

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RECESS MEETING

February 17, 2021

10:00 AM



Fulton County Government Center

TELECONFERENCE

141 Pryor Street SW

Atlanta, Georgia 30303



MINUTES - RATIFIED

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Ratification Date: March 17, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Robert L. Pitts **10:00 a.m.**

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

Chairman Robb Pitts (At-Large)	PRESENT
Commissioner Liz Hausmann (District 1)	PRESENT
Commissioner Bob Ellis (District 2)	PRESENT
Commissioner Lee Morris (District 3)	PRESENT
Vice Chair Natalie Hall (District 4)	PRESENT
Commissioner Marvin Arrington (District 5)	PRESENT
Commissioner Khadijah Abdur-Rahman (District 6)	PRESENT

INVOCATION: Reverend Clifton Dawkins, Jr., County Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recite in unison

CONSENT AGENDA**21-0113 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 Recess Meeting Agenda for separate consideration. **(ADOPTED AS AMENDED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Chairman Pitts, to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended by removing items #21-0119, #21-0120, #21-0123 for separate consideration as requested by Vice Chair Hall. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, and Arrington

Did Not Vote: Abdur-Rahman

21-0114 Board of Commissioners

Proclamations for Spreading on the Minutes **(NONE)**

Commissioners' District Board Appointments**21-0115 Board of Commissioners**

FULTON-DEKALB HOSPITAL AUTHORITY D/B/A GRADY HEALTH SYSTEM
(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

Term = 4 years

Term below expires: 12/31/2023

Dr. Pickens Patterson (Resigned) **(Arrington)**

Commissioner Arrington nominated Alicia Ivey to replace Dr. Pickens Patterson for a District appointment to an unexpired term ending December 31, 2023.

**Development Authority of Fulton County
TEFRA (Tax Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act)****21-0116 Board of Commissioners**

Execution by Chairman Robert L. Pitts of a TEFRA (Tax Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act) for documentation pertaining to the proposed issuance of its Development Authority of Fulton County Revenue Bond (TUFF CAUB LLC Project) Series 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 (the "Series 2021 Bond").
(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

21-0117 Board of Commissioners

Execution by Chairman Robert L. Pitts of a TEFRA (Tax Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act) for documentation pertaining to the proposed issuance of its Development Authority of Fulton County Revenue Bonds (Georgia Tech Facilities, Inc. Project) Series 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$22,000,000.00 (the "Bonds"). **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Open & Responsible Government**21-0118 Finance**

Request approval of a Pension Salary Resolution to give a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) to those Defined Benefit Plan retirees who participated in pension plans that did not provide for an automatic cost of living increase. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

21-0119 Finance

Ratification of the January 2021 Grants Activity Report. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hall and seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve items #21-0119, #21-0120, and #21-0123. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, and Hall

Did Not Vote: Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

21-0120 Real Estate and Asset Management

Accept and file the Fulton County Capital Program Quarterly Update for the period October 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hall and seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve items #21-0119, #21-0120, and #21-0123. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, and Hall

Did Not Vote: Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

21-0121 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to utilize Cooperative Purchasing - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, National Cooperative Contract #192163, a Master Agreement Contract for Maintenance, Repair, Operating (MRO) Supplies, Industrial Supplies and Related Products and Services, in the amount of \$25,000.00 with WW Grainger (Norcross, GA), to purchase mission critical parts including pumps, valves, hydraulic and pneumatic cylinders and drives, hand tools, power tools, equipment and related items in support of DREAM Building Construction and Facilities Maintenance Divisions and other Countywide Departments. Effective dates: from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

21-0122 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 164 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Boat Rock Evergreen, LLC for the purpose of constructing the Fulton Industrial Blvd C-Store Project at 0 Fulton Industrial Blvd, South Fulton, Georgia 30336. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Health and Human Services**21-0123 Community Development**

Request approval to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") between Fulton County, as the GA 502 Fulton County Continuum of Care ("CoC") Collaborative Applicant, and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs on behalf of the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority ("GHFA") regarding the implementation of a statewide Department of the U.S. Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") Homeless Management Information System ("HMIS"). Grant funding of \$76,484.00 and a Fulton County match of \$76,484.00 will support the use and the management of HMIS and related activities. The approval of this agenda item will also authorize the Chairman to execute any future documents related to this grant and Agenda Item. The County Attorney is authorized to make modifications to the MOA and related document as to form prior to execution. The term is December 1, 2020 through November 30, 2021. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hall and seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve items #21-0119, #21-0120, and #21-0123. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, and Hall

Did Not Vote: Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Justice and Safety**21-0124 Medical Examiner**

Request approval to enter into a contract with Georgia Department of Public Health. (DPH). Said agency is seeking to fund an interoperability project between the Medical Examiner's Case Management System and Georgia's Electronic Death Registration System to streamline the data entry process for vital records. The Medical Examiner's office will facilitate the project between VertiQ Software, LLC. and DPH. Effective dates: February 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

RECESS MEETING AGENDA**21-0125 Board of Commissioners**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Vice Chair Hall, to adopt the Recess Meeting Agenda as amended by revising item #21-0136 as requested by the County Manager. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

21-0126 Clerk to the Commission

Ratification of Minutes. **(RATIFIED)**

Recess Meeting Minutes, January 20, 2021

Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, February 3, 2021

Special Called Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, February 5 , 2021

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Did Not Vote: Arrington

21-0127 Board of Commissioners

Presentation of Proclamations and Certificates **(NONE)**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

21-0128 **Board of Commissioners**

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

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.

9 Speakers: Sheila Hamilton (Fulton County Tax Commissioner); Vernetta Nuriidin (Fulton County Elections); Donna Renfro Lawson (Library Services); Thomas Bose (Fulton County Elections); Michelle Minoff (Fulton County Elections); Ben Howard (Senior Services/Fulton County Elections); Bridget Thorne (Fulton County Elections); Nancy Flake Johnson (Item# 2021-0085/ District 6 Fulton-Dekalb Hospital Authority Board Appointment/COVID-19); and Reverend Greg Fann (Fulton County Elections).

COUNTY MANAGER'S ITEMS

Open & Responsible Government

21-0129 **County Manager**

Presentation of COVID-19 Operational Response Update. **(PRESENTED)**

21-0130 **Purchasing and Contract Compliance**

Request ratification of emergency procurement - County Manager, Countywide Emergency Procurements. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Hausmann, and Arrington

21-0131 **Purchasing and Contract Compliance**

Request approval of a Resolution to extend emergency purchasing authority of the Chairman and County Manager for COVID-19 related purchases. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Did Not Vote: Arrington

21-0097 Information Technology

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Fulton County Information Technology, Bid #19ITBC05212019K-DB, Computer Hardware Equipment Refresh in an amount not to exceed \$2,058,460.00 with (A) Dell Marketing, L.P. (Round Rock, TX) in the amount of \$1,758,460.00 and (B) CDW Government (Vernon Hills, IL) in the amount of \$300,000.00 for specialty computing devices to include iPads, iMacs, MS Surface Pros and supporting peripherals. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: Upon BOC approval through 12/31/2021. **(HELD ON 2/3/21) (APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Did Not Vote: Arrington

21-0132 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to extend existing contracts - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 17ITB109620C-BKJ, Janitorial Services for Selected Fulton County Facilities (Groups C, D & G) in the total amount of \$148,043.00 with (A) Diversified Maintenance-RWS, LLC(Birmingham, AL) in the amount of \$111,110.00; and (B) A-Action Janitorial Service, Inc. (Lithonia, GA) in the amount of \$36,933.00 to continue to provide janitorial services for selected Fulton County facilities for two (2) additional months. Effective dates: March 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Chairman Pitts, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Did Not Vote: Arrington

21-0133 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to extend existing contracts - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Bid#17ITB107780C-GS, Standby Emergency Repair and Restoration Services in the total amount of \$495,000.00 with: (A) Blackmon Mooring of Atlanta, LLC (Norcross, GA), in the amount of \$165,000.00; (B) CRM Services, LLC (Austell, GA), in the amount of \$165,000.00; and (C) Full Circle Restoration & Construction Services, Inc. (Duluth, GA), in the amount of \$165,000.00, to provide continued standby emergency repair and restoration services for Fulton County facilities for two (2) additional months. Effective dates: March 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

21-0134 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a recommended proposal - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Bid#20RFP041620K-CRB, Fulton County Judicial Center Complex DDC Conversion Project - Phase II in the amount of \$6,829,875.00 with Control Concept, LLC (Cumming, GA), to furnish and install a new Building Automation System (BAS) and 967 terminal units replacing the existing, aging pneumatic units and proprietary DDC controls in the Fulton County Judicial Center Complex located at 185 Central Avenue Atlanta, GA 30303. Effective upon issuance of Notice to Proceed for 730 calendar days or until contract completion as determined by the County. This is a one-time procurement. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

21-0135 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to increase spending authority - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, RFP#18RFP113472C-BKJ, Landfill Post Closure Services with Atlantic Coast Consulting, Inc. (Roswell, GA) in the amount of \$224,840.00, to comply with a directive from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (EPD) to implement an expansion of the Morgan Falls Landfill Gas system. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

21-0136 External Affairs

Request approval of a contract - Strategic Funding Group, Inc., RFP# 20RFP1212B-EC, External Grant Writing Services in the amount of \$100,000.00 with Strategic Funding Group, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia to provide grant writing services on an as-needed basis for the County not to exceed \$100,000.00.

~~Effective upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed for one year with two one-year renewal options.~~ Effective upon BOC approval through December 31, 2021 with two renewal options **(APPROVED AS AMENDED)**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hall and seconded by Chairman Pitts, to approve as amended. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Health and Human Services

21-0137 Public Works

Request approval of lowest responsible bidder - Department of Public Works, 20ITB100620A-CJC, Small Water Meter Installation in the amount of \$300,000.00 with Wade Coots Company (Austell, GA), to provide small water meter installation. Effective upon execution of contract through December 31, 2021 with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

21-0138 Public Works

Request approval of cooperative purchasing - Department of Public Works, Facilities Management Products and Solutions, Contract Number: R-BB-19002 in the amount of \$100,368.50 with Cintas Corporation (Decatur, GA), to provide safety boots (steel / composite toe). Effective upon execution of contract through December 31, 2021. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

21-0139 Public Works

Request approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Fulton County, Georgia and the City of Johns Creek, GA, for water main relocations associated with the roundabout and road widening improvements to Barnwell Road at Rivermont Parkway Roundabout in the City of Johns Creek, GA, in an estimated amount of \$250,000.00. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

21-0140 Public Works

The Department of Public Works requests that the Board of Commissioners rescind the previously enacted Resolution #97-0754 - Sewerage Moratorium For the Little River Sewer Service Area because the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has authorized Fulton County to treat 2.6 Million Gallons a Day (MGD) at the recently expanded Little River Water Reclamation Facility. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Infrastructure and Economic Development**21-0141 Public Works**

Request approval of a contract extension - Public Works, Atlanta Regional Commission Contract UP1728, Fulton County Transit Master Plan in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., (Atlanta, GA), to continue providing engineering and planning services associated with the update and execution of the Fulton County Transit Plan. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Did Not Vote: Arrington

COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS**21-0070 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution pursuant to O.C.G.A. s 15-16-20(a)(3) and amending Resolution No. 98-0166 to establish a new local salary supplement for the Fulton County Sheriff. **(Arrington)**

(MOTION TO APPROVE FAILED ON 1/20/21) (HELD ON 2/3/21) (HELD)

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

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

21-0085 Board of Commissioners

FULTON-DEKALB HOSPITAL AUTHORITY D/B/A GRADY HEALTH SYSTEM
(MOTION TO APPROVE FAILED ON 2/3/21) (REMOVED)

Term = 4 years

Term below expired: 12/31/2020
Sandra DeShields-Hightower (**Carn**)

Commissioner Abdur-Rahman has nominated Thomas Wesley Dortch, Jr. for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2024.

ITEM REMOVED AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN

COUNTY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**Open & Responsible Government****21-0142 External Affairs**

Update of 2021 Legislative Agenda (**PRESENTED**)

Health and Human Services**21-0143 Public Works**

Presentation and discussion of the South Fulton Wastewater Capacity Study. (**PRESENTED**)

COMMISSIONERS' PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**21-0144 Board of Commissioners**

Discussion: Invest Atlanta January 21, 2021 Board Meeting Summary (**Morris**) (**DISCUSSED**)

21-0145 Board of Commissioners

Discussion: Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. February 10, 2021 CEO Report (**Morris**) (**DISCUSSED**)

21-0146 Board of Commissioners

Discussion: An Ordinance to amend Chapter 78, Article II of the Fulton County Code of Ordinances to create a new Section 78-41 restricting, addressing and prohibiting the offense of street racing; preserving safety and order; and for other purposes. (**Abdur-Rahman**) (**DISCUSSED**)

EXECUTIVE SESSION**21-0147 Board of Commissioners**

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

PRESENT IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING LITIGATION, REAL ESTATE AND PERSONNEL: Chairman Pitts, Vice-Chair Hall Commissioners: Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman; County Manager Dick Anderson; Interim County Attorney Kaye Burwell; and Clerk to the Commission Tonya R. Grier.

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Did Not Vote: Arrington

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Hausmann, to accept the recommendation of the Board of Registration and Elections to terminate the Director of Elections, Richard Barron, effective by close of business February 18 at 5pm and a notice to be provided. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yea: Hausmann, Ellis, and Morris

Nay: Pitts, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Did Not Vote: Hall

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to reject the recommendation of the Board of Registration and Elections . The motion failed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Nay: Hausmann, Ellis, and Morris

Did Not Vote: Hall

d. A motion was made by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Chairman Pitts, to call the question. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Nay: Hausmann, Ellis, and Morris

Did Not Vote: Hall

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S
RECESS MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2021
10:00 A.M.**

(Whereupon, the meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Good morning everyone and welcome to the Recess Meeting of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. Today is February 17, 2021."

"The Board of Elections and Registration was not --" [inaudible]. It's highly possible that these items were misplaced, misidentified, and mismarked in the [inaudible]."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "It's 10:00 in the morning. Madam Clerk, would you call the roll for the purposes of a quorum."

CLERK GRIER: "Chairman Robb Pitts."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Liz Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Bob Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Lee Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Vice Chair Natalie Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Marvin Arrington, Jr."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Khadija Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Present."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you very much, Commissioners. Please rise wherever you are for the invocation by Reverend Dawkins followed by the Pledge of Allegiance."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 2, Consent Agenda; **21-0113**, Adoption of the Consent Agenda. All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by 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 Recess Meeting Agenda for separate consideration. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have three items to be removed from today's Consent Agenda for separate consideration by Vice Chair Hall. On page 3, 21-0119, Finance. Ratification of the January 2021 grants activity report. Also on page 3, 21-0120, Real Estate and Asset Management accept and file the Fulton County capital program quarterly report for the period October 1, 2020, December 31, 2020; and 21-0123 Community Development. Request approval to enter into an MOA regarding the implementation of a statewide department of the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Homeless Management Information System."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That's it? All right. Any other items to be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion?"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Move approval of the Consent Agenda with those changes, Mr. Chairman."

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

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Arrington. Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I vote yes."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion passes unanimously."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 4, Recess Meeting Agenda. Mr. Chairman and members of the board, we have one amendment to today's Recess Meeting Agenda. On page 6, 21-0136, External Affairs. Request approval of a contract to provide grant writing services. This item is revised to change the effective date; effective date upon BOC approval through December 31, 2021 with two renewal options. That's all I have."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That's all? All right, Commissioners, anything else?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes. Chair, due to pending litigation concerning unlawful actions with Tommy Dortch, and the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority, I will be removing the 21- -- I'm sorry. Yeah, 21-0 -- I'm sorry, 21-12 -- 128. I'm sorry, 0 -- wait a minute. My nomination of Tommy Dortch to the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority, there's pending litigation, so it needs to be removed. I'm removing it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What number is that?"

CLERK GRIER: "21-0085."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. To be removed?"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. What's the page?"

CLERK GRIER: "Page 7."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Page 7. All right. Any other additions or corrections, deletions."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Move approval of the Agenda with those changes, Mr. Chairman."

VICE CHAIR 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: "Vice Chair Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I vote yes."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion passes unanimously."

CLERK GRIER: "21-0126, ratification of minutes. Recess Meeting minutes, January 20th, Regular Meeting Post Agenda minutes, February 3rd, Special Call Meeting Post Agenda minutes, February 5th, 2021."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is there a motion?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "So moved."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And 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."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Arrington. Abdur-Rahman."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I vote yes."

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

CLERK GRIER: "There are no presentations or proclamations and certificates today. Next item, bottom of page 4, Public Hearings, **21-0128**, Public Comment. Citizens wishing to participate in public comment registered online, or can join the public comment portion of the Zoom call by submitting a comment by e-mail or filing -- or filling out the form located on the County website, 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: "Yes, we have five people that have submitted public comment via e-mail. The first of these is from Sheila Hamilton of College Park. The AJC June 9, 2019 printed an article, "Elected Georgia Tax Commissioners Raking In Big Fees; which stated Fulton County Tax Commissioner, Arthur Ferdinand, is the highest Georgia paid Tax Commissioner making \$390,000 which includes the fee he gets from taxpayers at 1.5 to 2 percent. A later article stated those fee totals approximately more than \$55,000 that's included in this \$390,000 annual salary. He gives none of this -- none of this fee money back to the County. Ferdinand's office staff removes homeowners' homestead exemptions without permission and the most egregious of late sends -- and most egregious of late sends homeowners bills stating their taxes have not been paid in the past years adding penalties and fees. These taxpayers have shown the inaccuracies but Ferdinand's staff refused to correct the bill. Additionally, a 73-year-old homeowner in South Fulton had her homestead exemption removed without requesting it. Commissioner Arrington has been advised of this issue. Ferdinand, while enjoying the good life, et cetera, be in Chattahoochee Hills at taxpayers' expense should be held accountable for these egregious office processes and failures. This Commission

oversees his office. What do you as Commissioners plan to do about these concerns? It is said that power corrupts. Absolute power corrupts absolutely. It's also said bad men succeed when good men do nothing. It's also said when you lay with dogs you end up with fleas. As your conscience and your constituents, we deserve better from Ferdinand and his office, a housecleaning next election perhaps is the best remedy for this problem. Thank you for listening."

REGINA WALLER: "Number two, Vernetta Nuriidin. Esteem Commissioner, the FCRE chair wrote a letter to BOC regarding Mr. Barron's termination. The majority of the Board voted for Rick's immediate termination and recommended a solid interim director, Evan Blake, until such a time for a search could be conducted. Ms. Cooney wrote the letter in bad faith as her Board did not see the letter until after it was e-mailed to Commission. The Chair disagrees for majority regarding Barron's termination and try to sway public opinion by giving Ben Brash an exclusive interview detailing the events at our February 11 Executive Session. Mr. Johnson receives a hefty pay check directly from a Fulton Elected official which conflicts with his role as elected board member. We took an oath to serve in this position and it didn't include using the media to sway voters, or accepting paychecks from elected officials who's the majority of this Board prepare for Rick's termination and provided a rock-solid recommendation for interim. Ms. Cooney's letter is simply untrue."

DARYL CARVER: "Next public comment is from Donna Renfro-Lawson. "God morning elected, selected and rejected engaged listeners. Our wonderful County can be very difficult to communicate with, and I believe that the constituents can help with the remodeling of a plan for the Commissioners to become more effective with responsive times. Furthermore, I think that the employees might appreciate our help in assisting the flow of information. For example, I contacted Mr. Anderson with a sloppy management issue. It is written that a number of -- it is written that a number of library staff have been assigned to work with the vaccination effort, yet libraries are seemingly suffering. Why? What justifies the actions of borrowing employees from one department to have them work in another division? Is this legal? Who is responsible for answering questions of this nature? Doctors Pamela Roshell and Lynn Paxton have not replied. I believe that Gayle Hunter Holloman, Executive Director of the Library continues to expose herself as a figurehead without the real time management anticipated of her implied duties. Please rethink opening our library to a modified traditional services system. Citizens need access to information via computer connections. Using outside entities is very expensive and could cost around \$20 per hour. Your prompt interaction is important. I am because God is."

REGINA WALLER: "Public comment from Thomas Bose, Alpharetta. "Good morning Board members. My name is Thomas Bose. I am a Fulton County resident. In the event that you are considering the recent ruling by the Fulton County Elections Board, I would like to comment on election integrity in Fulton County, and the role played by Elections Director, Richard Barron. It is my view that the 2020 Election was a debacle. It was an embarrassment for the state of Georgia, particularly Fulton County. And that

is why I believe Elections Director, Richard Barron, must be fired. When questions and concerns were raised before, during and after the election regarding irregularities that were observed first hand, Richard Barron turned a blind eye. Instead of addressing these concerns, he fired two of the poll workers who raised them. And when confronted about the firings, he attacked those workers claiming they were already under investigation for some unnamed issues and, therefore, not invited to return to work. One of those poll workers was Bridget Thorn. Ms. Thorn has been a Fulton County poll worker and precinct manager for many years, and her work record with Fulton County is impeccable. I know Bridget Thorn. In fact, I've known her for 30 years. She's a highly capable person. She is well educated and professionally experienced. More importantly, is the fact that she is dedicated and conscientious beyond measure. I have observed her in countless different environments and circumstances, and her conduct and character are above reproach. In short, you will not find a more trustworthy person. If Bridget Thorn said she saw something, you can bet your life she saw it. So for Richard Barron to not only fire her, let her go or not invite her back, which he chooses to call it, but make vague unfounded accusations against her and her character by implying some impropriety on her part is outrageous and reckless. This man should lose his job for his ineptitude and shoddy performance alone before his derogatory comments and disrespectful treatment of Bridget Thorn, he should be fired and be forced to apologize publicly. So I urge you today support the removal of Richard Barron immediately from his position as Elections Director. He has failed miserably and embarrassed Fulton County. Thank you for hearing me today."

DARYL CARVER: "The final of the e-mail public comments is from Michelle Minoff. "Hello, my Fulton County resident and voter. I started voting in Georgia at the age of 18, 40 years ago. I agree with the decision of the Board of Elections to terminate Richard Barron from his position. I moved to Fulton County from Gwinnett County at the end of 2019. My experience in the entire year in Fulton County of the 2020 elections was very concerning. In the news report, many of us have seen Richard Barron in his own words at that -- stated that out of 113, 130 ballots, his team had to adjudicate 106,000 of those. The hair stood up on the back of my head when I heard him speak those words. This is extremely out of bounds and throws up many red flags. Listening to the Board of Elections call yesterday with the detailed accounts from the reporting of these poorly run elections, especially from Dr. Ruth and others, listening to and watching the legislator and the senate hearings on election irregularities including expert witnesses, sworn affidavits, and hard evidence, I can tell you that there is no one I know who believes these Georgia elections were fair and free. I've been in these communities in Georgia for over 40 years. I know many independent democratic and republican voters over this time. Not one of them believes our elections in Georgia were fair and free. On November 21, 2020, a Rasmussen poll found up to 30 percent of Democrats and 80 percent of Republicans believe the 2020 election was stolen, according to the poll. We need many changes to win back the confidence of the Georgia voter if possible. Maybe the leaders of Georgia don't care about that because the only ones who seem to support that Georgia had fair and free elections are those who are running the show. Why won't the Secretary of State release ballots for an

immediate forensic inspection? People who have nothing to hide, hide nothing. We the people have a right to have those ballots inspected. This process done openly and fairly will begin to bring back the confidence to our elections. If we don't have free and fair elections, we won't have a free country. Our rights are being chipped away every day, and this country is sadly no longer the bastion of freedom for the rest of the world. We need to correct our elections and the truth needs to be revealed so we can all move forward with honest and transparent elections. I am saddened to learn that from others in other states that they believe Georgia is the most corrupt state in the nation. That is how we are viewed. My heart breaks for this great state. The photo below was taken of the World Congress Center during the early senate runoff -- early senate runoff voting of mail-in absentee ballots. This was taken from a Republican poll watcher who, along with other Republican poll watchers showing how far back they were corralled behind barricades. They weren't allowed to speak or use any assistance in seeing closer. And they were treated very rudely. This is unacceptable, not to mention illegal. Thank you for allowing me to give my comments. That's the final of the e-mailed comments we have."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Anyone else?"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes."

DARREN SMITH, IT: "Mr. Chair, we have three attendees; Mr. Ben Howard followed by Bridget Thorn, followed by Nancy Flake Johnson. Mr. Howard, please proceed."

BEN HOWARD: "Thank you. Greetings, Commissioners and greetings also to you citizens and voters of Fulton County who are watching and are listening to your county government in action. Ben Howard, Senior Advocate, Public Policy Analyst. My comments today fall into four areas. First, kudos again to all the volunteers at the senior multipurpose facilities who are contacting senior citizens to check on their wellness and to impart life-enhancing information during this pandemic. Secondly, the Commission on Elder Affairs will function better if all Commissioners commit to appointing a senior citizen to that commission. Thirdly, folks who want to participate in conversations about the Atlanta City Jail should dial 311, and ask for details about the public meeting tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. by Zoom. An alternate telephone number is 404-546-0311. Lastly, this commission's track record for finding people leaves much to be desired, as evidenced by the fact that Mark Massey is no longer here. As long-time poll worker and poll manager, I say hands off the elections chief. Instead, allocate more money for the outreach section of the Fulton County Department of Registration and Elections."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next."

DARREN SMITH, IT: "Bridget Thorn."

BRIDGET THORN: "Commissioners, this is Bridget Thorn. I guess you feel you have the power now to overturn the Board of Election's decision to terminate Richard Barron. Then I guess all along, you had the power to stop him from terminating whistleblowers too. My grandparents immigrated here from Mexico to leave corruption. Now I feel I'm fighting corruption here. I'm a whistleblower who is going to do everything in my power to bring truth and integrity to our election. As a poll tech with Dominion working in the election warehouse, I was deeply troubled and concerned over what I saw. I reached out to the Secretary of State investigator before and after the November election. I reached out to my immediate supervisor and her superiors at Fulton County Election several times. I was muted by the State Board of Elections, Ryan Germany. I was hesitant to reach out to Richard Barron because he was in the warehouse. He knew what I saw. On December 3rd, I testified in the senate hearing. On December 16th, I was dismissed as a poll manager by Fulton County Elections. You allowed it. On December 18th, Secretary of State Raffensperger comes out and condemns our firing publicly on the courthouse steps. You still allowed it. On December 20th, Richard Barron publicly responds to our firing. Instead of investigating our concerns, he is investigating us. He slanders us. Again, you allowed it. Every lawsuit that the Secretary of State has, is, and future reviewing right now, I assume you are now responsible because you have taken the power from the Board of Elections. By the way, where are my 400 pristine absentee ballots that are missing from my precinct. Who replaced them with 400 sample ballots? Warehouse couldn't find them. I've been asking for months. No one can answer. You were responsible for the sloppy, dangerous handling of the absentee ballots in these past elections. By keeping Richard Barron, you are now responsible for every election failure because you are allowing it. Thank you."

DARREN SMITH, IT: "Mr. Chair, we have a Nancy Flake Johnson."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Go ahead."

NANCY FLAKE JOHNSON: "Good morning, Mr. Chair, Ms. Vice Chair, Commissioners and to all the citizens of Fulton County. I'm Nancy Flake Johnson. I'm President and CEO of the Urban League of Greater Atlanta. Many of you are already familiar with the Urban League. We are a civil rights organization focused on closing the racial economic and social justice gaps, and we are celebrating 100 years of service in Metro Atlanta. The Urban League continues to be at the forefront of the issues of our time, from affordable housing to voting rights, and representation at the state, local, and national levels. I'd like to speak briefly to Agenda item number 21-0085 and the process for appointments to the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority. The Urban League has received calls from our constituents regarding the appointment by District 6 Commissioner Khadija Abdur-Rahman. That is in limbo. At a time when public trust in government and our institutions is frayed, it is critically important that we conduct the people's business in as transparent a manner as possible, and through an equitable lens. As duly elected representatives of your respective districts and the County as a whole, I encourage you to work together for the betterment of our communities in Fulton

County. The citizens of District 6 have a right to representation on the Hospital Authority's Board. Grady Hospital remains a critical lifeline for District 6 residents, the County and the entire region. We are in the midst of a global pandemic, as you know that has struck black and brown, low-income and working families the hardest. Especially, during a pandemic, the people are best served when our government officials are laser focused on providing health solutions and economic solutions in helping the least of these. Now, is not the time for fewer representatives on the Hospital Authority's Board. Every single member of the Fulton County Commission, as I understand it, has a right to appoint a representative that they believe will best uphold the values and needs of their respective district. We need everyone working together to address this deadly virus to get as many people as possible vaccinated as quickly as possible and we need to address the comorbidities and other health issues that make black people in particular susceptible to the virus. At the Urban League, our phones ring around the clock with individuals and families seeking help for health care, housing, food, and utility assistance. Seeking jobs. Seeking money for food. Seeking money to cover the cost of their healthcare needs. Transportation and child care. We're working diligently to help pull people out of the mire that this pandemic has caused. As duly representatives for your respective districts and the County as a whole, I encourage you to work together for the betterment of our communities and Fulton County. We stand ready to work together as well. Thank you so much."

DARREN SMITH, IT: "Mr. Chair, is there any other attendees that did not have opportunity to speak? Please raise your hand at this time. We have a Mr. Greg."

CLERK GRIER: "Fann."

DARREN SMITH, IT: "Fann. Go ahead, Mr. Fann."

GREGG FAN: "Thank you so very much. Thanks so very much, Commissioners and good morning to all of you. I haven't seen you in a while or talked to you in a while. But I have some concerns -- some concerns that I want to raise today. One is the Elections Director. I don't support the firing of him even though I was very vocal about things that he had done in the past. But I don't see, with this election, where he's done such a bad, bad job that you want to terminate him now. It just seems like that it's more in line with the voter suppression that is going on under the Demon Dome that come up with all these different laws to suppress the vote. But that's another issue. But the issue that I do really want to talk about is district appointment. District appointments, I never in 30 years known you guys as a Board to vote against a Commissioner's appointee. I think that's a bad message when you elect someone, we elect someone, we elect that person to do a job for us, they select someone, and then you are not a person who they select. That's a bad message and we don't want you to continue to do that kind of work for and disenfranchise the citizens of South Fulton. Now, I'm speaking on behalf of the South Fulton Ministerial Alliance. I thank you for your time today. We will be back in touch again to talk about this issue and also the Board of Election, Mr. Barron. God bless you, God bless your family and God bless America."

DARREN SMITH, IT: "Thank you, Mr. Fann. Are there any other attendees that wish to bring public comments at this time? Please raise your hand. Seeing none, Mr. Chair."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 5, County Manager's items under Open and Responsible Government, **21-0129**. Presentation of COVID-19 operational response update."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Proceed, Mr. Manager."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. We're pleased to bring you this update today. Couple of three things up front. We are seeing improvement. That's the good news. In the COVID trends, you'll see that the caseload has dropped in terms of daily cases from over 800 to now below 200. The death rates still remain elevated at close to five per day, and we're on that probable projection path to 1,100 in Fulton County, which is a very sobering statistic. Hospitalizations have decreased from over a thousand, in the 600s and positivity rate has improved. So that is all good news. The testing program remains strong and, again, it's not mutually exclusive with vaccines. In fact, it's still very essential to our overall strategy; and really it informs what we're able to do with vaccines as you'll see later. Everything that we have learned to do and have demonstrated that we can do better than any other county: managing fix sites, leveraging more capabilities using partners in our delivery of testing, we will be doing so with vaccines as well. One part of the vaccine presentation that you'll see today is we now have access to a state dashboard that gives us the ability to see all the vaccines that had been administered in Fulton County, not just ours administered through our sites. And that's a pretty encouraging number, 200,000 vaccines. Over 200,000 have been administered in Fulton County to date; 52,000 of those have been through our sites. And what we'll discuss with you today is again, a vaccine strategy going forward. It really looks at the expanded capacity that we just opened at GICC yesterday; the health equity initiative obviously what we discussed in the last meeting, as well as leveraging mobile sites to truly get to places that otherwise did not have good coverage. And then, in a future meeting, we'll be talking about a media strategy that relies on both paid media as well as digital media to really reach any of community that has a hesitancy about taking the vaccine. Also today, we'll talk about reopening briefly where we are still working closely with the Tax Commissioner's office on enhanced PPE that will allow us to open his offices which will relieve the pressure on lines at our other offices, and we continue to work with them both in line management in support of their kiosks to reduce those lines, and we've seen great improvement there. We have further refined the approach to rental assistance based on the discussion last Friday with the mayors, and have specific recommendations to share with you. More importantly, I think -- and Anna Roach, our Chief Operating Officer, has talked about this before, but building this infrastructure in terms of the system they can receive applications as well as administer payments is something that can serve us for the long term. I know there is some concern about that

these dollars, the 18 million, will not go that far in addressing a population that is at least estimated to be between the high 20,000s to 30,000 in nature, maybe higher than that. But as federal dollars are approved in the next round of the CARES Act, or whatever percent comes after that, we think that that infrastructure will serve us very well to be able to get those dollars out very quickly. We continue to manage the 45.7 million reserve fund and we'll keep you updated on that today with a report. But I think the momentum on testing vaccines as well as meeting our current requirements around building these like the PPE in the Tax Commissioner office is serving us well. It is though somewhat *déjà vu* all over again. In other words, we don't have a clear funding path yet. But we are not waiting. We're doing everything to keep our programs moving as well as ramping up specifically with vaccine distribution and taking advantage again of all the capabilities that we have. So again, we thank you for providing that in the 2021 budget. Last -- since this update, really, us form a basis of much of what we do talk about with our municipalities and with the mayors specifically, we would ask for some feedback today on further enhancements to that meeting such as setting the Agenda one week in advance, having the Clerk's office, if presentations are desired, they go ahead and send that agenda out with presentations as we do for BOC meeting, and then publish any votes and/or consensus on action items. It seems like that would be some common sense enhancements to the current process. So Mr. Chairman, with that, we're prepared to go through our presentation and we'll turn it over to the Chief Operating Officer, Anna Roach."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Mrs. Anna Roach, Chief Operating Officer, you have the floor."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board. We're pleased again to present to you the COVID-19 update for February 17th, which summarizes our last two weeks of updates since we last reported to the Board. We're going to ask that the Emergency Management team move directly to Dr. Paxton to close us out in remarks and then we'll be back to you, Mr. Chairman, to guide us through questions. Matt?"

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CONTROL: "Good morning, ma'am and thank you. Good morning, Board of Commissioners. I just want to take a quick moment to thank everyone for their warm wishes and thoughts with the passing of my father. Also to thank Reverend Dawkins for including me and our family in his prayers last BOC meeting. So thank you, just a moment of personal privilege to go ahead and say that. Without further ado, we'll go ahead and get started. Doug, this will give us an outlook of where we look across the nation and getting closer to Georgia."

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "Good morning, Commissioners. As you know, I like -- we have the slide back up?"

DARREN SMITH, IT: "I think we have to bring you right back up."

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "Okay."

DARREN SMITH, IT: "Should be coming up shortly."

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "Thank you. There we go, thank you. Good morning, Commissioners, again. As you know, I like to kind of show you where we've been and where we are. This is a snapshot from a month ago of the United States when we were at close to our peaks throughout the country. As you can see, the darker colors are obviously the most communicable places. The snapshot as of the 15th, the United States looks a lot healthier. I will bring notice to a lot of the mid Atlantic states, and Kentucky and Tennessee which all surround Georgia, still have very high communicability very close to Georgia; but as a whole, the United States is looking much healthier than it did on January 18th. Next slide. Closer look at the State of Georgia from the 18th to the 15th in a one-month time frame. And as you can see, the - I want to make sure that everybody understands while it is a much better situation, it is still very unhealthy and dangerous levels with the oranges that you see in Georgia, but I just want to communicate that things are improving. Next slide. Quickly, I'll run through the case comparison. And if you look to the far right, you'll see that the seven-day average of 781 is down from 780 on January 1st of this year. So 100 -- that's quite a drop on the case load for Fulton County. And we are actually 40 percent better than the previous two weeks. And for the state, once again, from a high of 7,000 cases a day average, we're down to 2,066; and they are 41 percent better than the previous 14 days and the United States is actually below 75,000. And the United States was almost at 300,000 cases per day just about a month ago, and they're 29 percent better. Next slide. The COVID death comparison between the County and the state in the United States, we've talked often about how this is a lagging indicator. So we're approximately three to four weeks behind, and you can see plateaus on the charts on all three. We have been between four and six deaths per day average for about a month, and that's really associated with kind of the historic case rate that we had in late December and early January, and it does look like we have plateaued; and it looks like the state and United States are actually starting to see the death rate go down for their seven-day averages. Next slide. Another very important metric is the strain on the hospital system. As you can see that on January 5th, we peaked at a high of 1,036. Our seven-day average from the 15th has gone from 1,010 down to 610 on the 15th, and we're actually, as of yesterday, 580 inpatients with COVID in the Fulton County Hospitals. I also want to bring note to the point that our positivity rate has decreased from January 1st of this year from 13.5 to 7.3. Remember that the WHO and CDC say that contact tracing is viable when we're below 5 percent positives. And so it's good to see that number coming down also. Next slide. As the County Manager said that our projection is over 1,000 with COVID as a comorbidity projection through the end of April. We're lying right on top of that most probable line. There is -- Fulton County does have a smaller percentage, and it keeps getting smaller. The state's total death count, we're down from January 1st from 7.6 percent to 7.05 percent, and we've talked about that's attributed to the quality of care in our hospital system, and our high testing rate means that more people are getting tested, and they're finding out and receiving treatments sooner. So, we are happy to see that number continue to drop. Next slide. I'm going to

quickly end up with a score chart. There's a lot of numbers here, but I want you to pay close attention. For the past two months, you've seen a lot of red in our status. And the fact that I've given you good news on trends, you see yellow in our status area for a lot of the numbers. You still see a couple of reds like hospital census. But yellow does not mean we're out of the woods. It doesn't mean we're out of danger. It is still a warning metric. We're not in the green on anything except for hospital bed availability. And really, COVID is still present, and I just want to remind everybody that all of the measures that we take from social distancing to mask wearing and everything else that we can do, we need to continue that. And while we're heading down into a trough, we really need to take advantage of getting as many people vaccinated as possible, so that we can actually not see another rise in our future. So, like I said, I've given a lot of good news here. Please, please remind your constituents and anybody listening that yellow is still an unhealthy condition, and that's where we are in most of our categories. Next slide."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CONTROL: "Thank you, Doug. You've heard it in the County Manager's opening comments the Chairman also said these things yesterday when we were at the press conference with the Governor. Fulton County is leading the State of Georgia in not only testing, but also vaccination. Just wanted to give everyone a quick update of where we stand with testing. We're at 1,557,295 tests performed in Fulton County. That still makes it -- if you add up the other three health districts, they're at 1.2, 1.3 million. So once again, that just goes ahead and shows case -- how Fulton County is leading the way. If you go down to the bottom right-hand side of your screen, we always like to show where we stand with our tests in the state of Georgia. We're approximately 23 percent of the total tests being conducted in the state of Georgia is actually coming from Fulton County. On the left-hand of your screen, you'll see just a breakdown of where our different tests are coming from, the different buckets as such, and we're starting to see an increase as our campuses are welcoming back students, they're conducting more tests in that regard. We did report to you before. I just want to make sure everyone is acutely aware. Two of our testing sites, we partnered with the Department of Public Health's provider, MAKO that are actually performing the test sample collection at those sites. It's still under the purview and guidance of Dr. Paxton and the Board of Health. It's just a different team of individuals helping us achieve that mission allowing us to go ahead and take our individuals and put towards the mission of vaccination. And that's a perfect segue to our next slide. I know this has been availed in a previous meeting, but just an update to our dashboard, the URL for those that are watching on YouTube as well as other FGTV and other forms of seeing it. You can go ahead and check out this dashboard at the website listed above. And one of the things I just wanted to go ahead and highlight here is the right-hand side of the screen. We do have a typo. It should say vaccines administered instead of people tested. So it's 52,612 vaccines have been administered in Fulton County thus far. We've always anticipated anywhere between a quarter and a third of the total vaccinations that would happen in Fulton County would actually come from the combined Emergency Management/Board of Health process, and we are spot on with that based upon the numbers that we're seeing. If we further break that down,

it's about 37,212 adults and caregivers 65 and older that are included in that 52,000 number, 5,600 public safety individuals, and we're seeing that number increase as more and more public safety partners are seeing their friends actually getting vaccinated and their coworkers and not seeing any side effects due to that vaccination. Now they're opting to come in to get vaccinated. And the last bucket is 9,700, which includes healthcare workers, Board of Health employees. Individuals are helping us with the vaccination and testing efforts. You'll see the amount of first doses given, 31,567. Second doses given, 21,045. First doses scheduled 6,500 and second doses scheduled 4,500. And we'll be able to go ahead and break that down more later for you during the question and answer period. And we still are in group 1A, which includes the individuals that are in public safety and healthcare workers and 65 plus. I'm going to hand it back to Doug who is going to go ahead and showcase where Fulton County sits compared to other districts as well as the state of Georgia. Next slide, please."

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "All right. So the County Manager as of -- did mention that as of yesterday, the state now has put a dashboard up on the DPH website for vaccines. And our planning assumption is Matt just told you all along, as we had been told and we're assuming, based on conversations with hospitals and private entities, that we were getting about a fourth of the County's total of vaccine, and we couldn't be more right, at 52,000, and the County has done 208,000 vaccines administered, we're right on that one-quarter mark. As you can see, the County's first dose and second dose numbers there. And then at the bottom, you can also see -- and it's good to have this visibility in the County because it helps us kind of see where we are in the vaccine process. The bottom part is actually per 100,000. We are fifth in the per 100,000 with the only counties ahead of us, counties with populations that are very small. But we're at least -- we're at, at least double the nearest county in vaccines administered, and so it's kind of good to see, you know, what's going on around us. The other locations in the County hospitals and commercial, like I said, make up these three-fourths that you don't see that Fulton County Board of Health has done. The -- based on conversations with DPH, Phase 1A demographics could be as high as 250,000 when you add in caregivers to the -- and all the medical personnel that have been vaccinated and in the public safety, and the over 65 demographic for Fulton County. And so as you can see at 140,699, number one, I'm encouraged by the lack of hesitancy that is being displayed but also kind of gives us an idea of where we are in making our way through Phase 1A. Next slide.

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CONTROL: "Dr. Paxton, we'll pass it on to you, ma'am."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Okay, great. Can I have the next slide? All right. This is just to give some more information about our vaccination plan. And as has been mentioned a few times, yesterday, we opened up at the GICC, which went very well. The Governor came with his entourage and we gave him a tour. And everything worked out very -- you know, worked out well. Yesterday, you know, was our first -- it was our first day, so we vaccinated approximately 500

people, but we do know that we have the ability to expand capacity at that site relatively easily to maybe about 2,000. In addition, we know that we can expand the capacity at our North Point location also to about 4,000. And if ever given enough vaccine, at our Mercedes Benz site, almost the sky is almost the limit. We're talking like in the, you know, 15,000 to you know range. If we were ever to have enough vaccine and, of course, with enough personnel. Now, with the vaccine equity initiative, we are continuing to move full speed ahead of that. You know, as was described to all of you in prior meetings, we have piloted the initiative in which seniors have been in need have been provided transport, and an escort to help them with paperwork, and that was a very successful pilot. And so, now, this week we are expanding that even further. And we are actually taking vaccines to the particular senior center. So we'll be able to vaccinate seniors onsite there. And this week, again, is always, you know, you want to start slow and make sure you work out all the kinks. So we plan to vaccinate at least 200 through that means, but expect that we will be able to quickly ramp up to doing around 630 next week. We continue to move forward with our mobile vaccine -- mobile units to actually take vaccine out into the communities. We have an ever-growing list that's great, of groups that have volunteered to be vaccine sites. What we have to do is we have to discuss with them in actually in terms of and sometimes visit them, because as I think I believe I mentioned before, many of these people have previously worked with us as wonderful testing sites, but there are different requirements to be a vaccine site. So we have to, you know, assess each location to make sure that it would be a very good vaccine site. So but we're proceeding at pace with that. We've been already been in discussions with several groups. In addition, we have some of the mega churches that have volunteered to do this. And we're going to be meeting with them as a group. I would like to sort of work with them to coordinate among them all. With our staffing, obviously we need a lot of staff both clinical and nonclinical to run this kind of -- very successful and massive undertaking. So we're working a lot to refine what our staffing calendar is to make sure that we are properly staffed at all locations and looking at the hours. We have a lot of people who have offered to volunteer, and that's been great. But actually we have realized that, not that we realized, we knew this. You really have to vet all of the volunteers coming in. Not only the medical ones to make sure their licenses are up-to-date, but others. And that does take a bit of time to do that, but we're managing to work through that and we're even hiring a person -- we have hired a person to come in and help us so that we can rapidly vet these volunteers and then, you know, put their skills to use. We have a great need, of course, for clinical staff to be hired on a temporary basis, you know, for months, not for full time -- not to be employed forever, but for many months as we work through this vaccination plan. And I think we've progressed with that, and I believe that the purchase orders are out there, and so hopefully we'll be able to bring these staff relatively quickly within the next week or so, I'm hoping with that. Now, with our reservation system, and as, you know, we are preparing for a transfer to the state reservation system. On the -- just as the Health Director called yesterday; it was announced that the plan, that would likely happen around the 25th of February. So again, that's the date that they sent in, but it will depend on how well the pilot goes. Fulton is among one, I believe, five districts that is going to be participating in the pilot so we can hopefully -- so we can hopefully work out

the kinks and make it as smooth and responsive as possible. And so as part of that, we're, you know, thinking about are we are going to do this, the whole strategy for migration over to that state system. And so, of course, we'll let everyone know when that's ready to go live. It's going to require both. Obviously, the electronic based part of the system, and then for the call center for people who do not have access to the internet or computer or whatever. So we're working on how all that's going to fit together. But we feel that we will be able to do that. We did it for testing and we're going to be doing our best to do that. During this period of time, we have been very successful in reducing our wait list, which is great, so that by the time that we're ready to stand up this system, it should be at the point where people can make immediate appointments rather than having to go on to a wait list. So, you know, we'll keep you apprised on how that's going. So our public information campaign is exceedingly important and so we have a lot of things that we need to communicate to people. The issue of, you know, the phases. I mean we get literally 10s and 100s of inquires every day about when a particular person's -- when a particular phase is going to come up, you know, what our strategy is, the locations and all that. So we're always looking for ways to get more information out to the public about that. The County Manager touched on some of our plans for, you know, how we -- we get that. We do an enormous amount of home webinars and after-hour, you know, town halls, you know, presentations, this, that, and the other. Because everyone wants to hear, you know, hear about that and so we try to accommodate those to the extent that we can. And one of the important things is, again, as is the last thing mentioned here about, is we're working on a media strategy to combat vaccine hesitancy. I do believe that we are seeing, as always expected that there's almost a natural -- you almost expect a natural decrease in vaccine hesitancy. There are many people who are holding back because they just want to make sure that their friends and family, you know, wouldn't grow a third arm or something after getting the vaccine; they don't. They are more interested themselves in getting it. But then there's still a more hardcore group of people who have much deeper reservations about vaccines. So we have already been doing, as I mentioned, lots and lots of in person -- well virtual, you know, town halls and other things aimed at specific groups. We're trying to specifically get even more into like the Latinx community, so we're working with groups that are specifically, you know, part of this community. We have Hispanic physicians who are helping us, and helping us design a Spanish language only webinars for that. We are working actually in conjunction with DeKalb to work with the Mexican Consulate to have a vaccine event through them, and that would be sort of jointly run by both DeKalb and Fulton because the Mexican Consulate has a huge reach into the Latin community. But anyway we're working. That's just sort of a flavor of what we're doing. We actually have a lot that's going on. And we add more every day. And as we hear about good ideas from other counties or other organizations, we have no compunction against stealing them. And so we are, you know, as we hear about something that's worked in another district, we try it here and the like and so that's just sort of part of the evolution of basically getting vaccines out into the community and to the people who need them. I think that's the last slide. Can we see what the next slide is? Yeah, so basically now open for any questions that you might have."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Are we ready for questions?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Mr. Chair. This is Vice Chair Hall. I have my hand raised."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, I have you, Commissioner Hall. Questions now, Madam COO? Where is she? All right, go ahead, Commissioner Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. First, I want to say it is really great to see the numbers are doing much better. To Matt, I want to thank you for the warning though; however, because we do not want to give the people the impression that they should take their masks off, and start going to the restaurants, and nightclubs and everything as if things are back to normal. So thank you, Matt, for continuing to put that warning out that we are still in a dangerous state, and we should still continue to wear our masks, social distance, and wash our hands, and sanitize because as of just yesterday, I got word of some people that I know who are currently in the hospital and I would ask that everyone pray for Senator Donzella James who, at last Facebook post, was in the hospital on oxygen due to COVID, and the former State Rep, D. Dawkins Hagler, who's in the hospital on oxygen due to COVID. So we still need to be very careful and stay safe for ourselves, our family, and community. Dr. Paxton, you mentioned about communication, but I'm still getting questions from the community about what communication are you doing through the communities in Fulton County, and also have you started any radio, TV, or pamphlet communication to people who are experiencing the digital divide, meaning they don't have access to the internet. They don't have access to get on line, and they may listen to the radio, watch TV, or be able to pick up a pamphlet from somewhere in their community."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Let's see, I'm not sure if -- I don't know if Sheena's on, our communications person. She's actually in the best position to say exactly where we are with all of those. I do know that we have developed those materials, you know, pamphlets, brochures, radio ads. I understand -- I actually heard a radio ad myself driving to work one day, although I normally listen to podcasts, so that was really kind of unusual that I would have been listening to this station. So I know that there are radio ads that are out. I believe -- again, I would have to check on this with Sheena. I believe that we are still in the process of developing some television PSA spots. I know that there are -- well, you talked about the digital divide, so this might -- this wouldn't really apply to them. But on social media, there are a number of things that are on, you know, YouTube, Facebook, and the like. The communications team has developed, and I have seen that we have digital billboards up. I've seen them on my way to work and I also believe that there are things in the -- in bus -- you know, the waiting areas where people wait for the bus to arrive. But anyway, I think that in order to get a more comprehensive, I know, I can ask Sheena to say exactly where we are with all this."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "All right. And at the last meeting, Jessica did mention that her department is assisting with communications? Jessica, can you add any update on the communication that's being worked on for the Board of Health for COVID?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you, Commissioner Hall -- thank you, Vice Chair. We are working very closely with Sheena and the team. There is a campaign, as Dr. Paxton mentioned, around the risk behavior such as wearing masks and things like that. We will also be bring forward in March, at your next meeting, you recall that we worked with an agency specifically around hesitancy and issues like that and communication initiatives for communities of color in 2020, and we will be bringing that forward for you at the next meeting. The vaccine hesitancy has really highlighted some of those ongoing health disparity issues, and we know that Fulton County has been particularly interested in equity and ensuring that there is equitable adoption of the vaccine and equitable access. So we've had some very good discussion. We'll be bringing that forward in the next -- at your next meeting, Madam Vice Chair. We will also -- one of the communication challenges we've had right now is that the supply -- demand exceeds supply. And so there is a concern about over marketing something that we are struggling to meet demand today. But what our strategy has been to begin laying the ground work so that as the supply increases, and I'm sure you've heard that there are new vaccines coming forward for approval that will again increase supply. So as the supply catches up with demand that we would be able to have some of those things in market already and develop to address those very concerns. So more to come. Madam Vice Chair, I'm very excited to bring those forward to you at your next meeting."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you, Jessica. And can you provide a list of what TV stations and radio stations we are utilizing to communicate to the public. You don't have to do that right now, but if you could just e-mail that to me. And speaking of the demand, the last thing I saw was about a backlog of 28,000 on the wait list. So if Dr. Paxton or Matt could address and give an update on that backlog of 28,000."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Yeah. That's what I was mentioning to you when I said that we've been very slow getting -- successfully working our way through that backlog. I do not know what the actual number is right now, but it's -- I probably shouldn't give a number, but it's definitely less than 28,000 because we did stop adding people to the wait list and have been working through that, I mean. And we figured out that at the rate of which we could that, we should have cleared it by the time that the new appointment system is ready to be stood up."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "And speaking of the new appointment system, it was said that you were disabling your system and completely bringing that page down, but I've been receiving a lot of calls and texts and messages from people saying that there is nothing communicated to them what to do since that has been disabled. So if you could please offer information on what people should do while the system is disabled."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "See Jessica, I mean I know that we sent out -- we sent out a blast e-mail to everyone who was already on the -- who had ever communicated with us. I think about 90,000 people to basically let them know about this and to explain where we were going with that. I'm a little less familiar with what exactly is on the website right now. There are scripts at the call center for people who call in to explain, you know, where we are and to explain that we are awaiting for the rollout of a new system somewhere near the end of February. But again, maybe Jessica, you might be able to address a little bit more like what's currently on our website and on our social media sites about this."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you, Dr. Paxton. Unfortunately, because the wait list is inactive and the new system has not yet come up, we are in a time period where the best action we can encourage is for constituents to continue checking back with us in eight days from today where we hope to -- and again, that is subject to change. We expect that the new appointment system will be available. And so between now and then, Madam Vice Chair, you made a very important point, is the need to communicate to our residents what will happen next. So we just had some discussion about this late yesterday afternoon. The Board of Health will be -- for people who are on that list today, who we don't know their status, they will be getting some updates about the fact that the system is coming on line, and we've also continued to be putting out kind of e-mail blasts letting people know we're in this sort of gap period, and we'll be communicating with people as we get a little more information about the appointment system is coming. You will be able to sign up and make appointments in the next few days. So it is an uncomfortable period, but I think that once the new system comes on line, it will be much more effective and stable to allow people to make their appointments. And by Doug, or Matt, Dr. Paxton, to clarify if I have misspoken about anything."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "No, I don't think you've misspoken, that's -- we're still also -- we -- I haven't yet seen the prototype of the new system. So we are -- we're hoping that we'll be seeing that very soon and can give you all a lot more information about it."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. As you can imagine, it's very disturbing for a person who is trying to schedule a COVID test, and they are met by a system that has been disabled, and no communication on what they're supposed to do because that system is disabled. So Jessica, you are correct that it is very important that we put something out there so that when someone goes to that system and they encountered that it's disabled, that there's some message of -- that says give them some instruction or information. So I hope that you will do that as soon as possible. You kind of touched on the pilot scheduling system and I heard Dr. Paxton say that she still hasn't seen it yet, but I've heard -- I remember in a past presentation that it was stated that it is being tested? Can you speak to how it's being tested?"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Well, yes. As I said, I think it's about five districts including us will be taking part in this in the pilot. And so, maybe at least one our standing sites will be part of this pilot. So they're going to be providing our team with the necessary tablets, and the training, and then we will be testing it. Piloting it to see how it works and using that to make any further refinements sort of similar to what we did back with the MSD system, you know, way back when. It seems like a century ago, but -- which was, you know, just last year for the testing scheduling rollout."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "And as we all assume this is going to be an online system, and last night at the Fourth Ward neighborhood meeting, Dr. Holland, I want to thank him for being a part of that meeting per their request. But he mentioned that the Board of Health had to switch to the Fulton County website because the Board of Health website couldn't handle the amount of traffic. And so have you since -- resolved this issue?"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Yes. You know, we have managed -- we haven't had our system fail now in several weeks. So locally yes, we have managed to overcome those issues. This is going to be a statewide system, so it's actually going to be -- the base system will be through the state. I personally am a luddite, so I actually cannot address what the actual requirements are needed for our side, but obviously our IT people are well versed in all that. And they feel that whatever's needed from our side, we are able to do, you know, at the moment. We're still working on a number of things like we do want to be able to hold back certain appointments, you know, that wouldn't be part of the system. And we've been told that that would be possible. We just need to figure out how that's -- I just need to find out how that's going to be done. As again, and it's not entirely -- and it can't be. It's not entirely an online system. We always need to cater to people who are not online. So it's also going to be linked into our call center so people can call and make their appointments that way as well. So it's going to be -- obviously it has to be a mixture of online and call based."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you for that. That is absolutely necessary. And so because most of what we do with implementing systems-involved technology, I think it would probably be best to have someone on hand that can address the IT questions related to all of these matters so that we can have those responses immediately. And in talking about the technology of -- is the new system -- scheduling system going to be prepared for the amount of traffic that it's likely to see? Because since you have a system that's currently disabled and there are so many people who are trying to access it and they're not able to and they're not -- they don't know what to do after that, you can probably expect that they're going to be a lot people -- a big backlog that will hit that system once it's up and running. And so, I just to make sure that someone is addressing the potential for a large amount of traffic, so we don't see the downtime that we've seen in the past. I also have questions because it was a mentioned of going to the Fulton County Senior Centers who -- and I'm assuming that's sort of a pilot program that was put in place that Dr. Roshell mentioned --"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Yes."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "During her presentation at the last BOC meeting?"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Yes."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. So I've had a lot of calls from seniors who they don't frequent the senior centers. They're not part of that population that goes to our Fulton County Senior Multipurpose Centers or neighborhood centers. However, they are concerned about getting vaccinated. And so, do you have a plan for potentially going to the senior high rises, assisted living facilities, apartment complexes because as we saw at the beginning of the pandemic, a lot of those individual locations had a surge within their living quarters of COVID-19, and it spread so rapidly because they live in the confines of these high rises and other types of senior living facilities. So is there a plan to do that, because a lot of those seniors don't go to our senior centers."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Yes, there is. And I'll jump into that, but I also think I saw Dr. Roshell sit down, so I'll also ask her, you know, if she will mention this. Yes, absolutely. We actually have already got a list of -- we're developing a list of some of these senior high rises. So at places where we know there's a large congregation of seniors. And so our plan is to use what we call, I think you've heard me say this, our strike teams, to go out to there and to vaccinate people who live there onsite. So yes. And Dr. Roshell, I see that you're there, so please do jump in."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS: "Yes, good morning. Pamela Roshell, Deputy Chief Operating Officer. Vice Chair Hall, Dr. Paxton, just to support what she is saying, the Department of Senior Services, we have been working with her team not only to ensure that we have a very robust schedule for all of the multipurpose facilities, which will include our neighborhood senior centers and adult day along with their caregivers, we have those mobile strike teams scheduled through April, and we're also reviewing all of the lists of high rises and other communities, congregate communities that were not serviced by the CVS partnership to ensure that they will, in fact, have a vaccination day."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you so much, Dr. Roshell, I appreciate that response. And also, I want to address the article in the AJC. Dr. Paxton, thank you very much for being so responsive to the e-mails, the last one especially from Princess Wilson who leaves in the Old Fourth Ward community in downtown Atlanta, and she's a senior. And her concern, however, wasn't completely addressed. I think you missed -- mistook her e-mail in what she was saying. She was trying to point out that there was an AJC article that mentioned that the City of Atlanta Fire Department family members jumped the vaccine line. You responded by saying that there was a memo and the memo was incorrect when, in fact, she was asking you about the article. And so, you know, I know

for a fact that this is happening. The families of first responders are going to the locations and getting vaccinated, and I know this because I know a fire fighter who has been helping with administrating the vaccine and he's doing it in North Fulton. And he has vaccinated many family members, so they are jumping ahead in the line. And I also want to address the fact that the City of Atlanta Fire Rescue Department wrote a memo to all fire users. It's written from Jimmy Gittens, Deputy Chief, EMS Division and it's saying, you know, that Atlanta Fire Rescue Department jointly with the Mayor's Office of Emergency Preparedness has finalized the second round 1B of COVID-19 vaccinations for the members and immediate family members of the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department. So there was an official memo that went out and there's much more to this that mentions about the family members getting vaccinated. So it concerns me and the residents that are e-mailing and calling and everything because it makes them assume that we're going to run out of vaccinations faster, and not be able to continue to administer them to the actual group that we're supposed to be addressing right now because of all these additional people are going and getting vaccinated who are not in that group."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "I'm going to pull Matt into this -- oh, I'm sorry. I thought you were finished."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "No, I'm just saying can just address that, please."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Yeah, yeah. No, I -- we were all horrified when we saw that this -- that this memo had come out. And so I will -- actually, I'm going to pull Matt into this because he has been liaising with them. We reported this to the City of Atlanta and to their legal department that this is not according to what we do. We are not vaccinating family members. And so we've actually been referring any further inquiries about this to their legal counsel because this is not our -- this is not our procedures. Family members should not be getting vaccinated unless it's for their own merits -- if they're over 65. They are on their own merits. If they are in Tier 1A, that's fine, but not just because they are family member. And we told them, and Matt can say what his -- what his liaisons have been with the Atlanta Fire Rescue. But no, that is not our policy. And if it comes to our attention, we will not vaccinate that person. But Matt, do you want to address this a bit more since you are more on the front lines with it?"

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CONTROL: "Yes, ma'am. So every one of the municipalities was educated on more than one opportunity as to what 1A stood for and what the category of individuals would be included in that. What we did is ask each municipality to go ahead and work a list for us based upon the guidance documents that was received from the State Department of Public Health and the Board of Health, and to be able to go ahead and vet that list and then turn it into us so that we can go ahead and get them scheduled for that. Regrettably, there was a breakdown in trust and you did see the memo. I believe this also occurred during a transition of the fire chief role in the City of Atlanta. Subsequently, they did take the

necessary steps to go ahead and rectify the situation. Dr. Paxton is correct. They have deferred all comments and questions and concerns to their legal department. They are conducting internal investigations to see how it got to that point. But it was never been at any one point in the process told that family members would be eligible for public safety. It was always public safety, healthcare workers, were the ones that were gonna be considered 1A. And for our public safety, we would want to make sure that one understood it was police, fire, EMS, and 911. That's who we went ahead and asked these municipalities to include. So they do have PPE, throughout the whole process had someone there at the Mercedes Benz site to go ahead, and ensure that the individuals that were coming were actually APD sworn officers, or civilian employees that were supporting the public safety effort in critical roles. AFR will be doing that going forward along with the Mayor's office preparedness to ensure that any AFR members that do show up are really the ones that are supposed to vaccinated. Last week, when we did find out about this memo that came, we were alerted to it by the State Department of Public Health. We ensured that all of our sites were aware of the rules once again to do a valid ID check, and we did have to turn some individuals away on Thursday as well as Friday at the Mercedes Benz site because they did not qualify for that. So the new fire chief, Chief Rod Smith, is aware of it, and he is working with his department to ensure that they remain compliant with the rules and regulations that have been put forth by the State Department of Public Health."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "All right. Thank you so much for that, Matt. And an additional question from a constituent was that was in the e-mail, Dr. Paxton, that was not addressed is that she says she's found that other counties in other states are addressing the marginalized equity for seniors disabled and et cetera, who do not live in senior or nursing homes. And so what is Fulton County Board of Health doing to address that population of seniors who do not live in senior or nursing homes. And she says this should be part of the 1A group. Who can respond to that?"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "I'm sorry? For disabled or for people over 65? She's correct in that just being disabled does not put you into 1A. That is not part of it. But for seniors, as I've, you know, mentioned before, we do have that sort of multi-pronged approach which, you know, has the component that does go with senior centers. We recognize again and not everybody lives in a senior center, but we are obviously as we've just mentioned, using our strike teams to go out to people that we can find in congregate living. As for people who -- for the many seniors who do not live in a congregate living facility or a long-term care facility or who do not visit the seniors, you know, senior centers or daycare centers, you know, we are sort of working more on our media outreach to them. And like many of them do frequent churches, and so we think that that's going to be, and we are well embarked on plans to work with some of the churches to get people in to be vaccinated through our drives that we'll be having there. So we're hoping that that will be another way of reaching seniors who are not living in a senior center or a long-term care facility or a congregate living center, you know, so that that would be another way that we'd be able to, you know, to get them in. And then, otherwise, if they have none of those

connections, then hopefully just our general media outreach will, you know, help people to understand what's going on and how they can make appointments."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you. And lastly, there was a recent news article of a man who is the first person to have contracted the new strain of COVID-19 that's from South Africa, and this is the second time that he's had it. Can you update us on this new strain and what's going on with it?"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Okay. Well I'm not familiar with -- I haven't read that particular article, so I can't really address that. But we do know that there's multiple strains of, you know, COVID that are out there right now. There's well known the UK strain that was first developed, you know, first found in Britain. There is the South African strain which you're just mentioning. There's a Brazilian strain. Now these variants, this is actually what you expect. This is what viruses do. They are continually mutating and they come up with -- and there are different strains. So the important thing is that all of these strains, as they're being discovered, surveillance is instituted to see how big of a problem, you know, are they. And so with the British strain and with the South African strain and with the Brazilian strain, there have been some common things that happened -- have been found for them. One is that, among all three, they do tend to be more easily transmissible, like maybe about 50 to 70 percent more transmissible than the, I'll call it the garden variety COVID that we've been dealing with for the past month. There is some -- you know, as data is accumulating, it is looking like some of these strains may also be somewhat more deadly. Well, you know, in terms that the mortality rate is somewhat higher. However, what's good is that, all right, the overall mortality rate for coronavirus is still relatively low. So if you have a mortality rate of one percent and then a new variant brings it up to 1.5 percent, that's not good, but it's not like Ebola levels of death. And so some of these variants, it looks like accumulating data is showing that they are more transmissible. They might have a slightly higher mortality rate associated with them. What all of the current vaccine manufacturers are doing is that they are actively monitoring the efficacy of their vaccines against these strains. And what you might have heard is that with the Astra-Zeneca vaccine, which was actually in clinical trials in South Africa, that it did have reduced activity against the South African variant to the point where the Republic of South Africa decided that they were not going to continue with buying that for their population. Pfizer and Moderna have also been monitoring the efficacy of their vaccine both in vitro and also they're looking at people who have been vaccinated to see if whether or not their vaccines are protective against these variants. And to date, it looks like both the Moderna and the Pfizer vaccines are protective against all of these variants. Although there has been some slight drop off in efficacy in vitro against one of the strains, I can't remember which one it was, but still --"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Is that the South African?"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "I don't -- I believe it was the South African strain that it was that it showed some minor, you know, decrease

in vitro. So what they're doing, and the beauty of an mRNA vaccine though, we are lucky in one thing, the mRNA vaccines in comparison to more traditional vaccines are relatively easy to create. And so they can relatively easily configure another iteration of the vaccine which could have greater targeted efficacy towards one or more of these variants. And so the possibility is there is that if it's found that it's needed they can relatively easily reconfigure the vaccine which could potentially, let's say, be given as a booster shot. So, you know, maybe a couple months down the line if it turns out that these variants -- and we do expect at some point, because this is what variants do, variants do tend to become the predominant strain, especially if you got a variant that's more transmissible than, you know, over time it becomes the dominant one. So we might possibly be several months from, you know, saying okay, well it's now recommended that anybody who's had a vaccine has already been fully immunized should get a booster shot with this new thing. So I mean I'm just saying we should always be open to that possibility. This is what science is for is to, you know, you monitor the data, you come up with solutions, and you implement them. So that's kind of what we know in a nutshell for right now. But at the moment, you can rest assure that all available tests have shown that the current Moderna and Pfizer vaccines, which are the ones that we are using, are effective against all of these strains."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Well thank you so much, Dr. Paxton, Matt, and Dr. Roshell. You've answered all of the questions that I have and I appreciate that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Commissioner Ellis followed by Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Dr. Paxton, this day is sort of a couple of topics I was interested in your insight on. I know that we're assisting these sort of in need long-term care facilities. Do you have a sense of how many of those were still out there to be addressed? Or do you feel like we're coming to a pretty good point of hitting most, if not all of them."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "I believe that we've - - I think sometime this week we should have finished hitting them all. We had a list, I believe it was about 14 long-term care facilities that were not covered by the CVS program. And so we've partnered with Tuxedo Pharmacy, which has been a great partner, for them to go out and to do them and at the last time I checked a couple of days ago and, you know, again I think probably Matt and Doug and his team can be more up-to-date, but I believe we'd already gotten through 10 of the 14 and we had like another four or so to do. But Doug, do you know, where we are with that?"

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "Yes, ma'am. For the long-term care facilities, not the smaller facilities, we are 100 percent done with first shots and we start the second round next week."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Okay. So even better than I just said."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. All right. Thank you for that. And, you know, the second topic, and this may not be something you have an answer to, so not asking you to come up with one, certainly if you don't. But really, just more of something I think that sooner we could get whatever guidance is needed out to folks, it would be good. So this really relates to when we might move to a second phase. It certainly, based on some of the prior discussion, it's very unfortunate that, you know, our staff has to be, not only do vaccinations but also do policing at times of who should be receiving them based upon people attempting to bend the rules and jump the shark, but certainly we all recognized probably at an effort that is as big as this that that's going to occur, that people are going to try to game the system. So, you know, things will get through and they'll be that story if we all recognize that, but certainly brought us through, you know, trying to put as reasonable safeguards in to ensure that that doesn't happen. But really, my question becomes, if we're moving into this 1A, which is really 1B I guess it is, right, that's going to have this host of basket of essential workers in it, right? You know, now, who's over 65 and first responders, that's a little bit easier to quantify, right, because there are smaller universes. You've got an age and then the other you're dealing very select groups. But this essential worker basket is a very large animal. I guess it's probably good in hoping that this state-appointment system is going to have some sort of qualifier to how you distinguish that you're eligible. But, you know, I guess the sooner we can get some sort of guidance out about how you're going to be able to demonstrate it, if you're indeed going to be in this next phase that you do qualify, you know, what sort of -- what's going to be required. I imagine it's going to have to be something other than taking somebody at their word. We're also going to have a huge run of the system obviously. So, you know, I suspect also every time we move through these phases right when we start a phase, is going to be when we see, you know, probably the largest, you know, kind of everybody's trying to hit the system, you know, you're going to have the, you know, the biggest rush whereas now we're probably hitting a lull, maybe we're hitting the point of getting a little bit a taper in the demand from the over 65. Certainly, that's not like we're fully there yet, but hopefully we're about to hit that pretty soon. But we'll be at a different tipping point when we have met demand curve it's going to go shoot right back up when we go through this next phase. So I guess that's really what I'm going ask is, you know, kind of it -- whatever point in time it is, hopefully, you know, before we actually enter into the phase, we'll be able to demonstrate, you know, kind of what folks need to be able to qualify for the vaccine."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Well, yes. Commissioner Ellis, you have completely -- you've articulated the things that keep me up at night. We know it's going to be a nightmare when we move into the phase with the essential workers. So what I can say is that all of the district health directors, literally on every single call we have, we bring this up and say we need guidance from the governor and what's going to -- who's going to qualify, and we need that to be, you know, put out on the websites and everywhere so people know who qualifies. Because

I literally, I can point to at least five letters I've gotten the past week from various groups saying well, I should be considered an essential worker and blah, blah, blah. You know we got this -- we get these all the time. So we're going to be doing that. And then as Matt and his team can attest to, we have -- we've brought even just yesterday, said, you know, we are -- you know, we need to start to get into the real nitty gritty of the planning for how we're going to handle the essential workers. Some of them will be easier than others. Like, for example, if we have county employees who are, you know, who are considered essential workers from all the counties, you know, it's actually relatively easy to do something for them like we did with public safety and that they have like a day that's designated as whatever, you know, for this particular category of county workers and they show up with their identification and it's maybe pre -- preset and we know the list. That will be, you know, relatively easy. What's going to be a problem is when we get into the larger categories of people who, for example, are working in grocery delivery, food delivery and all that. How many grocery stores do we have in this, you know, in the County and how many people work for them and how are we going to prove, you know, that they do this. I don't -- I have no allusions that this is going to be easy. So we're trying to preplan for this to keep as much order in it as we can. And we're going to have to work hand-in-hand with the state to make sure that everyone is sort of following the same rules. We can't have rules in one county that don't apply to another because we have seen already that people are going to flood to the easier county, the softer county, they're going to just go, you know, to do that. So we're trying to put up our -- to do our planning now. And so as soon as we kind of get that together and we know who the governor is going to designate as being essential employees, we will share that with you. We will put it up on the websites. We will do everything we can to get that out because otherwise everyone's going to just be coming because they all think -- they might be doing important work, but not everybody's considered an essential worker. So we are aware that this is going to be a problem."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. Well thank you. Hopefully maybe at the next meeting we'll have -- that can be topic which we can -- you can elaborate on a little bit further. So I appreciate that. No further questions."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Commissioner Ellis. Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And before I ask my questions, I just want to say welcome back, Matt, we've missed you two weeks ago and, again, we're all sorry for your loss. I appreciate your being here today. I appreciate your good work. Dr. Paxton, back to the conversation about the current group we're trying to serve and the seniors. Where are we with our percentage of seniors that we've actually given either a first or second shot to? I see the total numbers, but not sure how many of those are actually in the senior category."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Well, Doug might have more up-to-date thing. But the last I know is that we -- it's hard to get all of the information. So actually I asked DPH, Chris Ruxton, to look into the GRIT system which

does have the ages. And when he did that for us in our County, we had -- this was about -- this was last week, and I think we had around 68,000 people over the age of 65 who had gotten, you know, at least their first dose. And at that time, based on the estimate of like about 130,000 people over the age of 65, that indicated that we were -- you know, we were heading towards at least the 60 percent, you know, range then. Now again, that was last week. So I don't know where we are right now. But it did show that we were making progress to getting, you know, 65s and older."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Well, now that's really good news. And I guess, at some point, when we reach some threshold in the state where we then begin to advance to the next tiers, is that what you're hearing?"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Do you know what that threshold is?"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "No, I don't know what the threshold is. They are monitoring this. We -- and so they'll kind of let us know when it is. But they have not said oh, when we get to 80 percent or 90 percent or 95. They haven't given us an actual number."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Well, the good news is we now have a network in place unlike before when we were trying to address the announcement of the 65 and over, so we're in a good place I think. Great news on opening up the convention center in College Park. It looks fabulous. So that's -- so I think we're in a good place if, in fact, we have the supply. And I hope people understand that that's really our obstacle here is the supply. The whole state's feeling it. The whole country is feeling that. But as we move forward and you're talking about the wait list and the pilot program and everything. So if the state's coming on line on the 25th, we're still on target to have the pilot be up around the 21st or 22nd, is that what you're hearing?"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Well, I'm not exactly certain when that's going to start, because they did have to back track a bit on their initial date for when the pilot was going to start because there were some deficiencies that were pointed out to them. So I don't know exactly what date we'll be starting the pilot. I will -- I'll have to check with our IT people. They're more close -- they're closer to this than I. But it will be somewhere between the 21st and 22nd."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "And like the other commissioners have mentioned, you know, we're all getting contacted from folks who are on the wait list and they're still waiting to hear what's going to happen with the wait list, and they see what we're putting out and haven't heard anything. So we've been, as we get those forwarding them on, I checked with a couple while we're having this conversation that they have contacted me but are still waiting. So I hope that everybody that thinks they're on the wait list actually is communicated with."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Well, if they -- those are the people who are -- who are on the wait list."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "They go h that confirmation e-mail that they're on the wait list. They're awaiting to hear about, you know, what's going to happen."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Well they should have hopefully -- they should have gotten the blast e-mail to explain it. And then as I said, we are clearing the wait list. And so we have been putting out appointments, you know, for them and we expect that we'll have it cleared in the next two weeks or so. So if they have gotten, you know, in the next two weeks if they have gotten no further communications then, please, they can always communicate with Ms. Sheena Haynes to find out about them. But if they were already on the wait list when we closed it, then they are going to be contacted eventually with a link so they can make their appointment."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "I'm not complaining. Just letting you know what I'm hearing. Some of these folks say that they got the e-mail two weeks ago. So we're forwarding them on and just letting you know what we're hearing out there. And then you're talking about your outreach to the Hispanic community, that's wonderful. Are you doing the same thing with the Asian community in Fulton?"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Well, actually, we need to talk more about that, you know, in how we're -- I have found that actually we don't have as a ready-made entrée into the Asian community as we do with both the African-American and the Latin-American community. That was kind of an eye-opener to me. So we are still talking about, you know, where can we direct our media outreach and the like? We're still discussing -- we're discussing how we can, you know, further make in rides into the Asian community."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Okay. Well I'd be happy to assist you with that. There is a large community in my district, and I've got several contacts that we can share with you, so we'll get that information to you because, you know, they're being targeted unfairly right now by a lot of groups. And so I just think it's important that we support them as well as the rest of the residents of Fulton County. And then finally, as we move forward in 1B, you know, I'm sure that the teachers will be included in this list of essential workers. I can't imagine especially now that the president is saying publicly that he favors making sure that they're in the next group. I'm hearing a lot of requests on how that might happen whether it's utilizing our mobile networks or, you know, some of the other ways that we can help, you know, address the issue with the teachers. But I just hope that we're, you know, actively planning for that kind of thing to be ready as soon as it's --

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Well, we actually are and, in fact, I just got an e-mail -- for some reason I got three of the same e-mails from Superintendent Herring. I don't think she realizes she sent it to me three times last night. But it was a very nice letter from her representing Atlanta public schools. We've been working in depth with both the Atlanta public school system and the Fulton County public school system. As we've mentioned before, we have done these big events with them at Mercedes Benz stadium to get their own healthcare workers vaccinated and for them in turn to vaccinate their over 65s under our auspices at Mercedes Benz stadium. That's worked incredibly well. So with the -- you know, us not being stupid, we have an ulterior motive in doing this in so that they are then prepared to vaccinate their own staff when it's open to Phase 1B. So as I understand it, they have already been making plans. They've done vaccine hesitancy surveys and actually that's even getting better and better. You know, more and more of their staff, they want to get vaccinated when it's available. And they're well into ways -- into making plans as to specific days they will close like an entire school, you know, so that they can get the -- get all their staff vaccinated. I want to work with them more. I'd like to actually utilize them to help vaccinate other schools that are not part of their networks because we have a lot of independent schools who are interested in this too. So I think we can probably work something out with them that we can manage to get all schools vaccinated, but we're actively working with them, and our team that has been working with the school system since day one of the pandemic is really on top of this, and they've got very close liaisons with them. So I think we'll get this worked out relatively easily."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Very good, very good. The community would be very happy to hear that. And Jessica, I hope that when, in fact, this does happen, that we're ready to communicate that to the public because we're getting an awful lot of questions about the teachers. So thank you very much, Dr. Paxton."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Anyone else at this time? All right, thank you very much. Madam COO, continue, please."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Next slide. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Next slide. So we heard a lot in the previous presentation about the improvement in the positivity rate and the trajectory of the seven-day average. So I won't repeat all of that. While we've seen improvement, we are still above thresholds that we've set for our reopening indicators. And therefore, that indicator remains red. Before I move to the next slide, I'd like to make one comment on equipment. We have been very successful over the last six to eight months acquiring PPE for our cache and for our supportive reopening efforts. We have recently hit a snag as it relates to the acquisition of gloves. For this week, I was allowed by Doug to keep this indicator green, but he does have an eye on this indicator if his pursuit along with the purchasing department in the area of glove acquisition doesn't improve, we may need to downgrade this indicator to yellow. So more to come on that in the next meeting. Next slide. Much like the improvement that we have experienced I think in the County as well as the state and what we're seeing nationwide, we did experience a decrease thankfully in the

number of employees that have been positive for COVID-19 over the last two weeks. As you recall in the month of January, late December, we had seen numbers in the 20s consistently over the two-week reports. For the first time in a little while we see that number now at 10 and are grateful for the improvement that we see there. Next slide. That brings our total number of COVID-19 positive employees since we've been tracking it, to 319 individuals. Next slide. Our reopening phase is still 1, but I do want to alert the Board to a couple of steps that we are taking toward reopening. One is not on this slide and is developing in the last year a couple of days. We are in discussions with the chief judge and our partners in the justice system to target a March date for the resumption of jury trials. And so in order to put the proper measures in place and to increase social distancing, the courts have been exploring the best locations to expand their operations, and so I'm pleased to report that because of the push that Ellis Kirby and his team in DREAM did, we do have Assembly Hall ready and available as an option for the use by the Courts in the expansion of their operation footprint to have jury trials begin. We are targeting some date in March, March 15th at this point. We're still working out a lot of the details for that. But very pleased to be working with the chief judge and his leadership and team to ensure that they have a successful transition back. That will be very important to the backlog that has developed over the last almost year now that we have been in a limited capacity within the courts. And so again, consistent with Chief Judge Melton's discretion that he gave to local governments to begin to prepare for jury trials. We're happy to be working with the courts to move that forward and glad to have the ability to have the space available in Assembly Hall to support that. The other thing that we are making progress on is working with the tax commissioner and his leadership team to reopen two locations that have been closed for quite some time. We're looking forward again to that reopening because we hope and believe that it will relieve the pressure on our north and south annex tax locations that have seen an uptick in the number of individuals patronizing those locations because of the closure of these two. In that vein, Commissioners, I'd like to turn it over now to Ellis Kirby, next slide, to talk about the work that he has been doing with the Tax Commissioner's office in order to reopen those two offices at 141 and Greenbrier. Ellis, I don't think is with us in person, but is here remotely."

ELLIS KIRBY, DEPUTY COO, INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES: "Good morning, Commissioners, and everyone. Just real quickly, we're working with, you know, Rodney Floyd and Dr. Ferdinand's team to reopen two offices that are currently closed. And we are taking all measures from a safety perspective in reopening. The biggest being we're going to be installing permanent shields at each service desk, both on the Fulton County employee side and on the user side. So we've targeted, you see the two dates below. We're looking at a 141 Pryor opening of March 1st and Greenbrier opening of March 15th. Hopefully, we may beat those by few days, but that's the target. We want to make sure their staff is in and comfortable. So those are the two dates for those. And then other measures, I just want to mention real quick is, we are working with other departments in providing additional line support if needed. And Rodney is in HR working closely on that. We are reevaluating PPE needs to make sure that we have the PPE needs specifically for those two openings but in supporting the other operations

ongoing. Right now, they're doing a temporary communications feature based on taking their cell phone. Terry Noble in working with IT and our team and also procurement are looking at a Q-matic upgrade that automates that process through their system. That is forthcoming. Do not have a final date on that yet, but that is coming to replace the temporary measure that we are taking now. And then we will also be installing permanent shields at the other three locations, 141 and Greenbrier were top priority, but we want to do the other three. Hopefully our target is by the end of March, if not earlier, to get those other three locations. So Anna, that's my summary."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam COO, you there?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are ready to take any questions that the Board may have around reopening prior to diving into the update on the rental assistance program."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Abdur -- excuse me, Rahman, please."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chair. I'm glad to see that we really have a tentative date the first of March and the 15th for the tax commissioner's office in Greenbrier and 141. However, I am still getting reports about the South Fulton Annex, about the changes and the backup that we've put in place that you all work with us to put in place. In fact, I had over the weekend, three different community leaders actually send me a screenshot of situations with seniors and handicapped being in the line outside when we have an assembly hall upstairs. And so I really do need the issue addressed, but more importantly, I need some continuity. The days that I'm out here at the South Fulton Annex, the days that my staff is out here, everything flows perfectly. The days when I'm not here, it doesn't. And so I thank you, the County Manager and Madam COO. I do thank you all. You all did address it and we thought we had a plan of action in place. But when we got 32 and 25 degrees outside and when my office is still getting e-mails, phone calls, my chief of staff is getting phone calls, my director of operations is getting phone calls about seniors and handicapped and individuals having to stand in a line outside when we have an assembly hall a nice warm taxpayer paid for assembly hall, then I take issue with that. And so I did -- what I need to do on my end, I have been consistent out here, but I need some help. I need some continuity with the management to make sure what you all put in place as a backup is being adhered to daily whether the Fulton County Commissioner of District 6 is in the building or not. Because what I am beginning to feel as let's do it when the commissioner is here and when the commissioner's not here, then it's business as usual. And we cannot have senior citizens -- we cannot have handicaps -- furthermore, I would say we cannot have citizens outside in the cold with these bare frigid temperatures and we've got a warm empty assembly hall. And so I really do need some continuity and I also need some help in making sure that the things that y'all put in place, and I thank you. I thank you for partnering with my staff and my office to do that. But I really do need some continuity because it is unacceptable at any level for the pictures that I received and the calls that I received of what's going on. Now if there's a lapse -- if there is someone --

there's a training issue, I don't know what the issue is, and for me to be here at the South Fulton annex for things to be done correctly, is unacceptable as well. That is not what my constituents sent me. They sent me for to fight for them, but they didn't send me here to manage this building and manage this problem. I'll do it if it's not being done, but I'm just putting you all on notice here again, we're having a lapse. I also need to know is there an update on the machines? I know at one point, we were talking about that we had a system in place for people to be able to take a number, go sit in their car. Is there any update on that? And if there is or isn't, I need to know. Thank you."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Thank you, Commissioner Rahman, for that update. I regret to hear that you have the impression that we are not doing something when you are not in the building. Of course, that is not our intention. So I do plan to circle back with the Tax Commissioner's leadership team. We did make arrangements for the line management ability to be a permanent resource for the tax commissioners. So I'll just follow up with them to make sure that we are ensuring that the line management is happening there at the South Annex. With respect to your second question, Commissioner Ellis touched on this in his remarks. Right now, we are manually taking telephone numbers and offering constituents the opportunity to wait in their car and be called. We are working with the purchasing department to upgrade our Q-matic system to be able to perform that function as a part of the queueing system, an electronic queueing system that the tax commissioner currently uses. So that is to come in. I don't have an update as to the exact date that will be available. But we have a similar manual process in place now and are hoping to automate that as soon as we get things straight with Q-matic. But you do have my commitment to follow up to ensure that there is adequate line management happening at the location. Thank you for that feedback."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Madam COO, I know that you have -- you are a member of the district, so I know that you have a very, very heartfelt concern, and I want to thank you. I know that we talked about this. I know that we worked on it. But I would not be fair if I didn't tell you this because evidently you don't know, and so I would appreciate any concerns, anything that you can do to make sure that this is not only rectified. I think it was rectified, but I think -- or should I say I know it's not consistent. So anything that you can do, Madam COO, to make sure there is some consistency, I really would appreciate it."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Yes, ma'am."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Anyone else? Any further questions for this segment. If not, continue Madam COO."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Members of the Board, I do have an update. Next slide, please. An update on the rental assistance program that we have been working on to ensure that we expedite the

implementation in order to meet our commitment to the Board to push for a March 1 opening date or launch date for this program. I would like to take just a moment to commend Dr. Roshell and her team as well as the strategy and performance management team for all that they have done so far in expediting onboarding this program and that I would also like to commend Felicia Strong Whitaker within our purchasing department to help us get the tools in place in order to meet this March 1 launch date. Finally, I'd like to give my appreciation or share it with our IT department for their support of this effort as well. We have made progress since our last update with you. I'm going to take just a few moments to go through what we've established now as our framework around eligibility for the program and then I'm going to enlist Dr. Roshell to walk through the work that we have done around the program infrastructure that we have put in place. The first bullet on there is around eligibility. Those eligibility requirements come directly from the program itself as well as from the treasury guidelines. So nothing to necessarily highlight there. We went through those with you at the last meeting. As you are aware, as far as the jurisdiction of our program, while we continue to work with our regional partners as well as the state, a direct working relationship with our regional partners and the state, the jurisdiction for our program is for Fulton County households outside the city of Atlanta, and that is primarily as you know because the city of Atlanta received a similar allocation to cover the exact same program. And so we're working with them and having discussions around an appropriate referral system back and forth. They're using the United Way to administer their program and so we had a call with them yesterday to talk about how we can establish the most effective referral protocols. We are also talking with our regional partners about how we avoid duplication and funding, et cetera, and so great coordination happening there, but we are going to be targeting our program for households outside of the city of Atlanta. And here is the new information that we haven't covered with you before. We had some discussion about the assistance cap at our last meeting. But here's where we landed in terms of our maximums. We will be funding in our program a maximum monthly rent allocation for assistance of up to \$1,300. That number represents the average rent within the county based on the analysis that the strategy and performance management office did for us in our community assessment. So that \$1,300 monthly rent will be our cap for assistance and then we're also capping our term of assistance at six months. In terms of utility payments, we've made a decision to cap our utility payments at around \$200. And that is predominantly informed by what we have seen in the administration of our last program in 2020 as well as our history of supporting the community and rental assistance. They typically linger anywhere between \$100 and \$250, and so we decided on \$200 as the cap for what we will support in utility payments. And that, too, will be limited to six months' worth of assistance. We did take the feedback that we got from the mayors and the Board during the Mayors' meeting, and we believe that these assistance cap represent a good balance of assisting a good number of people within our financial footprint awarded by the Federal Government. The prioritization bullet as well as recertification, again, both are guidelines from the program itself. The Federal Government does require us to prioritize individuals who have been unemployed for 90 days or more or those individuals who apply that are below 50 percent of the area

median income. As well, the guidelines do require us to recertify each individual applicant within the household every three months once we have made a determination for assistance on arrears. So with that, Commissioners, I'd like to turn this over to Dr. Roshell who will walk you through our program infrastructure."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS: "Good morning again, Commissioners. Pamela Roshell, Deputy Chief Operating Officer. Here you see several components of the program structure, the award management system neighborly. We have our kickoff meeting scheduled on Monday. We'll go through the customized system for Fulton County that both our landlords and tenants will use in order to apply for the rental assistance program. One question that is often asked is, will the application portal be the only system. It will be our primary system. However, when I speak about the call center, that will be another mechanism for constituents to get assistance with completing the application if they do not have digital access. The call center, we are in the planning stages of securing a 1-800 number that constituents can use to call the call center. It will be staffed Monday through Friday from 8:30 until 7:00 with knowledgeable and trained customer service agents who can answer questions about how to access a portal. They will also provide assistance with the application itself as needed and will also just provide general information about the program. That call center will also have Saturday hours 9 a.m. until 12 noon. We will also have an adjudication team that will review all of the completed applications that are submitted, and the adjudication team is providing a final review of the applications. One good thing about our award management system, it does collect all of the information and actually provides a preliminary eligibility status for every constituent that applies. It also warns constituents about things like applying for duplicate benefits. It also lets them know if they are potentially ineligible based on the information that they have provided, but this adjudication team will again review the applications for the final approval and then move that onto the award process which will include the payment to either the landlord or the utility vendor. We will also have a quality assurance team that will consistently look at the applications, ensure that all the team members are following the proper procedures, not only as it relates to the final adjudication of applications, but also the customer experience in the call center. Because the treasury guidance provides some very explicit reporting requirements, we will be working closely with our strategy team to ensure that we are collecting the appropriate information from our award management system to comply with our treasury reporting, and we will also develop a cadence of consistent reporting to not only the Board of Commissioners, but updates at our mayors' meetings. We are also finalizing the payment processing approach that we will use through Home for USA that has very -- very skilled experience in this area and they will help us stay the course as it relates to very timely awards and payments to our landlords and utility companies. Ms. Roach that concludes my update."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Thank you, Dr. Roshell. The next slide tries to provide a snapshot of our communication outreach and collateral approach for ensuring that we reach the neighborhoods that need to be reached -- that we make

people who are most in need aware of the fact that this funding and this program is available. We are working closely with external affairs that has taken responsibility for assisting us with developing a formal communication plan which we'll take a look at next week. But on the outreach side of it, we have three primary channels where we're going to target our outreach. We plan to work with the magistrate court's office to review the information and data that they have on eviction filings so that we can target outreach to those households that are in need from that perspective. We also plan to target households within the top 10 at-risk census tracks. If you recall from the data analytics that was presented at the Mayor's meeting, we do know exactly where those pre-pandemic households that were within the AMI thresholds and also spent more than 30 percent of their income in rent, we know where those neighborhoods and census tracks are, and so we plan to target our outreach to those areas as well. We also have a strong relationship with nonprofits in the community that have supported these at-risk households with human services in the past. And we plan to use our relationship with those nonprofits to ensure that we are reaching the households in need and that if there is a referral that they have for assistance in this regard, that we have a two-way communication with those nonprofits to ensure we provide a good referral mechanism for that. In terms of collateral, we have plans to develop an emergency rental assistance website. We also plan to highlight the program on the County's website itself with the link to the emergency rental assistance website. We have committed to the mayors as well as the Board and, of course, any other elected official that would benefit from it, a media kit. We would provide all of the collateral necessary to help ensure that those elected officials help us to market the program in the areas of greatest need. We believe that having a QR code that can be scanned that leads directly to the application would be another benefit. And so that would be a part of the collateral as well. The frequently asked questions is something that External Affairs has been working on, and it is at a level of completion that we're comfortable with, so that's ready to go as well. So an aggressive communication plan is what is in store and our outreach efforts are going to be extremely targeted to ensure that we get to the right people that are in need to advertise the program. Next slide. So in terms of next steps, there probably would be imaginable from your standpoints, Commissioners, we are going to execute the staffing plan for our teams that were identified by Dr. Roshell in the framework. We're going to configure our award management system as well as the call center system and then we're going to complete onboarding of the payment system and integrate that in order to effectively meet the standards that we've set for ourselves in terms of processing applications and paying those landlords and utility companies. There is a staff training component. And again, all of this is going to be put in place to target a March 1 launch date. Mr. Chairman, I'm not sure how you're going to manage the queue. I do see a question from Commissioner Arrington in the chat --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, ma'am."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "I'll answer that correctly with your permission."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Arrington is first. Commissioner Arrington?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yes. Anna, if you can, clarify that \$200 total for all utilities? Or is it 200 per utility? And what averages were you -- were we talking about I guess or were identified in that?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Thank you for the question, Commissioner. The \$200 is for all the utilities. What we have found when we looked at our assistance programs in the past, is that because this is targeted for renters. Renter's rental amounts typically included things like water. We were not seeing a separate water bill as an example for renters. And so the three utilities that are covered according to the guidelines are light, gas, and water. And again, we landed at \$200 because typically we saw things like gas and water incorporated into the monthly rent and what the renters had above and beyond that was primarily light bills which were within the \$100 to \$250 range."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Chair. Madam COO, I know you made mentioned our justice partners. This, how can I put this -- the magistrate court when I look at the numbers they had. Last year at this time, they had 25,000. This year they have about 45,000 dispossessors okay? And I just think it would behoove us as county commissioners to request, humbly request that they be included in briefings. Because the nature of the work that they're doing is very essential that they know what's going on with this in order to chart what other assistance they can, and I apologize. I meant to bring this up at the last meeting because as of the last meeting, I know they hadn't been briefed. And as of this meeting, at 8:00 this morning they still hadn't been briefed. And so that's not to say that you're not going to brief them, but that may be your intentions. Well, what I just want to know is, because they are a vital part, Fulton County Magistrate Court, we have so many dispossessories on the books now where people will qualify for this. But we know there's a process. Like I explained to them, there's a process. Like I explained to my district 6 constituents, there's a process. But I just think it would be of great benefit if the County management, County Attorney and you, Madam COO, would make sure that they have a presentation to make sure they're included in the briefing in order to facilitate what the taxpayer citizens need. We are in a pandemic. We know some people for the first time in their lives are facing dispossessory. They are very afraid. They are very confused. They don't know what's going on, and any assistance that we can do in helping our justice partners relay information, if for any other reason, to allow them one, to do what they need to do in making preparations to apply for, but also to give them some sense of partnership of us trying to help our constituents in this pandemic. So I would just

humbly really ask you to really, really consider looping them in as soon as possible. Thank you."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Absolutely, Commissioner. We do rely on the Magistrate Court, particularly for their information. They also have rental assistance program, active rental assistance programs that are being run by the magistrate court. I would like to, you know, commend Cassandra Kirk, Chief Judge Kirk, for that work. And so you are absolutely correct. We would not want to be doing anything that were at odds with her program. And I want to ensure that we do is complimentary so we did plan to ensure that we communicate with her on that. And we'll take that recommendation and direction to expedite that communication. So we'll do."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, I appreciate it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Anyone else on the rental assistance program? Anyone else? If not, Madam COO, please continue."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Turning it over to the CFO at this time, Mr. Chairman."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Good afternoon, Commissioners. Sharon Whitmore, Chief Financial Officer. We do have a brief report for you today on the use of our emergency response reserve. Next slide, please. As you will recall from the last report, we had advised the Board that we were now adding \$45.7 million emergency response reserve, which was allocated between our health response efforts and operational stability; 19.6 million for the health response, 26.1 million for the operational stability. Of that amount, total amount, we have commitments of 35.2 million, leaving about 10.5 unobligated and uncommitted. As of last Friday, we had spent a total of 1.2 million out of that \$45.7 million reserve. Next slide, please. We've modified this page slightly in an attempt to make it a little more legible and readable. We consolidated and collapsed the list of rolled purchase orders from 2020. That line is in orange up at the top of the page, and we are simply now showing you the total of those rolled purchase orders. Currently, 4.3 million. We've paid 1.2 million leaving a balance of 3.1. And all of the purchase orders that we have issued since the beginning of 2021 against the reserve fund are listed below. And those now total \$6.4 million. This is the total including the holds we have. We have paid out 1.2 and have a balance of open purchase orders of 5.2 million. In future reports, we may collapse more of this information and just show you each individual new purchase order issued within these broad categories of professional services, janitorial testing and such just so that we can keep the information more legible and readable. Next slide, please. Back at the end of December, beginning of January, we shared with you what our plan was to report out against the emergency reserve and also to report to you and identify any other sources of funds. So what this slide does today is share with you the funding level and the current budget allocation for the emergency rental assistance program. That

information is on the left-hand side of the screen. So currently, we have set out 15.2 million for rental assistance, 1 million for utility assistance, and 1.8 million is the 10 percent administrative cost allowance. We don't expect to fully use that 10 percent for our administrative costs. We're still waiting. Dr. Roshell provided you in her update for some of the cost estimates to come in. Once we have all of those, we will then release the funds. Whatever funds are not needed out of that set aside and return those to the rental assistance bucket so we can provide more and direct assistance to residents. On the right-hand side of the screen, we wanted to share with you some other sources of funds that we have been made aware of over the last week or so. Specifically, as part of the budget reconciliation process that's being undertaken, President Biden's response package. The \$1.9 billion response package includes -- the \$1.9 trillion, I guess response package, includes a specific set aside for what's called the local fiscal recovery plan. And that is a total of \$350 billion for state and local government. Out of that amount, the amount that is set aside for local governments for counties in particular is 65.1 billion. And according to the NACO website using the estimator tool that they have prepared, Fulton County could be eligible to receive up to 200 million. It's a little bit more than 200 million. Out of that package, if it is passed as part of the reconciliation process as is. The allowable uses, we would structure our planned use of those funds very similar to how we used the CARES Act funds centered around three primary response areas, the health response, community needs, and operational stability. We are in the very early stage of our planning process for how we might and what we might recommend the use of these funds for. A little more information on this local fiscal recovery plan. Specifically, there were four items that were identified that the funds could be used for. I just wanted to read those out. It's to respond to or mitigate the public health emergency with respect to the COVID-19 emergency or its negative economic impacts. The second reason is to cover costs incurred as a result of the COVID-19 emergency. The third reason is to replace revenue that was lost, delayed, or decreased as determined based on projections of the government as of January 27, 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 emergency. And then the last area is to address negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 disease. So that's a little information around what is potentially coming forward for state and local government relative to the budget reconciliation process that's underway. Of note, is there is also an equal amount of funds that will be set aside for municipalities out of this process as well. And down at the bottom of the slide, we also wanted to identify that. We do have the ability to seek reimbursements under the FEMA reimbursement process. There's a 3.2 billion that can be -- in total that can be reimbursed through FEMA for costs associated with the vaccination and testing efforts that are underway. Things like critical supplies, the acquisition of critical supplies, staffing, training, transportation, any of those things that are specifically directly related to the operation of our testing and vaccination sites. So we are, of course, making sure that we keep our documentation in order to be able to take advantage of this reimbursement opportunity as well. So that's the information that we had to share with you today on our other emergency programs. We will continue to monitor the local fiscal recovery plan, and we will continue to have our internal discussions around our recommendations on the use of those funds and we'll be

prepared to present that to you at the first meeting in March. And with that, Mr. Chairman, I can take any questions on the information shared."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Thank you very much, Madam COO. Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes. Thank you. And Sharon, just real quick, I've been on several of these NACO phone calls where they talk about the relief that's under consideration in congress. One of the things they mentioned was the potentially that you can't, what they call double dip; if you take FEMA money, then the relief money could be in question. And I just want to make sure that you are considering that too."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Yes, ma'am."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "And that no efforts are made to apply for the -- because the FEMA money apparently takes a lot longer to get."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "I think Commissioner Hausmann may have froze. Her audio may have froze. But to her point, we will evaluate whether we will be seeking reimbursement from FEMA or present whatever our testing and vaccination costs are as part of the need for the resources under the fiscal recovery plan."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "She still frozen? So what do we do? All right. Any other questions? Any further questions, Commissioners? If not, Madam COO?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Mr. Chairman that concludes our COVID-19 update."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. All right. Madam Clerk, let's continue."

CLERK GRIER: "Continuing on page 5, **21-0130**, Purchasing and Contract Compliance. Request ratification of County-wide emergency procurement."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Move approval."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Move approval."

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

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I have my hand up. Hello, Mr. Chair. I have my hand up."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall has a question. Commissioner Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes, yes. My question is concerning the description of emergency that says emergency COVID-19 response support services, and it has an amount of over \$1.2 million for contractor vendor named rendering emergency management services international. I just wanted to know exactly what we're getting for over \$1.2 million."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "We'll ask Matt Kallmyer to detail that contract. Matt."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Mr. Kallmyer."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CONTROL: "I'm on a call at the moment. Could you repeat the question, sir?"

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

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Go ahead, no problem."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Oh, go ahead, Vice Chair."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. The question is concerning the item on this list, its' description is emergency COVID-19 response support services for a contractor named Emergency Management Services International, Inc., in the amount of over \$1.2 million. And the question is exactly what are the support services that we're receiving for over 1.2 million?"

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CONTROL: "Absolutely, ma'am. So it does include a host of information. I mean Doug Schuster is the name that you probably hear often. He provides statistical analysis for us, long-range planning to support myself and the team, and our efforts to the COVID response. Above and beyond that, we do have additional four individuals that support ourself as well as the Board of Health in the vaccination effort. Also helping coordinate with the testing. Each of the vaccination sites has a liaison that the EMSI has supplied for our team to ensure that we have the necessary individuals that have got all tested to understand the incident system. That has worked your other presidential-declared disasters to go ahead and support at least the emergency management operation as well as a liaison there and then ultimately support the Board of Health in that effort. And the other individual is not directly assigned to a site is also used to go ahead and support me with developing power points. Other reports that we do send onto the C suite and the area command team that when we have our weekly meetings with that group. So a host of things I can definitely go ahead and give you a breakdown to share with you, excuse me, I can provide that to you so you can go ahead and see a better understanding of what services are provided. That is not to exceed an amount."

Anything that is on that is eligible for a FEMA reimbursement at 100 percent. One of the things that did happen with the presidential-declared disaster and the \$19 billion dollars that are still allocated for COVID response due to federal emergency management agency, the Biden administration did announce this year that they would be eligible for seeking reimbursement. So anything that we do expend with this, we will then work with the state emergency management agency, GEMA and FEMA to go ahead and seek reimbursement on all those COVID-related expenses such as that, ma'am."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you so much. So mainly what you did cover were, it seemed like staffing for physicians, speaking of Doug Schuster, the liaison, the support, support for emergency management and the like, so does this cover more than just people's salaries?"

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CONTROL: "No, it's actually covering the cost of the individual per hour as well as their travel expenses and hotel costs for being in town. It is covering six months' worth of support of four individuals and one county or worker support for Mr. Schuster as the lead on the project working with me directly on this next initiative ma'am."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. So six months for four people for one year."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CONTROL: "So six months for four individuals, one year for one additional individual, Mr. Schuster, ma'am."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you. And any other information that you have on that, yes, I would like to receive you can just e-mail it to me."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CONTROL: "Yes, ma'am. We'll definitely take care of that."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you, I appreciate it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion is to approve. Cast your votes, please. Hausmann. Is she back with us? She is? All right. Let's make sure. Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I vote yes."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Now, let's -- we need to find out what's going on with Commissioner Hausmann. All right. Continue, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "21-0131, Purchasing and Contract Compliance. Request approval of a Resolution to extend emergency purchasing authority of the Chairman and the County Manager for COVID-19 related purchases."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Move approval."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Second."

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

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes. I'm back. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I vote yes."

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

CLERK GRIER: **"21-0097**, Information Technology. Request approval to renew existing contracts for specialty computing devices."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is there a motion?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I have my hand raised."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Move approval, but I have my hand raised for discussion."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "I'll second, Mr. Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Properly moved and seconded. To a discussion, Commissioner -- Vice Chair Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. I just want to say that I did get the new computer, Mr. County Manager. Unfortunately, the new computer had better speakers but they still weren't as good because what we realized is that the speakers on these Dells are underneath the bottom of the computer. So if you're sitting the computer on top of a desk or anything, it muffles the sound. And that's why there is an issue with the speaker quality. I had to go back to my old new computer, which is the one that has the terrible -- really bad speakers that I was using at the last BOC meeting because the new, new computer that I received had a problem with the screen blacking out and flickering and doing all kinds of strange things and I took a video of it and sent it to my team who forwarded it to Glenn and his team. So they are aware of the situation. So I think you may want to look at -- these are being called new computers but they are literally functioning like refurbished computers. I don't know if that's the case, but you may want to look into that. So, you know, I move approval on this because I think you could work through the issues. You have enough information just from me alone, and I do want to also add that after the last Board of Commissioners meeting, I received e-mails from employees who thanked me for raising these issues because they tried to raise them and no one would listen to them. I think that's a travesty. We need to listen to all of our users about the equipment that we're providing them with. So that being said, I hope we can get some better computers. I would love for our IT department to have the quality that they need for our users."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes. And thank you, Commissioner Hall, for raising that issue. I've struggled with the equipment too. Case and point was I just dropped the connection. I don't have any trouble with anything else except these computers dropping connections. So I don't know what the issues may be. But, you know, we significantly invest in our technology. So I just want to echo that we need to make sure that we're getting the best available when we actually purchase it because it does take a beating and needs to last a long time and as rapidly as technology changes, I don't have to say that to you, you're well aware. So just please communicate that to the vendor that we're not totally satisfied and that we expect -- we expect really good equipment. We're a good customer."

GLENN MELENDEZ, CIO, FULTON COUNTY: "Yes, ma'am Glenn Melendez, CIO for the County. I did speak with the vendor last night about the concerns, and they are standing by their equipment as well. And certainly, we want all of our customers to be happy, so we will work with you as well to make sure that you're happy and that you're getting into a device that supports your needs."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "This is the second one I've gotten since we've been on, you know, this remote situation. I have to use both because one of them doesn't always work. So I'm just sharing my experience. I know we've got frustrated employees out there as well. So definitely looking forward to being back and meeting in person where we wouldn't have these particular problems. But even when we do, we need to make sure that the equipment that we have is adequate."

GLENN MELENDEZ, CIO, FULTON COUNTY: "I hear you loud and clear."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "And I raise my hand again, Mr. Chair."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I just -- I just want to ask that when you start to deploy the new technology, if you could do some type of customer survey of the people who receive that technology to see what is happening when they use it. That would probably help a lot because no one should be e-mailing me saying that they're having similar problems, but they're not being heard. So I think maybe a survey of those individuals would help."

GLENN MELENDEZ, CIO, FULTON COUNTY: "We'll do that."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Well, first of all, thank you for that feedback, Vice Chair Hall and Commissioner Hausmann. Having dealt with equipment

of all types over about 30 years, I do take that very seriously. I also know that there was vagaries in all of this. I think one -- one of the things that might be helpful if the Board would allow, and I think we forwarded to you, is a quick review of all of the elements of our infrastructure that we're now upgrading. And it really is very, very significant that the desktop is always the -- obviously the end point. But there's much more that's being done to enhance our virtual, as well as, [Inaudible.] and telecom infrastructures. So if allowed, Mr. Chairman, we'd like to do -- and Glenn, if you can constrain this to no more than five minutes, give the Board a quick overview."

GLENN MELENDEZ, CIO, FULTON COUNTY: "Sir, can we get the slide deck up?"

DARREN SMITH, IT: "We're working on it right now."

GLENN MELENDEZ, CIO, FULTON COUNTY: "Thank you, sir. All right. And go to the next slide, please. All right. So quickly we're going to go ahead and focus on today on the strategic areas of focus for IT and what we've been investing in. We'll talk about technology as in the neighborhood for the County. We'll talk about specific numbers and quantify those contributions. We'll also talk about opportunities ahead and where there are opportunities for technology in the future. And hopefully, we'll address some of the concerns that Vice Chair Hall has raised as well as in response to Commissioner Hausmann. Go to the next slide, please. In terms of the focus areas for IT, there really are four focus areas that we've focusing in. In going from the top corner, citizen engagement, which is where we really want to be. We want to spend most of our time developing technology that engages our citizens and serves up technology for our citizens. I'm going to the right. We're going to talk about application modernization. I will tell you that, you know, the term modernization means -- is one of those buzz words, but I just want to address one of the questions that Commissioner Hall raised in a previous segment regarding the website, the BOH website. And I think that really personifies modernization and resiliency on our County asset. We purposely moved the BOH website to the County website where the County has invested in a cloud-based website. So we talk about modernization and resiliency, that's really where it is, but where it's at. We moved it to the County website because that website has been moved to the Cloud and expands more readily for volume. It is more resilient, and that is a perfect example. It really personifies what modernization are we architecting our infrastructure to support the future is really all about. In terms of citizen engagement, we launched from Fulton Votes, a mobile app for our citizens on our website, there is a services locator where we partnered with Dr. Roshell's team where we can serve up services, HHS services to our citizens by location as well as, you know, the library's web presence whereas TP integrated also Cloud-based with our media catalog where recommendations of media could be served up to the public. I won't go through all of these, but I do want to say a couple of things. On the top, the top side, where we're modernizing and we're engaging our citizens, all of those efforts that you see up in front of you are cloud-based infrastructure. We've architected the infrastructure to allow us to serve up our applications in the Cloud. And where it makes sense, we're continuing to do that. On the bottom, where we're modernizing our infrastructure, we're really looking

at our own legacy infrastructure and we're changing our infrastructure and we're doing it slowly as we go through all of our legacy infrastructure. So earlier in the year, we talked about our servers being at end of life. We are looking at each one of our little servers. We've upgraded over 140 servers last year. But in doing so, as we went through those servers, we started to move applications to the Cloud so that they're more resilient, they're more performant, and that's why you see things like the website. You see 0365 now being ready to be launched. You see things like migrating even the Board meeting, the agenda management system has been moved to the Cloud. And also, our digital recording for the courts. This all now stored in the Cloud. When we talked about moving things or making them more resilient and more modern, really, we're talking about a couple of things is really either giving greater functionality to our citizens, improved performance or resiliency as we talked about moving things to the Cloud as well as being more easily supported. We have a footprint over 900 virtual servers at our environment. If we are going to be more resilient, more performant with our applications, we need to move them to an infrastructure that's simpler, an ecosystem that is more resilient, has better performance, so that we can focus on bringing more services to our citizens. So that's what really the whole strategy is all about. Top half, you'll see the modernization. On the bottom half, you'll see a lot of the work that goes into the modernization in our infrastructure. On the bottom right corner, we don't talk about our security initiatives publicly, but I will say this. Suffice it to say, we have a very strong security program. Our security program is looking at a few things, but the most important is that we are partnering with Georgia State University. We have the professors at Georgia State University counseling us as well. We have students who are doing a lot of the analysis through Georgia State University who have a program of a center of excellence that has nearly 40 students involved in it. Our cyber program has named -- has gotten recognition from both NACO and ACCG. It has been written up in the Georgia Trend magazine last year. So as we have initiatives that mature our cyber stance and we continually look to mitigate threats and implement tools to mitigate those threats, we are also being recognized as well by a variety of entities. Next slide, please. As we go through, we talked a lot about desktops and laptop deployments that I know that there is some concern there. And I have taken the feedback to heart. And we will be working with users as well as Vice Chair Hall to make sure that her device is stable. Having said that, just to be -- just a reminder, this entity the Board has approved -- approved a refresh project last year. Before last year, there was no standard of -- standardized refresh project. This is the first year. We are now have a rolling refresh project. And quite frankly, I guess the foresight of this Board should be able to approve that was probably just in time because when you think about all of the needs we had this year alone for being able address a pandemic, the biggest turnout in the elections ever, and a variety of other needs along the -- along the way. You know, the need for desktops and laptops probably was one of the more strategic decisions that this Board made. When we went to pull out desktops just by putting things in context, we pulled out desktops as old as XP operating systems. For those of us who are too young for the listening public to know XP was released in 2001, we now have our rolling refresh cycle where we're at least five years. And I know Commissioner Hall has expressed concern maybe to bring that down to three years. And I've heard her loud and clear."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes."

GLENN MELENDEZ, CIO, FULTON COUNTY: "Last meeting. But we are down to five, which is a long way from where we came just last year. Some of those -- all of those devices were replaced with 10th generation processors which will release the Q2 of last year. This rolling -- should this be approved on this agenda item, we will be replacing with 11th generation processors which just came out last quarter. So we are -- we've come a long, long way from where we were with the refresh cycle and probably, you know, it's probably a foresight that we didn't know, but given where we are with the pandemic, it really was needed at this time. Also on this slide, just quickly, I'll go through some of the numbers. You know video conferencing, we have over 700 users who are doing videoconferencing on our network. If you have not had a chance yet to touch base with the courts, virtual justice is thriving. I encourage if you have not yet had a chance to speak to Chief Judge Brashar, Judge Kirk, or Judge Edline, we are running DUI court virtually. We're running drug court virtually. We're doing hearings virtually. We're doing arraignments virtually. So we've done a lot of virtual use of technology in the courts. COVID response, I've talked about briefly that we purposely moved our website to the County website that is now in the Cloud, because it is more resilient and it has handled the volume more than the legacy infrastructure that we had before. Along the bottom real quick, and then I'll go to the next slide, everything above the bottom row is really being enabled by our infrastructure that we're replacing. We are swapping out our switches. We're going from one gig switches to 10 gig switches, which means 10 times more the capacity of our switches. We are replacing all of our wireless access points. We've already 1,002 of those. We have about another 600 to go, and then we are replacing -- as we're going through and replacing and upgrading our infrastructure, we are also replacing the fiber coming into the building for all of those. We are preparing the County for the future. Right now, our fiber is 1 gig coming into the building. We are expanding to 10 gigs with the ability to expand to 40 gigs. So we are setting the County up for the future and all of that bottom layer infrastructure allows us to be able to provide senior services, Meals on Wheels, curb-side pickup right now for the libraries. When the libraries open, they will all be fitted now with new devices as well. So lots going on with technology and infrastructure, and these are just some examples by the numbers of what's being enabled out for the various citizens in the various areas we support. Next slide, please. All right. So this is the last slide. So what is the slide. Let me go from the top to the bottom and what does this prepare us for in the future and our strategy for the future? So right now where we should be are where many folks in the future in the industry are, is pushing content to mobile devices and being able to leverage social media to be able to anticipate our citizens' needs, personalized services for our citizens and push information for our citizens. Last time I looked at some numbers, we had about 2 million page views in the month of -- in the month of January, and we have about 15,000 Twitter followers and 12,000 Facebook followers. We know our followers. We can push information to our followers, but can we anticipate what our followers are looking for? Can we anticipate what their needs are so that we're pushing customized content to those followers. We need to get there.

But in order to get there, we need to make sure that our infrastructure is capable of supporting us and getting us there. So what you'll see a lot in the middle layer, the innovation layer, some of it will be coming to -- for wishing organically. On the left side, we're getting a lot of request for things like self-serve options because of COVID. We're getting a lot of appointment options because of COVID. Text-to-serve, I think has been mentioned a little bit previously. Probate court and Judge Kenya Johnson has been working very closely with us to provide these services. So some of it is happening organically. Call centers, Dr. Roshell talked about call centers. We've set up call centers for elections, the Board of Health, and now for rental assistance programs. And by the way, those call centers have been moved to the Cloud so that we can have greater input of calls in the Cloud, greater resiliency. And we're modernizing that as well. All of these things are happening organically as a result of COVID. But on the right side, we talked about a need for greater social media integration. We talked about personalized services and certainly expanding our website so that we're off of our Legacy infrastructure, like the BOH.org website. And we are now using a cloud-based system that allows for greater resiliency, better performance. By the way, users who go to the Old County BOH website still key in the same BOH domain name or url. They just get bounced over to a more resilient website and by the way, another strategic decision of this Board to invest in that infrastructure that is allowing for the resiliency that we now need that we would not have anticipated two years ago. So we're starting to see how these pieces start to come together to be able to support our constituents. Lastly, on the bottom and on the bottom left, what I'll say is this is, we have a little bit ways to go. The Industry Alive 2012 servers will be coming off of support in 2023. We have two years. That is industry wide. Everybody who uses Microsoft servers are getting off of 2012 servers. Our footprint in that space is 400 servers. That needs to be retired in the next two years. Our strategy is, as we move through those old Legacy applications that reside on those servers, we are systematically moving them to sensible SAS solutions where they are more resilient where we can provide better services to our citizens. So you'll see in the middle some of the things we've already started to move to a sensible SAS solution. When I say sensible, I mean things that either provide more functionality for our citizens, are more cost effective, are more resilient, and those are things like D-board, our D-board system was housed in-house. It was coded with old code. It has now been moved to the Cloud. Office 365, the Board approved that a couple of meetings ago. We are off and running with that. Moving our whole Microsoft footprint to the cloud. Digital recording, web presence, we're already seeing dividends from our web presence. It was just mentioned earlier with the Board of Health and how we are now using our site to be able to provide that resiliency that the old Legacy sites did not have. So a lot of things that are happening that may not seem like this systematically being approached, but they really are systematically being approached to enable a greater, a more resilient, more performing, more feature rich experience for our citizens. On the right, of course, we will continue to do cyber security due diligence, mitigating threats, video surveillance is always something that we are engaged in and we continue to advance. With that said, the short answer to this last slide is, if we can simplify our technology eco system and streamline it so that we are moving more and more stuff to the Cloud, we can get better resiliency, better performance, and more

feature-rich features for our citizens, and that is exactly the approach that we're taking. And with that said, that's the last slide and I will open it up to questions."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That's a long five minutes here."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yeah, thank you, Glenn."

GLENN MELENDEZ, CIO, FULTON COUNTY: "Sorry, Mr. Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Note that for the future. I think I saw Vice Chair Hall's hand again."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair. And, Glenn, that was an awesome presentation. Thank you so much. A couple of things. So this is great news about the upgrades on technology and forward thinking, look at what our needs are and what we need to implement and address, but one question that came to mind is do you have an adequate lab for testing equipment before it's purchased and deployed into our County environment, live environment? Because the thing that I'm noticing is that when we get this new equipment, there are problems with it being compatible with applications and other equipment that we may need to connect to like printers that we have at home or speakers or other things that need to enhance our ability to use the technology. And so, do you have an adequate lab setup and lab space to actually test this equipment before you make a decision to purchase and deploy?"

GLENN MELENDEZ, CIO, FULTON COUNTY: "Thank you, Vice Chair Hall. We do test, but I think, you know, you would say that, based on your experience with the last couple of devices you had, that testing may have some areas for improvement. So -- but we are -- we are looking at that. We do test. We have a checklist that we go through. We will continue to beef that up going forward. And then there are some infrastructure changes for testing that I'd like to implement as we start to carve out applications and move things to the cloud. The other thing we'll see is that applications will be more current. They won't be behind like you had mentioned, and the compatibility with applications will be more easily compatible. Right now, what happens is we are -- our Legacy applications start to almost feed on each other because what happens is, anything that needs to be compatible with that has to also be owned. Because you --"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes."

GLENN MELENDEZ, CIO, FULTON COUNTY: "Because you can't put something new with something that was developed 10 years ago. So I think as we start to test, but I see you nodding your head because you can relate. And as we move more things to the Cloud with the reversions are kept more up-to-date, you will see better results of that space."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you for that. And also, I just want to add. This is probably more so for Mr. County Manager. Will we have a report that shows the positive impact on costs that has happened due to our employees teleworking, because I think that is significant to moving forward and budgeting and things like that. As you know, I've always been big on teleworking. I created the first teleworking program in the Fulton County Department of IT back in the '90s. And so I've been pushing for teleworking for a number of years. So are we keeping track of the positives that have been created due to our employee-based teleworking?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "I'll answer it this way, Madam Vice Chair, is we're not looking at right now a cost reduction exercises as it relates to teleworking in that we're not removing any real estate or eliminating any direct costs. But what I think you're pointing to is something that we're working on, and that is how do we reimagine how the work force is deployed upon the return? And I think we've -- we'd already collected some of our thoughts as it relates to, you know, what percentages most likely come back to our buildings, what percentages telework on a full-time basis, what are in the hybrid mode. So we're just at the very early stages of that for our core-administrative staff. And then the second piece of that, which also I think we've learned a lot over the last year in terms of services that can be made virtual. Glenn mentioned the virtual court services and we went over, it was a couple of weeks ago, and observed a virtual court first appearance hearing and it was truly dramatic in terms of what was being done. But we know a lot more has been done in and across all of our services whether it's been senior services, arts or libraries and the like. So what we would propose is coming back to the Board in the next couple of months with a more well-thought-out strategy and then that strategy, we would try to deal with what, going forward, what potential costs are avoided via the use of technology. What further enhancements to productivity and then, even as we've heard in several of the chat-and-chew meetings that we've had recently with employees, there is also probably a harder to quantify, but nonetheless very valuable benefit, and that is an employee retention. Because some employees have told us explicitly in these calls, without the ability to telework or work from home, particularly during this time, when schools have been disrupted and other things that impacted families that they would not have been able to keep their jobs and we would have lost them as employees. So we're going to put all of that together in what I hope will be a very thoughtful presentation that the Board can react to."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "That is absolutely wonderful, and I also want to say the constituents have been saying that they're really enjoying the virtual programming that we offer and, you know, it's causing cost savings for them because they don't have to go -- they're realizing that if they have to go back to getting in their cars to go to programming at our facilities that it's going to incur more cost to them and they're saying that they do not want us to stop the virtual programming that we instituted during COVID-19 because they really find it beneficial. So I think that's another area that we need to look at."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, ma'am. That's great feedback. We're glad to hear that."

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

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you so much. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, the motion before us is to approve. Cast your votes, please. Hausmann, Ellis."

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

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Morris."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I vote yes."

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

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

DARREN SMITH, IT: "1:06."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. It's 1:06, colleagues. I was hoping we would get through most of this, but it's 1:06. If there are no objections, let us recess for lunch and executive session, a couple of matters of litigation, real estate, and personnel. I'll entertain a motion to recess, executive. Second. All right, properly moved and seconded. Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Arrington. Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I vote yes."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion passes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. What time is it now?"

CLERK GRIER: "1:07."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "1:07. So what, 1:30?"

CLERK GRIER: "Do you want to start at 1:30?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah, we'll start at 1:30. Does everyone have the call-in number?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I do not see that I have it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Let's make sure. Send it to everyone again, Madam."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I do not."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. We'll make sure that you get it between now and 1:30. Now we were supposed to double check and triple check to make sure each commissioner received the call-in instructions and all documents that we would need and I was told that that was done. All right. So we're at recess now."

[Executive Session]

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I entertain a motion to resume the regular order of business without objection. Call the role."

CLERK GRIER: "Welcome back, Commissioners. We'll call the roll. Chairman Robb Pitts."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Liz Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Bob Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Lee Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Vice Chair Natalie Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Marvin Arrington, Jr."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Khadija Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Present."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Any items from executive session?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Mr. Chair?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes. Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I would like to make a motion that we accept the recommendation brought forth by the Board of Registrations and Elections to terminate the Director of Elections, Mr. Richard Barron, by close of business, tomorrow at 5:00 p.m."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is there a second?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Such a notice be provided."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is there a second?"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "I'll second that."

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: "Vice Chair Hall. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "No."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "No."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I'll vote, no. So it fails for lack of four votes."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I would like to make a substitute motion to reject the recommendation."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Now, Madam County Attorney."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I second that motion."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So the motion to -- the motion to approve fails."

CLERK GRIER: "The motion to approve failed."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "For lack of four votes. Commissioner Arrington now wants to make a motion to reject."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Wait a minute. Wait a minute. Wait a minute. What is going on. You cannot -- come on. Come on, guys. Come on. Are you -- if she's saying something, she needs to say it to everybody."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner, she's not saying anything."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I'm not saying anything."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "She's thinking."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. Well, I made my motion and it's been seconded."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. She's just thinking. And I asked her a question."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. Well what's the question? Put it all out in the public for everybody. None of this is secret."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "All right. What are we doing right now."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "That's what I want know."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "All right. What are we doing right now?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "The County -- the County Attorney who is the parliamentarian is researching the issue. The issue is and what I explained is that typically when a matter is before the Board and it does not receive the four votes for approval then it comes back on the next Agenda. Or at the same meeting, another motion can be made which is what Commissioner Arrington is doing. However, when, in talking about that with the Interim County Attorney, the conversation went something like this: If it has failed, then there's nothing actually before us. Or to make another motion, but that's not how we've operated in the past, which is what I was explaining to her over the last couple of days as part of it."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay, I'm sorry, because I had to run to the restroom and I must have missed the first item on the executive session. No, the item on the executive session Agenda No. 2?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, Commissioner Ellis made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Board of Registrations and Elections. It was properly moved and seconded, but it failed because it did not receive the four required votes for approval. At that point, Commissioner Arrington made a motion to reject the recommendation from the Board of Registration and Elections. And at that point, I asked the County Attorney, based upon a conversation that she and I have had over the

last couple of days, I explained to her that typically when an item does not receive the four requisite votes for approval, it comes back on our next Agenda, three consecutive meetings then it disappears or it's gone. Or at the same meeting, if another motion is made, that would be a proper motion. And so that's what she's looking into now."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. And also, I want to point to the fact that there is a constituent in the chat who left a long comment that is very concerning because this is giving the impression that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners has sole management responsibility over the Department of Registrations and Elections, and this constituent is unfortunately thinking that we have the power to also overturn any terminations that Richard Barron made of his elections staff during the election process. So if Madam County Attorney could address what the actual authority of the Board of Commissioners is over the Department of Registrations and Elections that would help with that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "But still dealing with this."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I don't see anything in Roberts Rules of Order that deals with this particular situation where you have a matter that comes out of executive session that hasn't been put forward by a particular commissioner. And so ordinarily once something fails for lack of four affirmative votes, it does come back on the next meeting. But the question here is whether it's different because it's coming out of executive session as opposed to the normal situation where it's on the agenda, and I don't see anything that addresses."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well my -- I would say that it doesn't matter whether it's on the Agenda or not. If it's a proper motion before us and it does not receive the four requisite votes, then it either comes back or if another motion based upon our rules, if another motion is made, we entertain that motion which is what Commissioner Arrington has put before us."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Right, he --"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "What is the motion? Is it to file the --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No. That's what this --"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "What is it?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington's motion is to reject the recommendation of the Board of Registration and Elections. And it was seconded I believe by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Chair, therefore, can he create a new motion if the substitute motion is dead?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No, it's not dead. She's just --"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "It is a new --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. Okay. I wanted to make sure. Thank you for point of clarification."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes. He has made a new motion. It's not a renewal of the previous motion. So since it is not a renewal of the previous motion. Although the motion that failed for lack of four affirmative votes would come back on the next agenda. But if in this instance, his new motion is to reject and it's rejected, then I guess the question would become whether it would -- the previous one would still come back."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "So that would be the other question whether --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So I'm going to -- I'm going to rule that the motion is in order based upon our rules and regulations and past practices. Unless there's an objection, to overrule my rule."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Well, I had my hand up for a question."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Can we take this one and then get to your question?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Well, it's about this because I'm trying to understand. We have the ability to come back again over and over for the three times on Executive Session items? I've never heard that before."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "But I'm saying it doesn't matter whether it's came from Executive Session or it was on the regular agenda. If a motion is before the Body, and it is a proper motion and it does not receive the four requisite votes for approval, then it fails, four votes. And if there's not another motion made, then it comes back on the next agenda and the following agenda."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "But Executive Session items are not on the regular agenda. So you're saying that they're coming back from the Executive Session to be brought up at the meeting and voted on again?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No, I'm saying where the motion emanated from is not relevant, I don't think. I mean ya'll can overrule me. I would say not relevant."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "No, I just want the County Attorney's opinion on that because that's what she's there to do, to give us a legal opinion."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You have your wish. Madam County Attorney?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Generally, when a matter has been voted on, it's over. But you can't -- there is a provision that allows a motion --"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I'm specifically speaking about Executive Session items. So please can you prove your response to that?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "There is no provision in Robert's Rules of Order that covers the particulars of this situation."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Is that your final answer?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Generally, when a matter does not pass, for lack of four affirmative votes, it would come up again on the next agenda, which would be the next Board of Commissioners meeting. The question here is whether notwithstanding that, that it would come back again, whether Commissioner Arrington can now make another motion regarding the same subject matter but a different motion. And generally what happens when there's a motion is it either passes or fails, and in this instance, it -- there was a lack of four affirmative votes. So normally what would happen is that it would come again on the next agenda. But the distinction that I was attempting to look to see if whether the item was coming up out of executive session, so it wasn't an item that was already on the agenda, whether that would make a difference."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Chair, please, I call a question, please."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. All right. The question's been called. Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Repeat the question, please."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Question. She's called the question."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Is this just to call the question?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes. Not debatable."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "No."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "No."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "No."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Hall. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes."

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

CLERK GRIER: "Fails."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Fails for lack of four votes."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Well, we still have a substitute motion that's been properly made and seconded."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I agree."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I just made -- I made a ruling that it was -- that the origin of the motion whether it came from Executive Session or was on the printed agenda is not the issue. The issue would be whether or not it's a proper motion. And I ruled, although I'm not the parliamentarian, that it is a proper motion."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Mr. Chair."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Can I speak on this issue?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Not on the motion but on the -- not on the validity of the motion, but on the matter before us?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, the --

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I just --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "The attorney's conferring with one of her associates."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yeah, I just want to make a statement which I didn't get the chance to do at the front end when I made the first motion here. But I believe that what is presented to us is something which is ministerial duty, which at best is an ministerial duty which we're required and compelled to accept the recommendation from the Board of Registrations and Elections. By its very nature, the Board of Elections is an independent board. I think it's pretty clear that there is a separation of duties in that elected officials that are going to be involved in running for office in a said location, you know, need to have a Chinese law and not be involved in the running of elections. I think as we have all seen, the dabbling of elected officials in the process of elections is a very slippery slope and something which leads to a lot of untoward consequences. This is an independent Board. It's made up of two Republicans -- three Democrats and Two Republicans. They came forth with us with a recommendation of a bipartisan vote. It was divided 3 to 2, but it was a bipartisan vote. They are the group that's closest to running elections. That's their duty. They're charged with evaluating what happens, in a successful election is not about whether or not there's fraud or there isn't fraud. It's about a whole lot more than that. And certainly in the arena of elections there's been a tremendous amount of misinformation. We're all familiar with it. And certainly, this County has been subjected and our staff has been subjected to a lot of that misinformation. But there are a lot of other clear factual matters and stuff that really do, you know, bring into question the processes controls, the management, chain of custody issues, health and safety issues, et cetera. And that's what this Board of Elections is supposed to evaluate and evaluate the directors' effectiveness in managing those elections. It's not about one election, it's about the totality of a full year. They come to the end of that year, they evaluated it, and they've brought forth the recommendation to us, which I think we're required to accept. And I think doing something counter to what they brought to us probably will be met with challenge and probably they will prevail with that challenge should they so bring it. But I also think it's a very slippery slope for this Board of Commissioners to insert itself into the direct running of elections and I think it runs counter to the whole reason and rationale why these boards were set up. I'm saddened that we would not listen to that group that's been charged with this and accept their recommendation and move forward and allow them to do their work. And by not -- not accepting this, we're inviting a lot more of a politicization of the elections process, unnecessarily in a time when we desperately don't need it. We need our group to get together, make a decision about going into an interim, going into a selection process, and then getting on with it with the business of building a very strong elections infrastructure and improving upon where we are right now. That's what they want to do and I just would be really disheartened if at the end of the day we do not accept their recommendation and allow them to do their work. I feel like if we don't, it's going to lead to a lot of -- a lot of detriment to this government. So I'll just leave it at that state."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Commissioner Ellis. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes. Yes, chair. I just wanted to take this moment and opportunity to once again say that we as a Board have our first duty to the taxpaying citizens of Fulton County. And so with that being said, there are processes in place, there are two step processes in place for a reason. And I think it's unfortunate when we pick and choose what's going to be important. What may be important to Commissioner Ellis, may be just as important to me. But if I don't have privy to the facts, then I have to go based on what was submitted to me. But I will go on record today saying it is somewhat comical to me that we pick and choose what we want to be fair about because me and my district came before this Board and I will not speak too much on it because there's pending litigation, but we came with a sense of fairness to do what was right and politics played into it, unfortunately. And so now today, we're asking to have a Kumbaya moment because somebody wants something done their way and because it did not go their way, then all of a sudden we're on a slippery slope. Well that's what we have a County Attorney for. That's what we have judges for. That's what we have opinions for. And I'm so glad that I live in a country, a state, and a County that if we do not agree with the opinion of the County Attorney, we have other remedies. So I want it to be on the record saying that I voted on this, according to my constituents, according to the proof that I received and the evidence, politics did not play on my part a part in this. And I even also pleaded for more time and evidently my pleas of more time fell on deaf ears. And so saying that, I will say this. To each his own, and I'm going to take a quote out of the late Emma Darnell book, "what's good for the goose is good for the gander," thank you."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Mr. Chair, point of order."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "This is executive session item. I don't know why we're having discussion on it. Discussion on this matter is supposed to be had in executive session. Further, I don't know why someone would identify the person rather than just list an item or the agenda item, you know, the recommendation could have been to accept the recommendation on Number 2. I think this is purposeful, it's vindictive, and, you know, there's no more room for discussion. There is a motion, a proper motion that you have ruled and there is a second. This is an executive session item and any discussion or further discussion is absolutely inappropriate because discussion happens in Executive Session."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Commissioner Arrington, while the County Attorney was conferring with one of her associates, Commissioner Ellis asked if he could be heard and, likewise, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman asked if she could be heard and that's why allowed them to be heard. Now the County Attorney is ready to opine as to whether I rule that your motion was a proper motion. And so she's going to -- are you ready?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes. Yes, I believe that under the section on renewal of motions that the chain from accepting to rejecting is sufficient

to change it. So it is a new renewal of the motion that can come before the Body again."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. So the motion before us is to reject the recommendation of the Board of Registration and Elections. Let's vote. Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "No."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "No."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "No."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Hall. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I vote yes. Where's Commissioner Hall? She didn't vote?"

CLERK GRIER: "I have three yeas; three nays."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. It fails."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Is she still working? Can somebody reach out to her?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No. Three yeas --"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I'm right here. Can you hear me?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So how do you vote, Commissioner Hall?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Mr. Chair, as I stated before and since you just said that there's no discussion on the floor, I think it may have been Commissioner Arrington who said there should be no discussion on the floor. But I already made it very clear that the only thing that I've received, the things that I told you I received and I haven't received anything else to make a decision on this. We are trying to make a decision on

something that hasn't even been presented to us in a proper manner for us to make an honest and fair decision. So --

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "But on the Arrington motion to reject the recommendation from the voter registration and elections."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I thought you already voted on that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No. Everybody's voted but you. I voted yes."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I thought you voted on that before the discussion."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No, no."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "When there was a call to question, you didn't vote on that?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "That was a vote on the call the question. Not on a vote on the underlying motion."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Let me preside everybody."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That was a vote to call the question which failed. And now then the County Attorney has now ruled that, which I supported my ruling, that the Arrington motion was a proper motion and properly before us. That's the motion that we are voting on now. His motion was to reject -- for this body to reject the recommendation from the Board of Registration and Elections. So how do you vote, Commissioner Hall -- Vice Chair Hall?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Like I said, I don't have enough information to make an honest and fair decision on that. All I have is a letter and this is open record. All I was sent was a letter from Mary Cooney and an e-mail from one of the Board members."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well I'm going to rule it failed for lack of four votes. Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 5 of the Recess Meeting Agenda, **21-0132**, Real Estate and Asset Management. Request approval to extend existing contracts to continue to provide janitorial services for two additional months."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is there a motion?"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Move approval."

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

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Hall. Arrington. Abdur-Rahman. I vote yes."

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

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes. But I have a question."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Can you hear me?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, Commissioner Hall. You have the floor, Commissioner Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I have a question. Is that 132?"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. So I have a question on that. As you may recall from previous BOC meetings concerning the janitorial services, we had really bad reports on the level of maintenance service that was being provided. And so I just want to make sure that those services are much better now. I do see a couple of number 2 ratings on the report, so I'd just like someone to address that, because the 2 is not good."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Who's there? Vice Chair -- not Vice Chair. Chief Operating Officer, are you there?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "We are, Mr. Chairman. Can you hear us?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "I think Joe Davis can provide a little bit more insight. I think a number 2 reflects that the service is acceptable. Vice Chair, you're not -- you're correct, it's not at the top end of our rating, but it is acceptable from our standpoint. Joe."

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, DREAM: "That is correct, Madam COO, as it relates to the current format of the contract forms report. I simply wanted to add that this particular item has a contract extension simply because we're modifying the scope of the janitorial contract to address those issues you raised previously, Madam Vice Chair."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "All right. And so the rating of the 2, would you say that they have made some improvement since the last time we've discussed this?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, DREAM: "I would say that we have improved our overall contractor oversight to be able to more readily identify issues than allow them to linger. But I can't stress enough, the importance here is we're only asking for an extension. If you look at the groupings of this particular item where there's senior centers and libraries involved, so we simply are seeking an extension so that we can put a bid on the street with upgraded specifications that will give us a greater service delivery that you're looking for."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you so much, Joe. That's exactly what I'm looking for because if we're moving forward as we heard in the COVID-19 update, to try to start opening facilities, it's very important that the janitorial services that take place every day are up to par. So thank you for that."

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, DREAM: "Thank you, ma'am."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "It's approved. Next item, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "Bottom of page 5, **21-0133**, Real Estate and Asset Management. Request approval to extend existing contracts to provide continued stand-by emergency repair and restoration services for an additional two months."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Move approval."

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

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Arrington. Abdur-Rahman. And I vote yes."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 6, **21-0134**. Real Estate and Asset Management. Request approval of recommended proposals to furnish and install a new building automation system in 967 terminal units."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Move approval."

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

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Arrington. Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I vote no. I was trying to --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I'm going to vote no. I was trying to understand how much of the \$6 million is going to minorities or women?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I think it's 49 percent. It's what my records indicate."

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PURCHASING & CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: "This is Strong-Whitaker. It's 49 percent."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. I'll vote yes then."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I vote yes."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion passes unanimously."

CLERK GRIER: **"21-0135.** Real Estate and Asset Management. Request approval to increase spending authority to implement an expansion of the Morgan Falls Land Fall Gas System."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Move approval."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Second."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Second."

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

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I vote yes."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion passes unanimously."

CLERK GRIER: "**21-0136**, External Affairs. Request approval of a contract to provide grant writing services and to advise effective date."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Move approval, but I do have a question."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I'll second. What's your question, commissioner or Vice Chair Hall?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I have repeatedly seen this grant writing contract come back. Have we determined whether or not we just simply need to hire a regular Fulton County employee that is a grant writer to assist in this area? Because if we've needed these services for so many years, just repeatedly over and over, it would seem that we would do some kind of evaluation on whether or not we should just hire."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Ms. Corbitt, are you there?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Yes, sir. Thank you, Vice Chair Hall. That's a very good question. So to be clear, these grant writers do not -- are not the only people writing grants for Fulton County. We do have staff members who provide grant writing as well. We primarily use these external grant writers for large, but complex federal grants. They do bring additional experience in that area. We also have some very talented staff members with grant writing experience. This is the -- this is a new RFP, but this vendor has worked with us previously and has had a very successful track record in FY20, they assisted us with about \$4.3 million worth of federal grants. So this is essentially a supplement to the capabilities of our staff with grant writing expertise. This is purchasing authority. So for -- it is on a per-project basis that they provide this support to us."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. And so how many grant writers do we have in Fulton County?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "We have -- I would need to verify the exact number. I think Ms. Calhoun is on the line, but I would say we have easily half a dozen or so staff who have grant writing experience in different departments."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "In different departments, but I've met with the grant writers -- with a handful of grant writers who told me that they were the only grant writers that addressed a certain block of grants and I asked why, you know, there was why there was a delay and some other things that were going on, and it was brought to my attention that there was a need for more grant writers. And so I would ask Mr. County Manager if he could look into that. And since I saw this and it comes up repeatedly they were hiring more grant writing services, that caused me to ask the question today. So if you could just look at and rectify that situation."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, ma'am, we will do that."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Ready for the vote. Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I vote yes."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion passes unanimously."

CLERK GRIER: "Under Health and Human Services, **21-0137**, Public Works. Request approval to the lowest responsible bidder to provide all meter installation."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Move approval."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Move approval."

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

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I vote yes."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion passes unanimously."

CLERK GRIER: "21-0138, Public Works. Request approval of cooperative purchasing to provide safety boots."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Move approval."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Seconded. Let's vote. Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I vote yes."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion passes unanimously."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 7, 21-0139, public works. Request approval of an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Johns Creek for watermain relocation."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Move approval."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Properly moved and seconded. Let's vote. Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I'm going to vote, yes. But I want to ask the County Attorney, why we can do this but we can't do the intergovernmental agreement with South Fulton for an easement. I don't understand the reasoning that was provided was that we couldn't do anything for one city. And here's an intergovernmental agreement with us doing something with one city. So I need some explanation."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hausmann. And I vote yes."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Are you at -- I was waiting for the answer. I said yes."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I was waiting for an answer to Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I didn't know I was waiting. I thought you were answering Commissioner Arrington."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "My vote is, yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We were in the middle of a vote when the question was asked. I was completing the vote. Commissioner Arrington had indicated he would vote yes, but he wanted an explanation. I was going to complete the vote and ask her if she could opine or if she need to give it to him in writing."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "And what was the vote?"

CLERK GRIER: "You voted yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes."

CLERK GRIER: "It passed unanimously."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "It passed unanimously. Are you able to opine right now, Madam County Attorney?"

KAYE BURSEWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Well, there in the previous issue, the question was about access to an area so that someone could put in a road. And so the issue was whether a temporary easement could be crafted, but it appears that there is a prohibition -- let me find it for you. You can provide an -- you can provide access, but the question was whether you could pay for that road to be put in, but there was a prohibition against providing against paying for -- let's see if I can find it. So there is a prohibition, and it is in Resolution Number 18-0637 that provides that there is a prohibition against money being used for transportation -- prohibits use of general funds for the purpose of designing and building road transportation projects located within the boundaries of an existing municipality."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Right. So a roundabout and road widening is obviously transportation? Right? And this is within one municipality. So how can we have differing opinions, one opinion for one municipality and one opinion for another?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Commissioner Arrington, could we jump in just a second? David Clark is here from our public works department. I think the primary distinction on this particular request for approval is the fact that it involves relocation of part of our water infrastructure as opposed to simply the construction of a transportation project within a city. So if that's okay with you, Commissioner Arrington and Mr. Chairman, we can ask David to help us better understand the difference between what is being requested in 21-0139 and regular transportation project and how it's related to our water infrastructure."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Well, I'm happy to hear from David, but I just heard from the County Attorney and already responded to her, so, you know, the law is the law. I don't know that David is an expert on the law. He may be a public works expert, but he's not an expert on the law that she just quoted."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Would you like an opinion in writing, Commissioner Arrington, in the interest of time?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "yeah, that's fine."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam County Attorney, would you give us a written opinion and circulate it among all board members."

KAYE BURSEWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue, Madam Clerk. Madam Clerk?"

CLERK GRIER: "Okay. **21-0140**, Public Works. The Department of Public Works request the Board of Commissioners to rescind the previously enacted Resolution 97-0754, sewage moratorium for the Little River sewer service area."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Move approval."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "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: "Vice Chair Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I vote yes."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion passes unanimously."

CLERK GRIER: "Under Infrastructure and Economic Development, **21-0441**, Public Works. Request approval of a contract extension to continue providing engineering and planning services associated with the update and execution of the Fulton County transit plan."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Could I make a comment."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Briefly Commissioners, this is just a continued support that we have received from Kimberly Horne. Until such time that we get through this development of [inaudible] which may or may not include transit as was discussed in the last mayor's meeting. So to prepare for any eventuality that federal funds might be available, we would want to apply for those. I think this would be quite valuable."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Is there a motion?"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Move approval."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Second. Let's vote. Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Arrington. Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I vote yes."

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

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner's Action Items, **21-0070**. Request approval of a Resolution pursuant to OCGA Section 15-1620(a)(3), an amending Resolution, 98-0166, to establish a new local salary supplement for the Fulton County Sheriff, sponsored by Commissioner Arrington."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I move. Can I ask a question, please."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Go ahead, Commissioner Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you. Well, as you may recall at the last BOC meeting -- well, the meeting before last where this was on the agenda, I asked our chief human resources officer, Kenneth Hermon, to provide a compensation survey and recommendation including the justice partners and I want to thank Mr. Hermon for providing such an outstanding compensation survey and recommendation and just share this with the Board and with our listening and viewing audience. Mr. Hermon has identified through other municipalities, neighboring counties and cities for the following elected offices: the superior court judges, the state court judges, the probate court judges, sheriffs, clerks of the courts, solicitor generals, and as part of the review, he collected meaningful measures that would allow the Board to benchmark each office based on population served, budget service level activity, and staff managed. Although, HR partnered with legal to review existing local and state legislations that may have impact on the total compensation, of the respective elected officials, and out of the overview of their findings and recommendations, they had significant findings which, number one, though it has been more than seven years since the state has adjusted the salary supplement offered to Fulton County Superior Court judges, seven years. Our superior court judges and solicitor received the lowest total compensation amongst their peers. The lowest, while handling the most transactions serving the largest populations and managing a larger staff and budget. So it's very clear, based on these findings, that we have some work to do in compensating our justice partners. And also, the recommendation states that if the Board is in support of the proposed resolution agenda item Number 21-0070, to address the immediate concern regarding the sheriff's compensation, the recommendation is that the agenda item 21-0070 be modified to also include the clerk of magistrate court, the solicitor general and probate court judges such that they are able to receive 95 percent of the total compensation of superior court judges. I would make a motion to amend this resolution to include those that are mentioned in this recommendation."

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

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you."

KAYE BURSEWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "[Chairman stepped out Vice Chair."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I'm sorry, I didn't hear you."

KAYE BURSEWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "The Chairman has stepped out."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Oh, okay. So --"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Mr. Vice Chair."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Vice Chair."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Did you hear the motion, Mr. Chair?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I did not. What was the motion?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I made a motion --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I seconded, friendly amendment."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "To include the others, okay. All right, Commissioner Morris. I see a hand."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yeah I -- Commissioner Hall and Commissioner Arrington, I think -- I think we need to go further than that, quite frankly. I'm not sure. I'm not sure doing a percentage of the judges' thing really gets us where some of these folks need to be."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Commissioner Morris, I'm sorry, but I do have this raggedy, new computer with the bad speakers, and it got hot, so the fan is loud on it. Can you speak up a little bit more?"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "I'll try."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "I was just --"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I'm sorry."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "I'm not sure going to a percentage of the judge salary is going far enough with some of these folks. I'm not the one usually wanting to spend anymore money. But when I found out what our solicitor general makes for example compared to say the City of Atlanta's solicitor who doesn't handle any kind of staff or transactions as you suggest, I would love for the County Manager's team to really take a

good hard look at this and bring us back some comprehensive analysis and recommendations on the solicitor, maybe the judges, some of these other positions compared to Gwinnett and Cobb and the City of Atlanta and some of the other jurisdictions. So I -- I'd love for us to hold this when asked the County Manager's team to really do a good study and come back with some recommendations, which I think will probably be more than what is being suggested by your motion, so."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "So is -- so question for you, Commissioner Morris. So are you saying that 95 percent of the total compensation of superior court judges should be at 100 percent instead of 95 percent?"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "I don't know what the number is. I haven't seen all of the analysis of the surrounding comparable jurisdictions. That's why I'm suggesting the County Manager's team put together something with some recommendations to us for that -- for that position, for the sheriff's position and perhaps others, other of our justice partners. Because I think they ought to be at the top of the region."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Absolutely, yes."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "The size of the county that transactions, as you suggest, that they handle the staffs that they handle and so on."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I don't disagree with you."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Well I would -- I'm sorry."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Go ahead, Vice Chair. I was going to say I don't disagree with the findings that you read nor do I disagree with what Commissioner Morris is saying. All of them may come out better if we took our time to do a thorough analysis. And I'll tell you another group that's not in here -- and our County attorneys are woefully underpaid. So when we talk about the justice system, if there ever was a justice system, it's the men and women of our County's attorney's office that -- I mean I thought some of them are probably ashamed of how little they make compared to what they could make and should be making. So I agree with you. I can live with what's in this report, but I think that they will all come out better, which is what I said from the beginning, if we take the time to do this -- to do this properly. But at a minimum, because you're not talking about a lot of money. It's only reported less than \$50,000 to accomplish what's in this legislation. But we have the money to do more."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "I think one piece of direction from the Board that would be helpful to us is can we look beyond -- I think this has been in place for over 20 years. It's the cascading of all the salaries as it relates to the superior court judges. If we could be given the direction to bring back whatever we think the best answer is, without necessarily tying ourselves to that because this recommendation that's before you somewhat starts with that as the foundation."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I agree. So the substitute is to hold with the direction to the manager, promptly moved and seconded."

CLERK GRIER: "I don't have a second."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Please add the commissioners to that study."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. So do we have a new motion on the floor with all these additions?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "The motion on the floor is to hold with the direction to the manager."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay, so that's a substitute motion to hold?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Correct, Vice."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. Is it seconded? Because I'll second it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay."

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

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I vote yes."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion to hold passes unanimously."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair, would you preside while I make a meeting outside for a moment? Vice Chair?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes. Yes, I'm here. Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 8, County Manager's presentation and discussion items under Open and Responsible Government, **21-0142**, External Affairs. Update of the 2021 legislative agenda."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Mr. County Attorney? I mean County Manager, are you ready?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, ma'am. Ms. Corbitt is going to present this to the Board. Jessica, are you ready?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "I am. And good afternoon, Commissioners. Thank you again. We do have a very detailed update. Ms. Calhoun is also on the line with us, and I will ask her to weigh in on some of these. We are in the thick of the session and there are a number of updates on matters both and to the county's legislative priorities. I also want to mention that there are approximately 60 pieces of legislation that are active at this time that are relevant to the matter of elections. And so we are not going to include every single one of those. We are providing the Board with your weekly legislative updates. There are a few that we would like to highlight today as part of our presentation. Next slide, please. So as we share in every meeting, this is just a quick snapshot of the legislative priorities that were adopted by the Board of Commissioners. Next slide, please. The first priority area that we are going to go over is related to COVID-19 response. And the Board's position was to advocate for ongoing support from the State of Georgia. Two of these bills are more administrative in nature related to COVID-19. One is about liability for businesses and local governments related to COVID and the possibility for litigation by individuals who believe they've contracted COVID onsite at that business. In addition, House Bill 290 is related to hospitals and nursing homes and would prohibit hospitals and nursing homes from limiting a patient family visits. Senate Bill 46 though is the one that is most specifically related to our response. And this one would codify some provisions that are in the Governor's executive order. As you all have heard during our mayor's meetings, we are receiving substantial support from firefighters who have -- who serve as emergency medical technicians or cardiac technicians. Paramedics who have

additional training are normally able to give vaccines, but EMTs and cardiac technicians are not. However, under the Governor's executive order, they have been assisting us. This bill would allow that to continue under any emergency medical state of emergency. Commissioners, by the way, if there is a will to take a position on any of these bills, we will ask you to let us know that. Next slide, please. We have several bills related to the Fulton County airport that we wanted to call to your attention. House Bill 445, as you all recall in previous years, Representative Roger Bruce has introduced legislation that would change the boundaries of the City of South Fulton to include all of the Fulton industrial corridor that is currently unincorporated. House Bill 4045 would do that. It does include a request from the County to exclude the Fulton County airport from those boundaries to ensure that it could remain unincorporated in perpetuity for just some very clear governance from the County's perspective. House Bill 459 would specifically -- this is sponsored by Representative Chuck Martin. This is a bill our lobbying team has worked on that would prohibit certain municipalities from being able to annex certain airports, and it would apply to the Fulton County airport. This is a bill again that our lobbying team has advocated for, and we would request that the Board consider a position of support for that bill. In addition, Senate Resolution 84 is related to airport funding. This is a bill that would create a study committee. So it's one that we would track at this time. Next slide, please. House Resolution 117, another one of your legislative priorities has been around -- around equity for homeowner protections in looking at condo and homeowner associations. So House Resolution 117 would create a study committee on homeowner's association, condo associations, and property owners and community associations. This is sponsored by Representative William Bodie, who is a member of our delegation. Next slide, please. Human trafficking is an issue that this Board has tracked very carefully over the last several years. And these two bills have been in the news recently. Senate Bill 33 would allow victims of human trafficking to recover damages. And Senate Bill 34 would allow for some waivers to protect the privacy of individuals who have been trafficked. Next slide, please. House Bill 3, this is related to the issue of ethylene oxide. And as you recall, there is a plant in unincorporated Fulton County that has been identified as a source of ethylene oxide as well as a plant on the Cobb County/Fulton County border. House Bill 3 would permit requirements -- or excuse me, includes permit requirements for facilities that emit ethylene oxide. This is sponsored by Representative Eric Allen who is also a member of our delegation. There is a continuing bill, Senate Bill 180, which has very similar language that is sponsored by Senator Jim Jergman. In addition, in the area of public health, House Bill 215 would expand telehealth requirements beyond the current pandemic sponsored by Representative Mary Robichaux, who's a member of our delegation. House Bill 239 is a very interesting one. As the Board will recall, we had discussion over the last several years about state funding for behavioral health providers within Fulton County and other health districts. This bill would have an audit of agencies that receive funding from DBHDD to ensure that there is no duplication of services. This has been a concern of the County as there isn't a lot of transparency into the agencies receiving that funding. Before I go into election bills, I just wanted to pause and see if there are any comments or questions about any of the bills we have gone over so far. All right, hearing none. So as I mentioned there are a number of

election-related bills and many of these appear to address directly or indirectly actions or activities within Fulton County. For example, House Bill 62 would prohibit counties from accepting grants from private parties in the 2020 election cycle. Fulton County did receive foundation grant funding, and used that too for a number of election purposes. House Bill 77 is one we talked about during the last meeting. And this would create so-called voting centers where electors could go to any precinct on Election Day or create sites. I wanted to mention that the technology requirements, some of you asked questions about that. And local governments would be responsible -- local governments who choose to be part of this would need to fund the equipment. To do so, the voting machines themselves wanted to clarify for the public are not connected to the Internet, but there would have to be connectivity to access the voter database. This bill is currently on its second read and the special community on election integrity. And this is sponsored by Representative Roger Bruce who is a member of our delegation. House Bill 113 would allow for same day voter registration and this is also on its second read in the special committee. This is a matter that this Board considered and then some of you supported as part of our legislative priorities. There is a senate bill companion, which is Senate Bill 149, which would also allow same-day voter registration. I wanted to -- just moving through the presentation; if you're following, Commissioners, I'm on page 9. House Bill 250 would -- this is related to early voting locations, and it is -- this is a matter that we have dealt with here in Fulton County as well. This would prohibit a county from changing its early voting locations within 60 days before early voting period begins and 30 days before, and that is for primaries, general, and runoffs, and 30 days before special primary, special election, or special election runoffs. It does have some waiver provisions for emergencies that occur and has a very robust advertising requirement for that. I wanted to mention that Fulton County has, in the past, added additional early voting locations at times. And under this legislation, we would not be able to do that. House Bill 270 is related to -- I mean this bill has received a great deal of attention. This would require that absentee ballots are received no later than 5:00 on the -- excuse me, applications received by the second Friday before an election, so it essentially moves up the application period. And that requires the counties to mail those applications within three days of receiving that. Senate Bill 26 is related -- and Senate Bill 26 and Senate Bill 68 essentially are on opposite sides of the absentee ballot drop box issue. Senate Bill 26 would require that we have a absentee ballot drop box at every early voting location. While Fulton County does have 34 early -- excuse me, 34 absentee ballot drop boxes, we do not have them at all of our early voting locations, and that would be a change for Fulton County. Senate Bill 68, on the other hand, would prohibit absentee ballot drop boxes and, therefore, would negate them entirely. It would require -- as we did prior to the drop boxes, that they would be mailed or delivered personally. Senate Bill 89 is related to elections superintendents, and this is sponsored by Senator Miller from Gainesville, and it requires a chief elections assistance officer within the Secretary of State's Office and addresses the issue of election supervisors, and the process gives state input into the issue of performance by those individuals. Senate Bill 93, I just want to mention that last year Fulton County became the first county in Georgia to have mobile voting, and we did so by advertising a schedule of locations for our early voting, our mobile voting

units. They match the requirement of being either an election-based site or a government owned facility. This bill sponsored by Senator Robertson would limit the use of portable and movable polling facilities to replace an existing polling place only when it is unsafe for human occupation or if it has had a failure of utility services. So this would essentially prohibit the use of mobile voting units during early voting, but would allow their usage only in the case of an emergency that would damage or somehow make a polling site unusable. Senate Bill 141 is related to absentee ballots. This is a very lengthy bill, but it essentially would require that during the processing of absentee ballots, that once that processing begins, then it may not pause, that you must continually operate and continue counting those ballots until such time as they are complete. And there are some additional requirements within that bill that are a little more technical. House Bill 267 related to voter registration would require that any individual who registers to vote by mail must vote in person the first time that they vote, unless they are eligible for UOCAVA services or age 65 or older or are physically disabled. House Bill 406 is related to, again, to absentee ballots and it would require a very extensive absentee ballot application audit in Fulton County as the most populous county in Georgia would be subject to this for essentially every election. The audits being conducted within 180 days that any base that is decided within 2% would have an automatic audit, and this -- notably for this bill, this would be applied retroactively to the November and January elections. Those are the election bills that we have highlighted here, we would be glad to pause and take any questions before we go into the next category. All right, I'll just keep going. The next section is related to the justice system and, specifically, we have three bills here. House Bill 300 is related to record restriction and would expand record restriction. This bill is on its second read in judiciary and noncivil. This Board has supported record restriction as part of the justice reform agenda in the past. So I wanted to highlight that for your attention. In addition, House Bill 308 would allow counties to regulate misdemeanor possession of marijuana within unincorporated areas. I believe this Board has addressed that previously. This is on the second read as well. House Bill 371 would kind of codify some of the proceedings related to video conferencing. In addition, going into additional areas of justice system for the DA and probate court, House Bill 97 would have some regulations for probate judges and the ability to service clerks. House Bill 232 would allow a district attorney to request a court reporter in grand jury proceedings when a law enforcement officer has been accused of a crime. House Bill 281, mandatory notice on weapons carry permits if those are expiring. I really wanted to highlight House Bill 411, which is creating a prosecuting attorney's oversight commission. We have heard from the solicitor general and the district attorney. They have concerns about this legislation. They believe that this creates an extra layer of oversight that is already covered as members of the bar. Moving into cyber security, House Bill 134 would allow discussion in executive session of cyber security matters, and House Bill 156 would require reporting of any such cyber attacks. Next slide, please. I really wanted to highlight this one, House Bill 352. This is a very complex piece of legislation related to property taxes, but a few of the concerns -- this bill is opposed by the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia. Several things this bill would do. One of them is to make the chief appraiser an elected position rather than an appointed position. It would allow taxpayers to file a claim for a tax

refund up to 10 years after negligently incorrect assessment, so-called negligently incorrect assessment. It would allow grand jury investigations of complaints against the chief appraiser. It would lengthen the appeals period from 45 days to 180 days, which would, from my experience, working with our tax team, make it almost impossible to create a tax digest and issue tax bills in a timely manner. It also creates a referendum for a statewide floating homestead exemption. And as this Board knows, Fulton County has had a floating homestead exemption. We were probably one of the first in the state to have one. And while it appears that the statewide exemption would supersede the County exemption, it is not clear if the new base year would change. So for example, if the base year of a property owner was very early in the time that that was adopted and that base year were reset to 2022 when this bill takes effect, that could generate a very sizable property tax increase or evaluation increase, and I would ask to see, correct me if I'm wrong, for that particular property owner. So this bill creates a number of very serious challenges for Fulton County. It is on its second read in the House Ways and Means Committee. Next slide, please. These are two bills that are related and appear to be specifically aimed at the Fulton -- excuse me, at the Hartsfield Jackson -- Atlanta Hartsfield Jackson International Airport. Both of them are sponsored by legislators from Clayton County and will really speak to the taxability of properties in another jurisdiction. Next slide, please. We have gone over some of these before. House Bill 66 is about bond validation proceedings. House Bill 75 is one that is supported by ACCG and would help address the issue of rollback rates and the assessment notices. As you all know, there's a lot of confusion every year, particularly when we misadvertise on completing assessments in military advertisements. But there's a lot confusion every year when we have to advertise our rollback rate, and this seeks to clarify that for greater public understanding. Excuse me. House Bill 162 is addressing eligibility for most, and this is for sponsored by Representative Bodie and would extend the ability to levy at most -- or a municipal option sales tax for any municipality with a wastewater system connecting to the City of Atlanta's wastewater system, and that would include a number of those. Next slide, please. House Bill 292 addresses an issue with boards of equalization. As you all know, Fulton County probably has one of the largest boards of equalization programs in the state. And there is a mandated training for the individuals who serve on those boards. This would essentially remove the requirement when those members re-up after their second term. So it would -- once they've gone through that very robust training, their first term in service, they would not have to continue to have that very extensive training. House Bill 317 related to excise taxes. This is really related to the Airbnb issue. And House Bill 374, is again related to water, sewer, and sales tax issues. Next slide, please. I'm not going to go over these in a lot of detail, except I would like to highlight Senate Bill 41. This is another piece of legislation that Dr. Ferdinand has written his opposition to. This is creating a statewide -- a statewide retirement fund for tax commissioners. Fulton County's tax commissioner is already a member of our retirement system. Importantly, this would create a new fee for delinquent property bills, and those fees would be paid into a statewide fund. Dr. Ferdinand's concern as he expressed it to us, is that essentially Fulton County taxpayers would be levied fines that would go somewhere else in the state to support a tax commissioner somewhere else in their retirement. Next slide, please. I'm not going

to go into a lot of detail here, but the House Bill 86 on mobile sports wagering. House Bill 148, on development authorities, and it states who is eligible to serve on those. Senator Beech has sponsored Senate Bill 30, which is called the Rural Georgia Jobs and Growth Act and really seeks to authorize parimutuel horseracing and gambling. Next slide, please. And as you see on this one, these are a number of constitutional amendments that would go to referendum if they are successful during this session. On casino gambling, on voter registration for 17-year-olds, I cannot make development and small businesses. Again, this one is related to games. Having the state issue bonds for airport projects, Senate Resolution 26, and more horseracing and parimutuel betting. With that, Ms. Calhoun and I are glad to take any questions for as the Board wishes to take a position on these, please let us know. All right. Well I do not hear any comments. We will --"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Hello?"

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

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I'm sorry. I'm trying to get this back on. It's just taking me a minute. This is Vice Chair Hall. I just noticed that the Chair is not there. I didn't know he was not present. But I do have a question and but since it looks like I'm presiding in his absence, I will ask if any of my colleagues have a question. Okay. Hearing none, I do have a question. I notice that this is an update from the original presentation --"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Commissioner, we talked -- I was just going to say that normally during the session, because many bills move very quickly, we do try to make sure the Board has the most current information possible, so we typically send you a presentation the day before with the most current information."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. Well I did notice that there were quite a few bills that were removed from the presentation. Can you speak to the bill -- why there were bills removed from the previous presentation."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "I'm going to ask Ms. Calhoun to address that."

FRAN CALHOUN, INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: Good afternoon, Vice Chair. The reason that some of the bills were removed is one of two reasons. I'm not sure exactly which ones, but our kind of guiding principle here was to bring you bills that had moved or that were related to the commission's priorities. We were really cognizant about the amount of time that it takes to go through these. And so what we do on the weekly Friday report is to provide an exhaustive list of all of the bills that perhaps may, in fact, impact Fulton County government, but we were just attempting to abbreviate it somewhat with those items that were in fact moving through and advancing through the legislature."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you so much."

FRAN CALHOUN, INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "And so, Madam Clerk, next item, please."

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

CLERK GRIER: "Continuing on page 8, under Health and Human Services, **21-0143**, Public Works. Presentation and discussion of the South Fulton wastewater capacity city."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you. Mr. Clark, you're going to do presentation?"

DAVID CLARK, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS: "We're going to do it real quick. Please pull it up."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Do you want to try to e-mail it to Demarco Powell?"

DAVID CLARK, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS: "Okay. I can do that. Hold on real quick. While Demarco is pulling that up, Rebecca Lindsey is with Gretchen Smith Consultants, they're the ones that have helped us over the last year and a half, prepare this South Fulton capacity study, and she'll be giving most of the presentation. I just wanted to do a couple of quick minute of introduction to the project as well as where we are and where we're going with this. The project goal from the very beginning was to work very collaboratively with all of our South Fulton communities in developing this plan. And I think that once you when we walk you through the meetings that we've had with the city over the last year and a half, you'll be able to see how much we really valued their input into their development plans and what they were going to foresee over the next 40 years. So we've put together a 2060 road map to where we think the South Fulton sewer system should be in the next 40 years. As part of the project, we met with all of the cities. Several times we met very early on in the process to talk to them about their development plans, from their comp plans and their zoning maps. We went back and we actually updated our models to develop what we would use for the study. And Demarco, we're on slide three now. Thank you. One back please. Perfect. So that takes us through the first four bullets. We examined the system capacity of the existing system based on the future flows. We created several decade models, a 2030 model, a 2040, 2050, and a 2060 model, so we could kind of see intermittently how the improvements of the system needed to be. And now we've put together some costs opinions of where we think the costs are going to be, we put into a final report and now we're actually starting a rate study to figure out how to pay for all this. Next slide please? Are you able to move to the next slide?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Go ahead."

DAVID CLARK, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS: "Just so everybody knows, our South Fulton area includes all of our South Fulton cities with the exception of Hapeville, that is served by the City of Atlanta. Most of the cities in South Fulton actually have their own collections system through a lot of their jurisdictional boundaries, but none of them have treatment capacity. So at some point, the flow leaves the city and enters the County system and all of it is treated at our Camp Creek facility. Next slide, please. This shows a little bit more in graphic form where our system is located today. You'll notice there's no system right now within the boundaries of Chattahoochee Hills. And Roosevelt Highway, or U.S. 29, is basically a ridgeline. Everything to the south and east of Roosevelt Highway actually flows down towards the Clayton County border before it is pumped back up over Roosevelt Highway to be treated at Camp Creek. And you see the rest of the fingers kind of follow some of the major creeks in the South Fulton area, Camp Creek and Deep Creek as it heads towards the Chattahoochee River in our Camp Creek facility. Next slide please. At this point, I want to turn it over to Rebecca Lindsey from Gretchen Smith so she can actually talk through the study and the key findings. Rebecca."

REBECCA LINDSEY, GRETCHEN SMITH: "Thank you, David. So as David described, we looked at hydraulic bottlenecks through the horizon through calendar year 2060 with the first three blocks here on the left pertaining to really the existing system, what existing bottlenecks we expected to find through the area that is served by the County now. Upsize pump stations looking at the capacity to meet future conditions, force mains making sure velocities are not too high or too low coming out of those pump stations, and then looking at all of the gravity sewers, 12 inches in diameter and greater. To the right there in Chattahoochee Hills and the city of South Fulton, so these are County-owned and maintained portions of the system where we looked at system extensions, looking at particularly in Chatt Hills new regional pump stations where a new collection system puts it at the down gradient and the village in Chatt Hills and pump up throughout a force main and similarly --(she cuts out)."

DAVID CLARK, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS: "I think we lost Rebecca. So I'll continue. So as she was saying --

REBECCA LINDSEY, GRETCHEN SMITH: "with extension, next slide please."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Rebecca, there was a delay in what you were saying. So can you go back?"

REBECCA LINDSEY, GRETCHEN SMITH: "Is there a specific question?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "There was a delay. We didn't hear you. I believe it was after you were talking about the gravity sewers. Is that correct, David?"

DAVID CLARK, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS: "Yeah. Rebecca, if you could just quickly highlight the Chattahoochee Hills and the city of South Fulton parts of the planning criteria, that's where you cut out."

REBECCA LINDSEY, GRETCHEN SMITH: "Sure. So Chattahoochee Hills and the city of South Fulton are portions of the South Fulton system that are owned and maintained by Fulton County directly. So the planning criteria were a little bit different in those systems in Chattahoochee Hills, we looked at citing new regional pump stations in the Chattahoochee Hills villages that would pump up through a new force mains and then flow by gravity to connect with the existing county network. In the city of South Fulton, we looked at extension of the gravity sewer and in areas that are not currently sewered. Next slide, please? As David indicated, we met with all seven of the South Fulton city stakeholders in several workshops to look at their flow projections through the planning horizon to year 2060. Those numbers are presented here. David also has memorialized these in a memo that the Board received back in February of last year. You will note here that the Camp Creek water acclamation facility is ready for 24MGD, so it will be surpassed in that 2040 planning horizon. Next slide, please. The following several slides are going to go through snapshots of the infrastructure upgrades that are projected for each of the decades, each of the planning horizons. So you're looking here at the 2020 through 2029 planning horizon. Any infrastructure in blue is what is new or upsized. Upsized pipes shown in dashed lines, upsized force mains in solid lines, new pump stations with solid dots, and upsized pump stations with blue dots that are hollow in the center. So in the 2020 horizon over the next decade there is no -- there is no upsize gravity sewer, but there is a good bit of new gravity sewer and a substantial amount of new force main, primarily coming from the Chatt-Hills seven new village pump stations and upsize pump stations for Ono Road in Camp Creek with an existing system. Next slide, please. This is the 2030 through 2039 decade planning improvements. This does include an extent of about 11,000 feet of upsized gravity sewer. Substantial amount of new gravity sewer shown in those purple segments, purple solid segments there. Some new forced main, one new pump station in South Fulton, are designated as South Fulton and then the upsized Ono Road pump station. Next slide, please. 2040 planning horizon has 15,000 feet of upsized gravity sewer, a little less than that of new gravity sewer. In this case, no new force main, but there are five upsizes to the five village pump stations that were constructed in the 2020 planning horizon as well as upsized to the existing Camp Creek facility within the County system. Next slide, please. 2050 includes about 10,000 feet of upsized gravity sewer. No new gravity sewer, no new force main, no new pump stations, but two upsized pump stations Camp Creek and [inaudible] on the northern end of this portion of the system. Next slide, please. So we took all of those projects that were illustrated over all of those planning horizons. And for each, we developed planning level opinions of cost for construction of those improvements. The totals of those costs by category of what type of improvement are broken down here with the grand totals for each decade planning horizon shown at the bottom. We also have values here projected for the Camp Creek water acclamation facility expansion. As I noted, it would exceed its 24MGD rate of

capacity. So we projected for the design of that to begin in 2025, 2026 timeframe with construction of the expansion in 2027. Next slide, please. This slide illustrates the nine summary of next steps. Beginning with the finalized report, which we completed, this is the report of the South Fulton capacity evaluation which we submitted and gone through the final iterations. Step two is where we are currently with presenting the findings to the city mayors which has been completed and now to the Board. And Step 3, we are also currently executing with a rate study, which is projected to be complete this spring. In Step 4, once we're complete with that rate study, we intend to reconvene with city and county stakeholders to present the proposed rate increases. In Step 5, this is an ongoing step. So the understanding is that the city has wastewater improvements that are internal to their system, and the Camp Creek improvements that will be initiated starting with the fall of 2021. The new rates should be implemented in the fall of this year, 2021. Step 7, once those new rates are implemented, then the improvements that we described can be implemented into the County's capital improvements program. Step 8, we just completed, as I indicated, planning level estimates for each of these improvements, so those upgrades, those capacity expansions will require detailed design. That will be ongoing beginning in 2021 and throughout that planning horizon as the new development progresses responding to that. And Step 9 is the water reclamation facility expansion design, again beginning in 2025 with construction beginning in 2027. Next slide, please. These are preliminary considerations pertaining to the rate study that is currently underway. So we're currently performing that analysis and we don't know what the rate increases will be yet, but we anticipate that they'll be in the five to 15 percent range. We'll be evaluating and finalizing that. And as part of that comparing in Step 2, that increase to neighboring utilities and average bills to make sure that the rates are competitive. In Step 3, we'll allocate as part of that rate evaluation the cost of the Camp Creek water reclamation facility expansion to the IGAs and to the direct County customers based on -- based on their percentage allocation in the Camp Creek capacity expansion. Step 4, just to note again, that this excludes city-owned infrastructures, so it's the City's responsibility where they own and maintain their own system to get the wastewater conveyance up to the point of the County intercepting billing meter where the County will then receive it and own and maintain it. And, in Step 5, to summarize these rates that we're evaluating will be system wide. This will be for North Fulton, South Fulton IGAs consistent across the County. With that, David, I believe I'll hand it back to you."

DAVID CLARK, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS: "Thank you very much, Rebecca. And at this point, we're certainly open to talk about any questions that anybody has. As Rebecca said, we did present this to the mayors at a South Fulton mayors' meeting that we had in the middle part of January. It was very well received. I do think we have laid out a very good 40-year roadmap for us to follow as we continue to expand and serve South Fulton area. So with that, I'll let you turn it over to you, Vice Chair, with any questions you or any of the commissioners might have."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Are there any questions? Hearing none, I see that Mr. Chair, you rejoined the meeting?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, ma'am. Thank you very much, Vice Chair."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "You're welcome."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Where are we?"

CLERK GRIER: "Page 8."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

CLERK GRIER: "Continuing on page 8, Commissioners' presentation and discussion items. **21-0144**, discussion. Advance Atlanta January 21, 2021 Board Meeting summary sponsored by Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "As usual, Mr. Chairman, that's just the summary of the minutes of the January 21st Invest Atlanta Board with the actions taken. If anyone would like any additional information, I'd be happy to get it for them."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Continue."

CLERK GRIER: "**21-0145**, Discussion, Atlanta Beltline. February 10, 2021 CEO reports, sponsored by Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "And that, I think the materials attached indicate that was the CEO's report for the Beltline Board meeting of February 10th, but there was not a Board meeting. It was just an executive committee meeting, but the CEO presents a report at each of those as well as the quarterly board meetings. And I attached that for information. Again, if anybody would like any additional information on any items in that, I'm delighted to get that for them."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**21-0146**, Discussion. An ordinance to amend chapter 78 article 2 of the Fulton County Code of Ordinances to create a new section 78-41 restricting, addressing, and prohibiting the offense of street racing preserving safety and order and for other purposes sponsored by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Basically, this is an ordinance dealing with the street way racing and preserving safety and order. We are mirroring for continuity with the city of South Fulton ordinance, especially in that Fulton Industrial Corridor. I'm bringing this because of not only the elected officials in the city of South Fulton, constituents have brought to my attention of the street racing, the doing the donuts in parking lots, and just a general unsafe situation for our citizens. And so this ordinance, I believe, will not only be a continuation of continuity of that -- mirror that ordinance. This is a public safety issue, and I do have Chief Yates here to answer any questions that my colleagues may have at this moment or if you all have any questions of me. Chief Yates, are you on?"

WILLIAM YATES, INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE, FCPD: "Yes, ma'am. Can you hear me?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. Thank you, Chief Yates."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Mr. Chair."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Chief Yates, do you mind providing just a little bit more background of why this is important?"

WILLIAM YATES, INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE, FCPD: "Yes, ma'am, thank you. The biggest problem we have in enforcing the street racing, obviously, when a car -- two cars are street racing, there's only two vehicles involved. And when someone is doing a reckless driving exhibition, for instance, doing donuts in a parking lot, it's just one vehicle. But the problem we have is that hundreds of spectators come to watch these events. And they're on social media and they move very quickly. So they can move into our area very rapidly. We are deploying automatic license plate readers to let us know when these known people are coming into the jurisdiction so we can try to find them. But we rarely are able to catch the racers or the person doing the exhibition, and we have all of these spectators that current law doesn't give us any way to deal with. And so this ordinance would allow us to cite people simply for coming to a location to watch this illegal event. And that would be very helpful because that's who we end up stopping the majority of the time are the spectators, not the actual racers."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I was just -- I just want to understand what the ordinance did that allows you to do what you couldn't do right now. So it sounds like this will address the spectators as one of the principal features of it, really that."

WILLIAM YATES, INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE, FCPD: That's correct, sir. Addressing the spectators. Current state law, it is already illegal to race and it's illegal to lay drags, you know, doing donuts in the parking lot. But the state law says nothing about spectators."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Other questions or comments."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Chair, I just wanted to also just reaffirm that Sandy Springs passed something similar to this on yesterday and my concern as well as my constituents' concern is that we should not wait until somebody has either passed away or has lost a limb because these individuals are doing very dangerous different type tricks, and we have seen close misses. I have actually had the opportunity to come out and see one as it was ending. And as they were doing the donuts, they almost missed the individuals that were spectators by a hair of an inch in hitting them. And so this is very, very important that we put this in place, not only for public safety but also to save lives. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "Say it again?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What? Vice Chair Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes. My question is what area does this cover since we only have seven miles. I think it's seven miles of unincorporated Fulton County."

WILLIAM YATES, INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE, FCPD: "Yes. Thank you, Vice Chair. So it would cover all of the industrial area. And the real issue with the industrial area is we have a lot of very straight, very wide roads designed for trucks. And it makes it just a great place to do these reckless driving exhibitions. They love coming to Fulton Industrial Boulevard because of the size of the roads and for the street racing, the straightness of the roads."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. I just wanted to be more clear because there has been a call for action from all of the Atlanta city council members, and I just wanted to be clear to our viewing and listening audience that this does not cover the City of Atlanta because we don't have jurisdiction there. So thank you very much. Appreciate it."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "You're correct, Commissioner Hall, this does not cover the City of Atlanta. I just basically wanted to bring this to my colleagues to let you know it is an issue. It's an issue that we need to address and if you had any questions or concerns, I wanted to take this time to address it, because I will bring it forth to this body for a vote, thank you."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, I'm really glad to see you bring this issue up because it is something that was long overdue for us to have a discussion about, because it's been a major issue all across Fulton County. So thank you for bringing this to this agenda."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, I noticed that it's listed on our agenda as a discussion item. So in your intent is to bring it back for a vote, is that what I heard you say?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "That's correct, Chair."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Thank you very much. Any further questions at this time? All right. Continue, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "Back on the Consent Agenda on page 3, items removed for separate consideration by Vice Chair Hall. First item is **21-0119**, Finance. Ratification of the January 20, 2021 grants activity report."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Mr. Chair, may I have the floor?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, Vice Chair, go ahead."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I've pulled all of these because these are some outstanding agenda items that the public really needs to hear about. There are quite a few questions about a number of these things when I'm out and about in the public. And so I wanted them to be able to hear at least an overview of these items. If you don't mind, I would move to hear them all just together. They can give an overview, and I move approval on all of them."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. On **0119**, **0120**, and **0123**?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes, sir."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. The motion is to approve."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "I second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Properly moved and seconded. Who wants to briefly talk about 0119? Quickly. Madam CFO, is that you?"

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE: "I will. Mr. Chairman. Good afternoon, or good evening, commissioners. I'm going to talk about, the first grant is the criminal justice coordinating cancel grant that we received. This is for violence against women act. It's going to be administered or managed by the DA. There are two grants. One is for \$92,900 and the other is for \$74,266 for a total of \$166,266. And the grant will be used to support the development and implementation and training of law enforcement protocols to respond to domestic violence and other violent crimes against women. The second one is a two-year grant tied to order upholding rule of law and

preventing wrongful convictions in the amount of \$300,000 from the Department of Justice. This is also the DA grant and the deal we're partnering with Georgia Innocence Project to manage the grant, and the funds will be used to hire for paralegal support. The next one is U.S. Marshal service federal reimbursement award. And this is in the amount of \$19,100 and it is for the County Marshal. And this will be used to pay for overtime expenses. The next one is a grant from Georgia Department of Human Services in the amount of \$45,330 for a part-time attorney to assist in cases where a parent is accused of misdemeanor crime of abandonment of minor. The next one is a grant in the amount of \$71,343 from Georgia Department of Human Services. And this will be monies out of the Clerk of Superior Court's office. And it allows -- allow the clerk to keep one existing employee who handles all new case filings as well as manage all subsequent pleadings received from the District Attorney's child support enforcement unit. The next one is the State of Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for delivery of female crisis counseling program. And this will be used in the event of a federal disaster had been declared by the president. We do not have an amount yet for this, but we've just been proactive in the event that the opportunity presents itself, we will be able to apply for this. And the amount to be received will be used in partnership with River Edge and Chris 180. The next one is a grant from Americost for senior services in the amount of \$260,000 to engage adults over the age of 55 and providing companionship and support to Fulton County residents. Additional support is also provided to encourage adults to remain at home or in the community for as long as possible. External Affairs grant is the next one in the amount of \$2,607 to fund a summer intern that would develop communications and marketing plans to enhance the County's economic impact and assist in producing infomercial about Fulton's [Inaudible]. And lastly, we have HIV elimination grant for -- and this is from the health resources and services administration in the amount of \$150,000 and that we'll be using this to partner with RDE system to modify the department's E2Fulton system to facilitate telehealth services. That is the last one. It's about nine grants altogether. And as you said, Vice Chair Hall, yeah, these are all good grants and they will do a lot of great things for the County."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes, absolutely. These are wonderful. Thank you, Hakeem, and then we can go to the next one quickly."

CLERK GRIER: "21-0120, Real Estate and Asset Management. Accept and file the Fulton County capital program quarterly update for the period of October 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020."

JOSEPH DAVIS, DIRECTOR, DREAM : "Good afternoon, Commissioners. This report is essentially a summation of all large capital projects being performed through or across multiple capital programs beginning with DREAM's annual capital. Also, the library bond program, the urban redevelopment bond program as well as the rather large capital projects that are currently underway within the Public Works Department. I

would like to begin with, in terms of as an overview, talk about the urban redevelopment bond program which is rather significant. That particular program is essentially for the upgrade or replacement of critical infrastructure in the downtown area. We have been focusing on the government center complex, the justice center complex, the juvenile justice center as well as the medical examiner's office with various projects ranging from large mechanical replacements, i.e., HVAC systems and controls, domestic water supply lines, multiple spot HVAC projects throughout the buildings. We've also done an extreme amount of work on the exterior of the justice center after having identified a few years ago what we realized was a major safety concern as it relates to the adherence of the stone corners at the top of the building to the structure of the building. That particular project was roughly over 19 -- a little over \$19 million and will be completed a little later this year. We've also embarked upon the entry plaza that you see out front of the government center where we have taken what was an eye sore and turning into what we believe will be a wonderful place for not only staff to enjoy but also where we might be able to one day host functions public and/or private functions. We've also upgraded the assembly hall as a part of the urban redevelopment bond program. And new seating, new technology. It's a wonderful, wonderful, I guess I would like to say centerpiece of all of the things that we've done and representative of everything we've done under the course of this program. The DREAM capital program began some four years ago when we had the company Faithful and Gould completed facility condition assessment of approximately 110 facilities. As a result, the County leadership determined that we needed capital funding allocated in order to address some of the findings of that facility condition assessment and, over time, we have completed multiple projects in buildings listed in this reporter's report. Primarily though you'll see the quality living services, upgrade of their public restrooms which will make them ADA compliant as well as much more user friendly in general. I don't know if my counterpart, David Clark, is still with us from Public Works, but as you know, there are major projects occurring as it relates to the Little River and the Big Creek diversion program that will essentially provide a great deal of redundancy. First, it provides us an opportunity to continue to operate while we're making major facility to site renovations at Big Creek, and then it will give us the opportunity in the future for further expansion. Well that's all I have unless y'all have some questions."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you, Joe. I do want to just make note that yes these are some outstanding projects like the elevator modernization to report that our elevators are up to standards and the central library, I was noticing that you're in the warranty phase, I think it said, and so you're pretty much done with that. It's just the checks and balances that are taking place?"

JOSEPH DAVIS, DIRECTOR, DREAM: "Yes."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "And so I did want the public to know that we have a lot of great capital projects that they've been waiting for that are about to come online."

JOSEPH DAVIS, DIRECTOR, DREAM: "Thank you."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: **"21-0123**, Community Development. Request approval to enter into a memorandum of agreement regarding the implementation of a statewide department of the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Homeless Management Information System."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Approved."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "COO and Dr. Roshell."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS: "Vice Chair Hall, this item is an item that will enter into an agreement with the Department of Community Affairs who is the designated HMIS or Homeless Management Information System lead. The agreement allows the department of community development, specifically the homeless division to capture data for reporting and other purposes."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you, Dr. Roshell. I recall this coming before us before and I'm just glad to see that we are finalizing this and moving forward. Thank you."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion is to approve all three. Properly moved and seconded. Let's cast your votes, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Arrington."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Abdur-Rahman. I vote yes."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Any other matters that come before us today, Madam Clerk?"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Move to adjourn."

CLERK GRIER: "I have no further items."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No further items that come before us. There's been a motion to adjourn. Without objection, we stand adjourned. Thank you very much for your participation today."

(Whereupon, the meeting concluded at 3:02 p.m.)