

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

February 04, 2026
10:00 AM



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



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Ratification Date: March 4, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Robert L. Pitts **10:02 a.m.**

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

Robert L. Pitts, Chairman (At-Large)	PRESENT
Bridget Thorne, Commissioner (District 1)	PRESENT
Bob Ellis, Commissioner (District 2)	PRESENT
Dana Barrett, Commissioner (District 3)	PRESENT
Mo Ivory, Commissioner (District 4)	PRESENT
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**26-0045 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, Ellis, Barrett, Ivory, Arrington, and
Abdur-Rahman

26-0046 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing "Iris Dance Murray Appreciation Day." **(Ivory)**
January 25, 2026

Proclamation recognizing "Josh Powell Appreciation Day." **(Arrington)**
January 26, 2026

Proclamation recognizing "Caribbean Agricultural Delegation Appreciation Day." **(Arrington)**
January 29, 2026

Proclamation recognizing "Albert Smitty Smith Appreciation Day." **(Arrington)**
January 29, 2026

Proclamation recognizing "Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Kappa Iota Zeta Chapter Appreciation Day." **(Pitts)**
January 31, 2026

Commissioners' District Board Appointments**26-0047 Board of Commissioners
FULTON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE
CONSENT AGENDA)**

The Arts Council shall be composed of fifteen (15) residents of the county. Initially, each member of the Board of Commissioners shall appoint two persons to serve on the council, one person to serve for a one-year term and one person to serve a two-year term. No term of any member shall extend beyond the term of the District Commissioner who appointed the member to serve on the Arts Council Board; thereafter, each year, each member of the Board of Commissioners shall appoint one member for a two-year term. Each member may continue to serve beyond his/her term until replaced. The Chairman of the Arts Council shall be appointed to a two-year term by a majority vote of the Board of Commissioners. The Council shall elect a Vice-Chairman and a secretary from its membership.

Term = 2 years

Term below expired: 12/31/2025
W. Imara Canady (**Arrington**)

Commissioner Arrington nominated W. Imara Canady for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2027.

Open & Responsible Government**26-0048 Finance**

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Finance Department, 22RFP101822C-MH, Employee Purchasing Program with Purchasing Power, LLC (Atlanta, GA), a voluntary employee purchase program under which its eligible employees may purchase computers, electronics, home appliances, furnishings, and other products from Purchasing Power, LLC and make payments for their purchases over time by payroll deduction. Voluntary Benefit Plan Premiums/Contributions are 100% employee paid. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

26-0049 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Water Vault Easement Dedication of 250 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Roswell Community Masjid, Inc., owner, for the purpose of constructing the RCM Roswell Project at 11370 Crabapple Road, Roswell, Georgia 30075. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

26-0050 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Water Vault Easement Dedication of 502 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Aga Khan Foundation U.S.A., owner, for the purpose of constructing the JK Facility Project at 11350 Lakefield Drive, Johns Creek, Georgia 30097. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

26-0051 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Water Vault Easement Dedication of 606 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Harris Investment Holdings, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the Staff Zone Campus Expansion Project at 863 Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell, Georgia 30075. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Health and Human Services**26-0052 Department for HIV Elimination**

Request approval to amend existing contracts to increase the spending authority for three "Ryan White Part A" and "Ryan White Part A - Minority AIDS Initiative" grant subrecipients pursuant to the Health Resources and Services Administration award H89HA00007 in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00 in FY2025, \$600,000.00 in FY2026, and \$600,000.00 in FY2027, subject to Federal funding. Contracts are 100% grant funded with no Fulton County match. Requests authorization for the Chairman to execute contracts with three (3) selected subrecipients. To protect the interest of the County, the County Attorney is authorized to approve the contracts as to form and make any necessary modifications thereto prior to execution by the Chairman. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

FIRST REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**26-0053 Board of Commissioners**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to adopt the First Regular Meeting Agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Did Not Vote: Ellis

26-0054 Board of Commissioners

Ratification of Minutes. **(RATIFIED)**

First Regular Meeting Minutes, January 7, 2026

Second Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, January 21, 2026

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

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

26-0055 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing “Pedal Forward Foundation Appreciation Day.” **(Ellis/BOC)**

Proclamation recognizing “Shola Olorunsola Appreciation Day.” **(Pitts/Abdur-Rahman/Thorne/Ellis/Barrett/Ivory)**

Proclamation recognizing “Fulton County Department of Registration and Elections Appreciation Day.” **(Barrett/Ivory)**

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS**26-0056 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)

21 Speakers: Steven Dingle (County Finances); Maggie McCollum (Senior Games); Kyle Gomez (Election Integrity); Tanya Wright (South Park Cottages); Afina Henry (South Park Cottages); Duwon Robinson (Tax Commissioner); Regis Johnson (Self-Introduction); Mindy Reed Morris (Election Integrity); Rachel Glover (Election Integrity); Marisa Pyle (Election Integrity); Julian Bene (Board of Appraisals); Maggie Goldman (Warming Centers/Case Management); Angeline Payne (Deed Fraud); Brandon Pierce (Fulton County Jail); Catherine Pierce (Fulton County Jail); LA Pink (Voter Fraud/Jail); Demetrice Brewer (Homelessness/Voter fraud); Janet Hill (Deed Fraud); Maria Gaudio (Voter Fraud/BRE); Robby Caban (Animal Services); Jerome Fittes (Voter Fraud)

3 Zoom Speakers: Kevin Muldowney (Voter Fraud); Matt Rowenczak (Voter Fraud); Shawn White (Fulton Due Process)

COUNTY MANAGER'S ITEMS

Open & Responsible Government

26-0057 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidders - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 25ITB1406230C-GS, Fire Sprinkler Protection System Maintenance Services in the total amount of \$300,000.00 with (A) VSC Fire & Security, Inc. (Norcross, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$160,000.00 and (B) Cliff's Fire Extinguisher Company, Inc. (Woodstock, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$140,000.00, to provide fire sprinkler protection system maintenance services for County facilities. Effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington

Did Not Vote: Abdur-Rahman

26-0058 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 25ITB082825K-JA, New US Custom and Border Control Building Project at Fulton County Executive Airport in the amount not to exceed \$5,117,347.18 with Ward Humphrey, Inc. (Marietta, GA), to construct a United States Customs and Border Protection Facility (CBP) to be located on the northern border of the East/West Runway on Sandy Creek Road, Atlanta, GA 30336. Effective for a period of 300 calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington

Did Not Vote: Abdur-Rahman

26-0059 Registration & Elections

Request approval of a statewide contract - Registration & Elections, #47800-SOS0000037, Master Solution Purchase and Services Agreement in the amount of \$240,000.00 with Dominion Voting System Incorporated (Atlanta, GA) to purchase mandated watermarked security ballot paper for the General Primary Election / Nonpartisan Election and Runoff Elections and the General Election / Special Election and Runoff Elections. Effective upon BOC approval, through June 30, 2026. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington

Did Not Vote: Abdur-Rahman

26-0060 Registration & Elections

Request approval of a statewide contract - Registration & Elections, SWC# 99999-001-SPD0000211-0002, Printing Services in the amount of \$210,346.07 with Moore Partners, Inc. dba More Business Solutions (Peachtree Corners, GA) to provide printing services for the preparation and operation of General Primary Election/Nonpartisan Election and Runoff Elections. Effective upon approval through July 31, 2026. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington

Did Not Vote: Abdur-Rahman

26-0061 Registration & Elections

Request approval of a statewide contract - Registration & Elections, State of Georgia Contract no. 47800-SOS0000041, Security Seals in the amount of \$136,000.00 with Intab, LLC. (Morrisville, NC) to provide security seals for the General Primary Election / Nonpartisan Election and Runoff Elections and the General Election / Special Election and Runoff Elections. Effective upon BOC approval through November 6, 2026. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington

Did Not Vote: Abdur-Rahman

Justice and Safety

26-0062 Police

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Police Department, 25ITBC1523198B-RT, Uniforms, Footwear, and Duty Gear in an amount not to exceed \$130,000.00 with Smyrna Police Distributors (Smyrna, GA) to provide uniforms, footwear, and duty gear for police personnel to be provided effective upon execution of contract through December 31, 2026, with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Ellis, Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington

Did Not Vote: Thorne, and Abdur-Rahman

COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS

26-0063 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution affirming the protection of Constitutional Rights at Fulton County facilities and limiting ICE enforcement activities. **(Arrington) (HELD)**

ITEM HELD AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON

26-0064 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution reaffirming the total allocation of an amount not less than \$4.8 million for permanent Supportive Housing in fiscal year 2026; directing the County Manager to present a proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2027 that includes an amount not less than \$4.8 million for permanent Supportive Housing; and for other purposes. **(Ivory) (FILED)**

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

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

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

Nay: Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington

Commissioners' Full Board Appointments

26-0065 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

Vacant **(BOC/Position 5)**

Commissioner Thorne nominated Jeffrey Johansen for a Full Board appointment to an unexpired term ending June 30, 2026.

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, Ellis, Barrett, Ivory, and Abdur-Rahman

Did Not Vote: Arrington

COUNTY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Open & Responsible Government

26-0066 External Affairs

Presentation: 2026 State Legislative Session Update. **(PRESENTED)**

COMMISSIONERS' PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

26-0067 Board of Commissioners

Discussion: Warming Centers **(Pitts) (DISCUSSED)**

26-0068 Board of Commissioners

Discussion: Commercial Property and Data Center Valuations **(Pitts) (DISCUSSED)**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

26-0069 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, CYBER SECURITY AND PERSONNEL: Chairman Pitts, Vice-Chairman Abdur-Rahman, Commissioners: Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington; County Manager Dick Anderson; County Attorney Y. Soo Jo; Deputy County Attorney Shalanda Miller; Chief Human Resources Officer Kenneth Hermon; Chief Financial Officer Sharon Whitmore; Assistant Chief Strategy Officer Steve Nawrocki; and Clerk to the Commission Tonya R. Grier.

a. A motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to enter into Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Did Not Vote: Thorne

b. A motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve a package of recruitment and retention incentives for the Sheriff's Office in support of compliance with the DOJ Consent Decree in an amount not to exceed \$16,786,000.00 for FY2026. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to approve a cybersecurity contract in item #2 in the amount of \$565,000.00 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

d. A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to approve the request for the Chairman to execute a Quitclaim Deed of Release of Covenants to the City of Milton regarding Tax Parcel no. 22-416111340263. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

e. A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to approve the requests for representation in items #4 and #5 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

f. A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve the request to retain outside counsel in item #10 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nay: Thorne

Did Not Vote: Ellis

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
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FEBRUARY 4, 2026
10:00 A.M.

Alexander Solution, LLC
4132 Williamsburg Drive, College Park, Georgia 30337

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Good morning, everyone, and welcome to the First Regular Meeting of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. This is Wednesday, February 4th. It is 10:02 a.m. Madam Clerk, please, call the roll."

CLERK GRIER: "Chairman Robb Pitts."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Bridget Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Bob Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Dana Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Mo Ivory."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Marvin Arrington, Jr."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Present."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Khadijah Abdur-Rahman."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Present."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Madam Clerk. 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, **26-0045**: 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."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Any items? Nothing, Madam Clerk? Commissioners, no items?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. I'll entertain a motion to approve. All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne; it is seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Please vote."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 4, First Regular Meeting Agenda: **26-0053**, Adoption of the First Regular Meeting Agenda."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Any item, Commissioners?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "**26-0054**, Ratification of Minutes. First Regular Meeting Minutes, January 7th; Second Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, January 21st, 2026."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "**26-0055**, Presentation of Proclamations and Certificates. The first proclamation is recognizing 'Shola Olorunsola Appreciation Day' sponsored by

Chairman Pitts, Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, Commissioners Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Ivory."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you. I want to make sure I say his name correctly. Is it (inaudible.)? Am I saying it correctly? Will all those that are here please come down. Oh, he's not here yet? Okay, so we're going to move on to the next one."

CLERK GRIER: "The next proclamation is recognizing 'Pedal Forward Foundation Appreciation Day' sponsored by Commissioner Ellis with Full BOC support."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "All right. I'll ask these guys to come down from Pedal Forward and we have a little bit of a, not a full theme, but we're going to be -- we're going to be recognizing some outstanding youth leaders here in a minute in a different capacity. And I've got the opportunity to recognize this trio of young men and the leadership that they are providing in a unique way in using their skills and their talents. So I'm super honored to provide this proclamation with the support of the Full Board today. So without further ado: WHEREAS, Pedal Forward Foundation is a Georgia based 501.C.3 nonprofit organization founded in 2025 to address barriers to youth health, bike safety and access to sustainable transportation for children and families throughout the state of Georgia; and WHEREAS, Pedal Forward Foundation was established by Jonathan Ty, who at the age of 16 identified a growing community need following the closure of accessible bike training programs in early 2025, and took initiative to build a community-driven youth led solution to serve Georgia's family; and WHEREAS, the organization provides free bike riding instruction, bicycles and helmets, to elementary school children regardless of socioeconomic status, ensuring that financial barriers do not prevent children from learning to ride safely or participating in healthy outdoor activity; and WHEREAS, since June 2025, Pedal Forward Foundation has raised more than \$25,000, hosted bike training clinics, served hundreds of children, and donate hundreds of bicycles and helmets, delivering meaningful and measurable benefits to communities across Georgia; and WHEREAS, Pedal Forward Foundation sustains its work through strong partnerships with numerous other community organizations including six chapters of the national charity league and young men service league across Georgia as well as organizations such as Meals by Grace, North Fulton community charities, Bike Alpharetta, Go Georgia, and the YMCA, and also collaborates with municipal and state partners including the city of Roswell, and the Georgia Department of Transportation's safe routes to school. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes the Pedal Forward Foundation for exemplifying civic responsibility, collaboration, and youth led service demonstrating how young Georgians can contribute meaningfully to the strength and well-being of the state of Georgia; and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, February 4, 2026 as 'Pedal Forward Foundation today -- Foundation Appreciation Day' in Fulton County, Georgia. Let's give them a huge hand. Jonathan, do you want to share a few words about the organization and then how folks can get engaged with you. The floor is yours."

JONATHAN TY, RECIPIENT: "Good morning, and thank you so much, Commissioner Ellis, and the Fulton County Board of Commissioners for this distinguished recognition."

My name is Jonathan Ty and on behalf of everyone at Pedal Forward, I'm incredibly honored and grateful to accept this proclamation. Today, you are not just recognizing an organization, but every volunteer, every donor, every parent, and every child who has contributed to this mission. Thank you especially to my family, my dad who's here today, my teammates and Coach Teresa Marshall (inaudible) for all of their support. And my director of finance, Neil Sharma, and my senior director and best friend, Jake Judge, for supporting this journey every step of the way. We are proud to serve as a beacon of light and service in the community and to deliver the service to every child regardless of background or circumstance. Pedal Forward is beyond just cycling; it's a message to show what is possible. At this time last year, I was told that an organization with these goals and this mission was too ambitious. And that we didn't possess the funds, credibility, or experience to make this possible. So to everyone listening, I encourage you to fight for what you believe in and work harder than those who try to diminish your potential. To the policy makers listening, I ask that you use your positions not merely as offices of authority, but as platforms for servant leadership. No child sole reason for attending a bike camp shall be the promise of food. And to every youth listening, don't let your circumstances define you. If you want to bike, you can. If you want to lead, you can. And if you want to make change, you can. You're only defining factor is how hard you're willing to work for it and how much you believe that you can. Pedal Forward has just one goal: to teach kids how to ride bikes regardless of their financial circumstances. But through this selfless act, we are able to achieve so much more. It is Fulton's commitment to service and entrepreneurship that makes this county so great. Thank you for this incredible honor, but we are not done yet. There are still so many kids to teach and families to empower, and with the support of Fulton County, Pedal Forward will keep serving, keep building, and keep proving what's possible until opportunity reaches every child. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "The next proclamation is recognizing 'Shola Olorunsola Appreciation Day' sponsored by Chairman Pitts, Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, Commissioners Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Ivory."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay, okay, there we go. There we go. Shola Olorunsola earned his bachelor's degree in finance from Youngstown State University in the Youngstown, Ohio and his Masters of Science degree in finance from Mercer University in Macon, Georgia; and WHEREAS, Shola began his career with Fulton County government as a financial system supervisor in the administrative delinquent tax division of the Tax Commissioner's Office in 1995. And Shola leads day-to-day financial operations for the Tax Commissioner's Office including cash management, reconciliations, financial reporting, and budget analysis for tax revenues and related funds; and WHEREAS, Shola is known as a pillar of the Georgia community and trusted subject matter expert who has guided the county through major events including the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games; and WHEREAS, Shola represents the Tax Commissioner's office in cross department initiatives including collaborations with the Metro Atlanta Land Bank Authority, and he is recognized internally as a go-to problem solver for complex system and financial questions; and WHEREAS, Shola, is a committee member and youth advisor in the Nigerian Youth Alliance where he mentors and provides financial guidance, and he also mentors many young professionals,

emigrants, and students in Georgia sharing his experience in public service, financial literacy, and career development. NOW, THEREFORE, it is with immense pride that this entire Body, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners and all associated with the Tax Commissioner's Office congratulates Shola on his retirement after 30 years of dedicated service -- we do not want to see him go -- to the citizens of Fulton County; and does hereby proclaim loudly and proudly, Wednesday, February 4th, 2026 as 'Shola Olorunsola Appreciation Day' in Fulton County. Would you please put your hands together for such a dedicated employee. Few words."

DAUGHTER OF THE RECIPIENT: "My dad has asked me to speak on his behalf. My name is Sheva LaTito Olorunsola Idiame [Phonetic.]. One of the things that I want everyone to take away today about my dad and what I'd like to be recorded is this: The greatest gift that my dad, I believe, has given all of his children, YaYa Olorunsola (inaudible), Tito Olorunsola, Rasheda Tito Olorunsola is the ability to absolutely love your job. One of the things that I take in my life, every day, is not just excellence from being who I am and excellence concerning what I do, but it's ingratiating what I do in my day-to-day life. My father talks to each and every one of us about what he does every day. A lot of the people who work with him, they know us fondly. We spent summers with him. My dad allowed us to intern with him; teaching us everything that he knows. You know, you have people like LeBron James who passes basketball down to his children. You have people like Joseph Jackson who passes down music to a great Michael Jackson; and then you have people like Shola Olorunsola that passes love down to each and every one of us; that passes faith down to each and every one of us; that passes excellence down to each and every one of us, supremacy in your domain of education, supremacy in your day-to-day work. My father is consistently honored, not just here, but in so many different small communities around, Daddy, you're a great man. You are an excellent giant and on us, on you, we stand. By the special grace of God every single thing that you have done for us, God will repay you 100 times fold. And for every single person you have come across, may the same grace and blessings that God has bestowed upon you be bestowed upon them. May Fulton County be greater and better because of you, and may Fulton County -- right now is the least this county will never be. Its greatness going forward in this state and for this county going forward, I thank you for everyone for just applauding him. I thank you, Daddy, for all that you've done. I thank each and every one of you guys for serving us. May God bless you and help you. And may you do well in what you're doing as well. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "The next proclamation is recognizing 'Fulton County Department of Registration and Elections Appreciation Day' sponsored by Commissioners Barrett and Ivory."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I'd like to invite the Department of Registration and Elections down to join us. And as they're making their way down, I just want to say that we are run exemplary elections in Fulton County that can be -- thank you. Thank you."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "If everybody could stand up and clap for our elections for what they've been through this past week, I would really appreciate that because they deserve that and more. Thank you."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you, guys. Thank you guys so much, and thank you for that applause. I think, you know, it gets lost that these are real people that work hard every day in this department to do their jobs and they do it not just because it's their jobs or because they believe in this country and this county, and this state, and being of service. These are -- they used to be kind of regular administrative jobs, and then they turned into what they are now. So these are our brave people that are standing before you, and I really applaud them. The proclamation reads: WHEREAS, the Fulton County Department of Registration and Elections performs a fundamental role in our democracy by overseeing elections that are secure, accessible, and fair for the voters of Fulton County; and WHEREAS, the department prioritizes strengthening public trust in our democratic process, and works to ensure that every eligible voter in Fulton County can register, vote, and have their ballot counted; and WHEREAS, the department works year-round to carefully maintain voter registration records, educate voters, and respond to the questions from the public; and WHEREAS, the department improves accessibility by supporting voters with disabilities and language needs, operating convenient and secure voting locations, and continuously improving systems to meet evolving needs and legal requirements; and WHEREAS, the department's commitment to accuracy, customer service, and public accountability reflects the values of Fulton County and supports the peaceful, orderly transfer of power that is critical to a healthy democracy. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners commends the Fulton County Department of Registration and Elections for its professionalism and exemplary public service; and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, February 4th as 'Fulton County Department of Registration and Elections Day' in Fulton County, Georgia."

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "Thank you so much. We sincerely thank the Board of Commissioners for this recognition. Our department has successfully conducted more than 25 elections since 2020, and will continue to do so. Our responsibility is clear to make sure every vote counts regardless of who the voter supports. And despite criticism, scrutiny of our work, or complex legislation, we will remain focused on serving our voters; and we will not allow a small group of individuals promoting unfounded claims to speak for the more than 700,000 voters that we -- that depend on us to administer fair, accurate, and secure elections. So we can do this work with the support of the Board of Elections -- I'm sorry, the Board of Commissioners, the Board of Elections, and we thank you so much again for this recognition."

CLERK GRIER: "Presentation of certificates: Youth Commission Induction Ceremony sponsored by the Full Board of Commissioners."

REGINALD CROSSLEY, YOUTH COMM COORD: "Good morning. At this time, we will begin our Youth Commission Induction Ceremony for the 2025 through 2026 Youth Commissioners. I'd like to ask our Youth Commissioners to stand and raise their right hand. I would like to also call our Chairman who will recite our oath of service."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. I, state your name, do affirm that I will well and truly discharge the duties of youth commissioner for Fulton County in all matters which

require me to the best of my knowledge and skill; to advise the Fulton County Board of Commissioners about how Fulton County can best address youth concerns and issues, design techniques to prevent at-risk situations of teenagers in Fulton County; influence policies that impact youth and children. I do further solemnly affirm that I will endeavor to discharge my duties in the following manner: participate in monthly meetings and community projects, maintain contact with Commissioners on youth issues, attend Board of Commissioners meetings, plan community service projects that will benefit youth and reflect favorably on Fulton County government and citizens; and share pertinent information with my peers, on youth-related issues. I pledge that I will fulfill these duties and I will act in my judgment which will be the most conducive to the welfare and best interest of the youth of the entire county. These affirmations I hereby make on this 4th day in February of 2026. Congratulations."

REGINALD CROSSLEY, YOUTH COMM COORD: "Okay, we will pass out our certificates of induction starting with Commissioner Thorne, District One: Vanley Boro, Ishaan Kejriwal, Sophia Campo, Vedha Tamilinian, Andy Liu. Next up, representing District Two, Commissioner Ellis' district: Alexa McCarley, Nathaniel D'Silva, Ishaan Raj, Joseph Sam Giles. Next representing Commissioner Barrett in District Three: James Leffew, Maya Hullum, Rohan Anand, Rishab Anand, and Claire Collins. Next, representing Commissioner Ivory in District Four: Tegan Derro, Moses Starobin, Abbie Alexander, Olivia Kabamba, Ismini Vasiloglou. Next, representing Commissioner Arrington in District Five: Miles Creighton, Taylor Walton, Natalia Desrosiers, and Dereck Isaiah Reed. Next, representing Vice Chair Khadijah in District Six: Joy Xuan, Layla Patel, Mya Nelson, and also Vice Chair Sire Washington, and Alexander Chalk. Next, serving at large representing Chairman Pitts: Youth Commission Chair, Sanaa Scipio."

REGINALD CROSSLEY, YOUTH COMM COORD: "Just some quick words from my chair."

SANAA SCIPIO, FC YC CHAIR: "Good morning. So my name is Sanaa Scipio, and I'm proud to represent Fulton County Youth Commission's Chair this year. First off, I would like to thank our Board of Commissioners. We are so proud to get this prestigious honor. I cannot thank you enough, but furthermore, I would like to thank the Fulton County Youth Commission. Every single student that is standing at the top of those stairs has been there for a year or longer working tirelessly for the youth of Fulton County. Every single Wednesday, they come here, we work on all of our projects, and we make sure that the youth are properly represented. We work on the aspects of health, of legislation, of the environment, of social progress. We sit here as a committee that is promoting public service. What we do is we serve our youth. We don't do this for money. We don't do this for recognition, but we do this because we care about the fellow youth in our county. For me, Fulton County Youth Commission has given me one of the greatest lessons I think I will ever learn, and that is the greatness of the state of Georgia. I get to see what Georgia looks like in those eyes every single Wednesday. I get to see the diversity that Georgia has. I get to see the strength that Georgia has. I get to see the relentlessness that Georgia has, the persistence to constantly, constantly, constantly promote what we know is right in the

state of Georgia. I cannot be prouder to serve on this Commission, and I cannot be prouder to serve as Chair. So, furthermore, I again thank our Board of Commissioners. I hope to be one, one day and furthermore, I cannot wait to promote and congratulate all the students standing at the top of those stairs. Thank you so much."

REGINALD CROSSLEY, YOUTH COMM COORD: "Just in closing, thank you to our Board of Commissioners, members for your continuous support. Thank you to our executive leaders. Thank you to the Division of Youth and Community Services and External Affairs for their support in pulling this all together, and thank you to our Clerk, so many people behind the scenes that help make this program and this induction possible. I just want to recognize them all. And to our parents, thank you so much for your support, and just being with the program, transporting our students to and from. We are so grateful for your support for this program as well. Thank you all."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Clerk, can we move forward next?"

CLERK GRIER: "On page 5, Public Hearings, **26-0056**, 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.fultoncountyga.gov. Priority for public comment will be given to Fulton County citizens and those individuals representing businesses or organizations located within Fulton County. Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each. The public will not be allowed to yield or donate time to other speakers. The public comment portion of the meeting will not exceed 60 minutes. In the event the 60-minute time limit is reached prior to public comments being completed, public comment will be suspended and the business portion of the BOC meeting will commence. Public comment will resume at the end of the meeting. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we'll start with speakers here in Assembly Hall. We have received 23 speaker cards. Will the first six speakers, please come forward: Steven Dingle, Maggie McCollum, Kyle Gomez, Tanya Wright, Afina Henry, and Duwon Robinson."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Come on down. When you have 15 seconds remaining, I'll say 15 seconds. That's the clue to begin to conclude your remarks. Thank you."

STEVN DINGLE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Okay, it's on. I'm sorry. Good morning, Chair, good morning, Vice Chair, good morning Board. I want to talk about the elephant in the room. I know a lot of people are running for public office on the Board. This Board is going to look different in a few months and in January no matter the results, but we have to talk about the finances of Fulton County. There are a lot of things we have to pay for, new jail, more healthcare services, arts, our veterans, and we don't have the money to pay for it. I'm a constituent in District Six in Southwest Atlanta, and we also have this TAD conversation. So all these conversations financially, I just want to make sure that no matter what office you're running for, that as you're serving currently, on the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, that we're making the best financial

decisions for the constituents of Fulton County. That is all, and I appreciate your time this morning."

MAGGIE MCCOLLUM, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. Happy New Year to everyone this morning; so glad to see you. My name is Maggie McCollum, and I am in support for Atlanta/Fulton County seniors. My mission is to promote healthy lifestyles through fun, sports, athletic competition, and health fitness and wellness for active individuals 50 and above. My vision is to bring Atlanta to host the 2031 National Senior Games in 2031, and have at least 2,000 Georgia participants. I appeal, in my quest of helping bringing the National Senior Games to Atlanta, to increase the numbers of active participants in all senior centers. I currently work at Best Atlanta Park in Atlanta, and I actually have started powerlifting there. And through that, from the coach that taught me, O. K. Sutherland, as a result he now have nine seniors doing powerlifting, strengthening muscles, and building brainpower, and just doing things to keep them from falling. We need to actually help them to do this. We need updated equipment in all the centers for shuffleboard, things like that, yoga, Pilates, and shooting skill and power walking and swimming. I'm asking for your assistance --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

MAGGIE MCCOLLUM, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- help me help them enjoy life, stay healthy and do the things. I will actually send you a copy of this appeal. Job 22:28, if I don't finish, read it. You will succeed in what you do if you choose to do, light will shine on you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Thank you."

KYLE GOMEZ, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. Good morning. My name is Kyle Gomez Lienweber, and I'm speaking on behalf of Common Cause Georgia, and there are more than 15,000 members across the state who care deeply about fair, secure, and accurate elections. I want to thank you for the proclamation recognizing the County Department of Registration and Election's workers who serve this community and do an increasingly thankless job. Across the country and in our state, election professionals have faced conspiracy theories, harassment, and even threats of political violence simply for doing their job. But these are not political actors, they are public administrators. They are neighbors. They're people trying to serve their communities and make sure every eligible voter can participate. My first job out of college was actually with Fulton County processing passport notary applications and helping residents who needed assistance navigating government systems. It wasn't glamorous work, but it was important to the people who walk through those doors. During my time at the county, which included part of the COVID-19 pandemic, I saw firsthand the level of sacrifice and dedication local level public servants provide to their community. That's the same spirit election workers bring to their jobs every day, steady professional service to the public. Actions like the recent FBI raid and seizure of the 2020 election materials in Fulton pull attention and resources away from the vital work election workers do, and irresponsibly sow mistrust at a time when confidence in elections is already fragile. The seizure of these records is particularly concerning given known

incidents of carelessness with American's personal data including Social Security information being shared with third party systems. The public deserves transparency --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

KYLE GOMEZ, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- as we look toward 2026, we must support the professionals who run elections and protect their ability to do their job because at the end of the day, democracy doesn't run on conspiracy theories, it runs on trained public servants who show up every day to do their jobs and do their jobs well. Thank you."

TANYA WRIGHT, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, everyone. My name is Tanya Wright. I stand before you today to sound an alarm regarding a catastrophic failure of oversight that has left my community, South Park Cottages, in a state of construction and financial peril. For two years, I've brought these grievances before the City of College Park mayor and council with zero resolution. I'm now appealing to this Body for an immediate investigation into what can only be described as a deathtrap development sanctioned by local officials. Homeowners are navigating electrical instabilities, non-labeled circuit boxes, unsafe balconies, water intrusion, poorly insulated walls that fail to meet basic habitable standards, hot water tank installed outside, and furnace enclosed under stairways with no means of removal for maintenance. These are clear violations of standard mechanical codes. The infrastructure at South Park Cottages is not merely substandard, it is hazardous. As I speak, homeowners are dealing with bursting suppression lines. Our main water lines are above ground, PVC piping merely wrapped in low-grade insulation, rather than being properly buried or routed. This isn't just a plumbing issue. It is a life safety failure. If a fire breaks out, our suppression systems will fail because they were never installed to code. Consequently, these pipes freeze and burst every winter leaving homeowners in fear and financial setback. I have repeatedly demanded to know who approved these plans and signed off on the certificates of occupancy. There's documented instances where CO's were signed and dated after homeowners had already moved and living in the home."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds."

TANYA WRIGHT, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "When I presented these concerns to College Park City Council, I was served with a cease and desist by the inspection operations manager, Sabrina Walters. This is a blatant attempt to silence and conceal departmental negligence. The developer, Booker T. --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Thank you."

AFINA HENRY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Afina Henry, and I'm also a homeowner at South Park Cottages located in College Park. And I will be completing the rest of the writing here. The developer, Booker T. Washington, operating at South Park Cottages, LLC, dissolved said entity on June 24th, 2025, leaving a trail of liens and lawsuits, followed by him stepping away as the association declarant leaving the community in financial ruin. He continues to operate under the name Techie Homes. The pattern here is undeniable. A developer is being allowed to bypass safety

codes, dissolve entities to escape liability and misappropriate homeowner funds, all while city officials provide cover through silence or intimidation. Myself and Tanya are pleading for an investigation into the unethical and potentially criminal intersection of South Park Cottages, LLC and the city of College Park's building department. We humbly request that the county intervene where the city has failed. We thank you so much for your time and service."

CLERK GRIER: "Next six speakers, please come forward: Regis Johnson, Mindy Reed Morris, Rachel Glover, Marisa Pyle, Julian Bene, and Maggie Goldman."

DUWON ROBINSON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Commissioner, my time shouldn't be started because she was speaking when I stepped to the mic. Thank you. I've been recently watching what's going on over here with the constant grandstanding, and I have a issue with it as a citizen. Some of the same people that asked Mo Ivory to run for office to take Natalie Hall out are now some of the same people that's going against her, which I don't understand why we play these games and do that in the public; but we got these youth up here that we're celebrating, but not one of these youth when they graduate will be able to get a job from this Fulton County Board. You don't seem Bob Ellis and Dick Anderson out there speaking about Trump, and I don't know why we don't ask them what they thoughts are. You know what I'm saying; let's see what their thoughts are. Many people say many things, but we gave a proclamation to the Fulton County election. I'm sure do a good job, but what about giving them raises? Often times we pat each other on the back and we so content with taking pictures and proclamation, that's a bunch of BS, man. And I think -- and I want to speak to the people out there who are representing the FBI and Trump. I don't think the Fulton County Commissioners are doing a disservice, but I do know that the Fulton County Tax Commissioner, Arthur Ferdinand, is where the real dead bodies are laid, where the crooks are, Mr. Marvin Arrington, I think that's where it's at. So when y'all say y'all ain't got no money, Ms. Khadijah, but we keep giving Arthur Ferdinand a raise every year. Now how the hell is he's the highest-paid man in the land, but nobody is saying nothing about that? So Dick Anderson, I'm thinking you being the man that run the county, I mean, we want to hear what you got to say about Trump and all this going on. Like y'all stop falling on the sword and making it tougher for yourself. Let the white Republicans stand up there -- we got to stop being scared and just stop playing these games --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

DUWON ROBINSON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- and the real problem we got in Fulton County is Arthur Ferdinand and the Tax Commissioner Office. So many black folks are losing their homes, you know what I'm saying, because of the criminal activity that's going on in the Fulton County Tax Commissioner Office."

REGIS JOHNSON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. I'd like to give a brief introduction. My name is Regis Orlandus Johnson, veteran United States Navy, American native, business owner of Fulton County, Devcon 2 tech, LLC. And I look forward to supporting leadership and growth and development of Fulton County in the state of Georgia. That is all."

MINDY REED MORRIS, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning my name is Mindy Reed Morris, and I have been a Fulton County resident voter here for the past ten years. And I just wanted to publicly share my appreciation for all of our election staff. Over the years I've voted during a pandemic, during early voting in person, and each and every time I have seen firsthand how hard our election staff worked to ensure that we are all able to exercise our right to vote. And this is during each election, you know, no matter how big or small. They deserve our gratitude and support, so thank you to the Commissioners are bringing forth the Resolution today. Thank you."

RACHEL GLOVER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hi. My name is Rachel Glover and I'm the associate director of Voter Access with the ACLU of Georgia, and I'm also just here today because I'm a Fulton County resident voter and have been for more than ten years. And again, we just want to thank you for bringing forth the Fulton County Registration and Elections Official Staff Appreciation Day. They worked tirelessly to ensure that every voter has a right to vote and is able to exercise that right. And as many of you have heard many say here today, they don't often receive the gratitude that they deserve, and so I really love seeing a Board of Commissioners appreciate their election staff in this way. We love to see this happen more broadly. Thank you."

MARISA PYLE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hi, Commissioners, my name is Marisa Pyle, and I'm here on behalf of All Voting is Local, Georgia. I am here to echo the appreciation for Fulton County's election staff and department. Right now more than ever it's really important to show appreciation and support for election workers who are on the front lines of administering our elections in every year, every election, every day, they work behind the scenes to plan, train for, administer elections and work incredibly hard to ensure voters have the access to the elections that they deserve. On the heels of what we saw, the unprecedented federal raid in Fulton County, it's even more important to make sure that Fulton's election department and their poll workers feel supported and valued by their county government. This proclamation is a good signal that the county stands behind them, and I really thank you for offering it. As we move through 2026, we urge you to continue the support both through communications, but also the material support resources, funding, and when needed, legal counsel. In 2026, like every major recent election year, the focus will be intense. Election staff are the experts in the work that they do, and keeping the focus squarely on that expertise and the voters they serve helps build trust and maintain confidence. Rising above the noise to reassure voters that the elections will be trustworthy, safe, and fair is imperative for local governments as voters continue to look to your leadership in these times. Thank you."

JULIAN BENE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Chairman, Commissioners, Julian Bene. I'm thrilled to learn that the Board of Assessors has voted to appraise data center buildings at true market value: it's great news. It is economic justice for the world's most profitable corporations to pay what they owe, and it would raise tens of millions of extra property tax for county, schools, and cities in 2026. And if data centers service and GP user are also fully appraised, we'll see over a hundred million dollars extra in 2026. And as the wave of new data centers comes online in Fulton this decade, that figure would

multiply easing budget pressures. The county will need the outside legal help that you are lining up to make fair values stick. Chairman Pitts and Commissioner Ellis, I witnessed your dedication and persistence in meetings with the assessors. You made this happen as did Lee Morris' strong leadership on this matter at the Board of Assessors. (Indiscernible.) residents owe each of you a lot. The appraisal staff is to be applauded for accepting the data centers are very expensive structures, not run-of-the-mill warehouses. Now, other trophy commercial segments, prestige offices, hotels, luxury apartment towers, have big value -- valuation gaps also, with hundreds of millions in revenue opportunities. So it's good that you're planning to bring in a third-party expert to review those. So there's still a lot of work to do to ensure the tax burden is fairly shared to fund our public services properly. But thanks to Commissioner's Pitts, Ellis, and Morris, we're now getting started. Thank you."

MAGGIE GOLDMAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Maggie Goldman, District One. Commissioner Thorne, in your testimony to the Georgia Senate Committee Hearing in December 2020, you expressed a concern about no formal procedure, no oaths, and no chain of custody in your observations of the county. Your lack of concern for these legal procedures today, after the FBI raid, is alarming and hypocritical. I have been advocating for case management for our homeless community for the last four years. A warming center is just one element of keeping them alive so we can get them into the case management process and no longer living on the street. One individual we assisted this weekend was evicted from the Economy Hotel in Roswell, lost his job at the Red Lobster when it closed; he was sleeping in his car at the Mansell Walmart. And when we did the point-in-time count a couple of Fridays ago, we offered hot food at that Walmart to entice those people to come out of their cars and talk to us. And this individual did come and get a hot meal at that Walmart. He then engaged with us this weekend, and we got him into a hotel for the weekend. He stayed after checkout and was able to engage with case management services, Fulton County coordinated entry, completed a homeless assessment, and left with resources. That is the point, the case management. We need to be able to engage this community to a point where we can get them off of the street and into our case management program. That's what the warming center can do. It can draw them out and bring them to us. That is what counting people in hotels can do; bring them to us and get them into the case management system. Now we do need more case managers, and that will be a separate discussion, but that is the point of what we're doing --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

MAGGIE GOLDMAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- not just warming centers. How do we help them? Come to us so that we can help them get off of the street. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "Next six speakers, please come forward: Angeline Payne, Catherine Pierce, Ricky Price, Brandon Pierce, LA Pink, and Demetrice Brewer."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Repeat those, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "Angeline Payne, Catherine Pierce, Ricky Price, Brandon Pierce, LA Pink, and Demetrice Brewer."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Was the first one Payne -- Payne? All right. Go to the -- what's the second one?"

ANGELINE PAYNE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Can you hear me okay?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, ma'am."

ANGELINE PAYNE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Angeline Payne, and I'm here today -- oh, my, gosh -- to formally call for a criminal investigation into organized deed theft and real property title fraud occurring across the state of Georgia. Under the Georgia RICO Act dispute weeks ago, Georgia arrested nine individuals in Hall County for operating a title fraud ring involving vehicle registrations. Authorities determined the scheme used corporations, license insiders, and fraudulent paperwork targeted vulnerable individuals operating for years and generated significant illegal profits. The state currently called it what it was, organized crime. Now I ask for you to consider one simple urgent question. If fake car titles are a crime, why aren't fake home deeds being treated the same? Because deed theft follows the very same pattern. Georgians has already acknowledged through prosecution that paper fraud is real crime. Family lose generational wealth, stability is shaken, public trust, and our property system is eroded. Therefore I urge this Body and our state leaders to formally recognized deed theft as organized criminal activity, not a civil inconvenience. The question before us is local --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds, ma'am."

ANGELINE PAYNE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- whether this is happening, the question is whether we are willing to treat it with the seriousness the law already demands. It's not, okay, to steal from us just because we share ancestry. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next speaker."

BRANDON PIERCE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hi. My name is Brandon Pierce. I'm here on behalf of my little brother, Ricky Pierce. We just want to play a little short video that he's speaking. This is also speaking out about the police investigations and brutality in the communities and particularly in brown -- black and brown neighborhoods that we're concerned about. This has to stop. We're over it. Completely over it. The amount of cameras they've put in our neighborhoods, but we're gonna just -- we're going to hold this up. This happened at Fulton County jail a few weeks ago."

(Audio playing of Ricky Price speaking.)

That's the end of the video, but he saved a lot of inmates in Fulton County Jail. There's a fire broke out in his dorm, officers would not go in to assist him. He had to go out and grab a fire extinguisher, rush back in there. He's now just been taken to Grady Hospital. He has damage to his lungs. They have -- they're holding him for a crime for, we don't even know what the crime's about yet. But he assisted -- the level of assistance that he

gave these people at the jail, it would counterbalance what they're saying he's down there for. So we need them to look into this and investigate this properly and release him. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you."

CATHERINE PIERCE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "I'm Catherine. I'm Catherine Pierce, speaking on behalf of my son, Ricky Pierce, who has been unlawfully arrested. This stems from a phone call, how the police rammed -- DeKalb Police (inaudible) my mother's house, beat my son, Ricky, there's blood all over the walls. That was an incorrect arrest. They violated his United States Constitutional rights. The incorrect arrest violated his rights of the United States Constitution. Anything that happened in the arrest is violation of the -- that goes against the United States Constitution. The charges are null and void, whatever followed them. My son is being held hostage -- being held by kidnappers. He was totally violated -- his constitutional rights, totally violated. We're asking for my son to be released. And also he is --"

BRANDON PIERCE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- we'd like for somebody to investigate the situation down in Fulton County Jail as well."

CATHERINE PIERCE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "The judge at the courthouse -- the superior court judge, he no longer handles none of my son's case, but he's still sitting. The judge hasn't released him because he said he doesn't have the power. Thank you."

BRANDON PIERCE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Thank you."

LA PINK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "So here we are, back again with more corruption, more corruption. As you just heard the mother and the brother of Ricky Price from Fulton County that had saved the jail, they had let him collapse. A hit dog will holler. You guys are down here talking about voter fraud; we've been telling y'all about voter fraud for how long? Then you do a cult of corruption, Pitts? Ain't that what you called? What was there for? Was that not for the corruption that's going on down here? Haven't we been down here with inmates, with the homeless, fraud deed, Janet been down here a thousand times for fraud deed. That's -- that's got something to do with the election and everything else that's going on, they want her property. They -- they have violated her. This stuff that's happening down here with the FBI, and Bob, you owe them nothing. You know why, because this is a demon rat problem. This is ain't a Republican problem. You know why it's not? Because when they went down there to the FB -- to the building, there was nothing but demon rats down there talking, hit dogs, hollering. Like, Ike Arrington, all of y'all. Just down there hollering about stuff we've been down here over and over and over. Just because y'all ain't been listening, that don't mean anything going on. Two thousand at the church across the street registered to vote, homeless. What is that? That's voter fraud. We've got abandoned houses, 132 people that have been registered to vote there. That's voter fraud. So when you say perfect, nothing's going on, we don't know why. Bringing in Trump."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

LA PINK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- talking all this stuff about what the Republicans ain't saying and doing. This pay Negro, y'all don't want to listen to him. Get out here in these streets. You'll know what's going on."

DEMETRICE BREWER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Board of Commissioners. Demetrice Brewer. Y'all see what I'm standing down here representing; not only God, but inmate's lives matter. I walked over there myself. I stay in the bluff. I stay in the bluff. So District Three really is mine, because I don't see any one of y'all's out there, in the streets helping. Doing anything. So again, I'm here speaking on issues that really matter. Me and my wife, Ms. McLean, we have slept on the sidewalk, y'all noticed that. Y'all seen most of my videos, but y'all seen this. But being registered on the -- on the individuals and invisibles and not knowing what we're even signing up for, but people say that for voting, but when we check again, our name is somewhere here in another county up under voter registration, and we're not even -- we're not even a citizen or a resident of them counties. So we're trying to figure out where it's going wrong with this paperwork, and why our name is over here in Clayton County, and in Lawrenceville, (indiscernible.). So we're trying to figure out what's going on. I ain't trying to step on no toes, but some of the eyes need to be open and see what's really real and what's going on. Because who is a part of the group out there, MLK and Shirley Clark. So again -- my sister ain't making this up; can't lie on that. That's voting fraud. Our name weren't on their ourselves; we know this. So get it right, Fulton County. Y'all get it right."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

DEMETRICE BREWER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: -- inmate lives matters, too. Inmate lives matter. There's a flood over there in that jail. Why don't y'all take Jefferson Street and make it a full shelter, restructure it or do something. I know y'all are getting tired of people coming down and getting on y'all. Look at what we looking at. I stay right there."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Thank you. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "Last speakers in Assembly Hall: Janet Hill, Maria Gaudio, Robby Caban, Carolyn Smith, and Jerome Fittes."

JANET HILL, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. I'm Ms. Hill. I'm here now for more than the tenth time, respectfully, demanding that you do your job as public servants to put an end to the deed fraud crimes. Thank you, Ms. Payne, for speaking up and requesting an investigation. If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem. We are demanding, again, return of our stolen private and personal properties. We want restitution, some form of prosecution, a third-party audit of these fraudulent records that are under the control of our clerk of the court, Che Alexander. We demand dismantling of this so-called alert system that is nonperforming; it's a redundant system, and it needs to be replaced with a system that allows us to report this fraud in the form of a hotline that goes directly to law enforcement. Deed fraud is a state and federal crime. It violates our constitutional rights and you have a duty to

protect our rights. Some good news, we have recovered more property since I was here in December. We will continue to support our seniors, our women, minorities, veterans, and disabled for humane treatment for all. Thank you."

MARIA GAUDIO, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Maria Gaudio, Fulton County. So a proclamation for the BRE, the only thing missing was the crime scene tape. It shouldn't take five years of gas lighting, obfuscation, and three years -- three court orders, accrued \$10,000 per-day fines to review the 2020 federal election documents. Hello -- thank you. So that means that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had every right to come in. You've had many warnings. Those ballots belong to us; not to you. And we want our ballots reviewed by somebody who's competent and capable. Even November 2nd, there's still cheating going on. I was poll watching at Roswell High School and saw 13 violations in a matter of minutes. Four of you had to run down there and get behind the crime scene tape. Now keep in mind, crime scene tape is for criminals. Why did you have to go down there? If you trusted your Clerk of Court with the chain of custody that was taking place, why didn't you -- why are you lying and saying there was no chain of custody? Che Alexander was there, or is she not to be trusted? Mamas don't let your babies go to Emory or Georgia State law schools. These two are the ones who are chasing you over a cliff."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

MARIA GAUDIO, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- mamas don't waste your money on Georgia State or Emory Law Schools."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Thank you."

ROBBY CABAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Am I allowed to start without the clock? Okay. So I'm here to voice again concerns regarding the government or lack of government in Fulton County. I'm supporting the Street Groomers, LA Pink and her advocacy for homeless residents, the incarcerated awaiting trial, the inhumane conditions in our jail; also, I think it's repugnant that the Fulton County Sheriff alleges he put an accidental TPO on a resident for advocating for people who need it. That is insane. An accidental TPO doesn't happen, you have to put someone's name, address, et cetera -- that's ridiculous, and y'all need to investigate it because, an assault on one is an assault on all, and I will stand with her because she's doing the right thing. An assault on one is an assault on all, and you all should be investigating it. Those people in our jail deserve humane treatment, regardless they're waiting trial, they're not even guilty. And if they were -- potentially, if they were guilty, they would still require humane treatment. Additionally, I'm voicing my support for Janet Hill, who has been here over and over and over for the residents who are experiencing deed fraud. She's absolutely correct that the current system does not protect residents. In fact, I'm a real estate broker, and to admit this in terms of real estate, I submit it to the city and the county, all of you, potential solutions and none of you have responded. You don't respond to your e-mails. In fact, those who do respond to the meeting, then claim they're attacked. Let me tell you what an attack is. An attack is I can't walk out of my home because they're loose animals. An attack is I can't walk into animal control without being harassed. That is an

attack. Not simply holding someone accountable for what they promised. Again, this is two minutes, so there's limited information that I can provide here; however, you are increasing our millage rate more than likely, but where are you cutting the waste? You're making us pay for services unrendered --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

ROBBY CABAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- specifically, the Fulton County Animal Services county contract, animal control contract with Lifeline Animal Project. There are still problems. You haven't remedied the problems. You haven't even done an audit. I'm not attacking anyone asking for an audit."

JEROME FITTES, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "You know, sitting back here listening to everybody come up here, I'm hearing a lot of issues going on. I'm hearing a lot of issues going on in Fulton County, and it seems as if nobody on this panel is actually doing their jobs. You are elected as public servants. It's not about lobbyists -- wherever money is coming from, you're supposed to do your jobs. That lady came up here and talked about what's going on in College Park. How many of you have actually been there? You had somebody else come up and talk about those jails. How many have been there? And we start talking about election integrity, that's a major, major thing for anybody. I don't care about a Democrat; I don't care about a Republican. I care about election integrity. Stop blaming people. People always complain about politics and everything like that, politics does not trickle down from the president. Stop blaming the president for everything. Every single issue that was talked about today, ain't got nothing to do with Trump. It has everything to do with every local official elected here, what exactly are you doing for your constituents? That's a problem. I'm so sick of partisan -- I don't want to hear about liberal conservative, none of that. We are American citizens. If you're not protecting them, you're not doing your job. If you're not doing your job you shouldn't be here. It's no reason for empty buildings to have registered voters there. Where they at? That's a major problem, it's a major issue, and if you don't want to do your job, just step down."

CLERK GRIER: "Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have 17 speakers on Zoom."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Good morning, Commissioners."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So we got a few more minutes. Let's -- let's go."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Next person to speak is Kevin Muldowney."

KEVIN MULDOWNEY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. Chair Pitts, your recent press conference alongside Sherry Allen was a master class in irony. You claim election records are no longer secure; conveniently forgetting that the only reason these records still exist, is a 2021 lawsuit that luckily blocked you from destroying them. Let's address the chain of custody you suddenly value: SEB complaint 23.25 describes tens of thousands of ballots arriving at State Farm Arena in unsecured mail carts with zero

chain of custody. Over one million ballot records are allegedly missing. If the FBI investigation concludes what many suspect the recordkeepers, not the records will be the primary chain of custody problem. You're hand wringing over PII exposure is equally laughable. Fulton willingly hands voter data to Eric in Sales Force, a third party cloud vendor with a track record of major hacks. Your security concerns are a transparent political shield. Finally, after years of hiding behind very expensive criminal defense attorneys and trying to squeeze 400 grand out of the SEB, your promise to surrender records on February 9th carries no weight. Furthermore, by claiming you personally run election headquarters, you aren't showing leadership. Be careful, though you could be handing Dana Barrett the evidence needed --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

KEVIN MULDOWNEY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- for another ethics complaint regarding undue influence. The era of obfuscation is over. The results of the investigation should be very telling. Thank you very much."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next speaker."

GIDEON JONAH, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hello, hello, hello."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Hello."

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CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I can hear you."

GIDEON JONAH, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Can you hear me?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes. Chad, would you check on what's going on, Chad, please?"

GIDEON JONAH, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. I'm here to request clarification and oversight regarding ethics, accountability, and the use of protection of taxpayer funds. Intellitrex, LLC (inaudible) thousand dollars in attorneys' fees paid with public funds based on litigation filings and positions taken by defendant's counsel, at the time the Fulton County Attorney's Office, while representing the defendant in his official capacity. My questions are, was the Board of Commissioners made aware of these sanctions immediately, from what county fund were they paid, and were all Commissioners informed, or only certain members? Second, the Board frequently speaks about ethics and accountability. How does the county reconcile that commitment when misuse of a county procurement card by a high-level executive appears to result in no discipline, while similar conduct by lower-level staff would typically result in termination or referral even though the financial risk falls on taxpayers? Third, after employees participated in a protected investigation through the DCRC, adverse actions were taken against staff members involved."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- so, Chad, can you hear me?"

GIDEON JONAH, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- Board reviewed whether adequate safeguards exist to prevent retaliation and whether the DCRC-related investigation and subsequent audit review were conducted independently and thoroughly. Finally, is it appropriate for an audit matter involving misuse of a county procurement card and taxpayer dollars to be --"

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "I'm going to go to the next caller now. The next caller is Matt Rowenzcak. Matt Rowenzcak. Matt Rowenzcak."

MATT ROWENZCAK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioner, can you hear me?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes."

MATT ROWENZCAK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Thank you. As there was a proclamation this morning applauding the Elections Department, my question is do election workers also count? Like the election workers that submitted sworn affidavits under penalty of perjury that they handled thousands of counterfeit ballots in the 2020 election. Are they included in that proclamation, or do you just get to selectively pick who counts? Director Nadine Williams says all the accusations are essential baseless, and Chairman Pitts, you said last week that you are now concerned with chain of custody. So if everything is baseless, then why did the attorney representing Fulton County elections last month admit that 315,000 votes were not signed off on by election workers, which is required by law; and actually three election workers. So is that another clerical error, 315,000 votes, just another clerical error? What happened to that chain of custody, Chairman Pitts? You continue to also mention the three counts, but we now know from Fulton County Communications that those counts did not match and they knew it. And Chairman Pitts, you also said Fulton County was planning on turning over the election records in a few weeks. If that's the case, then what's the difference if it's a few weeks earlier? The county's only been obstructing using our taxpayer dollars for more than five years, but sure, you're going to send them over in just a few weeks. And Commissioner Barrett, since it appears that Chairman Pitts runs Fulton County elections, then I would expect you to immediately file an ethics complaint against your Commissioners --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds.

MATT ROWENZCAK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- if there were an election just like you did with Commissioner Thorne, so I want to make sure that you're consistent. And then we also have Commissioner Captain Crunch who was losing her mind last week saying they are coming for your vote. How exactly is reviewing records from the previous election stealing your vote?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Next speaker."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Sean White."

SEAN WHITE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "How you doing today?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We can hear you."

SEAN WHITE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Okay. Good afternoon, Chair and Commissioners. My name is Sean White. I'm a former resident of Fulton County. I'm here today not to relitigate a criminal case, but to raise a structural concern about law, oversight, and due process in Fulton County. In my case, I was arrested with an arrest warrant that was issued by a county clerk. I never raised my right to probable cause. Whether one agrees with the outcome of my case or not, this raises structural concerns about who -- who has the right to exercise the jurisdictional power in Fulton County and under what authority? Today, I speak today just merely because I used to be a juvenile. I used to be one of your former youth. And today y'all speak of safety, but we're not safe. We're not safe from prosecution. Keith Gammage stated he wants us to think we are safe, we are not. We are all in danger by the general solicitor's office in the way in which they maliciously prosecute us. My request to the Board is simple, ensure that the policies practices align with our constitutional requirements, and that the staff actually practices their position and they don't exceed their lawful authority. I thank you for your time and this time to present myself."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Next person to speak is Birdel Jackson. Birdel Jackson. Next person to speak is Virginia Duke. Virginia Duke. Next person to speak is Craig Will. Craig Will. Next person to speak is Frances Segars. Frances Segars. Next person to speak is James Nemec. James Nemec. Next person to speak is Jenn Simmons. Jenn Simmons. Next person to speak is Nicholas Burroughs. Nicholas Burroughs. Next person to speak is Randy Hubbell. Randy Hubbell. Next person to speak is Tom Kibler. Tom Kibler. And this concludes the Zoom public comments."

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

CLERK GRIER: "Continuing on page 5, County Manager's Items under Open and Responsible Government, **26-0057**, Real Estate and Asset Management: Request approval of the lowest possible bidders in the total amount of \$300,000 to provide fire sprinkler protection system maintenance services."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "26-0058: Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder for new U.S. Customs and Border Patrol building project at the Fulton County Executive Airport in an amount not to exceed \$5,117,347.18."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion to approve by Commissioner Ivory; seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Commissioner Arrington, you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes, Mr. Manager, if you can just explain, I want people to understand that this for Customs at the airport, and this is not money for ICE or any of that."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, sir. This is to construct a Customs facility at the airport to meet incoming aircraft. I see David Clark coming down. It's a 5,000 square-foot -- come on, David -- it's a 5,000 square-foot facility. I believe, and David can correct me if I'm wrong. I think we were noticed in 2017 to begin this planning. We have both been planning as part of our master plan and then also working with the FAA and GDOT, and due to David's good work and others, have secured a 3.5 million grant, I think against this, David. But if you'll comment on how this is used when an international flight comes in, that will be helpful."

DAVID CLARK, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS: "Sure. David Clark, Public Works Director. The current way that international flights are cleared at Hartsfield is they're cleared on the ramp itself of the company that is flying in. So for instance, Home Depot is based at our airport, if they're flying in internationally, about an hour out, they call Homeland Security. They drive up from Hartsfield, meet the plane at Home Depot's hangar, clear the plane, clear the passengers, and let everybody go on their way. Back in 2017, FAA nationwide started sending out letters to all airport saying that Homeland Security was going to be changing their responsibility of how they clear aircraft and no longer allowing you to do it in what they consider an unsecure location at someone's hangar, so instead they moved to a common building that Homeland Security and Customs will operate out of. Cobb County was the first metro county to actually build one of these facilities. It's been in operation for about ten years. PDK, which is in DeKalb County, and us who were notified in 2017, we're starting to work through this. They're not -- these buildings are not going to be staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Homeland Security staff is still going to be based out of Hartsfield, and when an international flight is set to land at Fulton County, they will still drive up from Hartsfield, open up the building, clear the plane and its passengers at that secure location and then allow the plane to continue on wherever it needs to go."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. So but this facility -- what I want to make sure that we, and let the public know is that ICE will not be using this facility?"

DAVID CLARK, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS: "I've never heard ICE would be using this facility, no, sir."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All right. And this is simply a normal Customs building for any international flights flying into our Charlie Brown airport?"

DAVID CLARK, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS: "That is correct."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All right. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ivory."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Thank you so much for this information, and thank you also, Commissioner Arrington, for asking about the ICE question. We get a lot of questions. I too have been receiving a lot of questions about ICE, so I'm not sure, Mr. County Manager or if you can answer this question. But with the World Cup coming, and we know that this is on time for all of the traffic that's going to be coming through the Fulton -- I know this was happening before that, but it's just going to be right on time for all the private international flights that are going to be coming in. Have we been -- what are we proactively doing to deal with a request from ICE that they be present at our airports or any of our facilities so to make sure that everybody is safe from the attack that's happening right now."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "David, you can comment on that. We haven't received any request from ICE, to my knowledge. David, you can comment on the air -- and just clarify, this facility won't be ready for FIFA. They'll continue their clearing of aircraft as they do today."

DAVID CLARK, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS: "That is correct. We've already confirmed that with Customs that they're still going to be clearing it at the airfield, at the hangars themselves, and not at this facility."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Okay, thank you. And you haven't gotten any requests from ICE, presently?"

DAVID CLARK, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS: "No, ma'am."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Thank you so much."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 6, **26-0059**, Registration and Elections: Request approval of a statewide contract in the amount of \$240,000 to purchase mandated watermark security ballot paper."

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

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yeah, I had a question for purchasing. Dominion has been bought by Liberty Votes, so with Liberty Vote -- or do we still use Dominion? I'm confused."

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, CHIEF PURCHASING AGENT: "Currently -- good morning, Commissioners. Currently, the state of Georgia has not sent us information that we need to change their contract, it hasn't changed. It's still with Dominion Voting. Once they make the change, then we will make the change."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. And then -- good morning. I just have one other question. Is this just for this year, this amount of paper will just cover this election cycle? I know in the past, we've purchased for a number of years, and we had to throw out a bunch of paper because of law changes. So I was wondering if we were just covering the immediate elections, or is this for multiple years."

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "It's to cover the immediate elections."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Thank you. That's all I needed."

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

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "**26-0060**: Request approval of a statewide contract in the amount of \$210,346.07 to provide printing services."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "**26-0061**: Request approval of a statewide contract in the amount of \$136,000 to provide security seals."

CLERK GRIER: "Motion to approve by Commissioner Ivory; seconded by Commissioner Thorne."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes: six yeas, zero nays."

CLERK GRIER: "Under Justice and Safety, **26-0062**, Police: Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder in an amount not to exceed \$130,000 to provide uniform, footwear, and duty gear for police personnel."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. A favorable motion by Commissioner Thorne; seconded by Commissioner Barrett."

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

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner's Action Items, **26-0063**: Request approval of a Resolution affirming the protection of Constitutional Rights at the Fulton County facilities and limiting ICE enforcement activities sponsored by Commissioner Arrington."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, is there a motion?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I want to hold this, because the Resolution was not ready with all that was going on with the elections. So I'm going to bring it back at the next one so that everyone can have time to review the Resolution."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No objection. Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "**26-0064**: Request approval of a Resolution reaffirming the total allocation of an amount not less than \$4.8 million for permanent supportive housing in fiscal year 2026; directing the County Manager to present a proposed budget for fiscal year 2027 that includes an amount not less than \$4.8 million for permanent supportive housing; and for other purposes sponsored by Commissioner Ivory."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion to approve by Commissioner Ivory; seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Commissioner Ivory, you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm bringing this Resolution. I mean, we heard in Public Comment a lot about of permanent supportive housing and our unhoused population. I'm bringing this Resolution because we made a commitment to our constituents who are experiencing homelessness, and we must keep it. Permanent supportive housing saves lives; it gives people stability, dignity, and a chance to rebuild. Without predictable long-term funding, the programs that serve our constituents cannot operate effectively. Providers cannot plan, hire staff, secure housing units, or deliver wraparound services when funding is uncertain. Lives are at stake. This Resolution reaffirms our fiscal year 2026 funding of 4.8 million for permanent supportive housing and directs the County Manager to include at least 4.8 million in the fiscal year 2027 proposed budget. Stable funding allows providers to

operate effectively, plan ahead, and ensure constituents receive consistent high-quality services. Permanent supportive housing pairs with affordable housing with flexible wraparound services including case management, medical care, and mental health support to help residents live independently and avoid repeated episodes of homelessness. These programs require consistent funding to function properly. Providers cannot hire or retain staff, secure units, or deliver critical services if the county allocates funding on a short-term or uncertain basis. Without this stability, constituents experience interruptions in housing, interruptions in case management and behavioral health support putting their progress towards stability at risk. Permanent supportive housing has proven outcomes that matter, improved housing stability, better health and reduce public costs; fewer hospital visits, fewer shelter stays, fewer encounters with the justice system. Consistent funding allows programs to scale, plan ahead, and provide meaningful lasting impact rather than temporary fixes that leave constituents vulnerable. The difference between stable housing and returning to homelessness often come down to a long-term planning and county commitment. Stable funding is not just a line item; it is a promise to constituents that we will not abandon them. This Resolution ensures that our programs are able to operate predictively and effectively, honoring our commitment to the city of Atlanta and to the people who rely on this services throughout Fulton County. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Thanks, Mr. Chair. Commissioner Ivory, I believe that you had shared with us previously in other discussions on this that you sit on the Board of Partners for Home, that's correct?"

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. And you serve in that capacity as a private citizen, you weren't on there in terms of, that's not a county advocated role?"

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Yes, it is. I took the seat of the former Commissioner who was in this role."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "But it's not a role that this county appoints or a seat going to?"

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "I'm not on that Board in my role as a Commissioner."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Well, this -- well, I'll just ask -- and I think the Chair -- this is not a role that we appoint into?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I don't think so."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Right. We don't have a seat on the continuum of care in the city of Atlanta."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: 'We do not.'

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "The city of Atlanta may choose to select someone that might be a Fulton County Commissioner, but we don't appoint as a Board a representative to that continuum of care."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That's correct."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. All right. So, I just would share that because I just -- and you bringing this forward as a representative of that Board in a different capacity as a County Commissioner, it touches close upon, you know, where our ethic codes stands related to conflict of interest. And I'm not accusing you of breaching ethics or anything of that nature, I just -- our code reads pretty strict in terms of about appearance of conflict of interest. Personal interests are often defined as Board membership, businesses or including entities, nonprofit entities, et cetera, which nonprofit entities deliver this service, Partners for Home. You know, so I don't think it's proper necessarily for you to be bringing these types of Resolutions forward. I've been in these situations before where I've been on a nonprofit boards early in my tenure here where organizations were receiving funds, and I've abstain from those. And, I think, in the spirit of what our ethics code is, you bringing this forward is not necessarily proper. But furthermore, I will say that it is not needed. There are three people up here on this Board when we entered into this contract in 2019, precisely for the reasons that you had note; those all continue. Fulton County honors our obligations. We consistently honored our obligations before you were here, and we will continue to do so. And so, therefore, for multiple reasons, but principally, this is not needed. We enter into our obligations, we meet our obligations. And I'm going to offer a substitute motion to file."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Substitute motion to file. Do you want to be heard on the substitute motion to file?"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah, I would like too."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "The motion on the floor is to file."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "You know, I think it's unfortunate that every time something comes up on this Board that some of us don't like the reaction is to file it instead of having a robust conversation and letting our colleagues have their say. I would add that I would be certainly happy to substitute my name for yours, Commissioner Ivory, to avoid any appearance of a conflict and, you know, while I hear you, Commissioner Ellis, that we meet our obligations, I certainly don't think there's anything wrong with us making a statement right now that we are willing to meet that obligation in 2027 and beyond. Certainly up until we find some other source. I know -- and correct me if I'm wrong, Mr. County Manager, but I know the plan was to look for alternative funding from the state and what have you; is that correct"

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

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah. So, I think it's -- I appreciate that. I think it's really unfortunate that we are going to file a conversation about something as important as permanent supportive housing when we have a clear homelessness crisis. And you know restating our commitment I think is worthwhile. I think the conversation around whether or not there is a conflict of interest -- as I learned from my own personal experience, if there's no financial gain, then our Ethics Board will not hold it as an ethics violation. So there's no financial gain for Commissioner Ivory serving on a nonprofit Board. She's not paid to be there, so I don't think that's a valid argument. That said, I will not support a motion to file, and I think we should do everything in our power to support our obligation to our partners so that they can continue these programs without fear that their funding is going to go away."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ivory, motion on the floor is to file."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Okay, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not support the motion to file, and let me just make clarity out of this nonsense today. I am principled in all of the things that I do, and this Resolution would not be included in the agenda if I was not able, as a Commissioner, to bring forth a Resolution about permanent supportive housing services in the midst of a homeless unhoused crisis in Fulton County, not just in the city of Atlanta, but in Fulton County. But once again, we hear from the majority on this Board about finding workarounds to do their job. So this has nothing to do with my role whether I was appointed by you or the other three here or not. I sit on this Board to serve, because it is important for Fulton County to be at the table of conversations surrounding the unhoused population, and I'm proud to be on that Board. And whatever I learn from my participation in any of my duties, whether that is a Board I've been appointed to on this Commission, in my numerous town hall meetings talking to people on the street or anywhere else, informs what I want to do as a Commissioner. And then I come to my team and we write the Resolutions that we are allowed to submit, just as you are, to the Commission for discussion. But there is never a discussion because the moment that anybody who is not in the majority on this Board wants to have discussion, it's a motion to file immediately, because what you like to do is take people's ideas and then bring them back as your own, and your own Resolutions, and we'll see that later on in this meeting. So I won't stop, can't stop, won't stop bringing important items that need to be discussed in this forum. And certainly unhoused, permanent supportive services to the unhoused when we just came off of the most cold week that we've had in Atlanta -- the past two weeks that we've had in Atlanta, is really shameful, actually, that you want to turn this into an ethics issue. I mean, there's about nothing I could bring to this Commission, not about children, seniors, veterans, unhoused, homeless, anything that you four would not have a problem and try to file, and that is shameful. So thank you, Commissioner Barrett, for being willing to step in where I'm not able to do things because of how you feel, Commissioner Ellis. But this is an important issue that the constituents have asked me to bring to the table and to secure and make sure that this money is in the 2027 budget is important because originally it was not in the 2026 budget. \$2.1 million, Mr. Chairman, was not in 2026 budget. It wasn't until pressure was applied that you then put it back into the budget. In the same meeting that we took

money out from the consent decree and from registrations and elections. So let's be accurate in our recollections when we are talking about facts, because that would be what would serve the constituents the best if we told the truth."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yeah, we can tell the truth, and I will."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis, you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "First off, as I noted before -- as I noted before --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis, I'm to remind you that the motion on the floor is to file, but we can discuss."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I'll just add just a comment, okay? And I'll be brief with this. I don't need you up here and just preach on a subject where you seem to politicize homelessness. Okay? This agreement was entered in to in 2019; three of us up here, when we voted for it at the time. I personally went over and I lobbied for money at the state to get what little bit we could to help that effort. I didn't go out and publicize that, preach on that, anything of that nature. I believe in this issue, and I'm going to work my darndest to make sure that we are able to, not only meet our obligations, but do other things that support that effort, and I have done that and I have consistently done that. And I don't need a Resolution to tell me that the county needs to meet its obligations that I signed on to and that we will enter into and that we will continue to meet. At the end of this year, we only got notification, we don't put the full amount -- we didn't put the full amount of 4.8 in our budget or whatever the number was, because we didn't know until late in the game that this thing was going to reach that 500 number or 550 number or whatever it was because it had been pacing along at a different pace. So we had to pause, we already had a budget set; react, reset, and find the way to reallocate funds so that we can meet this obligation. We've done this in the past, and we will continue to do it in the future."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Chairman, I know that we're supposed to be speaking towards the file, but since everybody's going to have their bite at the apple, I am too. With all due respect, a lie don't care who tells it. A lie don't care who tells it. You can change and say whatever you want, but at the end of the day, this Board has been functioning for quite a while, and it has been going what it needs to do. At the end of the day, the procedure down here, the norm, and when it comes to ethics, if you sit on a Board especially if there's a monetary ask, you are to recuse yourself from the vote. That is the posture, the protocol of this Board. It was like that before I was here, and it should continue to be that because all seven of us sit on some type of Board. All seven of us sit on some type of Board. And so the protocol and procedure, especially when there is monetary gain, is for the elected official to recuse themselves from the vote, because in our ethics code, it says the appearance -- it doesn't say the vote, it's

the appearance that it may be unethical, should always weigh in our mind to recuse myself. I don't have anybody that knows my history, my family's history -- I have always been a fighter for the less of these, but I'm also a fighter for protocol, I'm a fighter for equality. I don't serve just one mayor, I serve all 15. This is why I cannot and will not support this."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ivory."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "I want to apologize to the constituents who are watching this meeting. This Board is again spending time on baseless claims in an inappropriate forum, which distracts from the work that we were elected to do. And this continues to happen over and over. The Commissioner raising this concern and the Commissioner to my right voted for a specific ethics process, but is now ignoring it. That process requires a good-faith one-on-one meeting, a second mediated meeting if unresolved, and only then filing with the Board of Ethics. None of these steps are happening in prior meetings or happening today. So I will refer the Commissioners who continue to bring up ethics issues with me to refer to their own legislation which directs them on how to deal with ethics issues. I could provide a copy for you if you need it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I guess you're talking about the Resolution that I passed. Commissioner Ellis, have you filed an ethics complaint?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "No, nor do I intend to."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Has anybody filed an ethics complaint? No one has. It's just before you file an ethics complaint, you have the conversation. It's the process in filing the ethics complaint. It's not sitting up here questioning that maybe your process of bringing forth a Resolution asking for money for a nonprofit that you sit on the Board, we are making you aware that there could be a conflict of interest, and a private citizen can go ahead file an ethics complaint. It's fairly easy, straightforward process. With that being said, I haven't talked to anybody on this Board. I actually wanted to listen to the debate, before I made my own decision. And after listening to the debate, I really feel like this is not the proper place. Otherwise, everybody would ask me to be on their Board, and then oh, come to the county and we'll get -- ask for a million dollars, because you're on the Board. All of sit on Boards, all of us need the proper protocol in bringing expenditures forward. There is not one person on this Board when we talked about permanent supportive housing, expanding our budget, adding that \$2 million at the last minute, not one person was against it. It was a matter of how. How can we do it? How can we help those homeless people in our community? It took some creative financial move around in the budget to get that funding, but none of us were against it. And any implication to say that we were, that it wasn't in there and that we didn't want in there, is false. It's an absolute lie. I just want to speak up because, no, I didn't know how I was going to vote. I'm coming here with an open mind to listen; I haven't talked to any of my fellow Commissioners about this. I just think it's improper the way it's been brought forward and it is a perception of misconduct, and I cannot vote for something

that has that perception unfortunately, but I do support having the funding moving forward to help the homeless in our community."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Commissioner Thorne, for your at least willingness to have the dialogue and being supportive of permanent supportive housing going on. Mr. County Manager or Dr. Roshell, can you just, for the folks who are not really aware of what this whole thing is about, just kind of talk about, briefly, who the partners are in this program and the commitment that we do have and have made and what that commitment looks like. Is there an MOU, was there a contract? Can you just kind of give us the highlights for folks."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, FC COO: "Yes, ma'am. So in 2019, the Board of Commissioners did enter into an IGA with the city of Atlanta, specifically their COC, which is Partners for Home. So the agreement is with Partners for Home and the county. It is a 30-year agreement for support of up to 550 permanent supportive housing units. It is for the provision of service, so there is no actual exchange of finances. The program is managed through our Department of Behavioral Health. They contract with two vendors, Step Up and River Edge, who provide case management services for the units that are occupied by individuals who have had long-standing issues with maintaining housing that will keep them safely housed. And so, permanent supportive housing is low barrier entry; it provides wraparound services, and the county's commitment and support has been for those wraparound services, specifically behavioral health support."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you very much for explaining that, Dr. Roshell. So I think I just want to, you know, bring us back to reality a little bit here and just be clear that there is no monetary issue at all here. We're not passing money to Partners for Home. Partners for Home is directly connected to the city of Atlanta, it's not just a random nonprofit that somebody sits on the Board of. This is about us having agreed over -- you said a 30-year-period to provide services. I think the key, of course, is up to 550 units. I certainly understand what Commissioner Ellis was saying about the ramp up being perhaps faster than we expected based on what had been the history thus far. I don't know exactly when we were sort of notified that they were going to ramp up so quickly this year. And I don't know if it's really relevant to our ongoing support. I am very grateful that the governor wants to provide more funding for homelessness, and I think, you know, we are well within our bounds and our rights to try to alleviate some of our costs by going there. I'm not quite sure -- maybe you could explain this, Mr. County Manager, or Dr. Roshell -- if we were able to obtain some funding from the state for this, would it come through as a grant to us, how would that work? Or would it go straight to the COC of Atlanta?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, FC COO: "So currently, the county does receive \$500,000 annually from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. This is an actual cash support, and we provide the services -- it's back on now. Thank you, Mr. Manager. We do actually receive a grant and that is 500,000, so I would -- I

believe that if the county pursues any of the resources made available by the governor, those would be county resources that we would have to invest in this effort."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay. So in theory, if we've got more money in from the state, we would still -- we would still honor that obligation through that IGA in the same way by providing services, we would essentially be getting more reimbursement from the state to do it; is that correct?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, FC COO: "Yes. So not only are we pursuing any of the resources made available by the governor, we also are in conversation with the State Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to increase the \$500,000 of support that they currently provide."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay. So obviously, I'm in support of all of that work and having some additional help from the state, I think, I probably am among those who have accused the state on occasion of not doing enough on the behavioral health front, so I think it's great that they want to do this, and it is very tied to, you know, homelessness, of course, very tied to behavioral health in many ways as we all know, so I think this is all great. I think it does not preclude, you know a, yes, vote on Commissioner Ivory's underlying Resolution because at the end of the day, all we're saying is we would include the funding that we now know is going to be necessary, if the 550 units do come online this year as expected, that we would have some -- a minimum funding of at least 4.8 million going forward and still do everything in our power to recoup some of those funds through granting from the state or wherever else we can get it. So again, I think, you know, stepping back from the, you know, this accusation of ethics whatever and politicalization -- easy for me to say -- this is not political. Homelessness is not political. Behavioral health is not political. It should not have a party. It should not be about a majority. It doesn't want somebody to get something done because they might be running or whatever else. The people who are going to suffer most if we don't move forward and meet our obligations and take a strong stance saying that we care about and want to do our part per our agreement to fund and provide services for permanent supportive housing for up to 550 units, which I think, you know, is only a small part of what really needs to be done. I mean, in theory, we need far more units than that. But at minimum, we agree to that, and we should honor that, and I don't think there's anything wrong with Commissioner Ivory asking that we do that; in particular because -- and correct me if I'm wrong -- and maybe this is a Madam CFO question, but we did agree to the four-point eight? Did we agree to that as a recurring expense or is it in the budget as an enhancement and a one-time expense?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Commissioner Barrett, I would have to -- honestly, I would have to go back and look to see when we funded it initially, how we funded it, if we funded it as recurring or not. We did put money in the budget originally. That was repurposed in 2020 into school-based therapy. I believe those funds were placed in the budget initially on a recurring basis, but I would really need to go back and verify."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "So, I guess, Mr. Chairman, and I'll let you respond too, but I think if it's recurring in the budget, then we don't need this. If it's not, then again, I stand by what Commissioner Ivory is trying to do here."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Let me let y'all finish and I'll tell what the facts are here. If you read the legislation, you would know. Go ahead."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: (Commissioner Ivory, not on the microphone.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I mean, I can respond if you like. Listen, I signed that legislation in 2018 to 2019. And two things about it, one is, and the main thing is, and I support it and will support it next year. And this first and foremost, this is a 2027 budget issue. We'll start working on the 2027 budget issue later on this year that's point number one. Point number two, in the legislation itself, this funding is a clear line that everybody seems to overlook, which says subject to the availability of funds. That's crystal clear. And thirdly, as a concept in government, whether it's city government or county government, one commission, one council cannot bind another. We've talked about that before. It's a difficult concept to understand, but it's there. So those are the comments that I would make for it. It's there. It's subject to the availability of funds, one council -- one commissioner rather or one council in this case it's the Commission, it's us that was signed in 2018 or 2019. Entirely different Body here today, so it actually ends up being - - even though it's 30 years, it ends up being a year-to-year contract. But I think the sentiment is here is to continue to fund that program, but it's not -- now is not the time to do it. It's when we talk about the 2027 budget, period. Commissioner Ivory, you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And I respect that we are not in the cycle of talking about the 2027 budget, but it is important for the partners that work in the homeless community to be able to plan, to be able to know what resources they are going to have. It is very hard to, as you saw, when there was the fear that this money was not going to be provided in 2026 budget. People began to scramble and worried about what they would or wouldn't be able to do for their projects moving forward. So I am not asking for any more money than we have already agreed to in this county and made a commitment to. This -- me being on this Board doesn't have anything to do with any of this, because I'm not asking for any new money. I'm asking to reaffirm what we agreed to in 2026, which is the 4.8 million and to affirm that we will provide that same 4.8 million in 2027, so our partners can begin to plan for the things that they want to do, which they could very much begin to plan now, knowing that they would have that money in 2027. So there is no new money being asked for. If it's going to be recurring, then like Commissioner Barrett said, it is not an issue. But if it's not, this is the reason for this Resolution. And I'd like to say that if the only issue is about me being the presenter of it and you all support it like you have said in your comments, then I have no problem with switching it into Commissioner Barrett's name and it moving forward."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Chairman, I'm not going to belabor the issue. I can't support this for a number of reasons. First of all, starting out what it looks like on the surface of it, and how that sends the incorrect message. Two, when we deal with budgetary issues, I am never going to go to one agency. We have nonprofits in all 15 cities. We have individuals like Elizabeth Omilami and others that struggle every year to get money for their organization. And so, I'm not going to give the appearance that we're going to favor one particular organization, even if that is not meant to be the appearance, that's what it is from my personal opinion about it. We have several nonprofits, Drake House and others that are doing great work. All of them are important to me; all of them need some type of funding. I will not, cannot, and will never put one before the other because of the connections that one may have to an elected official. I will never do it. I won't start doing it. And I think it sets a very unhealthy precedent. Thank you, Chairman."

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

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open on the motion to file. And the motion passes: four yeas, three nays."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 7, Commissioners Full Board appointments, **26-0065**, Region III Emergency Medical Services Counsel: Commissioner Thorne has nominated Jeffrey Johansson for a Full Board appointment to an unexpired term ending June 30th, 2026."

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

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue."

CLERK GRIER: "County Manager's Presentation and Discussion Items, Open and Responsible Government, **26-0066**, External Affairs: Presentation 2026 State Legislative Session Update."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Good morning, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners. Jessica Corbitt, Director of External Affairs. We are -- I just ask the team to please pull our slides up. We are now in our fourth week of the legislative session -- thank you, Jasmine. And I have a few updates for you today and we'll kind of go through these quickly. So before we begin, I just wanted to also share some good news. Yesterday -- over the weekend, Congress has been working out their

budget, the House approved it, the president signed it, and one very positive thing was about \$2 million in a federal earmark for Fulton County senior centers for some facility improvements, so I want to thank Senator Ossoff and his team for that support. We're excited to bring those dollars home to Fulton County seniors. We also have some smaller earmarks as well for the medical examiner and sheriff's office, so we'll be sharing all of those details. But back to the state, again, this is just for the viewing audience is our 2026 legislative priorities. And we're going to not go through all of these today, but hit a few highlights, very impactful bills for local government. Next slide, please. Just a quick update about our delegation: They held their first meeting last week. Thank you to Commissioner Ivory and Commissioner Arrington for attending. We presented our legislative priorities. Tomorrow we will be at the Capitol. We have a lunch, and we will have as part of our kind of annual -- a new annual Fulton County Day, some displays in the south wing of the Capitol, so I hope you can join us for that. Next slide, please. We -- again, this bill is one we worked on last year regarding the superior court resources that we discussed in the past. Also, wanted to say that, unfortunately, the governor's budget does not include an additional judgeship for superior court, unfortunately. But we are continuing to make sure and folks are aware of how much we needed that judicial support in our system. We are pursuing the judicial officer legislation, and our team has been talking with legislators about that. Next slide, please. Don't have a lot of an update about our legal notice. A need, but this is an ongoing issue. We'll come back with more updates. Next slide. So this is a bill that is currently in Rules to pass out of the House; and this bill is one that we believe ACCG took a position on. This was live legislation last session, and it essentially would, in certain cases of the government is perceived to not provide a certain service or not maintain certain maintenance or things like that, that local governments could be sued by residents. This, you know, has some implications and is, as it says here, sovereign immunity would be waived to allow these claims. This poses a lot of risk for local governments; both counties and cities just in terms of getting that financial risk and otherwise, so we're tracking this. It is still in the House. It has not crossed over, but we're keeping an eye on it. Next slide. This is Senate Bill 382, passed the Senate yesterday. This bill -- one impact -- there's a lot of tax reform. Tax reform is a huge issue in this session. And so, this bill, one would require all local governments to opt into the new floating homestead exemption. So Fulton County government is not affected by that provision, because we did opt into that floating homestead, but both school systems in Fulton County, APS and Fulton Schools, opted out. Most school systems around the state opted out. About 20 percent of counties also opted out, city of Atlanta, and some other cities in Fulton County also opted out, so they would be affected. And as the -- you know, as the provider -- administrator of property tax -- homestead exemptions, we would have some work to do there. There's other cleanups in this bill. This one seems to be tracking quickly, so we will continue to provide updates, but that is really -- the rollback rate implementation is also one part of that and how that is revised. So if there's any questions on that, I will take them and get better answers for you than I can provide right now. Next slide, please. So this is really a hot bill for local governments, House Resolution 1114. This bill is really seeking to frankly radically change the way property tax collection works in this state, and I'm sure many of you have received these handy-dandy fact sheets, and there's two pieces of adjoining legislation, House Resolution 1114 and House Bill 1116, so this is very complex

legislation. Essentially, together these bills pave a way for the elimination of property tax collection on homesteaded properties that would have a very, very, very significant impact on our revenue picture. And so, we're working closely with ACCG to get more information. What's not as clear is the tradeoff of that in terms of revenue opportunities. So Jasmine, I don't know if you want to speak to any of that."

JASMINE CAMPBELL, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Yes. Good morning, everyone. So some options in House Bill 1116; there will be grants provided by the state, and the amended fiscal year 2026 budget did pass the House Appropriations Committee this morning, and they included \$850 million for that purpose. So that's allowed to go to the Senate, of course, but we're tracking that. And there's also going to be different types of sales taxes available. For local governments, it's going to be a 3 percent max, for school systems it'll be a 2 percent max. For Fulton County, we're already at the maximum allowed by the state, so we're not sure if we will be able to add the additional 3 percent or if we're already not going to be able to. But this bill -- it's by House leadership, and we really think there's going to be several version of this. I feel like this is something that's going to Sine Die, probably, so this is just the first version. It has not had a hearing, yet, and ACCG is collecting data from all 159 counties, and we provided our data."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you, Jasmine. Just one other comment. I think the Board is certainly acutely aware of this, that Fulton County has a higher -- a very high percentage of revenue from property taxes, very little revenue today from sales taxes, and because we have MARTA, because we have T-Splost, we have E-Splost, we have the lost, we have very limited flexibility to operate within these caps. So that's the conversation we're having -- this would affect every jurisdiction -- as significant as it would be for Fulton County, imagine a county that has almost no commercial tax base or something like that. So it is very impactful around the state for all local governments, and we're very actively engaged with ACCG in these conversations. I'll just go on to the next one. Again I think -- these are companion -- next slide, please. These are companion pieces of legislation. So we will -- we're working with Dr. Ferdinand and his team to -- to get some analysis put together specifically for Fulton County, but -- and we will be sharing that with you all, and also scheduling some more in-depth conversation with our ACCG partners. Next slide. House Resolution 1104: this again has some -- I guess modifies or modifications to the sales tax process. Again, this for us directly is not as impactful unless we were able to get out of the cap that we're currently under. So this -- but there's a lot of changes overall to the sales tax, and many can, I guess, competing, you can say, proposals on tax relief, or many varieties, maybe that's a better word. Next slide. The Senate Bill 406: this is a very interesting piece of bipartisan legislation with Senator Brass and Senator James requiring property owners' association to register with the Secretary of State. This is an issue that Commissioner Arrington has been interested in, as long as I've known him, so I think that -- and again, these are -- Senator Brass is no longer a part of our delegation, but has previously been, and Senator James -- Senator Donzella James certainly is a member. So again, this is one that we have made some modifications to the process for property owners associations. So if the Board would like to take a position on this, let us know. We can keep going. Next slide, please."

Again, just a reminder, these are the public events for tomorrow. We'll have the Fulton County mental health mobile unit will be on Capitol Square for most of the day, so I hope you can drop by and see that and again, we'll have some informational displays, and again, some opportunities for our elected officials that you already have on your calendar. Next slide. Just -- Sine Die will be April 2nd, so we're going to keep charging through, and you're hear from us a lot over the next couple months. With that, Mr. Chairman, we are done, and we can take any questions."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Thanks, Mr. Chair. I'll be real quick; no real questions. Just sort of -- I know, obviously the property tax, state income tax discussions -- there's going to be a lot of sausage made, so I think it's sort of premature to kind of get deep down on any particular component of it, but the one piece I do think that it would be -- it might be wise for us to make this comment to Mr. Conley who I see up in the back, and our County Manager and finance team. This notion that potentially may force, you know everybody to comply with the cap. You know, I think it would probably be wise for us to at least contingency plan around that, in terms of just the way we're thinking about it, so it doesn't -- if that were to come down the pike, our ability to execute on it, and it not, you know, kind of throw off our schedule that we've sort of, you know, set forth. So I think, on that aspect, there's probably no harm in, you know, doing some contingency planning around that. We've already done it, right, for certain jurisdictions before, right, so a piece of it. So I think just looking at that and making sure that if it were enacted, it wouldn't necessarily throw us off our schedule for our relief assessments and then on path to bills and collections, so that's all."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you, Commissioner Ellis. I will say that in our most recent tax team meeting, we did discuss that to some extent. The one challenge I think that all of us are concerned about is the implementation date for this to pass this tax year and be implemented for this tax year would be challenging. Also, there's different base year so on and so forth. But our vendor who handles that is certainly aware of that -- of this conversation and is having those early, I guess, review of that system."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Maybe just adding one thing to what Ms. Corbett is saying. The two things that I think this casts, at least some question over, is the renewal of T-Splost which we need to begin discussions with our cities that is almost a penny. And then MARTA is pressing for an extension of their amendment for another 30 plus years, which, of course, is a penny. So I think the Board will need to factor in, you know, the likelihood of this, how it progresses. Now, hopefully, we will know something as the legislature ends, but at the same time, when something of this significance is introduced by the speaker, I don't know that it's just decided in one session, and doesn't come back in the next. So as you're -- as we collectively, I guess, should say with our cities, or thinking about again renewing sales taxes for transportation; I would keep this in mind."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "To that point, Mr. Chair, and maybe this is a dialogue that, you know, the Chair can have with the County Manager, I think it might be worth, you know, reaching out and just having some conversations with, you know, some of the cities, particularly in the T-Splost one of the cities outside of Atlanta, and just say, hey, you know, before we start getting into deep dialogue, and maybe we all just want to sort of pause and sort of let this play out, I think that might be wise, so that we're not darting down one path and find that, you know, something's going to pass that really might want to cause all of us to kind of rethink that. So maybe if you all could have that conversation with -- collectively with those mayors I think that might would be good and then kind of -- when we want to kind of start bringing it up in earnest and how long we want to wait, et cetera."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes, if you will give me a copy of SB 406. Certainly, I am supportive. It seems as if it was -- from the slide, it seems if it was only for property owner associations, and not inclusive of traditional HOAs and/or condo associations. And so, I'm sure that whatever protections that the POAs need, the HOAs and condos association need even more. POAs are a limited subset of the boarder community associations. Most of them are actual HOAs and condo associations, and they're a lot -- there's a big movement to convert HOAs to POAs because the POA is a lot more like a condo association, right? It has a specific statute, right? The Condo Association and Condominium Act, the Georgia Property Owners Association Act, but most HOAs were created 20, 30 years ago and not subject to those acts. And so, we would want to be inclusive of those to really have impact -- it's got to go broader and wider than just property owners association."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you for that feedback, Commissioner. We will get a copy of that to you."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you."

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

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Are you all aware of the funding that the governor is going to make available to fight homelessness and when they're actually going to put that information out?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you, Madam Vice Chair. So yes, we are very much aware of that. We've asked our grant writing team and our lobbyist both to track it. It would be part of the budget which, as Jasmine said, has just passed the House today. And so it still has pass the Senate, and then be signed to the governor -- by the governor. And so, typically, that will take a minute for that process. I have been following that in the news and kind of various, I guess various circles, and one of the things that people have talked a lot about is the timing of that

because of the immediate need and, of course, some of the initiatives to address homelessness in downtown Atlanta with the World Cup coming, and that was something the governor talked about when he spoke about this at the Eggs and Issues breakfast. So the answer is yes, we do not have all of those details yet, but we are very much aware of it and very closely tracking that."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Our resources at the state says that funding will come from the supplemental budget and that the tentative date that they will be looking for it to open up will be sometime in March. So if you can kind of keep your ear to the ground and you know let Dr. Roshell, and the County Manager know what you all are hearing so, as Commissioners, we can translate that information to the community, because I understand quite a bit is going to be available; however, it's going to be a limited amount of time that's going to be opened up to the nonprofits, and it's going to have certain stipulations. But I believe sometime mid-March it's going to be opened up. And so, please keep us abreast of anything that you find out."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you very much, Madam Vice Chair. We certainly will. As you know, we have an external grant writing team, and so we've already made them aware that this is -- one thing that we are going to want their help with this year."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Yes, ma'am."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman; just briefly, can you add my name to that list?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Sure. We'll share that with all of you."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "The homeowners' association issue, and thank you for describing that so well, Commissioner Arrington. It's one that I've been following very closely as well, and would love to see what's going on and make sure that it is as inclusive as it can be and that we're lobbying for that. On the elections front, I feel like there's been a lot of discussion about legislation this year, this session, can you give a quick update on what pieces of legislation are relating to our elections?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "I'm going ask Jasmine to pinch-hit with me on that. There's been things introduced, hearings have been scheduled and canceled and things like that, so Jasmine, do you want to give a quick recap on that?"

JASMINE CAMPBELL, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Right now, Senate Bill 2014, that's going-- we're expecting a substitute and then the House Governmental Affairs

Committee, and the substitute is going to address removal of QR codes, which the deadline for that is July 1st, 2026. The House will start working on the fiscal year 2027 budget next year -- sorry, not next year, next week, sorry. Next week. So right now, in the governor's proposal, there wasn't any money for the Secretary of State's office to handle that, so we're watching to see if the House makes changes for that, based off of any legislation that passes. Those committee hearings have gotten canceled. There is a governmental affairs committee meeting this afternoon. It's not on the agenda, but it also says the agenda subject is to the Chairman's discretion, so we'll be going to that meeting -- or I'll be going to that meeting and seeing if it comes up. But we did include it just because there hasn't been hearing of moment for many bills from last year yet."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Was there anything else in 214, or was it just about the QR codes?"

JASMINE CAMPBELL, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Well, and the substitute is mainly focusing on the QR codes. If you look up the version right now that's on line, that version did deal with other election changes."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay, we just want to make sure we're kept up on anything specific to elections, and kind of have our -- our radar up for that."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Yes. Thank you for that, Commissioner. I did want to mention that in addition to all Jasmine's hard work, we have, and some of your staff participate, we have a weekly legislative liaison call. You're all welcome to join us, where we discuss that if -- many of our departments are also parts of professional organizations that track that, including the Elections Department that working with Georgia election officials around the Metro area, things that are -- create challenges for Fulton County can create challenges for other counties too, and we think it's very important to coordinate with other counties on that issue."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: All right, anything else?

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: No, sir, thank you.

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 8, Commissioners' Presentation and Discussion Items, **26-0067**, Discussion, Warming Centers sponsored by Chairman Pitts."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, so Dr. Roshell, this is election season, and everybody knows that elected officials want to be elected officials. Everybody's trying to create issues when there are no issues. And this issue came up over the last weekend -- weekend in North County about warming centers. There's a lot of misinformation about the county's role in warming centers. So Madam -- Dr. Roshell, would you explain to

the Board, so we all have the same information and hopefully we repeat it the same way."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So first, let me say that warming centers are actually an Emergency Management discretionary, protective action, specifically targeting vulnerable populations. The county's role in this action is one of coordination. But I think it's important to note that when we think about vulnerable populations that the county does have a demonstrated commitment to vulnerable populations beyond warming centers, and we do this in a variety of ways. One, we certainly have already talked about permanent supportive housing and that commitment. We also have a commitment through our coordinated entry program, through our COC. We also provide other behavioral health services. We commit \$1.8 million to homelessness and economic security. So we provide these services in a variety of ways beyond warming centers. But specifically as it relates warming centers, the county's role, again, is coordination, and that is through a couple of ways. The structure for Emergency Management is just that, emergency management, and that's where warming centers fall as a discretionary protective action. So when we look at the statutes regarding service delivery strategy, when we look at the Emergency Management, planning structure, warming centers are a concept and an actual action that are carried out primarily by cities, primarily by nonprofit organizations and other partners in the community. And so what the county has done and we have done this over the last couple of years as it relates to not only but cooling centers, we provide transportation through our Department of Community Development. We partner with DREAM. We use our MTI Transportation Service. And during the last inclement weather just this past week, we provided over 38 trips to the six warming centers in Atlanta. We have budgeted annually over \$100,000 for that service. We also assist COC partners with coordination in any planning, and that is actually our role. As it relates to Emergency Management specifically, again, coordination is our role. But we do also provide specific support by way of cots, believe it or not, cots, C-O-T, are in high demand during these types of inclement weather events. And so the Emergency Management team makes it a priority to make sure that any city that is standing up a warming center has the proper cots, and they delivery those to those centers. And so we looked at not only the Emergency Measurement framework, which again, specifically points to the county's role as a coordinator, not an operator of these services. We also reviewed our service delivery strategy to make sure that we understood where the provision of this discretionary service lies and it is not a provision of service delivery strategy that the county has a role in actually being an operator. And we then, of course, looked at our federal regulations. And so our federal regulations state that as a recipient of federal dollars, our role is planning and coordination. It is not one of actually standing up and operating warming centers or cooling centers, but to assist with any coordination, to provide support for gaps that are identified and the gap that we're

currently providing above and beyond what we do annually for vulnerable populations is transportation."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, thank you for that. And I hope we all heard what you said. And let me just say that I spoke with most of the 15 Mayors within Fulton County or their representative about this warming center issue. Every one of them is satisfied with what Fulton County is doing. Everyone. Now, let me talk specifically about Roswell. Now, someone's trying to raise \$5,000 on behalf of the city of Roswell and an organization that services Roswell and Alpharetta. And thank God, Mr. Manager, you did not provide any county money, because my question would be, what would have happened to that \$5,000? The mayor of Roswell didn't want \$5,000, didn't ask for \$5,000. The Drake House didn't want \$5,000 and didn't ask about -- for \$5,000 and sent a letter saying that. So you have a copy of that letter, I believe Mr. Manager. So there's so much nonsense that's going on now, I hope that this will put this to rest. We have -- we do what we're supposed to do, with respect to warming centers, and none of those northern cities requested any money from Fulton County, period. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you, Dr. Roshell, for your eloquent response. However, I've been here long enough to remember when we did provide warm centers. I was elected in 2014 and took office in 2015, and Fulton County is responsible for Health and Human Services. I remember when we made Jefferson Place available and operated warming centers in Jefferson Place. Is there a County Resolution, has this Board adopted a resolution saying that we are not going to provide warming centers, Dr. Roshell?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO: "No, sir."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you. I know we haven't, because I've been here since 2015. So we can provide warming shelters, if we so choose. I got a text from the Deputy COO of the city of Atlanta saying that they had over -- that they were 79 people over at their warming center. They had 79 more people than capacity at their warming center, and he texted me asking for assistance. I also got a call from Maggie Goldman and from the Continuum of Care, and yes, they were looking for \$5,000 to provide hotels for people, for homeless and unhoused people that might have needed them in the city of Roswell. And so I am proud that I made that call to the County Manager asking for that help you and I will do it again."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ivory."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Thank you so much, Mr. Chairman. And thank you so much, Dr. Roshell, for all you -- I know there are a lot of phone calls, a lot of diligent work, a lot of explaining the role that the county plays. And so I want to thank you, and

also LaTrina Foster for jumping in and asking about it. I did hear you to say that we provide the transportation and that that has been our role. We all know that warming centers save lives. When it's cold outside, nobody should be freezing in Fulton County. And so if we provide transportation services, but there's nowhere to take the people to, then our transportation services are really not needed. Nobody can just go, well, here's a bus to take me to nowhere. So if we don't play a role in trying to figure out what that place is where people are going to go, then our transportation services really mean nothing. I was in Roswell. I was in the North Fulton Point-in-Time Count gathering room when this discussion began. And this discussion started when someone from Roswell did ask, well, isn't it the role of the county? I immediately sent a text to, through my Chief of Staff, to our County Manager, who text back and said, it is not the role of the county to provide the warming centers. That's where this conversation began. And there was a lot -- Commissioner Thorne was there, there was a lot of just back-and-forth concern in that room about whose role it was. So every Mayor was not clear, every count -- there were Council people from Roswell in that room that day, and they were not clear about whose role it was. There was, Mr. Kelvin Thompson, who is the -- on the Continuum of Care Board. I'd like to ask him to come down here quickly, because I would like to make some clarification about what was asked of the county, because he was really the person that took on the --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Point of order, Mr. Chair."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "-- role of --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Point of order. This is your discussion --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What's your point of order?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "This is your discussion item that you brought forth. Are you looking to have this, you know, this kind of discussion kind of play out? I didn't know where you were looking to go with this."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No, not really, but let him come on. Come on down --"

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Thank you. Thank so much for allowing a constituent to speak, Mr. Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Come on, speak briefly, sir."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Mr. Thompson, thank you so much for --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just simply to clarify what our role is in this --"

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Yes. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You have the floor."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for clarifying that. Mr. Thompson, thank you so much for being here, and first of all, for all your work that you did to make sure that several -- many, many people were not sitting out freezing in Fulton. So can you just describe your role on the Continuum of Care Board and what you're doing to help constituents during these recent freezing temperatures?"

KELVIN THOMPSON, COC BOARD MEMBER: "All right. So good morning -- well, good afternoon. I do want to say I just got appointed, thanks to Commissioner Barrett, as her representative on the CoC. I think with the exception of Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, all of you know me. I am a citizen of Alpharetta for 30 years. The --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What did you do -- what's your question?"

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "What you requested of the county during these --"

KELVIN THOMPSON, COC BOARD MEMBER: "Yes. So essentially, what we did was, thanks to some dialogue including Commissioner Thorne, et cetera, et cetera, following from Point-in-Time Count, we knew there was a weather crisis upon us. And there was a back-in-forth, as was indicated, on the availability of a warming center. When it was all kind of borne out, we found out that the warming centers that exist in North County, Sandy Springs, it closes at 5:00 or 6:00 p.m. and Mountain Park close at 5:00 or 6:00 p.m. You can go do the -- so that's what was published and was explained to us. And so we citizens got together, citizen advocates, said we need a solution, and there was a dialogue. We were able to engage Council folks from Roswell about was a warming center, and that's where the back-and-forth, thank you, Dr. Roshell for clarifying. We had that understanding, and after a few days of back-and-forth, we still didn't have a warming center solution. So what we did, we -- at about 12 hours, we stood up a citizen-led command center, all right, with primarily citizens who drove it. One of the things that I've heard today is about the end-to-end services, what they call in the world, Dr. Roshell, that we've been is all the wraparound things that are important to the least of these, we provided that, right, citizen led. Now, by the way, it was not without the collaboration with municipalities. So I want to be clear, fire, police, and EMS folks, and Roswell and Alpharetta were tightly coupled with the work we did, all right? It wasn't perfect, but we took some folks off the street. There's a lady right down the street right now at Gateway as a result, Dr. Roshell, the reference you gave us, all right? So we solved some problems, that's what this was about. We're all citizens, none of us are elected officials. We solved problems, and I thank you. Should we have a -- as I go, should we have a warming center? It is an emergency provision, as I've heard it articulated. We do need a warming center. And let me be clear, Chairman Pitts, if it closes at 6:00 p.m., the folk -- coldest part of the last four days, and I was on the street doing wellness checks at ten and 15 degrees, right, that was at 12:00 midnight, and 8:00 and 9:00 in those encampments, all right, that we visited Holcomb Bridge and Alpharetta Highway, all right? So there needs to be some dialogue, just

dialogue, right? That's what your citizens did. I didn't know most of these folks. And our nonprofits, yes, Drake House was invaluable. I did not personally make a request for funding, but to Commissioner Arrington's point, there was some back-and-forth. We hadn't agreed on who was going to pay. The transportation that was referenced, I went to my church, Mr. Anderson, in Roswell, Georgia, Zion, and got the church van, all right, to get folks out of those encampments, to some place to stay warm, and we took them back the following day. We had an exit strategy, so this wasn't some willy-nilly engagement, all right, very smart folks, citizens of this county, banded together. We got the data to back it up. There'll be some communications forthcoming to let you exactly know what was accomplished. But I want -- I'm just here as the face, those volunteers back in Roswell and Alpharetta and Sandy Springs, they are to get the applause. Thank you."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Thank you for your hard work and for getting the freezing people out in Fulton out of the cold. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett. And I want to state again what the Mayor Roswell said, they did not need assistance, they got it. Commissioner Barrett, you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And thank you, Mr. Thompson for being of service to your community and representing me on the Continuum of Care Board, I appreciate that. I -- I hear what you're saying with -- with our role, Mr. Chairman. I also honor what Commissioner Arrington is saying about what we can do versus what we are doing and what we, you know, that we are not stopped by anything legislative to prevent us from standing up warming centers. And then I just want to add, you know, once again, there is no reason for any of this to be political. There were citizens who seemed to be trying to do good work and were confused about the best way to do it. And I think if we are going to say that our role, Dr. Roshell and Mr. Chairman, is one of coordination and through Emergency Management, then I would argue, and I'll say this to Ms. Corbitt as well, I mean, to be part of the conversation here, needs to be communicating that effort more clearly to the public. So maybe there's something we could look at standing up across departments from Emergency Management and -- and External Affairs to sort of when these -- when we -- when we see these are coming, we do a lot about weather warnings and things like that. If we also said, we know there are going to be people looking for warming centers, here are all the resources we know about. Here are the various churches. Here are the various nonprofits. Here are what the various cities across the county are doing and just making sure that gets out to all of the folks, or that when someone does call confused, we can point them directly to something and that we, you know, when needed and if needed, that we do have some kind of ability to stand in the gap if there are overcrowding in Atlanta, for example, or there are rides needed other than in Atlanta,

but maybe in North Fulton or what have you. So I think, you know, to your point, I think and it's fair, Mr. Chairman, that there was a lot of to-do about it, and maybe in some cases more than what was necessary. On the other hand, if anybody was out in the cold who shouldn't have been in that moment, who didn't have a place to go, we should care. And so I'd rather have us have a little more fuss than necessary, maybe if it gets everybody into a warm place on a freezing cold night or into a cool place on a very hot night, to your point, Dr. Roshell. So I think, you know, I appreciate that our stance right now is one of coordination, but if the people don't know, we got to make it easy for them to know. And you know -- and we may have, and I may have missed it if I did, please excuse me. We may have sent out some sort of an email specifically, but if we didn't, we should. And we should maybe have a landing page or something where we can direct people who are calling in the moment with concerns. So I think let's do the coordination and up our game on that front."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Thanks, Mr. Chair. And I've also had some communication with some of the volunteers that did some work this weekend, and thank them for that work. I think we're all definitely called to love our own -- love our neighbor, and do that in a way that is in line with our talent and treasure and -- and I applaud that work. I do think one thing that would be, you know, helpful, certainly for -- and I shared this with one of the individuals that I communicated with that, you know, like this EMA function in the way it works, right? I mean cities in their -- they're designed to be that arm of first responder. That's the way that our structure works. I mean, there are places in other counties where there are large unincorporated areas where the county acts as a city. We don't in Fulton County. And I'm not going to be critical of any of our individual, you know, city's EMA functions. What I think would be more helpful and constructive in particular with some of the groups that are interested and have some insights is to go back and share with those individual cities in their EMA function and identifying if there are -- if there is an alternative approach that is warranted. And there may or may not be, you know, because there may be, hey, we have the ability to get people to a location where there are -- is a facility. And in Emergency Management, you know, and you can correct me if I'm wrong, Mr. Manager and Dr. Roshell, there's this sort of concept of, you know, cooperating agreements with, you know, other jurisdictions when you need to solve for a problem, people know what's available in maybe the neighboring jurisdiction, could be outside the county, could be inside of the county, could be a neighboring city, correct? And that's what -- that's they all do. That's their expertise. That's not, you know, our expertise as elected officials. You know, they've got plans stood up, and you know, I think it -- it would probably be helpful to have those kind of discussions with -- with those individual cities' EMA functions, so that there's sort of a clear understanding of their protocols and -- and where they think they have things -- the solutions for. And if a facility is necessary and one of them wants to do that, then

that's great, right? And you think about where -- why and where they are the ones that are principally setting up a facility, it's because we don't have those types of facilities anymore throughout the county. I mean, our buildings are largely administrative buildings. We don't have gyms, that sort of thing, you know, anymore, based upon generally what we do. So, you know, they're also sort of a better avenue for identifying, you know, more appropriate facilities and the requirements that come along with that, they've got to ensure that they meet, and that's a rule, so. So I think, you know, good discussion. And I think it's highlighted some opportunity to engage in further conversation and collaboration with -- with some of the -- with the cities. And you know, we can share that feedback also with our EMA folks, so that they're working with their partners, and they feel like, hey, if there are modifications and changes that need to be made relative to communication that those occur."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Chairman, without due respect, I'm going to repeat what I have said over and over again. A lie don't care who tell it. A lie don't care who tell it. A lie don't care who tell it. When you have a warming center, you must have a Behavioral Health person on staff in order for the have the designation as a warming center. There are a lot of organizations from one end of the county to the other that offer services and they are not classified as a warming center. It's unfortunate that the current Chair of the CoC wanted to say he's met everybody but me, but I know the Chair before you and the Chair before her was my actual appointee. And what I learned with dealing with the CoC that government cannot do it by itself, hence why in South Fulton, and I speak to South Fulton because that's where I get most of my calls, even when they have warming centers, it is not enough. With the City of South Fulton, Catherine Rowell and others, I have had to personally take families from behind the Cascade Kroger and put them in a hotel for a week at my expense. Only reason I say that is because we've got to stop using a need as a political stunt. I know for fact that Commissioner Arrington has put people on the south side in hotels at his own expense, and we have warming centers. I know for a fact that it's a lot of the nonprofits and the City Council people, and I deal with City Council people on the north and the south, but I'm going to talk about the south right now. You have needs, everything from a pregnant woman with her kids out to a teenager who's been put out by their parents, and they can't get any help, and the next call is usually made to a City Council person or to a Commissioner. And so we rise to the occasion, but we don't come down her and broadcast it. There are organizations that are not considered warming centers that are doing quite a bit, but they cannot carry that designation. And so to blatantly keep saying there's no warming centers in North Fulton, there's no warming centers in North Fulton, you're giving a negative connotation, and I personally don't appreciate it, Chairman, because we have a lot of partners. We got people that sit on the CoC, that do everything in their power to make sure that they help somebody, even if they have to go

in their own pocket. Don't get me wrong, I understand the need, and it's quite a need. But what I don't appreciate is the political hostage taking of this as a campaign issue. This is an issue that was here before I was here, and it will be here after I'm gone. So let's stop playing games, lying to the public, and do what's right by all citizens, and work on the relationships from one end of the county to the other. The Chair should be able to call and say, I need some help. We need to put some people up. The nonprofits should be able to have a working relationship with everyone, because some of our nonprofits cannot carry warming center, but they do everything from putting somebody up to paying for a hotel, to getting people out of the cold. I have actually seen people on the north and south side have people to put somebody on their bed, on their sofa, because that person had nowhere else to go. But they weren't -- they weren't listed as a warming center. Being listed as a warming center does not stop or begin humanity. So let's stop playing these political games in a time that we need to be able to do what we need to do for people when we need to do it, just do it. You don't need a -- you don't need a camera crew. You don't need to broadcast it in a newsletter. Just do it. And sir, my office is open at any time that you would like to sit down and have a conversation, because I do understand and believe we're on the same team. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah, so, Mr. Manager, what I would ask is that you have EMA bring us back as suggested policy for this Board to consider, because we cannot say that we -- what we do or what we don't do, until this Board adopts a policy, right? And so if EMA is the home for this, then we need to hopefully have them recommend a policy for this Board's consideration. And the county has changed, right, when I came in, it was a lot -- it was unincorp -- a large part of South Fulton was unincorporated. And since that time, the City of South Fulton was formed and created. And so perhaps, practically, we have changed what we have done. But again, unless and until this Board adopts a policy, there is no policy. And so we cannot say, oh, well, this is what we do, or this is what we don't do. We only do this. We can say that practically, this is what we have been doing. But again, if this Board hasn't adopt -- adopted a policy, then no policy exists. And so we need to adopt a policy. But in the meanwhile, we have -- we're expecting cold weekend -- cold weather again this weekend, right? And so if there are people that call and say that they want up to \$5,000 to be able to have to put some -- some unhoused people in hotel rooms, and we just had a \$89 million budget surplus, I'm going to make that call every time. And what I said to Maggie and she -- I know was working with Mr. Thompson as well. What I said is, hey, I'm not going to only ask for 5,000 -- up to -- up to \$5,000, right, because if the hotel rooms aren't needed, if they only have ten people that need rooms, then they don't need the full \$5,000. But I said, hey, if you do it for North Fulton, we're going to have to do the same number for South Fulton. And I'm proud that I made that call, and I will make it again. But let's be very clear, there is no policy about warming centers that has

been adopted by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. Now, if we want to adopt a policy, then we certainly have that right. And if you're saying that EMA is the home of this, then please have EMA contact and work with all of the EMAs from the cities and come back and propose a plan, and also have them work with the Continuum of Care, because they fill the gaps, right? They feel the gaps. They got 31 people from Roswell that were out in the cold. Maybe the Mayor of Roswell didn't know that, that there were 31 people that they found and put in hotels in Roswell that needed housing and that needed to be warm. We've got to touch all of our partners. You know, we can't just say, oh, I spoke to EMA, they said they didn't need anybody. Well, Mr. Thompson and Maggie Goldman put 31 people from Roswell into a hotel, so obviously, there was a need. But there wasn't communication between all of the parties. And if we're going to have \$89 million on average, \$75 million of budget surplus every year, you're darn right, we can spend \$5,000, \$10,000 to make sure some people don't freeze over the weekend. And if -- and if we need to do it this weekend, if we need to do it this weekend, we need to do it. And guess what, we still have an unincorporated area of Fulton County out on Fulton Industrial. What about the unhoused people there? Who's providing for them? They're not in one of the cities. What is our plan for servicing those persons? So, thankful for this conversation and this discussion, but it starts with this Board adopting a policy. And I can tell you my -- my vote is going to be for making sure that people are -- aren't unhoused. And I think most people up here want to make sure that any of the unhoused people are warm during those times like that, right? I don't think that -- I can't imagine that there's any disagreement on that. Now, whether the city's providing that service, or whether the county is providing it, or whether it's one of the nonprofits providing it, that's fine, but making sure that the people are covered is the important thing. And so we need some comprehensive plan, because apparently all the parties are not talking and not having good communication. And we need to make sure, Mr. Manager, that we're covering the gaps so that unhoused people on Fulton Industrial and the 31 unhoused people that they found in Roswell also get housing during that time. And I'm -- again, I make no -- I'm happy that I called -- made that call, and I will make it again. And whatever we're doing in North Fulton, we need to make sure we're doing it in South Fulton and in Atlanta. And I'm going to give you the name and number of the Deputy CEO in the city of Atlanta that told me they were 79 people over capacity in their warming center. What's going on with Jefferson Place? They could have used Jefferson Place. What was -- what is -- what is happening, Mr. Manager, with Jefferson Place right now?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, sir. Gateway decided to exit Jefferson Place and move that operation, I think, down here on Pryor. So Jefferson Place is vacant."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So we could make it available for the city of Atlanta to use this weekend, as early as this weekend possibly?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "We could."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you. That's great information to have. I'll be sure to share that. And frankly, we all need to share that information. But let's come back with a plan. Let's not just -- let's not make up policies when policies don't exist, that -- that, that's not proper. If we don't have a policy, let's just say we don't have a policy. But our practice has been this since we -- since the City of South Fulton was formed, we've changed, right? That's a more accurate representation. But to just come in here and say, oh, we don't have a policy, we just do transportation and we just coordinate, it's just not accurate. It's not accurate. We -- what's accurate is we don't have a policy, and we should. And so I look forward to you and your team bringing back a recommended policy for this Board after coordination with the nonprofits and the cities. But in the meantime, we -- we need to make provisions for what might happen this weekend until we can get that policy back, right, until those discussions and conversations can be had. What type of things can we do, and what additional resources can we make available, right? And frankly, I saw the video with the cots. If we have cots available, and we're delivering those, we shouldn't give one Commissioner the opportunity to highlight delivery of the cots and not make that opportunity available to all. That is politicization of this, of the homeless process. And certainly, our staff should not be participating in that. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner, you're the -- Thorne, you're the only one that has not had a word. Of course, I wanted the facts, but you -- you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Oh, honestly, the whole thing really, I mean, it really breaks my heart. I volunteer at the Point-in-Time Count. I volunteered last year at the Point-in-Time Count. I tried to volunteer the year before, but somehow the Chair or whoever the volunteer, just kind of left me off the emails, and I did not get the opportunity to volunteer. But homeless and unsheltered people is a passion of mine, it's a passion of my entire family. We've gone out, we've volunteered at Atlanta Union Mission, City of Refuge. We've gone out and helped the homeless around Georgia Tech, we've done three a week ago with Project Cliff Love whenever the temperature gets cold, to go out and try to find the sheltered. And yet, my time going out this year for the Point-in-Time -- oh, and by the way, last year it was really cold, they had to cancel it and reschedule it to another time because it was so cold. But warming centers were not an issue last year, but they're an issue this year. So like last year, show up, me and my staff, my husband, really looking forward to having engagement with the community, engagement with all the citizens that also have the same passion to help the unsheltered people in my area, to go out and speak and get to know them and learn their stories as to why they're unsheltered. Yet I showed up, and you can call it your yearly report, whatever, we see it at your campaign events, too, the brochures were distributed to everybody. There were conversations off to the side with the Roswell City

Council Member, I was not privy to. And immediately, we started out this wonderful event that has our volunteers with Fulton County doesn't have any warming centers, and North Fulton and we need to do better. I was shocked. I was shocked. I'm like, this hasn't been an issue. It has never been an issue. I try to work with the homeless in my area, in my district as well. The evening proceeded, I try to give a speech about what we're trying to do, encourage the people that Fulton County, we are here to help. We just spent \$24.6 million on mental health, behavioral health issues, and now almost 5 million for permanent supportive housing. That is six times the amount of Cobb, Gwinnett, and DeKalb combined. I talked about the 5 million that we give to our CSP partners, Drake House, Family Promise, they were out there, they were out there on the count. But then I had my fellow Commissioner Ivory come up and just say that that wasn't enough. We're not doing enough. We need to do more, like we're a bigger county. We should be doing war, and it just kind of ruined the whole night. It was supposed to be a night to celebrate what we were doing. It was supposed to be a night where you put aside your partisan politics, you put aside that Fulton County, we are out here to help and we were doing the best we can to help. So that night, I went out for three hours. Kelvin was a great tour guide of the homeless in my area, showed me areas, I knew of some of the areas, some of the areas I didn't. We got to interact. We got to have a Salvation Army bus come and participate and try to hand out meals to homeless, to draw all them out. I tried to put what happened behind me, but it just kept broiling up. I looked on our website. We have a landing page on our website for warming centers. I looked, there was one at Mountain Park. At 11:00 o'clock at night, I texted the Mayor of Mountain Park, hey, do you have a warming center? Yes. Is it up and running? Yes, we have it up and running. I preceded the next -- I called Commissioner Ellis. This -- I was told this was not the job of the county. I had a long conversation with Dick Anderson the next morning. This is not the job of the county. They gave me clarification. I called the Mayor of Roswell, Bridget, we've got this. We know how to handle our unsheltered, we have a plan. I called the Mayor of Alpharetta. I called every Mayor, every single Mayor, I called Chief of Police, I called our Fire Chiefs. I called City Council members in North Fulton. The people I represent said, Bridget we got it taken care of. I'm like, well, I just want you to know that if you need help from the county, let me know, I'll see what I can do. Let me know. I have to work with the cities. I can't go and dictate and tell the cities, you need to put more people in hotels. No, we have a great model in North Fulton that seems to be working for decades. We work with our nonprofits. We work with our churches. We get the community to step up and take care of our homeless. And I am thankful for Kelvin and all those citizens that are also trying to step up and help, because these people that in this situation, it's just not one cold night or two cold nights, these people need community throughout the entire year. They need to get out of the situation that they're in, and the community-based model is the best place to build relationship, relationship that will hopefully carry on into other seasons and hopefully carry on to get those people

from unsheltered to sheltered. I applaud the Mayors. I applaud the emergency staff that we have in North Fulton. They are a caring people. They have a plan. And I am happy to try to get people directed to help them, but not dictate how they do their -- their processes. Not have county government come in and say, you need to set up a government center, run by government. We need people to step up, people who care. We need the compute -- community. We do not need to make it a partisan, political stunt to draw everybody into chaos. I had an elected official who went down to an empowerment -- I don't know thing down in East Point and told me they were talking about warming centers in North Fulton. Like, why is that an issue? Why? I cannot -- I mean, for me, it simply breaks my heart that now, it's political, if you're for warming centers, you must care about the homeless. And if you're not for warming centers, you don't care about the homeless. We've had discussions about Home Rule. I can guarantee you, the Mayors of North Fulton County do not want Fulton County coming in there and telling them what to do. And out of respect for other Commissioners, Commissioner Ivory, Commissioner Arrington, and I know I had a private conversation with you, Commissioner Ivory, raising my concerns, but you seem to kind of disregard my concerns about working in my district with an issue in my district, with people from my district without my knowledge. As a common courtesy, if I am trying to address or help with an issue, I hope that you would have the respect that I was elected to represent the people in my district, and Ellis was represented in his district, and that you can bring those concerns forward to the District Commissioner, and that we would be happy to help. I would enjoy if you could help if I need to advocate for something, but not to dictate and cause chaos and political divide in a thing that was supposed be such a wonderful night of showing how Fulton County cares for the unsheltered people."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yeah, thanks, Mr. Chair. Thanks, Commissioner Thorne, for the comments about, specifically about communications with the local leaders in North Fulton and your work in reaching out to them and ensuring we were all on the same page. You know, but I also want to go back and thank Dr. Roshell for breaking everything down, because we do, we do actually have a policy, it's called a service delivery strategy, which kind of governs how we operate and cities operate relative to, you know, particular services that we deliver. And I think you very nicely sort of articulated that, and you know, kind of the rationale for that and why. And I think a lot of good discussion here, hopefully that can be taken from this, and we can move forward, and communicate stuff with our municipal partners and with the CoC folks that, you know, the responses that we do have -- collectively have, and the work we all do together improves and gets better, only gets better."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ivory."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Thank you so much, Chairman. Y'all are obsessed with my annual report. I can help you with yours next year so it can be as good as mine is. But what you missed in your -- in your discussion, Commissioner Thorne, was that before you got there, there was a discussion of women sitting at a table, and the entire conversation was started by a group of women who asked Mr. Thompson the very question which was, if we come upon somebody who is out in the cold, what should we do? That is where the root of the conversation began. It had nothing to do with me handing out my beautiful annual report, which is what it is, or trying to take the stage away from you or do -- there's no news cameras or anything there. That conversation started from a group of women who said, What should we do? And I did not know the answer to that. And they said, where is the warming center? And then I immediately text my Chief of Staff, text Mr -- our County Manager, and that's where the conversation started. So I also want you to be aware that there -- that warming center in Mountain Park closed at 6:00 o'clock. So when you say that someone was taken to Mountain Park, a person was taken to the Mountain Park Warming Center, it was around 8:00 or 9:00 o'clock, and that was after that Point-in-Time Count, and it was closed. And so the officer returned the person to the patio of the restaurant outside where they found them, because there was nowhere to take them. So if we're going to be accurate, let's be accurate. You are the theatrics of the politics. Everybody who's always talking about what I'm doing, what -- is the theatrics of the politics, because this is not political at all. This is about people freezing in Fulton, and nobody should be. And why I was there was because your constituents asked me to come. So when you say that I should not have been there, your constituents asked me to come and be there, and I'm a representative of all of Fulton. Yes, we do represent our districts, but when a constituent calls and asked if you would like to participate in an event, I have every right to say yes to that. And when you got there, I greeted you, we stood together, and we talked. Now, we're not always going to agree on what each other says. But please don't paint the picture like we were in there fighting with each other, because that's not what it was at all. We were in there together with our teams, bundled up, ready to help, and that's the accurate way that it happened. Questions came up about where the warming centers were, and we did not have an answer for the constituents. So let's be truthful. I know it's easier not to be, but let's be truthful about the way it really happened. We all were there for pure reasons, to help. I was not disrespecting you. I was not doing anything out of order. And Mr. Thompson asked me to come there, and I came, and then later on, to another Commissioner's point, I volunteered whatever money was needed out of my own pocket. When I found out that that \$5,000 from the county was not going come, I said, how can I help? I'll bring the money right now out of my own pocket. There was no camera around when I said it. I didn't issue a press release about it. I just said, whatever you need, let me know, and I will give it. I can take that out of my family's money and help out. No problem. Do you need me to get any more resources for you? And he said, hold on, we're working on something, and if

we need you, we will call. And then he didn't actually end up needing those resources from me, but I made them 100 percent available. So please stop accusing me of playing a political game. And everything that you're talking about is about a political game, because I was there in the same sentiment as you. I care as much about homeless people as you do, no less, no more. My family cares as well. I contribute to funds all the time. I work in -- before I was ever a Commissioner, before I was ever a Professor, I was doing this in college in the 80s, volunteering at all kinds of things. So stop painting me out to be somebody that's up here just talking about the politics of it all. We were all there to help. And what Commissioner Arrington and anybody else on here is saying, is that all we want to do is make sure that people don't freeze in Fulton. Whoever's responsibility it is, that's what we all want to make sure, is that people don't freeze in Fulton. I think we can agree on that. And if you felt disrespected because I came into your district, then I apologize for that, and we talked about that, and we can talk about it to each other anytime. I appreciate you calling me. I told you that you called me at 8:00 o'clock in the morning, which was fine. I was still in -- in getting-up mode, but we talked about it, and I appreciate that about you, I want to say. We don't have to always agree, but we certainly should be in conversation about those things. But my heart was in the right place when I came. It's in the right place now, and any way that I can assist, I'm willing to assist."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Let's be truthful. I welcome, I love it when other Commissioners from other districts come up into my district to meet the people in my district, to see the people, because honestly, it's a great place to live, and I love it when you come. Commissioner Barrett, you've come up before, and I welcome you to come in, and you may not be on the agenda to speak. But I'm like, come on, speak, you know, I want everybody to meet my fellow Commissioners, because I just love the people in my community, and I love it when they come up and visit. So -- but it's different when you're working on an issue behind a Commissioner's back without notifying them. The Commissioner should be included in those conversations. If you're sitting at a table with a group of women, hey, Commissioner Thorne, we got -- we got an issue here, and I would have been jumped at that table and participated, but no, I wasn't invited to that table. And they talk about talking with a Roswell City Council person that had -- I think she maybe been elected for a Council person for two weeks. Clearly, they didn't know the role of the county, and I could have try to find out, not that I would known the answer right away. But I would have immediately tried to find out. And maybe we could have squashed this whole warming center issue right away instead of causing this great division, this great distress. The Mayors are like thinking, do you not think that we know how to handle the people in our community? I mean, because I think that was a message that was being sent out, and it was being sent out to them as well. I am happy to help. I went out and did the count for three hours, Commissioner

Ivory. You didn't go, you were actually put on the list, and they had to put someone -- take that person off, and -- because your whole team left, the whole point of the Point-in-Time is to go out and count. It's not to come in, make speeches, and then leave. The whole point is going out and meeting the unsheltered people. So again, I'm very, very sad, it's a sad day. I think it's sad for Fulton County. I'm hoping we can just figure out something on how we can best take care of the unsheltered and not politicize them, because they're the people that really count and are getting lost in this whole thing."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, thank you all so much this. This is -- I had no idea that this would -- I just wanted Dr. Roshell to explain what our role is in this. But anyway, can we take this next one quickly, before people are getting hungry?"

CLERK GRIER: "Okay. Continuing on page 8, **26-0068**, Discussion, Commercial Property and Data Center Valuations sponsored by --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Mr. Conley, is he still here? Where is he? Come on down, sir. Now, this is another one. There's -- everybody's -- well, not everybody -- some of us either don't understand what this is all about. I know the public is concerned about it, and I'm frequently asked, well, if we were to appraise certain high-profile properties accurately at data centers, we would not have a revenue problem. And I've said this before, here's what we've been doing, some of us have been meeting for two or three months now with Mr. Conley, I think Julian Bene mentioned that today. And the three things that we are doing that are hopefully will work and seem to be working. Number one, when we're -- your department is criticized for undervaluing high-profile commercial properties and data centers, yet you receive accolades from the state for the great work that y'all are doing. So -- and I don't know the truth, because unlike some of us, I'm not a professional appraiser, nor an amateur appraiser. But -- so the discussion was, and one of the solutions here was to contract with an outside, independent third or fourth-party who would come in and review their work, give us an independent opinion so we can put this issue to rest, one way or the other. That is in the works now, a RFP has been issued. It's on the street now, and I believe the responses are due in next week. And after that, we will have an independent third-party on board to advise us as to whether or not they have been following the law, breaking the law intentionally or unintentionally, and that'll hopefully put this issue to rest as it whether or not they're doing a good job or not, and whether the state has been making a mistake in awarding them awards each year for the work that they do. Second thing that we've done, and this has come up before, some of us believe that our County Attorney's Office, where there are appeals that they don't know what they're doing. I'm not an attorney. We have two up here, but I'm not sure if you're real estate attorneys. But the belief is, and even from the public, that when their appeals happen, that our County Attorney's Office is not sharp enough to go against the high-profile firms, the

biggest firms in town that the real estate developers in particular hire. So the solution to that was for us to hire the biggest and the baddest of the best attorneys around to support us whenever there's an appeal. We're going to do that. Now, here's the problem with that. We're going to do it to the extent we can. The big boys, and you name them, the Troutman's the King and Spalding's, all of them represent the high-profile developers, and they not going to work with us and jeopardize the money that they make from those high-profile firms. So we're going to have to go to others, but that's in the works. The third thing that we're doing is there's a state law and State Legislators that they have been blocking us from there's a piece of a law that we need to get changed, again, high-profile real estate developers, they hire the biggest and baddest and the toughest lobbyist, and they block us every year. Well, we're working on that as well. So those are the three things that we're doing now to hopefully put this issue to bed, one way or the other, and if we're not doing it properly, I don't think anybody else up here, I mean, I think everybody up here wants us to get it right, because if there's revenue out there that we should be collecting, we all want to collect it, and if we collect it that will relieve the burden on our taxpayers. So would you sort of comment quickly where we can go to lunch."

RODERICK CONLEY, CHIEF APPRAISER: "Yes, sir. Good afternoon, thank you, Chairman, Vice Chair and Commissioners. We have definitely heard the feedback from taxpayers. And we as a staff, me and my team, remain open minded to receiving that feedback and making adjustments should we see there be a need. As it relates to the data centers, we have identified what has been identified as leaders in the industry for evaluation of data centers. We have been in communication with them. We have been in communication with our other counties throughout the state. And so we are looking to make some considerations as relates to the approach and value, and make sure that we are doing what we're supposed to do, and that is valuate those properties at fair market value."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. On the -- on the outside counsel, Madam County Attorney, where are we, on us employing the biggest and the baddest and the best?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Well, as you mentioned, many of the large firms do have relationships with developers that would preclude them from working with us to represent us in commercial tax appeals. However, there are some pretty illustrious and very qualified attorneys who could very well work at those firms, but have chosen to establish their own boutique firms, and that is who we have already begun working with to provide additional support in the commercial tax appeals that have come in. The volume for those cases is not high at this time, but everyone that's coming in since we started discussing this, and the Board expressed its intent and desire to provide that support is being sent to outside counsel that will meet that description with the expertise in real estate and commercial particularly, and in litigation and government as well."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Commissioner Barrett, Commissioner Ellis, Commissioner Ivory, Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll be brief. I just want to say, and I'm sure I can speak for all of us when I say, we would -- we would like to make sure that we are getting the most and collecting appropriately from our commercial properties. But I also want to say that I think you guys do a phenomenal job, Mr. Conley. And I -- I know you get a lot of heat for this, and I think the problem, one of the problems we have, Mr. Chairman, is communicating what is a really complicated topic into simple terms for the public. I mean, it's very easy for the public to shout, you know, commercial properties don't get taxed appropriately. But as we know, there are all kinds of reasons for the various appraisals that occur and the net tax we're able to collect or not, including Development Authorities and many other things. And so I just want to say, I commend you for A, doing a great job, like you always have. But also I, you know, I commend you even more for being willing to have a third party come in overlook your work, which you really shouldn't need, but because the public is so adamant about this. And I think, you know, again, we all want to make sure everything is happening correctly. And I just -- I know that you do as well. So I appreciate that, and I would say the same thing to you, Madam County Attorney. I don't want there to be any aspersions cast on your department's ability to do its job. I think, if anything, the -- the issue here is it may be -- may only be that you're spread thin, and not that your people aren't great and can't do this work. So, you know, I would just say that if we need to have additional attorneys in your office who are focused only on this, perhaps that's something we should look at. But again, I just want to, you know, step back from any aspersions that are going to be cast on either of your departments here, because I don't think that is, if there is a problem, I don't think that is what the problem is. Mr. Chairman, I certainly appreciate you, you know, sort of getting into this in the last several months. I mean, this is certainly something that, from the day I got elected, I was interested in, because right before I got elected, there were a lot of news stories about this, hitting the Atlanta Magazine and then the AJC and what have you. And so, you know, I remember bringing it up in early 2023. And certainly, the more I learned over time, the more I understood the complexity of it, and you know, some of the ideas about how much money we are not capturing, I think our overblown, and I think, again, very, very complicated topic. I would love it for all of us, if we could have enough communication and transparency around the process so that the public truly understands why things are the way they are, and to make improvements where improvements are needed. And I think to your point, I mean, data centers are not something that have been around since the dawn of time, right? So this is -- there are -- we do probably need some legal changes or legislative changes, rather. Really, just wanted to chime in and say, thank you, guys for all of your work and for all of your openness to trying to, you know, hear the public and make things better."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Thanks, Mr. Chair. I appreciate the dialogue we've been able to have with the Board of Assessors and with Mr. Conley's team, and I think sort of their -- for three pieces that sort of highlight, I think, you know, transparency, validation given, you know, with the notion of bringing in a third party, I think is helpful, given the amount of public dialogue there's been on the subject, right? So I think, you know, kind of bringing that in, you know, maybe it's not ideal to have to do it, but I think that's a -- I think that's a good, prudent thing for us to do. Maybe we should discover some things on that end, maybe we don't, but I think it's well worth taking a subset of properties, you -- in particularly these hot -- these really more complex ones, and you know, doing some validation around that. I think that's -- I think that's a good -- I think a smart thing to do, and I think it's a good recommendation that kind of came forth from -- from the Board of Assessors and from the Chairman. The concept of -- of the data center, so I think, you know, and Mr. Conley alluded to this, you know, I realize that you all have, you know -- they are a unique and newly-emerging sort of property type, particularly these ones that are being built right now. Data centers aren't necessarily new, but these really large ones, these hyper scalers that are coming online, are -- they're a new animal, and one in which, really candidly, you know, appraisers around the state of Georgia don't have any real, you know, great knowledge of. And I applaud Mr. Conley and his team, you know, for reaching out, talking to other jurisdictions and really kind of thinking about the methodology being used, what's appropriate, and you know, considering whether or not, you know, which of those should be adapted in sort of new evaluation processes going forward. So, so thank you for that. And then thirdly, I would say, you know, kind of on this notion of using additional resources for appeal, you know, there -- well, while our County Attorney indicates a little bit more smaller number, I mean, we've got, correct me, Mr. Conley, if I'm wrong. But we have about a little over 20,000 commercial parcels?"

RODERICK CONLEY, CHIEF APPRAISER: "Yes, sir, you're correct."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Right. And about 335,000 residential. And if I read stats right, you know, kind of our appeal rate in residential is, you know, relatively low, like 7 percent or something last year; does that sound about right?"

RODERICK CONLEY, CHIEF APPRAISER: "I think overall, in it around that."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Right. But our commercial -- but our commercial appeals are actually higher, right, as a percentage. I think they're about 16 percent or something like that, they blend out, you know, it's a -- most -- you know, that's below that, I think it's a 10 percent threshold test or something like that, on the digest that they look at --"

RODERICK CONLEY, CHIEF APPRAISER: "8 percent for the state."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "8 percent? So it blends out to that, but you know, actually there are a lot of commercial properties that are getting appealed. So they're -- they're commercial property owners who feel like, hey, we're actually appraising property too high, is my point of raising that. But it's a very specialized area, in particular when you get into these really, really large, large entities. And I think it's a -- it's prudent for us to kind of engage some folks have got -- that have some real specialty expertise and can be our seat at the table for that, versus trying to, you know, utilize our limited, limited resources that are, you know, maybe a little bit more general in nature around the state, it can folks can bring to bear on really, these, really high end, more complicated cases. So I think that it sounds like from talking to you and your team that that's something that we think could be beneficial to everyone longer term; is that a fair statement?"

RODERICK CONLEY, CHIEF APPRAISER: "That is fair."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay, all right, so. Well, thank you again for engaging with us and for the work that you and your team are doing. And I -- it's a complex role, and you know, just like we had -- you all have taken some, you know, aggressive shots from -- from some folks in the public, and there's some statements that have been made that -- by certain individuals that make me a little bit uncomfortable, just like, you know, I think we all feel about, you know, kind of statements that are made people that work in Elections and other areas that, you know, we want people to feel free to do their job, feel, you know, free of threats and that sort of stuff. And I feel the same way about you and your team. So appreciate you listening and engaging with us. And I think, you know, all of this is going to lead to a better optimal result for, you know, for all of the jurisdictions in Fulton County as well as for all the taxpayers in Fulton County."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ivory."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Thank you so much, Chairman. Thank you so much, Mr. Conley. When I first -- it was the very first town hall that I had when I became a Commissioner, that you came to explain this process, because so many people in my district have been -- it was such an issue when I was running, and they wanted to have some resolve about it, including the gentleman, Mr. Julian Bene, who was here earlier for public comment, who spoke about it, and was grateful for it moving forward. I'm glad we finally are having public conversation about how data centers and commercial properties affect the tax base, because I raised these, first raised these issues because we needed to understand the long-term impact on our county revenue and infrastructure. It was just last night at two neighborhood meetings, one for the West End Neighborhood Association and Adair Park Neighborhood Association that this question came up again. And I hit these exact three issues about your audits are always approved by the state, that we have the challenge with the attorneys, and the appeals and that we need to look into data centers. So this is a topic that I've been talking about for the entire time I've been a Commissioner and hoping to have some

resolve. I have not been included in these meetings. And I would ask -- so I did not know that there was an RFP out for a review of our process. I'm not exactly sure why these meetings are limited to only a few. I've asked to be involved in these meetings, Mr. Chairman, and I have not been able to be involved in these meetings. So I am asking again that if there are any more meetings going forward about this situation relating to the tax appraisals that would you -- you would include me, because so many of these properties are in District 4, and it should not be meetings that are only allowed for certain Commissioners to be only in. And so I would ask the County Manager as well to include any Commissioner that wants to hear this information to be available. So I would like to get a copy of the RFP so that I can let people in my district, when I go to the neighborhood meetings, know that we are taking these proactive steps, which are so important, and I'm so glad that we are, I would have been able to let them know that last night at the two meetings that I went to. So I'm delighted. I am a former big law firm King and Spalding Attorney, so I understand the conflicts that happen with these law firms. But I am confident that there are attorneys that have left these firms that now practice on their own, that are able and well-minded to be able to represent us in these matters. So I look forward to being able, as Commissioner Barrett said, being able to explain this in -- in layman's terms to constituents, because it is very hard to understand. I look forward to some state changes so that constituents can understand it better. Mr. Chairman, I'm so happy to hear that, and I'm looking forward to being able to explain it to everybody. But I want to thank you for an explanation that you once wrote in an email many, many months ago about how you do the process, because I've used it over and over. It has makeup stains on it now, it has some M&M marks on it from being in my pocketbook for so long, but I have used that explanation of yours many times to explain to constituents that you are following the law as it is written and you would love to bring more money into the county if that was what you could do. But you are to the letter of the law following, and all of your audits have been clean and accepted by the state. So I thank you for that, and looking forward, Mr. Chairman, to being able to give my constituents more information about that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: Thank you. Yes, I want to hear more about, I guess, what happened at the Board of Assessors meeting and whatever new policy they adopted that Mr. Bene was talking about. Are you aware of that?

RODERICK CONLEY, CHIEF APPRAISER: "There was no official action taken by the Board as it relates to a new policy, if you're referring to the approach to value, is that what you're referring to?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All right. I'll just get, I guess, maybe just request copies of the minutes from the -- from the last meeting and speak with the members of the Board of Assessors. I thought I heard Mr. Bene say that they, they

Board of Assessors met and took some action in regards to the valuing the data centers or how the data centers would be valued going forward, perhaps I was mistaken."

RODERICK CONLEY, CHIEF APPRAISER: There's no official action taken by the Board at this moment.

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I'll be brief, so we can go to lunch. But you know, I just want to thank you. Thank you for always being available. Thank you for attending my live town halls as well as virtual town halls that were back to back to answer concerns from citizens. You -- you've been there for us. And when I had to read the resumes and the backgrounds of you and your staff and the decades of experience that you guys have, it's just really amazing to me that we have such qualified people that work in our Assessors Office. I'm sorry for the baseless attacks that you guys have gone through. I understand there was a press release that was sent out saying that you guys must be on the take with businesses and special interest groups. So I apologize for that. But I am -- thank you for being here to defend yourself and willing to answer any questions that we may have. And I hope we can keep that relationship going. Appreciate you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll be brief. I just wanted to ask about -- I can't -- I can't I was wracking my brain here for what House Bill number it was, or whatever, but there was a recent House Bill that passed -- 581 or 92 or something that -- that stops the automatic freezes on appeal that -- do we know when that went into effect? And I think my real question is just, do we know when do we expect to see an impact from that? Because I know there were properties where people were just applying for their freezes every three years and whether they won or not, they were able to freeze. Do we know if that's going to have any real impact on the digest?"

RODERICK CONLEY, CHIEF APPRAISER: "It's too early to determine that impact. This is the first year that it did go into effect. And what it does is, you can only when you receive a reduction --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Right."

RODERICK CONLEY, CHIEF APPRAISER: "-- in your assessment that it is frozen."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah. I think the reason I'm bringing it up, Mr. Chairman, is just because I feel like that was one of the things we were all pushing for in that first year, when you and I got here, Commissioner Thorne, and that law change, I think is going to dramatically, hopefully, over time, impact the tax digest, because there

were people that were, you know, they had the right to do it, it was legal, but they were sort of taking advantage of the system in that way. And I think that caused us to be a little bit out of whack as well. So I'll be looking forward to seeing that impact. But so it just took effect in '26, or was it '25 that was --"

RODERICK CONLEY, CHIEF APPRAISER: "25."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay, gotcha. I feel like it's still this year, too. But thank you. I just wanted to bring that up. Thank you so much."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Ms. Strong-Whitaker, can you make available a copy of the RFP that -- there's no violation there. If -- can each member have a copy of the RFP? I haven't seen it either, but I know it's out there."

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, CHIEF PURCHASING AGENT: "Absolutely."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, thank you. I'll entertain -- sorry."

RODERICK CONLEY, CHIEF APPRAISER: "And if I may, I want to say, credit to staff for the hard work that they do. And thank you guys for your feedback and your continued support."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, sir. All right, entertain a motion for lunch and Executive Session, where we may take up items of real estate, litigation, and personnel. Motion to do so by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Barrett."

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

Recessed Executive Session at 1:50 p.m.

Resumed Regular Session at 3:49 p.m.

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

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Is there a motion to approve a package of recruitment and retention incentives for the Sheriff's Office in support of compliance with the DOJ consent decree in the amount of \$16,786,000 annually?"

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

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I believe there's an up-to amount, right, correct?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes, I'm sorry, not to exceed 16,786,000, and instead of annually, it's probably more accurate to say for fiscal year 2026."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion passes unanimously."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Is there a motion to approve a cyber-security contract set forth in item number 2 of the Executive Session agenda in the amount of \$565,000?"

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

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Okay, hold on."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion passes unanimously."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Can you give me the memo? Just one moment, I'm sorry. I just need the parcel number. Okay, thank you. Is there a motion to approve the request for the Chairman to execute a quitclaim deed of release of covenants to the city of Milton regarding tax parcel number 22 -4161-1134-026-3?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion to approve by Commissioner Barrett, seconded by Commissioner Thorne."

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

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Is there a motion to approve the request for representation contained in items 4 and 5 of the Executive Session agenda?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion to approve by Commissioner Barrett, seconded by Commissioner Thorne."

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

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "And finally, is there a motion to approve the request to retain outside counsel in item, set forth in item 10 of the Executive Session agenda?"

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

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No further items?"

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Anything else to come before us, Madam Clerk?"

CLERK GRIER: "No further items."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No further items, we are adjourned. Thank you."

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.