

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

October 16, 2024

10:00 AM



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



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Ratification Date: November 20, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Robert L. Pitts

10:01 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

Natalie Hall, 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**24-0660 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 Second Regular Meeting Agenda for separate consideration. **(ADOPTED AS AMENDED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended by removing item #24-0662 for separate consideration as requested by Chairman Pitts. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Hall

Absent: Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

24-0661 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing "A'Cariyon Perry Grief Awareness Day." **(Arrington/Hall)**
October 4, 2024

Proclamation recognizing "Alpha Merit Badge University Day."
(Abdur-Rahman/Pitts/Thorne)
October 5, 2024

Proclamation recognizing "Nexus Circular Appreciation Day." **(Pitts)**
October 16, 2024

Proclamation recognizing "Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation Appreciation Day." **(Pitts)**
October 16, 2024

Proclamation recognizing "Johns Creek Green Team Appreciation Day." **(Thorne)**
October 16, 2024

Proclamation recognizing "Roswell Rotary Appreciation Day." **(Ellis)**
October 16, 2024

Proclamation recognizing "Livable Buckhead Appreciation Day." **(Barrett)**
October 16, 2024

Proclamation recognizing "Atlanta Beltline Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
October 16, 2024

Proclamation recognizing "Community Health Worker Garden Project at Camp Truitt Appreciation Day." **(Arrington)**
October 16, 2024

Proclamation recognizing "Community Health Aligning Revitalization Resilience and Sustainability Appreciation Day." **(Abdur-Rahman)**
October 16, 2024

24-0662 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of the proposed 2025 Fulton County Board of Commissioners' Meeting Calendar. **(APPROVED)**

ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY CHAIRMAN PITTS

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

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

Nay: Pitts

Did Not Vote: Hall, and Arrington

Open & Responsible Government

24-0663 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 23ITB138778C-MH, Boiler Inspection and Preventive Maintenance Services, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 with Daikin Applied Americas, Inc. (Marietta, GA) to provide standby on-site boiler inspection and preventive maintenance services for 27 boilers located within selected Fulton County facilities as needed. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0664 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of Sanitary Sewer System Ownership, Operation, Maintenance, and Repair Agreement between Fulton County, Georgia, and Johns Creek 206, LLC, for the purpose of granting Fulton County access to extend and maintain the sanitary sewer system at 0 McGinnis Ferry Road, Johns Creek, Georgia 30097. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0665 Finance

Ratification of September 2024 Grants Activity Report. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Health and Human Services**24-0666 Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities**

Request approval to select Applied Research Services (ARS) as the Evaluator for the Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) FY 2023 Behavioral Health Partnership for Early Diversion of Adults and Youth Grant. Effective October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2028. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0667 Public Works

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Public Works, 23ITB08232023A-JWT, Emergency Sewage Cleanup Services in the amount of \$101,349.40 with Above All Cleaning & Restoration, LLC (Tucker, GA), to provide emergency sewage cleanup services. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0668 Public Works

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Public Works, 22ITBC077A-KM, Landscaping Restoration Services in an amount not to exceed \$131,923.00 with Ed Castro Landscaping, Inc. (Roswell, GA), to provide landscaping restoration services. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0669 Public Works

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Public Works, 22ITBC079A-KM, Colilert Reagent 24 and Colilert 18 Reagent Supplies, in an amount not to exceed \$90,669.40 with IDEXX Distribution Inc. (Westbrook, ME), chemicals for drinking water analysis for use with existing County-owned lab equipment. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Justice and Safety**24-0670 Police**

Request approval to renew existing contracts, 23ITBC138578B-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. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0671 Sheriff

Request approval renew an existing contract - Sheriff's Office, 22RFP0405B-PS, Delinquent Tax Sales with Government Tax Services, Inc. (Carrollton, Georgia) to provide type-written title examinations, abstracts, and delinquent tax sales preparation services. This action exercises the second of three renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective October 31, 2024, through July 31, 2025. This is a revenue neutral contract. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0672 Superior Court Administration

Request approval to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with Goodwill of North Georgia ("GNG") effective October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, for the purposes of providing job readiness and skills training and employment as part of the Peer and Care Expansion project (PeaCE) Project. The agreement is subject to grant funding and guidelines outlined in the pending grant award submitted to the Bureau of Justice Assistance ("BJA") FY24 Adult Treatment Court Programs #O-BJA_2021-171972, attached hereto as Exhibit A in an amount not to exceed \$47,089.00. Three (3) one-year renewal options pending grant funding. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Infrastructure and Economic Development**24-0673 Public Works**

Request approval of the First Amendment of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Fulton County and the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA), Clayton County, City of College Park, the Airport South Community Improvement District (ASCID), the Airport West Community Improvement District (AWCID) (together the AACIDs) and the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), for participation in the Automated Transit Network (ATN) Investigation & Improvement Study; authorize the Chairman to execute the First Amendment; authorize the County Attorney to approve the First Amendment as to form and to make changes thereto prior to execution. No Funding required by Fulton County. Effective upon execution. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

SECOND REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**24-0674 Board of Commissioners**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to adopt the Second Regular Meeting Agenda as amended by revising item #24-0676. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Hall

Absent: Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

24-0675 Clerk to the Commission

Ratification of Minutes. **(RATIFIED)**

Second Regular Meeting Minutes, September 18, 2024

First Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, October 2, 2024

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

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Hall

Absent: Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

24-0676 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing "Fulton County Citizens Commission on the Environment Awardee Appreciation Day." **(BOC)**

Proclamation recognizing "Maggie DeCan Appreciation Day." **(Ellis/Thorne)**

Proclamation recognizing "Katha Stuart Appreciation Day." **(Ellis/Thorne)**

Proclamation recognizing "The Work of the Fulton County Board of Health's Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention Program." **(Barrett/Pitts/Ellis)**

Proclamation recognizing "Friends of the Library Week." **(Barrett/Ellis)**

PUBLIC HEARINGS**24-0677 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)

11 Speakers: L.A. Pink (Fulton County Jail); Senae Hobson (Devon Anderson/Son); Valerie Anderson (Devon Anderson/Justice); Margie McCloud (H.B. 404/Rental Agreements); Yafa Hutchinson (Homelessness/Section 8); Gary Uitulugt (Senior Services); Prophet Curtis Martin Hairston (Homelessness/Fulton County Jail); Adam Stephen Wadley (Devon Anderson/Justice); Janet Hill (Deed Fraud); John T. Fisher III (Residential Fraud) and Devin Barrington Ward (Devon Anderson/Justice)

5 Zoom Speakers: Melissa White (Registration and Elections); Matt Rowenczak (Registration and Elections); Cosco Jones (Legislative); Ben Howard (Seniors Services) and Katie Benson (Registration and Elections)

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD**Invest Atlanta****24-0678 Board of Commissioners**

Invest Atlanta Briefing. **(PRESENTED)**

COUNTY MANAGER'S RENEWAL ITEMS**Open & Responsible Government****24-0679 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 23RFP138735K-DB, Standby Professional Services for Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing and Fire Protection, in the total amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 with (A) WSP USA Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. (Kennesaw, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00; (B) Axis Infrastructure, LLC (Roswell, GA) in an amount no to exceed \$300,000.00, (C) Johnson, Spellman & Associates, Inc. (Peachtree Corners, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00, (D) Wiley/Wilson (Atlanta, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00; and, (E) Foresite Group, LLC (Peachtree Corners, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00, to provide standby professional services for facilities related design, engineering and assessments in the areas of mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire protection on an task order basis. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve items #24-0679 through #24-0684. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

24-0680 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 22ITB134949C-GS, Tree Removal Services Countywide, in an amount not to exceed \$309,000.00 with Arborserv, Inc. (Lithonia, GA), to provide on-site tree removal services countywide on an “as-needed” basis. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve items #24-0679 through #24-0684. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

24-0681 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 23RFP138733K-BKJ, Standby Professional Services for Facilities Related Planning, Design, Engineering and Assessments - Architectural and Engineering Services, in the total amount not to exceed \$1,600,000.00 with (A) Sizemore Group, LLC (Atlanta, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00; (B) KHAFFRA Engineering Consultants, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00; (C) Heery + Russell, a joint venture (Atlanta, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00; and (D) WSP USA Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc. (Kennesaw, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00, to provide standby professional services for facilities related design, engineering and assessments. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve items #24-0679 through #24-0684. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

24-0682 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 23ITB110923C-GS, HVAC On Call Maintenance Services Countywide in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 with (A) Mechanical Services, Inc. (Hapeville, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00; (B) Trane U.S., Inc. (Atlanta, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00; (C) 5 Seasons Mechanical LLC (Norcross, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00; and (D) JR Hobbs Co. - Atlanta, LLC (Lawrenceville, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, to provide standby on-site HVAC on call maintenance services of air conditioning systems on an "as needed" basis for all County facilities. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve items #24-0679 through #24-0684. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

24-0683 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 23ITB138805C-GS, Carpet, Carpet Installation and Repair Services Countywide, in an amount not to exceed \$345,000.00 with (A) G.S.A.T. Restoration, Inc. dba Paul Davis of North Atlanta (Norcross, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$145,000.00; (B) HPI Floor, LLC (Atlanta, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00; and (C) Brad Construction Company II (Fayetteville, GA) in the amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, to provide carpet, carpet tile installation and repair services on an "as-needed" basis for Countywide facilities. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve items #24-0679 through #24-0684. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

24-0684 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 23ITB138804C-GS, Electrical on Call Maintenance Services Countywide in an amount not to exceed \$375,000.00, with (A) Capital City Electrical Services, LLC (Norcross, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$165,000.00; (B) ALL-N-1 Security Services, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$160,000.00; and (C) Electrify Atlanta, LLC (Roswell, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, to provide standby on-site electrical on-call maintenance services on an "as needed" basis for all Fulton County facilities. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve items #24-0679 through #24-0684. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

COUNTY MANAGER'S ITEMS**Open & Responsible Government****24-0685 County Manager**

Presentation of the Fulton County Operational Report. **(PRESENTED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Arrington, to table the Government Center 10th Floor renovation discussion until the November 6th First Regular Meeting. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nay: Thorne

Did Not Vote: Hall

24-0686 Finance

Presentation, review, and approval of October 16, 2024, Budget Soundings and Resolution. **(PRESENTED/APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Barrett

24-0687 Information Technology

Request approval to increase the spending authority - Information Technology, 22ITBC1006B-PS, Fulton PC Refresh Enterprise Workstation in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00 with CDW Government LLC. (Vernon Hills, IL) to provide enterprise business class desktop personal computers (PCs), laptops, monitors and docking stations, specialty computing devices to include iPads, iMacs, MS Surface Pros and supporting peripherals. Effective upon BOC approval.

(APPROVED)

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

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

Did Not Vote: Arrington

24-0688 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to utilize cooperative purchasing - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Sourcewell Contract #042821-ORK, Pest Control Services Countywide, in the amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 with Orkin, LLC (Atlanta, GA), to provide comprehensive pest control services on an as-needed basis for Countywide facilities. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, through June 18, 2025.

(APPROVED)

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

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

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

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

24-0654 Board of Commissioners

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

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

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

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

24-0655 Board of Commissioners

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

COUNTY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**Open & Responsible Government****24-0689 External Affairs**

Presentation: 2025 Legislative Agenda. **(PRESENTED)**

COMMISSIONERS' PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**24-0613 Board of Commissioners**

Discussion: Open Records Requests **(Thorne) (HELD ON 9/18/24 AND 10/2/24) (HELD)**

24-0614 Board of Commissioners

Discussion: Sheriff's Office Outstanding Invoices **(Pitts) (MOTION TO APPROVE FAILED ON 9/4/24 AND 10/2/24)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to approve allocating \$2,255,042.94 to the Sheriff's Office. Motion to Approve Failed on 10/2/24

Reference item #24-0579:

A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to allocate the \$2.137 million to the Sheriff's Office. Motion to Approve Failed on 9/4/24

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

b. A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to approve paying \$643,275.46 for the LEO Tech portion and a letter to be written, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, directing the Sheriff to re-prioritize, within the confines of his budget, to pay the remaining invoices. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nay: Pitts

Did Not Vote: Hall, and Arrington

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

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

Did Not Vote: Barrett, Hall, and Arrington

24-0615 Board of Commissioners

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION**24-0690 Board of Commissioners**

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

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

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

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

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to approve the requests for representation in items #1, #2, #3, #4, and #5 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement for approximately 2.16 acres for the property located at 4807 Cochran Rd, Union City, from NR Deed, LLC, in the amount of \$43,200.00 plus closing costs. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

ADDED TO THE MEETING**Items Added to the Agenda****24-0691 Board of Commissioners**

Discussion: Procedural irregularities in Board of Commissioners' and Board of Registration and Elections' approval to file lawsuit **(Thorne)**

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Ellis, to approve adding item #24-0691 to the Second Regular Meeting Agenda. Without a supermajority vote, the motion failed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, and Ellis

Nay: Barrett, and Hall

Did Not Vote: Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Ellis, to reconsider adding item #24-0691 to the Second Regular Meeting Agenda. Without a supermajority vote, the motion failed by the following vote:

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

Nay: Barrett

Did Not Vote: Hall, and Arrington

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S
SECOND REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2024
10:00 A.M.

Alexander Solutions, LLC
"A Court Reporting Firm"

(Whereupon, the meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Good morning, everyone and welcome to the Second Regular Meeting of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. Today is Wednesday, October 16th, 2024. It is 10:01 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 Natalie Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Marvin Arrington, Jr. Vice Chair Khadijah Abdur-Rahman. Mr. Chairman, you have a quorum."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, now. What's going on up there?"

CLERK GRIER: "Sounds like it's fixed."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "They finished? All right. Please for the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Please continue."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 2, Consent Agenda, **24-0660**, 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 Second Regular Meeting Agenda for separate consideration."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "On page 3, item number 24-0662. Can we remove that for further discussion?"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes. So noted."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Any other items? Do you have anything, Madam Clerk? Commissioners?"

CLERK GRIER: "I don't have anything."

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. I'll entertain a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Motion to approve by Commissioner Barrett; it is seconded by Commissioner Natalie Hall. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 5, Second Regular Meeting Agenda: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have an item that has been requested to be added to today's Second Regular Meeting Agenda by Commissioner Thorne, 24-0691, Discussion: Procedural irregularities in Board of Commissioners and Board of Registration and Elections approval to file lawsuit."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. To add, that would require a supermajority vote. What's the emergency?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "The emergency is that a lawsuit was filed on behalf of the Board of Registration and Elections on Monday. It was filed without approval by the actual Board of Elections members. It was ratified later after the fact on Thursday. The lawsuit also was using outside counsel that we did not approve for that purpose, so we basically have an unelected official making the decision to spend \$600 per hour for outside counsel that we did not approve."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What's your motion, to add?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "My motion is to add a Discussion item to the Agenda."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. All right, motion to -- excuse me -- to add this item to today's Agenda. Let's vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion fails; three yeas, one nay -- three yeas, two nays."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion fails. Continue."

CLERK GRIER: "**24-0674**, Adoption of the Second Regular Meeting Agenda. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, I have one amendment on page 5, Presentations of Proclamations and Certificates, 24-0676: just to amend the title of the proclamation recognizing the work of the Fulton County Board of Health Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention Program."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So what's the change?"

CLERK GRIER: "Just amending the title."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What's the title?"

CLERK GRIER: "Adding the words 'the works of the' and striking 'appreciation day.'"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

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

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

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, the motion to approve as amended. Motion to approve as amended by Commissioner Barrett; it is seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**24-0675**, Ratification of Minutes, Second Regular Meeting Minutes, September 18th; First Regular Meeting Minutes, Post Agenda Minutes, October 2nd, 2024."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "24-0676, Presentation of Proclamations and Certificates. The first proclamation is recognizing 'Fulton County Citizens Commission on the Environment Award Appreciation Day' sponsored by the Full Board of Commissioners."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Let's go."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "So can we get all of the environmental award winners to come down? I just want to say, we recognized these environmental award winners at a breakfast earlier. They're doing great work across the County, amazing work across the County, for our environment, sustainability issues that we have; working hard with our communities, so we have a lot of them here today. So the proclamation reads: WHEREAS, Fulton County Citizens Commission on the Environment was established by the Board of Commissioners in 1995 to advise on projects and collaborate with the community to promote and encourage environmentally sound practices; and WHEREAS, the Fulton County Citizens Commission on the Environment has awarded environmental awards annually since 2003; and WHEREAS, the Fulton County Citizens Commission on the Environment has been empowered by the Board of Commissioners to track and advise on environmental issues; and WHEREAS, the environmental awardees are individuals, organizations, and projects that exemplify environmental excellence and can inspire others in Fulton County; and WHEREAS, the 2024 award winners are the cities of Johns Creek, the green team; the Roswell Rotary, Livable Buckhead, the Atlanta Beltline, the community health worker led community garden initiative, community health aligning revitalization resilience and sustainability, the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation, and the Atlanta Nexus Circulars. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County recognizes the environmental contributions of Fulton County Citizens Commission on the Environment Award winners; and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 16th, 2024, as Fulton County Citizens Commission on the Environment Award Day in Fulton County, Georgia. Someone want to hold it? Does anybody want to talk?"

RECIPIENT: "Just wanted to say thank you to everybody that's been a part of this process and help with coordinating things for today. To each and every one of you, continue the great work that you all are doing in Fulton County, and let's make sure that we have a great environment for our children and for our children and next generations to live in. Thank you again."

CLERK GRIER: "The next proclamation is recognizing 'Maggie DeCan Appreciation Day' sponsored by Commissioner Ellis and Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Come on down, Maggie. Bobby, you're welcome to join us, too if you would like to, so. We can assign that job too, you know. Either way, whichever side you'd like to stand."

MAGGIE DECAN, RECIPIENT: "I get a whole day?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "You get a whole day. You get a whole day. It's certainly my honor to recognize Maggie, and you're going to learn about her as I read through the proclamation; but I'll just say that the work that she has done in the organization that she's been a part of, Children's Development Academy, which is -- has a linkage to Fulton County, has been a partner with Fulton County for a number of years, has definitely had a tremendous impact on so many different lives, so many lives, and had great impact on our communities. So I'm going to share with you a little bit about Maggie and what she's done in her work, and why we're honoring her today. WHEREAS, Maggie DeCan is the CEO and executive director of the Children's Development Academy and provides high-quality -- which provides high-quality learning programs to children as families otherwise couldn't afford it. Annually serving 200 children; ages one through five, from low income working families in the northern ARC of greater Atlanta; and WHEREAS, during her tenure, Maggie championed a best-in-class compensation model for our teachers, significantly raised awareness of the CDA in the importance of early education within the North Fulton community and beyond. Updated safety procedures, made significant physical upgrades across the entire school, successfully led the organization through the COVID pandemic as an essential service and expanded funding; and WHEREAS, Maggie has been recognized by the National Diversity Counsel as a most power woman -- most power woman, is it? Most powerful woman. Okay, all right. That's better, all right. All right. The Womanectics, have I got that right? With their POW award, (indiscernible.) character and leadership award, and the Georgia PTA for Visionary Leadership; and WHEREAS, Maggie stepped out down from her role on October 5th, 2024, to publish her first book, 'Humble on Purpose'. She volunteers with the Chi Omega National Fraternity Foundation, serves as incoming president of the Atlanta University of Michigan alumni club -- go blue, as she says, so we'll say that for today, go blue, and serves her parish at Saint David's Episcopal Church; and WHEREAS, Maggie and husband, Bob, are the proud parents of two sons, Riley and Brady, and enjoy time at their home, on a beautiful lake in the North Georgia mountains with their labs, Charlie and Lily. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton Board of Commissioners recognizes Maggie DeCan for her dedication to children's education: congratulates her on her retirement -- although I don't think she's going to be retiring; and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 16th, 2024, as Maggie DeCan Appreciation Day in Fulton County, Georgia. Let's give her big hand."

MAGGIE DECAN, RECIPIENT: "I just want to thank Fulton County for always being there for the CDA and the children during COVID and beyond, and always remembering that there's poverty throughout the County even in the northern ARC, and we really, really appreciate it. Thank you to you all."

CLERK GRIER: "The next proclamation is recognizing 'Katha Stuart Appreciation Day' sponsored by Commissioners Ellis and Thorne."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "If Katha and John could come down. I'm glad we got to recognize the two of these women today. They've done different things, but they've

overlapped in the same footprint, and both have made such a significant impact quietly and humbly and very unselfishly, you know, making a huge impact in our communities. And it's my honor to recognize Katha, and I'm going to share with you a little bit about Katha and the work that she has done and continues to do within our communities. WHEREAS, Katha Stuart was appointed to the Board of Education in October of 2015, to fill an unexpired term which expired on December 31, 2016, and subsequently was elected twice with her current term expiring December 31, 2024; and WHEREAS, Katha has been involved in Fulton County Schools activities since her children began kindergarten at Mountain Park Elementary, and over the years have served in various PTAs, school governance council, formerly the Local School Advisory Councils, and Booster Clubs roles at Mountain Park Elementary School, Crabapple Middle School, and Roswell High School; and WHEREAS, Katha was a part of the superintendents Community Advisory Council from 2009 until 2015, has been a parent advocate for supporting SPLOST funding at the council and state PTA level, served as Vice President of Programs for the North Fulton Council PTA as a committee member for the Georgia PTA; and WHEREAS, has also volunteered in capacities outside of education including the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Roswell, and she serves on the boards of Star House Foundation, WellStar North Fulton Hospital Community Board, and the North Fulton Advisory Board for the United Way of Greater Atlanta, and is a member of the Rotary Club of Roswell, who we recognized earlier; and WHEREAS, Katha and her husband, John, are the proud parents of two adult daughters, Abby and Libby. And NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton Board of Commissioners recognizes Katha Stuart for her commitment to education in the city of Roswell; and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 16, 2024, as 'Katha Stuart Appreciation Day' in Fulton County, Georgia. Let's give a great big hand. And as just a point of privilege, Katha and I have overlapped service really up through the entire time, I think. I started when you were starting, right? And she's a smartly decided to enjoy herself. But I'm mean -- I was wondering how many school events you've been to between the PTA piece and then in your service, so you know, on the school board. You've spent quite amount of time working and dedicating yourself to our schools, and there's not enough that's mentioned in here about your work on the Board of Education, which has been phenomenal, and the work that you've done there, and the impact that you've had on so many lives. So, you know, look, we have a tough role in the Board of Commissioners, sometimes, but our school board members do -- do great work, and they take a lot of flak and they often go unrecognized, and I just wanted to say thank you, thank you, thank you."

KATHA STUART, RECIPIENT: "Thanks so much, Commissioner Ellis. I really appreciate it. It was such a pleasure and an honor and a privilege to serve on the Fulton County Board of Education for nine years. The school system is in a great place. It's on a great trajectory, so I left on a high. But one of the reasons it's in such great shape is because of the support we get from the community and from the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. They have put so much time and effort and money into supporting all of our students, especially those that are -- that are challenged, and Bob mentioned that we've worked together for a long time, and that's certainly the case. Bob is the one who championed many, many years ago, putting money into supporting

our kids' mental health and behavioral health needs, and that's something that this Commission has really taken on and championed, and we certainly appreciate that because if we can raise one child up, we can raise them all. So thank you so much for this honor. I am so very honored. Appreciate everybody being here."

CLERK GRIER: "The next proclamation is recognizing the work of the 'Fulton County Board of Health's Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention Program' sponsored by Commissioners Barrett, Ellis, and Chairman Pitts."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Can I get all of the Board of Health folks to come down here? Before I start, I want to thank Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman for recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness Month at our last meeting, and we wanted to keep that awareness and momentum going, and take your lead on that, so thank you for that. And so, in order to keep that awareness going all month long, we wanted to take a moment today to recognize the critical work -- come on over Board of Health folks -- to recognize the critical work of our Board of Health. They save women's lives with the breast and cervical cancer prevention program that they've been running now for almost 30 years. I think we all know that early detection -- I didn't know Dr. Paxton was going to be here, so welcome. So look, early detection is the key to better outcomes. I think we all know that. And they make screenings available despite income. They share information widely across the County, and that's why we're doing this proclamation today. So let me read it out. It says, WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Health's mission is to provide services that help protect residents from health threats, improve health outcomes, and assist Fulton County citizens in living healthier lives; and WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Health has created programs to address chronic and life-threatening illnesses such as heart disease, diabetes, stroke, HIV, and cancer; and WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Public Health cites early detection as critical to achieve better outcomes in both breast and cervical cancer; and WHEREAS, CDC research finds that lack of early detection for breast cancer and cervical cancer disproportionately impacts minority communities; and WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Health has developed a breast and cervical cancer prevention program tasked with diagnosing and advising women on the best treatment options for each of these potentially deadly illnesses; and WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Health Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention Program provides breast cancer examinations, Pap smears, diagnostic services, and referrals to treatment to help reduce the impacts of breast and cervical cancer on uninsured and underinsured women residing in Fulton County; and WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2024, the Board of Health's Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention Program served over 200 Fulton County women at their clinics in Adamsville, College Park, and North Fulton. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners proclaims its solidarity with the Fulton County Board of Health in encouraging all women to get screened regularly for both breast and cervical cancer; and we do hereby recognize the work of the Fulton County Board of Health Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention Program in addressing these critical threats to women's health. Dr. Paxton?"

RECIPIENT: "Hi. We the Fulton County Board of Health women's health staff, would like to thank all of the Commissioners, especially you, Commissioner Barrett, for your support of our breast and cervical screening program. As many of you all are aware, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. And breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women. We, the breast and cervical screening program, our goal is to make sure that there are not any barriers preventing a woman for obtaining a mammogram, as well as a clinical screening breast exam. We are there every day -- every day, Monday through Friday, fighting for our women. Again, we want to thank all of the Commissioners and all of the others for supporting the breast and cervical screening program in helping to prevent breast cancer among women. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "The last proclamation is recognizing 'Friends of the Library Week,' sponsoring Commissioners Barrett and Ellis."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "All right, Friends of the Library, come on down and join us. It's always an honor to sort of boost up the work of volunteers across the County, but in particular those from the library. So it's my honor today to celebrate our volunteers that make the Fulton County Library System special. I always talk about how I've have a lifelong love of books and reading, and in many ways, that shaped who I am today. That love started at the library for me and it was in large part because of the staff and the volunteers that welcomed me into my County Library when I was a kid. So I can't go back in time and thank them, but I could thank all of you, and that's what we're doing with this proclamation today. It reads: WHEREAS, the Fulton County Friends of the Library Volunteer Program provides a unique opportunity for citizens to contribute their time and expertise, to enhance the services of the Fulton County Library System and has grown from just a few dozen volunteers in 1989 when it first began, to over 3500 friends and volunteers; and WHEREAS, the Fulton County Library System friends and volunteers play a vital roll in advocating for library services, collecting, sorting, organizing, and selling thousands of donated books at book sales and book stores across the County, hosting fundraisers, funding and sponsoring library programs, and even returning materials to the shelf and more; and WHEREAS, the Fulton County Library System will recognize 334 friends volunteers doing National Friends of Libraries Week 2024, including several friends volunteers celebrating 30 years of service of the library system, and many who have served thousands of hours throughout the years; and WHEREAS, there are currently 21 Friends of the Library groups throughout Fulton County that provide significant support to the library system by contributing over 458,000 lifetime volunteer hours as well as funds to enhance the important programs and services of the library system; and WHEREAS, library friends volunteers have given unselfishly of their time and talents to the Fulton County Library System donating over 14,000 hours in 2024, providing services worth nearly half a million dollars. Now, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County recognizes the accomplishments and dedication of the Friends of the Library Volunteers; and does hereby proclaim the week of October 16, 2024, as Fulton County Library System Friends of the Library Week in Fulton County."

RECIPIENT: "Thank you so much. We are so grateful to all of the Commissioners for your support of libraries. We hope that everyone continues to renew their library card. We have both Cascade and East Atlanta represented today, but we do have 21 friends group, and we hope to have more, so you can still apply to be a friend's member. So please, please reach out to your local library. We could not do this work without you. They are the reason that we are able to expand our reach in Fulton County, so thank you so much for recognizing their great work. Thank you."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 6, Public Hearings **24-0677**, Public Comment - Citizens wishing to participate in public comment will be allowed to appear in person or may choose to participate virtually via Zoom videoconferencing or by submitting their comments in writing by registering on the county's 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 portion of the meeting will not exceed 60 minutes. In the event the 60-minute time limit is reached prior to public comments being completed, public comment will be suspended and the business portion of the BOC meeting will commence. Public comment will resume at the end of the meeting. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we will start with the speakers here in Assembly Hall. We have received ten speaker cards. Will the first ten speakers, please come forward: LA Pink, Senae Hobson, Valerie Anderson, Margie McCloud, and Yafa Hutchinson."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Come on down, please, in that order. Again, when you have 15 seconds, I'll say, 15 seconds, and you should begin to conclude your two minutes. First speaker."

LA PINK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "All righty, all righty. I might as well just jump it off real smooth and quick. So I come down here and I know this first half that I'm talking about is going to be taken care of, but I just wanted to address the community with it. I got a call last night from an elder in Grove Park, and she was telling me that they are trying to put a lien on her home for \$23. This is what our elders are talking about when they're saying that they're trying to take their property, steal from them, the above. So I know Khadijah is going to get that taken care of, her and her staff, because you always do when it comes to the things that need to be taken care of in your community so I'm not worried about that. But I just wanted to bring that out because it needs to be addressed and be looked at in other communities if they're doing it to other people. So I really came here today because I wanted to address a situation. Yesterday was early voting and, of course, there was a death in the jail again. I understand that you guys continuously to believe in this narcissist; continue to believe that he is going to -- well some of you, not all, let me clear that up. And the ones that believe in this narcissist is going to be removed as well. But he -- as I was saying, he had another death in the jail."

I know that people have never seen what's about to happen as far as with the write-in and that it is never going to take place. But if people understand what Noah's -- what happened with the ark, they didn't think it was going to rain, but it rained, and this is what we're asking people to do since nobody have done an investigation, we are asking for everybody to do a write in for Charles --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

LA PINK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- Rambo for Sheriff. We need a new Sheriff. This is just getting to be ridiculous. A death every single day, some we have no clue of what's going on. We need an investigation."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next speaker. Come closer to the mic, ma'am."

VALERIE ANDERSON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning -- that's better?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes."

VALERIE ANDERSON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Oh, okay. Thank you. My name is Valerie Anderson and I'm here to talk about my son, Devon Anderson that was murdered on August 5th. I have not heard anything since August 5th, and I wanted to speak on this, but council cannot afford to be complicit and complacent especially when they have the ability and responsibility to help remediate the issues that directly impact families and communities. It is crucial that the council take decisive action when it can to make a meaningful difference. Additionally, I went to the other side, and I want to thank them also, Councilmen Lewis and Farokhi, for their efforts in addressing my concerns and asking the difficult yet necessary questions such as whether Melvin Potter is fit to serve as a police officer; an individual who took an oath to serve and protect. Melvin Potter has not been held accountable for anything he has done. How do Melvin Potter avoid getting his blood drawn from a judge? How did he get away with that? He's supposed to be able to do the law respectfully as I would, as you would, because if any one of you get a DUI, y'all would be going to jail. Melvin Potter has not been held accountable at any time for the murder of my son."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds."

VALERIE ANDERSON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "I do not know up to this day what happened to my son. My son died senselessly at the hands of Melvin Potter who is still collecting a check; home. He's at home collecting a check. He shouldn't be collecting a check."

SENAE HOBSON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Senae Hobson. I honestly just have a few questions. How is it that when you become a police officer there's training that you're supposed to take on a yearly or bi-yearly, correct? So how is it that on January 31st of this year, Melvin Potter had a de-escalating training that lasted two hours? How is it that February 19th of this year, he had a less lethal device training that

was less than three hours? How is it that March 28th, 2024, he had a fire arms requal and use of deadly force training? And on August 5th, he failed to do any of that. He did not de-escalate any training or any situation; he did not use lesser lethal, his training for that, to use something less lethal to de-escalate or training; and then he used deadly force. Where is the training? Where is, I'm going to take what I learned in a classroom setting and put that out in the street? Where is, how do I -- what they just taught me a couple of months ago, that was a retraining, so you have learned it in the past. You're literally just doing a follow-up. You failed to -- you failed to utilize the information that you retained during these training sessions and put it out in the public. How is it that we have public servants who aren't utilizing the things that we are paying for, as taxpayers within the County, and it's okay, for him to go out and murder somebody and he's still collecting a paycheck from the city, sitting at home? And their excuse is well, he doesn't have --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

SENAE HOBSON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- his gun or his badge, and yet he's still collecting a check? That's it."

MARGIE MCCLOUD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good afternoon, Commissioners. Your city is crying out. Your city is hurting because rent is constantly going up. Rob Pitts, I'm going to put you on -- I have a task force I want to put you on, and also with the mayor. Y'all must go to the governor and talk to the governor that we need this (inaudible) to be lift up because he has the power. If he could do the gas, he could do this, unban, unban, rent control. We got to have rent control. Even Maggie saw my shirt. She said, I like the shirt, but this shirt is a movement. We have to get a cap on the rent. We have to. Now what happened, House Bill 404, it made it worse, because now they could get people out of apartments in ten -- in seven days. And Kirk keep coming down here asking you all for funding, we need this funding. She need help for eviction. Y'all not giving her funding. But these people here, this young lady that's going to talk to you, and she going to tell you they're telling her seven days that she have to leave. She's homeless now. She's homeless because of this House Bill 404. It must be amended, and constantly I'm going to be here. A lot of people -- homelessness is not getting no better. It's getting worse, because now the hotel's going increasing their rent in the hotels now. Because look at Florida's in here? Now the people who been staying in the hotels for six and seven months, they're going up on their rent. They're going up on their prices."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds."

MARGIE MCCLOUD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "So what I'm saying, Robb Pitts, and your mayor, you're on my task force. I want you to go to the governor and talk to the governor, because y'all got to have communication. Let him know what's happened to your city. That this --"

CLERK GRIER: "Next five speakers, please come forward: Prophet Curtis Martin Hairston, Adam Stephen Whitley, John T. Fisher, Janet Hill, and Devin Barrington Ward."

Yafa Hutchinson, Public Speaker: "Good morning, everyone. I'm a mother of ten. They gave me seven days to move out. I've been on Section 8 for six years, and I'm also a cancer patient. They moved me in this home and it was not livable. I was living in feces and everything coming up through the basement. It caused me to get sick as I'm sick as of now. I got bit by a spider, and the landlord came in and took me to court, because I kept calling down to Section 8, and they came out and inspected it, and it failed. And it failed twice. And after it fails twice, then I had to go to court again, and when I went to court, they gave me seven days. And right now, me and my kids are homeless because all of this has been going on. And I have pictures in my phone; I have called code enforcement: they failed it. The home was not livable from day one. But Section 8 allowed me to move in there. I have pictures and everything. I have called down here, I have went over there to your office, Rob Pitts, and I also left numerous of messages through their secretary, they never responded back."

Margie McCloud: "She need help."

Chairman Pitts: "Thank you. Thank you."

Yafa Hutchinson, Public Speaker: "-- the water situation -- I mean, it's so overbearing. Like I said, when he moved me in, he was using someone else's water, and the water was \$10,000. It had a blockage on it. So when I began to transfer my thing over, they wouldn't allow me because it went in collection. Anytime a bill go into collection before you get ready to put it in the house, then the person have to pay it off."

Chairman Pitts: "Okay. Thank you."

Margie McCloud, Public Speaker: "She needs your assistance."

Gary Uitulugt, Public Speaker: "Good morning. Good morning. My name is Gary Uitulugt. I am here to talk about cuts recently made to Common Courtesy Transportation, which is a senior transportation system. I live in a HUD financed senior apartment complex. All of these cuts have prevented us from going to see our doctors enough during the month. I've had to cancel two appointments, because I'll be over my visits, and I am speaking for residents that live in several of these facilities. Nobody was contacted before any action was taken by the Board on this procedure. Also, I have been trying to get a hold of my County Commissioner for over a month. Maybe you can give me an insight how to get in touch with her. It's very important to us to have our transportation. Seniors need their independence, but limiting our independence is increasing in depression, isolation, and dementia because we really need this addressed. Thank you."

Chairman Pitts: "Thank you."

PROPHET CURTIS MARTIN HAIRSTON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Yeah, amen. Happy New Year to everybody. I'm joking. Well, again, homelessness in Atlanta Georgia, Fulton County, and DeKalb County, because they're all connected. Now, there's still people dying on our streets, freezing to death. Nineteen folks froze to death -- two people froze to death in front of Gateway. Two people froze to death in front of Gateway. Gateway is a shelter. So we should not send money back that can help homeless people. Now, we want to know -- I want to know, why would a cop kill a boy at a cop party? Because this stuff is getting way out of hand. See, that's how riots get started. See, I'm a prophet of God, see, and you don't want another riot, but that's how riots get started. Because if people run up in banks and police -- I've watched a riot. Folks are going up in banks and the police was there, and the police did nothing because there was a riot. See these are the things that y'all don't understand. Y'all, as in the community. Maybe we need a new commissioner? Maybe we need a new sheriff? Maybe we need a new governor. Maybe we need new people. People are upset. People are afraid. Elders are afraid. You heard what that man just say? I'm talking to elders in their apartments and they're scared to come outside. Now, you can't hit my auntie; you can't threaten my grandmother. Now y'all do the math, right? People are dying underneath your bridges --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

PROPHET CURTIS MARTIN HAIRSTON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- Fulton County is Fulton County. It ain't Atlanta county. It's Atlanta city. Don't start no riot."

ADAM STEPHEN WADLEY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "So-called Fulton County Commission, I'll address you personally: Bridget, Khadijah, Dana, Rob, Natalie, Bob, Marvin. I'm here on behalf of the Justice for Devon Anderson campaign as well. Let me tell you what people with intelligence, courage, integrity, and honor understand. The people that enforce the law should follow the law. And people who are in charge of a county and in charge of the district attorney who files charges or not, should not allow people who are admitted by the GBI, the people you're waiting for some investigation for information for, the GBI has already said, Melvin Potter killed Devon Anderson, so you have a killer just sitting free. You know exactly where he is, sitting at home. You know exactly -- he's getting paid still by the Atlanta Police Department and, you know, it happened in your district, Marvin, right? So I'm confused. Number one, what are you doing to try and hold GBI accountable? It's come to my attention; GBI has waited as long as six months to file investigations and longer. Do you intend to sit by for four more months while a killer sits at home employed by the Atlanta Police Department? Or, my other question for all of you is, why are you so untroubled by your lack of honor? By your lack of integrity? By your lack of transparency, Bridget? By your lack of upholding the Rule of Law in your county. Now I understand as Commissioners, you know, you are not all powerful people. I understand that you are in meshed with very powerful forces, the Police Foundation, the Police Union, all up into the military. I understand it's a lot, okay? And so, I'm not here to say I'm any better than any of you. I take it as my personal responsibility to ensure that we live in a world where again the

people who enforce law, follow the law, and people who are allegedly supposed to keep us and our communities safe actually --

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

ADAM STEPHEN WADLEY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- those and those like you who are supposed to hold them accountable and issue arrest warrants for killers, that you'll do so. And I encourage you to find some honor and stand up with those of us who are sick of this kind of thing. Thank you."

JANET HILL, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. I'm here again to demand a resolution to deed fraud. You're all public servants, and that is your job. On August of 27th -- August 27, 2024, Che Alexander confirmed that there is no internal process or procedure for filing deeds. I'll say it again. There's no formal, internal process or procedure for filing deeds. No wonder we have deed fraud so rampant in Fulton County. September 20th, 2024, Che Alexander filed an order from the federal court over a year old into the magistrate court. We have judges Nancy Mau and Rachel Krause filing false records into the court records for \$746,000 cash transactions that appeared nowhere in the revenue system for Fulton County or the IRS. We are funding these committed -- excuse me, convicted and admitted criminals with our tax dollars. We respectfully demand an end to this deed fraud, correction to the land records, and recovery of lost revenue to Fulton County, the IRS, and for prosecution."

JOHN FISHER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "I can go ahead? All right. Good. Good morning. John Fisher here, presidential task force on financial fraud. Now I'm going to talk to you about what this whole commission's about. It's about money. Okay? Now Ms. Hill just got through telling you that, here's what I'm talking about. When people are illegally foreclosed on these houses and these companies claiming they bought the house, they don't file into the courthouse records. And the reason why I'm telling you, the same thing happened in New York. New York discovered that they missed \$2 billion in one year because these companies do not file the fees into the courthouse. The people that were foreclosed on, names are still on the record four, five, six years later saying that they still own the house, but you've got these fraudulent companies come in violating 15 United States Code 1692 E and F, filing false documentation and claims that they bought these houses in foreclosure, which they never did. Okay? Now what you do is when you file into the process, they never filed into the courthouse paying the fees saying that they bought these houses, because it is a crime to file false documentation, and that's actually what's going on. I got a file this high at home. I've been working with the president task force since 2011, in the process. You're losing money. It's just that simple. You are losing money. This whole commission -- the reason you're up here, is about money. That's why you're here. You need to check into your own coffers and see what's happening. See who's got the money in their pocket. That's what you need to do in the process. Now I've been at this again, like I said, since 2009, and you need to check and find out what's going in your coffers, what's going on. You will find that to the point that you are being robbed also by the same people you got sitting on your benches and everything."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds."

JOHN FISHER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "I got 12 seconds. I'm gone, but like I said, we are monitoring this process. You're losing money."

DEVIN BARRINGTON-WARD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Members of the Commission. My name is Devin Barrington-Ward with the Black Futurist Group. I have here a letter regarding the shooting of Devon Anderson in the city of South Fulton. Now you've heard from other speakers about issues around the shooting that don't fall within the purview of the Fulton County Commission, but I want to talk about a few issues that do. One, we're very concerned that a police officer, off duty, was able to kill a man in the city of South Fulton, a police officer who's had a record of DUI; a police officer who was charged with obstruction of justice that night because he denied taking a breathalyzer test. And then when he got to the Fulton County Jail and Grady Hospital when there was a warrant, a lawful warrant, to draw his blood, it was denied. We need an answer for that. We also need to know why at the Fulton County jail -- his probation officer was not informed of his arrest. He was on probation for that previous DUI charge from 2021 in Coweta County. Anyone else that goes inside of the Fulton County jail, Commissioner Arrington you know this, they're going to check your probation status before they let you go. They're going to make sure that you are a law abiding citizen and that you don't have any charges in any other jurisdictions before they let you go. We want to make sure that Fulton County is not being complicit in providing preferential treatment to this police officer, this murderous police officer, this criminal police officer, who engaged in unlawful activity in the city of South Fulton, who engaged in unlawful activity in Coweta County. He tried to use his badge during 2021 in that arrest to avoid arrest from the Coweta County Deputy. Why has Coweta County not been informed that he was incarcerated inside of the Fulton County Jail for an obstruction of justice charge related to his probation?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds."

DEVIN BARRINGTON-WARD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "We have reason to believe that he was drunk when he killed Mr. Potter that night on August 5th, and we don't need Fulton County to be complicit in making sure that police officers get away with murder. That's ridiculous. It's outrageous, and so there are other issues that are not in purview of this Commission, but that squarely sits within the purview of this Commission and we want --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, sir. Thank you. Thank you. Anyone else?"

CLERK GRIER: "No further speakers in Assembly Hall. We have four speakers on Zoom."

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

MELISSA WHITE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Can you hear me?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes."

MELISSA WHITE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Okay. I just wanted to raise some attention to an issue that was brought to my attention. The BRE Chair, Sherry Allen, asked the Board of Commissioners for additional funding for something -- another purpose. She then used the funds to hire outside counsel without the approval, without the discussion or vote from the rest of the BRE board or from the Board of Commissioners. Why are there citizens paying for counsel when Fulton has county attorneys for this purpose readily available for them? Who gave her the right to make decisions for all of Fulton County? Bridget Thorne tried to bring this up this morning, and she was denied being -- letting it be talked about. I don't know why this would be an issue that the Commissioners don't want to talk about and come to a resolution over. You guys need to fix the problem. The corruption is so rampant in Fulton County, not just with elections, but with everything. Listen to the people who come and talk to you every week. Give them the decency of acknowledging what they're trying to say to you. Thank you."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Matt Rowenczak."

MATT ROWENCZAK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Morning Commissioners. I want to know who the two Commissioners are that voted no to add discussion to the agenda regarding the lawless action by the chair of the BRE? And if you're not willing to share, we'll pull the records. This is precisely why Fulton County's reputation is in the dump when it comes to elections. They continue to violate the law time and time again. In fact, the judge ruled this week that the County had broken the law by denying one of its board members access to election documents and records. The election department is currently in violation of the law as we sit here today. Where is the county attorney? The lawsuit was filed last Monday, and the Board of Elections had never met to discuss or vote on it; then there's a surprise last Thursday morning on their agenda. Chairman Pitts, this is why -- this is who you nominated to this board. Just another lawbreaker with a different name. You need to correct this. Now that our taxpayer dollars are being used for an illegal action, Commissioners, you are responsible for correcting this because you took an oath, did you not? An oath that includes following the law. Is the oath -- does it have any meaning to you? Secondly, why would the county not want to partner with the State Election Board to prevent another long list of election violations and allow them to add their monitors to the existing team? It reeks of obstruction, of transparency, which the county has a history of consistently doing. For the two Commissioners who voted against bringing this item up for discussion, I don't want to ever hear a word come out of your mouth about violating the law."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds."

MATT ROWENCZAK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Commissioner Barrett, I think that you're one of them, and I'm beginning to think you're a communist. You're probably a communist and you don't even realize it. You're not a law-abiding citizen if you decide to continue to violate your oath. Chairman Pitts, you need to fix this."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Cosco Jones."

COSCO JONES, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hello. Can you hear me?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, sir."

COSCO JONES, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hi. I'm Cosco Jones. I sit on the Clean Energy Advisory Board for the city of Atlanta. I'm here -- I want to bring up legislation that basically creates a pathway for energy audits to become a comparable pathway as opposed to real estate inspections in order to help people qualify for the IRA tax credits that are federally aligning. And I also want to bring to the light that, you know, Atlanta is number three in energy burners, energy burners is when you're spending more than 60 percent of your monthly income on utility bills. And we need to make sure that we get legislation in place for these energy audits to help people to be able to age in place. Basically, if it's a \$350 difference on your bills over the life of a 30-year mortgage, that comes up to over \$125,000 that's wasted on -- that's wasted on energy bills. Also, if you're looking at the same -- that same number over a 30-year mortgage within an eight percent return, that's over half a million dollars. So that's a lot of money being wasted by residents because of lack of energy efficiency. People are 60 percent more likely to do a project on their home when they first move into it, hence why I would like the energy audits to be an option at the point-of-sale for the person who's purchasing a home. I wanted to bring this up on a county level. I've already done public comment on the city level with it, and I think it's something that we need to move on so that we can also help all of the other smaller cities that are within Fulton County, i.e., East Point, and, you know, places of that nature, South Fulton and other things, because this is something that is rampant throughout the county, and Georgia is actually the worst state. We have --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

COSCO JONES, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- the worst performing housing stock in the country, and I just wanted to get this all on public record. Thank you."

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

BEN HOWARD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Greetings, Commissioners and staff; and special greetings -- greetings fellow citizens and Commissioners and staff. Ben Howard, Senior Advocate, Public Policy Analyst. Permit me to draw your attention to agenda item 24-0689, presentation relative to the 2025 legislative agenda. The

Housing Authority of Fulton County does need two resident representatives who themselves are directly impacted. This time, let's find two aggressive representatives who will complement the productive tenor of our newly revised and rejuvenated Housing Authority Board. Kudos to all who had a hand in the component, wherein the Fulton County Youth Commission is seeking to engage in the legislative process. That's quite an example you are setting. Perhaps for the 2026 legislative session, we might see some aging sponsored action to have the state legislator do something about runaway HOA boards, skyrocketing rents, price gouging at supermarkets, and the (indiscernible.) of safe, affordable transportation for seniors and the disabled. Stay tuned."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Katie Benson."

KATIE BENSON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hello, Commissioners. Can you hear me?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes."

KATIE BENSON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Okay. Good morning. This is in relation to the lawsuit against the SEB for wanting to add monitors to Fulton County's current monitoring system. I am curious as to why the Fulton County Board of Elections has gone rogue and violated the law by filing suit against the SEB without the Fulton County Board of Elections Board being properly meeting and discussing this action? Why is this information being kept from the public? If my tax dollars are going towards funding elections, shouldn't I and the other taxpayers of Fulton County be made aware? Why is lawlessness again allowed in Fulton County? Commissioners, you have a duty to ensure the law is being followed in the county. Thank you."

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

CLERK GRIER: "No further speakers."

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

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Point of privilege."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I'd like to make a motion to reconsider the discussion item to be added onto the agenda now that we have a Full Board present."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is there a second?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Properly moved and seconded to reconsider that item to be added on an emergency basis."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- all right. Just repeat what is was."

CLERK GRIER: "To reconsider the agenda to add the discussion item."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Was anything in writing to add that you had?"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes. 24-0691: Procedural irregularities in Board of Commissioners and Board of Registration and Elections approval to file lawsuit."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Simply a discussion on procedural issues."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Let's vote. It takes five."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "Continuing on page 6, Presentations to the Board, **24-0678**, Invest Atlanta Briefing."

DR. ELOISA KLEMENTICH, CEO, INVEST ATLANTA: "Good morning."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Good morning."

DR. ELOISA KLEMENTICH, CEO, INVEST ATLANTA: "It's a pleasure to be here again with you today. My name is Dr. Elois Klementich. I'm the proud president and CEO of Invest Atlanta. I have been Nino Chiappetta who's here. He's our CFO, will be here to answer questions, but we're going to ask the amazing Jennifer Fine, who is our VP for Planning and Strategy -- Strategic Initiatives and oversees the Tax Allocation District, or TAD program, to enter into some of the program details. Thank you."

JENNIFER FINE, VP, INVEST ATLANTA: "Thank you. Good morning. Next slide, please. All right, I always start off with this, showing geographically where all of the nine tax allocation districts are. I want to draw particular attention to Atlantic Station TAD as we've been tracking its potential closure date and reporting that to you. So we will have all debt and obligations met by the end of this year, which means that this TAD will be a position for the closing process, to start in the first quarter of 2025. That is a bit expedited from what we were projecting before, so we're very encouraged and happy about that, and will continue to let you know if anything's changed. But that is where we are on the path, and we fully intend that to take closure action the first quarter of next year. Next slide, please. So it's always important to stress the breadth of how TAD

financing directly is impacting people. TAD is really one of the only, if not the only, public funding source and tool that's impacting retention of jobs, and small businesses, and helping them grow by providing access to otherwise inaccessible financing. TAD is also very unique in that it can fund environmental remediation work on land that would otherwise sit undeveloped, so reactivating these areas creates access to public open space and parks that we know are much needed in our neighborhoods. And I think as we all know, TAD plays a key role in the creation of affordable housing, work force housing, and some market rate housing, and we'll discuss that in great detail on the next couple of slides. So I really want to stress that we're trying to solve very significant and complex issues citywide throughout Fulton County, vacancy in downtown and other areas, employment centers, high coming out of the pandemic, obviously; and TAD has and continues to be critical in repositioning buildings from office use, which obviously there is not nearly as great a demand for into much-needed residential use, but that's a very complicated and expensive to do. As we continue to focus on creating more equity in terms of access to this capital in our commercial corridors, to small and -- to small businesses and its investment businesses. So these efforts are directly beneficial to people, obviously, but also to Fulton County financially. As we've discussed before, property growth within the TADs far exceeds growth outside of the TADs, but the growth immediately outside of the TADs, so that's property taxes that are being paid and directly going into Fulton County General Fund, we call this the halo. It's far greater than in other parts of the county. This means that tax collection to the general fund is also greater than if there was no concentrated effort to incentivize development within these TADs. So we think that's incredibly important and something to stress, as we talk about the source of financing. Next slide, please. Okay, people. So this slide provides an overview of the projects that we've approved so far this year in 2024. We approved 17 projects and five TADs representing again a wide diversity of project types and geography. Over \$24 million has been awarded, which has leveraged an additional \$412 million in private investment to the county. Also, very important to note that these projects represent the creation of just under 1300 housing units of which 1151 will be restricted at affordable rents ranging from 30 percent of area median income to 80 percent of area median income. For a pretty significant term between 20 and 30 years, sometimes even longer if we can impact lease structure. Next slide, please. This just shows geographically where these 17 projects are. Again, we're particularly encouraged about the projects in the Beltline and downtown that are providing affordable housing. As we know, that's difficult and expensive to construct and, again, providing more access to very hard to come by financing in our disinvested corridors. Next slide, please. Thank you. So again, all 17 projects in greater detail in this table. I'll speak to a few of these in the next few slides. Next slide, please. There we go. And I think I have three projects slides. So the top slide show the first phase of an overall neighborhood transformation in Northwest Atlanta in the Hollowell/ML King TAD created with former Bowen Home residents and community involvement. This phase will include 151 units of multifamily housing, a third of which will be restricted at no more than 30 percent of area median income, another third at no more than 60 percent of area median income, and the remaining third at market rents; so a true mixed income community. So the vision is to connect a historically neglected and environmentally stressed part of Atlanta into a place where natural social and economic regeneration

can occur through careful planned development. Estimated completion of Phase One is 2026. The images on the bottom, recently approved project, we're happy to partner with City of Refuge on, this is the City of Refuge transformation center in historic West End Heights and the Bankhead neighborhood. It will be a brand-new construction on a large vacant lot. When complete, it will be about 37,000 square feet of mixed-use space including 25 residential units and about 8,000 square feet of commercial. Very excited about this part; we are working and have worked to help finance a small grocery operator on the ground floor. There will also be banking and credit union activity there. Those are both services and uses that don't exist in that neighborhood so that is a key area of focus for us. Residential rents will range from between 30 percent of area median income and 80 percent of area median income. Next slide, please. Images on top are of Lewis Crossing at 420 Chapel Street in Castleberry Hill, adjacent to Mercedes-Benz Stadium. A million-dollar westside grant was awarded for new construction and field development of 50 multifamily housing units. Rents range from 50 to 80 percent of area median income, and will be restricted for at least 30 years. Bottom imagery is really close to where we are right now, innovative reimagining of Trinity United Methodist Church across from City Hall. Two million dollar eastside TAD grant was awarded to this 41 million-dollar investment to restore and repurpose the historic sanctuary in the church to allow the church to continue its operations, but also obviously creating this new residential midrise tower to create 83 housing units that will be rented between 30 and 80 percent of area median income for at least 30 years. Next slide, please. This is the last project slide. Top slide is an office-to-residential conversion of 40 Marietta Street. This building was completed in 1964 as the Atlanta headquarters of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association, but recently was the Atlanta HUD headquarters until the end of last year. This redevelopment will create 152 residential units, the majority of which will range from 40 percent of area median income to 70 percent of area median income. Estimated completion on this is 2027. And lastly, the images below are of a much smaller scale, a neighborhood scale, a new construction of 24 multifamily units near the intersection of Donald Lee Hollowell Parkway and Northside Drive in the English Avenue neighborhood. So an area that's seen a lot of growth and activity over the last several years; \$640,000 Westside TAD grant was awarded to the Westside Future Fund that's making a \$6.5 million investment into the neighborhood. This is actively under way and expected to be completed by the middle of next year. Next slide, please. This is my last wrap-up slide. So really just want to reiterate that these TAD-funded projects directly impact people, residents and employees in Fulton County and the city of Atlanta. And that I can't overstate how extremely difficult it is to finance these projects and how very complex they are to complete. They were so pre-COVID, they're even more complicated and difficult post-COVID for obvious reasons including most, you know, especially access to capital. Infill residential mixed use projects and disinvested commercial corridors and conversion of vacant blighted properties in to needed and vital community services like healthcare and job training. These are priority areas of focus for us and things that make neighborhoods thrive, and we'll continue to be kind of the North Star of the types of projects we want to fund within the TAD's. We're committed to this type of development, and the TAD funding is critical to the success of this. And so, we just thank you and Fulton County for your continued support with this financing tool and the

projects it's been able to help get out of the ground, and to help the people find places to live, and places to work, and much-needed amenities. So with that, I will open it up to any questions that you might have."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman followed by Commissioner Bridget Thorne."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. I just wanted to make sure that I publicly thank you all for the work that you all are doing. You're doing some great work. I want to -- and I know sometimes, you know, you're going to have -- no matter what you do, you're going to have critics. We know that's part of the process. But to bring in my district financial literacy, a credit union, a grocer, even though it's on a smaller scale, you're right, you are the northern star. And so, you can't do everything, you can't cure cancer, you can't make the blind see, but I just want to openly say thank you again. The only thing that I will just ask you all to do is to publicly just make sure everybody knows what you're doing, because they don't. I try to get the information out especially with projects that's in my district, but I think a lot of times individuals don't know the great work that you all are doing. And so, I thank you for the great work you're doing, please keep it up, and thank you for giving us these reports."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I want to reiterate, thank you for the work you're doing and the difference you're making in our communities. I just have a quick question, because you have a project with the City of Refuge, and it's not connected to their actual main campus. So can you explain more how you're working with them and what they're involvement is going to be down the road as well?"

JENNIFER FINE, VP, INVEST ATLANTA: "Sure. Yeah, this is their project, and this was a piece of property that they acquired specifically to build this transformation center. Separate from their main campus, they're growing their out of space, right? They're an incredible organization that does just a vast array of things and services, so this was part of kind of their growth and strategic plan to build this center, so they came to us with a request for some financing assistance to help in that regard. So we initially provided the TAD assistance that I mentioned to help build the center. And then we're actually taking to our board tomorrow, what the TAD -- no, it didn't go to the TAD committee, I'm TAD, but it went to another committee. But it's coming to our board tomorrow. We're going to be providing additional support through on our grocery access to fresh food financing to really incentivize the grocer part. So we've got two layers of funding, but it will be owned, operated, and managed by City of Refuge."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "So City of Refuge, will they be bringing in somebody to run that grocery store and make sure it's viable and kept alive for the residence?"

JENNIFER FINE, VP, INVEST ATLANTA: "Yeah, absolutely."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "And will the residents in that facility have access to all the programming and everything that they do at their main campus as well?"

JENNIFER FINE, VP, INVEST ATLANTA: "Yes. Yeah."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay, great. Thank you. You' partner with great people."

JENNIFER FINE, VP, INVEST ATLANTA: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, other questions or comments?"

(WHEREUPON, unknown person request to be heard.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No, ma'am. You're out of order, ma'am, thank you. Doctor, just briefly, would you comment on what you, in particular, Invest Atlanta is doing with respect to getting the city of Atlanta prepared for the World Cup?"

DR. ELOISA KLEMENTICH, CEO, INVEST ATLANTA: "Yes, happy to. So we are reaching out to our businesses. What I'll just say --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- hold on. We want Dr. Roshell and Ms. Corbitt to hear this."

DR. ELOISA KLEMENTICH, CEO, INVEST ATLANTA: "Okay. So I'll just bore the public with those watching, we will have eight games, so a way to just understand, that's like eight Super Bowl; so there's a great opportunity. We're seeing this is an opportunity to leverage to bring people together, to try to focus on how we strengthen our businesses recognizing this will not be an end-all, be-all, but how do we leverage this opportunity to make our business even more competitive. So we're taking a three-pronged approach versus we're reaching out to the businesses ensuring that they have the infrastructure around them to be successful, so that includes--"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- hold on. When you say, where you're talking about Invest Atlanta --"

DR. ELOISA KLEMENTICH, CEO, INVEST ATLANTA: "Invest Atlanta, the city and county. We are approaching everybody --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- hold on. Slow down, slow down. You're talking about Invest Atlanta, not the city, not the county at this point?"

DR. ELOISA KLEMENTICH, CEO, INVEST ATLANTA: "At this point, it's Invest Atlanta, yes, that's correct. So what we're going to be doing is reaching out to businesses, in particular, because we want to ensure that we have that network of connection. Once we hear who is coming, we want to make sure that they have their menus in whatever language. So if someone come in -- they're coming from Germany

then we want German, and then we want to have cultural sensitivity conversations as well. Is there anything we should know about for those who are coming, because we want to ensure that they have the opportunity to earn as much money as possible? So that's the first, is to increase our connections with the businesses and make these resources available to them. We are also providing our loan tools which will allow for them to prepare for their both infrastructure, internal and external, and we're trying to ensure that they have all of the tools that they need to be successful. And three, is we're expanding our startup space, which is a digital platform, so that people can find easily. So let's say I'm a visitor and I say I want to eat the best chicken, or I want to eat the best whatever, here in Atlanta, where do I go? And so, this will have that opportunity to break down all the businesses for them, so that they could find our businesses and spend all the money they would like in the city, and we're going to make it as easy as possible for them to do. So again, working with our partners, we're reaching out to everybody to ensure that everybody's on board, and that we're really strengthening our ecosystem so that, as the mayor says that World Cup is happening with us and not to us."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And would you also address Two Peachtree?"

DR. ELOISA KLEMENTICH, CEO, INVEST ATLANTA: "Yes. So, Two Peachtree is an opportunity for us to lead as a nation to really look at an issue that many cities are having throughout, which is what are they doing with these buildings that are vacant? And so, this is an opportunity for us to explore all financial tools, so we are, right now, working with our federal partners on bringing in new tools for us to use. And we have teamed up with and awarded -- we've awarded our redevelopment partner, so we have a good development team, we have a good internal Invest Atlanta team, and a good city team, all working every day to work Two Peachtree. It will produce upwards of 500 units of which we expect over 20 percent will be affordable units right in the heart of downtown. I will tell you that what I'm really excited about is not only since we've announced Two Peachtree, there are now six to seven new projects that have also been convergent and now since we've announced. And so, we could not have done it without the support of Fulton County. You guys are crucial partners in the success of that project."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Would you be specific with respect to Fulton County's participation in Two Peach Street?"

DR. ELOISA KLEMENTICH, CEO, INVEST ATLANTA: "In terms of financing?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, ma'am."

NINO CHIPPETTA, CPA, INVEST ATLANTA: "I'm happy to pull that number together, but if I've had to say --"

NINO CHIPPETTA, CPA, INVEST ATLANTA: "-- for percentage or dollar?"

DR. ELOISA KLEMENTICH, CEO, INVEST ATLANTA: "Percentage, I think --"

NINO CHIPPETTA, CPA, INVEST ATLANTA: "-- It's between 25 and 50 depending on if you're doing --"

DR. ELOISA KLEMENTICH, CEO, INVEST ATLANTA: "-- do you want to come to the microphone?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I think it's north of 50, just for the record, but go ahead?"

NINO CHIPPETTA, CPA, INVEST ATLANTA: "I would say between 25 and 50, depending on if you're doing first -- first dollars in, first dollars out or last dollars in; last dollars out are an average throughout the life of the TAD. But you're definitely a humongous partner and we definitely appreciate the support."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Repeat that."

NINO CHIPPETTA, CPA, INVEST ATLANTA: "You are huge partner and we appreciate your support."

DR. ELOISA KLEMENTICH, CEO, INVEST ATLANTA: "And I will echo that. We could not do this project without Fulton County, clearly."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. I would just like -- which I know that you all are going to be doing this anyway, but I just want to publicly say, we want to be all-inclusive. And what I mean is we have so much -- Fulton County is a great county and one of the things when the Super Bowl was announced, a lot of people were excited, but I did hear from some small businessowners that they said well, we're going to be left out again. And so, I would like to know that you all will do everything in your power to try to be exclusive -- all-inclusive of allowing the world to have a taste of Fulton County, or a taste of what we are. We go from Southern cuisine to baklava. So, I just -- if it's anything that I can, just ask, and I know that you all will do anyway, is to make sure the small businessowners have a seat at the table in order to let people know what they have. You know, we don't want just people in one particular corridor, just one particular area, when they can really be the entire gamut of Fulton County. And I know -- I'm preaching to the choir here, but I just want to publicly say that I know you all will do everything within your power to do that, but I just want to quell the concerns that my office is already receiving, because I think it sends a great message when you have the world here, that we are all inclusive in what we offer to them. So thank you for that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Other questions or comments?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Thank you. See you next time. Continue, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 7, County Manager's Renewal Items under Open and Responsible Government --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- okay. Excuse me, Madam Clerk. The next six items are all contract renewals. Unless there's an objection or a question about -- no objections, take these six as a group, in the interest of time. Any objections?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Sound the captions, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "**24-0679**, Real Estate and Asset Management: Request approval to renew existing contracts in the total amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 to provide standby professional services in the areas of mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire protection; **24-0680**: Request approval to renew an existing contract in an amount not to exceed \$309,000 to provide on-site tree removal services; **24-0681**: Request approval to renew existing contract in the total amount not to exceed \$1,600,000 to provide standby professional services for facilities-related design, engineering, and assessments. On page 8, **24-0682**: Request approval to renew existing contract in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 to provide standby on-site HVAC, and on-call maintenance services; **24-0683**: Request approval to renew existing contracts in an amount not to exceed \$345,000 to provide carpet, carpet tile installation, and repair services; and **24-0684**: Request approval to renew existing contracts in an amount not to exceed \$375,000 to provide standby on-site electrical on-call maintenance services."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. I'll entertain a motion to approve the six items that have just been sounded. A motion to approve by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman; seconded by Commissioner Dana Barrett. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**24-0685**, County Manager Presentation of the Fulton County Operational Report."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Mr. Manager."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. I'm also pleased to report that the heating system issues have been corrected, so thanks to Joe Davis and

his team, and hopefully everyone's comfortable. We have a slimmed-down operations report today with normal ORCA and BLITZ updates, and we've also included an elections preparation segment based on the timeliness of that as well as animal shelter. As Steve presents, you'll see that the ORCA cases continue to decline about 1,500 per month. We're down to about 11,000, so doing the math and with the outlook that you got from the State and Superior Court; probably four to five months of the next year and this program will be successfully completed. The ORCA staff is down to 67, that also is headed in the right direction. Obviously, we want to bring that to closure by the end of the year, and our justice partners have done a terrific job, I think, in being mindful of that. You'll also see in court metrics, just one highlight that I want to make sure that you take note of, and that is average length of stay, which is a primary driver of the jail population, is at a low, at least in recent memory, of 41 down from 71 days: average length of stay May of 2023. The population has ticked up slightly about 60 or so since July, so we're looking at Steve is doing some analysis with our justice partners on what may be driving that. We have also dropped below a thousand now in terms of ankle monitoring. You recall that you sat an up or down on that program and we have been well below that. Nadine Williams will be here, I believe, to discuss the election preparations. We continue to meet with her and her staff on a weekly and biweekly basis and have been for some period of time. They've done a terrific job, I think, in preparation with both the sites that open, the election's hub, all of the preparation, and is, of course, as you know, yesterday was a high watermark for early voting across the state and certainly in Fulton County, and we did not have any problems, so kudos to Nadine, but also to Chairman Pitts, the BRE chairman, and Nadine for doing a press briefing a week or so ago that I think really highlighted all the work that has gone into this effort and the preparation that the County has extended. We continue to meet with Lifeline and our animal services staff. We probably spend much time on that today, we're moving again in the right direction. We're at about 450 dogs with a target of 375 by the end of the year. I want to thank you for your efforts in terms of adoption, those are quite helpful, and we'll continue to be, so we'll again remain focused on that. Jail Blitz, I will ask Joe to do an update on that, because we again continue to make progress: 726 beds out of 1100 have been repaired and we expect to complete first part of next year. We're also making progress on the 3.2 million in special initiatives that we undertook from kitchen equipment to elevators. So more again to comment on that is Joe, describes that program to you. Last again, I want anticipate making any remarks for us, but we're here to answer questions on ARPA spending. We are monitoring that. We've met this week -- past week, on projections by end of year. Of course, that's when we need to have either expended these funds or have them incumbered, and all of that is shaping -- again shaping up quite nicely. So Steve Nawrocki will take you through the first part of this and then we'll proceed to the other sections, so, Steve, I'll turn it over to you."

STEVE NAWORCKI, STRATEGY OFFICE: "All right. Thank you, Mr. County Manager. Good morning, Commissioners. Steve Nawrocki, Strategy Office. As the County Manager opened with in his opening remarks, we do continue to make good progress in the final months of program ORCA or project ORCA. We have disposed of over 137,000 cases of the original 148,000 with just under 11,000 remaining. Yes, if

you can go to slide five, please. This does have us tracking about 93 percent completion rate. If you'll go to the next slide. Looking at our remaining cases, we have a strong month for September with over 1,500 dispositions. Of note, the solicitor had a particularly strong month and now has only 872 cases remaining with his office, and we do anticipate he will be 100 percent dispositions by the end of the calendar year. This is a significant mark, as we have moved all cases, or we plan to have moved all cases from our prosecutors to the courts by the end of this calendar year, and at the end of the program. Next slide, please. Here we have our dispositions by department for the month of September and project to date. Superior and State Court continue close to their normal cadence with 205, and a hundred and eighty five dispositions respectively. As mentioned, a very strong month for the solicitor with 852 dispositions, and continued good performance by the Magistrate Court with 300 dispositions. Project to date; we do remain to the good with a variance about 4,300 cases. Next slide. Here we have our staffing ramp down by department for both the month of September and year-to-date. As the County Manager mentioned, there are only 67 remaining ORCA staff as of September 30th, marking a reduction of about 28 staff for the previous month. There are now, when I call something out, you'll see here on the chart I have two departments at the bottom of Magistrate Court and the Marshal's Department at zero staff remaining. We can add a third one to that category as well as the clerk's office. It's not reflecting this report because it occurred in early October, but the clerk's office has also reduced all of her staff, so we now have three departments with no staff remaining. And overall, at this point, all departments are, at most, about a third of the remaining full, I should say, remaining original staffing levels. Next slide. And here we have our justice system scorecard. Again as County Manager mentioned, the average length of stay for September was 41 days marking a six day decrease from August, but most notably, this is the lowest average length of stay since we did start tracking this metric in May of 2023. The unindicted population remained mostly steady with a one percent increase up to 19 percent for the month of September. And finally, the felony cases disposed within 180 days stayed constant at 29 percent, and we saw a 4 percent improvement in cases disposed of within 365 days up to 64 percent. Next slide. Now we'll move to our jail population update. First, looking at the average jail population, September did see a small increase up to an average population of 2,642. We have seen, starting to see a trend month over month of a small increase, but still at a manageable level overall. And then, just for comparison, we took a one-day snapshot on October 10th when we submitted the report, and it was at 2,651, for just comparison. Next slide. And this is just a chart representation of the data from the previous slide. Next slide, please. Next, we have our facility utilization for the jail population across all facilities. As of October 1st, close to 1,700 individuals are at Rice Street with the remainder outsourced across the other facilities. Next slide. Here we'll move to our inmate analysis of the jail population. About 66 percent or 1,628 of the jail population are either indicted or accused, while 19 percent, or 456, are unindicted. And if you'll go to the next slide, we could look at a breakdown of the 456. So looking here at the aging of the unindicted by days in jail, 399 or about 88 percent of that unindicted population have been incarcerated for 90 days or less, so that's the metric, or that's the mark you want to be at, 90 days or less. And then likewise compared to the previous month, we saw a drop in the numbers of inmates for the other time periods we're tracking. You can move to

the next slide. Next, we have an update on our county-funded ankle monitoring program. We did have Superior Court with us last month to provide an update on the overall management of the programs, so we're just providing an update here on the actual counts. As the County Manager mentioned, we are at a new low watermark for participants at 998 as of September 25th. And more importantly, probably to draw your attention to, we've had a reduction in all the time periods over a year. So for 12 to 18 months, we saw a reduction of 27 participants down to 244; for 18 to 24 months, we saw a reduction of 48 individuals down to 71. And then for two years or more, we saw a reduction of 25, down to 53. So there is some progress we are starting to see out of Superior Court. Next slide. And then finally we have our priorities. Our primary focus continues to be a smooth ramp down of Project ORCA. We are working individually with each of the departments to provide, as close as we can a real time budget and staffing information so that we can prioritize transfers to vacancies in general fund positions for those staff. And then for the remaining cases, we continue to provide both the courts and the prosecutors remaining ORCA case data so they can target -- they can have a targeted approach, excuse me, to achieving all of their remaining dispositions. And with that, I will take any questions."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you. I guess I'm looking for a little clarity, because I see where we got solicitor and district attorney and state court and superior court, but the solicitor disposes of cases in the state court. The district attorney disposes of cases in Superior Court. So I'm wondering what type of overlap is there, or how are those solicitor and district attorney dispositions getting accomplished without a judge?"

STEVE NAWORCKI, STRATEGY OFFICE: "The way we're tracking for our two prosecutors, if they make either for the DA, if it's an indictment or dismissal that counts as a disposition; specifically for their office. The same with the solicitor in accusation or dismissal is a disposition for his office. They then, for the indictments and accusations, that moves to both of the courts, you mentioned, Commissioner, and then it kind of starts a new look at, what the disposition would be once they clear the case in their court. So it kind of actually does a double count of dispositions. That same case is not fully disposed if indicted or accused."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "You just shift it over to state court?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY OFFICE: "Yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "It's left one side of the court and now it's in someone else's court to deal with, but it's --"

STEVE NAWORCKI, STRATEGY OFFICE: "-- it's all in court, yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah, but they still --"

STEVE NAWORCKI, STRATEGY OFFICE: "-- the case is not --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "They still got to deal with those cases?"

STEVE NAWORCKI, STRATEGY OFFICE: "Yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All right. And the district attorney said zero."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY OFFICE: "Yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So the target is zero?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY OFFICE: "Yes. The district attorney in Spring, so several months ago, either indicted or dismissed all of her cases, so she drove that down to zero; again, all indicted are now in Superior Court."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. But then she still got responsibility for those?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY OFFICE: "Right. Her staff is still --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- 914 are in there so --"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY OFFICE: "-- yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "It's good to have that discussion because otherwise it could be confusing or a gap, so."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY OFFICE: "Yes, sir. Both her staff and then the solicitor's staff are continuing to investigate cases that are in their respective courts prosecute those cases, the ORCA staff is."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Other questions or comments?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY OFFICE: "Thank you, sir."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Elections. I think Nadine is here. So, Nadine, I'll ask you to come down again. Congratulations on yesterday's start to a very important election season."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Good morning."

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "Yesterday, yes. We thank you. We did have a very successful day first day of advanced voting. We processed over 39,000 voters, and I believe that's a record high for our county. It beat 2016, 2020, and 2022 first-day totals for advanced voting. This is a brief presentation of how we got to this point to date. Next slide, please. Okay. In preparation for the November 5th, 2024 election, the divisions within our department have been working collaboratively to ensure a smooth and efficient election, to process the voters that we serve. Like I said, this presentation is a brief overview of the steps leading to Election Day tabulation. Next slide, please. Our administration and finance team is responsible for preparing and monitoring our budget, processing invoices daily, handling procurement items. Our voter education team has been working diligently throughout the year to make sure that voters are educated upon locations, voter station deadlines, et cetera. They did over 915 events in 2024, and we also had launched the Election's Academy, which was a platform for citizens to sign up and not just learn about voting. We do have that through voter education. We want them to learn about elections. They can come in, learn about the elections process, take a tour of the facility, to help them be educated, and help combat misinformation. Next slide, please. Our voter registration division has registered over 667,000 new voter registrations since the date of this slide, and currently we have over 891 registered voters and 741 active voters. And they maintain our voter rolls daily in the SOS Jarvis dashboard to make sure we have clean voter rolls. Next slide, please. Our supplies and logistics teams and our election chief, they ensure that we reserve all polling locations for advance voting on Election Day. They conduct ballot proofing, they pack and order supplies. For this election, we have 37 advance voting locations that are open for three-week duration. We also have four senior center and three college campus outreach locations, and for Election Day, we'll have 177 polling locations on Election Day. Next slide, please. Our absentee by mail: they have been processing absentee ballot applications, making sure they're coordinated with our mail-out vendor, and ensuring that -- you'll recall that voters received their ballots as well. To date, I believe -- well, this slide says 27,000 applications are received to date; the number has, of course, increased. We have also sent out UOCAVA ballots. Ballots have been mailed to date, and the voters have until October 25th to still request an absentee ballot, and we will ensure that we do tabulation and processing by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, which is a new rule that those totals have to be uploaded by 8:00 p.m. And of course, provisional voters that is also handled by our absentee division; they have until 5:00 on the Friday after the election, November 8th, to make sure they cure their ballot. Next slide, please. Information systems: that is a short summary of all the equipment that has to get tested and ready to be allocated for all of our advance voting Election Day sites. They have conducted, or are conducting L&A on voting equipment, and we had anticipated high voter turnout, and ensure that all locations have the necessary equipment to accommodate the voters. Next slide, please. For Advance Voting and Election Day: both of those divisions have been training, recruiting voters, of course, we recruit voters also through our temporary agency for advance voting. There's over 2,000 poll workers for this election, 400 of

those for advance voting, 1,800 for Election Day and, of course, we've conducted criminal background checks, we have to make sure they have citizenship information, and we do thank all the poll workers, Fulton County Police, temporary staffing agencies, Fulton County Library, and senior center staff in advance for their hard work for this selection. Next slide, please. Election night results: for absentee by mail, scanning will begin at 1 o'clock on election night. The first upload of absentee ballots will be done by 8:00 p.m. as required. Any additional uploads will be completed after the 7:00 p.m. deadline. We of course, have to still receive the balance from the postal mail and from our offices, and we'll get those results uploaded as soon as those arrive. For advance voting in person, we plan to run the tapes from each advanced location at 2:00 p.m. and upload those results by 8:00. For Election Day, the polls do close at 7:00 p.m. on election night for all locations, even the city of Atlanta. Those memory cards will be transported from our seven election night locations by police escort, and we will upload those as they arrive to the election's hub. So those results will hopefully -- I can't guarantee a time on that, but we're going to try to get them in as early as possible. For election certification, of course, we still have to get the totals from provisional ballots but, of course, like I said, it's until Friday at 8:00 p.m. We will be reconciling all of the absentee by mail, advance voting election day all of that will be completed before our board certifies on November the 12th. Next slide, please. Also, while we have been working on this election, we also have been working on the 2025 election budget. There is a public service commission election, which will be countywide. Remember, we'll be going out to the cities to let them know that there is a countywide election. If they plan to have their election in conjunction with those dates, there will be no cost of them. But again, the municipalities have an option. They can either place their question on our ballot, or they can conduct their own election. They still have those options. Then we can send out a memo that gives the tentative dates, and if there is no public service commission runoff, we'll give them a prorated chart to let them know what that cost would be if they do have a runoff for their cities. Next slide, please. And we'll take any questions at this time."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Are there questions? Commissioner Thorne followed by Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yes, thank you for the presentation, Nadine. This was very helpful and I'm glad yesterday went smooth with a record turnout. Congratulations on that as well. I just had a couple of questions. You talked about the registered voters and maintaining the voter rolls, but we hear complaints that our voter rolls are bloated. The US Election Assistance Commission reports that we have between -- I can't remember if it's 110 or 113 percent eligible voters registered. Would you like to speak to that?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "Yes. We have been asked that question numerous times by one of our board members. We worked with GIS, we worked with -- I forget the name of the department (inaudible), forgive me, but we worked and got all of that information to find out if that is accurate. It is that an accurate total. We provided information to our board member. All counties are required to maintain their voter rolls

daily. It is a daily task. Nobody has their own database. The database is through the Secretary of State, which is on Jarvis. There are tiles that take care of fill-ins, vital records, et cetera; those or maintained. So again, I don't know where those totals are coming from. We've provided all the information that we have. We do not believe that that is accurate, but we agreed to disagree, is what we told our board member."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yeah, do you think we could probably reach out to the US Election Assistance Commission and -- not now, but after this election and try to see where they are getting their data, and then we can kind of rectify, so there isn't this conflicting information put out. I know I met somebody at NACO, you know, happy to pass that information on to you. Perhaps if we could just put it to rest so that this doesn't -- it's not something that continually comes up."

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "Sure. You can send me that information."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Second --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- just a minute. What are the discrepancies? We show, what, 891,000 registered, and what does this group show?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "They take our current data and they base it off the U.S. Census. They base the actual voting age population which anybody can --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What's the number? What's that -- we show 891,800. What do they say?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: They use that exact same number, and when they base the percentage off the voting age, the eligible voting age, we do have a high population of noncitizens, so they subtract that number, and then they come up that we have over 110 percent eligible voters registered in our county. So we need to figure out where the discrepancy is, how they're getting their numbers, and then if their numbers are accurate, than hey, let's see what the Secretary of State is doing, because they assist us in cleaning our voter rolls. But a key to election integrity is having clean voter rolls. So I think that's why it is always coming up, and it would be great just to put it to rest and this is the data we use, and just bring awareness to it so it doesn't continually come up. Secondly, you mentioned that you have volunteer attorneys. Is there a specific name for that program?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "It's the Atlanta Bar. So the Atlanta Bar reached out to us, there are attorneys that want to receive continuing education credit, so we have allowed them to come in to get trained, and they're being placed on Election Day."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Just Election Day? And I want to make it clear, because in 2020, we used ACLU attorneys. So I want to put it out there, these are Atlanta Bar

attorneys. Anybody is welcome to volunteer and be in this program. And I want to make it clear, they are serving as provisional clerks, correct?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "That is correct, and they've also been trained if we need assistance on a poll pad, they've been trained to do that as well."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. And so, these provisional clerks, they do not have access to the voter roll, the E-NET system. I want to make that clear."

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "No, they do not."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "So it's strictly helping people who come in who need to file a provisional ballot is their duty?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "That's correct."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Great. And then I just want to mention certification. You mentioned certification on November 12th. I just want to make it public that I'm encouraged by a recent ruling by Judge McBurney that gives all election board members access to any information that they need so that they can feel comfortable certifying, and that they can have that information in any way, shape, or form that they deem necessary. So I want to put it out there to the public eye, I am encourage that board members should be comfortable and certify, because there is this hypothetical oh, because of this, they're not going to be able to certify and it's intentional. I think the ruling yesterday should be helpful in getting sort of a timely certification by all of our board members. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you, Ms. Williams, and your team for yesterday's rollout of early voting. I heard you say it was bigger than the other years. Do you have the numbers from the other years?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "I do. On the first day of voting for 2016, there were over 14,000; in 2020 -- November of 2020 or 19 -- over 19,000. In November of 2022, there were over 18,000; and in December of 2022, was 22,000. And yesterday's total was over 39,000."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Awesome. And that's just for the first day."

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

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I have no idea who this group is that she's talking about, and I don't care what they're talking about. So, Mr. Chair, we need to have a vote before we have to start trying to instruct somebody to do something. I have no idea what she's talking about, 110 percent of what? That's gibberish. Don't do

anything. Don't do nothing concerning that. Keep doing your job. Keep processing them 39,000 voters every day. I don't want to hear nothing about that mess. So, you know, that's preposterous. Some group from somewhere says something about something, she just told us the numbers change every day, the voter rolls change every day, so I don't know where they got that information, where it came from, when they got it or who they got it from. So if they want to do that, they can reconcile their numbers themselves with the publicly available information from open records requests. They need to reconcile their numbers. We don't need to reconcile their numbers. We don't need to waste staff time and resources reconciling some numbers with some group, we don't -- nobody knows anything about. Why would we do that? That makes no sense. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "On that note, I'd like to comment, it is a federal program. It is the United States Government Elections Assistance Commission. If we want to blow off the federal government and their numbers, so be it. But the problem is is that groups see those numbers, use those numbers and weaponize it against us, so let's just have a conversation. They're at NACO. They speak often at our -- at NACO. It's not a partisan group. It is the US Federal Government which is underneath Joe Biden right now. So if you want to blow them off, blow them off. But this is going to keep reoccurring, and we need to rectify the issue."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "It's not them I want to blow off."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Excuse me. I have the floor. And I just wanted to make one added comment, too. If you vote early, all that election material that's coming in your mail will stop by either party, so if you want to get rid of that, I encourage you to use one of our 44 locations that we have and go ahead and vote early. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "You know, anytime its election season, you know, we just -- certain things are going to happen. I just want to go on record saying I am so proud of Fulton County. I know in the past, I've been a critic myself of different things, but you all strive, and you all do what you need to do to handle the largest county. And so for to see on national news, not just local, but national news, that there were no hiccups, I am proud of Fulton County. I would be remiss if I did not say that regardless of what you do, there are those that are going to be critical; there are those that are going to say the election was rigged. There are those that's going to say that Fulton County is corrupt when it comes to elections. And it's nothing we can do about that. What I want to do is make sure that every person, no matter what party they are, no matter what side of the county they're in, and no matter what their demographic is, have an opportunity to vote. And so, I thank you and your staff. I thank the executive team. I thank the leadership here at this Commission. I thank all of my colleagues on this Commission, because I think, for the most part, we all want free, fair, and open

elections. I think we've muddied the waters when we have a particular person that we want to win, and we got to understand that in a democratic society it is the voters that choose the winner, not us. And so, thank you for what you've done, thank you for you continue to do. I have seen great growth in you. I remember when you first took this position, and your face often showed did I do the right thing? So, I just want to say thank you for your leadership again. Thank you for doing the right thing. We're not always going to agree, but we can be respectful and disagree. This is what democracy looks like in action, that everybody has a seat at the table. And as Fulton County goes, to my understanding and knowledge, we're going to always fight to do that Chairman. So thank you, Nadine."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne. Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Just one quick operational question -- but not an operational question: But going to that slide you have related to the 2025 elections; sort of two questions. Are you -- when are we communicating something to the municipalities about?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "We can send that memo out this week if approved. We'll send it over to the County Manager and CFO for approval, and it will be sent out this week."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "So when are we going to communicate that? There's sort of a piece in there that says, I think that that second point may be a little bit of a typo. There shouldn't be any June municipal elections, right?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "There is a June election. So for the public service commission --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "-- for the PSC, right?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "Yes. They have a primary and then they have a general. The primary in June and a general in November."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Right. But it's a June PSC election, not a municipal election?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "Some municipalities, I don't know what their timeframe is for their seats. I don't know if they want to put something on that election calendar, I don't know. But it happens if there's a special election for any of the cities."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. But the traditional and municipal calendar is for November."

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "Usually, yes."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Right. Normal elections, okay. So is our communication going to be, if you have an election on one of those two dates, you can piggyback onto this at no cost? Is that what our communication is going to be?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "Yes. If it's for that June or November election, it would be no cost, but if there's a runoff, we would not know if the PSC needs a runoff, so we're going to give them an estimated prorated costs if they have a runoff."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. I know it's unlikely, but in the event there was no contested election, I guess you just wouldn't know until you went through for qualifying. I guess with these -- I don't know if they have to re-qualify or not, or if their stuff falls from the previous time."

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "I'll research that."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Whenever we communicate, I think we should minimally put that as a contingency just in --"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "-- we'll research that."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "(inaudible) of works that occur. Okay. So we're going to communicate something to them soon? We're going to -- okay."

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. All right. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I did want to ask -- I got a little confused and I want to make sure we get it right for the public. At one point, you said there was no cost to the cities for the elections, and then there was another point where you said there may be a pro rata cost?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "Correct. So what I was saying was if there -- for the primary in June and for the general in November, for the Public Service Commission election, if a municipality places an item on that ballot, it would be no cost. But if there's a runoff -- so the June election would possibly have a runoff in July, and then the November election would possibly have a runoff in December. If we don't have a runoff for the PSC election, they would have to pay for that. So let's say, for instance, we have a November election for the Public Service Commission, there's no runoff required in December. If the city was on that ballot and they need a runoff, they would have to pay for their runoff if we don't have to conduct one for the Public Service Commission election."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "But if we do have to conduct runoffs for June or November, then there will be no cost?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "Yes. So if we do have a PSC runoff, then it would free for them as well for the runoff. We just want to tell them in advance what the runoff costs could possibly be because we can't predict if there's a runoff or not."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I remember what I had to say. You talked about training over 2200 poll workers to conduct the election; and I know there is a lawsuit -- and I believe it's still pending, that we fail to hire the Republican Party. Each party has a right to submit a list of names to have poll workers. And I don't know if that's been adjudicated or not, but in the event we only hired 15 out of 85 of their submitted list, will we be able to train those, or is training over complete and those workers are just not going to be allowed to work our elections?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "Those numbers are inaccurate. Let me make that clear. So out of the 2,000 voters that we -- the poll workers, I'm sorry, the poll workers that we hire, we do not ask for anybody's political affiliation, that's first and --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- okay. Hold on one second, ma'am. Is this -- the subject, is this one of the lawsuits that's pending?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "It is a lawsuit. They submitted 80 names. By law, we should accept them."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Hold on one second. Madam County Attorney."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I'm just wondering if we have time to train them, if we could."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Not, Dr. Thorne --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Coach Thorne."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Coach Thorne, Commissioner Thorne."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I'm sorry, what was the question?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We're talking about one of the lawsuits, sort of talking about one of the lawsuits that's pending, and I want to make sure that we don't go too far here publicly."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "And please correct me if I'm wrong, I thought that Commissioner Thorne had referred to the lawsuit that Julie Adams filed, which is a matter of public record, and there was a recent order on that lawsuit. Is that the one that we're discussing?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "No. This is just one -- there's a lawsuit to hire Republican -- the Republican Party sued because their workers went -- I don't want to discuss it. I just want to know if, in the event, is training still available if that lawsuit gets adjudicated, or are we set, and it's -- you know there's no recourse?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "I will go back to saying we do not comment on pending litigation."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Is this pending litigation to know if training is still available?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, guys, come on."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "All right, so County Attorney?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue -- Commissioner, let's leave this alone, we're getting close."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. I'll do it for you, Chairman Pitts."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "You know what; I was only in the queue because that was a concern of mine: pending litigation. I understand Commissioner Thorne's concern, but that's a slippery slope, and I just think that we should just, you know, make sure if that's a concern that we speak about that in executive session."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. Last question going back to the PSC stuff. Do we know if this is a permanent thing, or is it generally a one-time event?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "I'm sorry, I don't have the years off the top of my head, but is not permanent. It depends on the election year for the PSC."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "So in terms of this, you know, so we can't -- for the cities, we can't communicate this is something that will be this way forever."

NADINE WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, FC BRE: "I can triple check. I can let them know the years in the letter, but it won't be forever."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Got it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah, this is a result of a lawsuit against the PSC. They made them all statewide and took away the districts, and so now they have to come back and do district vote."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Other questions for Ms. Williams? None. Thank you."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Mr. Manager."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "All right. Unless you have questions about the animal shelter population which is on page 33, actions that we continue to take, on page 34. If there are no questions about that, we'll move --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- what's happening with the painting?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "The painting is been redoubled down in terms of project management. It is targeted to complete no later than end of year. We have moved animals out to the old shelter while painting is being completed to expedite it, so I have every understanding right now that it will be done by the end of the year, and we're tracking it weekly as we meet every Tuesday. Yes, sir."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. What?"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I'd like to hear the presentation on the animal services."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Well, I'll provide it. I mean, kind of the upshot, if you want to go to page 33, what we wanted to do was have a all-inclusive chart that shows all animals in our care, whether they're foster or sheltered. So you can see it's a very significant number, close to 1200; 610 are sheltered, 450, which are dogs, and dogs are the ones that are, you know, most have most of our focus right now. It's a little bit tough to see, but on the line chart at the bottom, what you would see, if it was a little bit more clear is that bottom line that's kind of gold in nature, ticked down and then ticked back up. And the reason for that was in preparations for the storm and not knowing what might happen, we had a surge in foster. Now the good news in that is some of those animals were kept by their foster families, but a good number of them were returned. So now we're absorbing back those numbers that were fostered that are now returning. I don't think that, you know, based on our last meeting, that there's any kind of trend associated with that. Over the next, now let's call it, ten weeks of the year, we need to, if you will, shrink the population by a little over a hundred or so, a little bit less than a hundred, I should say 450 and 375, so hopefully that will be done by increased adoptions, not forced euthanasia, but that's fundamentally where we are with

that. We did restrict intake hours, and that's another mechanism that just makes it a little bit more of an issue before dogs are routinely dropped off, because we think some of that may be, if you remember the last discussion we had, many dogs that leave their families are found within, you know, a radius of there. If someone picks them up though, however, and brings them to the shelter, then if not chipped, creates a whole another set of dynamics. So we kind of put a little bit of a forcing mechanism on that, which is very consistent with other shelters are doing. You know beyond that, I don't think there's anything new yet to report. We're still continuing with the Home Depot new amenity that they have graciously donated; and, again, weekly we're all meeting together to keep the focus on this. Any other questions?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Hold on. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Well, you can go ahead. My question is about the pit bull bite this morning, and have they dispatched someone out to (inaudible)."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, sir. They have dispatched. I haven't gotten a report that they have captured that dog yet. I smiled, that's not funny. We were also dispatched on a goat, and the goat has since disappeared. So having done riding exercises, one of the big issues with, you know, animal services is, by the time you get there, regardless, the animal will have gone on about its way and you can ride around for hours, which I have done with them, and it's sometimes very, very difficult to find that particular animal. But one thing I am going to do, in fact, those two things, I appreciate you bringing it up, Commissioner Arrington, is create a log on a weekly basis of just executive escalations, because I've gotten two or three myself over the last couple of weeks. I don't know if that's a leading indicator. Response times not being what they should be, but I'm sure, you know, they're challenged along with everything else. However, the staffing on-field services, and I won't remember this off the top of the head, but we have improved that. I think we're within four or five of the number of field service officers that we should have. Now the challenge also is on the vehicle side of that equation, because of difficulties and supply chain, and all this kind of stuff. We don't have as many vehicles as we should have. So we're balancing and trying to get -- we have ordered two more recently, trying to get ahead of that curve going into 2025."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Natalie Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Can you also provide an update on Marietta, because there has been barking heard from the street near the actual animal shelter?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "And you're referring, Commissioner Hall, to a previous animal shelter that we've been using as a backup. Okay, I'm not aware of

that. I'll have to get with the staff and take a look at that. It should be, you know, as I've described earlier, a very temporary situation that we're only using because of this contractor painting issue. I'm not sure if I've described that appropriately. But we had painted the new shelter that began to peel off as we were cleaning it and to rectify that. Again under warranty, we've removed the dogs that were there, which were about 50 to 60, so there could be some noise created by that. But that should be coming down over time as this paint is rectified in the new shelter. Those dogs are being moved back to the new shelter, and there's no plan to keep the former shelter open."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay, thank you."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Thank you for bringing that up."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Continue. Just a minute."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "What is the plan with the old shelter?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "That's a good question. You know, we have not described a plan, per se. I guess there's a couple, three options. Option number one, was when we were thinking about an expansive jail, new in nature, that was always going to be potentially, even though it's not directly on the campus, potentially one space that could be utilized. So we kind of kept it, if you will, off the market for that reason, none surplus. The second issue, or the second option that the Board might want to consider at some point, is selling that property, because it is in proximity to the Beltline. We have not had a value placed on it, but it could be of some value. Then the third was pressed into service because of this problematic issue with the paint was, we've use it as backup for the animal shelter that we have, but I don't think that's a good long-term use of that property nor a good long-term practice, because if we, quote unquote, use it as backup, it will fill up, more than likely, just like the new one has. So that's -- if you would give us -- certainly give us some direction today, but give us some time, maybe through the end-of-the-year, to get through the process with the animal shelter and then come back with any options as we might see them."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "All right. Moving onto the jail, I'll ask Joe Davis to give his update on the jail blitz project as well as the new initiatives, the five new initiatives, identified and funded by the Board, so Joe."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "The tenth floor blitz as well."

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Good afternoon, Commissioners. As you know, last year, we began a rather large endeavor to rehab the jails' housing units."

We're 55 percent complete. As you can see from the slide here, 726 of 1122 medical cell beds have been rehabbed. We are finishing up Unit five South that began on August the 22nd; we are 95 percent complete. That was as of the time of the drafting of this presentation. We're probably more about 98 to 99 now. We are projected to have nine of the 11 planned units rehabbed by the end of the year with overall completion sometime between January and February of 2025. This third bullet you see here is non-Blitz work orders and I do apologize. The parenthetical reference to August 24th should say September 24, but these are non-Blitz work orders. That is work being done everywhere else in the jail other than the jail blitz. We've completed 63 percent of our corrective maintenance that is unscheduled, and 63 percent of unscheduled and 53 percent of preventive maintenance. We're actually currently working with our vendor to identify what we perceive to be some gaps in the base service due to the amount of resources being committed to the jail blitz. Next slide, please. So here you see a summary of the number of currently unavailable beds at Rice Street. The grand total is 710. We have two housing units that are currently offline due to blitz activities. As you've already heard me mention, 5 South; but we've also have emptied Unit 7 North. We had three units on -- or three zones on 7 North that are being rehabilitated due to fires. And so, it became readily obvious to us that it will be helpful to vacate the rest of 7 North to allow for some of our contractors that have completed their work on 5 South to go up to 7 North and do some work. So the Sheriff's office has vacated that as well, the total is 405 beds. Unfortunately, 1 North, which is a previously completed blitz unit, there is a radio communication issue that the sheriff's office is working on to resolve that creates a safety problem in the jail in that officers they're unable to communicate with Central Control. So that particular unit is unoccupied because of the radio communication issue. We also have two zones on 7 South and one zone on 6 North for a total of 101 beds that are unavailable due to long-term repair needs. And more importantly, those two are areas that have yet to undergo the jail blitz rehabilitation. Systemwide, 90 percent of the unused cells are due to blitz projects or other long-term repairs. There's always a need to keep a certain number of beds open for the purposes of classification. We have empty spaces, some are available out of county beds due to other agencies not being willing to accept our inmates in terms of their classifications, and we have some empty cells. I believe it's one pod on South Annex that is unoccupied due to staffing availability along with the Atlanta City Detention Center. Next slide. You've heard the County Manager mention the action approved by the Board in August 21st of \$3.2 million for some critical immediate repairs and upgrades. Thank you, too, for your approval of our fire alarm upgrade. That is currently in contract execution. We are preparing the contract amendment for November 6th for a padded cell at the Jail South Annex. The Jail South Annex in Union City did not have padded cells, and because of the inmate population being housed there at this time, the sheriff's office has deemed it critical that we actually have that capability at that facility. We are also going to be replacing several pieces of kitchen equipment. That's going to be coming before you at the next board meeting as well, along with laundry equipment. The last and probably one of the most problematic things that we have at the jail are jail elevators, and we're pending execution of a contract with the consultant. It's already been approved, but we have to go through the contract execution process who's going to conduct not only the assessment of the elevators, but they're going to draft the

specifications for the elevator modernization based on their assessment as well as serving a construction administrative role once we actually have an approved vendor that's going to perform the actual modernization. And that's all I have. Any questions?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Barrett followed by Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just have a couple of quick questions. On the radio outage that you talked about that's causing us not to be able to use the beds in whatever zone it was, One North, can you just explain to me, if you know, what is the underlying cause of that?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Unfortunately, that is not something that our team is working on. What I can tell you is that, throughout the jail, there are repeaters that allow with all the concrete and steel for the Sheriff's office and their staff to be able to communicate via radio communications. Something is wrong with the repeater on One North that precludes being able to communicate, and that's what they're working to resolve. But, unfortunately it's not in our purview."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Do we have any idea what the cost of a replacement, that kind of thing?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "I do not."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay. It just feels like it's something that could be replaced and then we have access to a significant number of beds, so that's why I'm asking."

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Yes, ma'am. And I can follow up to provide that information."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "It just would be helpful to know. The other question I have is just on this list of repairs that are happening under the 3.2 million. I know -- so we -- based on what you have here, and my memory's not great with all the dates and of that, that we approve that 3.2 in August. I know some of this -- at least I believe some of this would have been, you know, been having issues for some time with kitchen equipment is an example, the laundry equipment. When did we originally sort of know that those pieces of equipment needed to be replaced?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "So it relates to the kitchen equipment, kind of a moving target, because we'll make repairs and then the item or unit will work for a period of time until it doesn't. And so, it's hard to determine, because typically, commercial kitchen equipment, for example, should last 12 to 15 years, depending upon utilization; how it's used by the food service provider. So, I will tell you, we've had issues over the years. We have replaced equipment over the years. The issue now is that we've gotten to a point where we had a sufficient number of deficient equipment

that necessitated action, so that we can level set the kitchen and move forward with a very specific, you know, understanding of the next cycle of replacement. So this is to kind of get us to a place where we know everything is working. Behind-the-scenes, we're also working with the food service provider to work with them to have them understand fully their responsibilities on a daily basis so that we can extend the life of the equipment. So we're taking that action with the equipment, but also with the operator as well so that when we do purchase this new equipment, we're not replacing something two years later because it has not been used properly."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Got it."

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "So it's over time."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yes. So I guess at some point there had to be an evaluation of the equipment, a decision made, that like this can't really be repaired anymore, it has to be replaced. I guess that's kind of what we're looking for. I'm not certainly expecting you to know it off the top of your head. And if you want to, you know, pull something together and send it to me later, it's fine. It's not an urgent question. I just want to have an understanding of the timeline of it all, and the same thing for laundry equipment. You know, I just want to sort of get get -- I want to be able to understand the process here, when they sort of say, hey, this isn't working and somebody then determines this needs to be replaced, and then what does it look like from here all the time. That's all I'm looking for. So I certainly, like I said, I don't expect you to know it off the top of your head. But if you can maybe -- I don't know, pull some of those tickets or whatever it is to kind of just -- even just give me an example of what the timeline looks like, that would be helpful, but not urgent."

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "I can do that. I would like to just speak to the overall process typically what we decide something needs to be replaced, it's for two reasons; number one, it's down and the repair is prohibited, in terms of continuing to pour repair monies into that piece of equipment. The second piece is if the (inaudible) you know, within a year, if the repair cost of that piece of equipment now has reached a level of 50 percent of replacement value, that's when we make the determination that we need to go ahead and replace. So that's the process, but in terms of the specifics for these pieces of equipment, I can provide that to you."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I understand. Thank you."

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "You're welcome."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So, I guess, I just want to be clear, when you're saying 710 beds, that's not cells because they're typically two beds in a cell, right?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "That's correct for the majority of the jail with the exception of a few housing zones, there are two beds per cell. So that 710 is the exact number of beds, not cells?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. And then on the elevator modernization, that sounds like a 4.2 (inaudible) that's not the assessment cost, right? That's the whole elevator modernization."

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "The assessment cost is \$52,000."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Other questions for Mr. Davis? Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I just want to thank you for attending my town hall and giving basically the similar proposal and information out to the public, and I want to thank you as well, Steve, for attending. It was very helpful, and I got a lot of positive feedback on your presentation. So I just want to publicly thank you for driving all the way up through traffic up to North Fulton, and informing the residents of all the work that you're doing. Thank you."

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Thank you. My pleasure."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Other questions or comments? Anything else."

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "No, sir."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, so before you leave, since everybody's here, give us the new timeline for renovations on the tenth floor. I'm not too happy with, but."

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "We are aiming to start work in January. The contractor advised us --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Starting work would mean demolition?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "That is correct."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Versus?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Versus --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "November or December?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "That is correct."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Why is that?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: The cost to mobilize for demolition would have to be repeated when it was time to mobilize for construction? So it actually drives the cost up, because we have to do a design for the actual construction. And that design would not be completed by the time we were done demolishing. So now your vendor demobilizes. Once the design is permitted by the city of Atlanta, completed and permitted, then we have to ramp back up in terms of people and teams and materials on site. So now you've created two mobilization costs versus one. And so we felt that, given the tight budgetary constraints, we would abandon that notion."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I have no idea what you just said. So, are you --"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "So, we're going to write you -- Dick has asked us to -- excuse me, the County Manager has asked us to prepare a detailed memo to the Board, so that kind of details this process and why we've gone in this direction. We're going to have that drafted today."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Isn't there a -- I'd heard that -- at least my Chief of Staff said one of the problems was the permitting from the city. How can that be a problem?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "So the permitting itself is not a problem. It's our initial plan was to get a demolition permit only that would allow us to start demolishing the floor. The Commissioners, your staff, you move off the floor, we demolish. Then at some point, shortly thereafter, we would begin construction. The issue is the changes that have been made to the layout are going to require more time for our architects on the team to actually design the work. Permitting with the city requires full construction drawings. What you have seen thus far are concept drawings. Now, we put the actual, you know, mathematical calculations, material specifications and so forth. So as a result, we would finish demolishing the floor before we were ready to construct -- to do construction. At that point, the general contractor would stand down waiting for the drawings to finish, the drawings to be permitted by the city, then they would have to ramp back up and mobilize a second time. That costs money, and so we're already on a tight budget, and we felt it wasn't necessary to do that, given the budget of the project as a whole."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. So you mentioned changes, unless individual Commissioners have gone to you, but I'm only aware of two. One was removing a door from one side of an office to the other side, and the other was ensuring that a built-in bookcase remained in place. That's it. And then there was a issue of dishwasher and what's that other? In the -- and that's just plugging something into an outlet in the break room. I don't understand. They built 85 in --"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "One of the other additions --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- when they had that fire in 85, in 30 days."

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "One of the other additions, Mr. Chairman, was sound attenuation that was expressed as a concern --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Was what?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Sound attenuation, whether it be in the ceiling or the walls. And more importantly, some of the moves in terms of that door moving to the other side, as well as, we have changed what was going to be a cubicle area into a Chief of Staff area in order to make doors align for functionality purposes. The various aspects of the project, the changes that we received from the Board, those things are going to require additional design time. That's what we're receiving from our vendor. I can understand it. We had a very short window to get your changes to the vendor before we were going to be behind schedule."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "But those are just suggested changes. If it's going to be difficult and costs more, just say we can't do it."

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Well, part of the issue is that we have to get the pricing for that. So when we get those changes, we send them to the vendor. The vendor has X amount of time to actually price them, and get that to us."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you. What's the budget for this project?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Overall project, \$28 million."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "For the 10th floor?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "No, not for the 10th floor. That's part of what we're doing once we go the recommended changes. Now, it's to get a pricing for this one phase of the project."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. So we don't have an estimate for what we think it'll be for just the 10th floor."

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "No, sir, not at this moment."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, yes, we do. We got a ballpark figure."

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "It's a ballpark figure."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Well, what's the ballpark figure?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Probably about 4 million."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. Cancel that. Send all that money over to the Sheriff in the jail."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I'm a little confused about the change of the timeline. And I understand what your explanation was about demolition and construction and permits and all that. But I mean, we had a timeline. And so clearly, something changed to change the timeline. So is it the changes that were requested that's causing this?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "The changes that were requested required additional drawing. We haven't developed our construction drawings yet. We have the concept. We're working on what's called schematic design."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "But wasn't that -- okay. So but you had to do that anyway."

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Yeah, we were going to have to do that anyway."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay."

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Our goal was to start demolition in January -- in December, so that we could go ahead and tear down and tear out everything that we need to do. But when we went back to the vendor and said, hey, we have some changes we need to make, we also discussed, hey, let's go ahead and get our demolition permit now and get started, that's when the vendor advised us, well, based upon when we're going to get our final drawings permitted, we could be finished with demolition, have to walk off the job site, come back once we have permits. Because once you get permitted, you now are able to go and purchase all the items that you need, because the city has redlined or approved. You can't make those moves until that permitting is approved. So that's where the city of Atlanta comes into play. But ultimately, what happens is we would have to step down, stop what we're doing, and wait. Now, the vendor now has to ramp back up with people, materials, equipment. And that's where you encounter the double mobilization cost."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I mean, I get that. And I get that we don't want extra cost. But I'm just sort of -- I'm still not understanding what is -- what is the cause of the change? Because weren't we scheduled to November?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Early December for demolition."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Right. So move out --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "There are only two changes."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah, so I don't understand why these changes have tripped -- thrown off the -- and also who approved the changes, and what do the changes costs? And I'm just sort of confused."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, the changes, the two changes were reported to me when I met with -- at least somebody from my office met with everybody. And I relayed the two changes to Mr. Davis."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I mean, I -- it would seem to me -- and I'm not somebody who requested a change, and I don't know how critical the changes are, but it seems to me at this point, it would have been a, if possible, and not going to add money or change timeline or anything, then these changes, but like, I'm not sure, unless they're really critical for safety or something like that, I don't know what --"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "So please understand, the original plan for the 10th floor and what we're getting them to price now are vastly different. So what we presented was a good, better, best option. And the good was the one that we wound up moving people, changing where certain districts were and so forth. The best option is substantially different than the concept drawing that the contractor originally received and begin proceeding with. So maybe I should have added that part in. Once we got to the best option that everyone agreed to, the issue at that point is, we only had two days, by virtue of the contractor telling us, I've got to have these changes at this particular time, if I don't, it's going to throw off the schedule. We had 48 hours, we got them in between 72 and 96. Once we missed that deadline, that's what triggered the vendor telling us, hey, it's going to take a little bit longer. But the difference between what we initially planned to do, while it may be two changes; those are two changes to the best option that we offered. That best option, fundamentally was vastly different than what we had planned to do originally. I hope that makes sense."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I mean, I'm fairly lost, to be honest. But I mean, I don't have anything else."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yeah, I don't -- I'm sort of confused by this whole discussion. Number one, I mean, I don't recall us ever really having a material discussion to say, hey, we wanted to do this and expend X amount of funds on this particular thing, right? So, I mean, I'm not for the where they're directed to, in terms of redirection of funds. But I'm with Commissioner Arrington. I do think that these funds could be expended -- I think we got other more pressing needs to reallocate our funds. And, you know, when we're going to do things, we -- there's minimal stuff that -- more minimalist stuff that could be done on that floor. You know, paint, whatever, if carpet is needed and that kind of stuff. But not some sort of -- that magnitude of an overhaul. So

I'm confused as how we got here, and super confused as to how we're having this conversation today."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, I think they needed -- they needed some direction by, what, Friday ago? And I got word back from two -- Mr. Davis from your com- -- from each Commissioner's comments about what they liked or disliked or changes that they wanted made in order to meet that deadline. So I think it's, they need some direction from us. I'm happy as we are, but -- but --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I mean --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah. I'm happy as we are as well. I mean like, what, \$4 million to renovate one floor in the building, and we got people that need overtime, and we got people that salaries and we're trying to get people hired. That sounds crazy."

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "That's inclusive of IT furniture, fixtures, cubicles, things of that nature as well, not just our construction."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I mean, could we -- so what direction do you need? Can we table this, and then, you know, ask you just to offer up whatever, you know, kind of small modifications that need to be addressed can be addressed? Come up with an alternative plan --"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "As Joe said, we had three options. So there is a good, which is what I think you're describing, more paint and carpet, no reconfigurations largely. There was a better that had some, and then a best which put all Commissioner offices against the -- against the wall. So that presentation could be made here and decision reached."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Could we table this, and then bring us back, you know, that for determination to next meeting?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "I think that's --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I have --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "We could --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I have no objection to that. But because the complaints that we got, well, this person's office is bigger than mine, or this one has a window, or this one has access to a balcony, and this one has a built in, and I'm on one side, and I don't have a wall for my Chief of Staff. It just was on and on and on. So we can stay where we are, as far as I'm concerned. But I have no objections to tabling and let them come back. What's your pleasure?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah, I -- I --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Motion to table."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Because, like, if we only respond to complaints, we'll be running around like a chicken with our head cut off. What we respond to are votes by this Board. And so, you know, I don't even need any paint and carpet. Like, for what? Those office -- the whole 10th floor is functional. So we talking about \$4 million cosmetic change? And we got departments asking us for money, the District Attorney, Solicitor, the Sheriff? Please. I don't -- I vote, no on all of that. Complaints? I got a whole list of complaints, Mr. Chair. When you want me to share with you? I mean, the idea that we're going to go spend \$4 million dollars because somebody was complaining, that gives me a headache."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Now, got a motion on the floor to table. Vice Chair, you want to be heard?"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes. I don't want to give the wrong impression to the listening constituents. Some of the problems that we have had on the 10th floor is when we have guests that are coming in to speak to us, there's a certain amount of confidentiality that is sometimes breached. And at the end of the day, as someone who's in my office quite a bit, I know that that complaint is real. I know that our people that come to my office and come to cubicles near my office, and I can hear them, and what they're saying. So let's -- let's not downplay or act like we are frivolously spending taxpayer money, because we are not. Now, I would like to ask you, Mr. Davis, if we table this, and we decide to bring it back, cost perspective, and I know you can't go all the way into that, but would that decision today have an effect on it? Because here again, there are some issues on the 10th floor with confidentiality, with being able to speak with members of the community, and it is a real issue. And so Mr. Davis, if you wouldn't mind speaking to that, I would appreciate it."

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "The exact, as you indicated, implication is not known at this moment. What I will tell you is that the design team has moved forward with what we've given them. And so now this would represent a stop what you're doing, wait for a couple of weeks, and then start over again to design whatever is decided upon. So it just builds in more delay and potentially additional costs."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yeah. I can't support that. Okay, thank you, I appreciate that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I just want to echo what the Vice Chair said. I mean, I don't know that we need the fancy, fancy whatever on the 10th floor. But I -- and I'm fine with the shape essentially not being changed and doing minimal whatever. But I work there almost every day. I mean, three days a week at least, and I don't have another office to go to. This is it. I don't have a satellite office anywhere, and I don't have, you know, to your point, with for privacy, I don't have -- my Chief of Staff does not have an office. I only have my one office and cubes. My office happens to, for whatever reason, be in a leak zone. I get constant leaks in there that have to be repaired and air-quality issue. So, I mean, I'd like to see some minor improvements. I do think we need to have a little bit of an improvement to the break room. There's nowhere to eat downtown, and our break room is minimal at best. So while I agree that we don't need to spend a ton of money when we have all these other critical expenses, you know, I think there does need to be something done to improve the working conditions there for our citizens who come to see us, and -- and you know, for us to be able to work there and, you know, have -- have a lunch, you know, heat up a lunch or whatever. I mean, it's just not super functional right now. So and -- so anyway, I think there's a middle ground somewhere between, you know, the best option and just making some necessary repairs and decisions about who sits where, and all those kinds of things."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I concur with my fellow Commissioners here. We do need improvements. My office is -- works three, four, five days a week downtown. And we struggle when both of us or all of us are there. We don't have enough workspace to work. We don't have privacy either. Often, two of us will be -- need to be on a phone call, we're running around and trying to go, maybe, in the stairwell to have privacy, maybe running down the hall and exiting to go out on the balcony for privacy. So I do see a need for modifications. And I do see Commissioner Barrett's concern with that being her only office workspace that we do need to -- I realize some Commissioners are never in their office, and they don't really see a need. But my office, we try to be there at least four days a week. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "This is the people's house. We are down here doing to people's work. I don't have anything confidential. Everything is subject to open records requests. I don't understand what is going on here. This is the people's work. We're down here in the people's house, doing to people's work, and want to spend \$4 million to renovate one floor? Are you kidding me? What confident -- what's confidential? We have Executive Session for confidential communications. I don't have any other confidential communications about Fulton County business. I'm at a complete loss. I'm sensitive to what Commissioner Barrett said. If there are leaks, obviously that's a problem. None of these county buildings are good, they're cold in winter, and they're hot in the summer, right? And that's been every county building I've been in. But I'm at a loss. I do have another job. I do have another office. But office space is

functional. It seems like what we're talking about is cosmetics. So but that, Mr. Chair, is the very reason why a vote is needed by this Board."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I want to clarify. We have constituents that call our office with private things that they don't want the world to know. We have people call in that maybe have a tax issue, and I really prefer not to discuss the tax issue where everybody walks by my office or the cubicle that, the two cubicles that my office has if they can hear that constituent's concerns. So we do have private conversations. There are things when we serve the people, we want to serve the well. And we want to have confidence that if they are giving us information that we can protect that and keep it confidential if they want to keep it confidential. So I know, Commissioner Arrington, you have two private offices in addition to your office, that's a luxury I do not have. My Chief of Staff is down four to five days a week, all day, and he has to run around to find a space to have a private conversation. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Motion on the floor is to table. And I'd like to table this until our next meeting. And Mr. Davis, would you meet with each one, I don't need to have another meeting, and show the good, the better, and the best. And we may end up with just the cosmetic improvements versus the Cadillac."

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Yes, sir."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Let's vote, please. But I'd like to finalize this at our next meeting."

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

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Continue, Mr. Manager."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, sir. The last two sections, as I've already mentioned, we are continuing review the ARPA allocations and reporting. If there are no -- nothing has changed from the last meeting, if there are no questions on -- on that, the next section, which is page 47, begins the monthly financials. Sharon can make any comments or answer any questions. And then the last part is, of course, any emergency purchase orders that we've entered into. So Sharon, I don't know if you have any comments about these, and/or she's available for questions."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "I do not have any prepared comments to make on the ARPA. On the financial side, I'll just say that, you know, we are -- the report is reflected through the end of September. We're entering the last quarter of the year, which is where we will experience the majority of our operation expend that seems to be very heavy at the end of the year, so we're continuing to monitor. Later in the meeting, we'll have the last soundings for the year to move and

realign funds from a budget perspective to ensure that departments have the resources that they need to cover the compensation adjustments that were made at the beginning of the year as well as to provide funding for the potential for a runoff election later this year. Over than that, if you want to talk specifically about ARPA, as the Manager said, we are continuing to monitor our projects that we have ongoing out of the ARPA resources that have been allocated. We are currently at a position out of \$206 million, we have 46.8 remaining in encumbrances 152.2 that we have expended, and as of yet unencumbered or unexpended balance of 7.3. The majority of that unexpended and unencumbered balance resides in the residual funds for Project ORCA, as well as the funds that we've set aside the project management associated with the Developmental Disabilities Training Center and costs associated with the completion of our Tiny Homes Project and our ERP system upgrade. So those are the areas that we still have remaining. We will continue to monitor our spend, and you know, come back to the Board with any recommendations for reallocation of funding so that when we get to the end of the year, we will have all of our resources either expended or encumbered so that we don't end up giving money back out of this allocation that was provided to us. And those are really the comments that I have."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Questions for the CFO? None? Thank you. All right."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Any questions for the Purchasing Director?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Questions? None."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Thank you Mr. Chairman, that --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Mr. Manager. Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "Bottom of page 8, **24-0686**, Finance, Presentation, review, and approval of the October 16th, 2024 Budget Soundings and Resolution."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam CFO."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I mentioned briefly, this the last soundings of the year. We do have a couple of items for the Board on this one. The first of which is modifications to the annual hardware maintenance software list. We have three modifications identified, all of them increase the amount under the AML list, but do not require any additional funding being transferred over. The second item that we have is an allocation to transfer \$5,697,450 from the non-agency budget into the departments that are listed in the document in front of you. This allocation is to transfer over the funds that are needed in order for them to cover the costs of COLA and other compensation adjustments that were provided for during the year. The last item -- sorry, the next item on the list is a request to establish

a not-to-exceed allocation for the Department of Registration and Elections for the potential for a runoff election in December. And that amount would be \$4,664,678. And our intent there would be to only move the money in to Registration and Election if a runoff election is necessary, otherwise we would retain those resources in the general fund. But we wanted to be sure to have your approval of the front end. And then the last item that's presented in the soundings is an item in our Water and Sewer Renewal Fund. And it is for a allocation that's necessary for the Department of Information Technology to cover the cost of the COLA Living Wage and Segal Compensation Plan adjustment. So that's coming out of the monies that we reserved in non agency within the Water and Sewer System for that purpose, and that amount is \$3280. That's it, Mr. Chairman."

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

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. On page -- what is this, four of seven, the title says General Fund Strategic Priority Area, Open and Responsible Government, action required: Increase funding for various departments to supplement the 2024 budget as a result of the personnel cost impact of the 5 percent cost-of-living adjustment living wage Segal Compensation Plan and HB1454 updates. And it has four -- it says, departments, Commissioner. But there are only four, and there are actually seven Commissioners. What exactly is this and -- or is it individual Commissioners' offices, Commissioners' staff or what exactly is that?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Thank you, Commissioner Hall. It is to reflect the changes that would have been necessary for any Commissioner's budget that was not able to absorb any of those compensation adjustments this year, including the legislative change that took place that increased the Commissioner's individual salaries as well. I can let Sabrina provide any more detail on the specific Commissioner's amounts that were determined to be necessary. But her office did work through and completed the analysis for each office."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you. And Sabrina."

SABRINNA MCTIER, BUDGET MANAGER, FINANCE: "Sure. Thank you so much, CFO Whitmore. Commissioner Hall, to address your specific question, the district is identified in the funding line. So you will see that there is District 2, 4, 5, and 6. For the other districts that were not included, it is because they are able to absorb the House Bill 1454 changes through the end of the year. They are able to absorb that because there is an amount that is sitting in personnel contingency. So the purpose of the realignment is for departments and the overall projection that they would not be able to absorb it through the end of the year."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you very much."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion on the floor is to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 9, **24-0687**, Information Technology, Request approval to increase the spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$450,000 to provide enterprise business specialty computing devices."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "**24-0688**, Real Estate and Asset Management, Request approval to utilize cooperative purchasing in the amount not to exceed \$150,000 to provide comprehensive pest control services."

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

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. It's 1:03, I'll entertain a motion to recess for lunch and Executive Session, items of real estate, litigation and personnel. Madam Clerk, let's go."

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

(Recessed for Executive Session at 1:04 p.m.)

(Resumed Regular Session at 2:24 p.m.)

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

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Is there a motion to approve the request for representation in items one, two, three, four and five of the Executive Session agenda?"

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

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

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "And is there a motion to approve the purchase and sale agreement for approximately 2.16 acres of property located at 4807 Cochran Road, Union City from NR Deed, LLC in the amount of \$43,200, plus closing costs?"

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

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 9, Commissioners' Action Items, **24-0611**, Request approval of an Ordinance amending the Code of Laws of Fulton County, relating to the Rules of Decorum Governing Meetings of the Board of Commissioners and for other purposes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. I want to continue to hold that. There's some work that's being done by Commissioner Thorne, Commissioner Barrett, and Commissioner Arrington had some input that he wants to make into it as well. So I'd say, we can hold it until November, December, January of '25, whatever y'all want to do."

CLERK GRIER: "So, noted."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue."

CLERK GRIER: "**24-0654**, Request approval of a Resolution to designate a resignation procedure for appointed members of Boards, Commission, Task Forces, Committees, Councils and Authorities created under the authority of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners and for other purposes?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. We have a motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I know this was previously held. I thought there was going to be some further discussion."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You're correct. Vice Chair, weren't you going to --"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes. I apologize. Commissioner Arrington, you are correct. And that discussion has not been completed because me and Commissioner Barrett are supposed to get together on some things too. And I know you had some stuff that you wanted to do. So if you don't mind, if we can hold this as well, because we do need to flush out the few things."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Substitute motion to hold. Second -- substitute motion to hold by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to hold. Are we ready? Let's vote. Motion is to hold."

CLERK GRIER: "Okay. We have Commissioner Arrington's motion to hold as the maker of the motion. So are we changing that, or --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What?"

CLERK GRIER: "On your screen."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Motion to approve."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I mean, I can just withdraw. It doesn't matter as long as it's held."

CLERK GRIER: "Okay. So now, Commissioner -- Vice Chair, if you would. Okay. And the vote is open on the motion to hold. And the motion passes; six yeas, zero nays."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair, you're going to work on that so we can move forward."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

CLERK GRIER: "Unanimously, with Commissioner Ellis."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington. Madam Clerk, continue."

CLERK GRIER: "**24-0655**, Request approval a Resolution to ensure free accessibility to Fulton County records by county officials and employees as needed to fulfill their public duties and functions and for other purposes, sponsored by Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "In the spirit of holding, I want to hold it because I haven't had time to meet with -- and Commissioner Arrington, if you have some things, I'd be happy to meet with you."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Happy to. I mean, I think the impetus behind this has already been ruled on by the Judge, so I don't even know that it's necessary, although this is a bit more expansive."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yeah. I want to expand it through entire Boards, Committees, and Task Forces. And I want to hold it because I want to address concerns. I was at ACCG last week, and that kind of cut into my meeting times."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Going to hold it? All right. Any objections? Okay."

CLERK GRIER: "County Manager Presentation and Discussion Item, **24-0689**, External Affairs Presentation, 2025 Legislative Agenda."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Good afternoon, Commissioners. Jessica Corbitt, Director of External Affairs. And we are here today to make a preliminary presentation of the 2025 Legislative Agenda. We've had an opportunity to talk with most of you or your staff about this, and look forward to your feedback today. And then we will bring this back to you at the next meeting for approval. So we'll just go through these quickly. Next slide, please. Next slide, please. All right, we'll get there. I just want to describe while we're waiting for that -- thank you, I'll just go ahead. So this is just a very quick snapshot of those priorities, many of which we have talked about previously, some new. We've also received input through this process from our departments, and had an opportunity to talk with the Executive Team. Again, if you have additions or changes as we go through this, we want to hear that today. And we will bring that back in two weeks -- three weeks. Next slide, please."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So hold it, hold it. This is 12 items here?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Yes, sir. But we will talk about the prioritization of those."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. But I would hope, again, that we would slim this down to two or three items that we're serious about."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Yes, sir. Thank you. Next slide. Superior Court resources is one of those top priorities, Mr. Chairman, where we believe we can have an important impact. Fulton County has one of the busiest judicial circuits in the state of Georgia, the busiest in the state of Georgia. We have tried unsuccessfully to advocate for an additional Superior Court Judge. Judge Granville talked with you all about that several weeks ago. Last year, there was legislation introduced to add additional judicial officers to handle certain non-felony cases and civil cases in the Superior Court. We have a very good chance of advancing that legislation

this year. And that is one of our top priorities. We do still believe that Fulton County needs additional full-time judgeships as well, and that is part of our advocacy. But that is not -- that process is not as straightforward legislatively. Next slide, please."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Hold on. Hold on."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "On this one, so it says, Fulton County seeks to increase resources. Now, we -- what specifically are we asking for?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "We are ask --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Why don't we say what we're asking for? You're not talking about financial resources."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "I think the --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Not talking about supplies."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So that is a global statement that addresses the -- those two bullets below that. The first is very, I think, more specific. We seek local legislation to authorize Superior Court Judicial Officers to handle non-serious felony and civil cases by assignment of the Chief Judge. We do have draft legislation prepared. And this was introduced last year, it did not make it across. But we have a different approach that we believe will be successful this year. Yes, sir."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Second. Is he asking for one or two?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Addition -- with the --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Judgeships."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The judgeships --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I thought he --"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "-- he has asked -- we have advocated for two or more in the past."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So why don't we just say that if that's --"

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

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes. And why don't we make that number 1? Like, I don't want any unelected person, Judicial Officer making these types of decisions. If we're going to have it, we should -- if we're going to ask for Judges, that ought to be the first ask. And if -- as fallback, the Judicial Officers could maybe a fallback. I really don't like the Judicial Officers at all. But to me, that -- the Judicial Officer should be number 2 as a fallback if we don't get the additional Judges. And frankly, for me, I wouldn't even ask for Judicial Officers. I would just ask for the Judges. Because if you ask for the Judges, and then you have the fallback of Judicial Officers, then it kind of gives them an out. And I wouldn't want to give them that out. I would just want to ask for additional Judges and make it metric based, based on the number of cases, based on the number of people in the county, and the number of the Judges that we currently have. I know in talking with State Court, they're supposed to have at least 20 or more Judges and they've only got, like, ten. So, you know, according to the numbers, according to the State Court, National State Court numbers. So I would just rather ask for Judges, rather than Judicial Officers, who, you know, being appointed by someone."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah, I agree with that."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "We'll go to the next --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Mr. Chair, can I ask --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, wait a minute now. So hold --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "-- can I speak on this?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes. Yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Do I have the floor?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yeah, I -- well, I just want to say, I distinctly disagree with Commissioner Arrington on this. And we had a well thought out discussion on this last year specific to these Judicial Officers, and nearly had the legislation passed. I mean, we -- you know, if you don't like the fact that we have, you know, nonelected people adjudicating cases, we've got that right now with about 20 different Magistrate Court Judges. So there's nothing new with this concept, and it was, it was well thought out legislation. So I do think this should continue to be a priority for us, and they should both be equal, you know, because a matter of fact, with number 2, I mean, really the state signaled to us that they're not really going approve additional judgeship as it is. So I think is probably, while we've got to have a case to make, you know, they seem to indicate to us based upon their actions that they're we're going approve any additional

judgeships. But that other may definitely get passed. And we had -- we can go back to the arguments were made, and the court came and asked us for last year, there's a purpose for those Judicial Officers. So I think both of these should remain equal priorities for the Superior Court. And they were their ask from the Superior Court as well. And they believe they're a continued ask, right?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "That's correct."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "There's a mechanical difference in the process for these two things that we're asking for. With the Superior Court full judgeship, the General Assembly can approve it one to three additional judgeships as a budget line item. And then that goes to your -- the -- through the Judicial -- Administrative Office of Courts, excuse me. And so they then allocate those judgeships across the circuits around the state based on the formula that they have. And that is where, Commissioner Arrington, we cannot agree with you more that we -- that is our greatest need. But because of the way that formula has worked, other judicial circuits have ranked higher, so to speak, than Fulton County in terms of need. I find that hard to believe myself, but that is what Judge Glanville has told us, and that is what we've experienced. They have been --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All the murders happen in Fulton. I -- that might be true. And I hear what you're saying, Ms. Corbitt. But the murders and the felony capital cases happen here. And there is a distinct difference between a Judge and a Judicial Officer."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "We understand that as well. And point well made, and well taken. The -- again, just to explain for you all and others who might be listening, the difference in terms of the mechanics that is the process for an additional judgeship being approved. Whereas, a Judicial Officer is something that can be accomplished through local legislation and allocation of resources. So we believe those are both important. I understand your concern that that's --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "And that's for Superior Court Judge --"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "For Superior --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Not for a State Court Judge."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Correct, it's the -- and the State Court Judge is actually our next item, so we'll get to that in just a moment."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I just want to be clear, because I don't want anyone to --"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "That's right."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- misinterpret that that is the process that is required for both Superior Court and State Court Judges."

FRAN CALHOUN, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: "You're absolutely correct, Commissioner. So that is why we have both of these here in Superior Court. And we'll, if you'd like, I can go on to -- to the State Court --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No, no, just a minute. Just a minute."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Sorry, I just wanted to second what Commissioner Ellis said, because this was something we talked about last year. We did pass a resolution for the JOs. And you know, I support both of these and agree that both are important, and because they are sort of two different avenues that we should pursue both. I just wanted to second that."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you. Next slide, please. So to your point, Commissioner Arrington, the State Court has completed a study, which I believe Judge Tailor has shared with all of you, indicating a need for judgeships. The process to create additional State Court judgeships is through local legislation. We have the local legislation from the last time additional judgeships were created in State Court. And Judge Tailor has asked, I believe all of you, or most of you, for two additional State Court judgeships. That is an item that, again, can be accomplished through local legislation, and is one there is a budgetary impact for the county. But this is one where he has, I believe, has talked with you all and shared the study. And we certainly can provide that if you don't have it."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah. I think it's important when you present that to -- for us to stay that the study says that we need a minimum of 20, but we're only requesting two, right? And I mean, I think that really speaks volumes. And frankly, I would do the same thing for Superior Court. I don't know what the will of the Board will be. The whole thing that was done last year was done in response to Magistrate Court and taking money from them, and -- and then after that, Magistrate Court and the Superior Court entered into an agreement, and then we still didn't give them their money back. So -- and they're having to bill for it now, which is crazy. But that was -- that was in response to that, and we've had a whole year go by, I think Magistrate Court is probably running out of money. But I think they're -- have worked with Finance to find a

way to bill the Superior Court for that money. So those Judges are there, right, it's -- those aren't the cases that the help is needed with. The cases that help are needed with are these YSL cases, these capital felony murder cases. And so those are the cases where the help is needed. And you know, I don't know, maybe we need to have someone from Superior Court, a Chief Judge from Superior Court come and talk about what type of cases are the cases that they need help with. The only Judicial Officers that are -- that have any power now are in Family Court cases and not criminal, not anything else. And there's a big difference. There's a huge difference between a Judicial Officer and a Judge, whether that Judge is elected or not."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you, Commissioner Arrington. I did want to note that we have been in communication with Judge Glanville and our Chief Judge and former Chief Judge McBurney about that, and they have provided input. They provided input on the legislation that was worked on last year. And we'll certainly let them know that there's some questions about that. I will -- Commissioner, do you --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Just so -- but I do think, just so everybody is clear. There's two different processes, right?"

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

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "For additional State Court Judges can be achieved through local legislation."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "That's correct."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Additional State Court Judges, it's got to be a statewide decision --"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Superior Court, yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Right. Or for Superior Court. So there are two different -- two distinct things. So we've got a better shot of achieving this than we do Superior Court."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Yes, through local legislation. Yes. And we feel confident that this is achievable."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Just a quick follow up, Madam CFO, what are the budgetary implications of an additional two State Court Judges?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Each Judge would need be -- would need to be supplied with staff."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "They got that. What's the cost?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Well, we're in the middle of our hearings with the agencies. But it's -- if you look across the organization, you have to provide for the staff for the State Court Judges, then for --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is it half a million --"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "-- the public --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- or 2 mill --"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "It's over -- it will be over -- it'll be over \$2 million. We're actually in the process of trying to pull all of that together because there's staff for the Judges themselves, and then for the Public Defender's office, the Solicitor on the State Court side. And then also, the State Court Clerk's office would require some additional resources as well. We're in the process of pulling all of that together as it comes in. We have our discussions with the justice agencies on their budgets now. But it's -- and that's per Judge."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I understand."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "So it would be per Judge."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We said 2 million per Judge? Okay. So whatever the number is, I mean, if we get it, it does have some budgetary implications. So we need to be aware. It sounds good while we sit here, but we --"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "It does. It does -- it does have budgetary implications."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You got to pay for them."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Just one more --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "One more point of order, too, Mr. Chair, on the budgetary stuff. This, given this is legislation, this is not a -- this would not be a full-year effect. This would be probably, only a three to four month, probably benefit for next year. You'd have to get the legislation passed. And then the Judge selected, people hired, et cetera."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah, I know. But I was just -- ongoing, is what I'm talking about."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Right. But if -- whatever we're talking about here is not really a full year --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Correct."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "-- it is --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Correct, correct, correct."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: -- it's a budgetary affect for next year."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Correct, correct. Sorry, Ms. Corbitt."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "No. It's your meeting, Mr. Chairman. We will -- next item, please. And I'm going to ask Ms. Calhoun to please describe this one related to the appeals process and the interplay between the Boards of Equalization and Superior Court Clerk and the Board of Assessors."

FRAN CALHOUN, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: "Good afternoon, Board of Commissioners, Mr. Chairman. Fran Calhoun, Intergovernmental Affairs. We have received requests from the Clerk of the Superior Court and also on the heels of a bill last year, House Bill 264, there is a push to equalize the timeframe that the two offices, both the Tax Assessors and the Clerk's Office, have for processing appeals. And we were presented, when we did our department surveys, with a request for the Clerk's Office to receive 120 days. Of course, that would cut short out of that entire 180 that's allowed under law currently, the time that the Tax Assessors would be able -- the Board of Assessors would be able to review, to do their front line, their first, since they go first in that process, their review. And so what we were able to do was to get both offices to agree to a 90/90, split, just an even split with the option to request additional time, up to 30 days. And so we're hoping that we can keep it, perhaps to 10 or 14, because we want to get it passed. But the 30, up to 30 days is what they have agreed to. And what that means for the county is if the Board of Assessors and the Tax Assessors Office does not get a chance to review all of the appeals, of course, on the law, those appeals would stand. It would just be kind of a check the box, if you made an appeal, we can get to it, then your assertion stands. And so we want to make sure that they, of course, have time to adequately process all of those appeals. But then also for those that then will go on to the Board of Equalization and ensure that they have time to schedule those hearings. So right now, that's what we're asking for. This is something that is not just a problem for us in Fulton County, other counties, again, are experiencing some of these same problems. But that's how we are hoping that we can win some consensus there."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So is this one a priority for us, and it's one, two, three?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "I think this is one that we believe we can make some progress on, Chairman. I think there's a couple of others, and I ask you to weigh in on our one, two, three."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So this is not then one -- that's not a -- that wouldn't make the cut list?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Let's -- we'll ask you to weigh in on that, sir. Next slide, please."

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

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Yes, Commissioner."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Sorry, I'm -- I know we talked about this in our meeting -
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JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Sure."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "-- but I'm a little bit -- the way it got written up here, I think, and explained has brought up some questions for me, because --"

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

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "-- first of all, I guess I don't know enough about, without going back and researching it, and don't have time to do that in the next 10 seconds, what's exactly in House Bill 264. But is the -- so there is a currently legally mandated 180 days, correct?"

FRAN CALHOUN, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: "That is correct."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "And is the split mandated already?"

FRAN CALHOUN, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: "The split isn't mandated. That's the thing, you know, so you got the 180 that both offices are supposed to work with, and assuming that one appeal may be more complex than another, it's thought that, you know, they would split that time as needed."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Well, it seems that 180 days should be enough to get the work done, and us advocating for an additional 30 days that -- that is assuming that there is even split, like, they should -- 90 days for each department. And the reason I'm raising a concern here is because the taxpayer is waiting for an answer here."

FRAN CALHOUN, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: "Absolutely."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "And to make them wait more than six months, and that it's six months --"

FRAN CALHOUN, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: "And that --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "-- six months is already too long in my mind. And make them wait another month feels wrong --"

FRAN CALHOUN, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: "Yeah."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "-- to me."

FRAN CALHOUN, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: "So here's what we are attempting to aid in correcting, and that is with one office, perhaps taking 100 days, and another office, you know, only getting the balance of that or even more time on the front end. And that's what we've been hearing in ACCG, that it's just so unbalanced that now mandating a split, you know, is preferred."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Well, I'm fine with mandating the split. I'm just not sure I'm fine with mandating another month for the taxpayer to wait."

FRAN CALHOUN, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: "Okay."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "And I would -- you know, to me, I think, if anything, I would -- if I were writing the rules, I would mandate a shorter amount of time, and I would say that we need to apply more resources in those departments so that they can get this work done in a timely manner for the taxpayer. So, you know, I think, while we have, certainly you all have as your clients, all of the departments and all of us, you know, we have, so to speak, as our clients, the taxpaying citizen who is struggling to get an answer on the assessed value of their home. So I don't -- I personally, I mean, obviously the Board has to make a decision and agree. But I'm fine with the split, not so much with the extra 30 days."

FRAN CALHOUN, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: "That's helpful, thank you. Thank you, Commissioner Barrett."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you. And just to --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So are you going to want some direction from us on this? I mean, you got --"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "I think, Mr. Chairman, I think one piece of direction we just got here is that we heard one request to remove that line about the option to request an additional 30 days. But Mr. Chairman, as we go through these, what I would like to hear, one, any feedback on these if there's an opposition to one of these items. And I would ask, maybe at the end, if there's another one that you feel is a top priority that you let us know that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "But how do you handle her -- I hadn't thought about it like that --"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "I just struck that line from that --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, but that's --"

FRAN CALHOUN, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: "-- assuming there's no --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- one Commissioner --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah, don't do that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Don't do that."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Arrington, you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So I think --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Wait, hold on."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Can I just ask one more follow up?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Sure."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "And this is more of a County Attorney question, I guess. Sorry to interrupt, but like there -- I know, since the state law doesn't mandate the split, is the split something that we can mandate locally?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I haven't researched it from that particular angle. We can -- we can look at that, and let you --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I mean, if they --"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "-- know if that's an option."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "-- in the absence of a state law that says a thing, maybe we can say a thing, and mandate that the Tax Assessors Office, you know, do this work within the 90 days. But I don't know, I just -- it's just another other alternative, just want to throw it out there."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Most of that process is very specifically regulated by the statutory timeframes, so I expect that my research would show that there's -- the timeframe would have to be changed in statute in order for us to --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Well, it wouldn't be changing the timeframe --"

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

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "-- it would just be -- because right now, two departments have to work within 180 days, and one is beholden to the other. And the one who goes first is taking more than half of the time, often apparently. So that's -- that's --"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Oh, do you mean do it as, like, a policy?"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "We -- yes --"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "-- like within an internal --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "-- a policy saying -- or, you know, yeah, ordinance saying, you -- the Tax Assessor within that 180-day state-mandated period, the Tax Assessor gets the first 90 days, and then they must turn it over to the -- to the Clerk. But I'm just asking if it can be done as an alternative to --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So just research --"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "We can research that and get --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah, thank you."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "-- back with you and with Jessica Corbitt as well."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah, because I know the Tax Assessors Board is one of those other boards that's a state, right. And so we may or may not have that control over the Assessors. But I understood the 30 days to just say -- and maybe it needs to be clearer, but I understood this to say that if the Assessors or the Clerk's Office needs an additional 30 days, that they can request it. And it sounds like that was basically based upon feedback from talking with them, that sometimes in special cases, they may need the 30 days, but in most cases, they don't. And so if they don't need it, in most cases, when they want to ask for it, you know, if needed, then I'm fine with that. And I think what we've done, Jessica, in the past, is vote on each one of these individually, right? And so I think we have to do that. And Mr. Chair, to your point, I don't know if we can get down to two or three, but maybe we can get two or three broad categories, and then fit the different items into those two or three broad categories."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you. That's very helpful, as we, again, we'll be coming back to you for a vote in your first November meeting. We will get some crisper description of that request process, who's requesting permission from who, and get that written out a little bit better for you, Commissioner. Thank you for that."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I might be in Martha's Vineyard then."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Well, I have no comment on that, Mr. Commissioner. Next --"

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

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

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

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Yes, Madam Vice Chair."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. I just wanted to weigh in that this was a discussion at ACCG. And even though it may not, Chairman, fall into your list of priorities, I do think that we've got to find a happy medium. And it looks like you all are trying, trying to, because at ACCG last week, I had a couple of colleagues there that weighed in on it at the table I was sitting at. So it is a problem that kind of cross the board, you know. And so I think we would -- it would just behoove us to try to find a happy medium. I just wanted to put that out there."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you for that. The next --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a minute."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Whenever you're ready."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just -- Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yeah. I -- yeah, just because something might be a particular issue that gets a certain amount of buzz in other places, I think we need to look at what are really our things that we need to use, and our strength in political capital behind, and this doesn't seem to rise to that to my level. So I would -- I'm not in support of making this one of our major planks. But this is something we could follow and contribute to, but not something we're going spend a lot of political time on. I think we've got bigger issues to focus on. Just my 2 cents."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Proceed, Ms. Corbitt."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Next slide, please. This is also an item that is ACCG has worked on. And this is really about modernizing the legal notice process. Today, most people do not consume information through a printed newspaper. But in certain cases, we are still required to the standard for legal notification is not posting on a website, but is printing in a newspaper, in our legal organ. Last year, because the Fulton County Daily Report ceased publication, our constitutional officers collectively selected the Fulton County Neighbor Newspaper as our legal organ, and they publish once a week. In some instances, this is posed a hardship with parties including the county who need to post legal notices. And so this legislation would propose -- or this proposal would seek to allow publication, not -- not circumventing the legal organ, but allowing that publication to occur on the legal organ's website, rather than in the printed newspaper, to meet that standard. A similar and related request is in the Taxpayer Bill of Rights, there's a provision for our advertisement of the millage rate, that also requires publication in the printed newspaper. In this instance, we publish it in the paper of greatest circulation, which is the AJC, which is one of the allowable publications. This is a recommendation to allow that publication to be on the AJC website, rather than in their printed newspaper, understanding that that is how most consumers get information as through a digital format, rather than in a printed paper. So of course, want to turn it back over to you, Mr. Chairman, to hear if anyone has any feedback."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That's very kind of you. Thank you."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you, sir."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I would just say, I like the idea of posting online. But if we're going to post it online, we might as well post it on our website and make that the legal organ. And I don't -- you know, that -- that may not be feasible. But the point is, if -- if we're going to ask for online posting, the easiest place for us to post it online is on our website."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "So Commissioner, I think that's a great point. I think the other, I guess, thing to consider is that the legal organ is not only used by the local government, but is also used by, for example, in court filings, there -- those are also required to be published in a legal organ. And today, to meet that standard, they must also wait for that print publication deadline, rather than -- rather than an online posting, again, through the legal organ. I realize it is not our responsibility to necessarily support businesses, but there's also a lot of interest in this item from -- in the status of legal organs from the Georgia Newspaper Publishers

Association, as you could imagine, given the pressures on small newspapers around the state."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Sorry, on this one, are there other counties that are trying to accomplish the same thing? Is this something that we can work on with other counties or that ACCG can take up as an example versus us --"

FRAN CALHOUN, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: "This has been, Commissioner Barrett, something of great interest to ACCG. And one of the concerns, as you might imagine, is that many of those counties are smaller rural counties, do not have their own websites, and they're not maintained on a daily basis like ours is. So that, that is another reason I wanted to just kind of respond to say that, you know, why we are going directly to the newspaper also. It's kind of a win-win, frankly."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah. I mean, I'm fine with it. But I do think that digital is a good idea. But I just, you know, anything we have to go alone comes with the risk of people just not liking Fulton, and not supporting it because it's us. So, you know, if there's other counties that we can team up with or with ACCG to make sure that it's, you know, this is something that everybody wants --"

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

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "-- and we can add our weight to that, I like that better when we can do it that way."

FRAN CALHOUN, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: "Yes."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you. Any other comments on this item?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No, continue."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Next item, please. So this is about two transportation boards. And one is the ATL Board, Mr. Chairman, of course, you are an elected member of the ATL Board. But Fulton County, which is -- has supported transit in this state for more than 50 years, does not have permanent seat, a permanent designated seat on the ATL Board. And that is -- does not make good sense, given the contributions of Fulton County to transit in this state, as well as being the home of the most miles of transit in terms of heavy rail and bus service anywhere in Georgia. So we believe that Fulton County should have a permanent designated seat on the ATL Board. Similarly, with MARTA, Fulton County's powers to appoint members to the MARTA Board are not in alignment with the people

that this board represents and the dollars that this board has invested in MARTA since its inception, since before its inception. So this would seek to achieve parity. This is, Commissioner Arrington, I believe you introduced legislation a couple of years ago to add this to the legislative agenda. We have not been successful in moving that forward. But this, we want to keep that conversation going and achieve some progress here."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you, yes. And in particular, North Fulton gets to appoint -- the North Fulton Mayors get appoint two members to the MARTA Board, and the County Commission appoints one person to represent South Fulton."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "That's correct."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So that is just insanity at its highest level. I mean, if the North Fulton Mayors get to select the North Fulton representatives, then the South Fulton Mayors should select the South Fulton representatives. Additionally, there are eight cities in South Fulton compared to -- or seven compared to six in North Fulton. And so if -- well, yeah, I mean, I don't know the numbers. There are more cities in South Fulton than there are in North Fulton."

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

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So if there's going to be two people being selected from the North or the South, it should be from the South. And frankly, since the North has selected two members for the last 10 years, it's probably time for the South to select those two members, and for the North to have one member. And I don't want to say selected by the Commission. I mean, I don't know it either -- either the members, either all three or however many there are, should be selected by the Commission or the North Fulton Mayors and the South Fulton Mayors. Frankly, what happens, what we ought to do if we make it similar to other stuff, the North Fulton Mayors can recommend someone, and the South Fulton Mayors can recommend someone, and then this Board could actually adopt or not adopt those recommendations. But it'll just completely -- and maybe, arguably, there's more traffic in the North, so maybe there's a reason to have that for the last 10 years, but not for the next 10."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you, Commissioner Arrington. I just wanted to comment that Atlanta is the only city in Fulton County that is a signatory to the MARTA agreement, and I think that is why they have a special designation. Fulton County, DeKalb County and Clayton County are also official MARTA approving bodies. And so I think that's what are -- one, is a discussion, of course, with the Legislature, but also to really seek parity for -- with the other MARTA approving authorities, similar to DeKalb, Atlanta and Clayton counties."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "And what we need, Madam CFO, is the numbers because money talks. The amount of money that we put into MARTA over the last 40 years, what is that number? I know it's more than Clayton and DeKalb. And I

know you don't know it offhand, but my point is, as we have these discussions or negotiations with MARTA, that needs to be part of the discussion, hey, we put in a billion dollars over the last 40 years. What are you talking about?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Great points. And is this presented as its written? Because most of this, we're not saying what we really mean. It's like it's written in code, achieve parity with signatory agent. It's like questions on the ballot, you have to decipher what -- what's -- Atlanta has three members on MARTA Board, right?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "I believe --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Or four?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "-- correct, Mr. Chairman. I will -- I don't want to misspeak. I believe that's correct."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "North Fulton has two."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We have one."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We, I mean, South Fulton has one. And Clayton, new to the party, how many do they have?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Mr. Chairman, I don't want to misspeak. Let me pull that information and get that to you. I just -- I have, we have done that. Yeah, we have a document that we'll circulate with all of you that has that information. All right. Well, we'll -- we will try to make that more precise. Thank you for that feedback."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And not just this one, all of them seem to be --"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Okay. Thank you. Any more other comments on this item? And we'll go to the next one. Okay, next slide, please. I'm going to ask Ms. Campbell to review this one, which is about some requests from the Office of the Child Attorney."

JASMINE CAMPBELL, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Good afternoon, Commissioners. The Child Attorney requested two legislative agenda items this year. The first one was to have changes to the guardianship laws. The existing guardianship laws sometimes in their probate statutes don't always go along with what's going on in Juvenile Court, so they want to clarify that in statute, so the cases can be determined the same way in temporary guardianship cases, as well as the existing guardianship cases. The second

one, they requested appointment of attorneys to mandate that for minors and dependency cases. Because what's happening now is sometimes the minors don't understand the legal process, and so they aren't represented well in the cases. And so they think that if they can automatically be appointed attorneys during those cases, that would help the, both the parents in the cases, as well as the Child Attorney's Office, who's representing those of minors."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Ms. Campbell, can I just clarify one thing. I believe you're referring to cases where the parents themselves are minors of a child who is -- who is a case in a typically, abuse or neglect case --"

JASMINE CAMPBELL, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Yes, and these are the cases that only their office -- yeah, already cover. Sorry about that."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "No, that's okay, just wanted to make sure we were clear about that. So the parents themselves are minors, and they are -- their rights are a matter of, I guess, of these cases of their children, and so they're recommending appointment of counsel for those minor parents."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So that would be the Office of Parent Attorneys?"

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

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "But, no, that makes perfect sense, because there is an attorney representing the child. And what's in the best interest of the child may or may not, particularly in the circumstances that you just described with abuse, may not be in the best interests of the parent, and certainly, everyone needs to be represented, especially minors."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you. Any questions or comments on this one? All right, we'll go on to the next one, please. So wanted to give a quick update about where we are with our Behavioral Health Services, and I believe that Dr. Roshell stepped away. But our Crisis Center is about to open for service, and we're very excited about that. And at your last meeting, the Board of Commissioners approved the study for funds, \$500,000 that were set aside for the General Assembly in the next year's budget -- for in the current year's budget, rather, for an additional center in North Fulton. So we're very excited about that. And we believe that that plants the seed for future year funding for a Behavioral Health Crisis Center in Fulton County. We also wanted to mention that the Georgia DBHDD issued a bed study last year that looks at many kinds of bed needs. We're all familiar with the impact of Georgia Regional's chronic overcrowding on the jail, for example. They have also recommended additional forensic beds for justice-involved persons who have severe mental health needs. So we want to continue to support their advocacy for resources that have a direct impact on Fulton County residents and our jail operations and justice system, whether or not the county is directly involved with that. As we complete the

study that is about to kick off, we will also be continuing to build toward an additional Crisis Center in Fulton County."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So what specifically are you asking for in this one?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Commissioner -- I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman, this is really about keeping that conversation alive with our Behavioral Health Crisis Center. This is not a specific ask for legislation, but a general statement of support for the Georgia Behavioral Health Bed Study and their ongoing work to increase beds. So as legislation comes up, as budget items are introduced that will increase resources in Fulton County, we want to be clear that the Board of Commissioners supports those resources."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I want a Crisis Center in South Fulton. So it took -- to answer your question specifically, I mean, yeah, to some extent, the county is split in thirds. There's North Fulton, there's Atlanta, and there's South Fulton. And to the extent, certainly, very thankful that the state has helped us with the current center, very thankful that they found money for a North Fulton Center. But I live in South Fulton. And so we need a Crisis Center as well. So I would like for us to put that as part of our agenda and funding and resources for South Fulton, a Crisis Center in South Fulton."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah, and it might even need to be very specific, too. This is too general. Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Chairman, thank you. I just want to concur that it is a well-known fact that Fulton County needs at a minimum, three. And so if we can just keep the conversation going, it is what it is. We -- in my opinion, I think we need five if we really are trying to be commensurate with other areas that have the same amount of population. And if you're going to have the resources that we truly need, but that's a conversation for another day. But it's obvious that we need, Chairman, that we need three. So I really do think that needs to be an ongoing conversation. Because at the end of the day, we need to take this situation very seriously. And I think there's a need all over the county. And so it's -- we definitely need to keep that conversation going. I believe it's in the best interest until we get all the five that we need."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just, I know, we talked about this in our meeting, you know, ahead of this, this presentation, but -- and I appreciate that you have the justice involved, sort of commentary in here. I'm not quite sure how that's going to sort of flesh out as you -- as new legislation, I guess, you know,

gets sponsored here or there, or if we're going to try to push for something specific. But, you know, I think we obviously acknowledge many -- you know, have acknowledged many times over the time I've been here, certainly, that our jail is the biggest provider of behavioral health services in the state. And so while I appreciate the Crisis Centers and the, you know, the beds there and how that is helpful to the community, those are not, as we -- as we discussed, the same people necessarily, who are finding themselves involved in the justice system and ending up needing treatment once they've been arrested for something. So -- so, you know, I'm not sure if there is anything specific that we can ask for from the state to try to get them to have more beds of their own that we can transfer people to, or to partner with them in some way, you know, in terms of, you know, we talked about with having this other sort of random building as part of maybe a future plan instead of building a new jail. So I'm not quite sure exactly what we could come up with, but I think, you know, this is sort of the time ahead of the legislative agenda starting --"

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

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "-- if we do need their help with something, or we can encourage them to do something that maybe that's part of, as Commissioner Arrington said, like, our category of sort of, you know, court and judicial-related asks that that Behavioral Health piece as it relates to justice-involved behavioral health, is something that we push for. Because that could alleviate some costs for us on the jail side, potentially. So anyway, just want to put it out there, if there's a way to form something around that, I think it would be helpful."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "I mean, I -- just to interject, having worked on this for five or six years, I think it's -- it can be all the above. It can be South Fulton, it can definitely be a special-purpose facility, may or may not be on our campus. It might be serving a region rather than a county. And I want you to rest assure that all that's being discussed with the Commissioner of DBHDD, which really is where it starts. That's where our, the center that we have started and made it through a torturous path before he was appointed to where it is today. I don't -- you know, this definitely will not be, put on sheet of paper and write it down and make it so, it will be, you know, a legislative process. But I think we can include all the above, and should. Because we have a great deal of interest and are demonstrating by what we've already done with the center that's on Metropolitan that we brought money to the table, and now, we're getting ready to open officially in terms of being fully staffed and just a week or so. So I think all of these ideas, we can get more explicit. And I'd want you to know, much before putting it on this sheet of paper, all of those are being discussed and being received in a positive way."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yes. As a new Commissioner, I do realize the amount of work you guys have put in in the past five or six years advocating, and what a great success in actual implementation of opening the Health Center. So I do -- I'm glad to

hear we still are having conversations. I realize we can't ask for everything all at once. We just kind of got a notch away and gradually ask for things, but be working in the background, advocating, certainly for a South Fulton Center. And I'm a big advocate, if the state can somehow intervene, and at our current jail, build some type of mental health there as well."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you for that. I did also just want to mention, with the Diversion Center opening in the next few weeks, that's another success story that we'll be able to shine a light on during this next session, and continue to build that as part of our justice involved, you know, selection of services for Fulton County residents. Next slide, please. So the Senate Public Safety Committee had a special committee, Subcommittee on the Fulton County Jail, as all of you are aware. And one of the recommendations from that Subcommittee was regarding the transfer of the Atlanta City Detention Center. They explicitly recommended that transfer. Fulton County has sought to purchase that facility through four Mayor's administrations. To date, we have been successful in securing a lease, but we do not have access to the full facility, and there are many restrictions on that, on the types of detainees and classifications. So this is really seeking to be explicit about the county's support for transfer of Atlanta City Detention Center to Fulton County. We'd like to hear your feedback on this."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "When you say feedback, what do you mean?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Do you like it, do you not like it?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We want -- are you asking --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Please include it in the legislative agenda."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you. That's what I'm asking. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "It ought to be, yeah, number one."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Okay, that's helpful. Thank you. If no comments, we'll go on to the next one. Yes, Commissioner Barrett, I'm sorry."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "So just for clarity sake, does the state have the ability to transfer this property or to force the transfer of this property from the city to us?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "I do -- I cannot -- do not know, Commissioner Barrett. This was a recommendation of the Senate Subcommittee, and so I think this is putting that ball back in the court. I would -- I -- there are lots of lawyers in the room who might want to opine in on that."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "We were forced to sell fire stations for \$5,000."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I was not here then."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So I'm just saying --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Was not aware of that -- yes -- (inaudible, simultaneous speakers) --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- when a new city is created, City of South Fulton, we had to sell fire stations and parks, parks at \$100 an acre. So I assume that they --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Is that, Madam County Attorney, can you confirm, is that -- is there -- can the state force the city to transfer that building? I'm just -- I just want to know what we're doing, what we're asking for."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What I can tell you is that there is considerable interest at the state and by whatever means necessary, to force the city to either give or sell that jail to us. And that's going to be a topic of discussion sooner rather than later. Now, how they can or whether they can or cannot, I don't know. But it's certainly a hot topic over there."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay. I mean, I just -- I'm sorry, go ahead. Yeah, I'm just not sure. I mean, I'm all -- listen, I -- we were there, Commissioner Thorne and I were there at the same time. It's clearly a better situation than what we have at Rice Street with the direct supervision model. I'm all for it, but I just want to -- I just not sure what the best strategy is to get it -- to get this transaction to happen through -- if we haven't been able to do it successfully through, how many Mayors did you say, three, four?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Four, I believe."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah, so I'm just asking, like, because I think, just, Mr. Chairman, to your earlier point, if we're only going to have a few legislative agenda items then, and this is one that isn't actually possible to achieve through this means, then maybe it's not the best focus, maybe it's further down on the priority list or something. I mean, I definitely think it should happen, but I don't -- I just -- I'm just not sure how good our chances are, I guess is where I'm going."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "I think that's a fair question, Commissioner Barrett. And we'll get some -- we'll talk further with the County Attorney, and circle back. We may not want to have all of that discussion this time. But that's a very fair question. Any other questions on this one?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "No, I'm fine."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I was just going to comment. What I learned when we were on our tour is the majority of the funding came from the federal government for the Olympics. So I don't know if that comes into play, given it was government, federal government funded, if the state would have that authority."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you, that's helpful. Thank you. Next slide, please. Earlier this year, the Board here, you had a number of discussions about Housing Authority of Fulton County. And there were questions about the residency requirements in current code. This would seek to clean that up, to make it clear, what is required. We do have some pending questions with the County Attorney. We're meeting with her and her team just to clarify if HUD's regulations supersede this and negate the need for this legislative change. Some of you have said, hey, if there's out-of-date code, let's get it cleaned up anyway. And so that's really what this proposal is seeking. It's pretty simple and straightforward. Any questions? Okay, next."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. Is that just for -- oh, okay, that's for the resident Commissioners, okay. I was just wondering was that statement, who are beneficiaries of the Housing Authority, so that only applies to resident Commissioners, correct?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "That's correct."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. I just wanted to make sure, thank you."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Yes, ma'am. Next slide, please. During our discussions with several of you, you talked about clarification of the purchasing powers of constitutional officers, and urging some legislation or compliance with purchasing and procurement policies, whether those were for the -- the authority, the governing authority of the county government, or another set of purchasing and procurement policies. So that is what this item is, it's seeking that clarification. And we'll -- any comments or questions on this one? Thank you, Vice Chair. All right, if there are no questions, we'll move on to the next. This is one that came from the Board of Assessors. We wanted to bring it back -- forward to you. This is a request from the Board of Assessors to change the filing deadline for personal property and Freeport returns from April 1st, which is the current date, to March 1st, to allow greater time for preparation of the digest. We have heard that there were concerns at ACCG, or concerns that this might not be feasible, is that correct, Ms. Calhoun? I know it's -- sorry, to put you on the spot. But that this one may not be one that is going to have

great support from the state. But it was a request from the Board of Assessors, so we wanted to bring it forward. Any other comments? All right, next slide."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes. Vice Chair. Hold it. Vice Chair."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Oh, I'm sorry, Commissioner -- Vice Chair."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "That's okay. Is that the one that dealing with personal property, the amount changes? That's not the one, oh, okay."

FRAN CALHOUN, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: "Madam Vice Chair, that was another item. That has to do with increasing the exemption from 7500 to 20,000 --"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay, okay."

FRAN CALHOUN, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: "That's our referendum. That's our state referendum that's currently on the ballot. This would move the submission time for Freeport and personal property, that deadline from April 1, back to March 1. And so there may be some concerns there, but we're going to see if we can't work through those."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. Thank you for the clarification."

FRAN CALHOUN, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: "Yes, ma'am."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "All right. The next one --"

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

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Oh, sorry, yes, Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Sorry, I had a question too. Is this -- so this is really about shortening the amount of time the taxpayer has by a month to get this filing done, correct?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "That would be the de facto impact."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah. So, I mean, I -- so this goes a little bit in the same camp to me as the -- as the other one from the Tax Assessors around the timeframe. Just like, is this good for taxpayers, or is it just making it easier on the departments here, which, you know, both things matter to me."

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

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "But at the same time, you know, is it maybe just, we need more staff to help them get through things faster, rather than to inconvenience the taxpayers by a month. And if that's the case, I'd rather see the taxpayers have enough time to get these filings done. So, you know, again, that's a question I don't really have the answer to, maybe the Tax Assessors can answer. And then I would just ask the same question, maybe before, if the Board of Assessors is a separate entity, and they have their statewide organization, and all that, is that something that they're pushing for at the state level, or this just the Fulton County Tax Assessors?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "It is my understanding this is an item where they have engaged other assessing officials around the state, and do have support. I think they were seeking support through ACCG, and it sounds like that was not an adopted priority --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "-- at ACCG."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah, I mean, it feels to me -- and I'm sorry for -- it looks like you're about to say something. But I was just going to say, if there were other counties that were, you know, pushing for this, and it was something we could just be supportive of, I guess it would be okay --"

FRAN CALHOUN, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: "This is not an ACCG issue. But there are several other large counties that are impacted, and have an interest in this. I don't have the list of those, but I'm happy to get that. But certainly have noted your concern about this being anti-taxpayer."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah, that's -- I just want to make sure we don't move on anything that is not in the best interest of the taxpayer."

FRAN CALHOUN, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: Next slide, please. So just wanted to include here, the statement on Medicaid expansion. Fulton County has done a great deal of work on increasing health access in a partnership with Grady and with others. This would allow -- we're seeking report for Medicaid expansion. We recognize that there are very divergent perspectives on this issue. In Fulton County's case, because of the structure of our agreement with Grady, this would result in essentially instant savings to the general fund, in addition to potentially increasing access to healthcare for many Fulton County residents. All right. We can go -- yes, I'm sorry."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What?"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yeah, I'm not totally up to speed on this. I asked because obviously, for Fulton County, this is -- would be fabulous to save \$50 million, and I think we're kind of counting on it going through. So the other point, point being made, you know, Medicaid was originally designed for poor, single mothers and those with special needs. And Governor Kemp has expanded it with the Georgia Pathways Program. So that if an individual who is in that poverty level is willing to work, volunteer, care for a family member, look for a job, or go to school, they're eligible for Medicaid. I guess the hot topic here is, those who choose not to do that, who just want Medicaid given it to them. So I think that's why it's kind of failed in the past. And then they told me to look at California, where they have full Medicaid expansion, and 52 percent of the hospitals in California are in the red because the lack of reimbursement rates from Medicaid, as well as a lot of rural hospitals are closing in California. So healthcare access has decreased. So I -- you know, when you see it, like, we'll save \$50 million, that's great for us. But I just wanted to point out what the other point of view was, why it didn't pass, because they keep trying to pass that."

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

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

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Not to belabor the point, I think that, with all due respect, this is 2024, I mean, we used to have bayonets and war. So I think we have to really look at the need. I understand we probably do need some type of regulation in place or oversight. But I do think that we really do need to give it a look, a try and listen to both sides in my opinion. I understand where Commissioner Thorne is coming from, and I respect her position on it, but I would be remiss if I didn't say that that model that she is speaking about has greatly changed in 2024. And I think we need to understand that. And so I think -- I think it take -- it would take another look at it, and just see both sides, sit down and see if we can find a happy medium. I'm about meeting people halfway. But I also want to know -- want people to know there are, especially in my district, you know, concerns about it. And I've talked to medical people that have said that expansion would help, you know. So here again, I just wanted to voice my opinion on it. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "One thing I do -- would like to advocate for, and I don't know at what level, state/federal level. But expanding Medicaid coverage for those that are incarcerated, because you're not guilty when you're placed in our jails. And you shouldn't lose your coverage because you are in our jails. So that's definitely one thing, I don't know if it could kind of link to this as well. But I do see a need to advocate for that."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you, Commissioner. And the last item I will just briefly mention -- next slide, please, is that the Fulton County Youth Commission has an interest in some legislative items. They're meeting to refine that, and we'll make sure that you all have that in case you'd like to add any of those items to your advocacy list. Finally, just wanted, as we've talked about several times, ACCG did adopt their legislative priorities at their conference last week. They are working on kind of circulating those to everyone. Nexgen 911 is one that is relevant to Fulton County in some of the work we do. They have several other priorities, so we'll make sure that those are circulated as we finalize this and bring it back to you in two weeks. If there are no further questions, Mr. Chairman, thank you so much your time."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Thank you very much. Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 10, **24-0613**, Discussion, Open Records Requests, sponsored by Commissioner Thorne."

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

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I'm going to hold it again."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "It's getting late."

CLERK GRIER: "**24-0614**, Discussion, Sheriff's Office Outstanding Invoices, sponsored by Chairman Pitts."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. This was before us before. There was a motion to approve by -- who was that by? Commissioner Arrington, I believe, seconded by Commissioner Hall. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Colleagues, I understand that some of you do not like the process, and I may even be included, in which these invoices were incurred. Nonetheless, the invoices have been incurred. I think we have a new process going forward, which would require the Sheriff to go through our procurement process. And so I think that should address a lot of the issues that many of you had with approving the payment of these bills. As you know, I did not support the Resolution to require Sheriff and other constitutional officers to go through our procurement process. I do not know if it can stand constitutional muster, but I accept it because there has been no challenge to it, right? And so given that we have implemented the rule that -- to requiring the Sheriff and other constitutional officers to submit to our procurement process, it seems that it would make sense that we go ahead and approve these invoices, make sure that our Sheriff and the Deputies there at the jail have the resources that they need to continue to keep everyone there safe, the residents there

safe, the workers there safe, and to continue with the ongoing operations. You know, I don't have to remind you that there's a State Senate Subcommittee that looked into this, and they're looking at what we're doing, and they're watching us. We can either approve the money today, or we can pay more later, plus attorney's fees. I move that we approve it today."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion is to approve. Commissioner Hall, you want to be heard?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes, thank you so much. While we were here just a moment ago speaking on behavioral health beds and the need for mental health care and knowing that out jail is the biggest mental health provider around. As we continue to see this motion fail to pay these invoices, we are also failing to provide them with the jail counselors that they need in the mental health portion of the jail. That is included in this request for payment. So if you really care about behavior health and mental health care, then you need to pay these invoices because that is part of it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Thanks, Mr. Chair. I think we're all about tired of hearing about this subject. And I think we're all -- I want to be clear to the public, let' not obfuscate this issue, the fact that these -- these things are before us have nothing to do with what we did with our purchasing change. You know, we provided significant funding to the Sheriff's Office for all kinds of needs. In fact, they've increased 66 -- 66 percent over his tenure. So the bigger question is why he has not been able to manage his operations, given the significant budget that he has -- he has had, and given also that for bulk of this year, he's operated with dealing with about 1,000 less inmates than he was dealing with the year before, right? So this Board has allocated substantive funds for specific things. Got a staffing issue, increases for detention officers, et cetera, you know, so we've layered it on, okay? So the question is not, or should not be obfuscated by some sort different -- the change we made relative to purchasing. We made that for an entirely different set of reasons. He failed to operate within the confines of his budget, apparently, because he was coming in and asking us to pay something outside of that when we've already allocated him significant funds that he's not chosen to reprioritize. I'll offer a substitute motion, and that is to pay for \$643,275.46 --"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Second."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "-- for the Leo Tech portion of this. And it can come from the funds that were previously rolling in for inmate welfare pieces. And then for a letter to be directed on behalf of this Board to the Sheriff, asking him to do what we've asked him to do repeatedly, to reprioritize within the confines of what we have allocated to him, and figure out a way to pay the remaining invoices. That is my substitute motion."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Substitute motion by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman. Commissioner Barrett, you want to be heard?"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I mean, I'm certainly supportive of paying one of those two -- like the, I'm supportive of the \$643,000 bill, but I think we need to pay both. I understand, you know, what you're saying, Commissioner Ellis. And I beg to differ on the purchasing thing, because I think it does actually -- if our procurement rules are used as is now the rule, this won't happen again. So there is not -- because part of the reason this was able to happen the way it did is because it didn't come through our purchasing in the same way. Regardless of that, and we've all litigated this back and forth amongst ourselves a million times, but I think the bigger question for me, Madam CFO, I want to bring you into this, if I may. We're at, you know, the end of October, for all intents and purposes. What is left in the Sheriff's expenditures, planned expenditures budget for the next two months that he could possibly cut without risking lives or firing people that would allow him to pay this bill without us moving any money around?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "I'm going to ask Sabrinna to jump in on the specifics. But I believe that she did do an analysis based on his spend through the end of August, if that was correct. And he, because of the way that he has utilized salary savings throughout the year to fund overtime, and what he has already moved around in his operating budget to cover other expenditures, I don't believe that he has the resources within his budget to cover everything on the list."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "So that, that was my concern. Thank you for confirming that. So at the end of the day, whether we like it or not, how we got here, we have a contract that was signed, you know, legally by the Sheriff. We have bills that are due. We're going to have to pay them one way or the other, so we can drag it out all day long and wait until we're sued, and to Commissioner Arrington's point, pay the bills plus the legal fees, and show that we're, you know, we don't actually care about paying our bills in a timely manner, or we can just pay the bill. And just put everything in place that we can to make sure this doesn't happen again. But at the end of the day, we have an obligation, we have invoices. We've received a demand letter with -- that implies that they're going to sue if we don't respond to the demand. We have an obligation as a county to pay our bills, and we need to pay our bills. So I will support -- I'm not going to -- I don't know what to do here about your, your substitute motion, because I'm all for getting at least one of the two bills paid. But I don't think that means we drop the other one and just stop talking about it. So I'm not quite sure, Mr. Chairman, procedurally, what happens there."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, the motion before us is clear."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yes, but then what happens to the other bill, do we just bring a new item to get it paid?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You can -- that's an option, that's an option."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay, I hear you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Madam CFO, do you have anything to do with the running of the operations of the Sheriff's Department?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "I do not."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Exactly, right? We allocate funds, he chooses to manage the operations like he has. Who signed this contract?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Leo Technologies?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "No, the Strategic --"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "The Strategic, oh, the Sheriff did."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. So who created the obligation to pay the bill?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "The Sheriff's Department."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "The Sheriff's Department."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Sheriff's Office."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "This Board allocated him a budget, he signed a contract, the bills are owed by him and his department, and via the funding that we provided to him. It's not ours to speculate what he can do or not do within the confines of his budget and his operations because he wanted operational control, which he has. If he chooses to do something with the funds that is not necessarily in the best interest and overall -- overall safety of the county, then that was his choice, not ours. And what we've yet to hear and we've asked for, I know I've explicitly asked for, going back now for months, how have you chosen to reprioritize how you're running your operations to reduce your spend so that you can pay your bills? And this is the exact question that we would ask to any department within our county. And this is the exact same that our Manager would go tell any of those departments when they found themselves in that position. We have not been given the benefit of a single reply to that of any decree of substance. I recognize that they may involve him making hard choices, but that's his role, that's what he is supposed to do. He runs these operations, he's supposed to run it within the footprint of money that he's been allocated. So my motion stands as it is with both those two components. And I hope we give it a favorable reply. And then I hope the Sheriff then goes and then finds the other funds to pay for the rest of this so we can end this discussion. And then going forward, we all operate within the confines of what

we're -- what we've been given in terms of our budgets, and we don't have a repeat of this. Purchasing requirements or not, this should not have occurred."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. I don't want to belabor the issue on this. But let's be crystal clear. We didn't create the bills. So with all due respect, Commissioner Barrett, you're saying the bill is there, we've got to pay it. I don't -- I don't take that position, because all of us are steward of taxpayer dollars. And all of us have a duty to the taxpaying citizens of Fulton County. Now with that, I will say this, I appreciate the Sheriff coming here. I appreciate him looking as though he wants to change the tone of the relationship that he has had with the Commissioners. However, I have been asking for a reprioritization of the money, because if you don't have the money, and you created the bill, then you have to do like any of us, John Q. Public, if I don't have the money to pay my light, my gas, my water, something's going to get cut off, something's going to get a little money here, something's going to get a little money there, something's going to get a little money here. But what I think, we send the wrong message to the Fulton County taxpaying citizens, we do not run the Sheriff's Office. We give him a budget. He is inclined to do what he wants with that budget. Now, I'm trying to meet him halfway. This is why I second this, because I'm trying to meet him, H-I-M, halfway. But I want to be crystal clear to the taxpaying citizen of Fulton County, I am a steward of them. And so my desire to be a steward of them does not mean, I don't support behavior health. It doesn't mean that I don't support law enforcement. It doesn't mean that I don't support what needs to be done. But let's be crystal clear where the responsibility of this Board is. This responsibility of this Board is to provide the money. The responsibility of the Sheriff is to execute it in such a way that we won't have to have this conversation again. And so on that note, I'll support this. But I'm going to ask again, please go in and reprioritize what those lists are. Because we didn't create this situation. I'm trying to help find a solution. But I'm not going to be made out to be the bad guy when the people that sent me down here are the taxpaying citizens of Fulton County."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Are we saying that we don't have any departments that go over budget from time to time? Is that -- we've never had any department ever in the history of Fulton County go over budget? I'm just -- do we not have a process where, when someone needs to spend money that's over their budget, they request that money?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "We have a process through budget sounding for departments that identify an additional need prior to exceeded their budget, for them to submit a request for additional funding out of our soundings process."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Right. So it is -- it happens on occasion. And I understand the process is not in the order we prefer. People go over budget, they need something that's -- wasn't thought about at the beginning of the year for whatever reason, all kinds of different reasons. I get it. But we also have, for what, a variety of different reasons, said no to a bunch of the requests that have come from the Sheriff over the course of the year, and not even allowed him to get things on the budget soundings list in the first place. So to act like every other department always acts within the confines of the budget, doesn't ever find themselves in a position to need additional funds, it's just not, not true. I understand the need to operate within a budget. There is money put aside, we moved some of it around today in non agency to handle these types of things. And there were two pots of money, to my recollection, put aside that were specifically in non agency for things for the Sheriff. And so were they this exact bill? No. I -- without going back and looking at exactly what they're for, I couldn't tell you. But I know we rejected some of the things that they were supposed to be for. At the end of the day, the bill is there. We do have an obligation, and everybody keeps talking about being a good steward of the taxpayer money. Is it, are we being good stewards of the taxpayer money if we willfully wait to pay a bill, knowing that we're going to get sued? And by the way, we've been advised, and correct me if I'm wrong, either of the people I'm quoting here. But we've been advised by our County Attorney and by our County Manager to pay this bill. And our County Manager's department has gone so far as to tell us which pot of money that we have in our overall budget to use to pay for it. So forcing this to go into a legislative process and cost the taxpayer -- taxpayers more money to prove a point to the Sheriff Department that he should operate a particular way, does not benefit the taxpayers. So we can say these things all we want, but the reality is, we're going to have to pay this bill at some point, in some way. And it will either be the amount it is today, or it'll be the amount it is today, plus legal fees and interest fees and late fees and whatever else. So in the interest of putting this item to bed and paying our bills and being good stewards of the taxpayer's money, I just think we need to pay both."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So the Sheriff went over budget. The bill is still there. Madam CFO, who is responsible for paying all bills incurred on behalf of the county?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "The Board of Commissioners."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "And who writes the check?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Well, the check is signed by the Director of Finance. But it comes out of the Board of Commissioners account."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. Does the vendor care if the Sheriff went over his budget?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "I would say no, but I can't speak on behalf of the vendor."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "The vendor just wants to get his money, right, doesn't he? He just wants his invoice paid, right?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, the vendor is interested in being paid."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Madam County Attorney, if these bills go, continue to go unpaid, who will be responsible inevitably for paying them?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "To the extent that there is a responsibility to pay them and they are deemed payable, the party, as I understand it, would be the Sheriff. But as a practical matter, it would most likely be the county to pay."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So as a -- so you think the Sheriff will be individually liable to pay these bills? You think he has \$2 million in his account?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "What I would anticipate is that a suit on the matters that we're discussing today would be against the Sheriff if it became a legal matter, because he is the one who incurred the debt. He is the one who signed the contract."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. And who's responsible for paying judgments against county employees acting in their role?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "If is determined to be within their official capacity, then ultimately the county pays as a practical matter."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So the Sheriff went over his budget. Shame on you, Sheriff Labat, you went over your budget. Guess what, y'all? We still got to pay it. I don't care how many times you say he went over his budget. It doesn't matter. We still got to pay it. We're still Fulton County. What are you talking about? The District Attorney goes over budget, we got to pay that too. Anyone acting in their role, particularly constitutional officers, exercising their right to enter into contracts outside of a procurement process, it's irrelevant. The bill is incurred, the work has been done, the people need to be paid. So, hey, as always, y'all going to do whatever y'all want to do anyway. But you know, it absolutely makes no sense not to pay these bills. They're people that need to be paid. These people have performed the services. They have performed the work. The money is sitting there, and guess what, I just found a \$4 million today for these fancy offices y'all want on the tenth floor, add for more million to it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Commissioner Arrington, Commissioner Barrett. I've been learning a lot about gas lighting, narcissism, and the Jezebel spirit right here. Thank you for your comments that show that there's a lot of insinuations and wrong information being portrayed to the public. The Sheriff has consistently tried to maintain a positive and collaborative and professional relationship with the Board of Commissioners. I have seen emails coming, even before the man was sworn into office his first year. He's even -- I mean, there's even -- I have a whole folder at this point on this matter. He even wrote an email on September 17th, Tuesday 4:10 p.m. talking about his, great seeing you, Chairman Pitts at Chops."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "The Cigar Bar Chops."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "The Cigar Bar Chops --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, that was incorrect."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. So the Cigar Bar Chops, but regardless, that shows that the Sheriff has been trying to maintain, or should I just say, he has been doing what he can to maintain great relationships."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No. We were drinking whiskey and smoking cigars. We weren't talking about this."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Oh, well. Well, I do recall you saying something about, unbeknownst to us you have great relationship with the Sheriff."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That's correct. And that stands, today --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "So that's what I'm saying --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We drank whiskey and smoke cigars. We don't --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "So you're out of order, and you're the Parliamentarian, and you're speaking during my time."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That's correct."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes, you're out of order."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah, three more meetings. Let's go."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yeah, three more meetings, and can say and do whatever I want to --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You have the floor."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "-- because I'll be a public citizen."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You have the floor."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yeah, be careful."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You have the floor."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Be careful."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You have the floor."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I'm going to have the floor in a whole lot of different ways after December 31st. Let's get it on. So anyway, as I was saying, as you can see, this draft summary of recommendations of the Senate Public Safety Subcommittee on Fulton County Jail, Committee Members, Chairman, Senator Randy Robertson, Senator John Albers, Senator Sonya Halpern, Senator Brian Strickland, Senator Chuck Payne, Senator Tim Bearden, all made it very clear that the County Commission relationship with the Sheriff has been tenuous, unprofessional, and not the conduct the citizens should expect. And you just saw some evidence of that right there in that conversation. They recommended that we weekly professional meetings, and I'm reading this directly from the recommendations. They recommended that weekly professional meetings should take place to improve the relationship, trust, and spirit of teamwork to solve problems. The -- what's been happening right here is not showing that that has even been a thought or --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I actually was invited by the Sheriff and met with him yesterday pursuant to his invite."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Wow, now look at that. But the impression that has been given today is that the Sheriff has not even tried to have good relationships, yet he's been at Cigar Bars and maintaining friendships with people on this Board. I think that shows that he's really been trying. Now, back to the matter of these invoices, it appears that people are confused about what the invoices are for. We just had a whole presentation called outstanding vendor payments and budget request of the Fulton County Sheriff's Office. It was an acronym, though, FCSO, this was on September 18th. This is breaking down the invoices to the tune of over \$2.25 million. We had a whole discussion at the last Board meeting, where I asked Madam CFO about the money in the inmate welfare fund. And based on my notes, she said we had enough money in there to pay for these outstanding bills. However, when Commissioner Arrington made the motion for us to pay them during the last meeting and I seconded, it failed. So I'm going to ask this question again of Madam CFO, is the money in the inmate welfare fund, is there enough money there to pay the outstanding invoices that are noted on -- is this your presentation, Madam CFO?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "It was a document that I prepared, yes, ma'am."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. So I'm going to ask the same question I asked at the last meeting. Is there enough money in the inmate welfare fund to pay the 2.5 million in invoices?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "There are sufficient resources in the inmate services unit in non agency."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "You said there are?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Um-hmm. The recommendation that we made, of course, was to use the funds that were originally set aside for double overtime for the majority of that \$2.2 million, and then the balance to be covered out the inmate services unit."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "All right. That answers that question. And that includes Leo Tech, and then everything else?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, ma'am, Leo Tech was included in that total 2.2 million."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "All right, thank you. And why would we not pay them? As Commissioner Arrington and Commissioner Barrett stated, the money is there to pay it. These invoices would have normally been paid out of the inmate welfare fund by the Sheriff had the inmate welfare fund not been taken away from the Sheriff by the Board of Commissioners, which I want to make clear, I did not vote to take the inmate welfare fund from the Sheriff's Office. But it did pass to remove that, and put it under the purview of the Board of Commissioners. So as it has been stated here, the money is there. The invoices need to be paid. The people have done the work. There is no other reason not to pay these invoices that are outstanding and get these contractors and these people paid. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I'd like to call the question, the motion on the floor."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Is there a second?"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Second."

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

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Let's vote on the motion, Ellis' substitute motion."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "Next item will be back on the Consent Agenda -- no, I'm sorry. **24-0615**, Discussion, Inmate Phone Contract and Jail Commissary Contract."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The Sheriff said he's going to have some information on that. He said, we're on the same page. I'm waiting to receive his information. We'll continue to hold that one."

CLERK GRIER: "Okay. The next item is back on Consent on page 3, **24-0662**, Request approval of the Proposed 2025 Fulton County Board of Commissioners Meeting Calendar."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah, question on that, why are we only having one meeting in July? I mean, I -- in the past, that's because we've had -- there are some of us have had kids in school and vacations. But I don't understand what -- why. It's like some --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "We've always only had one meeting in July because it's the summer, and people want a vacation and take time to spend with their families."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Because being a County Commissioner is measured in dog years, and I need to be off. Seriously though, Chairman, I just, I need -- I need it to be one week in order to be sane. That's the only reason I can say personally for myself. I need it to be, I'm sorry, one meeting, please, sir."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "By no means. Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yes, I concur with my seatmate over here on everything. But I look at it not just being us, but I'm looking, there's a lot of people that involves putting on these meetings, a lot of staff. And a lot of our staff does have young children that are on vacation, and would greatly appreciate that crazy time, getting back to school, getting them ready, getting to get in a last minute vacation. So in consideration of the staff, all the wonderful work all you guys do, and all the heads of department that

have to be here, I would still advocate for July meeting, no July meeting -- only one, one July meeting."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What about none?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "One."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall, you have the floor. What about none? All right. The Body has spoken. Let's vote. Not that we're overworked."

CLERK GRIER: "You can open."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam Clerk, let's go."

CLERK GRIER: "You need to go back to the item. I'm showing -- you didn't have no motion stuck in there, did you?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right."

CLERK GRIER: "662 --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is there a motion to approve by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Thorne to accept the calendar as presented. Those in favor, say aye. Opposed, no --"

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open on 0662."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Any other matters to come before us today?"

CLERK GRIER: "No further items."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. We are adjourned."

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.