

## FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### REGULAR MEETING

October 7, 2020

10:00 AM



Fulton County Government Center  
**TELECONFERENCE**  
141 Pryor Street SW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303



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## MINUTES - RATIFIED

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**Ratification Date: November 4, 2020**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Robert L. Pitts

**10:00 a.m.**

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

Robert L. Pitts, Chairman (At-Large)  
Liz Hausmann, Commissioner (District 1)  
Bob Ellis, Commissioner (District 2)  
Lee Morris, Commissioner (District 3)  
Natalie Hall, Commissioner (District 4)  
Marvin S. Arrington, Jr., Vice-Chairman (District 5)  
Joe Carn, Commissioner (District 6)

**PRESENT**  
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**INVOCATION:** Reverend Clifton Dawkins, Jr., County Chaplain

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited in unison.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dick Anderson, County Manager; Patrise Perkins-Hooker, County Attorney; Anna Roach, Chief Operating Officer; Sharon Whitmore, Chief Financial Officer; Ellis Kirby, Deputy COO; Pamela Roshell, Deputy COO; Alton Adams, Deputy COO; Harriet Thomas (Office of Chairman Pitts); Harriet Thomas (Office Chairman Pitts); Hakeem Oshikoya, Finance Director; Felicia Strong-Whitaker, Purchasing Director; Jessica Corbitt, Director of External Affairs; and Nikki Peterson (Office of the Clerk to the Commission)

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## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Board of Commissioners**

#### **20-0663 Board of Commissioners**

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Hall to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended by removing item #20-0666 as requested by Commissioner Morris; removing items #20-0670, \$20-0671, and #20-0686 for separate consideration as requested by Commissioner Hall.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

<b>Yeas:</b>	<b>6 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Carn</b>
<b>Did not vote:</b>	<b>1 - Arrington</b>

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Madam Clerk, continue."

**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 2, Consent Agenda, **20-0663**. 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, this item will be moved to the Regular Meeting Agenda for separate consideration. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have items to be removed from today's Consent Agenda. The first item, which is on page 3, this item will be removed completely. It's the Board appointment by Commissioner Morris for the Fulton County Board of Zoning Appeal. That nomination for Mr. Tyrone Carpenter will be removed. We have items on the Consent Agenda to be removed for separate consideration by Commissioner Hall. First item is on page 4, 20-0670, Community Development, request approval to enter into a MOU with Gateway Centers to serve as the lead agency to work with Fulton County Homeless Division to create a new countywide assessment center. Next item is on page 5, 20-0671, request approval of a Resolution to amend the 2020 through 2024 Proposed Consolidated Plan and the 2020 Annual Action Plan. And one more item was added to be removed for separate consideration by Commissioner Hall is on page 8. At the top of the page 20-0686, Real Estate and Asset Management, request approval of a Resolution to declare certain Fulton County owned real property as surplus. And that's all I have for the Consent Agent, Mr. Chairman."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Any other items on the Consent Agenda that need to be removed? If not, I'll entertain a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "So moved, Mr. Chairman."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Properly moved and seconded. Cast your votes, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington. Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes six yeas, zero nays."

**20-0664 Board of Commissioners**

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

Proclamation recognizing "Southern Crescent Women in Business Inc. Appreciation Day." **(Hall/Arrington/Hausmann/Ellis/Morris/Carn)**  
September 29, 2020

Proclamation recognizing "National Code Compliance Month." **(BOC)**  
October 2020

Proclamation recognizing "Reverend Dr. Michael A. Smith Appreciation Day." **(Carn/Hall)**  
October 1, 2020

Proclamation recognizing "Reverend Felecia Pearson Smith Appreciation Day." **(Carn/Hall)**  
October 1, 2020

Proclamation recognizing "Reverend Anthony Avery Wagner Motley Appreciation Day." **(Hall/Pitts/Ellis/Carn/Arrington)**  
October 3, 2020

**Commissioners' District Board Appointments**

**20-0665 Board of Commissioners**

**ANIMAL WELFARE CONTROL HEARING BOARD (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Term = 3 Years

Term below expired: 1/31/20  
Al McDaniel **(Morris)**

**Commissioner Morris nominated Al McDaniel for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2023.**

**20-0666 Board of Commissioners**  
**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS (REMOVED)**

Term = Coincides with that of the District Commissioner who appoints them.

Term below expired: 12/31/2018

Vacant **(Morris)**

**Commissioner Morris has nominated Tyrone Carpenter for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2022.**

**ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS**

**Justice and Safety**

**20-0667 Sheriff**  
Request renewal of a Sub-Recipient Agreement between the Fulton County Sheriff and Justice Solution Inc. as the research evaluator to develop a strategic plan and project planning and implementation for the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs FY19 Second Chance Act improving Re-entry for Adults with Co-Occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Illness (CSAMI) Grant, grant period October 1, 2020 - September 30, 2023. Effective period October 1, 2020 - September 30, 2021 with two renewal options. The cost of the contract shall not exceed \$25,000.00 in the 2nd grant period. This contract is 100% grant funded. No County funding is required. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**20-0668 Juvenile Court**  
Request approval to renew an existing contract - Juvenile Court, RFP#19RFP100119A-CJC Specific Evidence-Based Delinquency Prevention Programming in the amount of \$194,400 with Chris 180, Inc. to provide Trauma Focused – Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) evidence-based delinquency prevention treatment. Effective October 1, 2020 thru September 30, 2021. No renewal options remain. This spending request is 100% grant funded. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

## Health and Human Services

### **20-0669 Department for HIV Elimination**

The Department for HIV Elimination requests approval of FY2020 Ending the HIV Epidemic grant-funded contracts totaling \$359,536.00: AIDS Healthcare Foundation \$120,692.00. DeKalb County Board of Health \$87,511.00, Grady Memorial Hospital (D/B/A Grady Health System) \$44,774.00, and Positive Impact Health Centers \$106,559.00. Request authorization for the Chairman to execute contracts with selected subrecipients. To protect the interests of the County, the County Attorney is authorized to approve the contracts as to form and substance and make any necessary modifications thereto prior to execution by the Chairman.  
**(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

### **20-0670 Community Development**

Request approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between Fulton County--as the GA 502 Fulton County Continuum of Care (CoC) Collaborative Applicant through its Department of Community Development--and the Gateway Center to serve as the lead agency to work with the Fulton County Homeless Division to create a new county-wide assessment center. Funding in the amount of \$249,079.00 will support the coordination and the delivery of homeless services for individuals and families who are at-risk of homelessness or are currently or formerly homeless that resides in Fulton County. The Assessment Center's homeless coordinated entry work, except for Atlanta, is 100% grant funded.  
**(APPROVED)**

**A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Commissioner Carn to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

<b>Yeas:</b>	<b>6 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Carn</b>
<b>Did not vote:</b>	<b>1 - Arrington</b>

**CLERK GRIER:** "And we have back to the Consent Agenda. First item is on page 4, **20-0670**, Community Development requests approval to enter into a Memorandum Of Understanding with Gateway Center to serve as the lead agency for the Fulton County Homeless Division to create a new countywide assessment center."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes. I have just two questions: oh, hi, Dr. Roshell. Can't hear you."

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Good morning, Commissioner."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Good morning. So I'm really happy to see that we're moving in a more strategic direction to provide homeless and homeless prevention services to our County citizens. And so my question is "does this include a plan for working closer with other HHS Departments?"

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Yes, ma'am, Commissioner Hall. This plan will include partnerships with our existing partners or internal organizations that also provide homeless services, so we have taken a more strategic approach, as you have said, to ensure that not only do we partner with those internal organizations, but that we start to collect their homeless data information through our HMIS partnership, and we actually have a training coming up with HMIS and those partners to ensure that we work much more closely and that we collect the good work that is going on across the -- across the County."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Okay. That's great. So I'm hoping that we will integrate the delivery of the counties homelessness services through like the jail, Behavioral health, HIV-AIDS."

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Yes, ma'am. All of those organizations have already received an invitation to the HMIS training, which will take place over the next couple of weeks."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Great. Thank you so much."

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "You're welcome."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Did you have another -- Commissioner Hall, do you have a second question?"

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Oh, I just -- I asked both of them."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay, you "

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Thank you."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "You and Dr. Roshell are dressed alike today, it seems like."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "I was going to comment on that."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Dr. Roshell, I --"

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Oh, Dr. Roshell, yes."



**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Carn, just a minute. Just a minute. We're complimenting Dr. -- well, Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes. Great minds think alike, Dr. Roshell."

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Yes, ma'am"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn, you have the floor."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Thank you, Chairman."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Dr. Roshell, I forgot to wear my black. I just wanted to let you know I definitely appreciate. I've been fighting for homeless consideration and more consideration since I got into office. We can never turn our backs on the homeless. And this collecting that homeless data is so very, very important in terms of coming up with a solution. You know, I drive up here every -- every day and every other day and I see the homeless all out on the streets literally blocks from our building. We have to do what we can to help and put forth some effort. And it's fine saying you're an advocate for, but putting the money in the front and behind it, but that's where the rubber meets the road. So I completely support this 1,000 percent."

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Thank you, Commissioner."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "All right."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I'll move approval. Is there a second?"

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Properly moved and seconded. Cast your votes, please. Commissioner Hausmann?"

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington. Commissioner Carn"

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "I vote yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** And the motion passes six yeas, zero nays.

**20-0671 Community Development**

Request approval of a Resolution to amend the 2020-2024 proposed Consolidated Plan and the 2020 Annual Action Plan to seek certain waivers from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and to secure federal funds supporting projects and services needed by its low- and moderate-income citizens for activities. The 2020 allocations are as follows: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is \$1,867,525.00, Emergency Solution Grants (ESG) is \$166,641.00, and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) is \$877,448.00. The ESG and HOME grants require an annual match of 100% and 25%, respectively. (APPROVED)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn**

**CLERK GRIER:** "The next item on Consent, **20-0671**, on page 5. Community Development, request approval of a resolution to amend the 2020 through 2024 proposed consolidated plan of the 2020 annual action plan."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes. Okay. You know, I was thinking -- I was thinking about, the BOC had approved the 2020 through 2024 consolidated plan, and the 2020 action plan as of July 8 -- well, as of the July 8th BOC meeting. So how does this amendment impact the 2020 HUD allocations for CBG, ESG, and HOME programs?"

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Commissioner Hall, thank you for the question. This agenda item is basically an administrative action. Back in April, HUD issued guidance to provide waivers to our HOME program. Our HOME program provides down payment assistance as well as home rehabs for eligible constituents in Fulton County. And HUD issued some guidance to make the process easier in a variety of different ways. The Department of Community Development notified HUD that we would like to take advantage of those waivers, but we did not include that information in the consolidated plan that the Board approved on July 28th. So to make that correction,

we are here today to ask for approval to include that waiver notice in our consolidated plan, so that we can move forward with receiving our funds that have already been earmarked for 2020 for Fulton County."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Okay, great. You answered my next question in what you just said. And so can we spend down the 2020 funds without an approved action plan? Would we be able too?"

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "No, ma'am. So thank you for that question. The amendment today is required in order for the County to spend the allocation that we received."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Okay, great. And when did the County receive the 2020 funding allocation letter from HUD, though?"

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Commissioner Hall, I can get you a copy of that letter. We have been notified. I just don't have the date with me. That information is on the HUD exchange, and we have been notified by HUD of our allocation, which is approximately 2.9 million dollars which is an increase from 2019."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** 2.9 million?

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** Yes, ma'am.

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Oh that's really good. Okay. Go ahead, I'm sorry."

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** And we also received an additional 5.3 million to respond to COVID under ESG and CDBG."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Oh, that is really good news. Okay. All right. And is there also an annual report that must be approved by HUD?"

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Yes, it's called a caper. And our caper actually was just approved this week and we did receive notice from HUD. Our consultant M&L ensured that our caper was constructed according to HUD guidelines and we received very quick approval for that caper."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Excellent. Thank you so much, Dr. Roshell."

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "You're welcome."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Did we move approval? If not, I will."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I second. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes unanimously."

### **Open and Responsible Government**

**20-0672 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 2,216 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia from Lawrence Hassel, for the purpose of completing the 6260 Wilsons Road Sewer Easement Project at 6250 Wilsons Road, Johns Creek, Georgia 30097.  
**(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**20-0673 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 4,375 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia from Theodore Kyriakou, Jr., for the purpose of completing the 6350 Wilsons Road Sewer Easement Project at 6250 Wilsons Road, Johns Creek, Georgia 30097.  
**(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

- 20-0674 Real Estate and Asset Management**  
Request approval of a Water Vault Easement Dedication of 323.5 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia from Crabapple Ventures, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the Town Center East Project at 850 Mayfield Road, Milton, Georgia 30009. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**
- 20-0675 Real Estate and Asset Management**  
Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 175 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Michael Marr, for the purpose of constructing the 4631 Powers Ferry Road Project at 4631 Powers Ferry Road, Sandy Springs, Georgia 30327. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**
- 20-0676 Real Estate and Asset Management**  
Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 575 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Park Place Homes, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the 4633 Powers Ferry Road Project at 0 Powers Ferry Road, NW in Sandy Springs. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**
- 20-0677 Real Estate and Asset Management**  
Request approval of a Water Line Easement Dedication of 5,306 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Brightwater Homes, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the Farm at Sweetapple Project at 13100 Sweetapple Road, Milton, Georgia 30075. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**
- 20-0678 Real Estate and Asset Management**  
Request approval of a Water Line Easement Dedication of 5,306 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia from William A. Werkheiser, for the purpose of constructing the Farm at Sweetapple Project at 12950 Sweetapple Road, Milton, Georgia 30075. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**
- 20-0679 Real Estate and Asset Management**  
Request approval of a Water Vault Easement Dedication of 169 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from C&G Land, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the North Fulton Compounding Pharmacy Project at 305 Main Street, Alpharetta, Georgia 30009. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

- 20-0680 Real Estate and Asset Management**  
Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 2,010 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Habitat for Humanity in Atlanta, Inc., for the purpose of constructing the Atlanta Habitat Restore Project at 5620 and 5626 Old National Hwy, South Fulton, Georgia 30349. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)
- 20-0681 Real Estate and Asset Management**  
Request approval of a Resolution approving the conveyance of a underground easement from Fulton County, Georgia to the Georgia Power Company for the purpose of completing planned onsite improvements at 4193 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive; authorizing the Chairman to execute an Underground Easement Agreement and related documents; authorizing the County Attorney to approve the Underground Easement Agreement and related documents as to form and make necessary modifications thereof prior to execution. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)
- 20-0682 Real Estate and Asset Management**  
Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Bid# 19ITB118742C-BKJ, Maintenance & Testing of Fire-Intrusion Alarm Systems in the total amount of \$110,000.00 with: (A) VSC Fire & Security, Inc., (Norcross, GA) in the amount of \$60,000.00 and (B) Entec Systems, Inc. (Suwanee, GA) in the amount of \$50,000.00, to provide on-site maintenance and testing of fire-intrusion alarm systems for County facilities. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal options remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)
- 20-0683 Real Estate and Asset Management**  
Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Bid#19ITB120622C-BKJ, Testing and Repair of Backflow Devices - in the amount of \$61,390.00 with B & W Mechanical Contractors, Inc. (Lawrenceville, GA), to provide on-site testing and repair of approximately 177 backflow preventive (BFP) devices for required maintenance located in 75 Fulton County facilities. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal options remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

**20-0684 Real Estate and Asset Management**  
Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Bid#19ITB118796C-BJK, Fire Extinguisher Testing and Maintenance Services with ProTec Fire Protection, Inc. (Loganville, GA) in the amount of \$100,000.00 to provide fire extinguisher testing and maintenance services on an "as needed" basis. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal options remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

**20-0685 Real Estate and Asset Management**  
Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Bid#19ITB120487C-MH, Generator System Maintenance and Repair Services - in the amount of \$100,000.00 with Power & Energy Services, Inc. (Powder Springs, GA), to provide on-site preventive generator system maintenance and repair services for Fulton County. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

**20-0686 Real Estate and Asset Management**  
Request approval of a Resolution to declare certain Fulton County owned real property as surplus and authorizing the disposition of such surplus property by competitive sealed bid to the highest responsible bidder; to authorize the Chairman to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the disposition; to authorize the County Attorney to approve such documents as to form and make modifications thereto as necessary prior to execution; and for other purposes. (APPROVED)

**A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn**

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "One more then we'll recess for lunch."

**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 8 on the Consent Agenda, **20-0686**, Real Estate and Asset Management, request approval of a resolution to declare certain Fulton County owned real property and surplus."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. I'll move approval. Is there a second."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Properly moved and seconded. Any questions or comments? Let's vote."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "I just wanted to make sure that this is for -- not for all of the available parcels. This is just for a couple of parcels that we had talked about in some of the other sessions; is that right?"

**ELLIS KIRBY, DEPUTY COO, INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES:** "Ellis Kirby, Deputy COO. This was one partial that was discussed."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Okay, just wanted to double check on that. All right, thank you."

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

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Wait, is the -- is this the parcel on Hollowell Mill Road? I mean Donald Lee Hollowell?"

**ELLIS KIRBY, DEPUTY COO, INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES:** "Yes, ma'am."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Can you explain exactly what the project is? I do have the -- well, you can't see it, but I do have like a chart, but can you explain what it is?"

**ELLIS KIRBY, DEPUTY COO, INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES:** "This is the parcel that was directed by the Board in support of a development project on Donald Lee Hollowell Parkway. Excuse me."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "What type of project? What is it?"

**ELLIS KIRBY, DEPUTY COO, INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES:** "Well, we really -- I mean, really we're putting this piece of property for surplus. So at this point, I would defer to the County Attorney that I should get into the project itself. But in support of that, and we're going through the normal surplus process to support. County Attorney, should we get into the details?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "No. At this point, Commissioner Hall, what we're going to be doing is declaring the property a surplus and then making that property available to the public for bid. And so that's what will happen."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Okay. Thank you."

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "You're welcome."



**ELLIS KIRBY, DEPUTY COO, INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES:** "You're welcome."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann?"

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "[Inaudible]."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "What?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "The motion passes six yeas, zero nays."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes, unanimous."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Vice Chair voted yes. Are there any other action items at this point?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "No further action items."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Until we -- after executive session. I'll entertain a motion for recess."

**CLERK GRIER:** "We have one more."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "What?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "It's an add-on."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "What is it?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "It's **20-0713**, Registration and Elections and it's --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "No, wait a minute. That's Registration. That's a report, right?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "We'll take that after lunch."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Okay."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yeah. So I entertain a motion to recess for lunch, executive session. We have items of litigation, real estate, and personnel."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Motion."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Second. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis. Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, we will now -- just -- for executive session, what are the numbers? Everybody has the numbers?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "Do you have the --"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "I believe we just received an e-mail with the number."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Did everybody just receive a --"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "From Jessica."

**CLERK GRIER:** "They just received it."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "You just did? Okay. So presume that everyone has just received it. So let's have lunch. And what time would be a good time for us to begin executive session? It's about what, 12:25? At a quarter til? Is that a good time?"

**PATRISE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "That's fine with me."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. So we will begin the Executive Session at 12:45."

(Executive Session at 12:25 p.m.)

**20-0687    Purchasing and Contract Compliance**

[Request approval to accept a name change and authorizing the Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance to reflect the name change of Concur Technologies, Inc. to SAP Concur Company for Travel and Expense Management System. Effective upon BOC approval.](#)  
**(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

## **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

### **Board of Commissioners**

#### **20-0688 Board of Commissioners**

[Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda. \(ADOPTED AS AMENDED\)](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hausmann and seconded by Commissioner Morris to adopt the Regular Meeting Agenda as amended by removing items #20-0692, #20-0695 as requested by the County Manager; adding a proclamation recognizing “National Breast Cancer Awareness Month” as requested by Commissioner Hausmann; and by a supermajority vote adding item #20-0713.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 6 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Carn**  
**Did not vote: 1 - Arrington**

**CLERK GRIER:** "We have an item to be added to today's Regular Meeting Agenda, on page 3 of the Add-On memo, 20-0713, Registration and Elections presentation of Registration and Elections update."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. This requires a supermajority of five votes. I'll entertain a motion to add. Is there a second?"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "I'll second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Properly moved and seconded. There are five affirmative votes, please. Let's vote. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice chair Arrington. Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes six yeas, zero nays."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Back on page 8, Regular Meeting Agenda, **20-0688**. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda. Mr. Chairman and Members of Board, we have amendment to today's Regular Meeting Agenda. I have an item to be removed -- two items to be removed and brought back at a later date. On page 9, 20-0692, Real Estate and Asset Management, request approval to renew existing contracts to provide standby repair maintenance and other real property projects based upon an as-needed basis. On page 10, 20-0695, Real Estate and Asset Management, request approval to renew existing contracts to provide a standby roof maintenance repair and replacement services for countywide facilities on an as-needed basis. These two items are to be removed and brought back at a later date. Items to be revised, on page 8, 20-0690; Commissioner Hausmann has requested to include a presentation of a Proclamation for National Breast Cancer Awareness month with support from the Full Board of Commissioners.

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay, that's it?"

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Mr. Chairman."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes, Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "First of all, I want to thank the Board for signing on to this Resolution, but I would like the record to reflect that Commissioner Hall asked to be a full co-sponsor."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, I'll entertain a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda as amended."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "So moved."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Properly moved and seconded. Cast your vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington. Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes. Six yeas, zero nays."

**20-0689 Clerk to the Commission**  
**[Ratification of Minutes. \(RATIFIED\)](#)**

Regular Meeting Minutes, September 2, 2020

Recess Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, September 16, 2020

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Chairman Pitts to ratify the meeting minutes.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn**

**CLERK GRIER:** "20-0689, Ratification of Minutes, Regular Meeting minutes September 2nd, 2020. Recess Meeting Post Agenda minutes, September 16th, 2020."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. What's your pleasure? Is there a motion? All right."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "So moved."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, I'll second. Properly moved and seconded. Cast your votes, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes unanimously."

**20-0690 Board of Commissioners**

[Presentation of Proclamations and Certificates \(PRESENTED\)](#)

\*Proclamation recognizing 'National Cancer Awareness Month.'  
(Hausmann/Hall/BOC)

*\*added during the meeting*

**CLERK GRIER:** "20-0690, presentation of Proclamation and Certificates Proclamation recognizing National Breast Cancer Awareness month sponsored by Commissioners Hausmann, Hall, with full Board support."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. So who's going to read it?"

**DARYL CARVER:** "I'm going to read it, sir."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay."

**DARYL CARVER:** Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths for women in the United States and Georgia each year. And about -- and about 245,000 cases of breast cancer are diagnosed in women and about 2,200 in men thus causing about 41,000 deaths among women and 460 deaths among men. And whereas, early detection is critical through prevention initiatives such as mammograms that can detect breast cancer up to two years before physical symptoms can be seen or felt. And whereas, the Fulton County Board of Health Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention Program through funding from the Georgia Department of Public Health provide breast cancer screenings, diagnostic services, and referrals to treatment is medically indicated to help reduce the impact of breast cancer on uninsured women residing in Fulton County. And whereas, since January 1st, 2016, more than 1,000 women have received clinical breast exams, and additional mammography services through the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention Program through partnering with 100 Black Men of South Metro Atlanta, Incorporated and participating in U.S. Congressman David Scott's annual health fair and the SCLC Women's Pampering for Peace, the Breast Cancer and Cervical Cancer Program to screen women in nontraditional locations throughout Fulton County. Now therefore, be it resolved that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners hereby commends the Fulton County Board of Health Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention Program, community medical providers, and community partners who dedicate their lives to fighting for a world without breast cancer, and does hereby proclaim October 2020 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Fulton County Georgia."

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **Board of Commissioners**

**20-0691**

Public Comment - Citizens are allowed to voice County-related opinions, concerns, requests, etc. during the Public Comment portion of the Commission meeting. **Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each. Members of the public will not be allowed to yield or donate time to other speakers. The Public Comment portion of the meeting will not exceed 30 minutes at the Regular Meeting, nor will this portion exceed thirty minutes at the Recess Meeting.** Those who could not speak during Public Comment will be allowed to speak first at a subsequent Board meeting. For more information or to arrange a speaking date, contact the Clerk's Office. **(CONDUCTED READ INTO THE RECORD)**

**3 Speakers: Amber Conner (Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods Resolution); Donna Renfro Lawson (Voters' Rights); and Mary Weston (November 3<sup>rd</sup> Election)**

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Madam Clerk."



**CLERK GRIER:** "Okay. On page 9, public hearing **20-0691**. Public comment. Citizens wishing to participate in public comment registered online to join the public comment portion of the ZOOM call can submit public comment in by e-mail or filling out the form located on the County website [www.fultoncountyGA.gov](http://www.fultoncountyGA.gov). Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each. The public will not be allowed to yield or donate time to other speakers. The public comment portion of the meeting will not exceed 30 minutes."

**DARYL CARVER:** "We have three digital submissions. The first of these is from Amber Connor of Atlanta. The Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods has sent to each of you and to Mayor Bottoms a six-point resolution with increased fines on specific request regarding three important issues. Number one, illegal street racing; number two, illegal truck traffic; number three, illegal noise violations. The resolution was approved by a vote of 80 percent of the 39 BCM member neighborhoods. The speed with which these neighborhoods voiced their support shows the alarm that our neighborhoods are feeling. We believe that our elected officials by implementing these recommendations will make our community and all of Atlanta safer. We respectfully ask for your support and your quick action."

**REGINA WALLER:** "Public comment by Donna Renfro Lawson. Comment: God morning again, elected, selected, and rejected -- CA PP Hooker has applied such bamboozling techniques through no and/or poor communication that the library attorney, Etabolla Lambocolla, is publishing untrue statements. I can't vote. I won't vote until Ful Co-leadership resolves their issues with me about casting my ballot. I, being me, Donna Renfro Lawson. I can't vote because CA PP Hooker wrote that I am not to contact library employees; or how am I to know who the library employees are that have been mandated to work the polls, et cetera. Ask yourself if that directive makes common and/or legal sense. Therefore, the responsibility of this matter lies within the realm of authority. There are candidates and causes that will not receive my selective choice because of you, the elected Commissioners and the selected authoritative staff. An example of good and necessary trouble would be an appropriate contact from Ful Co's leadership. Next topic. Gail Hunter Holloman continues to express some concerns with library management. To expound upon one critical subject would be the Chromebook and/or laptop issues that directly affect participating in the 2020 census. Where are those devices and what is the circulation policy for utilizing them to support our communities' count? State librarian Julie Walker has communicated that over \$53,000 was allowed for FCLS' usage and points specifically for the census. Will you help the citizens understand operations on how you can block my voting efforts and possible census count dollars? We are reading and listening."

**DARYL CARVER:** "Public comment by Mary Weston of Atlanta. Greetings Commissioners. As a citizen of Fulton County and especially South Fulton, I'm appreciative of the efforts made by you to assure that there are adequate polling places and workers for your constituents to exercise the right to vote in this critical November 3rd presidential election. My hat's off especially to Commission Chair Robb Pitts, who I have seen on numerous -- on TV numerous times checking up on polling places

especially in the African-American communities of Fulton County. Commissioner Pitts, you've dropped the ball on us denying masks for South Fulton citizens in the beginning of COVID-19, but you've redeemed -- but you have been redeemed for now due to your tireless efforts to prevent voter suppression, especially among black and brown people of Fulton -- South Fulton County. Having friends of more than 15 years who live in Fayette County, a predominantly white and republican County, who bragged that it only takes 30 minutes to vote and sometimes less time to vote in any election makes me angry. But we have spoken to our Commissioners about South Fulton 2020 election voting lines, machines that don't work, and poll worker disasters. You have acted and made corrections. Last, we thank the Fulton County Board of Elections and Registration and perhaps this Commission, for sending four staff to Fulton County jails registering detainees to vote. Pamela Coleman and staff, thank you. Now, how these detainees will vote is the next big question. Commissioners, please know that our eyes are watching you. That's the last of the comments we have."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, thank you. Any others?"

**DARYL CARVER:** "No, sir."

**CLERK GRIER:** "No further speakers."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. No further speakers, thank you. Continue, Madam Clerk."

## **COUNTY MANAGER'S RENEWAL ITEMS**

### **Open and Responsible Government**

#### **20-0692 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Bid#19ITB432768K-JAJ, Task Order Contract for Minor Construction Projects in the total amount of \$6,000,000.00 with: (A) Brown & Root Industries Services, LLC (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$1,000,000.00; (B) Astra Construction Services, LLC (Woodstock, GA) in the amount of \$1,000,000.00; (C) CRM Construction Services, LLC (Austell, GA) in the amount of \$1,000,000.00; (D) Hawk Construction Company, LLC (Ellenwood, GA) in the amount of \$1,000,000.00; (E) Prime Contractors, Inc. (Powder Springs, GA) in the amount of \$1,000,000.00; and (F) Rubio and Sons Interior, Inc. (Dacula, GA), in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, to provide standby repair, alteration, modernization, maintenance, rehabilitation, construction, etc., of buildings, structures, or other real property projects based upon "as needed" basis. This action exercises the first of three renewal options. Two renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. (REMOVED)

**ITEM REMOVED FROM THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AS REQUESTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER**

#### **20-0693 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval to renew existing contracts- Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Bid#18ITB113489C-BKJ, Standby Plumbing Repair Services in the total amount of \$200,000.00 with: (A) Legwork Plumbing Solutions (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$100,000.00; and (B) Talon Property Services (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$100,000.00, to provide standby plumbing repair services for Fulton County facilities. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. (APPROVED)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Ellis to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

<b>Yeas:</b>	<b>5 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Hall, Carn</b>
<b>Did not vote:</b>	<b>2 - Morris, Arrington</b>

**CLERK GRIER:** "Under County Managers Renewal Items, Open and Responsible Government on page 10, **20-0693**, Real Estate and Asset Management. Requests

approval to renew existing contracts to provide standby plumbing repair services for Fulton County facility."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Motion, please."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Move for a vote."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Second."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Properly moved and seconded. Cast your votes. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris. Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington. Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes. Five yeas, zero nays."

**20-0694 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Bid#18ITB113793C-GS, Countywide On-Site Door Repair and Overhead Door Preventive and Predictive Maintenance in the total amount of \$260,000.00 with: (A) Overhead Door Company of Atlanta, dba D.H. Pace Company, Inc., (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$200,000.00; and (B) Piedmont Door Automation, dba Piedmont Door Solutions (Dawsonville, GA) in the amount of \$60,000.00, to provide on-site door repair and preventive and predictive maintenance services Countywide. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. (APPROVED)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Hausmann to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn**

**CLERK GRIER:** "20-0694, Real Estate and Asset Management request approval to renew existing contract to provide on-site door repair and preventive predictive maintenance services countywide."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Move approval."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Properly moved and seconded. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** Yes.

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** Commissioner Ellis.

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "The motion passes unanimously."

**20-0695 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Bid#19ITB312987K-JAJ, Roof Maintenance, Repair and Replacement Services Countywide in the total amount of \$1,469,115 with: (A) Ideal Building Solutions, LLC (Norcross, GA) in the amount of \$800,000.00; (B) RYCARS Construction, LLC. (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$334,557.50; and (C) Ben Hill Roofing and Siding Co., Inc. (Douglasville, GA) in the amount of \$334,557.50, to provide standby roof maintenance, repair and replacement services for County-wide facilities on an "as needed" basis. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. (REMOVED)

**ITEM REMOVED FROM THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AS REQUESTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER**

**20-0696 Information Technology**

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Fulton County Information Technology Department RFP#19RFP114474B-BR, Digital Multi-functional Devices and Support Services in the amount of \$1,100,000.00 with Standard Office Systems of Atlanta, Inc. (Duluth, GA) to provide maintenance, supplies, support services, and software and associated hardware for all multi-function devices county wide. This is the second of four renewal options. Effective dates: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. (APPROVED)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn**

**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 11, **20-0696**, Information Technology request approval to renew existing contract to provide maintenance, supplies, support services, and software and associated hardware for all multi-system devices."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Move approval."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Properly moved and seconded. Cast your votes, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes unanimously."

### **Open and Responsible Government**

**20-0697 County Manager**

[Presentation of COVID-19 Operational Response Update. \(PRESENTED\)](#)

**CLERK GRIER:** "Under the County Manager's Item, **20-0697**; presentation of the COVID-19 operational response update."

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

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Yes sir, Mr. Chairman and good morning, Commissioners. Just a brief update today due to improving trends. So we have narrowed the report. A couple of highlights; seven-day trend on new cases now at 85 per day; positive test rated a new low, 3.7 percent, and over 660 beds being available puts us in a very good position. Testing remains -- as we believe-- the key reason that we've interrupted progress in the virus. In Fulton County, we've tested now close to 680,000 folks, and that's an outstanding accomplishment. We still have testing capacity, testing about 3,300 or so a day now with a capacity over 8,500. So that's an opportunity as we move into the fall. One of the things that Dr. Paxton will mention today is the use of our testing sites for flu vaccination, so we'll talk more fully about that. I think that's an excellent use of those capabilities. We've modeled out the current demand, in other words, if there were no change in demand for testing over the last three to four months of the year, we would only have about a million or so in resources from testing kits that would not be utilized. And that's the minimum, obviously in the grand scheme of 104 million-dollar program. So we would recommend continued current course and speed with that capability. For reopening, we will remain in our current posture. First -- first of all, it really is a level of uncertainty about projecting COVID trends as we see other states now spiking and the fall season upon us. Secondly, and very importantly, we're focused on elections. So we're using both current library locations as well as library personnel to support a successful election. Post November 3, we will revisit our library offerings and that posture. Given -- now you will see the report today ten new employee positive cases being reported, which is part of a hundred and twenty-three that's been reported thus far and one death. We think that safety first, in terms of our employees, is the right mindset. The CARES funds continue to be managed tightly as we review progress now weekly against our purchase orders and commitments and, thus far, have paid out 48.2 million. Also, the new treasury guidance just received in the last week or so allows us to use CARES dollars to offset



Public Safety costs which, of course, we have significant ones in the Board of Health, Sheriff's Department, and Police Departments. So we have ample opportunity to use these funds fully across the remainder of the year. We've now distributed, as you'll see in our report, 8.9 million to our municipalities, and we have five cities that have yet to approve an IGA. I think one just came in yesterday, so I believe that's down to four. We had our first monthly meeting with the Mayors. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November the 6th, and we expect the Mayors to forward an agenda for us to consider. We spent a huge amount of time managing the CARES budget, and I've gotten good feedback from several of you relative to now shifting focus to the 2021 General Fund. Couple of pieces of good news: Our spending controls have reduced our expenses to 60 million or so below what the budget would have called for in 2020. That obviously gives us some flexibility going into a period of time where I think the economy certainly is still uncertain. And the revenue projections, based on the good work from our Tax Assessor's office and Tax Commissioner's office, do show an improvement, and we'll walk through what drove that improvement from a previous view. And as I've mentioned to several of you, that gives us some again, additional flexibility moving into 2021 to allocate resources against eight to ten major categories. But you'll see some of those major categories are things that we would normally consider routine like vacant positions, or the pay plan that we articulated and proposed a couple of years ago, or pay-for-performance. So there will still be some tough trade-offs for the Board to make in that budget. But we have revised our budget schedule and we'll show in more detail today, and explicitly how we will seek your input in the development of the budget, as well as to review prior to presenting in total. However, given the limited resources, we don't feel like large departmental budget reviews are warranted or productive at this time. The most important task in front of us is elections. And I think we've made significant progress on all of the issues that came to our attention in June and affected the voter experience like: The absentee process, the number of early voting locations staffing and the like. We've also done, I think yeoman's work to ensure either through on-site technicians, mobile voting capability, which is the first in the state, as well as a multimedia campaign that we are well-positioned to deliver the best voter experience in November. And we wanted to give you an update on that today against the Add-on items. So we look forward to any feedback that you have on, again, that most important subject. So again, Mr. Chairman, we intend to move rapidly through this today with a little bit less to discuss, perhaps giving these good results; but I'll follow the same pattern and we'll ask Ms. Anna Roach, the Chief Operating Officer, to start, and then Ms. Sharon Whitmore, the CFO, to bring up the financial issues."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you, Mr. Manager. Madam COO, are you with us?"

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "I am. Good morning, Mr. Chairman and good morning Members of the Board. As the Manager stated, based on our positive results, our report today has been shortened. One difference you will experience in today's report is that our District Health Director does not have a formal slide but she's included it in the presentation, but within her busy schedule, has made herself available during the EMA portion of the report to the Board to answer any questions that you have from a public health or epidemiology standpoint. So glad to

have her today and thank you again, Dr. Paxton. Matt, I would like to turn it over to you and your team to go through the planning section of the report."

**MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA:** "Good morning, Mam, thank you. Good morning, Board of Commissioners. We did hear a lot of this information last week Friday in our meeting with the Mayors. We would like to start and update some of the information that you did hear. I will get started with a report from Doug and then we'll -- and we'll wrap up with myself with a slide talking about the initial response of the testing, and Dr. Paxton will have one or two bullets to go ahead and discuss at that time as well. Doug, get us started."

**DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI:** "Good morning, Commissioners. Next slide. I always -- I always like to look at -- put things in perspective, and I think this slide does a really good job of that. If you look at the United -- that's the latest United States heat map that you see. In just five weeks ago, Georgia was number one in communicability of COVID-19, and we're at 30 as of this week. And you can actually see that displayed on this chart. But you can also see the spread of the virus to more rural areas and into the Midwest and upper Midwest where they have a pretty high communicability standard. It's the unpredictability of this disease. If I were to put a worldwide map up here, you would see, you know, other places in the world that are experiencing new waves of COVID infections. So I think it's important to realize that, while things are looking good in Georgia and we're going continue to give you encouraging news today, that we need to be vigilant. On the bottom left, you see apples to apples. So per 100,000 on cases, Fulton County is the yellow line, and USA is the light gray line, and Georgia is the dark gray line. As you can see, Fulton County is performing -- outperforming both the United States average and the Georgia average pretty significantly. And now on the right-hand side, it's the same information per 100,000 deaths, and Fulton County is really doing well in deaths compared to almost any metric that you can put out there. And I would say that we have averaged right around one death per day for at least the last two weeks. So that's very encouraging information. But once again, it kind of puts us in perspective with the rest of the country and the state. Next slide. You're use to seeing this slide. On the far left is our daily testing. The County Manager talked about at our current levels. At our SPOCs and CORE partnerships, we have been doing right about 1,500 tests a day and then between the hospitals, CVS, and the universities, we've been doing about 2,500 a day. And it's been that way on a fairly even plateau for almost three months now. So we are fairly confident that we'll remain at that level. We'd like to see more testing obviously, but we are monitoring that. On the next in the orange is the daily cases. You can see that there is a small bump on the far hand right that could be attributed possibly to Labor Day type activities, and then a downward trend again with a little bit of a plateau over the last few days. Same type of thing. You can really -- if you look at the far right on hospital bed census, you can start to see a very significant plateau starting to form in the hospital bed census. We've been between 160 and 172 in beds for over two weeks; and that's significant, because it is a definite plateau. And then like I said, Fulton County's performance in COVID deaths per day, seven-day trend is .57, and we've been right around, just right around one death per day in Fulton County for over two weeks now. Next slide. Percent positivity, like we

talked about, our goal was to get to -- our first goal was to get to -- our first goal was to get to under five percent, and we've done that since the last Board meeting. But we've been at a plateau -- you can see it represented -- I have the hospitalizations in the blue at the bottom. You can see a pretty significant plateau where we've leveled off right around 3.7 percent. And it's -- it's been that way once again for about two weeks. Fulton County as a whole for percent positivity, everybody doing testing, is a 3.7, so the hospital numbers are very close to the -- the countywide numbers. And then the state has a little bit more flexibility, and I believe it's because they get reports from some of the rural areas, maybe not as frequent and it's -- so the state has a little bit of an up-and-down, but they've been at a plateau too around seven percent. Next slide. We alluded to the fact that bed availability is really pre-COVID at this point. I will say that there are significantly, significantly high numbers in non-Covid use, which is the blue bars of the left. And that is creating occasional shortages in room, as you can see -- in rooms as you can see on September 30th and October 1st, we were at a shortage for rooms. But anyway, we're in a better place than we've been a long time for hospital beds. On the right, even since Friday, we did get new information from the modeling scenarios that we look at and pretty significant drop. The next peak is now predicted on December 17th with 277 hospital beds in use, which is a fairly significant jump, but nowhere near we were projecting last week, in December, of 561 bed height. So we don't have data into 2021 yet. We will have that soon, and hopefully, we'll kind of understand. But the next projected high, like I said middle of December at 277 beds. Next slide. So look at this; so as you can see, we are moving. Once the -- as you all know, the green line is the best-case scenario. The orange -- solid orange line is the most probable, and the red line is the worst-case. You see these lines kind of coming together, so there's a higher degree of certainty for projections for the end of the year. Even though we just updated it, this Sunday, you can see that we're still with the black lines, a little bit under the green line, which is great news. But I also will point out, if you look at the large dash line that has the 808 underneath it, that is 11.5 percent of data that we were at for over three months on this incident. And you can see, we continue to kind of pull away from that dash line to the point where that the trend is still going weird. I don't have the slide in the deck today, but as of yesterday, we were at 8.02 percent of the state's deaths in reference which is -- yeah, it's just incredible to me because I've been watching the data day-to-day. And then like I said, on a day-to-day basis if we were at 11.5 percent like we were for three months, as of the 5th of October, there would have been 808 people dead in Fulton County. And then on that day, we actually had 579. So I think that's a win for the County. We really are excited about the trend downward there. Next slide. I'm going to end up with the scorecard. We continue to evolve this, but even talking with some of the epi folks, and as we continue to look at this, we're pretty happy with our metrics on the right-hand side. Our capacity has gone up since we do now have a fourth stationary SPOC to 8,800 for testing. Our demand, like I said, has been very steady between 3,500 or so. Our cases went up slightly in the yellow. Our percent positives have been on a plateau as I talked about, as has our hospitalizations. And then if you look at the hospital numbers for six, seven, and eight, those were all very encouraging, like I said even pre-COVID availability. But we need to remain vigilant because we are getting into flu season. And then the deaths per day is

on a slight downward trend and our morgue capacity is at a plateau also. Matt, next slide."

**MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA:** Thank you, Doug. Just to go ahead and comment on Doug's comments about morgue capacity: We actually have been maintaining two apparatuses to go ahead and handle any surge. It's gotten to the point that Grady is working with us. They actually ran into a situation where they had to do some emergency repairs to their morgue. So we are working closely with their team today and over the weekend to support them with the resources that we have to ensure that they have a dignified way of holding these individuals, until they can get to a mortuary services to go ahead and get ready for their final resting. So we're very proud of our medical examiner team working closely with Grady to go ahead and help them during this time of need. As you can see 678,000 plus COVID tests we have done, still keeps us just a little shy of the 23 percent mark of the total tests done in the state of Georgia. Once again, just to not reiterate enough; folks to take advantage of -- take advantage of getting the testing. We're getting results much less than 48 hours in a turnaround. We're seeing people in 26 to 30-hour range of getting their results. So the lab capacity is there to go ahead and handle that. Please take advantage of that. Once again, we are still having a great partnership with the Board of Health and CORE. Dr. Paxton, I'm going to ask her to speak on the last two bullet points on my slide here. But one of the things that we have added is the Adamsville site. For those of you that are not familiar with that, that's 3700 Martin Luther King Drive Jr. Drive, excuse me, southwest. That's a Monday through Friday location. That's a fixed site that's a walkup, similar to our central location. All that information may be found out on the Fulton County website, the Board of Health website, and how to register and how to take advantage of those resources there. So folks, please do that. We still have our eight mobile units out in the community, specifically today. It's great to see that we're supporting the Mexican Consulate General as well as College Park and Sandy Springs and some of the cities that we have our mobile units in today, as well as the Board of Health unit that is over here at the government center supporting some of the other state and local governments in and around the County building as well. I'd like to go ahead and turn it over to Dr. Paxton who is going to speak a little bit about the contact tracing as well as the flu shot integration. Dr. Paxton?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FULTON COUNTY BOH:** "Thanks. I hope -- I hope you can hear me I'm having a little problem with my computer. By the way, I'm just going to give you some minor updates. Some of this information is very new and it wasn't even available for me to give on Monday to put into a slide. But the three things that I'm just going to address are specifically about the flu shot into -- into the flu campaign. I just want to remind everyone that we are already giving out flu shots at all our clinics. As per usual, we have sliding scales for people who, you know, who don't have insurance and the like. However, it is our goal now, particularly with COVID going on and with a very important flu season coming up: Our goal is to provide for -- if completely uninsured/underinsured adults free flu vaccines at all our drive-thru and walk-through SPOCs. We're using state-funded vaccine. So our -- we're starting sort of a soft phase, which is going to be our soft launch starting October 15<sup>th</sup> through the end

of October. And our vaccine drive is going to be taking place at our South SPOC, which is Wolf Creek, and our central SPOC, which is at 265 Boulevard, which is our walk-up SPOC; and at one of our Board of Health mobile units and one of our CORE mobile units. And so assuming that that all goes well, and we work out all the kinks then we'll going to expand to the rest of our testing sites which are the four fixed sites which you see on the side and our eight mobile -- mobile units. We are going to be providing those vaccines Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 to 1:00 p.m. In addition, this should be of interest to particularly to you, we are conducting in collaboration with DPH, a state capital and flu vaccination event, which is going to be taking place at the capital on October 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. So all of the legislators and all state and county employees are welcomed to get their flu vaccine during this event. Now with this, we will be -- you know, we'll be billing insurance for the -- for the vaccinations and we accept Aetna, Anthem, BSBSJ, Cigna, and United Health Care. And for those who have, of course, Medicaid, Peach Care, and Medicare, of course, we take that. And for those who are Kaiser Insurance, there will be a representative there from Kaiser to give out vaccinations. So we're trying to make this as inclusive as possible. So once again, that's going to be t at the capital from 10:00 to 1:00 p.m. on October 22nd. The two other points I wanted to bring up is that we are -- no one is more thrilled than I that our test positivity rates have fallen below five percent. I do want to remind people that this is our -- we really want to get our test positivity rate to below one percent. That is generally regarded as a level at which you are in a much better position for opening up businesses and schools and all that. So we are definitely in a downward trend. We're going the right way, but we still have a ways to go. So our goal is to get this below one percent. And related to that, we have a very large order of mask -- of reusable mask that we'll be coming. These are the ones that if you can see me, these are the ones, you know have our logo on it and they are double-sided. They are very good. They are very popular. We have a load of -- we have a very large order arriving on or around October 17th. So besides distributing those at the normal sites, which you'd expect at our SPOCs, our clinics, county buildings and the like; we are going to be expanding to get these out to everyone. So we're looking at things as putting them onto -- you know, getting them to voting sites, to malls, to other places where people congregate. We're distributing them to our interfaith partners; and I'm going to ask your help that we will have a lot of masks available. We'd like, you know, if you have events that you would like to distribute these, we absolutely encourage you to do so. You can always contact Matt Kallmyer about this. You can also contact the Board of Health and we will get them to you. So it's very important that at this -- as we move into the flu season that we get these masks out to everyone. And so we have a large number coming in. So please, be generous and we'll try to get these out to your constituents. So those are the main things that I wanted to bring up now."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "And Mr. Chairman, we're ready for questions."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Commissioners, any questions at this time? Any questions? Thank you, very much. Madam COO continue, please."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Thank you. Next slide. I won't spend a lot of time on this slide based on the reports from EMSI as well as Dr. Paxton. It's pretty clear that we have positive trends occurring. I do want to keep in mind Dr. Paxton's final comments about areas where she continues to have concerns, in particular, the fact that we haven't gotten down to a one-percent positivity rate yet, but very, very good news for Fulton County as well as the state of Georgia. Next slide. This slide provides a quick overview of where we are in terms of reopening. We are going to continue in our current posture primarily with closures of our senior centers, intellectual and developmental disability centers as well as arts facilities. Our Phase II steps in the last meeting, we mentioned the possibility of -- we're talking with Dr. Ferdinand about opening tax offices at Greenbrier and 141, which are currently closed. For logistical and other purposes, Dr. Ferdinand did not believe that that was prudent at this time, and so we have taken that off of our horizon for our Phase II first steps. We are, however, working with departments who do have offices at 141, to have limited administrative offices return in a very planned and coordinated way to continue to put the health and safety of our employees as our primary focus. So that effort is underway and we're in discussions with those directors as we speak. Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Alton Adams continues to work with our justice partners to pursue the chief judge's desire to stand up two grand juries in -- in the next coming months. So, the primary focus of that effort is to identify locations that will facilitate social distances and our best practices to keep our constituents and jurors safe. And so that effort is underway as a part of our Phase II first steps. Glad to report to the Board and the public, however, that emergency essential operations are continuing, have not ceased, and we are grateful for our employees who work in those areas and have continued working through this pandemic. We continue to hope for their safety and extend our gratitude to them for the work that they're doing in those emergency roles. Also, pleased to share with the Board that all of our virtual service as well as our contactless service delivery, such as curbside service, with our -- in our libraries is receiving a huge amount of accolades from our constituents. So we are going to continue those services. We have been able to keep our employees safe in the delivery of those services. And so, again, we're pleased to share with the Board that those efforts are going very well. Next slide. We're committed to keep the Board updated. I believe at Commissioner Hall's request, which I thought was a very good one, so thank you, Commissioner Hall, for that. Our update on the number of positive employees since the last meeting, in this case, it was the last three weeks because we had a long September. But since that time, we've had 10 new positives in the departments that are listed there. Unfortunately, we are going to continue to hope for good outcomes for those employees who have tested positive in the last three weeks. Next slide. This is a cumulative view of all Fulton County employees that have test -- that we have a record of that have test positive so far. We're up to a hundred and twenty-three with the last 10 in the last three weeks. Next slide. And so with respect to positive cases, the other view that we would like to share with the Board is the facility cleanings by department. Our numbers continue to decline, which is consistent with our positivity rate across the County, but in Fulton County facilities, we are seeing a reduction in the number of requests to sanitize facilities. And I think by DREAM's report, we are down to about two a week in terms of requests and sanitization of our facilities right now. So that gives a

snapshot of how we are doing from an operational standpoint with positive employees as well as sanitizing our facilities. Next slide. Each meeting Commissioners, I try to provide a highlight of an operational area that we are working on that is of interest or should be of interest to the Board of Commissioners. This week we have made a decision to provide the Board an update in an area that we have had an incredible amount of focus over the last week or so, and that is an effort to build a plan through collaboration with our federal, state, and local partners for election security. If anyone that's paying attention to news report over the last several weeks, there is a heightened sense that public safety may be at risk associated with our upcoming election and, while you can't predict everything, but we would like to be as prepared as we possibly can for whatever might come. Although we will hope for the best outcomes in terms of our safe and uninterrupted election, we do believe it's important to work with our partners to plan for the worse. And so, we have taken on this effort. Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Alton Adams is working with the leadership of AFCEMA to pull this effort together in areas of focus that we've identified from our kickoff meeting are listed on the left side of this slide and include our polling location security. And for your awareness, the Board of Registration and Elections does have a contractor that they have worked with in the past to provide security to some polling locations. And so we are looking to possibly enhance those efforts just to make sure that all of our polling locations are secure. The other area outside of our actual polling locations that we think is a significant area of focus is general and overall public safety and crisis and consequence management. And so for that effort, we are getting information and intelligence from our state and federal partners. We are working with the leadership of the public safety offices in all of our cities. And then we are going to leverage our resources that we provided to our Atlanta Fulton Emergency Management Agency to make sure that we are as prepared as we can be from a public safety standpoint. Our Fulton County government facilities, of course, is of particular interest to us. Those are significant assets of the County that we want to secure and protect in the event of any public disruption. And most probably most significantly, our CIO is very -- is very intent on making sure that our -- that our IT infrastructure and network security is also at their highest point of alert at this point. And so these are the areas of focus that we are meeting this week and next to develop detailed plans for, but we will not be publicly sharing any of the details of those plans because of the security nature of them, but we did want to provide the Board with an overview of the areas we're focusing on. We are going to be intently doing this work over the next three weeks as you know this November election is upon us. And so we do have a sense of urgency around all of these areas of focus and so, on the right-hand side of the slide, you will see our overall approach for developing safety plans in those three areas. Commissioners, that wraps up my brief update on reopening as well as the operational highlight, which is our efforts around election security. And at this time, Mr. Chairman I'm ready to entertain any questions the Board may have in these areas."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "I have a question."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "On -- thank you for your presentations, they've been really good Anna. And thank you for including the numbers of COVID related positive COVID employees cumulative and the last three weeks. This is good. I have a question because when I look at the numbers, what jumps out at me is that E911 on the cumulative page has -- they have 26 cases and then District Attorney has 10 and the Clerk has 18. I want to be clear to our audience that the Clerk is not the Clerk to the BOC; it's the Clerk to Superior and Magistrate court. But my question is; could these numbers possibly be higher because they have more people confined in an enclosed room or office space? Because I was told that over in the Clerk's office and in the Courts that employees were being told to go get tested when it was found that other employees actually had COVID-19, but those employees who were being told to go get tested were told to come back to work and wait until they got their results, which would then create a situation where that employee would be sitting at work and get their results, finding out that they also have COVID. But they're sitting in the office, so now you have this vicious cycle of, okay, now the other employees have to go and get tested

and wait for their results. So if you recall, during one of the previous BOC meetings, I asked the question about are we communicating the same message out as far as how to handle testing and the positive results of employees getting COVID because there seems to be some confusion out there across the County government offices."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "I hope Kenneth Hermon is with us to help me answer this question, and I think that you've shared some good information with the Board and the public. To answer or try to address the first part of your question about what may have been the possible cause for the numbers that we're seeing in those Public Safety areas, in particular, District Attorney, E911, and the Clerk's office. You know, it's hard for us to make a determination of where people are getting positive. But I think you're right in being suspicious of the fact that it is in these Public Safety areas that typically do their work in confined spaces. I will let you know without concluding how these employees became positive. I will let you know that, from an emergency services, that's E911 standpoint, we did take additional precautions to disburse the E911 call takers by leveraging our alternate location over on the FIB area. So at this time, we do have less call takers confined in that one space because we're utilizing our fail oversight as well. So hopefully that will help and actually I believe that we've seen a good deal of improvement in the positivity rate for E911 call takers based on simply separating the shifts into two different locations. And hopefully, we'll see -- continue to see improvement in that area. I do know that --"

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Oh, no --"

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Yes, ma'am. I do know that the District Attorney does have some level of the work-from-home policy, so I don't really have a lot of information on what is possibly driving the numbers there. But you're correct; we have worked with the State, Superior, and Magistrate Court to try to meet all of her needs with respect to PPE for those emergency essential employees that she is required to manage through working in-person at this time. So I think those are all very



good comments, Commissioner Hall, and we'll continue to keep you and the rest of the Board abreast of progress in this area. In terms of the second part of your question, I did bring to the attention of the Chief Human Resource Officer, the concern that there may be confusion about what the protocols are for notifying employees and sending them home when exposure is suspected. I do believe that he doubled down on his efforts to inform members of our leadership team on what those protocols are, but I see that he's here with us and I'll let him speak for himself."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Thank you."

**KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER:** "Good morning, everyone. Kenneth Hermon, Chief HR Officer. Thank you very much, Anna, for clarifying. And Commissioner, yes, we did double down to make sure that the communication was clear to all departments, especially those departments that complete their operation during the COVID case event. There were some significant changes based on guidance received periodically from either the CDC or the Board of Health or from the Governor's office, and we tried our best to keep those -- our guidance up to date and issue to all those organizations. I can speak specifically for the Clerk's office that the Clerk and her team has been very involved and in constant communication with the HR department about what and how they should address those kind of situations. And I also, after they had the conversation that we had last Board meeting, I circulated to you and all the fellow -- fellow colleagues on the Commission, copies of the protocols that understanding protocols, that everyone should be following to address any potential exposures and/or positives that may occur within the work place."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Thank you so much. Thank you, Anna. Thank you, Kenneth."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Any questions, Commissioners?"

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes, I have a question, please."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "And we can stay on the topic of our employees, Ms. Roach. A hundred and twenty-three, you know, looks to the public as a very, very high number. And of course, we take every case seriously. I do think it's important though to share with the public just how many employees we have in Fulton County. Do you have that number readily available?"

**KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER:** "Yes, I'm sorry. It's roughly about 4,600 and some change, Commissioner. So the number there of the 123 is less than 10 percent of the organization. Significantly less than ten percent."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yeah, it's probably closer to five percent; is it not?"

**KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER:** "That's right."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Okay. And then, you know, cases are obviously not anything we want to see, but of the employees that have contracted COVID, do you have any idea how many have had to require hospitalization?"

**KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER:** "No, ma'am."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "I think that's also important to know because, you know, the severe cases, of course, are the ones of most concern. There's a lot of folks that get it that have no symptoms, as you see. So it's just another part of our educational outreach, if you will, of our experience here within Fulton County and managing a large organization that has a lot of employees so."

**KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER:** "Providing that information, yeah."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Commissioner Hausmann, I would say yes, that would be great information for us to know. I think one of our constraints is that we are -- we are sort of constrained by what employees will self-disclose to us. Because of the nature -- the medical nature of the information, we can't mandate employees tell us things like whether or not they've been hospitalized."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "No, no. We certainly can, and I wouldn't want to violate anyone's privacy, but if someone is quarantining for the 14 days, and then is able to come back to work versus someone that's out for a month, I think, you know, that's pretty self-explanatory, the severity of a case. So I just hope that no one's had -- you know, we've had one unfortunate death that we are all acutely aware of. But again, I just think that that helps us as we move forward and work towards reopening just to understand exactly what we've been dealing with."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FULTON COUNTY BOH:** "Hi. This is Dr. Paxton. I just want to just interject too: You also, you have to keep in mind too, that not only do we have these index cases, but they -- people who are infected are also at risk at spreading. So that is another thing."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Correct. Correct."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FULTON COUNTY BOH:** "But we might not know who they expect to --"

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "And then as we talk about reopening, I mean one thing that we have to do regardless of any other activities is to conduct the elections. And so obviously while security is an issue, so is the health and safety of not only our workers, but the public. Can you just speak, you know, an overview -- a broad overview of the precautions that will be taken as we start early voting next week to try and protect the public and our employees as they vote?"

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Okay. I'm not sure if Bridget Bailey is close by. I definitely would be looking for her help to summarize this. This is more like an elections question. In fact, Commissioner Hausmann, I think the Board did approve the discussion item."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "And I'm happy to wait. If someone would be prepared to speak to that, I would appreciate it."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "I think -- she will be prepared."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes. Let's hold that and we will make sure that Ms. Bailey is available at that time."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "All right. Thank you. And then I just want to say, I know we mentioned a little bit about the courts and what's happening there with the grand juries. I just want to say that I am getting a lot of inquiries about when court operations will resume, especially in the area of family court. So if you could please provide us some information on that. Because we are getting -- at least I'm getting inquiries and I really don't have a firm answer on any timelines with regard to that."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Thank you for the question Commissioner Hausmann. I will ask Alton to work with Judge Brasher to try to give you an idea of the timeline. I do also know our court system is subject to whatever timeline the state has in place as well. So we will definitely work on getting a response to you today, and we'll share with the rest of the Board."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Very good. I appreciate that. And then also, libraries: We've talked about this briefly as well that is the thing that I get the most inquiries about. Especially, now that school has resumed, people, you know, think that since school is resuming our libraries should be reopening. So I hope that we are really seriously looking at whether it's a phased in reopening or some sort of plan to get it, at least, regionally accessed for our library. I hope that we are working on that."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Yes, Commissioner. We'll be looking at that more closely after the election. As you know, our libraries serve as -- many of our libraries serve as election sites. So after the election we'll be taking a closer look at that."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "I would hope that we take a look at it now in preparation for opening in a couple of weeks, whether it's before or after the elections. Most of our elections, as you know, are in community rooms in the library so there is separation. I just -- I think it's very important. The public is asking and so I don't want us to wait until the election to start looking at how we open. Let's come up with a timeline, please."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Hello?"

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Hello?"

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "I'll just make one comment. I think we can certainly do that. We also looked at what other counties are doing. And while some other counties are saying they are open, it's more form than really function. In other words; it's open if you don't come in and browse. It's open if you don't spend more than one hour at a computer. It's open if you, you know, don't touch anything. In other words, even in the ones that are open it's not much in terms of what they're offering. But we are going to look at it. We're going to, as I said, keep a focus on the election right now, and then determine where we are, and what the plan might look like. Again, consistent with what the health trends are and any advice Dr. Paxton gives us, as well as what the public is interested in.

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "We'll I appreciate the caution. I certainly don't want anyone to be put at a risk; whether it's a phased in or limited re-entry, or whatever we deem to be safe. I just think it's very important to the community that we, once again, provide this service. And then I also want to finalize my comment with the Board of Commissioners meeting. I did a cursory review yesterday. Most of our neighbors are doing some sort of combined in-person virtual depending upon the circumstances for their meetings. I know the Governor's order allowed us to do it, but I think it's time for us to come up with a plan as well as to how we're going to conduct our meetings."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay, other questions or comments?"

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "I have a question. I heard Kenneth say that we have over 4,600 employees. And you were looking at the percentage out of 123 COVID positive employees. And I think we need to really look at the percentage based on how many employees are actually coming to work, because we do have quite a few employees that are teleworking. It's not that we have the entire 4,600 plus employees working in the buildings. So can -- can you tell me what the number is as far as the total number of employees that are actually coming into work?"

**KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER:** "Commissioner, I will run that analysis and send it to you in about ten to 20 minutes."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "All right. Thank you so much."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Send it all of us, please."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "And I'd like to get that as well."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "I want to ask about contract -- contact tracing and where we are with that, at least as it relates to our employees. Because I think that would, you know, provide some of the information that Commissioner Hausmann and Commissioner Hall were asking about."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FULTON COUNTY BOH:** "What specifically did you wish to ask about the contact tracing? Do you want that particular figure? We, in general --"

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "We're -- are we contact tracing the employees that have tested positive?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FULTON COUNTY BOH:** "Well, what we should be doing, what every -- this is a reportable disease. So every person that is test positive gets into the electronic database and we are notified of that. And then we conduct, you know, contact tracing. The big problem though is to a certain extent we are dependent on two things: One is that the person that we are -- who had tested positive is forthcoming in terms of, you know, that you're telling who all are their contacts are. And in situations where they are -- these are workplace, you know, exposures, then it is we are looking for hopefully the supervisors in the department to also be able to help us to figure out who has been in contact with that -- with that test case. So we have contact tracing is taking -- is taking place, but that it's not necessarily easy."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Other questions? Any other questions of this segment? All right, Madam COO, continue, please."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll turn it over to the CFO."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Thank you, Anna. Good morning, Commissioners. Sharon Whitmore, Chief Financial Officer. We have the CARES fund, the normal CARES fund update to provide for you. We can go on to the next slide, please. This slide, as you know, just gives you a Birdseye view of where we're at with our CARES Act fund. On this particular report, it's as of October the 2nd. As of that date, we had allocated or expensed 101.4 of the 104 million. That leaves 2.6 unallocated or unobligated. 400,000 of that is in the community relief fund and comes from a portion of the funds that were set aside for the job-training program. There were funds set aside for advertising, marketing, and media related costs that, as of this point in time, are not being utilized. And then we did pull additional funds from a number of areas in order to reestablish a small reserve of about 2.1 million. Through October 2nd, the County had actually expended 48.2 of the total 104 million. Next slide, please. This slide is provided to show you the changes between reporting periods. On the left-hand side of the slide, you'll see the changes that were made in our budget allocations between our broad categories. We made no change in the community relief category. In the health response, we made a reduction of 5.6 million, reducing that budget from 24.2 down to 18.6. And operational stability, we reduced 6.5 million bringing that allocation down from 43.7 million to 37.2 million. Those adjustments were made in part to increase the funds available for the municipalities. So we increased that by 10 million bringing the total to 25 million for the municipality reserves. And then we established a small reserve of 2.1 million. To the comments that the Manager made in his opening remarks about the changes in the guidance that have been provided in our ability to

now offset some of our own internal public safety costs, that second wave reserve fund can be used for that purpose if we do not expend it for other COVID-related response items between now and the end of the year. On the right-hand side of the slide, you'll see where we made these budget alignments specifically in the commitment section in the reductions, we made reductions from our healthcare cost reserve of 350,000. That was the amount that we had set aside to reimburse our healthcare claims for employees who had incurred costs associated with a positive COVID diagnosis for themselves or a covered family member. We also reduced 250,000 out of the funds that had been set aside for inmate medical purposes. We reduced 5.5 million out of the reserve for PPE --

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ms. Whitmore. Ms. Whitmore --"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Excuse the interruption. I've been advised that we may be having a problem -- a technical issue that we're not -- that the public cannot see or hear us now. So let's take a break until we can figure out what's going on. We'll pause for a few minutes."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Yes, sir."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Which -- which part of the broadcast, because I know the ones that are on ZOOM are okay. The public that are using ZOOM are doing all right. Is it the FGTV TV part?"

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Good morning. Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. This is Jessica speaking. We were just notified that the live stream signal and ZOOM are still working. Our broadcast signal is what is affected. So people who are watching it through live stream, and people who are watching it through YouTube are able to watch it. But people who are watching from our cable broadcasts are not able to see it right now."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Well, just been -- just a minute. Just a minute."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Then I have it -- I have it on FGTV TV right now and it's working just fine."

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Great. We're working to resolve it, Commissioner, sir."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Just a minute, everybody. I've just been informed that whatever was the problem has been corrected. So, Ms. Whitmore, please continue."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe I left off at the PPE that we made a reduction of 5.5 million from our -- set aside for PPE. We also made a reduction of 5.5 million for -- from our set-aside from our testing plan, as well as a one million-dollar reduction from our set aside for cleaning of County facilities. Those funds were then placed into the municipal reimbursement commitment of \$10 million. The reserve for a second wave of \$2.1 million, and we added an additional half-million dollars to provide for some additional election-related PPE for all of the voting sites through the rest of the year. Next slide, please.

Commissioners, this slide is the list of outstanding purchase orders. On the right-hand side of the screen, you'll see that through October 2nd, we had issued a total of 46.7 million in purchase orders of which we have closed out and fully expensed 7.1 million, leaving us with an open purchase order balance of 39.5 million, which we've made 9.9 million in payments against those purchase orders that remain open. So in total, of the 46.7 million that we issued in purchase orders, we've made payment of 17.1 million against those POs. Of note, within the open PO listing; we still have a significant open incumbrance for our testing kits. We issued a purchase order of 8.6 million with Bakotic Pathology Associates. We've spent about 2.1 against that thus far. And we've added, since our last presentation, we've added a small purchase order for some warehouse office supplies with Office Depot. And then we've also added a purchase order in for some air filtration purifiers for the County jail. And that totaled about \$730,000. Next slide, please. This slide gives you a view of our current placeholders commitments and payments. Under the placeholder category on the left-hand side of the screen, we are sitting at 3.6 million remaining in placeholders; 1.7 of that is for PPE, and 1.3 is what the Board of Health is continuing to execute against in the ongoing testing plan. Below that, in the commitment section, we have a total of 19.9 million outstanding in commitments. The largest component of that, largest two components of that, are the funds that have been committed to the municipalities. We're showing about 16 million that is committed and not yet paid. In addition to that, we still have about 1.5 million out of the community relief package that has not been disbursed to our partners. The majority of that is for the -- the economic relief package for our community artists. On the right-hand side of the screen, under disbursements; you'll see that we have paid out a total of \$31.1 million. The largest component of that now being payments through the community relief package totaling \$14.5 million followed by the payments that we've now made to the municipalities of \$8 million; and then our internal use for hazard pay at the beginning of the pandemic. When you add all of those categories together, that's what totals the 101.4 million that was shown on the first slide. Next slide, please. This is the summary of our community relief package. If you'll note under the first phase, we had 8 point -- \$8,082,000 budgeted, fully committed, and we have paid out \$7,975,371 of that amount. In Phase II, we -- we are showing that we have \$440,500 remaining to be committed and again, that is coming from the job -- the job-training program, and we have expended a total of 14.6 million against that \$21 million budget for the community relief package. Next slide, please. This slide updates our current status for the municipal reimbursement program. As the County Manager indicated in his opening remarks, as of October 2nd, we had a total of five municipalities that had not approved the IGA and had not received an advance payment. Since that point in time, we have received the IGA for Chattahoochee Hills and have received notification that the city of Sandy

Springs has approved their IGA. So they should be receiving their advance pavements in this week's check run. And so that leaves three cities to submit their approved IGA or notify us of the status of their approved IGA and we can make the advance payments to those as well. Again, the Manager mentioned that we made payments totaling \$8.9 million, of the \$25 million allocation. I would note that the city of Alpharetta has been fully -- has, at this point in time, received a 100 percent of their -- their allocation and there should be no future reimbursement needed for the city of Alpharetta. Next slide, please. Mr. Chairman, I have two parts to my comments today. One is on the CARES Act and the other is on the budget. I'm not sure if --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Actually, the budget is next. Let's finish, let's take questions on this section before you get to the budget."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Commissioners?"

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "I had a couple of questions."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Thank you. Great presentation. Overall -- well, first question though; which three cities have not submitted their IGAs?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "As of this morning, it would be the city of Milton, College Park, and Palmetto."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Okay. Thank you. In looking at the -- well, overall, including the 25 million earmarked for cities, what do we have left that needs to be spent by the end of the year? And I'm looking at my math here, but I want to get your guesstimation in terms of -- I know we have commitments for expenditures so is it -- I think it's a \$40 million some odd number, what I'm looking at. I wanted to see what you had."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Yes, sir. I mean so, in absolute terms of absolute cash we have expended the 48.2 -- the 48.2 million, so that would be the difference between what we are allocated is about 55.8 million. So in terms of pure cash, we need to spend roughly six -- 56 million."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "56 million. Now, is that minus 25 million in cash for the cities, or is that included in that funding?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Well, Commissioner Carn, the 25 million -- so it's about 16 million of the 50 -- 56 million is what's related to the cities."



**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Okay 16 million of that. Okay. Do you think, in your opinion, that we're going to spend all of this money by December 31st?"

**HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE:** "Yes."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "We are working very diligently to ensure that we are on track to spend those funds. We have that \$2.1 million reserve that hasn't been allocated to anything in particular. And our plan at this point in time would be to be able to offset some of our own internal costs that, to date, we have not considered as part of our use of the CARES Act funds. So we are working diligently to make sure that everything that we've issued a purchase order against, that we are tracking its delivery and receipts so we can make payment against it. For those items where we have commitments, much like the municipalities, where we know we have a spending plan for that, we will be working with the cities to ensure that they are able to submit their documents; they're reviewed timely for payments to be made. So we believe that we will -- we will spend the resources that we have been provided. And I believe that Ms. Roach and Dr. Roshell are looking at potential uses from a community needs perspective for any funds that we determine between now and really probably the end of November that we may not either receive what we've ordered or the need that we thought we originally had is not present, that we would have a plan in place to be able to -- to react and expend those funds as well on other needs that -- that arise."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "I'm glad to hear that from Ms. Anna and Dr. Roshell. I don't want to see us giving back any money to the federal government at the end of the year. And, you know, keeping in mind we're talking, you know, on average we got to spend over half a million dollars a day to get this money spent. So it's, you know, it's a great problem to have; but it's hard to spend half a million a day. But we want to make sure we blow through this responsibly, but I don't want to leave any on the table. So I appreciate that. And let's just keep -- just, you know, I'm sure you're keeping track of that. But let's, you know, make sure we're getting it out the door and getting the purchase orders in or whatever we need to do as fast as possible because I'm afraid things will slow down over the holidays a bit when you got orders waiting and they may say well, we don't have that for you until next year, then it's too late. We can't receive it then; is that right or?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "We could still receive it, but we would not be able to use the CARES funds to pay for it so. And not to be -- that's part of our -- our decision process as well is are there items that we have on order that we believe we will need, and will we be making some trade-offs between using CARES funds for those things this year versus perhaps offsetting some of our public safety costs, and being able to carry those funds then forward to next year to use to pay for the receipt. Let's say like gloves. I'll use gloves is an example. Gloves are very difficult to find and come by and receive. So we have an order in place; we're receiving an allotment, but if we are not able to completely expend the purchase order that we have in place this year, we may be able to carry forward that encumbrance next year through using the CARES funds this year to offset some of our public safety."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "I got you. You know our budget. Our budgetary care carried forward. I got it."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Those are the things that we're looking at, and we'll be talking about those more over -- particularly over the course of the next four weeks as we begin our normal year in closeout process. But also as we -- we think through making sure that we fully expend these resources that have been made available to us."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Okay. Well, just -- just keep it in mind in these 85 days, 84 days we got this not really 84 days."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Yes, sir."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Because again, these outfits are going to be shut down over the holidays and so on and so forth, so all right, I appreciate it."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Anyone else?"

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes, Ms. Whitmore, I understand that there's a new treasury regulation that allows for broader reclaimant of the police and fire that basically allows us to recoup all of that money. And so is that what you're anticipating will help cover a large portion of that?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Yes, Mr. Vice Chairman. It does allow -- it is a much broader interpretation of what expenses can be considered. And what expenses you have to be able to show specific correlation between the expense and the COVID response. So public safety and public health were the two categories where the requirements were broadened, and those are the areas that we'll be looking at."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Thank you. Do you have an idea of what the rough number might be, if we were to recoup all of those expenses?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "If we were to try to recoup all of the expenses, it --"

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "-- for police and emergency, you know, as outlined under the new regulation."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Um."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "That we did -- the ones that we didn't previously."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Yes, sir. So -- so our -- our single largest public safety expense that will qualify will be costs associated with the

county jail. So, you know, that -- that in and of itself is close. If we take all of the costs, but even just the personnel costs are somewhere around I think like 50 -- at least 50 million alone in personnel-related costs."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "So there wouldn't be any problem to make up that gap or --"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "No, sir."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "-- if we've got to spend a certain amount of money per day in order to meet that, we've already incurred way over whatever the amount is."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Yes, sir."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Okay, thank you."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Sharon, I had one more, one more quick question. The Treasury's Department broadening up their boundaries of constraint; now I'm assuming that broadening would, of course, apply to the -- to the cities' expenditures as well, is that right?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "It does. That's in fact what has allowed us to be able to reimburse more of the costs that they had previously submitted, was that that expansion."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Have we -- have we notified them specifically of the expense of the boundaries?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Yes. Yes. Our --"

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Are we well aware of that?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Yes, sir. Yes, sir."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Okay. Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Anyone else? Anyone else? Well, thank you. Continue, Ms. Whitmore."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Commissioners, the next item that I have is to give you another update on our 2020 position as well as our 2020 budget planning process. So next slide. When I -- when I first shared information with you, I believe at the September 2nd meeting, the tax bills had not yet been released. Since that point in time, the Tax Commissioner's office has finalized the billings for 2020, and we've received our billing reconciliation information. And so this slide was prepared to give you a view of what those changes were. In total,

we had an increase in tax billings of about \$24 million. That \$24 million is derived from really three different -- three different buckets, if you will. The first one is the total gross digest increased by 567 million from the point in time that we received the estimate, until the digest was finally certified by the Revenue Commissioner. That increased our tax billings by about 5.7 million. Additionally, at that point in time that we made our original projections and set the millage rate for the County, the free port exemption application process had not finalized yet; and we made an estimate that the free port exemptions would approximate the same level as the previous year. They came in roughly \$254 million short of what our approximation was and that generated an additional \$2.5 million in tax billings. And the last item, and the most significant, is around the estimate made for appeals. We use the appeals volume and value from 2019 and made a slight adjustment to it. And this year's appeals volume and value was such that it actually was less than what we had anticipated and it increased the tax billings by 15.8 million. So that's the total of 24 million and, at this point in time, we still are, for projection purposes, we are still working with a lower collection rate of about 91 percent. So what we have built in for numbers for 2020 is that of that 24 million change in billings, we would collect roughly 21.8 million of that in this year, and the balance would be carried forward into 2021 as a prior year receivable. Next slide, please. From an expense projection standpoint, we wanted to give you an idea again of where we are currently projecting our expenditures will end this year. We adopted a budget of 782 million. We have about 49 million that we reserved through our spending control measures and then we're running about 12 million below that in other -- other expense underruns. So we're still thinking that we'll end the year at about 721 million. That's about 92 -- at a 92 percent spend rate against the 782. Next slide, please. Looking at where that would leave us at the end of the year from a fund balance perspective, in the information that we shared with you in early September, which is on the left-hand side of the slide, we had projected for 2020 a total revenue of 669, total expenses of 721, and an estimated ending fund balance of 153 million. On the right-hand side with the changes made for the impact of the 2020 tax billings, we've now projected 2020 revenue of 690 million. We've left the expenses at 721, and that will lead us to a projected fund balance of 174 million. Next slide, please. Moving on now to what does this mean for the 2021 budget development process? On the left-hand side of the screen, this is what we originally were contemplating as our 2021 budget footprint. That was coming -- coming in with 153 million in available fund balance. We were estimating about 708 million in revenues with that leaving us then room for about 738 million in expenditures and staying in compliance with the fund balance reserve policy of 16.67 percent of budgeted expenditures. On the right-hand side, with the new tax billing information in hand, we've updated our budget footprint. We're now bringing forward the 174, 175 million in fund balance. We've increased our revenue anticipation from the 708 million to 730 million because the additional billings that we're generated this year add to the base for next year as well. And then that allowed us to -- I'm having to bring forward more in fund balance and -- and being able to add to the base of the tax revenue. That increased our budget footprint from 738 to 775 million, and would leave us with a projected fund balance of about 129 million, which meets our fund balance reserve policy. Next slide, please. This slide demonstrates that the change in the budget footprint against the base budget that was developed for 2021. So when we presented originally with the

expenditure footprint of 738 million and a base budget of 711 million, that left us about 27 million available to allocate to things that were not included in the base budget. With our revisions, we now have the \$775 million footprint against that same base budget of 711 million, which gives us about 64 million now to allocate against things not included in the base budget. Next slide, please. So what are those things that are not included in that \$711 million base budget? We have a list of about 79 million. And to the Managers comment at the beginning, you'll see that we have broken that list out into categories, personnel, and operational, a total of 35.5 million of personnel-related costs. The majority of which 25 million of that would be recurring costs and then 43.5 million in operational costs of which about 10 million would be considered recurrent. So the types of things that we have already identified that are not included in our base budget would be funding of vacant positions, the compensation plan, the incremental compensation strategy as well as the chamber's pay plan, pay-for-performance, educational incentive, virtual environment, and infrastructure. This category captures a lot of the continuing cost components related to improving our -- our ability to provide digital government services and maintain a remote workforce as well as continue to improve our -- our virtual court technology that we ended up standing up during the middle of the pandemic. We also have about \$12 million worth of nonrecurring enhancements that would be considered for funding. And then through our internal discussions, we've recognized that there are some incremental costs that we will need to consider relative to a justice system restart and a backlog reduction because the court system has been not, you know, able to function fully during this -- you know, during this pandemic. And then lastly, we've earmarked as a placeholder about 15 million for continuing emergency response and risk mitigation. So we -- in total, that's about 79 million to try to allocate against that 64 million that we would -- that we would be bringing forward and have available for allocation. Next slide, please. With regard to our next steps, we had some conversation around this as well over the last couple of weeks. And as it stands right now, the department submittal window close out on September 25th, and the budget office is in the process of accumulating and reconciling all of the information that was submitted. Our deputy COOs have begun already to initiate and have discussions with their departments around the request submitted and looking for input from them on priorities and needs. They will also be reaching out to the Members of the Board of Commissioners to seek your input as well on budget priorities and needs. That should take place between really starting last week and running through October 14th. Then the 15th through the 23rd is when we will begin meeting with the deputy COOs to hear from them the information that they have accumulated from their agencies that need to be considered as priorities. And if it's not something that's already in that list that I just reviewed, then it will be added to that list and considered along with everything else. And then the 26th through the 12th is when we will really begin finalizing and drafting the proposal that we will submit to the Board. And this year, what we would like to do is to hold some one-on-one meetings with the Board of Commissioners once we have -- once we have our proposal mapped out in order to give you a briefing and seek some feedback from you prior to the final submission on November 13th. By the budget ordinance, I believe we're required to submit it to you on or before November 15th, so trying to work it around the Board's board meeting schedule, our plan is to submit it to you formally on November 13th, and then present it

publicly at the Board meeting on November the 18th. And following that, in the month of December, we will hold the legally required public hearing for the budget at the first meeting in December. And then, of course, during each of the meetings in December and the meetings in January, the Board will have the opportunity to make changes to the proposed budget. And we would again be set to be able to adopt the budget at either the first or the second meeting in January. And that is the -- that's the outline for this year's process. And with that, Mr. Chairman, I'll take any questions."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you Ms. Whitmore. Questions, Commissioners?"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Mr. Chairman, I have some."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Sharon, can we go back to your slide 31. I think that's the number in the -- yeah. I guess a couple of questions on the assumptions about the revenue. We, of course, before the Covid economic impact hit, property taxes, of course, were -- were based on January 1st, 2020 values. And so the billings are higher than if made arguably, they will be based on values January 1, 2021; when office buildings, retail buildings, apartments might be suffering from vacancies in office and retail, and suffering from -- from people who aren't able to pay their rents. And so I'm wondering, first of all, what kind of assumptions we might have made about the impact on property tax billings in 2021 because of the impact economically of COVID-19 that didn't exist on January 1, 2020? And that's one question. And the second question is: Is the assumptions you made about -- about the collectability of property taxes, because again of the economic impact of COVID-19, both in this year and in arguably next year, people who've lost their jobs aren't being able to pay their mortgages and may not be able to pay their property tax bills. Okay, are those two questions clear?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Yes, sir. Okay, so, I'll answer the second question first. With regards to the collection rate, we've made an assumption for 2020 that the collection rate would be 91 percent. We made that assumption sort of following what we saw happen with the last recession that we experienced. What we saw kind of happened to collections and when we had the mortgage crisis back in 2009, 2010 timeframe --"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "I'm sorry, can I -- can I interrupt you and ask you about that? I saw that you were basing the 91 percent on the new increased 25 million or so of billing. But were we making that assumption when we set the budget in January of 2020 that we were going to collect 91 percent on all of the property tax revenues?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "No, sir. And when we adopted the budget in 2020, the assumption was that we would have -- the revenue assumptions were that we would have at least 3 percent growth in billable value in the digest. And that we would have a 96 percent collection rate."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Right. So -- so we're still assuming with this 730 million-dollar number on this slide that 96 percent rate on all but the new 25 million, and we're assuming 91 on that one, right?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Well, so the 91 percent assumption is really 91 percent against the full tax levy in 2020."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Okay. Okay. Thank you."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "So -- so that's for the 2020 projections. For 2021, I believe we returned back to our standard 96 percent --

**HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE:** "I think it was 94."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Ninety-four, did we drop it to 94 -- 94 for 2021?"

**HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE:** "Yeah."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "94 for 2021."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "For the reasons I articulated the possibility of not collecting them?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Yes. Yes. This is really for the ability -- having the ability to pay is really what's kind of driving both the thought for 2020 and the thought for 2021. The other basic assumption that's imbedded in that updated footprint is that the digest itself will be flat, that there will be no growth in the digest. And we've had some -- some discussions with Mr. Robinson and the portion of the commercial digest that is expected to be substantially impacted, of course, is centered around retail, hospitality, some -- some commercial, residential that will be the apartment component. But he -- he is also stressing that there is growth in other sectors of the commercial digest that will help offset those anticipated reductions. So this is based on a flat digest. If we went with -- the other -- the other scenario that we have looked at is a time -- again, back into the last recession, what we saw happen with our property values was a significant reduction in values of like; I believe it was like five percent, five to six percent. So we have -- we have that scenario as well. But based on more recent conversations with our Chief Appraiser, we're looking at this no-growth scenario. That, which is what this updated footprint is based on. I'll be happy to send you what the other scenario looks like. I think we did cover it in the previous -- the previous update."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Okay. So -- so you've taken into consideration the issues that articulated. I guess the question will be what actually pans out with --"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Yes."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "-- with all this. And we won't know that for a while. Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Anyone else? Anyone else? Well, thank you very much, everyone. Any closing comments Madam COO's and Mr. Manager? No?"

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

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "I'll defer to the Manager."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "His answer was no. Thank you very much, Madam COO. Madam Clerk continue, please."

**20-0698 County Manager**

[Request ratification of emergency procurement – County Manager, Countywide Emergency Procurements. \(APPROVED\)](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

<b>Yeas:</b>	<b>6 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn</b>
<b>Did not vote:</b>	<b>1 - Hausmann</b>

**CLERK GRIER:** "Continuing on page 11, Under Open and Responsible Government **20-0698**, County Manager requests ratification of countywide emergency procurements."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Mr. Chairman, I have one question."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Mr. Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "And I'll just ask this of the County Manager, I suppose, and he can refer. On the back page of the materials, there is a \$620,000 item, software solution to insurance support provision of core medical and support services for persons living with HIV. And it's listed as being a COVID-19, I guess coming out of the \$104 million. Is it COVID-related because it has something to do with folks living with HIV being more susceptible to problems with COVID? I didn't -- I wasn't sure why that was a COVID item necessarily, but that might have been my guess. And then -- it might be really an emergency kind of thing as opposed to something that comes to us."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Commissioner Morris, the reason -- the reason why that is included in the emergency procurements related to COVID is because the procurement was issued and made to allow the funded agencies by Ryan



White to offer virtual services to those persons living with HIV who are receiving services from them. And they had to set up that virtual environment as a result of trying to achieve social distancing and other means to provide services."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Thank you. That's logical. Appreciate it."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Anyone else? If not, I need a vote. All right. Is there a motion, please."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "So moved."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, second. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann?"  
Commissioner Ellis.

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes, six yeas zero nays."

**20-0700 Board of Registration and Elections**

Request approval of one-time grant funds up to the amount of \$85,000.00, to support the purchase of 25 absentee drop boxes and required accompanying surveillance cameras from Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) through December 31, 2020. (APPROVED)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Carn and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn**

**CLERK GRIER:** "20-0700, Board of Registration and Elections, request approval of a one-time grant fund to support the purchase of 25 absentee drop boxes and required accompanying surveillance cameras."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. I'll entertain a motion to approve."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Motion."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I'll second let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann?"  
Commissioner Ellis?"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes, six yeas, zero nays."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Mr. Chairman?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Am I the only one that can't hear Commissioner Hausmann?"

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "And I was going to say the same."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hausmann did not vote on that one, I believe."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "She voted, but we can't hear her, as mentioned is my question."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "She did vote? Commissioner Hausmann?"

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Not muted."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Now you're -- we heard that a little bit. Not muted but very faint."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Okay. Well, I voted yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay."

**CLERK GRIER:** "It's unanimous."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, unanimous. Thank you. Continue, Madam Clerk."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Watching out for you."

**COMMISSISONER HAUSMANN:** "Appreciate it."

**20-0701 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Bid# 20ITB125615C-GS, Standby Fencing Installation and Repair in the amount of \$200,000.00, with Allied Fence Company, Inc. (Mableton, GA), to provide standby fencing installation and repair services for Fulton County effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, with two renewal options. (APPROVED)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn**

**CLERK GRIER:** "20-0701, Real Estate and Asset Management. Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder to provide standby fencing, insulation, and repair services."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Even though it's the only bidder, I'll move approval."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Properly moved and seconded. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn. I vote yes."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "I vote yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes unanimously."

**20-0702 Real Estate and Asset Management**

[Request approval to extend an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, RFP #17RFP107111K-EC, Project Management Team Services in the amount of \\$1,940,998.00 with The Joint Venture of Heery International, Inc. and McAfee3 Architects \(Heery/McAfee3 – a joint venture\), to continue to provide without disruption project management over-sight of the remaining construction projects for the FCURA Bonds Capital Improvement Program. Effective dates: October 15, 2020 through April 30, 2023. \(APPROVED\)](#)

**A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Commissioner Carn to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

<b>Yeas:</b>	<b>5 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington</b>
<b>Nays:</b>	<b>1 - Hausmann</b>
<b>Did not vote:</b>	<b>1 - Carn</b>

**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 12, **20-0702**, Real Estate and Asset Management, request approval to extend an existing contract to continue to provide without disruption project management oversight to the remaining construction project for the FCURA Bonds Capital Improvement Program."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. I'll entertain a motion."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "I have a question."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Could someone, please, for the benefit of the public, explain what this item is?"

**JOSEPH DAVIS, DIRECTOR, DREAM:** "Good morning, Commissioners. This particular item is the extension of the contract with Hearing McAfee, which is the program management team associated with our urban redevelopment bond program. This particular contract allows provide program this particular contract allows for Hearing McAfee to manage our projects, develop the specifications for the projects associated with the bond program and provide the general contractor oversight for all projects associated with the FCURA program."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "So is this a new contract or an extension of an existing contract?"

**JOSEPH DAVIS, DIRECTOR, DREAM:** "Extension of existing."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "And there's an increased amount?"

**JOSEPH DAVIS, DIRECTOR, DREAM:** "The amount for this particular contract is based on the timeframe for their services as quoted in their bid solicitation. And it's in the budget for the bond program."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "And the reason for the extension of the contract?"

**JOSEPH DAVIS, DIRECTOR, DREAM:** "The urban redevelopment bond program will not conclude until approximately 2023, and so this extension allows us to continue with program management through the end of the program."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "And what's covered again, for the benefit of the public, in this bond package?"

**JOSEPH DAVIS, DIRECTOR, DREAM:** "Various redevelopment projects associated with the downtown facilities; the justice center complex, juvenile justice center complex as well as the government center. It covers projects such as the exterior restoration of the courthouse. It also covers the restroom and interior ABA modifications of the courthouse, as well as exterior planning for the juvenile justice center, elevator modifications, and very similar projects of the same nature here in the government center. Multiple MEP, or mechanical electrical and plumbing contracts, domestic water piping, HVAC equipment replacements and upgrades, and things of that nature."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "So are these new items that were not included in the original package or just an extension of the time period to complete the project?"

**JOSEPH DAVIS, DIRECTOR, DREAM:** "This is the -- these are -- all the projects mentioned were in the original programming of the overall bond program. However, this is the program management or contract administration of all those projects. The program was always going to end between 2023 and 2024. Now that we have a clearer picture of that end time, we needed to match our project management or program management to that schedule."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "So what's the reason for the extended time period of the contract?"

**JOSEPH DAVIS, DIRECTOR, DREAM:** "Because initially the program management contract was only intended to cover what we knew at the time the program started. As the projects and things we're going to do in the bond program became more in focus,

we then determined that we needed to extend this particular course contract to cover that time frame."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Are there additional items that are going to cost more money due to this extension?"

**JOSEPH DAVIS, DIRECTOR, DREAM:** "No, ma'am."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "So this is the only thing that's going to -- the only change order that's going to be required even though the contract is going longer than we anticipated?"

**JOSEPH DAVIS, DIRECTOR, DREAM:** "I think it's important to understand that this agenda item is simply the overall contract administration. As it relates to the execution of the bond program, there are multiple contracts and projects that this Hearing McAfee team will manage on behalf of the county. Though I can't say that there won't be a change order, because there may be an individual project at some point in the future that will require a change order, but that is unrelated to this particular agenda item."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "So this is almost \$2 million and, again, for what time period is the extension? How long is it extended? "

**JOSEPH DAVIS, DIRECTOR, DREAM:** "Three years."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. I'll entertain a motion to approve. All right. I'll move approval. Is there a second?"

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Properly move and seconded. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "No."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn? And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes."

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

**CLERK GRIER:** "Five yeas, one nay."

**20-0703 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidders – Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Bid#20ITB125868C-CG, Glass and Plexiglas Repair and Replacement in the total amount of \$75,000 with: (A) Brad Construction Company II (Fayetteville, GA) in the amount of \$50,000.00 and, (B) P&E Glass, LLC. (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$25,000.00, to provide glass and "Plexiglas" repair and replacement for Fulton County. Effective dates: from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, with two renewal options. (APPROVED)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn**

**CLERK GRIER:** "20-0703, Real Estate and Asset Management, request approval of the lowest responsible bidders to provide glass and Plexiglas repair and replacement."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Move approval."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I second. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."



**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes unanimously."

**20-0704 Information Technology**

[Request approval of a statewide contract – Department of Information Technology \(FCIT\), SWC 99999-SPD- T20120501-0006- Network Equipment, with Presidio Networked Solutions \(Norcross, GA\) in the amount of \\$399,886.80 for network wireless access points. Effective upon BOC approval. \(APPROVED\)](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn**

**CLERK GRIER:** "20-0704, Information Technology, request approval of a statewide contract for network wireless access point."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Is there a motion?"

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Move approval."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I'll second. Cast your votes, please. Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes unanimously."

### **Health and Human Services**

**20-0705 Public Works**

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Department of Public Works, Bid# 20ITBC073020A-FB, Skid Mounted Proportioner System and Genset /Compressor Combo Package in the amount of \$153,040.00 with Spray-Quip, Inc. (Houston, TX), to provide spray-quip model 398-506 SQ-Graco PC HDFS DuraCat proportioner system and genset-compressor combo package. This is a one-time procurement. **(APPROVED)**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn**

**CLERK GRIER:** Health and Human Services: **20-0705**, Public Works, requests approval for the lowest responsible bidder to provide spray DuraCat proportioner system and Gentec compressional combo package."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. I'll entertain a motion, please."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "So moved."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Second. Let's cast your votes, please. Ms. Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Mr. Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Mr. Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ms. Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Mr. Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Mr. Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And motion passes unanimously."

**20-0706 Public Works**

Request approval of cooperative purchasing - Department of Public Works, City of Roswell, RFIQ# 19-342-G, Water Utility Billing and Meter Audit in the amount of not to exceed 60% of any increased revenues for a period of 36 months, as funded through program savings, with Water Revenue Resources LTD, Company of Cumming, GA to review billing and water meter accuracy by methods as proposed by the contractor. Effective upon BOC approval for 365 days. (APPROVED)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn**

**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 13, **20-0706**, Public Works, request approval of cooperative purchasing to review billing and water meter accuracy."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Move approval."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. I'll second. Let's vote's please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris. Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "I was voting yes, I didn't --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Record Commissioner Morris as voting yes. Vice Chair?"

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes unanimously."

<b>Arts and Libraries</b>
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**20-0707 Library**

Request approval of an increase in spending authority - Fulton County Library System, RFP#11RFP78733K-NH, Wayfinding Design Services for the Library Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Phase II in the amount of \$45,020.00 with EYP, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) to provide Wayfinding Design and Construction Administration Services for the Central Library Media Tower and Library Re-naming Identification Signage for 8 Phase II library renovations. Effective upon approval. (APPROVED)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn**

**CLERK GRIER:** "Under Arts and Libraries, **20-0707**. Request approval of an increase in spending authority to provide Wayfinding Design and Construction Administrative services for the Central Library Media Tower."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Move approval."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I second. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "The motion passes unanimously."

### **Infrastructure and Economic Development**

**20-0708 Public Works**

Request approval of a Resolution approving an Extension Intergovernmental Agreement (Extension IGA) between Fulton County, Georgia and the City of South Fulton, Georgia for Inspection and Permitting Services for the Anthem At Riverside Project for senior citizens. The initial term of the Extension IGA shall be for a one (1) year period commencing upon the date of this Extension IGA's approval by the City and County governing authorities, whichever party approves last. The Extension IGA will automatically renew for an additional one (1) year term, but will automatically terminate upon the earlier occurrence of either of the following: (i) the Project is completed, or (ii) the unincorporated area in which portions of the Project is located is annexed into the City. There are no financial charges by either party against the other party for the services under this Extension IGA. (APPROVED)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Carn to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn**

**CLERK GRIER:** "Infrastructure and Economic Development **20-0708**, Public Works, request approval of a Resolution approving an extension intergovernmental agreement with the city of South Fulton for inspection and permitting services for the anthem at Riverside project for senior citizens."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Move approval."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Second. Properly moved and seconded. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington. Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** Yes.

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. And Vice Chair votes yes, Carn votes yes, and I vote yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes unanimously."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you. Continue."

**20-0709 Public Works**

Request approval of a recommended proposal - Department of Public Works, RFP# 18RFP1032018K-DJ, Membrane System for Big Creek Water Reclamation Facility Expansion in the amount of \$21,233,700.00 with Kubota Membrane USA for the Total Fixed Membrane Systems (including Membranes, Equipment, Engineering, Start-up, Training and all Warranty / Guarantees for the Big Creek Wastewater Reclamation Facility Expansion. Effective upon execution of contract for fifty-four (54) consecutive months upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed. (APPROVED)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Ellis to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn**

**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 14, **20-0709**, Public Works. Request approval of a recommended proposal for the total mixed membrane systems for the Big Creek waste water recognition facility expansion."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Move approval."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. I'll second. Well, someone else seconded it. Any questions or comments about this one? If not, cast your votes, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."



**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes unanimously."

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

## **COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS**

### **Commissioners' Full Board Appointments**

**20-0710 Board of Commissioners**  
[DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL  
DISABILITIES REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL \(APPROVED\)](#)

Term = 3 years (No more than two consecutive terms)

Term below expired: 8/1/2019

Ms. Sunita Joshi (**Member 14/Eaves**)

**Chairman Pitts nominated Sunita Joshi (Member 14) for a Full Board reappointment to a term ending August 1, 2022.**

**A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 6 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Carn**

**Did not vote: 1 - Arrington**

**CLERK GRIER:** "Commissioner Action items: The full Board appointments, **20-0710**. Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Regional Advisory Council. Chairman Pitts has nominated Sunita Joshi for a full Board reappointment to a term ending August 1st, 2022."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. I'll move approval on this one."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Properly moved and seconded. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington. Commissioner Carn"

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes six yeas, zero nays."

**20-0711 Board of Commissioners**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FULTON COUNTY DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN (APPROVED)**

Term = 4 Years

Term below expires: 12/31/2020

Jaunius Simokaitis ( replaced Ms. Uma Iyer retired) (Position 6/Employee)

**The Administrative Committee of the Fulton County Defined Contribution Plan recommended Jaunius Simokaitis (Position 6/Employee) for a Full Board reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2024.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn**

**CLERK GRIER:** "20-0711. Administrative Committee of the Fulton County defined contribution plan: The administrative committee of Fulton County defined contribution plan recommended -- recommended Jaunius Simokaitis for a full Board reappointment to a term ending December 31st, 2024."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Move approval."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. I'll second. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington. Commissioner Carn"

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Vice Chair votes yes and I vote yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes unanimously."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Continue."

## **EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION**

### **Board of Commissioners**

#### **20-0712 Board of Commissioners**

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

**PRESENT IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING LITIGATION, REAL ESTATE AND PERSONNEL:** Chairman Pitts, Vice-Chairman Arrington, Commissioners: Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, and Carn; County Manager Dick Anderson; County Attorney Patrise Perkins-Hooker; and Interim Clerk to the Commission Tonya R. Grier.

**PRESENT IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PERSONNEL:** Chairman Pitts, Vice-Chairman Arrington, Commissioners: Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Carn; and Chief Human Resources Officer Kenneth Hermon

**a. A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Chairman Pitts to enter into Executive Session.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas:** 6 - Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn  
**Did not vote:** 1 - Ellis

**b. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Ellis to authorize representation in item #2 as discussed in Executive Session.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 6 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Carn  
Did not vote: 1 - Arrington**

**c. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Carn to authorize the Chairman to execute the Settlement Agreement in the matter of Kenneth Dobson v. Fulton County, U.S.D.C. Civil Action No. 1:19-CV-902-ELR-RGV in the amount of \$335,000.00.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 5 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Carn  
Did not vote: 2 - Hausmann, Arrington**

**d. A motion was made by Commissioner Carn and seconded by Chairman Pitts to modify the dates on the Intergovernmental Agreements with Municipalities as follows: amend the eligibility for expenses due date from November 15, 2020 to December 15, 2020; and amend the submission for reimbursement due date from December 1, 2020 to December 21, 2020.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 6 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Carn  
Did not vote: 1 - Arrington**

**e. A motion was made by Commissioner Hausmann and seconded by Chairman Pitts to authorize coordination of security services for the District Attorney-Elect; and to provide office space and staff for transition purposes for the District Attorney-Elect and Sheriff-Elect on November 4, 2020.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn**

**CLERK GRIER:** "Welcome back, Commissioners. We're going to do a roll call, please. Chairman Robb Pitts."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Present."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Commissioner Liz Hausmann. Commissioner Bob Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Present."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Commissioner Lee Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Present."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Commissioner Natalie Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Present."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Vice Chairman Marvin Arrington, Jr. and Commissioner, Joe Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Here."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "So Ms. Grier, do we have a quorum."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. let's proceed. The items from executive two and items from executive session and presentation and update on the election. Okay. Madam Attorney."

**PATRICE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Mr. Chairman, I would like a motion to grant representation in the matter discussed under item two on executive session."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "So moved."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Is there a second?"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Second."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Properly moved and seconded. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington? Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes six yeas, zero nays."

**PATRICE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "In regard to item number three on Executive Session agenda, I would like a motion to authorize the Chairman to execute the settlement agreement in the matter of Kenneth Dobson versus Fulton County U.S. District Court from the Northern District of Georgia, Civil Action number 119-CV-902-ELR in the amount of 335,000."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "So moved."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Is there a second?"

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Properly moved and seconded. Any questions, discussion? If not, let's vote. Commissioner Hausmann. Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington? Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes five yeas, zero nays."

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "With regards to the item listed as item number six in Executive Session. I would like to have a motion from the Board to modify the deliverable -- the dates and the IGAs that we have with municipalities to change the eligibility date for expenses from November 15<sup>th</sup> to December 15<sup>th</sup>, and to change the submission due dates for reimbursement from December 1st to December 21st."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Is there motion?"

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Motion."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I'll second. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann? Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington. Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes five yeas, zero nays."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Commissioner Hausmann was trying to vote, yes. We couldn't hear her."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Can you hear me now?"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Yes."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "I actually made a motion twice too, so I don't know what's going on with my audio, and it's a brand-new laptop."

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "All right. And with -- with regards to item number seven in Executive Session, I need a motion from the Board to



authorize the coordination of security services for the DA after November the 4<sup>th</sup>, and to provide office space for transition purposes for the presumptive DA and the presumptive Sheriff elect -- excuse me, Sheriff once they are the DA elect and the Sheriff elect on November 4th."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "County Attorney, does that include arrangements for some type of staffing within folks we got now?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "And the County Manager is authorized to work with them to try to provide a physical [Inaudible] numbers to assist them after November 4th."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "So [Inaudible] presentation, in the first presentation you referred to the DA, but again, that's the presumptive DA?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "That's correct. And we'll be actually, on November -- starting November 4th, when they will be the DA elect."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "That does include also office space in 141 Pryor Street, correct?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "That's correct, Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "And this is for DA and Sheriff, correct?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "That's correct. Office space."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And staff."

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Yes. Office space and staff, but not security."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "From existing staff."

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Yes, ma'am."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. I'll entertain a motion."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Move approval."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. I'll second. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**PATRICE PERKINS-HOOKER:** "That's it."

**CLERK GRIER:** "The motion passes unanimously."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall's volume is much clearer than everybody else's. Why is that? I mean hers is really clear and -- is it her computers or what?"

**DARREN SMITH, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:** "I didn't hear the question, sir."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I said we can always hear Commissioner Hall, I mean loudly and clearly compared to the others, just curious."

**DARREN SMITH, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:** "All right. Each individual has control."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Well, something she's doing is right, but the others aren't because hers is always very clear. All right."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Let me just tell you. I actually had IT dial in and take control of my computer trying to fix the problem, and it's brand-new. I've had it a month. I have no idea."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "You're just so soft-spoken."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Thank you again. You've been so kind today, Commissioner Morris."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Lee, were you talking about her or me?"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "I always thought you were soft-spoken, Marvin."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Next item."

## **ADDED TO THE MEETING**

### **Items added to the Agenda**

**20-0713 Board of Registration and Elections**  
[Presentation: Registration and Elections Update \(PRESENTED\)](#)

**A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve adding item #20-0713 to the Regular Meeting Agenda.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

<b>Yeas:</b>	<b>6 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Carn</b>
<b>Did not vote:</b>	<b>1 - Arrington</b>

**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 3, of the Add-on memo. It's an Add-on item **20-0713**. Presentation, Registration and Elections update."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Mr. Barron, are you with us? Mr. Barron."

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "I think they're in the next room."

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "Can I have the slide presentation up, please? In case you're not aware, we do have an election on November 3rd. Next slide, please, Mike. I want to give you some information on resources for absentee ballots. Our phone number is 612-7060 to get out absentee ballot info. The web address is [FultonCountyGA.gov/absentee ballot](http://FultonCountyGA.gov/absentee%20ballot). The Postal Service recommends requesting absentee ballots by October 20th to ensure timely delivery. The legal deadline is October 30th, but we agree with the Postal Service's recommended deadline. You can track -- voters can track their ballot at [ballot request.SOS.GA.gov](http://ballot.request.SOS.GA.gov). and go there and sign up, and it's -- you'll receive either text messages or e-mails on the status of your ballot. We now have 37 absentee ballot drop boxes in place. That can be found at [FultonCountyGA.gov/absenteedropbox](http://FultonCountyGA.gov/absenteedropbox). And we

have plans for one more in Chattahoochee Hills to be installed shortly. Next slide, please. We've already processed 213,271 absentee ballot applications. That's 70 -- about 70,000 more than we did in June; 33,731 of those are duplicates. About 3,000 of that 33,000 are rejections, and we contacted voters if their absentee ballot application has been rejected. 179,540 ballots have been mailed. From the feedback from voters and just my own experiences, taken anywhere from seven to 14 days for ballots to reach voters from run back. And we've already received through yesterday 36,048 ballots back, and about one-third of those have come through the drop boxes. So they are being used every day. And we empty them on a daily basis. Next slide, please. As I said earlier, to track your ballot -- any ballot that is mailed by October 16th, those will be mailed by run back, and you can sign up to track your ballot at [Georgia.ballottracks.net/voter](https://Georgia.ballottracks.net/voter). You request a ballot October 17th or later, Fulton County will mail that. Voters can track that by going to the My Voter page or calling 612-7060, which is -- which will feed them into one of our two call centers. Next slide. We have 30 permanent early voting locations open for 19 straight days. We also have our two mobile voting units, and I will talk about those in a moment. We have three -- we have outreach locations at the three state colleges as well as three senior centers. And we're also adding Palmetto Library as an outreach site from October 19th to October 30th. We will have at least 33 polling locations -- or early voting locations open every day and up to 35 locations. And just for a frame of reference, we will have more early voting locations open than Gwinnett, Dekalb, and Cobb Counties combined. So our voters are being enfranchised in a way that none of the other counties are providing to their voters. Next slide, please. This is the early voting flyer. These are all the permanent locations. And they are listed in alphabetical order on here. You can see that the -- from October 12th through the 16th and -- I need my glasses. October 12th through the 23rd we're open 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and then the last week, which will be October -- October 26th through the 30th at 7:00 to 7:00. We're open both Saturdays, October 17th and 24th from 8:00 to 6:00, and on Sundays, October 18th and 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Next slide. Now, the bus schedule, these are -- we have two buses, one -- the second one is being delivered on Friday. Both of those will be out in use beginning on Monday. And you can see, based on the schedule, that we have two -- two in play each day throughout. We balance those throughout the Commissioner precincts. We had to place them either at a taxpayer- funded site or at a site that is being used also as an election day site. That is part of the law with regard to early voting, and how you cite early voting. Those -- the mobile voting precincts will follow the same hours as the regular -- the regular early voting sites, and they will be open 7:00 to 7:00 that third week, the last two days of early voting, we will use those to go to the -- to the sites that need help with overflow. And we'll make that determination of where they're going to go at the beginning of week three. And then those will be put into the parking lots of the two busiest sites. Next slide, please. This slide is important: We -- we had 164 locations for June 9th. We increased that to 175 for August 11th. And then for November 3rd, we have 255 election day locations. We've had mailers go out to all voters, but the key message to all voters is to make sure you know before you go on election day. There's been 91 polling places that have been added since June, and so many voters are affected by this. You have to vote by according to Georgia law at your polling place, your site polling place on election day. Almost all of our polling

places have 5,000 voters or less now. We have, I think ten that have above -- ten to 12 that are above 5,000 voters, but we have purchased so much equipment especially with regard to poll pads to check in voters that we are going to be able to process voters much quicker than we have in any election since I've been here, because we've all -- we've doubled the number of check-in stations than we've ever had before. Now I'll turn it over to Jessica for the last three slides.:

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Thank you, Rick. Next slide, please. Commissioners, I'm going to just quickly go over our information campaign, and I hope you've been seeing some e-mails from me about this. We are very excited. Last week our Fulton Votes App officially launched in the Apple Store. And as of last night, it is now live in the Google Play for Android users. So we're very excited about that. We're getting an average of about 100 downloads a day, and we certainly expect that will grow now that Android users also have access. We are continuing to make constant updates, for example, now that we have the mobile schedule. We will be adding that to the App. We have the sample ballots, so things like that. So voters can very quickly in the palm of their hands access the closest early voting location and drop boxes, connect with the absentee ballot application, and get a sample ballots, all of that information, again, through the palm of their hand with the new App. So we're very excited about that, and we hope you will download it and help us spread the word. Next slide, please. As I mentioned in this, I'm sure you've heard by now, we do have an information campaign that launched last Thursday. And they're really three core messages to this campaign. The first is about voting by mail or absentee ballot, and the message is that voting early is safe and easy. It has never been easier than it is today. Secondly, you can skip the lines on election day by voting early from October 12th through the 30th. As Mr. Barron mentioned, Fulton County has more early voting locations than the three next largest counties combined in the state of Georgia. We're very proud of that. This Board has supported early voting, and we certainly want voters to know that this is available for them, and we're expecting big turnout next week. And then lastly is, Know Before You Go. Because -- and Vice Chairman I'll answer your question in just a moment. Know before you go, the election day locations have changed for thousands of voters. With 91 additional election day locations, there is a very high percentage of voters who will have a different location on November 3rd. So they have already received mail telling them about their election day location, but it is very, very important that they check to verify their election day location before they go to the polls. We're getting this message out through direct mail, and I hope that you all have seen a direct mail piece. We delivered copies to your offices, but we have also are starting to hit mailboxes this week. So I'm holding it up. Hopefully you can see me. It says, "Just skip the line, vote early". And I've heard from several people who received it in the next couple -- last couple of days. We also have spots on radio, we have digital and social media ads, digital billboards and bus shelters, and we're also in the midst of making distributions to all of the other elected officials in Fulton County including our mayors, city council members, school board members, and our legislative delegation. Going back to the App for just a second, because I saw Commissioner Arrington had a note that he was not able to search for it yet in the Google Play store. It has -- because it has just populated in the App store, it takes some time for the search

functionality to catch up with the publication of the App. But if you go to [Fultonelections.com](http://Fultonelections.com), you will see the link to download it, and I've also e-mailed that link to all of you. So the more people who downloaded it through the link, the faster the search population will work. So that's just a little bit of a glitch with that App store process. Next slide, please. So just wanted to give you all kind of snapshot of where you will see the ads that we've placed. We are working with a number of different radio stations, so I'm already hearing people who is hearing spots. We have, as you see, bus shelter ads and digital billboards all over Fulton County. We have some print ads as well. I've included a couple here. And then we have ads running on Facebook, Instagram, and as well as Google. So thank you, Commissioners. We really appreciate all of your help. Last thing I will mention is that we have distributed a link to our digital toolkit to help people with graphics and fact sheets and things like that about those three messages I've mentioned. So I would certainly ask for your help and others in the community. If you know someone who will be interested in that information, just let me know. We know that this is important information. A lot of voters across Fulton County are interested, and we want to make sure, in an election season in particular, that we're providing factual and accurate information to help people exercise their right to vote. Thank you all very much."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Are there questions for Mr. Barron or Ms. Corbitt?"

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "I've got questions."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn, you have the floor."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Couple of things: Great report. Great update. Obviously, everyone is nervous about how things are going to go on election day and early voting. Couple of things: I would like to see the distribution of that Fulton County voter video guide. I would like to see that distributed to all elected officials within Fulton County so they can replay that as many times as necessary at their community meetings and so on and so forth. So I want to make sure we get that out to all elected officials so they can repeat it and make it go viral with everything else as much as possible. So if we can get it to all elected officials countywide, that would be great."

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "I'm sorry. I was going to let you know, Commissioner Carn, that that was sent to all members of our delegation, all city council members, mayors, and the Board of Commissioners yesterday."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Don't forget the school board."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Board of education also."

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "I'm sorry. The school boards were on the list, but I will certainly be glad to resend it. We have also submitted to you that communication stuff for all of the cities as well as the school boards."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Good, good. Very important. I heard we had 213,000 absentee ballots processed so far. Does anyone have an absentee ballot estimate by election day? How do you think we're going to go? Any ballpark guesses, based on your calculations or anything?"

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "We've been working with the National Vote At Home Institute. We're hoping that 80 percent of the voters that receive absentee ballots return them. That's what they generally will see in Colorado and some of the other western states that have been doing this for years. My hope is that we get at least 160,000 ballots back. We've already mailed out almost 180,000. So we're hoping to mail out more than 200,000. And I think that's easily achievable with the number of applications that we're receiving a day, which is I think averaging a little over 4,000 right now."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Okay, you said you had 213,000 processed so far?"

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "Yeah. We had about 33,000 almost 30 -- 33 to 34,000 of those have been either duplicates or rejected applications."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Okay. One of the issues I do have is that the mobile voting locations I'm looking at here, in my opinion, are not fairly distributed at all here. Out of the 24 local locations, I count only three in the southern portion of Fulton County. And let me remind everyone the vast majority of all of the election's issues that residents had to suffer with, the five plus six-hour-long wait lines were almost concentrated -- all were concentrated over 80 percent in the South Fulton cities. That we have nine cities within my district alone, and out of 24 mobile locations, I count three in the southern portion of this County. And I think that is an unfair representation of the purpose of the mobile voting vans to the problem that they're supposed to solve, where we have the most difficulties. So I've mentioned before about talking to our mayors in the areas where the voter problems were most severe the last time, and that's going to include a good majority of my area. So I'd like to see a little more equity in terms of the mobile voting locations based on where the problems really have existed traditionally. So three locations out of 24 is not -- that's unacceptable as far as I'm concerned."

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "What we did was we distributed them according by Commissioner district, and we evened them out, the distribution based on each Commissioner district, so we did have an even number amount of days in each district."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Well I understand that, Richard. The part of the purpose where I approved some of this money for this type of thing, is to eliminate the kind of problems that we had specifically on June 9th. And the problems, 80 percent of them once again, were in the southern portion of Fulton County. Not that I want them exclusively down there, but three locations out of 24, where we've had the most severe problems, just you know, I think we need to maybe relook at how you're evaluating that."

We want these mobile vans are to solve the problem. So let's keep that in mind, and I would like to see a few more locations. And again, I recommend you talk with your mayors, who have the direct brunt of the problems and issues, all doing early voting and during the June 9th elections. So that's all I got."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thanks. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "And then Morris."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hausmann followed by Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "I just want to make a comment to Commissioner Carn's statement just now. I do believe that in June there were far more primary races in the southern part of the County than there were in the north part of the County, which definitely affected turnout. So I don't know if that had anything to do with lines or not, but it is, I think, part of the equation. Mr. Barron, we talked this morning a lot about COVID and safety precautions we're taking. Can you, just for the benefit of the public, outline what kind of precautions we're taking in our precincts so that people will understand what to expect if they vote in person and to help them also understand that we're trying to make it as safe as possible for them to do so."

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "Yes, Commissioner. All of our election day were -- all of our early voting workers and election day workers will be required to wear a masks. We have face shields available. We have masks for the public. We use styluses that we sterilize in between each voter. We also have sanitizer available both for the workers and for the voters. And then we also have sneeze guards that will be in place between the workers and the voters as well. We also will be -- the line managers will make sure that there is distance between people when they are voting in line. For the carriers, we've also ordered sneeze guards in between each voting station."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Thank you. Now, will the equipment itself, the voting machines be cleaned periodically throughout the day as well?"

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "The only way you can clean the BMDs is you have to shut them down. So that's why we went with the styluses and we sanitize those in between, because you have to turn the BMDs off, the ballot marking devices, and then clean them and then you have to restart them. We didn't want -- we don't want to have BMDs down during the day especially if it's really busy."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Okay. I'm not sure if I've heard that before, so if y'all just verify that, I think that would be beneficial. My second question is in regard to the recent ruling from the court that I know has been appealed, but I guess, at this point, we have to operate under the assumption that we'll have to follow the ruling that now requires that we print for every precinct, the voter list so that we will know on paperback up if voters are eligible to vote on election day. How are you going to manage this and



what sort of costs do you expect this effort would take should we have to go ahead with printing all of that information for election day?"

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "We have a -- we usually send out an elector's list for each precinct, so the cost of this is going to be -- I think the difference in costs that we're going to find is that we have to get it produced on Saturday, the day after early voting is over so that it has the most up-to-date records. So we've already produced an electors list before, but -- and this is going to be essentially the same, but it's going to be a much more updated list. And so I don't expect the cost to be too much more than it currently is. We have to get a printer that will do it -- do everything on Saturday before election day."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "I would imagine it would take a long time to do that on that weekend, no?"

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "Yeah, I think -- some of the commercial printers in town should be able to handle that without too much of an issue."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "All right, thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Couple of things, Mr. Barron. You referred to some of the absentee ballots that you received as being rejected. What would cause one to be rejected?"

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "Well, on the absentee ballot applications, almost exclusively the voter doesn't sign it. And that's the same thing almost 100 percent. When we get a ballot back, it's because the voter hasn't signed it. Sometimes we get ballots back from another county. So we reject those and forward them on to the county to where they belong, but it's usually a signature -- a missing signature."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Okay. And then my final question is, remind us when you are now allowed to start counting the absentee ballots. Is it election day morning?"

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "No. We can begin scanning the ballot -- we can begin scanning the ballots on October 19th, and we will do that -- we have that operation scheduled to begin over at State Farm Arena. We can't tabulate the ballots until 7:00 p.m. on election night. But once we -- but we can begin scanning, so that is going to help us -- we will be able to release every -- all of the absentee by mail results on election night for everything that we've received through the morning of election day and then what will be left after the election day will be what comes in on the drop boxes on election day and then what comes in the mail on election day. So almost all of our absentee-by-mail results will be in election night. And

we will have -- we will get those out -- those memory cards uploaded right at 7:00 p.m. and get those results right out."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Okay. And so when you scan them on the -- starting on the 19th, you got the folks that can do that."

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "Yes. We've already arranged that. We've been working with the National Vote at Home Institute for several months. They've been helpful partners consulting with us on how best to make this go forward. We've also worked with the vendor to get our throughput increased to - so we can scan more ballots per hour than we were able to do even back in June."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Okay. And then for this technical -- once they're scanned then, then it's an easy process for the machines to count them?"

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "Yes, yes. It's very simple. Once they've been scanned in it's just a matter of reading a memory card."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Okay. All right. Then -- my last point is, Ms. Corbitt, I'd love to see an info campaign on a country station or two."

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "All right. Commissioner, we'll take a look at that."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "I did hear it on WSB."

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Good. That's great."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "I had one last item."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "I do too."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner -- Commissioner Carn and then Commissioner Hausmann again."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Now, Richard, it's my understanding that according to this consent order that were precincts to open up late, past 7:00 a.m., that we could potentially could be fined \$50,000; is that right?"

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "The consent order that we have right now, my understanding of the consent order is that once -- once it's agreed to, if we comply with the items that are in that consent order, then no fine will be -- will come down upon us, so."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Okay. So I'm clear. One of those -- one of those stipulations were if we were to open up late, that a fine would be imposed? Is that what you're saying?"

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "It's not my understanding that it's going to be automatic in that regard, but we're doing a lot of things to make sure that we have redundancies in place to avoid having any of the polling sites open late."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Okay. County Attorney, are you still here?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "I'm still here, sir."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "So we need to be careful with this particular item here now. Go ahead, Madam County Attorney."

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Commissioner Carn, I can talk to you offline about that, but I don't want this information to be publicly disclosed until we have a consent order signed."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Understood."

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Okay."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "There's a potential there, so Richard, just so you know, obviously, we want to open on time at all precincts and be ready early to open on time just in case. All right."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes. I want to go back to the absentee ballots that come in that are rejected. Do you know -- do you send them back to the voter? Do you put it in the system so that they are aware that it's been rejected? What's the process?"

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "Yes. We contact the voter. We usually try to get a hold of them by phone, and then we put a letter into the mail right away, and let them know how they need to cure -- cure the ballot whether it's an application or where it's the ballot that's come in."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Okay, very good. And then finally what do you consider the drop-dead date for someone to request an absentee ballot that you feel confident that the timing will work for them to get it back to them in the mail and returned to us in some way?"

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "The Postal Service is recommending October 20th, and I would say that I agree with that date, for the most part. You know, October 24th, maybe; but if people wait until October 30th to get us an absentee by mail application, the chance of us -- the chance of that getting to the voter in time for election day is slim. I mean, it happens, and the drop boxes are there, so that if they do get it, they can return it to us via the drop box. And we have an election day in June, also in August. A lot of people use those drop boxes on election day. So that it has been a great service for the voters, and I think, in this election, they're already using it in much greater numbers than they have before."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "So Ms. Corbitt, is that part of our marketing effort to inform folks? I know legally they have longer than that, but realistically, are we going to tell people what, you know, is in their best interest as far as dates to apply?"

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Commissioner, I can one example of that. And I absolutely -- what we have used our inner messaging, is the U.S. Postal Service recommendation. I know the Postal Service did a mass mailing. I received one at home. I know, I'm sure you did as well with their recommended date. And that is the date in our mass mailing that we have included in red. It says the U.S. Postal Service recommends requesting your absentee ballot by October 20th. So we are certainly urging people to request those early. As you know, there are lots of options with voting by mail. You can go through the Secretary of State's portal, which is our recommendation. You can, if you have a paper application, and the majority of the applications we've received so far have been paper applications. You know, that's another option, and voters have a lot of ways they can turn that in. But I agree with you that date is really critical, and we are -- we monitor social media very carefully. We've seen notes from voters who say hey, it says it was mailed this day. It's taking -- I still haven't received it. We are aware of that. So what Mr. Barron said about how long it takes to get the ballot to the voter is consistent with what we're hearing in kind of our social listening. And so we certainly are urging people to get that in on time."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Well, and as you know, what was it? October 16th, we started doing it internally. It's not coming from either source."

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

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "All right, thank you very much."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Mr. Chair, I've got something if Commissioner Arrington does not."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "You can go right ahead, Commissioner Ellis. I found the answer to my question."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay. Thank you, Vice Chair."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Mr. Ellis".

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes. Mr. Barron, thanks for the update. You know, maybe it's sort of small, you know, and given sort of the outline of all the stuff that's done here; but, there's something I want to raise. You know, we sought to fund this certainly in every means possible, and I think that's sort of the tone here. But we had a -- we have election staff in -- out in our offices. I'm speaking specifically to the annexes right now. And I believe this is a case in both offices that, while we have staff coming into those offices, we have people coming in to ask questions about elections, and those staff members have sealed off the offices. They don't have -- the public has -- they're not providing public services in those individual offices. So I don't know if that was a directive by the elections, but, you know, people are coming in and trying to register, have questions, that sort of stuff, and we have people there. But they're not taking -- they're not -- they're not physically interacting with the citizens. And if that is the case, then I would certainly request that that be addressed pronto. And if it's the case by directive and it's on purpose, I'd like an explanation as to why that is the case."

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "We have it set up to do that by appointment, but with -- especially -- but we can -- we have planned on reopening them completely once early voting started. But I know that our office here was open to anyone that came in on the last day of voter registration."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "That's disappointing. I mean this is -- this is essential. People have stuff to do to get registered and all that sort of stuff before early voting starts. And the fact that we have it closed and other staff had to try to deal and respond to questions, you know, that's just not acceptable."

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "Okay."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "So I would ask that get rectified as soon as possible."

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "Okay, we'll do that."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Or even if there's a way to do an active chat on the website, Fulton elections could be monitored. Still allow people to stay safe, but to have some live agent available to answer questions, I think is very important."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "I think every elections office that we have needs to be open from here all the way through to a run-off. And I don't see any reason why they can't be."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Hey, Jessica, did you answer my question earlier? I went to Google play and tried to download it. I didn't hear -- if you answered, I guess I missed it."

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Yes, Commissioner. I'll -- let me address that again. So the -- the App published in the Google Play store last night, and so it does take a minute for the search functionality to catch that. So, Commissioner, I actually texted you the link, but it is, we have the link available on the website at Fultonelections.com. We are sending -- we have it posted on social. So it will show up in searches, just a little bit of a lag, but in the meantime, I sent you text with a link and we do have that on the website as well."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Awesome. Thank you."

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Yes, sir, thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Any other questions for Mr. Barron or Ms. Corbitt? If not, any other matters that come before us, Madam Clerk?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "No further items."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. In the absence of any other matters that come before us without objection, we stand adjourn. Call the roll. Commissioner Hausmann, Commissioner Ellis, Commissioner Morris, Commissioner Hall, Commissioner -- Vice Chair Arrington, Commissioner Carn, we are adjourned. Thank you very much."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Right at 4:00."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Wow! What will we do?"

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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