

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

June 03, 2026

10:00 AM



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



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Ratification Date: July 15, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Robert L. Pitts

10:04 a.m.

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

Robert L. Pitts, Chairman (At-Large)

PRESENT

Bridget Thorne, Commissioner (District 1)

PRESENT

Bob Ellis, Commissioner (District 2)

ABSENT

Dana Barrett, Commissioner (District 3)

PRESENT

Vacant (District 4)

Marvin S. Arrington, Jr., Commissioner (District 5)

PRESENT

Khadijah Abdur-Rahman, Vice Chair (District 6)

PRESENT

INVOCATION: Reverend Clifton Dawkins, Jr., County Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recite in unison

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CONSENT AGENDA**26-0302 Board of Commissioners**

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

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

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

Absent: Ellis

26-0303 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing "Brother Mark W. Hill Appreciation Day." **(Arrington)**
May 23, 2026

Proclamation recognizing "Brother James Chappelle Appreciation Day."
(Arrington)
May 23, 2026

Proclamation recognizing "Diamond P. Appreciation Day." **(Arrington)**
May 23, 2026

Proclamation recognizing "Dr. Tocarro Combs Appreciation Day." **(Arrington)**
May 30, 2026

Proclamation recognizing "American Black Film Festival Appreciation Day."
(Arrington)
May 30, 2026

Commissioners' District Board Appointments**26-0304 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

Term below expired: 12/31/2025

Tais Keyser (**Thorne**)

Commissioner Thorne nominated Tais Keyser for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2027.

26-0305 Board of Commissioners**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ALLOCATION PROCESS CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

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

Term = 2 years

Term below expired: 12/31/2024

Vacant (**Thorne**)

Commissioner Thorne nominated Baudouin Akoh for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2026.

Open & Responsible Government**26-0306 Finance**

No action is requested. The Intra Fund Borrowings reporting is being provided to meet the quarterly reporting requirement for monetary transfers amount budget funds per Board Resolution #09-1262.

26-0307 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a change order less than 10% - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 24ITB100324K-JA, Renovation of Airport Administration Air Rescue Firefighting Station in an amount not to exceed \$353,572.00 with Sovereign Cooper, Inc. (Cumming, GA), to add funding for 35 change order proposals for Phase 3, associated with the completion of the construction/renovation project to the upper and lower floors of the west apparatus bay (approximately 7,275 gross square feet) for the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Station located at the Fulton County Executive Airport, and to add an additional 84 days to accommodate lead-times for the completion of 43 total additional services associated with prior Change Order No. 1 (8) and Change Order No. 2. (35). Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

26-0308 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 2,997 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Roger Howrey, for the purpose of constructing the 540 Sweet Birch Lane Project at 540 Sweet Birch Lane, Roswell, Georgia 30076. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

26-0309 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of an Indemnification, Maintenance, and Land Use Agreement for Private Improvement (Indemnification Agreement) between Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, and Toll Southeast LP Company, Inc., owner, for the purpose of granting conditional approval to allow stormwater infrastructure to remain within a portion of the County's existing sanitary sewer easement at 1000 Lexington Farm Drive, Alpharetta, Georgia 30004. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Health and Human Services**26-0310 Senior Services**

Request approval for the Fulton County Finance Department to enter into a renewal of the contract with X/S Group, Inc. to provide liability, accident and excess automobile liability insurance coverage for senior AmeriCorps volunteers and authorize the Finance Director to pay related costs of \$737.29 to renew the X/S Group, Inc. coverage. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Justice and Safety**26-0311 Juvenile Court**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Juvenile Court, 25RFP1403114A-KM, Specific Evidence-Based Delinquency Prevention Programming in an amount not to exceed \$276,616.20 with Evidence-Base Associates, LLC (Atlanta, GA) to provide ART-Aggressive Replacement Therapy; Functional Family Therapy (FFT) and Multisystemic Therapy (MST). This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027; this contract is 100% grant funded. No County funding is required. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

26-0312 Juvenile Court

Request approval to amend the subaward contract for the Fulton County Juvenile Court (FCJC), 15PJDP-23-GK-06141-TITL, under the OJJDP FY 2023 Building Local Continuums of Care to Support Youth Success initiative with Georgia State University (GSU) (Atlanta, GA) to extend the contract through December 31, 2026, and to increase the spending authority for a total amount not to exceed \$433,000.00 to conduct data collection, analysis, and reporting to identify resources needed for delinquency prevention for at-risk and justice-involved youth. The extension will be effective from July 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with automatic renewal contingent on continued funding and options to renew based on grant extension. The complete term of the grant is from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026, and the contract is 100% grant-funded and does not require County funds. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

26-0313 Superior Court Administration

Request approval of an agreement to incorporate and amend an original contract - Superior Court, 25RFP1386059A-BKJ, drug testing with Technical Resource Management, LLC dba Cordant Health Solutions to correct the contract term to reflect the grant award contract term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, with renewal(s) contingent on continued funding and options to renew based on grant extension(s). **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

FIRST REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**26-0314 Board of Commissioners**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to adopt the First Regular Meeting Agenda as amended by revising items #26-0316, #26-0333; moving up item #26-0327 as requested by Commissioner Thorne; and holding items #26-0329, #26-0330, #26-0331 as requested by Commissioner Barrett. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: Ellis

26-0315 Board of Commissioners

Ratification of Minutes. **(RATIFIED)**

First Regular Meeting Minutes, May 6, 2026

Second Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, May 20, 2026

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

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

Absent: Ellis

Did Not Vote: Thorne

26-0316 Board of Commissioners

Presentation of Proclamations and Certificates.

Proclamation recognizing "Family Justice Center Appreciation Day."
(Barrett/Arrington)

*Proclamation recognizing "St. James LIVE Appreciation Day."
(Pitts/Abdur-Rahman)

**added during the meeting*

PUBLIC HEARINGS**26-0317 Board of Commissioners**

Public Comment - Citizens are allowed to voice County related opinions, concerns, requests, etc. during the Public Comment portion of the Commission meeting.

Priority for public comment will be given to Fulton County citizens and those individuals representing businesses or organizations located within Fulton County, including their employees, whether such persons are commenting in-person, via emails or via Zoom or other electronic media (i.e., phone call). Non-Fulton County citizens will only be heard after all in-person Fulton County citizens, representatives of business and organizations located within Fulton County, including their employees, have been heard and the time allotted for public comment has not expired, except as otherwise provided in this code section. County staff shall verify the residency of each public speaker prior to such person being heard by the board. Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each. Members of the public will not be allowed to yield or donate time to other speakers. The Public Comment portion of the meeting will not exceed sixty (60) minutes at the First Regular Meeting, nor will this portion exceed sixty (60) minutes at the Second Regular Meeting. In the event the 60-minute time limit is reached prior to public comments being completed, public comment will be suspended and the business portion of the BOC meeting will commence. Public comment will resume at the end of the meeting. For more information or to arrange a speaking date, contact the Clerk's Office.

(CONDUCTED)

14 Speakers: Eric Strickland (Corporate Property Assessments); Mike Russell (Elections); LA Pink (Sheriff); Gregory Thomas (Data Centers); Maggie McCullom (Senior/Youth Recreation Centers); Janet Hill (Deed Fraud); Mike Johnson (District 5 Representative); Margie McCleod (County Leadership); Minister Breedlove (Unity & Morals); Eddie Lee Brewster (Elections); Maggie Goldman (Detention Officer Salaries); Karcheik Sims-Alvarado (Historic Building Preservation); John Moye (Historic Building Preservation); Jodi William (Elections)

2 Zoom Speakers: Stephen Dale (Tax Allocation Districts); Robby Caban (County Manager/Animal Services)

COUNTY MANAGER'S ITEMS**Open & Responsible Government****26-0318 Finance**

Presentation, review, and approval of June 3rd, 2026, Budget Soundings and Resolution. **(PRESENTED/APPROVED)**

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

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

Absent: Ellis

26-0319 Public Works

Request approval to utilize cooperative purchasing - Department of Public Works, City of East Point, Contract # 2025-1891, Hot in Place (HIP) Resurfacing and Micro-Surfacing in the amount of \$200,000.00 with Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc. (Thornton, IL) to provide resurfacing and micro-surfacing of Wendell Drive from Martin Luther King Jr. Dr to the cul-de-sac. Effective upon BOC approval through December 31, 2026. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Absent: Ellis

26-0320 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to increase spending authority - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 24RFP143594C-JNJ, Landfill Post Closure Services in the amount not to exceed \$360,000.00 with Atlantic Coast Consulting, Inc. (Roswell, GA), to cover costs to provide required maintenance/repairs to the landfill gas system, detention pond, and damaged monitoring wells located at the Morgan Falls Landfill to ensure compliance with Georgia Environmental Protection Division regulations governing landfills, and Underground Storage Tank (UST) regulatory inspections and compliance testing of the nine (9) UST facilities throughout the County. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Absent: Ellis

Health and Human Services**26-0321 Public Works**

Request approval to utilize cooperative purchasing - Department of Public Works, Sourcewell Contract #101221-VTR, Vactor Ramjet Sewer Cleaner in the amount of \$321,220.00 with Vactor Manufacturing through Sourcewell's Authorized Representative Environmental Products Group (Atlanta, Ga), to support the maintenance and functionality of sewer lines, storm drains, and related infrastructures. This is a one-time procurement. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Absent: Ellis

26-0322 Public Works

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Public Works Department, 26ITB030926K-DB, Taxiway Geometry Improvements Project in an amount not to exceed \$1,314,153.87, with S.H. Creel Contracting, LLC, (Powder Springs, GA.) to provide shoulder grading and stormwater drainage improvements; erosions control measures; asphalt pavement construction, bituminous milling for tie-ins, pavement markings, and installation of Taxiway Edge Lighting at the Fulton County Executive Airport. The Contractor shall commence the Work within 10 days from receipt of Notice to Proceed ("NTP") from the County and shall finally complete the work within thirty calendar (30) days of issuance of the NTP. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Absent: Ellis

26-0323 Public Works

Request approval to increase the spending authority - Department of Public Works, 23ITBC100523A-KM, Water Meters in an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000.00 with Delta Municipal Supply Company (Braselton, GA) to provide water meters. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Absent: Ellis

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Chairman Pitts, to hold.

Commissioner Arrington withdrew the motion
Chairman Pitts withdrew the second

26-0324 Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Requesting approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, 22RFP0388A-CJC (D), Fulton County Behavioral Health Network with Grady Memorial Hospital d/b/a Grady Health System (Grady) in an amount not to exceed \$12,620,456.89 to expand services to provide full-service operation and management of the Fulton County Behavioral Health Crisis Center (BHCC). This action exercises the third of eight renewal options. Five renewal options remain. Effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

(APPROVED)

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

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

Absent: Ellis

26-0325 Senior Services

Request approval to increase spending authority - Senior Services, 21RFP000016A-CJC, Alternative Senior Transportation Services in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 with Common Courtesy (Atlanta, GA) to provide transportation services/ride sharing to eligible Fulton County residents aged 60 and above. This amount is based on the BOC approved FY26 enhancement for senior transportation. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Absent: Ellis

Justice and Safety**26-0326 Emergency Services**

Request approval of an award without competition - Emergency Services, Upgrade, Maintenance and Support of the ASTRO P25 Digital Radio System with Motorola Solutions, Inc. (Lawrenceville, GA), in an amount not to exceed \$15,596,448.00 for an eight (8) year period, to provide ongoing maintenance and support of the Countywide Digital Radio System. Effective October 1, 2026 through December 31, 2034. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Nay: Pitts

Absent: Ellis

COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS**26-0327 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners to correct a scrivener's error in authorizing the imposition of a 0.75 percent sales and use tax as authorized by part 2 of Article 5A of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia; specifying the specific transportation purposes to be funded; specifying the approximate cost of such transportation purposes; specifying the maximum period of time for which the tax may be imposed and the rate thereof; specifying the list of projects and purposes qualifying as transportation purposes to be funded; and for other purposes. **(Ellis/Thorne) (APPROVED)**

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

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

Absent: Ellis

26-0328 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution to amend the policy regarding the retention of personal staff of members of the Board of Commissioners in the event of a Board vacancy; and for other purpose. **(Pitts) (APPROVED)**

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

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

Absent: Ellis

Did Not Vote: Arrington

26-0329 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution to approve a grant from funds previously set aside to aid in the restoration and preservation of the George Towns and Grace Towns Hamilton Homes, two historic properties associated with Civil Rights History of Atlanta, and for other purposes. **(Barrett) (HELD)**

26-0330 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution to support affordable housing in Downtown Atlanta by approving a grant from funds previously set aside to convert 66 existing market-rate units in a multifamily development into affordable housing, and for other purposes. **(Barrett) (HELD)**

26-0331 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution to support affordable housing in the English Avenue neighborhood by approving a grant from funds previously set aside to aid in the construction of a 20-unit affordable multifamily development, and for other purposes. **(Barrett) (HELD)**

Commissioners' Full Board Appointments**26-0332****Board of Commissioners****REGION III EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL (APPROVED)**

The Bylaws of the Region III Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Council requires that its members be appointed by County Commissioners and must constitute a minimum of two thirds of the voting membership. Council members serve terms of appointment of three (3) years. The Council year will be from July 1 to June 30. The term of each appointment shall be for three years with one-third of the Council to be appointed each year. In order to have one-third of the Council appointed each year some appointments may be made for 1 or 2 years until such balances achieved. Members may be reappointed to the EMS Council with no limit on terms. (See EMS Advisory Council Bylaws updated on 5/13/2021).

Term = 3 Years

Term below expires: June 30, 2026

Jeffrey Johansen (**BOC/Position 5**)

Commissioner Thorne nominated Jeffrey Johansen for a Full Board reappointment to a term ending June 30, 2029.

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

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

Absent: Ellis

Did Not Vote: Arrington

26-0333**Board of Commissioners****HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF FULTON COUNTY (NORTHSIDE)**

The Board of Commissioners shall submit a slate of three (3) names, per position, to the Hospital Authority of Fulton County, for selection of one (1) person to be appointed by the Authority for each position.

Term = 4 years, staggered

Term below expired: 4/1/2029

Lawrence B. Stone **(Resigned)(BOC 4)**

Terms below expired: 4/1/2026

Barbara Pare **(BOC 7)**

Steven Moss **(BOC 8)**

Stephen Wells **(BOC 9)**

The Board of Trustees of the Hospital Authority of Fulton County (Northside) submitted the following slate of names for the Board of Commissioners' consideration to a term ending April 1, 2029 and terms ending April 1, 2030.

Position #4 - **Doug MacDonald**, Kim Lipscomb, M.D., Brian Seng, D.O.

Position #7 - **Barbara Pare**, Brian Sydow, M.D., Carolyn Weaver, M.D.

Position #8 - **Steven Moss, M.D.**, Marc Sonenshine, M.D., Jennifer Amerson, M.D.

Position #9 - **Stephen Wells, M.D.**, Douglas Olson, M.D., Adam Marchak, M.D.

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

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

Absent: Ellis

Did Not Vote: Pitts

EXECUTIVE SESSION**26-0334 Board of Commissioners**

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

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

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

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

Absent: Ellis

Did Not Vote: Arrington

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve the requests for settlement authority in items #1 and #2 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: Ellis

Did Not Vote: Arrington

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'

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JUNE 3, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Alexander Solution, LLC

“A Court Reporting Firm”

(Whereupon, the meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Good morning, everyone, and welcome to the First Regular Meeting of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners in June. Today is June 3rd, 2026; it is 10:04 a.m. Madam Clerk, please, call the roll."

CLERK GRIER: "Chairman Robb Pitts."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Bridget Thorne."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Present."

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

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Present."

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

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Present."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Madam Clerk. Continue -- I'm sorry. Please rise for the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 2, Consent Agenda: **26-0302**, 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 item. If discussion of any Consent Agenda item is desired, the item will be moved to the First Regular Meeting Agenda for separate consideration."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Nothing from the consent agenda, Madam Clerk, Commissioners?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. I'll entertain a motion to approve the consent agenda. All right. Motion to do so by Commissioner Thorne; seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Please vote.

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

CLERK GRIER: "On the bottom of page 5, First Regular Meeting Agenda: **26-0314**, Adoption of the First Regular Meeting Agenda. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have two amendments to today's agenda. First on page 6, revised items 26-0316. This item is revised to include a proclamation recognizing St. James Live Appreciation Day sponsored by Chairman Pitts and Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman. On page 10, 26-0333, the Full Board Appointment Hospital Authority of Fulton County. Item revised to correct the expired term date on the printed agenda. Dr. Stone resigned and his end date is actually 2029, not '25. And that's all have."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yes. We have a matter of urgency that has to be approved today, so I would like to move 26- --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- what page?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "On page 8, 26-0327 to be taken up immediately after public comment."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Apparently, there is some concerns about everybody being ready to vote on the action items that I have on the agenda this meeting --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- what page?"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "—so, on page 8, item 26-0329, I would like to hold that as well as holding 26-0330 right below that. And then on the top of page 9, I would also like to hold 26-0331. And I know there are some folks here to comment about a couple of these. And so, public comment, I certainly welcome that, and then we'll vote on them next time."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Any objections?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "If not, there's a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Is there a motion? Motion to do so by Commissioner Thorne; seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman."

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

CLERK GRIER: "26-0315, Ratification of Minutes. First Regular Meeting Minutes, May 6th; Second Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, May 20th, 2026."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is their motion? Motion to do so by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman. Is there a second? Seconded by Commissioner Barrett."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 6, 26-0316: Presentation of Proclamations and Certificates. The first proclamation is recognizing Family Justice Center Appreciation Day sponsored by Commissioners Barrett and Arrington."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. How many do we have, three -- two?"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Good morning, everyone. Look at this lovely representation in purple. Me, too. Before we start, I do want to say, you know the Family Justice Center model is nationally recognized as a key part of protecting survivors of domestic violence, and DA Willis and all the people standing up here right now have really made this a marquee issue, and getting a Family Justice Center in Fulton County has been sort of a lifetime dream for DA Willis, and I've been proud to support it all along, and I'm so glad that we are where we are right now; honored to be standing here with you. And the proclamation reads: WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of protecting survivors of domestic violence, child-abuse, sexual assault, elder abuse, and human trafficking through coordinated trauma informed services and community partnerships; and WHEREAS, the Family Justice Center model, which brings together law enforcement, prosecutors, advocates, counselors, and community organizations under one roof is nationally recognized as a critical tool for improving public safety and supporting victims and family; and WHEREAS, Georgia House Bill 1283, represents a significant step forward in strengthening support systems for survivors and families across the state of Georgia by paving the way for the establishment and operation of Family Justice Centers; and WHEREAS, District Attorney Fani T. Willis and her team, have spent years studying best practices for Family Justice Centers and developing a vision to bring a Family Justice Center to Fulton County; and WHEREAS, the establishment of a Family Justice Center in Fulton County has remained one of DA Willis' top priorities; and WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes that investing in a Family Justice Center will strengthen interagency collaboration, improve support for survivors and

children, enhance Public Safety, and help break cycles of violence for generations to come. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners celebrates the enactment of Georgia House Bill 1283 and expresses its gratitude to the District Attorney Fani T. Willis and all of the contributing stakeholders for their work to create a Family Justice Center in Fulton County; and does hereby proclaim June 3rd, 2026, as 'Family Justice Center Appreciation Day' in Fulton County, Georgia."

DISTRICT ATTORNEY FANI T. WILLIS, RECIPIENT: "Wow. Today is a really, really special day, and I would be remised -- this is the lady along with Esther Panitch, they were really, really fighting in the capitol for us. We brought this idea and you all just did it, so I appreciate it. But I'll have to give a special shout out to Commissioner Arrington and Commissioner Barrett. I have been harassing them now for two years asking them to come to meetings, asking them to get educated on the subject, and once they learned what it was, they've been ten toes down for us. They have made sure -- and not for Fani T. Willis, not for my staff, but for the victims in Fulton County. I cannot thank you more, Commissioner Barrett, you've been a true champion, and what you don't realize is I know we're losing you at the end of the year, the state is probably gaining you, but we are losing you in Fulton County, but you're going to be saving victims' lives for decades, long after you're not thinking about this issue. And so, I love you personally for doing this. I thank you. This what leadership looks like, and so I just appreciate you for being a partner with our office making sure that you put constituents and families and children and women and men who are the victim of domestic violence also first. And so, my office is forever grateful. We love you, we thank you, and we appreciate you. And in 2027, we are bringing to Fulton County the Brenda Bayham Family Justice Center. As many of you all know my division, when we came to this office in January 1st of 2021, there was no division that dealt with domestic violence. I've created one on day one, and that is because my uncle, after a 30-year marriage, murdered my aunt. And we had, you know, looked the other way for a long time, and I understand what that pain feels like, and I want to make sure that other families don't have to go through that. And so, I tell people this is business, but it's personal too, and I thank you for being a champion for this issue. Thank you. I think we would be remiss if we did not hear from you, Representative."

REPRESENTATIVE ESTHER PANITCH: "Thank you, so much. Thank you. Look at all these folks, man; look at this. This is an issue that reaches far and wide. Survival for domestic violence survivors, survivors for sexual assault survivors is vital. It strengthens our communities. And when I look out on all these people, I was thinking about our invocation, like these are the hands and feet that do the work. I am so grateful that I'm able to stand where I stand and be a voice for survivors, where I am in the state house in the gold dome, under the gold dome. But y'all, I recognize, you're doing the work. You're touching people; you're caring that means so much to me. I'm a sexual assault survivor myself, so that fuels me to make this issue more prominent and get more resources to help people, because if you told me when I was sexually assaulted 28 years -- 29 years ago, that I'd be standing where I am now, I would have never believed you. But it's because of the help from people like you that I'm able to serve. So rebuilding lives, helping people attain justice is good, good, good work. And I

thank every one of you for doing it. Thank you for acknowledging us. Thank you for lifting this up and putting a public eye on it and getting the work done in Fulton County."

DISTRICT ATTORNEY FANI T. WILLIS, RECIPIENT: "My final words, we thank you for not taking out a temporary restraining order against Chief Deputy District Attorney Jill Hollander and Deputy Asia Bates, because I know we have been bugging you to get this done, so just thank you for your partnership. Thank you. Thank you this is a wonderful day in my history as a DA."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I just wanted to say a few words. Thank you, Madam DA, and her entire staff and my colleague, Commissioner Barrett. This is PRIDE month. We have seen an increase in same-sex intimate partner abuse. And I just want to raise a word that I appreciate having a DA that takes that seriously. A lot of my constituents have come to me with issues; a lot of individuals appreciate that in Fulton County you are not judged when you are attacked. And so, I just want to go on record saying thank you for making sure that everybody is included, and me being a domestic abuse survivor myself, I know it's important to have the resources; but more importantly to have the votes that you need to make sure that this issue is taken very, very seriously so thank you, Madam DA."

CLERK GRIER: "The last proclamation is recognizing 'St. James Live Appreciation Day' sponsored by Chairman Pitts and Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Good morning, everyone. As you know, if you follow our meetings, this will be one of the rare occasions when I say anything during a proclamation; I leave that to my colleagues. But in this instance, I'm always -- everybody says, where's the Chairman, where's the Chairman, where does he socialize? Well, people talk about Hal's in Buck Head. But what they don't realize is that I go to a place called Convo, C-O-N-V-O, in Hapeville. There's another place in Hapeville called Atlanta Hookah, I go there. I'm going to tell everything, so they'll know. Let's clear up the record. But most important is South Fulton County. There's a live jazz, blues, rock 'n' roll, you name it, establishment called St. James Live. It is a first-class establishment. It's what you would see if you were to go -- when you go to Las Vegas, but it's right here in Fulton County. And I'm so proud to be a cosponsor for legislation recognizing St. James Live today. Madam Vice Chair."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Now, Chairman, I'm not going to tell everywhere I go. I'll let you do that. But it is with honor, you all, and before I get into this proclamation, because I know that Commissioner Arrington is also a supporter as well of this establishment, a very, very dedicated supporter, I would be remiss if I didn't mention, we always talk about what we don't have, and we don't celebrate what we do have. And I'm so honored to be a part of recognizing a group of individuals that made a conscientious choice to have a upscale, family-friendly -- I've had people that come in from all parts of the world, and I make sure I bring them to St. James. So I just want to open up saying that we thank you for making sure -- we know you can go anywhere, let's be honest. This class act here that they do, they can go anywhere and be successful, but these individuals have made a conscientious choice to be on the

Southside serving patrons that look just like them. And I want to go on record saying how much I appreciate that conscientious choice. This proclamation reads: WHEREAS, St. James Live opened its doors on May 27th, 2015, coinciding with the Atlanta Jazz Festival and has grown to become known as a premier venue for live music and cultural entertainment located in the city of South Fulton; and WHEREAS, St. James Live is owned and operated by Ron and Evelyn St. James alongside Pete and Tiffany Wilkerson; and WHEREAS, their genuine love of live music inspired the fusion of artists and music connoisseurs in warm and relaxing atmosphere, surrounded by the state of the art sound equipment, culminating in an intimate concert experience; and WHEREAS, St. James Live has become an important, cultural, and community institution within the city of South Fulton, consistently supporting the efforts that strengthen relationships, encourage public participation, and foster community pride; and WHEREAS, in addition to its 400 plus shows per year -- you can clap for that if you'd like to -- St. James Live has supported numerous initiatives, including holiday toy drives, community gatherings that promote civic engagement, unity, and fellowship throughout the South Fulton community and Fulton County. It is with immense pride that on behalf of the Board of Commissioners NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes and honors St. James Live in celebration of its ten-year anniversary and its community and civic engagement; and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026, as 'St. James Live Appreciation Day' in Fulton County, Georgia. Would you put your hands together for such a wonderful organization, and I am going to turn it over to you."

RECIPIENT: "Well, first of all, for the Commissioners, thank y'all so much for recognizing us. I'm going to say first it was Commissioner Arrington that actually gave us the proclamation, too. And so, we can two days, don't mean to be greedy, but I'll take all of it. And also, for Chairman Pitts, we've been watching him come in and do his two-step. It's more like one and three-quarters, but he does a good job; but thank y'all so much. I mean, really, we are grateful to receive this. Thank y'all so much and we open our doors to everyone, whether it be public, private, or political event, or something personal; we open our doors, we're here to serve you, we want you to come in and have a great time, great music, food, spirits -- it gets you in the spirit. But like I said St. James Live, we've been going on -- matter of fact, this past week, we celebrated our 11th year, so we're proud. When we first started we didn't think we'd be there for 11 minutes, but 11 years, and it's been great. And thank y'all so much. And like I say, we truly appreciate it, and please, come to visit us. Thank you."

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

CLERK GRIER: "Continuing on page 6, Public Hearings: **26-0317**, 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 by registering on the county website www.fultoncountygga.gov. Priority for public comment will be given to Fulton County citizens and those individuals representing businesses or organizations located within Fulton County. Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each. The

public will not be allowed to yield or donate time to other speakers. The public comment portion of the meeting will not exceed 60 minutes. In the event the 60-minute time limit is reached prior to public comments being completed, public comment will be suspended and the business portion of the BOC meeting will commence. Public comment will resume at the end of the meeting. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we will start with speakers here in Assembly Hall. We have received 15 speaker cards. Will the first five speakers, please come down: Eric Strickland, Mike Russell, LA Pink, Gregory Thomas, and Maggie McCullom.

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, speakers, when you have 15 seconds remaining of your two minutes, I'll say 15 seconds. That will be your clue to begin to conclude your remarks. First speaker."

ERIC STRICKLAND, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners. I want to speak to you today about the systematic under appraisal of large commercial properties in our county. I'm sure you all aware of this. There've been several articles published about it, even a study by Georgia Tech that also found systematic under appraisal. This is particularly relevant as Mayor Dickens continues to push his neighborhood reinvestment initiative. He's pushing extending six of Atlanta's eight Tax Allocation Districts. And I think it would be great to be able to tell him we actually don't need to because we're going to correct this issue and bring in tons more property tax revenue. I understand large commercial property owners to have lawyers, they appeal, they fight the appraisals, and we need a board of assessors that is going to fight them, that's going to lawyer up. We have a situation where homeowners are struggling to pay their taxes; meanwhile these huge corporations are essentially getting massive tax breaks. I went to a board of assessors meeting back in October, and I was basically given the runaround by Mr. Curtis Borden telling me, you know, there's cost approach and income approach and all this, and I get all of that, I'm not an expert on appraisal, but state law says fair market value. And just to give you one example, Ponce City Market is widely considered to be a billion-dollar property, may be even \$1.5 billion. But if you just look on the Fulton County website on their property tax card, their appraisal is 330 million; their assessed value is 130 million. So massively under taxed, and this is true of many, many commercial properties throughout our city, and it's costing the city, the county, and the schools, you know, up to a few hundred million dollars a year. So I would love to see this issue addressed."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds, sir."

ERIC STRICKLAND, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "I'd love to see some progress towards this issue correcting these under appraisals."

GREGORY THOMAS, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, everyone. My name is Gregory Thomas. I reside in District Three. I'm here to share with you a very important subject that I'm hearing over and over again in Fulton County, and it has to deal with data centers. So today, I want to share with you 30 years of my experience of building information technology infrastructures. Data centers is not something you can plan in a one, or two-year term. It takes extreme caution on how to deliver it and the location."

When I see data centers needing 40 acres, that's overwhelming, when a 5-acre footprint is sufficient for most cities. Most of the data centers that are coming into the state of Georgia are what we call a Tier One data center. That means there's only one location for disaster. To have a metropolitan data centers, you must have a level above at least Tier Twos. Tier twos gets you a redundancy. If one data center goes off grid, you can reroute the services. An example, 9/11, when a data center went out, there was no communication in that whole area, so everyone was out. So I urge you to take extreme cautions on where these data centers are going to go and how much landmasses are really needed. Thank you for your time."

MIKE RUSSELL, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Mike Russell, and I'm here again to caution everybody not to make the same mistake I made by supporting Mo Ivory. When she ran the last time, she contacted me and others to support her campaign, and we did to get rid of Natalie Hall and her corruption. But Mo Ivory is a con artist. When she needed my help, I could reach her; I went out and campaigned for her, I took seniors to the polls for her all across Fulton County, I put out yard signs that she dropped off at my house for. But the minute she won that election, she acted like she didn't know me anymore. And she flip-flops on the issues more than a fish out of water. She sat here and told Chairman Pitts to his face how he was her friend and mentor, and what a great job he did, and as soon as she decided to run for office, she stabbed him in the back. She went up there to the jail illegally with a cameraman and made a fake video about a broken water main, when she should not have been in the jail advocating how badly we need a new jail. Then she stood right here at this podium and spoke against fixing the problem in the jail and the money that the county is planning to spend to fix the jail. In then during the debate with Chairman Pitts, she lied through her teeth and said she did not vote for more taxes, when we all know that she did. And the sad thing is if those taxes had gone up by 14.9 percent, not only that she voted for, but that she proposed, that would have put a lot of our seniors on the street. And that meant that every person who pays rent in Fulton County, your rent will go up because the landlords would pass that bill right over to you. Do not make the mistake I made as supporting Mo Ivory."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds."

MIKE RUSSELL, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Keep her out of office, tell her to pack her carpet bag, and take her Mo mess back to New York where she came from."

LA PINK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Okay. Well, as we continue to talk about the Sheriff, you already know what I'm here for, okay? We won't get up off of him until he get up out of office. And we right now is dealing with a Sheriff that really is not even certified to be in office, 15-16-1, high risk Sheriff, he has not been sworn in up under a surety bond. Dick Anderson, we're wondering why nothing has been done about this. Soo -- so Jo is not here, but we're just asking what in the world is going on that no one can give us some information about why this Sheriff has not been sworn in, but now he's making plans for the World Cup. And not only just making plans for the World Cup for misdemeanor activity to take place, but how can you uphold the law when you're breaking the law? Now here it is, Shirley Franklin, they sent me this Bill that she had

passed up in her administration, 42 -- Georgia Code 42-4-12, that any -- once an officer for the city is in any kind of contact with -- anybody that commits a misdemeanor, not to take them to the county jail, but to take them to the -- I mean, to the city jail, but to take them to the county jail. And so, now today, we're reversing this all of a sudden, which is now is a law that's being broken, because this is a law that is in place. So as we continue to turn Fulton County, as the corruption continues to build and build and build - I keep telling y'all the corruption is so deep here that y'all come with one spiel to make another spiel to make another deal to confuse the community, because that's all you're doing."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds."

LA PINK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Confusing the community about what really needs to take place. I advise for y'all to get with these County Attorneys, County Managers and go over these laws that have been set for us to abide by."

MAGGIE MCCULLOM, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Maggie McCullom, and I ask for your prayers. I just lost my father, and I'm just here to actually keep the work going on. I want to talk about the Tax Allocation District in my community. I am one of the underserved communities that are there in South Atlanta, and we need a recreation center for the youth that has nothing to do for the summer, and after school. And also for the seniors, we need a recreation center for the seniors during the day. Also wanted to ask Chairman Pitts when will the next games be for the seniors? I actually participated in the DeKalb County games, and I have won nine metals: five gold, four silver. I actually went to Mississippi to participate in the beach volleyball games. I won a gold medal in that that represents Mississippi state flower. And I just wanted you to know that we are very active trying to help citizens in this community because everybody don't know how to say what needs to be heard. I just want you all to listen to me. I am not going to give up. I'm going to keep coming until we get some stuff done. I appreciate each and every one of you; and Chairman Pitts, I need for somebody from your office to call me. We need to get you back in there again. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "Next speakers, please come down: Janet Hill, Mike Johnson, Margie McCleod, Jodi William, and Minister Breedlove."

JANET HILL, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. I'm Ms. Hill, and we stand again today in solidarity with the coalition to stop deed theft by criminals. These offenders are known attorneys, zombie LLCs, public officials, and judicial officers. It is well documented by investigative reports that millions of forged deeds were originated here in Fulton County and distributed across the country. It's also well documented that District Four from Mo Ivory and her predecessor has one of the highest numbers of unresolved deed theft incidents. So we ask again for your help and your support. Commissioner Pitts, we will be contacting your office to deal with this issue directly. I also had a brief conversation with Fani Willis because if you guys don't understand, this is a systemic problem not just for seniors, but for women, for veterans, for the disabled. Where do you think the people come from in these domestic violence situations when

they're not properly housed? They don't have ID where they can conduct business. They wind up in the hands of predators. Seniors and others wind up on the streets; homeless. We have got to get this issue resolved."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds."

JANET HILL, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Thank you."

MIKE JOHNSON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Mike Johnson, District Four, South Fulton. There's been a whole lot of conversation about this vacant Fulton County Commissioner seat, District Five. One of the persons that's currently running for that particular seat is Helen Zenobia Willis. I would like to bring to each of you Commissioners attention that Helen Zenobia Willis has manipulated, misappropriated, and abused our trust in South Fulton in more ways than one. Somehow somehow, she has managed to get Pat Labat and his team at the Fulton County Jail to misappropriate the inmate welfare fund. Helen's husband, Willis -- Vince Willis, who is number two on the Pat Labat tuition, has been paid thousands of dollars out of the inmate welfare account, and this misappropriation does not stop there. I have documented proof right here in my hand that Helen Pastor -- I know I'm going to step on some toes when I say this, but I'm going to say it anyway, Gregory L. Pollard, the preacher at Enon Baptist Church, the same preacher that she pushed to have Enon Road renamed after and honored after, has received over \$150,000 from guess what; the inmate welfare fund. The abuse does not stop there. Helen Zenobia Willis has been implicated in several misappropriation of our tax dollars on a city issued P card. One of the most recent ones that stands out to me is the one on January the 15th, 2026, where she spent \$1,555.68, at a builder material supply store. But in her notes, she charged it off to text messages setup. I'm a builder myself, so I recognized that immediately."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Fifteen seconds."

MIKE JOHNSON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "This need to be addressed. You guys need to know who's sitting next to you, and before I finish up here, Robb Pitts, we heard your call. We got your back. Keep fighting for us."

MARGIE MCCLEOD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good afternoon. Since they got your back, Robb Pitts, we need changes. Changes have to be made, Robb Pitts. Why now that you're doing this for the jail? Why now? It's election time. You should've been did this. We've been coming down here talking about the jail for how long? Re-election. Why now? But that's good that you're doing it. But I'm not supporting you, because guess what? You didn't support me. You get phone calls, you don't return them back. Why now, but you're going to call them back. You got people say that you -- whatever left for Sandy Springs -- what's going to be left for Fulton County? See, all districts should be the same, Robb Pitts. All. Everybody should be equal. Everybody should be getting the same type of money. Okay. Landmark. You live in Landmark. They're crying out there. They're crying. They have a problem, and we're talking about sex traffic? Go there. I went there. I saw them. Children's in there, go check it out. That's what you need to do. People saying they want changes to be made and we need changes. We

need new leadership. We need somebody going to stand up for everybody. Don't matter where you stay at. It ain't about your age, it's about leadership. Let's make a change. I'm glad you did what you did, but now, we need new changes, and we need somebody going to stand up for everybody and equal this money out. Not just Sandy Springs. How about Fulton County?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds."

MARGIE MCCLEOD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "That's what I'm saying. And Kay Presley, she going to be calling you. Six month ago, she called you. You say everything, I'm going to talk to you, I'm going to call you back. You don't call back. People need you. You talk about her --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Next Speaker."

MINISTER BREEDLOVE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Praise the Lord. Here I am again, children. Back down here to talk to you all. I'm getting too many calls. But you all know what is right and what's wrong. You see this flag? We all are under the same Constitution. And we supposed to all be praying together. Many you all are members of churches in here, and your pastors are telling you what is right and wrong; and we are the people that stand together in unity: not divided. As I'm coming into this city -- I don't live in the city, but I have property here. I'm coming into the city and I'm seeing all these polices over here at, where the homeless children are located sitting on the street with babies. How you all feel within yourselves? Do not let your fathers and grandfathers, and mothers, and grandmothers and all that. And you all get our tax monies to do what you need to do, precious people. It's time to stand up. I have a family member just died yesterday morning, 91 years old, supported Atlanta a hundred percent. And I thought of you all today. What will you do in your heart? Do you think that you're going to live on this earth forever? There's a Judgment Day coming. Our hearts got to be like this glove and not darkness. And we have to stop being so complacent with ourselves that we cannot make a change. Stand if you have the standalone Junior, Robb. All y'all. And I knew Robb Pitts for many, many years."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

MINISTER BREEDLOVE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- but we have to understand the Lord said repent, people. He said for all to repent your sins now. There's something getting ready to come and hit this city like never --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, ma'am. Next speaker."

CLERK GRIER: "Last five speakers in Assembly Hall: Eddie Lee Brewster, Maggie Goldman, Dr. Sims-Alvarado, John Moye, and Charmaine Crook."

EDDIE LEE BREWSTER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners. Eddie Lee Brewster, East Point. Robb Pitts was a City Councilman, President of Atlanta City Council, Commissioner and Chairman of the Board. There has not been any hint of

scandal in all his years of public service, almost 50 years. We have a choice to make now, in this run-off election. The choice is very, very clear in my mind that we should reelect Chairman Robb Pitts to lead our county. It's not about the North Side, South Side. You have to have somebody who's willing to work with everybody on both sides: Republicans, Democrats, gay, straight. Robb Pitts have been a steady hand in public service for 50 years in this community. I see no reason why we should change our captain of the ship now; especially, with someone who's untested as a person whose running against them now. So I'm encouraging everybody in Fulton County to go out and reelect Rob Pitts as our Chairman."

MAGGIE GOLDMAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Maggie Goldman, District One. I have here the SOP for hiring in the Sheriff's Office. It appears that the chief human resources officer, Kenneth Hermon, is responsible for setting the salaries for the detention officer, and he is supervised by Sharon Whitmore and the County Manager, and then the Board of Commissioners. So you are all responsible for the fact that we don't have a competitive salary to hire detention officers. We need two or 300 more of them. The Sheriff doesn't have the authority to set that salary because you guys do that. I looked last night; the detention officer salary is still listed at \$54,000. Yet, one can start as a police officer in the city of Atlanta for \$60,000; Sandy Springs Police, \$71,000; Roswell Police, \$62,000; Alpharetta Police, \$61,000; Milton Police, \$60,000; DeKalb County Police, \$61,000. I talked to a Cobb Commissioner this morning who agrees that your salary is commiserate with other detention officers in other counties, but they can't hire at that salary either, because all of their people get experience at the jail and they go to the police department. So if you actually want to hire people for the jail, you need to increase those salaries. Chairman Pitts, you have had the authority to increase these salaries and encourage more qualified applicants to come to Fulton County. It has been grossly understaffed under your tenure, and you have done nothing to increase these salaries to make it competitive to hire the two or 300 people that we need."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds."

MAGGIE GOLDMAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "If you get reelected, the jail will still be at risk of harm to inmates because you clearly are not interested in doing what you need to do to staff the jail."

KARCHEIK SIMS, ALVARADO, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Karcheik Sims-Alavardo and I am the professor -- I'm a professor at Morehouse College where I serve as the director of public history and historic preservation. And I also serve as the President of Preserve Black Atlanta, a nonprofit dedicated to research and the preservation of black historic sites. In 2021, Preserve Black Atlanta partnered with Invest Atlanta to preserve two historic sites in Vine City belonging to George Townes and Grace Townes Hamilton located at 582 and 594 University Place. Both of these homes are two historic treasures that sits on one of the highest points in Atlanta across from the Herndon Home Museum. It tells the early narrative about the civil rights movement, and yet we have actually forgotten the names or the significance of the homes that these individuals that tells the story that began fighting this fight as early as 1895. George Townes was a professor at Atlanta University beginning in 1895 up until

his death in 1960. He was one of the cofounders of the 1905 Niagara Movement, and he worked with the W.E.B. Du Bois, James Weldon Johnson, Walter Pike, and others within his home. Right next door was his home, the home belonging to Grace Townes Hamilton, who was one of the first women -- black women in the Southeast elected to state office, and she was also president of the Atlanta Urban league. She joined this fight with her father to fight against desegregation --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

KARCHEIK SIMS, ALVARADO, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- thank you. I ask that you support me in this effort. Preserve Black Atlanta, gained \$1 million in order to preserve those homes. Preservation is expensive, and I ask for your support as well. Thank you."

JOHN MOYE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners. My name is John Moyer, and I serve as senior director for policy at the Urban League of Greater Atlanta. And on behalf of President Nancy Flake Johnson, we are here this morning to express our strong support for preserving the historic homes of Grace Townes Hamilton. Grace Townes Hamilton was not only a towering figure in Georgia Civic Life, she was the first African-American woman elected to the Georgia General Assembly. A trailblazer whose legislative work reshaped access to housing, education, civil rights across our state. But before she made history under the gold dome she served, lives and shaped lives as a transformational leader as President of the Greater Atlanta Urban League. Her homes are more than just structures, they are living testimony to a woman who opened doors for thousands who fought for equity with intellect, courage, and grace, and whose legacy continues to guide the Urban League's mission today. Preserving these homes ensures that future generations understand the magnitude of her contributions, not as a distant history, but as part of the living fabric of Fulton County. On behalf of President Johnson and the Urban League of Greater Atlanta, we urge you to protect these irreplaceable landmarks and honor the legacy of a woman who helped build the Atlanta we know today. I thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you all."

JODI WILLIAM, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. I'm, Jodi and I'm the Chairperson for the SCLC. And I come to talk about positions and people stepping aside so that the younger people can take their position, you know, when you're confused about the jail and what the Sheriff stands for saying that he's trying to get monies when he can't arrest anybody. So I hope that you'll do the right thing and even support the person who may take your seat. Help them with what they're trying to do so that they can do better for the people, and help to support things that the people need, like their loved ones, being incarcerated and being harmed in that jail, which is not fit to even do a revamp of it. You know, it really needs to be torn down. So I'm just asking that you guys do the right thing and I hear that, hey, if she do win, she needs four people, then do the right thing and support the people that elect you guys to these seats. Do the right thing and help them and take care of them. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have eight speakers on Zoom."

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

STEVEN DINGLE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hey, good morning, Chair, Vice Chair, and the rest of the Board. First of all, I want to say congratulations and thank you to everybody who participated in making sure there was a healthcare center on the south part of Fulton County. I'm excited for that, and I was there at the ribbon cutting and excited for that. Next, the city of Atlanta potentially has a hospital coming to our south side. I am a constituent of District Six, South Atlanta, by the way in project robin. So whether you all participate in the TAD part of that or not, I'm going to look forward to having Fulton County's support in that. Also want to say congratulations and thank you to whoever it was -- I know Chairman Pitts was involved in the jail and the Sheriff deciding not to let low-level violators of misdemeanor crimes be accepted into the Fulton County Jail, and I think that's a step in the right direction to solve the overcapacity dilemma, even though there's more work to be done, like funding the courts and et cetera. Now to bring it to the Tax Allocation District and calling the vote in Fulton County's participation, we've heard from the mayor constantly of Atlanta, and we've heard from APS as recently. We haven't heard from Fulton County Board of Commissioners as often, and I think it's fair that you all share the info about other Tax Allocation Districts around the county from Alpharetta to the City of South Fulton to East Point, and let the constituents know, specifically the ones in Atlanta, what that process is like with other municipalities and to better inform Atlanta, although they operate uniquely in their own form or fashions. So I look forward to hearing you all's perspective on that whether you support or don't. But regardless, providing further information regarding Tax Allocation Districts from Fulton County's perspective. I appreciate your time, appreciate your service, and everyone have a great day. Thank you."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Robby Caban."

ROBBY CABAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Recent allegations involving Fulton County Manager, Dick Anderson, which are reportedly being reviewed through the Fulton County Ethics process, should concern every member of this Board and every taxpayer. The allegations involve the potential misuse of authority, taxpayer-funded personnel, county systems, and animal control resources in connection with a private dispute involving neighbors. Let me be clear why this matters. Animal control is a public safety function funded by taxpayers like me. Animal control officers should be responding to dangerous dogs, cruelty investigations, roaming animals, attacks, and legitimate public safety concerns not becoming involved in private disputes or weaponizing a county taxpayer funded agency against residents with false allegations. Every hour spent, which there were multiple, pursuing a private matter at the direction of a county personnel taxpayer-funded position, is an hour not spent on protecting the public animals responding to legitimate complaints or assisting animals who actually need help. The County Manager is one of the most powerful unelected officials in Fulton County government. Dick Anderson has served in the role for approximately ten years. During that same period, county contractor, Lifeline Animal Project, has held the shelter contracted, funded by taxpayers and many, many concerns regarding animal control

shelter operation enforcement, whistleblower complaints, and contractor performance have persisted without a comprehensive forensic audit. In the animal services system, animal control personnel, emergency management staff, County Attorneys, the county shelter contractor, operate within a structure that ultimately reports through the County Management."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds."

ROBBY CABAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "That is why this is so serious. If county personnel, county systems, taxpayer resources are being used inappropriately, an investigation will confirm that. If they were not, taxpayers deserve to know. Again, audit Fulton County Animal Services, the contractor, Lifeline Animal Project, and the County Manager at this point."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Cassandra Littlejohn. Cassandra Littlejohn. Next person to speak is Charmaine Crook. Charmaine Crook. Next person to speak is Jenn Simmons. Jenn Simmons. Next person to speak -- actually, this is the end of our Zoom public comment."

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

CLERK GRIER: "Item moved up today -- on today's agenda on page 8, under Commissioners' Action Items, **26-0327**: Request approval of a Resolution by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners to correct a scrivener's error and authorizing the imposition of a 0.75 percent sales and use tax as authorized by Part Two Article 5A of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia, sponsored by Commissioner Ellis and Thorne."

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

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yes. The Department of Revenue recently reached out to the county saying we were nearing our cap for collection for July/August time period. The cap was in the Resolution dated August 2nd, 2021. It was a scrivener's error because they use the Tier Two collection amount when they could have used the higher Tier Three collection amount which is 627,847,927 . And so, in order to collect that full amount, we need to amend it today. The DORs requested that we do this by June 8th, and it's been written up by our County Attorney's Office, and this affects all the cities outside of the city of Atlanta with their T-Splost 2 projects. So just urgently we have four up here now. We're currently working with the cities with their T-Splost 3 program, and those should be brought forward for approval at our August 5th meeting."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion on the floor is to approve. Any questions or comments?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "Back on page 6, County Manager's Items under Open and Responsible Government, **26-0318**: Presentation, review, and approval of the June 3rd, 2026, Budget Soundings and Resolution."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Anything that pop out, Madam CFO."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have two items that are before the Board. Both of them are to affect the budget adjustments that are necessary to implement a Board action. The first one is to move \$250,000 into the Department of Community Development to support the summer youth internship program, and then the second item is to move the unobligated portion of the funds that were previously held in the Superior Court Administration's budget, but our four Magistrate Court judges, to move that portion, the unobligated portion, back to the Magistrate Court. So that would move \$549,143.34, from Superior Court Administration to the Magistrate Court's budget, and that is pursuant to agenda item 26-0292, which was a Resolution approved recently directing us to do that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion is to approve by Commissioner Barrett; seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Let's vote."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just before you leave -- not leave, Madam CFO. One of the speakers talked about data centers this morning and how we are basically not doing what we should be doing regarding the Board of Assessors appraising these trophy projects to the extent that they should. But let me just tell you that the Board of Assessors at their meeting tomorrow will be asked to approve some new assessments, and this all -- and we should take credit for this -- it's my understanding, based upon the research that we've done, there are four or five properties that were originally valued at less than \$100 million combined. The new assessments will be in excess of \$5 billion, which will result in -- let me say this -- which could result in increased revenue of about \$85 million for Fulton County, for the Board of Education, and the city of Atlanta if this is approved by the Board of Assessors tomorrow. So that's what the people have been asking for, and I think that we're making considerable progress on that. In addition to that, you know that we agreed that we would authorize the County Attorney to hire high priced, outside attorneys, to help us whenever there's an appeal that comes up. So I'm

anticipating that there may be some appeals coming up, but she already has the authority to hire the best and the brightest to help us in the event that there are appeals. But we heard what the public was saying, and we're being very aggressive in this. And if we're successful, this could mean approximately \$85 million in new revenue for the three entities. Vice Chair."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman, and thank you for your work that you've done on that as well as Commissioner Arrington and Commissioner Barrett, as well, have brought that to bear. I did want to say this, though. I want to educate the public. You have so many people that, you know, it's election season, oh, I'm going to do this and I'm going to do that. And I'm going to come down here and I'm going to change the world, and that's not how it works. Because the public does not know that the municipalities can set the ordinances to stop or slow down the data centers. Chairman, that is not a function of county government, and we have a particular person that's out here running for leadership that's giving the impression that we can, and we cannot. The municipalities have to set an ordinance in place and even with that, they have to do it in such a way that it is legal. And so, what is the flipside of this? The flip side is if you're going to force these data centers down our throat, then you need to pay. And I think -- I can only speak for myself. I don't want to speak for my colleagues. But if they're coming, if they're coming with high-priced lawyers, if they're coming with an agenda, the gentleman just said today at the actual podium, the data centers don't pop up overnight, we just hear about them overnight. It is a process, and during the process, is where the cities can put in ordinances to slow or stop. What we have in our control, Chairman, is the ability to make sure they are appraised at the highest amount possible in order to have more revenue. And what's interesting to me is, we have someone misinforming the constituents like we just have a pot of gold. Oh here, everybody get money; you get money, and I get money. We get money. That's not the way it works, sir. The way it works is if we can find the money in other avenues other than putting it on the back of the taxpaying citizen, in my opinion that should be the first duty of all elected officials. Find the money somewhere else other than on the backs of the taxpaying citizens of Fulton County. So I just want to say, because I wasn't going to weigh in on this, but the reason I weighed in on it, is because generally speaking, Chairman, the constituents do not know how county government works. And so, when you have people in an election season, rah, rah, rah, Fulton County needs to do something about warming centers, rah, rah, rah. Fulton County needs -- a lot of this, sir, falls at your city government municipality. And so, what I want, while we are having this conversation, is to let people know, go to your mayor and your city council people; go to your state rep and make sure that they fully educate you, queue public, on how the data centers are able to come in. At my town hall with Councilwoman Boone, one of the constituents said the datacenter that popped up over in the city of South Fulton, one-side is city of Atlanta and you cross the street and the other side is City of South Fulton. So if you got city of Atlanta fighting it, you got city of South Fulton allowing it in, city of Atlanta can do nothing, because it sits in the area of the city of South Fulton; however, with this, and I hope that it goes well, it will at least get the burden off the taxpaying citizens and put more money in our coffers. And I just want to take that moment to educate our listening public. Thank you, Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Vice Chair. Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "Bottom of page 6, **26-0319**: Public Works: Request approval to utilize cooperative purchasing in the amount of \$200,000 to provide resurfacing and microsurfacing of Wendell Drive."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 7, **26-0320**, Real Estate and Asset Management: Request approval to increase spending authority in the amount not to exceed \$360,000 to provide required maintenance repairs to the landfill gas system, detention pond, and damaged monitoring wells."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "**26-0321**, Public Works: Request approval to utilize cooperative purchasing in an amount of \$321,220 to support the maintenance and functionality of sewer lines, storm drains, and related infrastructures."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "**26-0322**: Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder for Taxiway Geometry Improvement project in an amount not to exceed \$1,314,153.87."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne; seconded by Commissioner Barrett."

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

CLERK GRIER: "26-0323: Request approval to increase the spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000, to provide water meters."

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

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just had a quick question about this. And I did ask ahead of time for feedback from the Public Works folks. But we had a presentation -- I forget when it, was it last year? I forget when it was, talking about the new water meter system that they were looking to do. It seemed like it was a really great proposal and the idea was really good, and it was moving us away from technology that was harder to get out and do the reads and all of those things. So I did get a bit of an answer, but I think because we had such a public presentation of what the project was, it would be good to hear from Public Works on why we are not moving forward with the project and spending money on the older technology at this time."

ADRIANA BUSTILLOS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS: "Thank you. Good morning. So the projects moving forward, but in a different approach. So because of the financial constraints, the budget limitations, the county does not have the \$4 million that would be required to implement the AMI system, which is the advanced meter infrastructure project as one project. And we're going to -- we have been implementing, you know, different options, and one of the options is to maximize the infrastructure that we have inground and we're going to do two things right now, and this is one of the -- one of the requests for the 1,600,000. One is convert -- fully convert the Zone 7, which is a commercial area, to AMI meters. So we need to purchase more meters, AMI meters, to convert the old tire on Zone 7 area. And also, we're going to buy or purchase two collectors in order to capture the reads for some of the meters that are AMI capable, but we don't have the infrastructure to collect those reads. With those two collectors we will be able to read the antenna, those AMI meters."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "So I guess I'm just -- maybe I'm missing something and excuse me if I already have this information, but when the original conversation was had, did we not know the price tag at that point? What happened?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Let me take that -- and Ray, you can help me as well. But fundamentally, what we were -- thought was available to do, is have effectively the new technology as a service versus a lot of capital investment. The more that we got into it and then, of course, we went through the procurement process, it became clear if we did that, and if there was any change in the future relative to technology or some other business reason, that there was going to come an enormous termination fee; I mean, in the tens of millions of dollars. So then it became clear that at least that approach would not work. So now I think what you're describing is more of a pay-as-you-go, for lack of a better term, in other words, invest where we can within the constraints that we have. And of course, the constraints are determined by our water rates and all the investment that we need to make in expansion and extension, but ultimately to get there. So the intention is still to get to the same place, but it can't be

done by another company bearing all the capital costs and charging us as a service. And Ray, if I said anything that's not --"

RAY TURNER, DIRECTOR, FINANCE: "Absolutely. Part of it is, you know, that long-term threshold of technology change. Do I buy into a type of technology 2026, make major capital investments, and we pay debt service on long term. And then four years, here's a new technology that come out much cheaper and still achieve the same results. So that's why you know, we have a little bit of trepidation of locking up, tens of millions of dollars in today's tech. I spoke with David Clark. I'd like to be maybe a little bit more nimble so we can adjust as we go as technology progresses."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "And Ray, you recall the termination fee?"

RAY TURNER, DIRECTOR, FINANCE: "As I understand, it was probably --"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "-- maybe Felicia does."

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, CHIEF PURCHASING AGENT: "It was around 75 million."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yeah, 75 to 80."

RAY TURNER, DIRECTOR, FINANCE: "75 to \$80 million, so that's a very substantial sum, right."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you for that explanation, I appreciate it. I mean obviously, you know, we always have to walk that fine line between sort of being behind on the technology and it being antiquated and hard to upkeep, and also being too far ahead and things changing, so I appreciate that. I just thought -- I was really excited, I mean, as one as one can get about water meters, about the new technology and so just wanted to understand where we were, so thank you all for that. I appreciate it. Thank you."

ADRIANA BUSTILLOS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS: "Let me explain; with this change that we're going to implement, we're going to be able to read as a smart meter technology, 6,500 meters, in a few months, I would say, by the summer. In addition to all the commercial area, which is around 4,000 meters. So around 10,500 meters, which we call like a phase I for the AMI meters."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "So we're making progress."

ADRIANA BUSTILLOS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS: "Exactly."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Awesome. Thank you so much."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Hold on. Hold on. Don't go anywhere yet. Yes, I understand about the AMI project and how the termination fee and all that. But I understand like you are putting it in homes, you're doing some off of towers and replacing the old technology, the ones where people have to manually come and read. Could we get a map or something of those areas, because in my District I continually – I'm having to reach out about high water bills, generally they're estimated or they're read incorrectly. So I would love if I could have some type of map of where these systems are going to be implemented to let residents know, hey, we are going to replace your old manual read meter soon. It's on the horizon, because we still continue to get those complaints."

ADRIANA BUSTILLOS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS: "Sure. We have identified where the two collectors are going to be installed, so we can definitely send you the map."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Is this time sensitive?"

ADRIANA BUSTILLOS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS: "Well, it is, because its revenue related technology, plus a customer satisfaction issue. So yes, I would say it is."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You mean two weeks or three weeks?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah. I mean, I'm just wondering, Commissioner Barrett is right, we got this great presentation on what was going to be happening, and then now this comes back with just a request for an additional 1.6. The documents attached is just an amended agreement, but you know, I would like to see the map; I would like to see the explanation. What's the total amount of the contract? Is 1.6 million on top of -- what was the amount that was already approved?"

ADRIANA BUSTILLOS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS: "Well, we hadn't approved AMI budget before it, because we didn't have cash or anything new on our financial books to finance the AMI project. So we were even weighing different alternatives, and that's what Dick said one of the options was the mass, which was mentoring of service when one of the partners was going to finance the meters, but the termination fees were so exorbitant that it wasn't a financial option."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah, I'm just wondering if it would make sense to bring it back in the next meeting, do a presentation, so we know exactly what we're talking about."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Certainly. And I think David is already working with Adriana on a presentation, so we could just put that on the agenda with

this item, and I think it would be a good discussion, because we're not walking away from the technology, its how do you implement it. If you're not implementing it as a service, than how do you put it into your capital plan and do it on a pay-as-you-go basis. But we can certainly do that."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah, if it's not time sensitive, and we can come back in two weeks and we can get the full presentation that shows, like Commissioner Thorne asked, which neighborhoods is this going to be implemented in, and how we propose to make these changes, that would be great."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Substitute motion to hold. Is there a second?"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Chairman, I was in the queue."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Let me get the motion on the floor."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. I'll second the motion to hold. Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, you have the floor."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I just want to be crystal clear that in holding this for the next two weeks, we aren't incurring any expense unrelated. That's my biggest concern is in holding it for two weeks that we're not doing that, County Manager. I just want us to be crystal clear, because sometimes you hold something and then you'll say, oh, my goodness, we should've gotten that passed at the last meeting. And so, I just want to make sure what we don't know or what we may make an assumption on that it doesn't incur or interfere with something else. That is my concern."

ADRIANA BUSTILLOS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS: "Yeah. I just want to clarify that, yeah, if we don't have the budget that we need right now, we don't have -- we will not be able to purchase meters and having stopped for new developments and replacement of malfunctioning meters, so that is critical."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "So I would say that we -- County Manager, I would say we can give the information, but I think we should take -- Chairman, I think we should take a vote on it today, because that to me can be impacting to someone else, even though we don't see it. And so, now that is a financial impact. The information that Commissioner Arrington and Commissioner Thorne want, they need to get, don't get me wrong, is valid. But I'm still thinking that my mind and also Commissioner Barrett, we don't want to make a decision as the County Commissioners that will cause any other entity to have to have a financial bearing on it. And so, I would personally ask that we not hold it. That we take a vote today, plus the information that my colleagues have asked for is still given. So Chairman, I know we took a vote, but Rob's Rule of Order, I'm just -- I don't know if I can modify or what -- what's on the floor."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We haven't voted yet. The motion on the floor is to hold."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. So at this point, I would want to modify that motion -- substitute motion that we do -- we do vote on this today, but the request of this Board is the information, County Manager, full presentation still happens with the emphasis on the areas that it is going to affect or not affect, okay? So that is my substitute motion that I'm putting forward."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Wait a minute. Wait a minute. So you're speaking against the motion on the floor to hold at this time?"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "She's speaking against the motion to hold. Now let's hear from Commissioner Thorne, then we'll deal with it."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I second Commissioner Abdur-Rahman's motion. First of all, I feel like we've been waiting for this implementation to come. Consistently, I have complaints for the past two years -- almost on a weekly basis, dealing with the water meters failing, so I don't want to wait anymore. You know I do want to know where they're going to be phased in and phased out and what the overall plan is. So I do want to presentation, but I can't see not approving this today, and finally getting the ball rolling on getting these meters in place."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. The motion on the floor is to hold. Let me understand again. What will happen -- when is our next meeting? Next meeting, whatever is it: two weeks? Okay, 17th. What is going to happen between now and the next meeting from your perspective that's going to be harmful to the project?"

ADRIANA BUSTILLOS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS: "Well, if this doesn't get approved, we will not be able to purchase some of the meters."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So if this is approved today, you would purchase --"

ADRIANA BUSTILLOS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS: "-- purchase meters --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- immediately. They'd be ready before the next meeting?"

ADRIANA BUSTILLOS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS: "Yes, at least be on the way for purchasing to be ordered, yes, start the purchasing process. Without these being approval, we will not be able to start the purchasing process."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So holding it for two weeks to get the information we requested would be harmful to the process?"

ADRIANA BUSTILLOS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I don't see that, but it's the will of the Body."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Commissioner Arrington, do you have a problem with the information that's being asked and make sure that we get it and going forward? That's my only concern. It may not hit us personally as a Body, but it would hit others. That's my concern, Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So you know, I understand your concern. And I guess it's just more difficult for me to support this without knowing why there's an increase in spending authority. And I'm trying to understand, because I thought they brought this before -- to us before, and we approved them going forward with this other process. So my -- I'm trying to understand why there's an increase. But certainly, I don't want to affect someone whose water meters, but I, you know, the purchasing process, I mean --"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "I just -- David is representing us at a meeting. I just asked him, could we hold it for two weeks, and he said we could. So I'll take that as the -- and granted, we need to get on with this, but two weeks in the grand scheme of things is I don't think material, and that's what he's now saying. So my advice would be you could move forward, we will clearly bring the presentation back, or you can hold it if you choose to, and we'll bring the presentation back either way."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I mean, you know, if people are -- if we're having malfunctioning water meters, and we can speed that up, then you know, I guess I could just get the information later. I just, you know, I can -- I can withdraw my motion to hold."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. You're going to -- all right, so Commissioner Arrington made the motion to hold. I was a seconder on that motion. I'd have to with -- based on what he's saying, I will withdraw my motion to -- my second rather of that, and he withdraws his motion to hold, therefore that takes us back to the main motion, which was to approve."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "However, Chairman, I do want to make sure that the directives of this Body is to make sure the questions that were asked are answered --"

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

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "-- within the two weeks, and that the concerns that were raised -- I don't mind, I'm -- I am -- I think if we move forward today in approving this, it's not a problem. But I do want to be as equally vocal as that, that all that information needs to get in that was asked today concerning it."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "And we'll be prepared to do that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, let's correct the machine. All right, the motion on the floor is to approve by Commissioner Thorne, seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman. The motion is to approve, please vote."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "**26-0324**, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities requests approval to renew existing contract in an amount not to exceed 12,620,456.89 to expand services to provide full-service operation and management of the Fulton County Behavioral Health Crisis Center."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, we have a motion to approve by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Can somebody address this? I mean, it's pretty clear, but yeah. We're satisfied everything's going well, but I want to hear that."

LATRINA FOSTER, BHDD: "Good morning, Commissioners. The request before you is to renew the existing contract with Grady, who is the full-service operator for Fulton County Behavioral Health Crisis Center. When we renewed all of our previous contracts to initiate our services in 2026, we did not include the Crisis Center because the approval that we already had from the Board carried us through the state's calendar, which was July 1st of 2025 to June 30 of 2026. So that is why it's before you now."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. All right, motion is to approve."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 8, **26-0325**, Senior Services request approval to increase spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 to provide transportation services, ride sharing to eligible Fulton County residents age 60 and above."

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

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to understand where we are in terms of -- I know we always kind of are checking in midyear to see how it's going. Are we going to make it with the budget we have to the end of the year? And so if we're asking for an increase in spending authority, sounds like maybe we're

getting a lot of takers on the senior ride share, so I just wanted to get a quick update from y'all."

DR. KWELI RASHIED-HENRY, INTERIM DIR, SR SERVICES: "Yes, good morning, Commissioners. Kweli Rashied-Henry, Interim Director, Senior Services, and I'm joined on a job by my colleague, Mr. Rafael Patterson, who's our subject matter expert and the Program Manager, Senior Program Manager in contracts. So the spending controls that the Board approved over a year ago have been working well. We are staying within our budget, however, the Board approved an enhancement earlier this year for the FY26 budget, and that's what this spending authority request is related to, to be able to increase that contract accordingly. So far, riders are pretty well satisfied with the program. We survey them every quarter, and we have about, on average, 2500 seniors that take the Uber/Lyft Program, the Common Courtesy Program, every month. On average, there --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You said 2500 per month?"

DR. KWELI RASHIED-HENRY, INTERIM DIR, SR SERVICES: "Yep, 2500 per month. And on average, they take about five trips each. So the program is working well."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "We had, I know, especially when we made the transition and put some of the new guardrails controls in place, in terms of how many rides people could have and all that, that we had some folks, and I don't have the right number, but who were utilizing more rides and who we're sort of struggling with the new process. Are we still getting calls like that, or people have adjusted and found other options, or where do we stand on sort of those outliers?"

DR. KWELI RASHIED-HENRY, INTERIM DIR, SR SERVICES: "So, I will defer to Mr. Patterson. But on average, the seniors, I think, have adapted well to the change. We did have that caveat of providing two, up to two additional medical trips each month for our riders. And about 270 seniors are utilizing that --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay."

DR. KWELI RASHIED-HENRY, INTERIM DIR, SR SERVICES: "-- resulting in an additional 2500 trips a month. So overall, well, from a service delivery standpoint."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Come on up to the mic, sir."

RAFAEL PATTERSON, PROGRAM MGR, SR SERVICES: "There are some seniors that are still requesting additional rides. We --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Come closer to the mic, please."

RAFAEL PATTERSON, PROGRAM MGR, SR SERVICES: "Sorry. There are some seniors that are still requesting the old standard of trips per month, but they are adjusting to the new parameters that are helping us stay within budget."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay. And one last thing, and then I -- I mean, I'm all for supporting this. I just want to make sure I have the lay of the land. Are we doing regular, and forgive me if I already -- if you guys have already said this, but are we doing regular surveys of applicants and riders in terms of how they're feeling about the whole process in terms of reserving rides, because that was the other thing I had gotten some complaints on. Although, I have not had any the last few months, but I have had some of it in the past about people struggling to have to, you know, to have call more than once to get their rides and all that. Do we know how people -- do we survey regularly? That's the --"

RAFAEL PATTERSON, PROGRAM MGR, SR SERVICES: "We do. We present quarterly surveys to our seniors."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay, awesome. And are those made -- sent to us?"

RAFAEL PATTERSON, PROGRAM MGR, SR SERVICES: "No, but we can."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah, I think it would be good if you could just include the Board of Commissioners. All -- I mean, I'm assuming all my colleagues want to see the results, you know, via email or what have you."

RAFAEL PATTERSON, PROGRAM MGR, SR SERVICES: "Sure."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "That'd be helpful. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah, I'm happy to support this. I will say though that I got a lot of comments that from seniors that they would like more rides, and I believe it's the, was it eight rides, total?"

DR. KWELI RASHIED-HENRY, INTERIM DIR, SR SERVICES: "Yes, that's the current limit."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Which is really four round-trip rides, right? And so the additional two medical is really one round-trip medical. So it's a really additional one. So, happy again, to support this. But I think we still need to be looking at it. And as you're doing those surveys, maybe we need to ask them, you know, about the number of trips or how many more trips. And I know we did an additional allocation, and I don't know how many more people we'll be able to serve, or maybe if that allows additional trips or not. But we need to continue looking at that, because I did get a lot of comments from seniors about not having enough trips. And I know it's a balancing act

that we have to perform between just opening the gates wide open with no control versus making sure our seniors are getting the services that they need."

DR. KWELI RASHIED-HENRY, INTERIM DIR, SR SERVICES: "Understood."

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

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Let me all, first of all, thank you all for the great job you're doing. At the Senior Summit, we had so many of the seniors to commend us, wow, Chairman, they were very upset with MARTA. And not to try to throw MARTA up under the bus, but it was even a comment made that MARTA should maybe take our lead. Because the parameters that we put in place, plus the quality control that you all do, plus the fact that survey makes us really above comparable counties. It is other counties, and I want to remind the listening public, Fulton County is the leader, Chairman, when it comes to senior services. First of all, kudos to you. We have become, in a certain amount of way, and County Manager, I hope I don't get beat up about this. We've gotten spoiled. And the reason I say that is in my travels, when I say, Chairman, all the things that we do for the seniors here, and we have other counties that are the same size with identical budgets that don't do one-fourth of what we do for the seniors. They are so just, just done that they're like, well, you all are doing this, you all are doing that. And so I want to commend you all for the great job you're doing. Sometimes we become complacent, and we don't realize how good we have it in Fulton County with the exceptional Senior Services Department. Don't get me wrong, only complaint, and I heard it at the Senior Summit, where over 1200 seniors came in, is that I wish there. And I think, Chairman Pitts, under your leadership and your vision with doing that with the Appraisers, that's more money, less, you know, burden on the taxpayer. If we can get that, Lord knows, I'm going to be pushing for more money to be put in Senior Services. But more importantly, I think it is great that we have a model for the seniors. We have put our seniors first here. And is it a perfect? No, but we have the guardrails and parameters in place, County Manager, to make sure that we're surveying. We're asking them, you know, did the person treat you with respect, was the ride courteous? And I promise you, my office, and before we even did this, my office would get calls. My office don't get calls like that. And when we do get calls, they're usually complimenting. And so I just want to be crystal clear that, yes, I hope we have more money. I hope what we're doing with the Board of Appraisers will trickle down and give us more money. But the reality is, Fulton County, per senior, per comparable counties, pays more and take care of our seniors way, way higher than others this size. So I just want to say kudos to you all."

DR. KWELI RASHIED-HENRY, INTERIM DIR, SR SERVICES: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I just find it really interesting that you guys have seniors commenting to you. I think in my three and a half years, I've only had one senior directly comment about senior ride --"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Because you're so young, that's why."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I qualify for senior rides. I do qualify for senior rides. So anyway, I've only had one comment, and they were, like, thinking that the ride program was great. And that it was appropriate number of rides. But with that being said, I wouldn't mind getting some data for maybe some of your surveys to see if there's some underutilization of the program in my district. Maybe seniors aren't aware, and now that we have this new, great, beautiful 4700 Health Human Services building, I can maybe just make people more aware of that service being providing to them. So if you could that would be greatly appreciated. I have some wonderful interns, I don't know where they are, working with me this summer. They're great number crunchers to look at that data. And maybe would could see how we could reach out. And with that being said, when people reach the limit in their number of rides, I know in my -- in my district, North Fulton Senior Services also provides rides. Do you direct them to other nonprofits or senior services that could assist them if they exceed their cap?"

DR. KWELI RASHIED-HENRY, INTERIM DIR, SR SERVICES: "Yes. So part of our assessment when we're screening new riders, we let them know about the resources and try to direct them accordingly. The rides reset every month, right? So our riders understand that if they hit that cap, they can wait, and you know, schedule what they need to schedule for the following month. But we do tell them about the partnerships that we have, so they can utilize those resources as well."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Thank you."

DR. KWELI RASHIED-HENRY, INTERIM DIR, SR SERVICES: "You're welcome."

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; five yeas, zero nays."

CLERK GRIER: "**26-0326** Emergency Services request approval of an award without competition in an amount not to exceed \$15,596,448 to provide ongoing maintenance and support of a countywide digital radio system."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Now, I have some serious questions about this one. But Commissioner Arrington, you can begin."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Well, yeah, my question is why is it \$15 million without competition?"

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, CHIEF PURCHASING AGENT: "Good afternoon, Commissioners, Felicia Strong-Whitaker. This was solicited when we selected the Motorola back in 2013. This is for the annual maintenance and licensing agreements, and it is over an eight-year period. On the second page, we provided a chart of the payments. So the first year is 367,000, it goes through from October through December. And then it goes on the annual AML list, because it's for the maintenance and licensing of the system."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "You said this is from an RFP from 2013?"

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, CHIEF PURCHASING AGENT: "Yes, we --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "We haven't had to do a new RFP since -- I wasn't even elected in 2013."

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, CHIEF PURCHASING AGENT: "So sir, yes. We did a procurement for the Motorola, the radio system for the county. It included a ten-year annual maintenance and licensing agreement. We are still using the system. We have not bought a new system. This new agreement is for the continued maintenance and licensing of the system that we procured back in 2013."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All right. So 2013, ten years, 2023. So this is 20 -- this is the 13th year, not the tenth year."

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, CHIEF PURCHASING AGENT: "2013, I think it was implemented, maybe in 2014, 2015, I'm not sure. Chris is here, he can answer that. We procured the service. It had to be implemented. Once it was implemented, once we accepted it, that's when the annual maintenance and licensing agreements start. So it is up. It's time for us to renew. It was through October -- September of this year, which is why this one will start in October through the end of the year. And then after that, it comes under annual maintenance and licensing list, and the Board approves it with the budget every year until this agreement is either renewed, because we were -- still have the system or if we go out for bid for a new system. There is not a lot of radio systems out there. So that is why we are continuing, I believe, with the radio system that we have, which is Motorola."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "And so when are you saying it would be up for bid again?"

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, CHIEF PURCHASING AGENT: "This agreement would be for an additional eight year."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: Without the bid?

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, CHIEF PURCHASING AGENT: "Correct. This is the system that we have. We have to maintain an annual maintenance and license to

utilize the system. So this is what this is for. It's a SAS agreement, remember, we don't really buy systems like we used to buy systems. You are utilizing someone's system, and you have to annually --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Software."

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, CHIEF PURCHASING AGENT: "-- maintenance and licensing."

CHRIS SWEIGART, DIRECTOR, FCEMA: "If I could just maybe clarify. Some of the monies or most of the monies, the system it's cost neutral, because we -- our IGAs with our external partners, we collect radio fees to use the system. So when we see \$15 million, \$2 million a year, let's call it about \$2 million a year. We collect those fees through our IGA radio contracts through the cities."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Roughly, the same amount, \$2 million?"

CHRIS SWEIGART, DIRECTOR, FCEMA: "Correct."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. So basically, budget neutral, despite."

CHRIS SWEIGART, DIRECTOR, FCEMA: "Correct."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay."

CHRIS SWEIGART, DIRECTOR, FCEMA: "I think that's probably the most important thing, is to make sure that our IGAs cover that cost."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "And Chris, could you comment on the difficulty if you had to change this system out, to change providers, what would that entail?"

CHRIS SWEIGART, DIRECTOR, FCEMA: "Yeah. So there's really -- I mean, I shouldn't say there's only two, but there's only really two major radio system companies that could handle this type of capacity. Motorola is obviously the biggest radio company, I think, in the world. And when they were given the bid back, really, really, the first year was 2017, once it went through the process in 2016, we went live 2017 before me. And that went for 10 years. To make a move, or to go to another radio company would be very, very difficult because everybody has purchased, all our external, internal partners have purchased hardware and software to support this system. So it would be incredibly expensive to move away from the system that we currently have to go to another vendor."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "You're talking about hardware that's in the cars, as in --"

CHRIS SWEIGART, DIRECTOR, FCEMA: "Hardware and the radios that the police carry, yes."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All right. Well, thank you. Expensive is, 15 million is expensive to me, but --"

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

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- I understand that it might be a lot more expensive --"

CHRIS SWEIGART, DIRECTOR, FCEMA: "It could be."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- than that to replace --"

CHRIS SWEIGART, DIRECTOR, FCEMA: "It could be."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- all the hardware software. Thank you."

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, CHIEF PURCHASING AGENT: "And I'm sorry, it is over a eight-year term, and so it's in the -- in the agenda item."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So the -- is there another firm that provides this same service?"

CHRIS SWEIGART, DIRECTOR, FCEMA: "There are other companies out there that -"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "There are?"

CHRIS SWEIGART, DIRECTOR, FCEMA: "There are."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "How many?"

CHRIS SWEIGART, DIRECTOR, FCEMA: "I mean, there's several, but I think --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Two, three, four?"

CHRIS SWEIGART, DIRECTOR, FCEMA: "Maybe two that can handle the --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Two others?"

CHRIS SWEIGART, DIRECTOR, FCEMA: "-- that could handle -- yeah, one other, so Motorola, and then another."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Who is the other one?"

CHRIS SWEIGART, DIRECTOR, FCEMA: "Who's the other? Yeah, Harris Radio would be the other one. And the reason I say that is because if we went to a Harris Radio, there could be some manipulation with the equipment that we have, meaning the police radios that could still stay on the system, on a Harris system. But there could be some challenges there."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So does anybody else use Harris that you're aware of?"

UNKNOWN SPEAKER, FCEMA: "State of Georgia. State of Georgia."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Only the state of Georgia is the only other entity within Georgia that uses?"

UNKNOWN SPEAKER, FCEMA: "There are probably two to three other counties that have Harris systems. But to be able to, for us to switch to Harris, we would have to have whole new radio system, \$30 million. Harris cannot service Motorola because it's proprietary. So again, that, that figure that we did for ten years was 1,089,000. We locked that -- you guys locked that figure in for ten years. We enjoyed that for ten years. But as the cost of goods and services gone up, we negotiated with Motorola, they came back with higher figures. We said, wait a minute, you can't do that. But we're not the only county that's fixing to go through this with Motorola. But nobody else can service Motorola's towers --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So based upon -- based upon what I hear, so Motorola will have this contract until the end of time."

UNKNOWN SPEAKER, FCEMA: "Or until we change to a whole new system for --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Are there other system comparable in a price pointed -- from a price point?"

UNKNOWN SPEAKER, FCEMA: "Harris is a little cheaper. But again, it would take 30 million, maybe more, to go to all 15 sites, replace all the equipment. And then they would have to -- they would give us a maintenance cheaper than Motorola, but that upfront cost of changing out the entire system is where --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Sometimes you have to, you have to do that. There's another -- what's that other, that crowd out of Texas that has us, you know, wrapped -- Tyler, that's the other one. That Tyler, right? And I just don't accept the fact -- I'm not -- it's not a criticism of you guys at all. But Tyler is another one that has leading us to believe that they're only company in the world that can provide what they provide. And I just don't believe that. And I don't believe that Motorola is the only one. You mentioned Harris, and I've heard complaints about Motorola since I was with the city of Atlanta. And you guys have heard these same complaints about --"

CHRIS SWEIGART, DIRECTOR, FCEMA: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Where is Mr. Davis at? Is he here? Yeah. Have you -- you've heard complaints about Motorola?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "I have to admit, the radio world is not my expertise. Have I heard complaints about Motorola? I've heard complaints about a

number of manufacturers over the years, but nothing particular about the overall viability of their systems."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. I just don't see awarding a contract of this size without any discussion, well, limited discussion for another eight years without competition. And admittedly, there's at least one other firm who admittedly is cheaper than Motorola. All right, Vice Chair, you have the floor."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. I would also echo what Mr. Davis said with, I do have a telecommunications background. And so one of the things I want to drive home is, this is not your average contract first of all. And the nature of the need of it is usually assessed for a longer period than your four-year contract. And so I just would caution us that these type contracts usually lock you in with a rate for a longer period of time, which means in the long run, you are saving because they are not increasing the cost. And so even though it's sticker shock, Chairman, with saying, whoa, eight years. What you've gotten for eight years that lacks in, Ms. Whitaker, is that you have the ability to say, okay, this rate is going to be this rate for eight years, while someone who may have a four year, and it's not in this field, it's not a lot of four-year contracts, because of the type services they are providing. I do not work for Motorola. They are not on my disclosure. And I just want to be crystal clear, because of my background in telecommunications, that a lot of times you're locked into a rate, but you're locked into a rate for a longer period of time. And in the long run it's prudent for us, because while others are having additional costs or see a cost effective that's higher, we're locked in, or we're able to bargain that, hey, you got a eight-year contract with us, when they're trying to, for whatever reason, you know, say things are higher. And so I would just want to say to my colleagues, including the Chairman, that, yes, there's sometimes sticker shock. But when you're talking about this kind of services that are usually eight and sometimes ten-year contract, Ms. Whitaker, they lock you in at a rate that at least forecasted, you know what you're spending for that length of time. And so I just want to do a moment of education, which we don't have a lot of that down here, but a moment of the education of on the face it may look like, whoa, this is a whole bunch of money. But you don't take in fact that those costs are shared with others that are on the service, for one. And two, in the long run, the rate is a flat rate for that entire period of time. And so I just wanted to make sure that I say that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, other -- Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Well, I just think the other important thing is what he said is that these costs, is really a pass-through cost because the cities are really paying for it, and so --"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Exactly."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- while I'm sensitive to the amount and the term of the contract, the fact that -- I'm comforted by the fact that it is a pass-through cost."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Other questions or comments?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

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

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Action Items, **26-0328**, Request approval of a Resolution to amend the policy regarding the retention of personal staff of members of the Board of Commissioners in the event of a Board vacancy; and for other purposes sponsored by Chairman Pitts."

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

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 9, Commissioners' Full-Board Appointments, **26-0332**, Region III Emergency Medical Services Council, Commissioner Thorne has nominated Jeffrey Johansen for a Full-Board reappointment to a term ending June 30th, 2029."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is there a motion? Motion to approve by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Thorne."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 10, **26-0333**, Hospital Authority of Fulton County, Northside, the Board of Trustees of the Hospital Authority of Fulton County submitted a slate of names for the Board of Commissioners consideration to a term ending April 1st, 2029, and terms ending April 1st, 2030."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Just had one question. I mean, I still don't understand what this group does. Are we getting their minutes? Because they were

even sued for their minutes at one point. We're getting, getting what they talk about and things of that nature?"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We are? Would you share them with the Board?"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Commissioner Barrett, sorry."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah, the way that it's written on the agenda doesn't clarify that we're nominating the recommended people for each of the positions, does it?"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes. Position 4, expired term of Dr. Stone --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Right. Right, it says what the -- expire, but then in the -- in the recommendations, it just lists all four. And I know when they sent the letter over, they bolded the one and put it in the first position that they recommended, right?"

CLERK GRIER: "Okay."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "So the -- right, but there's four people, there's three people listed. Right, but -- okay, maybe I'm just reading it wrong. Just want to make sure we're all on the same page, but it sounds like I'm reading it wrong, so."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "No, it doesn't -- it doesn't -- it isn't --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah, on here --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- it does not show --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "On here --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- it just shows which ones expired --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "-- it has all the names."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- and then it shows the four names --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "So, I -- so, okay, so I'm not crazy. So to that point, just to be clear, the official appointees are Doug -- Doug MacDonald for position 4, and the other three, the reappointments."

CLERK GRIER: "Correct."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Correct? Okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, other questions?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

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

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That's it?"

CLERK GRIER: "No further items."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. I'll entertain a motion to recess for lunch and Executive Session. We may take up items of personnel, real estate, and litigation."

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

Recessed for Executive Session at 12:03 p.m.

Resumed Regular Session at 12:51 p.m.

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, if there are no objections, we will resume the regular order of business. Madam Clerk, items from Executive Session."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Thank you. Is there a motion to approve the request for settlement authority in items 1 and 2 of the Executive Session agenda?"

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

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

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "No further items for action."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No further items. Any other items that come before us on the agenda?"

CLERK GRIER: "No further items, Mr. Chair."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. So Mr. Manager, let's take about two minutes here before we adjourn, and a couple of people referenced this today about TADS, and our participation in TADS, or lack of participation in TADS, and then how we're not working with the city. And I want to set the record straight on that. We have not, as a Board, taken a position on TADs, period. I think that I have directed, to the extent that I can, you and the CFO to meet with the city which you're doing. And I ran into the Mayor a couple of weeks ago. He and I had a handshake and agreed that we will be meeting sometime at his choosing in the near future and I will make myself available. And I said to him, and I think that you've made a great step by removing the Beltline from the list, and the -- what was the other, Perry?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Perry Bolton."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Perry, Perry Bolton from the list. And again, we shook hand, and moved forward. So -- and I think he has. And I said to him, and I'll say again to the Board. Again, Board has not taken an official position. But from a personal point of view, I think that we can discuss each one. Each one will have to stand on its own. Some may be extended, some may not. There may be some others. There may have - - may be some creative ways to accomplish, because, I mean, I happen to agree with his plan and what he's planning to do. But we have a responsibility as a Board of Commissioners, based up on the Constitution, look after ourselves first, just as the school board and just as the city. But to have this notion around that we're not working with the Mayor and not talking to the city, that's just not true. So where are we from your perspective?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, sir. We had a, very recently, a very good conversation, I believe, with Courtney English and with LaChandra Burks, his Chief of Staff and COO of Atlanta. We certainly talked about TADs in general, as you just mentioned, and you know, understood what they were attempting to do, and also, of course, with the deletion of the two that you mentioned, the impact of that. There are other issues with Atlanta that we would like to discuss, most notably the Atlanta Detention Center. So we entered into some conversation about that, that may be two separate issues, but agreed to get back together and flesh that out further. So I do feel like that the communication channels are open. They're engaging, we're engaging, and again, as that gets developed, of course, I would bring it back to this Body for a review. But, yes, sir, we are in communications."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And thank you for bringing the topic up. I just want to say that I totally agree with what you're saying. As the -- I sat on the Neighborhood Reinvestment Commission to review the NRI as our representative from Invest Atlanta. And I said the exact same thing the whole time. I think we're open to nuanced conversations about each individual TAD. I think the body of the NRI Commission was in agreement that the Beltline TAD was sort of not going to fly for school board or us, because it's really done, or will be by the end of its time. And also the bulk of the dollars there that we would be looking to have come back to us come from the Beltline TAD. But I also wanted to just chime in only to say, and I think we've all been getting emails about -- from people who are concerned that we somehow have a say in what money goes back to the school board. So I just want to be clear about the fact that our vote on the TADs, whenever we get to that, whenever we have something on the table, has nothing to do with what the school board decides. Those are separate decisions. And even if we were to vote, yes, on the TADs or some of the TADs that has nothing to do with taking money away from the schools. I just want to

make that clear, because there are three separate entities that are contributing, and the school board is its own."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes. Vice Chair."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. And I also want to commend Commissioner Barrett, because at the end of the day, when we had this discussion before, this was a discussion that was had, Chairman, and you know this, because I raised an issue about it. You've got several Commissioners up here that, for whatever reason, people don't want to have a conversation with them. And so let's wipe the slate clean, and make sure all of the Commissioners are talked to, whether you think they're pro or against. You don't know what that person may be thinking about. That person may have a different school of thought. They may have an issue that their constituents raise that you need to address. And so I would say to City of Atlanta, have a conversation with all the Commissioners, because it will take four votes. And you don't know where you will get your four votes from. And so the communication has to be better. Commissioner Barrett, you've done a great job of keeping me abreast on certain things. But at the end of the day, you sit as a colleague of mine. There is a -- there is a duty on individuals that benefit from the TAD to make sure that they lobby and have a meaningful, open, respectful conversation with all of us. And so I just want to put that out there."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "County Manager, in these discussions on the TAD, is there discussions around if these TADs, we have to sign a new MOU, and they're going to reset? Or are they fighting that they think that there's a way of not having to sign a new MOU and not resetting the TADs back to the current valuation of the tax digest?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, ma'am, we haven't gotten to that point yet. But that's a -- really a critical element of this. What we have done in preparation for these discussions is, the Finance Department have created a model that looks at each individual TAD and then collectively, and looks at elements such as the one that you're describing. And a reset versus no reset may sound like a technical term at one level, but is -- has values that probably exceed a billion dollars over 20 years. So it's a very significant issue. Of course, the growth rates anticipated growth rates, and the like, is a, you know, major issue. And all of that needs to be factored into a decision, but we have not gotten to that level in these discussions."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, we got one minute."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Sorry. Just wanted to add to that. I know for people who are not following all this really closely, they, of course, would prefer that we continue and not reset, not -- not necessarily because of the dollars. Because I think

they are -- and again, I know we're really early in the negotiation. But I think they are open to pilot payments back. But if we were to reset, it means they can't do any bonding, that all bonds would have to start at the reset date, so from, you know, basically now through the end of the TADs, they wouldn't be able to potentially start some of the projects until we got further into the new TADs if we did it that way. So that's just -- it's a really detailed nuanced conversation, TAD by TAD, and that's the other side of that reset conversation."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Well, thank you very much. No further business to come before us today, we are adjourned at 12:59 p.m."

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.