate is set and for other purposes, sponsored by Commissioner Arrington."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Commissioners, love to get your input. Again, this is just a discussion item. But I'm going to bring it back for an action item at the next meeting. But I would love -- it's been held twice already. I would love to get your input and consideration on this. I believe that it's necessary, particularly given budget that we adopted this year, the jail, and all the other expenses that we have coming up. I think it's going to be important for us to know what our budget is before we vote on the millage rate, or what, you know, or our proposed budget. It may not be the final budget, but I think it'll be important for us to know how much money do we need to run this county. Or how much money will we need to run this county as we continue to move forward. So I'd love to get comments, suggestions, criticisms, whatever you have, you know, I'd love to get it on the front end so we can get it right."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Commissioner Arrington, thank you for being concerned about the budget process and trying to move the ball forward on getting it fixed. I support the spirit of this a hundred percent. That said, I think this is -- I would -- I think my take is, I would rather not piecemeal a solution. And I think there's a lot of things that need to probably be looked at to fix it. So my thought would be, let's sort of make this part of something bigger. And maybe rather than push this forward in the next

meeting for a vote -- I mean, you're certainly welcome to do that, obviously. But I would rather sort of have it be a part of a -- of a bigger discussion. Vice Chair Ellis and I have had some conversations about things we both see as possibly changeable that might help the whole process. And be happy to include you in some of those conversations if you like. But that's sort of where my head is at the moment."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Vice Chair Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "I just -- similar things, Commissioner Arrington. I think -- I think in sort of a practical way, what you got styled is probably not feasible. I think there are other ways to get at the intent of what you're, you know, seeking to do. So I think it's just -- it's definitely a conversation we all need to collectively have, whether it's, you know, kind of in this forum or, you know, it's part of the retreat and all that sort of stuff. But I definitely think it needs to be addressed before we get into the next budget cycle, for sure."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Other comments? Would this appropriate at the retreat, Mr. Manager?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "I'll let Sharon answer."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, sir, I think we could discuss it at the retreat without any issue."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "And I would love to get, Madam CFO, your thoughts and analysis on this, and yours well, Mr. Manager."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Anything else? All right. Any other matters to come before us today, Madam Clerk?"

CLERK GRIER: "No further items."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. No further items before us today, we are adjourned. Thank you very much."

(There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.)