

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

August 21, 2024
10:00 AM



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



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Ratification Date: September 18, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Robert L. Pitts **10:01 a.m.**

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

Robert L. Pitts, Chairman (At-Large)	PRESENT
Bridget Thorne, Commissioner (District 1)	PRESENT
Bob Ellis, Commissioner (District 2)	PRESENT
Dana Barrett, Commissioner (District 3)	PRESENT
Natalie Hall, Commissioner (District 4)	PRESENT
Marvin S. Arrington, Jr., Commissioner (District 5)	PRESENT
Khadijah Abdur-Rahman, Vice Chair (District 6)	PRESENT

INVOCATION: Reverend Clifton Dawkins, Jr., County Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recite in unison

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE SWITCH ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES (CELL PHONES, PAGERS, PDAs, ETC.) TO THE SILENT POSITION DURING THIS MEETING TO AVOID INTERRUPTIONS.

IF YOU NEED REASONABLE MODIFICATIONS DUE TO A DISABILITY, INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS IN AN ALTERNATE FORMAT PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK TO THE COMMISSION. FOR TDD/TTY OR GEORGIA RELAY SERVICE ACCESS DIAL 711.

CONSENT AGENDA**24-0526 Board of Commissioners**

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

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

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

Did Not Vote: Arrington

24-0527 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing "Paula Lawton Bevington Remembrance Day."

(Abdur-Rahman)

August 16, 2024

Proclamation recognizing "Curvy Lips by Miko Appreciation Day."

(Abdur-Rahman)

August 17, 2024

Proclamation recognizing "Eagle Scout Akshaj Shajeev Appreciation Day."

(Thorne)

August 17, 2024

Proclamation recognizing "Eagle Scout Marriano Smith Appreciation Day."

(Thorne)

August 17, 2024

Proclamation recognizing "Eagle Scout Josh Chandran Appreciation Day."

(Thorne)

August 17, 2024

Proclamation recognizing "Walter Fuller Young Appreciation Day." **(Pitts)**

August 18, 2024

Commissioners' District Board Appointments**24-0528 Board of Commissioners**
FULTON COUNTY HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

One (1) representative will be nominated by each of the Commission Districts for a total of seven (7) members; this includes one representative from District 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. Each representative will serve a two-year term and could be re-appointed to serve additional terms. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no term of any member nominated by a District Commissioner shall extend beyond the term of the District Commissioner who nominates that member.

Term = 2 Years

Term below expired: 12/31/2022

Vacant (**Arrington**)

Commissioner Arrington nominated Chris Portis for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2024.

Open & Responsible Government**24-0529 Finance**
Ratification of July 2024 Grants Activity Report. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**24-0530 Real Estate and Asset Management**
Request approval of a Water Easement Dedication of 15,505 square feet to Fulton County, Georgia, from JBGL Atlanta Development 2014, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the Park Walke Project at 132 Brooke Street and 51 Thompson Street, Alpharetta, Georgia 30009. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**24-0531 Real Estate and Asset Management**
Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 15,505 square feet to Fulton County, Georgia, from JBGL Atlanta Development 2014, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the Park Walke Project at 132 Brook Street and 51 Thompson Street, Alpharetta, Georgia 30009. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

Arts and Libraries**24-0532 Arts and Culture**

Request approval of a statewide contract - Department of Arts & Culture, SWC 99999-SPD-0000136-0008, Temporary Staffing Services with Corporate Temps Inc. (Norcross, Georgia) at no additional cost to provide temporary staffing services for an additional six (6) month period. Effective dates: July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

SECOND REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**24-0533 Board of Commissioners**

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

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

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

Did Not Vote: Arrington

24-0534 Clerk to the Commission

Ratification of Minutes. **(RATIFIED)**

First Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, August 7, 2024

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

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

Did Not Vote: Arrington

24-0535 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing "National Aviation Week."
(Abdur-Rahman/Pitts/Thorne/Ellis/Barrett/Hall)

Proclamation recognizing "Bronzelens Festival 15th Anniversary Appreciation Day."
(Abdur-Rahman/Pitts)

PUBLIC HEARINGS**24-0536 Board of Commissioners**

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

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

(CONDUCTED)

7 Speakers: Chief Judge Cassandra Kirk (Item #24-0538); Paul Hershey (Item #24-0516); Devin Barrington-Ward (Item #24-0516); L.A. Pink (Community Needs); Siegfried D. White (Community Needs); Latonya Gates (Community Needs) and Charles Rambo (Fulton County Jail)

3 Zoom Speakers: Matt Rowenczak (Corruption); Ben Howard (Senior Services) and Sabrina P. Goodson (Fulton County Housing Authority)

COUNTY MANAGER'S ITEMS**Open & Responsible Government****24-0516 Finance**

Request approval of a Resolution adopting the 2024 Millage Rates for the General fund, General Obligation Bond Fund, and the Fulton Industrial District Fund, as well as the 2024 Fulton County Board of Education millage rate.

(MOTION TO APPROVE FAILED ON 8/7/24) (APPROVED)

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to approve the 8.87 General Fund millage rate. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nay: Thorne, Ellis, and Hall

b. A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to approve an 8.80 General Fund millage rate. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yea: Thorne, Ellis, and Hall

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

24-0537 Finance

Presentation, review, and approval of the August 21, 2024 Budget Soundings and Resolution. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Absent: Arrington

24-0538 County Manager

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Chairman Pitts, to approve holding the \$9.8 million interest and any further interest earned from ARPA funding into a facility reserve. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, and Ellis

Nay: Thorne, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Arrington

24-0469 Human Resources Management

Request approval to modify an amendment to Human Resources Management Policy 316-16, Internship Program Policy. **(HELD ON 7/10/24) (APPROVED)**

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

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

Absent: Arrington

Did Not Vote: Pitts

24-0520 Human Resources Management

Request approval to modify an amendment to Policy 320-16, Outside Employment Policy. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Absent: Arrington

Did Not Vote: Pitts

24-0539 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to utilize a cooperative purchasing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Sourcewell Contract RFP #032824-CER, Equipment, Product, or Services in the total amount not to exceed \$313,111.81 with Certified Stainless Service, Inc. dba West-Mark through Sourcewell's Authorized Representative Vacutek, LLC (Austell, GA), to purchase and deliver one (1) Hydro Sewer Jetting Truck, Aquatech SJR-1500 (steel water tank), with a 1,500 gallon capacity for the Fulton County Public Works Department. This is a one-time procurement. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Absent: Arrington

24-0540 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to increase the spending authority - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 23ITB138741K-JAJ, Task Order Contract for Minor Construction in the total amount of \$600,000.00 with (B) Hawk Construction Company, LLC (Ellenwood, GA) in the amount of \$300,000.00 and (C) Complete Contracting Partners, LLC (Powder Springs, GA) in the amount of \$300,000.00, to cover the cost to provide continued standby repair, alteration, modernization, maintenance, rehabilitation, construction services for County facilities and to complete the on-going replacement/emergency repair projects at the Fulton County Jail Complex. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED AS AMENDED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Ellis, to approve as amended by striking the verbiage "pending Bond funding for related projects in the County on an as needed basis," in the Project Implications. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: Arrington

24-0541 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to rescind an award - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD0000177-0009, Tractor, Mowers, and Earthmoving Equipment, in an amount not to exceed \$343,469.00 with (B) Environmental Products Group, Inc., for the purchase of one (1) Vactor Sewer Cleaner for the Public Works Department. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Absent: Arrington

Arts and Libraries**24-0542 Library**

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Fulton County Library System - 24ITB1288009B-PS, Newspapers, Magazines and Serials in an amount not to exceed \$252,145.90 with Ebsco Information Services, LLC (Birmingham, AL) to provide annual print material to all 34 library locations. Effective upon BOC approval through December 31, 2024, with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Absent: Arrington

Health and Human Services**24-0543 Public Works**

Request approval to increase the spending authority - Department of Public Works, 21ITB081321K-CRB, Standby Miscellaneous Construction Wastewater System Services with Sol Construction, LLC (Atlanta, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$2,336,423.00 to provide standby miscellaneous construction wastewater system services. Effective upon BOC approval through December 31, 2024. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Absent: Arrington

24-0544 Community Development

Request approval of a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") between Fulton County, Georgia, as the GA-502 Fulton County Continuum of Care ("CoC") Collaborative Applicant, and 24/7 Gateway, LLC ("Gateway") in the amount of \$384,972.89 for Gateway to serve as the coordinated entry lead agency and manage coordinated entry at the County-wide North and South Homeless Assessment Center offices. The term of the MOU is September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025. This item is funded with \$304,940.24 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Coordinated Intake and Assessment System (CIAS) grant and \$80,032.65 in General Fund match. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Absent: Arrington

24-0545 Community Development

Request approval of the 2024 Veterans Services Program (VSP) Evaluation Committee's recommendations in the amount of \$750,000.00 to the non-profits identified in Attachment "A". VSP funding will support the delivery of essential community services to Fulton County Veterans in the areas of: Health and Wellness, and Homeless and Housing. The Fulton County Board of Commissioners approved \$1,000,000.00 in General Funds for the Veterans Services Program at the January 24, 2024, Second Regular Meeting (Agenda item# 24-0051). The contract period runs from July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Absent: Arrington

COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS**24-0546 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution to correct clerical errors by the Clerk to the Commission relating to the terms of service for the newly appointed board members of the Housing Authority of Fulton County; and for other purposes.

(Pitts) (APPROVED)

A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Commissioner Ellis, to approve the Resolution correcting the below ending term dates:

Felicia Moore to fill the unexpired term of Hazel Jacobs to a term to end or expire on July 13, 2027;

Stephen Davis to fill the unexpired term of Leonard Morrow to term to expire or end on July 13, 2025;

Holly York to replace Barbara Duffy to a term to end or expire on July 13, 2028;

Lauren Waits to fill the unexpired term of Stuart Canzeri to term to expire or end on July 13, 2029;

Ryan Glover to fill the unexpired term of Earnestine Pittman to term to expire or end on July 13, 2027

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, and Hall

Nay: Barrett, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Arrington

EXECUTIVE SESSION**24-0547 Board of Commissioners**

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

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

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

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

Absent: Arrington

Did Not Vote: Hall

b. A motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve the requests for representation in items #4 through #7 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: Arrington

c. A motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to approve settlement recommendations in items #8 and #9 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: Arrington

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

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Alexander Solution, LLC
“A Court Reporting Firm”

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Good morning, everyone and welcome to the Second Regular Meeting of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. Today is August 21st, 2024; it is 10:01 a.m. Madam Clerk, please, call the roll."

CLERK GRIER: "Chairman Robb Pitts."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Bridget Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Bob Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Dana Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Natalie Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Present."

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

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Did you say, Vice Chair?"

CLERK GRIER: "I am so sorry."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay, thank you. Good morning. I am present."

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

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

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue, please."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 2, Consent Agenda, **24-0526**, Adoption of the Consent Agenda: All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the County Commission and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion will take place on these items. If discussion of any Consent Agenda item is desired, the item will be moved to the Second Regular Meeting Agenda for separate consideration."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Any items on the Consent Agenda? All right, Commissioners, nothing?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. No items on the Consent Agenda to be removed for separate discussion. We have a motion to adopt by Commissioner Thorne; seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "Page 4, Second Regular Meeting Agenda, **24-0533**: Adoption of the Second Regular Meeting Agenda.

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Any additions or changes? Commissioners, none?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "**24-0534**, Ratification of minutes: First Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, August 7th, 2024."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "24-0535: Presentation of proclamations and certificates. The first proclamation is recognizing 'National Aviation Week' sponsored by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, Chairman Pitts, Commissioners Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Hall."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is this a Full Board appointment? Isn't it?"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Can I get all the individuals from Fulton County Airport? Please come up. Can y'all tighten up so we can make sure you all get in the shot? All right, this is a proclamation: WHEREAS, National Aviation Week commemorates the achievements of the aviation industry that occurs during the week of August 19th, which coincides with National Aviation Day; WHEREAS, in 1939, President Franklin Roosevelt proclaimed August 19th as National Aviation Day in commemoration of Orville Wright's birthday; and WHEREAS, the Aviation Week networks sponsors conferences, exhibitions, webinars, and other events around the world to celebrate the history of aviation; and WHEREAS, Fulton County Executive Airport was constructed in 1949 and has two runways, and has multiple flight schools that teach young pilots how to fly fixed-wing and rotary aircrafts and sits in my district -- I know it's not part of the proclamation, but wanted to put it in there. It is absolutely a beautiful airport, and they are a wonderful community partner, and I would encourage those that are within an earshot of my voice to please go take a look at your tax dollars at work. It is absolutely beautiful. Now, let me get back focused. WHEREAS, the airport was originally named Charlie Brown -- now those that you know that Charlie Brown Field, I'm showing my age now -- in 1960 to honor Commissioner Charlie Brown who was influential in the growth of the airport; and WHEREAS, renamed in 2019 the Fulton County Executive Airport is the only general aviation airport that operates a 24-hour air traffic control tower in Metropolitan Atlanta that supports an approximately 80,000 annual flight operations. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes the many accomplishments of aviation pioneers and officials that have positively impacted the transportation industry around the world; and does hereby proclaim the week of August 19th through the 23rd, 2024 as 'National Aviation Week' in Fulton County, Georgia. Would you please put your hands together? Thank you."

JOHN DIGIOTAY, RECIPIENT: "Thank you, Vice Chair. My name is John DiGiotay, Airport Manager of the Fulton County Executive Airport. As an aviator myself, I would like to thank everybody standing with us for the extreme support for aviation. Like she said, if you haven't visited your local airport, please do. It's a beautiful airport, and we take pride in everything we do. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "The last proclamation is recognizing 'Bronzelens Festival 15th Anniversary Appreciation Day' sponsored by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and Chairman Pitts."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Can we please get all of the members and supporters down here with us. I take special pride in delivering this proclamation."

Madam First Lady, you look so good. Come on up. Come on up. Come on up. Well, you gone always be my First Lady, okay? Chairman? We're trying to figure out what -- the Chairman said too much green on that side. We need some green over there. All right. This proclamation -- I'm so honored because of the work that has been done with this organization on behalf of Fulton County, and it is so, so important to us when it comes to arts and culture. This proclamation: WHEREAS, the Atlanta and Fulton County based Bronzelens Film Festival began 15 years ago and is now a qualifying Festival for Oscar nomination shorts; and WHEREAS, the nonprofit organization is dedicated to promoting and showcasing Atlanta Fulton County as a film mecca for people of color and provides networking opportunities designed to develop the next generation of filmmakers; and WHEREAS, in this 15th celebratory year, Bronzelens will showcase over 140 films from 49 countries including the USA, the United Kingdom, Spain, Nigeria, Canada, Tobago, Trinidad, and the Netherlands; and WHEREAS, 48 of these films will be world premieres, and 28 were filmed in the state of Georgia. Let me repeat that again: 28 were filmed in the state of Georgia with several of them filmed in Fulton County; and WHEREAS, Bronzelens has been a proud partner of Fulton County Government and its Fulton Films Division; and has been a recipient of the arts and culture department's contract for services; and WHEREAS, the 2024 festival will take place in Fulton County, Georgia from August 21st through August 25th. It is with immense pride, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners congratulates the Bronzelens Film Festival on its 15th Anniversary; and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, August 21st, 2024, as 'Bronzelens Film Festival Day' in Fulton County. Can you, please put your hands together for such a wonderful group of individuals? They represent us so well, so now I'm going to turn it over to you."

RECIPIENT: "Thank you so much. It is my honor to be here to have this prestigious Body recognize the work that Bronzelen Film Festival has done. Fifteen years is no joke. It takes a lot of work, a lot of energy, a lot of people; but it takes a lot of great support, and we have been so blessed to have the support of Fulton County all along the way: the Arts Council, Fulton Films, the Board of Commissioners. They are all so important to our growth and our sustainability. So I just want to say thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you for recognizing the importance of art and culture in this county. We set the pace for everyone throughout the state of Georgia, and that's what we're doing here in Fulton County. I'm so grateful, and some of my board members are here. Some of the members of my superstar host committee are here as well, and I just want to thank all of them for coming out. One of my directors came all the way from Hollywood, California to be with us today. My CFO is here, Mrs. Young. Of course, everyone knows one of my board members. Some other members, William Pate, who was the gentleman that put the idea in my head to start this at all; he's the President of the Atlanta Convention and Victors Bureau where he took the time to join us today. So thank you all, and thank you all."

CLERK GRIER: "Continuing on page 4, Public Hearings: **24-0536**, Public Comment - Citizens wishing to participate in public comment will be allowed to appear in person or may choose to participate virtually via Zoom videoconferencing or by submitting their comments in writing or registering on the county's website www.fultoncountygga.gov. Priority for public comment will be given to Fulton County citizens and those individuals representing businesses or organizations located within Fulton County. Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each. The public will not be allowed to yield or donate time to other speakers. The public comment portion of the meeting will not exceed 60 minutes. In the event the 60-minute time limit is reached prior to public comments being completed, public comment will be suspended and the business portion of the BOC meeting will commence. Public comment will resume at the end of the meeting. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have received seven speaker cards here in Assembly Hall. Would all seven speakers please come forward: Magistrate Chief Judge Cassandra Kirk, Paul Hershey, Devin Barrington Ward, LA Pink, Siegfried White, LaTonya Gates, and Charles Rambo."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Speakers, when you have two minutes -- strike that. When you have 15 seconds left rather, I'll say 15 seconds, and that's your key to begin to conclude your remarks. Thank you."

JUDGE CASSANDRA KIRK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners. Thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of the retention of the ORCA staff, and its item number 24-0538. I am Cassandra Kirk. I serve as the Chief Magistrate Judge in Fulton County. The magistrate court stands as the first line of justice for the people of Fulton County, handling thousands of critical civil cases, landlord-tenant disputes, small claims, garnishments and more. We are also the first line of defense in the criminal justice system providing immediate search and arrest warrants for all 15 jurisdictions and conducting first appearance six days a week for every citizen charged with a felony. Year to date, we have reviewed over 24,000 arrest warrants and 4,000 search warrants. Our work on the electronic system keeps law enforcement in their communities and ensures that our jails are not overcrowded with individuals who may be safely released. We have utilized our ORCA team members efficiently and have approximately 3,000 cases remaining of the 39,000 with which we began. We did not set up shadow courts; instead we worked with our cases. We worked out ORCA with our cases that we were ordinarily using, and we've made great strides: Including reducing 15,000 landlord-tenant cases from 2023, in January of 2024 to 2,024 by August 2024, operating six to eight court rooms and reviewing over 8,000 writs year-to-date. I urge you all to remain and retain out ORCA staff team members through the end of the year. The judiciary is a coequal branch of government and we must be adequately resourced to function independently and effectively. Your decision today --

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

JUDGE CASSANDRA KIRK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- will shape the future of our justice in our county. Thank you."

PAUL HERSHEY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Paul Hershey, and I'm going to be very direct this morning. The first thing I'd like to address is the millage rate. Every time that we're here, there is some motion to add money to the budget, which tells me right off the bat, that the audit that Commissioner Ellis has been yelling about needs to get done. Even though this is a big business, you can still do a zero-based budget. It's time-consuming, but it's effective. Get off of it. Do it, because you're spending -- I'm looking at the budget right now there's about \$71 million right now that I can find that's being exposed. Now, that would take the millage rate down almost -- almost a full percentage. That audit needs to get done. Second thing, you've got a Commissioner going to a lot of film festivals and he's violating your statue because he's representing himself. And if he's using Fulton County tax dollars, that's not correct. He doesn't represent Fulton County, and I know that one for a fact. So that needs to be looked at. And lastly, Dana Barrett, Commissioner, is supporting Amnesty International. So let's let all the illegals in, let's give them \$15,000 apiece like they're doing in Chicago and the rest of the world. You can shake your head all you want, but I know about Amnesty International from Bangladesh. And then lastly --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

PAUL HERSHEY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- the Veterans Affairs motion should be approved. You've got the 11th Squadron that's helping hospice, you've got another entity that's coming down and getting the homeless out of the city of Atlanta and taking them down to marshal and helping them up. That money should be spent --"

DEVIN BARRINGTON WARD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners, Devin Barrington Ward. As the kids say the math ain't mathing. It's not making any sense. Every time we come down here, it's a different story on what the millage rate is going to be, and who needs the level of consistency and clarity are the people that some folks on this Commission are attempting to balance this budget on the backs of, which are seniors, which are people who rely on services, social services, like PAD, which are people who rely on our library system which is people who recognize that Fulton County and the city of Atlanta is a great place for arts and culture. Stop balancing this budget on the backs of working-class people when, in fact, we know that this government has given out hundreds of millions of dollars in tax breaks to corporations who do not need them. It is ridiculous that we are coming down here talking about balancing the budget on the backs of seniors, talking about balancing this budget on the backs of people who have nothing. The folks who receive services from PAD they are already living on the margins. PAD doesn't get the resources that it needs as it is. They are supposed to be viewed as an alternative to policing, but when we look at their budget, they don't have a budget that complements them being an alternative. How are they supposed to set the flow of people coming in and out of our jail system when they are not fully funded as it is? And if we were to balance this budget in the mechanism that has been reported, we would see cuts to those social

services. We would see cuts to senior programs. We would see cuts to the people who need it the most --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

DEVIN BARRINGTON WARD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "The math ain't mathing, but we needed it math today. So balance the budget in a way that doesn't mess over the people who this county has the backbone of, which are our seniors and those who are in need of --"

LA PINK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Absolutely as we come here again today, we have four individuals that have been working very hard and very well together up here: Bob, Chairman Pitts, Vice Chair Khadijah Abdur-Rahman, and Barrett. Y'all please do not disappoint our community. We have three that we are working very hard to get out of here. One's already -- we don't have to discuss because she's gone. And we need a law that when that person is gone, she doesn't be able to say a word as far as decisions to be made. I got some information about our elders, and like everybody else up here, about their taxes. And it's a shame that they don't know if they should leave it same, change it, up it, down it, bring it around for it to benefit them, because they're scared that okay, in a couple of years we're going to come back and these same things that we're saying don't do pretty soon, we're going to say, oh, well, that they shouldn't have did it. If we didn't have people up here that have spent millions of dollars sleeping around on taxpayer dollars, if we didn't have Sheriff Labut spending all this money, mismanaging money, Fani Willis on Grey Goose getting loose Jezebel, doing whatever she wants to do, we would not be where we're at right now, along with Shady Che and the rest of these corrupt crew that's up here mismanaging money. We would not be in this position to be even asking about anything about a tax this, the tax that for anything of our community. Grove Park community is in need for their elders to stay the same. I can't speak about a whole bunch of different communities or areas, but what I can do is I know I speak with them daily --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

LA PINK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- and they are very concerned. We had a mass shooting where we don't expect for you -- we need Mo Ivory. Mo Ivory, we need you to come down into the community and do --"

REVEREND SIEGFRIED WHITE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners. My name is Reverend Siegfried White. Again, I'm going to stay on topic in which I've always tried to stay on topic is working with those persons who are less fortunate in the community. Thank you. Working with those who are less fortunate in the community. I am very concerned about -- there was, as you all know, you read the news; five individuals were shot and killed, and there are no arrests. I have seen no presence. I haven't seen anyone out there in the community -- when I say anyone, I'm speaking about some of the Commissioners here; that's what I'm speaking about; have

not seen you guys out there in the community. And I always ask the question, if the reason why no one, Mr. Pitts has been arrested is because they look like me? Is that the reason why no one has been arrested and five people, I understand some people say it's been ten people that were shot; but we know at least -- I know at least five, because we went to the hospital, we visited those. Lady Pink, she also brought food to the people in the hospital. Something needs to be done. We care about all people. All people should be cared about. And we're praying to God that there will be some arrests. We're praying to God that there will be some type of outcry to try to find individuals who was shot. A friend of mine, his grandbaby is in the hospital --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

REVEREND SIEGFRIED WHITE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- he was shot in the back. Another friend was shot in the head, a friend of the family. So help us. Say something. Be outraged about this shooting. God bless you."

LATONYA GATES, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. During my prayer time this morning I asked God, you know, what do I say when I come down here, and the words that came to me is that the words of my mouth leave no room for doubt. One of the primary reasons communities fails because unclear vision, and no purpose. I am LaTonya Gates, the founder of Paradise Atlanta Westside Enrichment Center, better known as Park (inaudible) reserve and we reside over in Grove Park. I moved in nine years ago because I had a love for community. I wanted to seek change. APS graduate, mother born -- mother a heroin addict. Mother had me in prison, but she walked and did dope on those same streets I have given my life to help save our people. We have worked hard; we have built communities over there: Grove Park Foundation, Atlanta APD, so many; Grove Park Neighborhood Association. And I come down here today to ask out of the bottom of my heart that you guys start to come and talk to us. Not to -- I see things on the TV, and I'm like why are they bashing -- why are they always doing this? But I want to ask you, Vice Chair to come personally and meet with us and see what's going on over in Grove Park. I love Zone One. I backed Back the Blue. Without those boys, we would be lost over there. We've seen murders, rapes, just to name a few, deaths. Major Norman and his boys walk with us daily. We feed them, they take baths in our place, and what I seen on August the 6th --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

LATONYA GATES, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- it hurt my heart because I love Fulton County. Fulton County, we recognize Fulton County, but we forgot to recognize our boys there. They were all around, but nobody said the work that they do, and I feel like, as a community leader, as a resident in Grove Park --"

CHARLES RAMBO, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning to the Board of Commissioners. My name is Charles Rambo. As you know, I'm a retired lieutenant from the Fulton County Sheriff's office with comprehensive experience in dealing with

the Board of Commissioners concerning the County Jail from 1989 all the way up to the crisis that you're facing today. First and foremost, I want to encourage you from the monies that you have saved \$1.7 billion on not constructing a new jail, I want to encourage you to start thinking about pouring some of that money that Judge Kirk came over and pleaded with you to save programs as well as to increase judgeships over in State Court as well as Superior Court. That's going to be the key towards reducing overcrowding. Number two, is that thank you for the decision to move forward with renovations as opposed to building a new jail. With that, and I'm going to say very boldly as you consider the person that you're going to use for that construction project, please, make sure that they have a warranty of the next 25 years that would guarantee that work. That was the biggest problem that we experienced at the beginning of the 1989 construction at 901 Rice Street. Last but not least, you have fulfilled your constitutional role. Now, it's time for the incumbent or the next Sheriff to start thinking about 1516-10 which means restoring internal order and discipline. No amount of construction is going to replace internal order and discipline there at that jail. You have a perfect example of motions that have already being introduced in the YSL trial talking about criminal enterprises and the infrastructure crumbling and how they're using that. That's the Sheriff's responsibility. So I'm going to ask you to get -- get with your colleagues at the state --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

CHARLES RAMBO, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- to introduce this particular legislation that I gave to you guys before in dealing with the Contraband and Violence Elimination Act that will impact that jail and move forward to safety for Fulton County and end this crisis. Thank you very much."

CLERK GRIER: "Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, there are seven speakers on Zoom."

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

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, sir."

MATT ROWENZCAK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "All right. I want to speak to you again about the millage rate this morning. We have, you know, families and individuals in this county and across the state right, that are having to pinch pennies. That's not an exaggeration, and many times they have to actually cut back on their budgets, but our own county government can't do it. There's been a comment made that Commissioner doesn't want to keep our taxes flat because she doesn't want to cut services. It is very easy to maintain services and keep our taxes flat. The fact that there weren't four

Commissioners that wanted to even reduce the millage rate is astonishing. We have one department that took a 50 percent increase in their budget, 50 percent. That alone would take the millage rate down to 8.7, okay? So I heard the comment earlier that there's probably \$71 million of waste and inefficiency in the budget. I wouldn't be surprised by that, and I would do more. That would actually give more relief to Fulton County residents, right? Give them actually a tax reduction, but we never seem to talk about that. Zero base budgeting is an excellent idea. A lot of our cities do it, but for some reason our county doesn't. So I would encourage a full rollback, and at a minimum get to a reduction in the millage rate. And if not it is being completely tone deaf to residents. People talking about caring of about seniors, well then let's take care of seniors and keep their taxes flat. We're in unprecedented financial times, and it could even get worse --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

MATT ROWENZCAK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- so let's keep the people in mind and cut them a break for once. Thank you."

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

BEN HOWARD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Greetings, Commissioners and Staff; and a special greeting, fellow citizens. Ben Howard, Senior Advocate and Public Policy Analyst. When the Council on Aging was allowed to go belly up, the County Housing Authority movers and shakers at that time chose not to provide a representative to the Fulton County Commission on Elder Affairs. Ms. Sarah Hilton stepped up to the plate and competently represented county senior citizens on behalf of the city of Atlanta Housing Authority. Ms. Hilton has moved on to greater service in other arenas, and this now leaves another opportunity for Housing Authority of Fulton County representation on our Commission on Elder Affairs. Regarding senior transportation: Propaganda implied that there were scores of senior citizens who are saying it's, okay, by me to quadruple the rates for senior transportation from \$1 per trip to \$4 per trip. Their propaganda will soon be dispelled when the data depicting the area median income for each of the county commission district exposes the disparate impact of this increase upon underserved segments of our county. Stayed tuned."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is John Brooks. John Brooks. The next person to speak is Lynne Souza. Lynne Souza. The next person to speak is Maria Car. Maria Car. The next person to speak is Sabrina P. Goodson. Sabrina P. Goodson."

SABRINA P. GOODSON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "And good morning. I am Ms. Goodson. Thank you so much for allowing me to speak. I really only have a question, and that question was how to submit inquiry or request to join the Housing Authority -- the Board of Housing Authority. So that's all I needed. Thank you so much for hearing me."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Sheila Hamilton. Sheila Hamilton."

SHEILA HAMILTON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Can you hear me?"

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Your sound is bad. Turn down your volume."

SHEILA HAMILTON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "I don't know how to do that. Let me see; turn down my volume. Okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Can we correct the problem or not?"

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "I don't think it can be corrected at this time."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Any more speakers?"

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "That concludes the Zoom public comments."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 5, County Manager's Items under Open and Responsible Government, **24-0516**, Finance: Request approval of a Resolution adopting the 2024 millage rates for the General Fund, General Obligation Bond Fund, and the Fulton Industrial District Fund as well as the 2024 Fulton County Board of Education Millage Rate."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Madam CFO, you want to summarize where we are today?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The item that's before you includes the recommendations for the General Fund at 8.87, the Bond Fund at .17, the Fulton Industrial District at 9.41, and the Fulton County School District at 17.08."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. We have several motions made at the last meeting. None of the motions received the requisite four votes, so we're back today too hopefully to approve the millage rate. The motion on the floor -- motion by Commissioner Barrett is to approve. It is seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman. Speakers are as follows: Commissioner Ellis followed by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, followed by Commissioner Thorne. Commissioner Ellis, you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Thanks, Mr. Chair. I obviously advocated for and put forth several different options at the last meeting in terms of reduction to the millage rate. I know what's before us is, for the millage rate to be flat at 8.87. I'm going to offer a substitute motion that the millage rate -- the General Fund millage rate be 8.80 --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "-- second."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "And I just want to offer just a couple comments on that. Just for the Board's consideration. I want to point out how this -- it'll be raised in our operational report here in a few minutes when we get to it. But one thing we did not anticipate when we came into budgeting for this year, is that we would have roughly about a ten million-dollar interest gain coming from the funds that came to us through ARPA, and we are able to apply those funds to that interest money to the General Fund budget. We don't have those funds obligated, and I think, you know, this is a way for us to achieve some form of millage rate reduction for our citizens. If I do my math right, I think our discussion was this is roughly about between five and six million in terms of less than what the 8.87 would generate, and there's 10 million there in that interest expense. And I just think this would be certainly a very strong signal for us to send to our citizens that, you know, we're paying attention to them. And the other thing I want to point out -- point out to everyone too, that citizens will not have the benefit of this year as the state had provided property tax relief to homeowners last year. And so, by its very nature, you know, the tax outlay was reduced, not what we received, but the state took some mega surplus funds that they had and applied and provided some property tax relief to homeowners. That will go away, so the net expense for folks is going up regardless of what we do in terms of our millage rated option today. I realize many of our municipalities and cities are holding their millage rates flat, but that's beside the fact. I think we have an opportunity to do the right thing today and at least provide some form of rollback to our citizens, and I'm hoping that we can send the right message today and adopt -- well, I know there's not consensus to roll this rate back fully, I'm hoping that we can obtain consensus to roll this rate back slightly to 8.80. Thanks, Mr. Chair."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. There's a substitute motion by Commissioner Ellis; it is seconded by Commissioner Hall. Now, Commissioner Arrington, can you hear us?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes, sir."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Just for everybody's information, the state law, the Georgia Open Records Act, in particular, provides that a Commissioner is permitted, when out of the jurisdiction, to participate electronically twice a year. So Commissioner Arrington is officially and legitimately a part of this meeting today. Next speaker -- and the motion on the floor is a substitute motion to set the rate at 8.8. Vice Chair, do you want to be heard at this time on that."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I'll hold my comments, Mr. Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Thorne, would you like to be heard now on the substitute motion to approve at 8.80?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Sure. I appreciate the substitute motion trying to reduce. Obviously, we don't -- we're at a standstill with the 8.87, and you offered this 8.8 before, Commissioner Ellis. I appreciate you offering it back up again. I just see a tremendous amount of waste in the county. I see we have a district attorney who's hired her boyfriend and paid \$750,000 of our taxpayers money as well as decided that it was a priority to hire her campaign person, hire a content media manager to manage her likes and dislikes and how her campaign is going while she's pursuing these high-profile cases as well as, from what I hear, she had a makeup studio put in her office, her lighting redone so she looks good on TV, and all of this is on the backs of taxpayers. I look at -- we had this expenditure, Commissioner, at the film festival, eight days having fun while we're trying to pass this millage rate. The comment was the Fulton County taxpayers we pay \$500,000 every year for the past four years, and he's there on county business. I don't really believe it was county business. The head of that department told me they pay 10,000 for the sponsorship and \$5,000 for a photographer to be there. I do -- I do see the need to go ahead and try to pass it because every week that this doesn't pass we're hurting the taxpayers, the collection rate is going down. So I do see the need to pass something. I'm hoping that, Commissioners that you'll realize that we have families and seniors that are trying to stay in their homes; and the school taxes are going up again for everybody. They didn't roll them all the way back. Like Commissioner Ellis brought up, the tax break from the state is not going to be there this year. We've had an unstable stock market lately, seniors on fixed budgets who depend on their investments. Their investments are worth a whole lot less. We have record inflation due to an administration that doesn't know basic economics, that all of their spending is creating more inflation. This build-back-better plan that's going to come along the pipe, it's just going to just be more spending. Probably, more spending on climate change initiatives that really aren't doing a darn thing to help us and help the people and help the seniors right now. I just hope you guys realize we need to find ways not to cut programs, and I'm not saying cut programs. I think there's a way to trim things that we can figure out how to be financially responsible with the money that we're given by these taxpayers. With that being said, I would vote for a rollback -- a full rollback, that's what I want; but if it need be, I'll take a break to get the four votes that we can."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Other comments?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The substitute motion on the floor is to approve the millage rate at 8.80. Let's vote, please."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I vote, no on the substitute motion."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Commissioner Arrington."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion fails; three yeas, four nays."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Back to the main motion then, which is to approve the millage rate at 8.87. Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. If you will indulge me, I would ask the County Manager to weigh in on what would be the consequences of a rollback. I do believe that we empower the executive staff to give us the knowledge and the information we need in order to successfully balance the budget. And so, if you don't mind, you don't have to go too far into it; but for the listening public, I would like for them to know the effects of a rollback if we do not do 8.87"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, ma'am, and for specifics, I'll defer to Sharon --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "-- point of order, Mr. Chair. The item before us is a flat rate. The question is about a rollback rate. I'm just trying to understand, since we just -- do we bring back up a reduced rate again?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner, I mean, Vice Chair."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Well, I think in the -- we often talk about transparency and letting the public know. So in my estimation, I believe that a quick answer to that is a legitimate question. I don't see where that, even though it did fail, I think it warrants, given the discussion that we have had on this, for an answer, Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Quickly, Mr. Manager. And Commissioner Arrington has also raised his hand to speak. So following Vice Chair, we'll go to Commissioner Arrington."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, sir. A full rollback would be quite detrimental in terms of current operations. It would remove, you know, close to 35 to 40 million this year and then like amount for next year. That would require, at a minimum, I think, a hiring freeze, no vacant positions would be filled, some programs would have to be curtailed and/or eliminated; and there certainly would be no room for new programs or expansion of existing programs."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, County Manager. Chairman, if you would just indulge me a few more seconds. You know Zig Ziglar said the most important persuasion tool you have in your entire arsenal is integrity. I believe that the

Fulton County department heads, the employees, all of those that come every day and work at Fulton County, deserve an apology from this Body. Now, I can only apologize for me, but when you have staff that is worried whether they're going to have a job; when you have staff that says, are we going to be able to do the services, even the bare minimum services, because this Board did not make the decision in a timely fashion. Then you add to the dysfunctionality that we see today in our society. I understand, my colleagues, they're on the other side of this, and I respect your opinion; but I ask that you give me and the other colleagues the same respect that you want. I said two weeks ago, who do we cut? Do we cut behavior health? Do we cut senior services? Where do we cut? And so, I have to ask again, that if we are going to do an audit, I don't have a problem with doing an audit. If there's an area that you have concrete proof, bring it forward; but I think it does a disservice to go out and put a story online that any of us want to do a tax hike for the citizens of Fulton County. That is not true, and I want to take this time to tell you I am not doing that. I am doing what is the best interest of the entire county at this particular time. Thank you, Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington, can you hear us?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes, sir."

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

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. You know it's so funny to sit here and watch you all give a proclamation to the Bronzelens Film Festival and then try to attack me because I had the vision and the foresight to create Fulton Film. And I've been going to film festivals since 1998. I don't need Fulton County to go to a film festival, but what we have are people that didn't vote for the money to help bring films to Fulton. There are already films in production coming to the state of Georgia. Do we want those productions going to DeKalb, Gwinnett, Fayette, and other counties? Or do we want to encourage those people to come to Fulton County? Will Packard just taped a series called Fight Night, an eight-episode series. Will Packard is a Fulton County resident, and they filmed all eight episodes in Fulton County. So if you have something to say to me, say it to my face."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Did we lose him? What?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I'm still here. I vote, yes to the staff recommendation."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Let's -- Commissioner Thorne, do you want to be heard?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "The motion on the floor is to approve the rate at 8.87. Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yes. I believe when I heard Dick say -- he said that there'd be no new programs or expansion of programs. We aren't saying we're cutting behavioral health here? We're not cutting whole department, so that's a fallacy. People hear it -- he said they'd have to put a hiring freeze on. He didn't say oh, we're going to start cutting jobs across the county. That's a fallacy. As a Commissioner, I've been trying to figure out before I was a Commissioner how we spend so dang much on our inefficient election process. We spent \$40 million this year on elections. As a Commissioner, I've been trying to get the figures to try to see and compare to other counties where we spend -- why we spend \$50 per voter on our voter roll; whereas, other counties spend ten. Gwinnett spends about 19. I've been trying to figure that out, but for some reason I can't quite get all the information. I'll get a few things here on hiring; trying to find out all this catering budget they spend when they get three hot meals a day down there at a warehouse. It must be a cushy job down there, I'll tell you that. And then I get beat up on the campaign trail, oh, you don't want to fully fund our elections. They had a surplus last year. They said that they were underfunded and then they spend 24 million and they're way, way overfunded. That's just one area I'd like to reel in. And then I'd really like to dig into our justice partners, because they take a huge cut of our budget. And Commissioner Arrington, I'm also -- we're going to be going to film festivals just, you know, that's great, that's great. You have a passion and a vision. I mean, you started Fulton Films, I guess. I didn't know that. I didn't know that you were the starter of it. I mean, I'm told if I go down to the election warehouse, the first time as a Commissioner to go observe an election process in March, that I'm way too in the weeds, and I don't need to be down there. They start trying to pass rules and stuff forbidding Commissioners from coming down there to watch. We have to spend the people's money. This is their money. It's not our money. We have to make it worth every penny worth it. I see the need to go ahead and pass this millage rate. I was just hoping we could compromise. I was willing to try to compromise, Ellis was willing to try to compromise, Commissioner Hall was willing to compromise, but you guys want to hold it firm, and you have the four votes. There's nothing I can do; so be it. But I just want to make it crystal clear, Fulton County workers; we're not going to fire you. You're not losing your jobs. Do we really need to be creating new programs, new expansions when people they're not, the people -- the taxpayers aren't able to have new stuff. They're having to cut back. They're having to reel spending in. Our seniors are trying to just keep a hold of their homes. They're on a fixed income. They can't adjust for inflation that's 30, 40 percent on items. It really -- honestly, it saddens me that we can't figure out a way to just trim a small fraction of our budget, small, 0.7, and you guys can't do that. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Natalie Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. County Manager, you spoke to what a full rollback would look like, which is 8.55. What we voted on before this was 8.80. Can you please speak to what the impact of 8.80 would have?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Sharon, do you have the numbers between those two? Let me defer to Sharon Whitmore on that."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "The revenue reduction from what we had included in the budget would range from 17 million at a 96 percent collection rate to about 32 million if our collection rate this year was only 94 percent. So that reduces the base that we would carry into 2025. And with regard to the spending control measures that we would need to put in place, it would be essentially the same type of measures that the manager spoke to previously, maybe not as sharp. Like we would still have to do something to balance things out this year and going into next year, but we may not have to do it at the same level as what we would have to do at the full rollback rate."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Of course. And so, what we really voted on is not what the manager initially spoke about. What we voted on brought forward by Commissioner Ellis was 8.80. That's a very different outlook. So it's a shame that we cannot come together to lower the millage rate, and we are unfortunately forced to approve a millage rate that very well may bring some hardship to our property tax owners, and that is what it is, unfortunately. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I'll be really brief, Mr. Chair. You know, I do want to apologize to our citizens, too for providing, you know, for the scare tactics. This is real simple, you know, like what we said, what sort have been noted, to frame it up. The 8.8 would have been a reduction of about \$6 million, and I'll ask our team to, we did not reflect the additional 10 million in interest from ARPA. That's not reflected in any of our General Fund budget models, correct? Right. So that money could be ported over and the impact could be zero, correct?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "We could use the -- transfer the interest earnings over to the General Fund, yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. All right. Thanks. Nothing further."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Other comments? All right. The motion on the floor is to approve at the 8.87."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I vote, yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Barrett; seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman. And record Commissioner Arrington as voting, yes. Let's vote, please."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "**24-0537**: Presentation, review, and approval of the August 21st, 2024 Budget Soundings and Resolution."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam CFO."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The items that are before the Board today are related to changes to the annual hardware software maintenance support list. There are three items identified, none require additional funding. The first one for the Sheriff's Department. It's for the increase in the annual subscription cost for the note active product that used by the jail. That's \$132,000 incremental costs. The second item is from Information Technology. It's for a vulnerability management product, an additional amount of \$438,580. No additional funds are requested. And the last item is from Public Works. It's for the city works product, and its 150,000 in additional spending request as well. No additional funds. And that last item is actually funded out of our water and sewer system."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Questions for CFO?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Hearing none, the motion on the floor is to approve by Commissioner Ellis; seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**24-0538**, County Manager: Presentation of the Fulton County Operational Report."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Mr. Manager."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. The operations report today will cover the justice system reports along with the status on ORCA and Jail Blitz plans. In addition, we'll highlight workforce development and small business loan program that we initiated during COVID and has been hugely successful, and is now concluded as well as a snapshot of the midyear KPI reviews. ORCA has now completed 90 percent of its cases, of the 148,000 that we started with, so we're left with about 14,000 now. Not knowing how long the millage rate discussion would go, we delayed Superior Court speaking to their outlook at today's

meeting, but they'll be available in the next meeting, and then add a preliminary meeting with Judge Glanville on that, so expect that in September. We really picked up the pace in ORCA in this last month with almost 2,000 cases being disposed; 1928. That would be a good trend to hold for the last five to six months that will clear the entire backlog. I'm sure there's -- there may be some complicating factors in those cases, but we would be on a good trend line, if that's the case. We have included in our recommendations today the possible use of 3.5 million in interest income to continue all to fill ORCA positions through the end of the year or through 12/3, which is when they would have to be off the payroll to accomplish the bust-out checks and the like. That may need to be obviously revisited, based on that last discussion, but we've included that for your consideration. At the justice system level, we'll highlight today that average length of stay has decreased to 45 days as well as now 21 percent of the jail population remains unindicted, both of which are new lows, so good performance trend in that case. The penultimate of course measure for all of us has been the jail population. It's now at 2,543 with 1,580 at Rice Street. And again, I think that's been, again a most recent low; and most notably, no impact from SB63 being in place. There was some great concern about that having an immediate impact and we have not noticed that in July and now into half of August. We'll talk about the blitz program today. Nine of 11 housing units will be completed by the end of year, so substantially done and then full completion January, February. We have 726. Again, these are the housing units beds have been completed out of 1,122. We're now going to start, as you recall from the last meeting, on kitchen equipment, elevator rehab, and fire system replacement, based on the approvals that you gave us. As I mentioned, we'll talk about workforce development becoming a model program. I want to thank the Chairman specifically, and then also the chairman of that board, Andy Mackey, a long-term friend and supporter of Fulton County, for the great job that they're doing; we'll highlight that today. Brett Lacey is our leader of that along with Samir in Select Fulton. Most notably, a hundred and twenty-five graduates now in this year, and it generates a return of for every dollar spent, \$4 in return, in terms of increased salaries, so really, a very, very good story. As I mentioned, we've updated the ARPA reporting and have a perspective on the interest income use. You will note in there that with this reporting, again in the format that you requested, it'll show 14.6 million left to spend on principally ORCA and the development disability center. So everything else in full flight, it would be quite disruptive to try to back off of, but there is 14.8 million too -- 14.6 million to continue to look at. Just looking ahead briefly, as you know, through a huge amount of effort and really great, I think applause, we opened the behavioral health crisis center -- or excuse me, had the ribbon cutting. We'll be opening it over the next few weeks with staffing with Grady as that comes online. We're now preparing for the ribbon-cutting for the Big Creek Water Reclamation Facility -- water treatment plant, which again, is the largest capital program in our history at 350 million, so truly, another milestone. And then as I've already mentioned, the Development Disability Center for South, and then the contracts being led for 4700 North Point, Health and Human Services; and then by the end-of-the-year, for the jail rehabilitation project, so still a lot coming. So Steve will start today with your part of the presentation. We'll move through that. Mike will give some updates as well as Joe Davis. Mr. Chairman, and then if there are any questions, we'll answer those as we go."

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

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "Thank you, Mr. Manager. Good morning, Commissioners. Steve Nawrocki, Strategy Office. Can we go to the first slide, please? Go to the next slide. Thank you. As the County Manager mentioned, we are making continued progress with Project ORCA. We've disposed of 134,000 cases of the original 148,000 with just under 14,000 cases remaining. This does mark about a 91 percent complete program to date. Next slide. Looking at our remaining cases here, we have disposed 1,928 for the month of July, marking a pretty significant increase from our previous month in June with 531 dispositions. We can go to the next slide and look at department by department. Here we do have our dispositions by department for the month of July as well as project to date. Most departments did show improvements for the month of July when compared to the previous month, specifically as the County Manager called out, Superior Court with 13,000 -- or, excuse me, 1,328 cases disposed for the month of July. This does mark a pretty significant increase in lows due to a significant number of administrative closures Superior Court was able to make during the month of July and reflected here. Project to date; we do remain to the good with a variance of 8,961, which you can see on the far right column under project to date. Next slide, please. Looking here at our staffing ramp down as we do wind down our program in the final months; we have both the month of July as well as year-to-date reductions of staff. For the month of July, we reduced staff by five positions, either through separations or transfers to General Fund positions; and project to date, we have 95 separations. I will make a note here: If you look at the distribution of all of our departments, the vast majority are under 50 percent remaining in staff with only the magistrate court and DA over 50 percent. And speaking of Magistrate Court, recently I understand several more of their staff have separated, so they're now under the 50 percent mark as well. Next slide, please. I'm getting to our -- next slide. Here we have our justice system scorecard: As the County Manager pointed out in his opening remarks, we do have a major milestone with the average length of stay recorded at 45 days for the month of July, representing a seven-day decrease from June 2024 -- or excuse me, from the previous month. Just to call out, this is the lowest average length of stay we have recorded since we started documenting this in May of 2023. For a jail population unindicted without other charges, we did stay constant at 21 percent between June and July; however, this does mark a significant increase in the aging, and moving those over to 90 days or less, which we'll get into in the following slides. For clearance rate for felony criminal cases: we did see a decrease here of 16 percent represented by the 59 percent in July versus the 75 percent. So we're moving in the wrong direction for this metric. The final two felony cases disposed within 180 days and 365 days, both did see a small increase at one percent each. Move to the next slide, please. And here will be our jail population update, thank you. Again, as the County Manager mentioned in his remarks, we are still seeing a month-over-month decline in our population. Current for the month of June, the average population was 2,591 with a little over 1,600 at the main jail, at Rice Street. And just for comparison, we provided a snapshot as of August 14th where the population sat at 2,543. And, of course, we

continue now nearly a year where no inmates are on the floor. Next slide, please. And this is the chart representation from the previous slide. Next slide. And then going along with our jail population, we also have our facility utilization across all jail facilities. I do want to call out; we did have a clarifying note at the bottom of the page there. You'll see we have a variance of 651 beds for main Rice Street Jail, and we're alleging all beds available. We did want to clarify though, that those 600 plus beds are not actually available for use, they are open, but they are currently going through the Jail Blitz repairs, and Mr. Davis will give a detailed update of those 600 plus beds when he walks us through the blitz report. The other variances that we see across the other jail facilities are due to either staffing availability or inmate classification restrictions. Go to the next slide, please. And here we have a closer look at our inmate analysis of our entire jail population as of the end of last month. Sixty-seven percent of all of our inmates are currently -- or were at the time either indicted or accused with 21 percent, or 515, remaining unindicted. You can go to the next slide to look at those 515. And so, here we do have the aging of our unindicted population with about 91 percent, or 468, of that 515 that have been incarcerated for 90 days or less. And likewise, we have seen reductions across the other periods, 91 to 180 days, 181 to 365 days, and greater than one year are all down when compared to previous months. So this is very much moving in the right direction. Next slide, please. Next is a snapshot of our ankle monitor, our county-funded ankle monitoring program. The population across the different time periods that we're tracking, in total, at the time, we had 1,114 participants. As the County Manager mentioned, and as requested by the Board, we had arranged for Superior Court to appear today where they would have provided a more detailed walk-through of their administration of the county-funded program. I mean, that's something we'll look forward to in September report by Judge Glanville and David Summerlin, so I just want to provide those snapshots today. Next slide. And finally, we have here our priorities: We do continue to focus on our final year ramp down working directly with each of our justice partners on the remaining budgets. We also continue to work with our prosecutors and state superior magistrate court pulling remaining ORCA case data, so they do have a targeted approach to achieve all of their dispositions, and probably the final thing to note here, as we are looking ahead right now to the post ORCA reporting, we are currently developing that framework of what our reports would look like once Project ORCA has concluded. And next slide. I think this is our last slide. It's just an appendix showing our publicly available justice dashboards. With that, I'll take any questions."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I just had a few questions. It seems great that we're 90 percent complete. I was going to say, on slide seven; you don't have anything for the district attorney; its zero, zero, zero across the board."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "Yes, ma'am."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Is there -- did she not report? Were you not able to get figures or is it a zero?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "Yeah. So the district attorney has achieved all of her dispositions. She has indicted or dismissed all cases that were within her court. Those cases are now with Superior Court for prosecution. But if you see on the previous slide as well, slide six, you'll see there's no longer a box for the DA and, again, that's because she has achieved all of her dispositions."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. That makes sense. And then the seven-day decrease in slide ten, the seven-day decrease in the average length of stay, what attributed to that, because that's great if we can keep it low. Do we know why it's low?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "I don't have an exact reason, Commissioner Thorne. That's something that we can try to dig into a bit. I know there is still the continued use of the ankle monitor program which, instead of folks going to jail, that is putting them out of jail on the monitor, and that has, I think, contributed to a lot of the decrease, both in the jail population and the average length of stay. But for the significant jump that occurred between months, I don't have an exact answer, but I can certainly look into that and get back to you."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "And then as well as the 16 percent decrease in the clearance rate for felony cases, is there anything pinpointing that or maybe if Judge Glanville or somebody comes, could they speak to that better?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "Yes, ma'am."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "And then I had a question on the ankle monitor -- yeah, the ankle monitors as well, which might be better for a later date as well. If you've been on an ankle monitor for 18 to 24 months and certainly 24 months or more, you're abiding by the program, do you think there's still a need for ankle monitors, or what could justify keeping someone on an ankle monitor in excess of a year and a half?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "I think that sentiment, Commissioner, is exactly the approach Superior Court is taking. I know, from some discussions with David Summerlin in Superior Court, they are looking to specifically target those longest-serving on ankle monitor or longest having an ankle monitor, and if conditions are met, to target them first for removal. But again, I would ask -- and Judge Glanville's or David Summerlin in Superior Court will give a detailed walkthrough of what that plan is, but I think your approach is exactly the approach they're taking."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. Great. Thank you. And not to jump around, but on slide 14: understand 630 beds are under construction, so we're almost at full capacity at Main. How much do we pay to keep inmates, or they call them residents, out of county or in Marietta?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "At the Marietta annex?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Uh-huh."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "Those -- I don't think there's any different costs between the Marietta Annex on the Rice Street campus, and what would be out of -- at the main jail."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. So the out-of-county, how much do we pay to keep?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "That I would need to get back to you, Commissioner. I don't have each of the figures in front of me."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Because I listen to -- I went to a luncheon the other day and they were talking about how Cobb County makes so much money off of Fulton County by housing their prisoners or their inmates. And I just thought if that's the way we can kind of trim our budget by making a priority to try to move -- move them back into county. I guess -- the figure they throughout was 13 million a year that Cobb County makes off of us. So I'd love like to see that money here if we could keep it here."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "Understood, Commissioner. We do have a per diem for each of the facilities that are not Fulton County operated or owned, I should say. I just don't have that in front of me, but I could provide that."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. Thank you. Thank you for all the work you guys do."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just have a couple of questions more on the lines of thinking about when ORCA is done and we start looking at some of these numbers going forward. On page -- I guess it's 67, page 5 of the presentation, we have that definition of what case accumulation is, and it talks about the fact that the cases that were -- the cases included are cases that were initiated before and during the pandemic. I'm just wondering like do we have like an official end date that we stopped accumulating cases for the end of the pandemic? Do we know what that date was?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "I don't know that we've tracked it that way."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Well, let me ask -- the reason I'm asking that question is, because what I want to understand is -- or I guess the question is, are we continuing

to amass cases beyond the 13,000 some odd post pandemic? In other words, what case becomes considered a backlog in this post pandemic world, and are we going to be able to track that in some way?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "Thank you for clarifying. We have heard anecdotally from most of our courts, prosecutors, public defender that there is a backlog growing, and that will need some level of attention. Part of how we're going to be structuring our framework for reporting post backlog -- or excuse me, post ORCA, is kind of putting those parameters in a time box, saying okay, where can we draw the line from when ORCA started to hopefully clearing all of those cases, even though those may bleed into 2025, but then what's that next tranche, if you want to use that term, for the cases. So we are thinking kind of in that frame of mind, and that's kind of what we will be spending the next couple of months, so that when we do hit 2025, we'll be ready to start pulling that data and reporting. I can say right now we are collecting all of the data from all of the open cases, dispositions, across each of our, you know, the relevant courts, prosecutors, public defender, that's being compiled right now. It's just a question of how do we make sure we can put that into a presentation to give you that information, so.

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah, I think it would be helpful also to just sort of know what is -- I don't know the right way to say this exactly, but what is sort of the normal amount of cases that we should have in process at any given time, and what overage becomes sort of an indication that the system is not operating as efficiently as we need it to?

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "Exactly. And we're using a comparative approach to what did the system look like pre-ORCA, so 2018, 2019 -- or maybe I should say pre-COVID, then that period of COVID with ORCA and now the post COVID, post ORCA environment. So we are building that framework out, filling in the data for all that. I think we're going to first look to see kind of what trends emerge, and then overlaying that with what the staff resources had been, what the budget has been for each of those departments, to kind of see what direction we're heading in going forward."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you. I look forward to hearing and seeing all of that when you have it together. I just have another question, just for my understanding. On page 15, on the pie chart where you show the unindicted numbers and all of that: Is that all felony unindicted, or is it just people that haven't been either indicted or accused?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "I believe that is felonies. So anything within the district attorney's purview is that unindicted, or the 21 percent."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay. So anybody's who's been arrested on a misdemeanor is not counted in that number whether they've been charged or not?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "I think the number of those with a misdemeanor are more likely to not be in jail, and this is just an analysis of the jail population, not anyone who is currently in the justice system, so that number is significantly lower in terms of those individuals that be in jail."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "The reason I'm asking and again, just for clarity, and this is maybe something -- that I know we haven't seen a market difference with SB63, which I'm glad to hear and I appreciate it; however, one part of SB63, not the entirety of it, but one part of it is about misdemeanors not being able to get bail, you know, having to have cash flow at this point, right? So I think it might be worth keeping an eye on misdemeanors that are in the jail because that is a potential thing that could change. I just would love for us to at least have an eye to that for maybe the follow-up reporting over the next several months to make sure it isn't going up, or what it looks like and how we address it. That's all I have. Thank you"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "Thank you, Commissioner."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah, thanks."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Natalie Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. First, I want to get some clarity from our County Manager on what you said earlier about using \$3.5 million to cover positions through December 3rd of this year?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, ma'am. Let me go back to -- if I could ask the Clerk to go back to the slide. It's page 8. So this slide -- and Steve, again, tracks this with a great amount of detail, shows the number of folks that remain in ORCA positions, and as you can see and that since 07/01 line, each one of them continues to come down week over week and month over month as they manage at the departmental level, their ORCA budget through end-of-the-year. The proposal that we have brought forward or are bringing forward today for your consideration, is if you gave us the direction to maintain this current staffing, which I did the math, is about 145 people still left on the payroll. And if you said keep them all consistently on the payroll through December the 3rd, which then allows one more payroll cycle for payment of their last check, that amount is 3.5 million. Steve, is that correct?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "Yes, sir."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "And absent that, Commissioner Hall, these numbers will continue to go down and shrink between now and the end-of-the-year as they manage to the ORCA related funding that they have available."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you for that. I am not a judge or I have worked in the courts in the past for Cook County in Chicago, but I'm no expert on court cases. So I

took the opportunity to ask the experts about this particular slide; and what I found is that, unfortunately, they are rapidly losing people because this slide says as of August 1st, and as of Tuesday night, yesterday evening, the input that I received from these various experts was that, in magistrate court, they're actually down to -- down by five, and they only have five remaining. Superior Court, are actually down by 21, and they only have 15 remaining. The Marshal is down by eight, and only has seven remaining, and juvenile court is down by 11 and only has four remaining, and I think that that just shows how quickly people are leaving because they feel that, you know, they don't have any security, job security, because the funding is running out. So they're leaving early. Superior Court has made it clear that a resource that's not listed on this slide is our senior judges who have been paid on a per diem basis through the ORCA professional services budget. These senior judges, along with ORCA staff, have provided the court with additional capacity to resolve cases, and the biggest impact, the decrease in our ORCA funding, will be the elimination of these senior judges who sit by designation and have the authority to preside over cases through resolution. These senior judges, however, do not and cannot work in a vacuum. In order for these judges to handle motions, hearings, and trials plus everything in between, there must be support of a staff attorney, court reporter, et cetera. And this will slow down the rate at which they resolve cases and slow down the rate of decreasing the jail population. As far as the juvenile court, they said that they are trying to strategically look at the caseloads and with the remaining staff of four they are trying to intentionally have an approach to handling their cases. The Marshal, with the seven remaining, they certainly will experience a decrease in productivity and most likely suffer employee low morale as they've overburdened the existing personnel to keep up with the changing demands of the courts and the expectations of the citizens. Additionally, HB 1203 has created more duties and responsibilities for their office to handle, process, and document. The new legislation HB 1203 was signed into law in April of 2024, and made immediately available to the public. Their compliance with HB 1203 has disrupted their daily functional routines causing major delays in the civil intake process. And the clerk of superior and magistrate courts office has been directly impacted by the current level of decreases, and that has impacted their level of service. And we have already heard from our chief judge of the magistrate court speaking earlier during public comment; but pretty much everyone on this list is in favor of retaining these positions to aid in their ability to provide better overall efficient service delivery to our citizens of Fulton County. Thank you so much."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Thanks. So what is the total amount of the payroll that's represented by the 145 which, I guess is sort of continuing to decline?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "I think a point in clarification and maybe speaking to Commissioner Hall's remarks about senior judges: the 3.5 million is both staff and professional services, so those senior judges that she was speaking about, if they're

prosiding over ORCA cases, they would be included within that 3.5 to get us to the December mark. "I don't know how --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "-- no, the total payroll is representative of this chart."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "I have those numbers. I do not have them in front of me here, but we can break out what the payroll was from that -- both what this would total in terms of payroll, I can provide to you."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I mean, I'm just -- I guess the other thing I'm -- as we're deliberating over this, I mean one thing I struggle with, and that they -- you know, this program has been a good program. I think, you know, we called this out early on, in terms of this was, you know, a priority for us, I think I remember sitting up here talking with Chairman Pitts, you know, both of us both are saying hey, this was our biggest priority kind of with the ARPA funds to really drive down, you know, our case backlog. It was a well-organized program, you know, but it would also need to sunset, and this is our plan for it to sunset. And so, you know, I personally believe we just need to probably just let it sunset and move forward, and you know in terms of sort of squaring up, you know, a lot of these departments -- I mean, if I'm looking right and we got a slide on, slide 8 which I know we haven't gotten to yet, I don't think. It might be worth just sort of throwing that thing out there real quick. This is the one that's got sort of the vacancy piece and stuff? Well slide 110. I'm sorry."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "Sorry, Commissioner, which --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "-- keep going. It's on the -- it's in the financial reporting?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Slide 48 in this deck. I think you're talking -- I'm sorry. You're talking about the personnel listing? The vacancies?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Right. Right."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, slide 48."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "You can go back right there. So it's a little bit of an eye chart to read, but we got like Superior Court, General 17, District Attorney 17, Marshal 10, if I'm reading that right. Shouldn't it be the way to look at it, ten vacancies?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, sir. Those are their total vacancies for each."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "So I'm sort of struggling with, you know, why we wouldn't extend these while we got, you know, in many cases, significant vacancy numbers over here, you know. Let's see. What's another one that's here? So -- and they can convert these rolls over to -- to these other positions, correct?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "We have been working with the various agencies who are trying to spend their ORCA resources down based on the schedule and the timeline that was provided, and allow for movement of those positions over to General Fund positions. So some of the agencies, yes, sir, have been converting General Fund positions to get them to the right titles in order to make those movements from the ORCA positions."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "All right. So it's not like we don't earmark this other that it is ending today. There's, you know, funds in here that will continue. We also note that you've got-- and if it accelerates some people, you know, where people are moving earlier and all that sort of stuff. So the other thing I sort of -- it looks like we've got, in the other piece of this, about 5.7 million that we had sort of committed to ORCA that has not been spent yet, correct?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "We did, but that has been distributed across all of our justice partners, and we will exhaust that in the next couple of months, and at different rates."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Assuming that -- under sort the assumption of what, like the --"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "What their burn rate has been kind of historically, while taking into account what their staff reductions have been."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. But we're not -- the people that are there -- or some people are just choosing to leave because they're naturally going hey, I've not been offered a position; this thing is going to sunsets whether is sunsets, you know. At the end of the year, it's going to be sunset, right?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "Right. There are natural attrition, or there's natural attrition occurring."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "And we're not saying to them -- I mean, we're saying you got to manage that, but we're also, at the same time, we're not saying within the footprint of the financial stuff, but we're not saying, you know, this person's got to be gone, you know, two weeks from now, correct?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "Some departments will be in that position".

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "It's their funds starting to exhaust, right?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "Correct."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Right? But others may not be."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "Correct. Different departments manage their budgets differently. Some continue to burn --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "So I just -- I think changing it at this stage of the game, I think, creates more complexities to it than not. I'd rather see us take that funding and, you know, figure out how we're going to more effectively deploy it, you know, whether that's repurposing to the General Fund, you know, looking at specific augmented staffing for clear areas where it's justified and warranted and we can see that in terms of, you know, kind of what the numbers suggest in terms of activity and performance, et cetera. So, I mean that's just sort of my view on this use of the 10 million, which I know, I guess we'll discuss a little bit further. I had one other just a couple of other quick questions going back. In the case disposition stuff, the slide related to sort of what's left, on the Superior Court numbers, do we know like how much of that is -- would be like family court matters versus criminal cases?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "That's exactly what Superior Court is going to speak to, what their remaining case opposition is and similar to what Judge Taylor did, speaking to State Court, kind of what any complexities exist, to close those out, and if it does go into 2025, what a target completion would be for those; but yes, we plan to present a detailed breakdown of the remaining cases."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Have you seen any of that -- I mean, can you --"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "-- we have a draft for this month and then we pulled it thinking --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "-- I mean, is there a substantive amount for that that is actually family matters, I guess?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "Family Court is a large proportion as well as -- I'm forgetting the term they use, but those that need to be arrested, they're free."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Similar to the issue we talked about with State Court."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "Exactly. So they can't move those cases forward until that individual is arrested."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. So we'll be able to sort of break down in terms of kind of understanding how many of these are."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "That's exactly what we'll do."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Controllable case, you'll be able to drive things and things that may not necessarily have the ability to do so, okay. All right."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Any questions?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY: "Thank you, Commissioners."

BRETT LACEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SELECT FULTON: "We can go ahead and advance that first slide. Good morning, Brett Lacey, Deputy Director of Select Fulton. And again, we were here just a few weeks ago celebrating our number four ranking in the nation of best counties for economic development. And no smart part of that is the result of the availability of our skilled and trained workforce and their readiness to work, in our support of small business and entrepreneurs. So we bring a few updates on that this morning just that supports, you know, why Fulton County is one of the best in the country for economic development. If we can go to the next slide. I want to start, as the County Manager alluded to, with really thanking and praising the workforce board that we have that really oversees and sets the strategy for the workforce programs in the county. As County Manager noted, this Board that has been set by Chairman Pitts, and his leadership is full of public, private, and nonprofit leaders within Fulton County that are really leaders in several spaces that have helped us really set the model for the state. I would point out one notable piece of that is the work that we have done in attempting to partner our workforce programs with programs such as the Snap Employment and Training Program. Again, as we've repeated, we are the first in the state to try to attempt this and, we, at this point, have the state, national, and other local boards looking at how we are attempting to do this, ready to join us and follow in our example, in our footsteps, that we set out. We have been advising with our state partners in helping them try to figure out how to interact with our workforce programs. And this small part of our workforce board being engaged in that work, having those conversations, and having that leadership with groups from all over the country to really find the right fit for Fulton County have been tremendously (inaudible) and really become the point for the state in lending this program. If we can go to the next slide. To sort of point out who makes up this workforce board that we're talking about, as I noted, they are leaders from private businesses across Fulton County, our public partners, our education partners. There's a few of them with their logos that are highlighted up there. What's really significant about this is that several of our board members have a role to play in both workforce development and broader economic development efforts. So they are our partners as we are locating and expanding companies here in Fulton County, and really understanding the entire concept of how that works. Again, a model of how the Chairman has filled this board of really having that economic development piece forefront to be able to drive job creation and job placement into our openings that are across Fulton County. So again, thank you to these leaders that are here. Again, some of them have been here today with proclamations and they joined us a few weeks ago for that. So again, thanks to this Board that has really taken the leadership of that in the work they have given of their time to help lead these efforts. We can go to the next slide. One more. All right. So

getting into some of the actual performance, this is going to be performance numbers that reflect our last year, so our program year would run July 2023 through June of this year, and sort of as a reminder, this is really just the numbers that are at the end of the process, so we had individuals that probably came into our door anywhere from 12 to 18 to 24 months ago to start sort of their job training and employment services journey. So the numbers that you're seeing here are really only those that have gone through all of the process of identifying the training program they want to enter into, actually getting that credential or certificate, doing other employability workshops like resume writing and job search assistance, doing the actual job interviews and then getting that job opportunity sometime over the last year. It is very important that we note that we exceeded all of the performance measures that the state sets out for us. So this is, of the individuals that finish our program, how many of them get into those job opportunities and what are the wages look like when they get there with, again, that idea of self sufficiency in mind. We exceeded all of those performance measures over this past year and continue to really succeed in that area of meeting the goals that are set for us. The County Manager already noted that we do see a very positive return on investment of the efforts that we make impacting the economic investment in our local communities by really driving those wages. The colorful imagery that you have here represents sort of the distribution of where these job trainees are getting employment opportunities; healthcare being a large one along with manufacturing. What's important is that we have compared these to where actual growth is in the industries in Fulton County, and they match up very closely with where the job growth is going to be over the next five to ten years. So we are right on track in training where that future workforce demand will come from in the county and making sure that we meet all of that. One other note that I will put on here -- I'm sorry. One more thing on this slide. As you can imagine, these 125 individuals over the last year in a number of different industries largely are just going to be one training graduate into an employer. I will note that we've had several employers over the last year that have hired multiple participants, which really speaks to them seeing the county as a resource to fill their vacancies and coming to the county and our programs as being a quality trainer and provider of these individuals that are ready to do the job on day one. So the fact that we get that repeat business speaks very well with the quality of the programming that we're providing. Then I will go to the next slide. This one again sort of focuses again on the quality of those programs that we're offering. Again, I will note that this last year when we had our annual monitoring from our state grantor, they came away with zero findings, all of the efforts that we have done. So again, just giving us a clean bill of health of the ability for us to do our jobs and manage those federal funds effectively. Last month, we also had a great piece in the Atlanta Journal which highlighted our use of our mobile career center out and about in the county in making sure that we are taking these programs to all citizens of Fulton County, and they have access to those programs just as they would if they came into the doors of our actual career centers. And the one final thing I'll note on sort of workforce is, for residents that are watching today, to really pay attention to communications from Fulton County. We have some big efforts that are about to launch in the last quarter of this year, really taking advantage of the infrastructure funding that is coming into the region, and we will be

looking to fill jobs where we will train individuals on the job for the ones that we are hiring largely in the way of sort of highway construction. But we will be making those announcements in the coming weeks and months and really ramping up hiring at the end of this year for those job opportunities. And again, these are jobs that are coming in through those infrastructure funds and job availability now where we will help train while you're actually earning. There's no need to go to school and wait until you can start to earn that paycheck, you're going to get on day one as you're learning the trade. All right, we can go to the next slide. And so, this is the final update we have for you. This is focused on our small business loan program. As a reminder, this was a program that was funded through our ARPA resources where we partnered with ACE to really leverage the funding that we had and bring back a much larger availability of resources to Fulton small businesses. We did target minority and female businesses for this. They were existing businesses that were able to really capitalize on that loan and make repayments. But you will see that we took the small investment that was made out of the ARPA and turned it over about four to five times in the total amount of loans that were dispersed, just at 46 million there. Almost 600 loans that were provided and again, this is an area where Fulton really was the lead and set the standard. We were first to market with this program, and so we were the first in the state to roll out this small business loan program; and again, just demonstrates how Fulton is not only enervating, but leveraging the resources that we have to really bring a strong return on that investment and support not only our jobseekers, but the employers and businesses that we have across the county. And so with that, I'll take any questions that you have."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just had a quick question on this last slide with the small business loans. Can you just talk a little bit more about the partnership with ACE? Did they just do -- did they handle all operationally and we just give them funds and got reporting or how did that work?"

BRETT LACEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SELECT FULTON: "They were a strong partner throughout the entire process really, helping us think through the best way to leverage the loans and then provide the actual access that comes with it. Another major part that we had was they provided coaching to those small businesses, and not only did you receive the loan and help take that loan, then to go other partners and leverage it to increase the amount of resources that we can provide, but they then work with the small business and the entrepreneurs throughout the process coaching them to ensure that they were really making the best use of that loan to fill the need, which largely was going to be a result of income loss from the pandemic; but providing them those additional resources in coaching and just small business support throughout the entire process. So they helped to manage the program and they helped to provide programming of it in the way of coaching, and again, leveraging it to take it to market to other lending sources to really grow that pot."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "The other question I had regarding the 135 loans that we did, do we have any plans to sort of, you know, follow through with those businesses to see how they're doing? You know, sort of celebrate their success along the way, that kind of thing, because right now it's just sort of a number and I know there's real people behind these businesses, so it really be nice, I think, to make that connection with who we've helped and how it's going for them and where we can help them down the road, potentially."

BRETT LACEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SELECT FULTON: "Yeah, definitely. I can check with our team on sort of what sort of celebratory success stories that we have as well as sort of the end numbers of what we actually did with the loans."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Other questions? Thank you."

MIKE ROWICKI, STRATEGY: "Next slide, please. So, Mike Rowicki with the Strategy and Performance Management Office. Glad to be here today with you guys actually discussing our key performance reviews for all of our county departments and agencies. So as of to date, we've actually have reviews with all departments and agencies across the board to review their key performance indicators for quarter one and quarter two of this year. Up on the slide is actually an example of some of those from the behavioral health department, some of their measures, and some of their targets and how they've actually done each quarter. So during these reviews, it's important to note that we actually grant each of the agencies the opportunity to review each of those individual KPIs with us discussing the issues, items that they're needing assistance with, so therefore, executive team support or how we can support them to get through those items or resolve any issues they're having is available as an open communication. We also discussed with issues that people have with the cyber attack, so if there were any KPIs that were affected by the cyber attacks such as our financial system that was down or any of those systems that were unoperational during that time, we can then make adjustments for that. But later on, I'll actually explain to you why some of the stuff is actually very impressive with what some of the people where able to do and adapt to during the times that we were dealing with the cyber attack. So as of currently, we have about 240 KPIs that we measure for pay for performance each year. And 87 percent of those KPIs during these reviews are being met, and about 11 percent of those actually had some effect by the cyber-attack; but again, overall, everybody is doing well, and if we have made any adjustments, we will report that later on in the year for that. Next slide, please. So one of the key things that we want to make sure that the public is aware of is that all of this stuff is actually open and transparent for the public to actually view. They can actually go to our open performance site, which is up there on the page. And as you can see, we have each of these KPIs for the departments actually publicly available on our website. They can go out there and see what those are looking like, and next slide. And when they go to the page, what they'll see is visualizations that look like this. So this will actually give them what the current KPI measure actually is, which

is in that box. That will be the same 100 percent or the 84 percent items. If that is good, it will be in green. If it is off track, it will be at red. It also gives the public a view as to what that five-year trend might look like as long as we've been tracking that. If it less than five years we've been tracking it, it will only show one spot or two, depending on the number of years, and also, it gives them why it is important that we track that as defined by the departments. So, and one of the things I do want to point out is you see -- again, it's all public whether it's good or bad. That 84 percent, that it is, therefore, the finance department, which is actually processing payments. We need to put that into perspective as to think about that total finance process was down during the cyber attack. The staff there actually adapted and hit the target of 84 percent is actually which they did, which is below their 90 percent target for the year, but doing that during a cyber attack is actually a great story to tell as to how much work they did, adapted to the things that we're doing there, and got that production out there so that we weren't further behind on payments. Again, there's other things that we talk about doing these discussions with the KPIs. Some of them would be discussions with senior services, how senior services currently is actually fully back up to the full customer service level they were prepandemic. So that means we have had those seniors jump right back in after the centers were open, and they are now fully coming back fully utilizing the services; those type of items. One of the other KPIs up there is the total virtual circulation for the libraries. One of the things to consider there is that data is then used later on during the budget process to see -- you can see the rise over the years as to the virtual circulation for the past five years and then how that will tap into what their budget request will be later on, as to how these departments use that information. So once you think about these KPIs are used through the year, through the process, and can actually help them through their budget process and then identifying the needs or things that are there that they may want to request for. Next slide. So also some things that we talk about during the KPI reviews with the departments actually is what we're looking forward to in 2025. We always want them to be thinking forward facing in what can we do to improve; what it is that we're looking at across-the-board. So we have actually proposed for 2025, and why this is important is again, this could affect staff's future impact for pay for performance. But three new KPIs that we are proposing for 2025 are up here on the screen. One of those is going to be the processing of invoices that are submitted to Accounts Payable, making sure that each of those invoices as they're submitted to departments, get processed timely and then our vendors are actually paid. We've actually had some departments that have done this as the KPI in the past have shown how it has worked to improve their system and the steps that they take to make sure those are through, so we're proposing that county wide for everybody. The next one is P cards and T cards for our procurements. Using those resources and actually ensuring that those are all reconciled on a monthly basis, making sure that everybody turns those in; again making sure that our payments are done timely. The third KPI that we're looking at will be an HR issue, which is ensuring that people actually process once they've receive their list of eligible candidates. That they actually go through the process to do the interviews, make a selection, and 85 percent of the time, they would do that within 30 days. Also during these reviews, we talked to everybody about what are your changes or as a management team that you

want to look at, that you might want to make improvement for, or push your staff a little bit to do; some of those improvements across-the-board for customer service. So again, we ask them to look at those; think forward facing, and give us some new measures. We will give the opportunity to each of the departments to negotiate each of their KPIs during the fourth quarter of this year. And then we will kind of mark those as we go along and make any changes, or keep the same ones as the departments. Next slide. And with that, I'll take any questions on our KPI reviews."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Just -- if you can go back to that last slide -- previous slide. And my question here is really for all three, but particularly with the third one, are these high enough? And, you know, that might be a question for -- it might not be a question for you, it might be a question for, you know, kind of the management team should that be -- should that be 90 percent?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "I mean like all of these are somewhat set with an eye toward continuous improvement. In other words, every cycle that we go through, we say well, here's where we are. Can we go further?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "So, what are these that right now?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Sharon, do you have these off the top your head or not?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "I think that the departments are -- the top one for Accounts Payable, that's from the time that the departments receive their invoices and submit them over to Finance. So, it actually, I think that ten days is, in some cases, is generous: If it's a matter of receiving invoice and approving it. In our -- in our time line now, they may have two weeks -- two full weeks. They have ten days now to complete that process. So this is really our attempt to start to track this across the organization, so that we can really see where the slowdowns are occurring. When you hear something about a vendor who hasn't been paid for, you know, an egregious period of time, oftentimes Accounts Payable doesn't even know the invoice exists because it didn't come to them first. It went straight to the department and has been held in the department. The new ERP system will provide us with better tools for tracking and managing this. To the Manager's point, we felt like putting something in place and just kind of getting a baseline when we really start tracking it, I personally think we should have a higher target ultimately for the first one and the second one, but I think that as a starting place, and really without all the best tools in place to track this, I think that what we presented is reasonable."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. So you really didn't answer my question. So what I heard in that is we do not know what our percentages are right now. That's what I

heard in that. Is that fair? But with the new system, we feel like we will be able to track it, so we're setting a pick that we're going to tract too."

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

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. All right. I might encourage us to step up -- to set them all up to at least 90, but when do we think we'll have sort of a view of what those actually are? I mean, when?"

MIKE ROWICKI, STRATEGY: So staff is currently, from the Strategy Office, working on that. We should actually have that preliminary data ready for the end of October or the beginning of November."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Other questions?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Just one more comment on this particular aspect. I think, and I hope, that everyone understands how much of a journey this has been. At one point, we had no KPIs. We now have, across all departments, key performance indicators. Number two, we had no way to calibrate, even if there were some performance indicators, there was no weighing of the degree of difficulty and current performance and then adjusting upward; we have that now. We had no link to pay, which is critical. We do have that now, and people do pay attention to it even though it's a modest impact to the bonus payment or COLA's that you approved. It still is there. I think it balances customer service, which is in every department as well as operational, and now these enterprise-wide metrics, and they're aimed at things that, again, all I think believe are important. You know, and last, I do fundamentally believe in you get what you inspect. And while, you know, we don't have the ability to go into necessarily every department, all of us, any of us, due to the breadth of the service offerings that we have, this allows us that ability to talk to, again twice a year, each department at a detailed level, understand what their obstacles are, and their performance, and then again, recognize with pay. So I think it's -- again, it's been a journey. It is one that Mike does a great job managing out of the Strategy Office and, again, it's very religious about taking us through this. And again, we appreciate your input and obviously support of this. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

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

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "All right. Next, is Mr. Davis."

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Good afternoon, Commissioners. We'll be reviewing the Jail Blitz plan as well as some generalized information regarding cell utilization as well as maintenance performance. So first, as an overview of the blitz and its progress to date, we have completed six units or 55 percent, that's six of the 11 units

that were chosen to be rehabbed that represent 726 cells out of a total of 1,122 nonmedical cells that have been rehabbed. The seventh blitz unit, this statement is a little inaccurate as this presentation was prepared last week. This seventh blitz unit, 5 south, actually completed yesterday. We are working with the Sheriff's office to have inmates and materials moved up to the next -- over to the next area on the fifth floor. So that ultimately is the overall project. We're going to be doing nine of the 11 units are expected to be done by the end of the year with the last unit or two being completed in January or February of 2025. From a maintenance performance perspective, in the month of July 1142 work orders were completed out of the 1643 that were submitted, or 69.5 percent. Please keep in mind this is work orders that are not associated with the jail blitz. Also, from a preventive maintenance perspective, we completed 82 percent of the 327 scheduled work orders. Next slide, please. As an overview of the beds, 630 beds are currently unavailable at the Rice Street location for multiple reasons. You'll see that we have 216 beds that are unoccupied due to a sewage backup on 1 north. We have contractors now that are literally digging into the ground outside where we believe we either have something snagged or a collapsed line that is contributing to the backups that have occurred as of late in that particular housing zone. We have, of course, 216 beds that are unoccupied due to the jail blitz impact of the inmates being off the floor. And then we have a grand total of 198 beds that are unoccupied due to fire restoration and/or are awaiting parts for repair. One of the critical components of this particular subset of cells is the emergency lock-and-release for the sliding cell doors which has been vandalized by inmates; and as a result, it was a long lead item for that. We have pretty much completed the fire restoration. We are hoping within the next two to four weeks we'll be releasing at least 200 beds back to the sheriff's office, but potentially more. And as a review of the overall unused bed systemwide, 90 percent of the unused cells due to the jail blitz or other long-term repairs. There's always a need for space in the facility to be unoccupied, and that's factored into the overall count, due to the need for classification by the sheriff's office. We also have some unused beds in those that were allocated for out of county as a result of the other jurisdictions limiting the classification that they will accept in their facility. And then we have some empty beds at the Atlanta City Detention Center and the Jail South Annex that are empty due to staffing availability. And that is our report, and will be willing to take any questions that you may have."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Quick questions. The sewage backup, could you explain how that happened, who's responsible, and is it an issue we have with our facility, or is it something with Atlanta Water and Sewer?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "If I may, could you go back one slide, please? So I should have referenced these pictures here, so it's twofold. We do have an issue with the Atlanta Stormwater system when we have heavy rains causing backups, so some of our backups were that. If you look at the first picture here, this is a picture from our investigation of the sewer line that directly serves that particular housing unit, and

on the day that we did this, we pulled a ton of medical supplies out of the manhole, things such as syringes, vials, things that should not have been flushed. So one of the things we're working with the sheriff's office as well as the medical provider, to prevent that from happening in the future. But ultimately, we have to get to the root cause of what's our most immediate problem. Yes, the storm water drainage is a problem, but our most immediate problem are the things that are blocking the line at this particular moment, and that's what why we're literally breaking up concrete to get down below to get a clear view of what's actually causing the obstruction."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "And could you speak a little bit to explain out-of-county, the inmate classification system that we have, why they aren't accepted at some facilities?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "I will attempt to do so. To my understanding, I think this might be a better question for the sheriff's office. But as someone who has worked closely with them, what I can you is that all inmates upon booking or classified, according to their criminal history, behavior, and things of that nature, which then dictates to the sheriffs office who they can put in the same cell or have to keep separate. And in order -- as that process occurs, you have to somewhat segregate those inmates away from the rest of the population until your review is completed. Cobb County, for example and this is from my listening in on the Sheriff's office calls, will only accept certain levels of classification, i.e. Fulton County can't send the worst of the worst to Cobb County. They won't accept it."

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

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Yes, ma'am."

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

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, sir."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Next slide, please. Mr. Chairman, we have the -- it should be the ARPA. Keep on -- next slide. Next slide. Our ARPA reporting, from our previous conversation with the Board, we did change our reporting format and shared that format with the Board back at the beginning of this month. This is the new report format. What you will see is that we have identified the project, or the initiative, the amount that has been budgeted and, if you will, note between this page and the second page we have fully budgeted the 206 million that

we've received. The next column is an indication of whether or not the initiative has been approved by the Board, whether or not a contract has been let or issued. Then the next column is the amount that's currently sitting in an encumbrance against that budget, followed by the amount that we have actually expended against that project, and then the difference column is simply the budgeted amount, less the encumbrance, less the expended amount, so that is the new report format. The comment section provides a comment related to either the status of the project or if there is a difference, what we intend to use that difference for. So, for example, the very first line, I know it's very difficult to read, the very first line, the behavioral health crisis center, has a budget of 16 million. As of July 31st, we still have 1.7 encumbered. We had expended 13.6, and we had a difference of about 700,000. And that project, we expect to bring our final change orders related to that contract to the Board so for final approval. And when we do that, that difference will be taken up by the contract change orders. So through the entire report, we have noted and commented on the status of each project. And then in the far right-hand column, we've identified whether the project is still active or it's completed and all of the active projects are listed on this page. I mean, if we go to the next slide -- and the completed projects are all of the projects listed on the second slide are complete. The thing that I wanted to just summarize is the total, so we have the 206.2 million that we received in -- from the American Rescue Act; we have that in the budget. We currently have 43.5 million of that that's encumbered; 148.1 has been expended, and that leaves a difference of 14.6 million. That 14.6 million difference is primarily composed of the funds that we have set aside for the developmental disabilities training center that's 5.4 million of that total, as well as the funds that were remaining to spend on the ORCA court backlog project, 5.7.; and then the balance is sprinkled throughout the remaining active projects. So we did want to share the new -- the new reporting format and allow the Board to ask any questions on that, if you have any. Next slide, please. The Manager mentioned earlier, and I believe Commissioner Ellis brought this up under the millage rate discussion: We have identified that through the end of July, we have accrued \$9.8 million in interest on the funds that we have received. Those funds are available for the county to use for any purpose. Our recommendation, that we are bringing forward today is to use \$3.5 million of the interest earnings to allow the ORCA burn rate in place as of July to continue through the end of the year with the final payroll date being -- or final day of work being December 3rd, which would allow sufficient time for the last paycheck and any bust-out check for any accrued leave that has been accumulated for those individuals. And then the second recommendation -- and I need to make a change to the description here because what it should say is Capital Needs Facility Reserve, behavioral health mental crisis center, DD self training and infrastructure modernization, and it should say to fund a contingency for those projects in a total of 6.3 million. It should not say to fund additional ORCA. The ORCA funding is the 3.5 that's above. And then when we presented this report to you in June, we had made some recommendations for the use of these funds to include allowing for the Board of Assessors to move back into the building and to complete all of the moves that would be necessary. The cost estimates that we received back on that were much higher than anticipated, and the resources that we had earmarked for that would be very insufficient, so we're retracting that

recommendation. We had also recommended funding two new programs, medical debt and FQHCs for a total of \$2 million. I mean we are retracting that and the notion of now may not be the appropriate time to initiate and fund new programs. So that is our ARPA, revised ARPA update and our proposed recommendations for the use of the 9.8 million in interest on the funds received."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So you're interested in reactions to this, or recommendations or what?"

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, again, I'll be very clear. I'm not in agreement with what's proposed, what you just explained. A couple of things: talk again about the move of the Board of Assessors. We have, any given day, half of this building is empty and we're paying -- how much are we paying for rent at Peachtree Center for the Board of Assessors?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "In annual rent?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Don't have that number really available, but we could certainly get it."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yeah. I want to say it's somewhere in the neighborhood of 800,000."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Less than a million, but at least 800, annually. The problem became, I think, the estimated move came in at fifteen million, Joe?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "About 17."

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "16."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "16."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And that was our estimate?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "No."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, what was our estimate?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Well, we base our estimates on the information that we receive from consultants working on the project that utilize pricing models for the current construction market, so that's how we develop that dollar value."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "But what was it?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "For the entire move?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Uh-huh."

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "For the Tax Assessors, it's roughly 16.8".

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And that was our estimate?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "That is the estimate provided to us by our consultant designing the project."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And how has that changed?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Well, let me clarify. Our placeholder estimate is -- rough estimate was 4.5 million."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That's what I'm getting at."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes. And then when the bid came back, it's 16 million. And then forgetting the lack of funding, if you even thought about it on a basis of breakeven, you're talking 16, 17 years to spend that much to move back to eliminate 800,000. So I think it's desirable to get them back, but right now, it doesn't seem possible. "

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Mr. Manager, I would have to respectfully not disagree, but I do see it differently. We had all this vacant space in this building, half of it, on a given day, and we're spending that much, and we believe that going back to a four million plus, that we are off by, what is that, 12 million? You know, that's a problem for me. I hate to say when somebody says one Commissioner. The other is we had talked about the medical debt and FQHC for two million. I still feel very strongly about those two programs, so if you want some feedback, that's my feedback. But the big one though is the continue to have the Board of Assessors at Peachtree Center when we have half of this building empty. It's hard to explain to people and that error, we don't like to use the word error in a statement, four plus 16 is interesting. Commissioner Thorne. So that's my feedback, so."

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

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I basically have the same question about moving the Tax Assessor over. I think it'd be great for the citizens to be able to visit the Tax Assessor as well as the Tax Commissioner in one stop. But I'm still just kind of a little -- you clarified very well, how is it a 16-million-dollar move? What's involved in moving them that it would be so incredibly expensive?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Part of that process also involved looking at the design of the space in which they will be moving in to and, once you apply construction cost to that, that's how you develop your overall pricing of \$16 million. It's not just the physical move; it's also taken into consideration providing the Tax Assessors with the appropriate space in this building which requires construction."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "To just give a sense, because again, I agree the 16 million seems extraordinary, but how many departments and floors would be impacted in order to move them back and have them all together in effectively one space. Do you recall that off the top of your head?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "So essentially we, to accommodate the Tax Assessor's office, they would be moving onto two different floors in the facility. Principally adjacent, but their overall operation would not go on to one single floor. So you have construction in multiple areas along with the moving costs and things of that nature. And then there's also, to a certain degree as time has passed, their existing space, if we were to try to pair that with providing exactly what they have now, doesn't quite meet what the Tax Board of Assessors think is their actual need. So there's a level of accommodation in the construction portion to take care of whatever needs or shortfall needs they have now in their current space."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "The other thing, just to keep in mind, if you'll recall, when we first proffered up the notion of modernizing this building, taking into account hybrid work environment, we had a budget of 28 million to do all floors. Because of how those bids came in, which I think were 75 million --"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "-- 78."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "78 million. So then we went back to we're only going to do the first couple of floors for customer facing and then the tenth floor. So that's where we are now. In other words, that program has been reduced hugely. Then when you try to add in the Tax Assessors, it's just another indication of the cause - construction costs that have not only gone up, but then because we're not doing the rest of those floors, now you're starting to have to get into those floors because it's one thing to say it's 50 percent vacant, but is not contiguous. Is not modernized, so you would have to, in some shape or form, reconfigure where we have folks sitting now, then that leads to -- because we haven't done these floors due to the previous bid, things are cost prohibitive, it makes this one very cost ineffective."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "But we are keeping in to account, if we have to do any modernization, the potential of eventually moving them into the building hopefully someday?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "I mean, I've been since inception, been asking why we ever move them, you know, blocks away from the courthouse, much less the government center. So I'm not sure how that decision was made or exactly what the thought process was, but I think we should continue to look for a way, and I do hear what the Chairman's saying. If we can find a poor man's version of getting them here, that would be preferable to leaving them there, in my view. So let us go back and relook that yet again, but I'm sure given the gap that we're talking about that we're going to close that necessarily with these federal funds."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Just one other comment I failed to mention, is the 3.5 to extend the ORCA positions? We all knew, or should have known if you do your homework, and the employees, that there was a sunset provision on all of those positions. There always is and always will be. Commissioner Ellis has spoken to that earlier. So why we would recommend that at this point, just I'm at loss to understand that one. Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I think it's sort of blatantly obvious that we have more facility needs than we have funding for. Is that a fair statement?"

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

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "And we're in the works on certain things; like we've got this developmental disabilities south training center which we haven't entered into the contract with on that just yet, right?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "The development disabilities south, no, we do not have a contract. We're working on the recommendation."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "All right. So we got that. We've talk about the stuff at the government center. I just think the prudent thing, and there's obviously some, you know, we're asking you to speculate on stuff in terms of infrastructure modernization here. I just think the prudent thing to do would be for us to hold this entire 9.8 million into a facility reserve in order to apply to things that we know that are going to have needs, and I certainly don't think it makes sense to apply this to anything that has any sort of recurring nature to it. That doesn't make sense. Should view sort of one time stuff. So I'm going to make a motion that we hold this 9.8 million into a facility reserve."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Repeat your motion, Commissioner."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "My motion is that we provide the management team direction to hold this 9.8 million in interest and any further interest that might be earned on these ARPA funds into a facility reserve".

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "The whole 9.8?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Correct. Because we've already annotated that we clearly have needs that are in excess of that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Let me do this. I will second this for discussion purposes only, because I feel very strongly about the medical debt and the FQHCs, which would be two million of the 9.8. So I'll second for it. How I do this? Which one? Okay. For discussion only. You finished, Commissioner?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I cannot support this motion. I am in support of the recommendation as made by the County Manager's office. I do believe we need to go ahead and continue the ORCA just through the December 3rd date with the 3.5 million. I think it makes sense to do that. This has been talked about multiple times. I think the justice partners need that opportunity to finish out these last 14,000 cases. And while I appreciate the ability to move, and I know you all -- you are all, Madam CFO working to get these positions that can be shifted into the General Fund positions that are up and done. I think, and you can correct me if I'm wrong here, but I think a lot of the issues are around the fact it might be, for example, an investigator that's an ORCA position, but there isn't a similar position that isn't funded in the General Fund; is that correct?" So the positions aren't correct. Am I saying that right?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes. In some cases, the departments are having to establish new position classifications within their General Fund in order to move over the positions from ORCA"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yes. So it's not as simple as just -- just move them? If there's an opening, it doesn't necessarily match up?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes. And in some cases, it may take multiple openings to establish the position in the General Fund to be able to afford the transfer over from the ORCA positions."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah. I'm in support of the County Manager's recommendations, and so I'm a, no on this."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, other comments?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a clarifying question, with respect to Commissioner Ellis' motion for capital needs only, would that exclude any discussion at all regarding moving

the Board of Assessors from Peachtree Center back to this building? Could that be included?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "It could be, if we can find the, you know, again, a less expensive way to do so. And we would bring it back, obviously, for your approval to allocate it in such a way."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Other comments? Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "With the ORCA, as Commissioner Hall expressed, that number is the highest number 3.5, right? Then now it seems like a lot of people have left. The DA has cleared all her cases, so she shouldn't need any extension in hers, so --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- excuse me. Is that correct, that statement?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "My understanding is while the DA has moved the cases from her bucket to Superior Court; the staff are engaged in the continuing case management effort related to that. So they've been indicted, they're now with Superior Court to get set for a trial. Her team is still working on investigations representing the cases in court, the cases that have already been moved in Superior Court, so there's still court and case-related active -- ORCA case-related activities that are continuing related to the district attorney. That's just my general understanding."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Of this 3.5 million would be the highest need, would you expect it to come in less?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes. It was based off of those who were still on payroll as of that point in time projected forward. So as natural attrition continues to incur, the amount, you know, we may not need all of it to get to that date in December, but this would allow us to extend those that remain through December 3rd."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Anything else? All right, the Ellis motion is on the floor. Let's vote."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Next. Is that it? All right, continue. Yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I guess, point of order, I think the Manager brought this here for us to provide direction to him. So I guess are we -- as our direction is, we have no direction today? I mean I'm asking this not to our Manager. I'm asking this to our Board, is that our direction today? Do we want to come back and deliberate on this in a future meeting?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, I mean, that's to be determined."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "No, I mean, we didn't give directions".

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, I'll speak for it. I was pretty clear on my end."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "You voiced your views and I voice my views, other folks voiced their views; we have no consensus."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett -- no, I'm sorry. Vice Chair."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "In respective of what the County Manager -- what they have laid out today, unless I get additional information, I will not be comfortable with putting that -- I understand the reason behind putting it all together, I'm just not all the way sold if that's the best option at this point. I think for me, Commissioner Ellis, with all due respect, I need to get some off-line questions answered for what I consider to be maybe unintended consequences. I always try to think about unintended consequences, so I'm not completely closed to what you're asking; I just am not comfortable to support it today without additional information."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "So one thing to consider, remember, this is not ARPA funds, per se; this is interest earned off of it. So absent no direction, it will fall to the fund balance at the end of the year or if not used for some other purpose that we would have to bring back to discuss with."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Other comments? Commissioner Thorne, you about to say something? No? All right. Okay. I'm not sure what your direction is, Commissioner Ellis."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yeah, I think the direction is to make no use of these interest funds absent the Board coming to a consensus on a use. We put forward one use and if that's not acted upon, then it will fall to the fund balance."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "And we will continue to ramp down at the ORCA positions through whatever period of time until and unless the Board of Commissioners makes a decision on that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "No, I just wanted the management team to restate kind of what they're -- how they're going to act, based upon you know our position today. That's fair enough. That's all I wanted to do."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah. If anyone needs additional information, feel free to speak with the Manager and the CFO, because I certainly plan to do so. All right. Continue."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Sharon, do we need to do the last two pages, briefly?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yeah. Next slide, please. We can bring the presentation back up. We do have the July monthly financial report as well as the emergency purchase orders and contracts list that we just wanted to bring to the Board's attention. If we can go to, next slide, please. The monthly financial report through the end of July, we had expended 446.4 million against our 954.1 million dollar budget; a spending rate of about 47 percent, slightly higher than where we were this time last year. Next slide, please. This shows the year-over-year comparison of our General Fund monthly spend. And as you can see, the last quarter of the year is typically where we see our higher spending pattern, so we expect to see that trend continue through the end of 2024. Next slide, please. We've provided the Board with the vacancy report showing you where each department is with their permanent full-time positions. Of course, we don't have information for the first several months of the year because of the cyber incident, but we've been able to produce reports for the last several months. So as of the end of July, we were sitting with 432 vacant positions and an average vacancy rate for the year of 11 percent. Next slide, please. I don't know if anyone has any questions on the financials?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Where is the -- where are elections captured?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "If you go to slide 46, Registration and Elections. They're towards the lower section of the report, Mr. Chairman. They have expended -- through the end of July, they've expended 17 million of their 39.1 million-dollar budget, about 44 percent."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. A question that Commissioner Thorne raises frequently and I've not gotten a clear answer either. And I'm asked about it and I feel -- I don't like to not be able to respond accurately and intelligently and factually. What is the answer to -- if we spend in the 40 million-dollar range for our elections and that's some \$50 per voter that others I'm told around \$10 per voter, in Gwinnett who's probably about 50,000 people less than we have? Theirs is at 15. What's the answer to that?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Without having and really understanding their elections plan and the types of expenses that they incur, I mean, we would have to look at how many early voting locations are they staffing. How many precincts on Election Day do they staff? What's their staffing model for their precincts? Do they rent box trucks like we rent, or do they own their equipment that they use to deliver. I mean, at one point in time the county was able to use county personnel from the fire department to help deliver the election equipment on Election Day. We no longer have that capability, so we used individuals from the outside. We would really have to have an understanding of how each jurisdiction plans and executes their elections cycle to be able to tell you what the differences are. We have, I believe, more

precincts than most. We have more early voting locations than most. We -- for our early voting locations, we do use temporary staff. We bring in a significant number of temporary staff into the elections office for administrative type processes. So we would have to really break all of that down to tell you exactly what's driving the cost differential between Fulton County and any other jurisdiction. I don't have that information. I believe that Mike and the strategy team have been working on trying to gather some of it. I believe Nadine and her team have tried to gather some of it, but I have not seen anything come together. I know Commissioner Ellis, earlier this year, asked about activity-based budgeting for elections going forward and, you know, we are trying to work on that model as well. But we would really need to see and understand the election plans from the other jurisdictions to be able to come back and tell you specifically what are the major -- major differences and the major cost drivers between, which I think we're trying to gather that information."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. I would think that -- I mean, I need to get an answer to that; and I'm not worried about the other counties, but the one that's almost identical to us is Gwinnett. We have probably 50,000 plus people more than they have, and I would assume that the number of registered voters would be comparable, but we need to -- I think we need to know, and if the strategy is doing that, I'd like for them to move that up on their work place."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, sir. We'll see what we can do to get that information quicker."

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

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Thank you. To move on?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, ma'am."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The last section is the emergency purchase order and contracts, and we have them listed here on slide 113, starting on slide 113. And I'll let Felicia share with you anything specific about that, or answer any questions that you may have."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Any questions? No? Okay."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "And that concludes our report."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. It's 12:47."

CLERK GRIER: "Continuing on page 5, **24-0469**, Human Resources Management: Request approval to modify an amendment to human resources management policy 316-16, internship program policy."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. There's a motion to approve by Commissioner Hall. Is there a second at this point? All right. Seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I have a question about the age limitation. I see that it is 16 years old; is that correct?"

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER: "Good afternoon, Commissioners. Kenneth L. Hermon, Jr. Chief HR Officer. Yes, Commissioner, we are recommending that we establish 16 years of age as the lowest age for interns within the county."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. This age limitation brought me back to an incident where during one of my youth conferences, a mother contacted me and said that her son was 15 and attending Georgia State University; and in high school as well. And she wanted to know if he could actually attend my youth conference because his age was lower than what we initially said. And I am concerned that there are students who will miss the opportunity for an internship with this type of restriction. Do we have any type of work permit process in place? I know when I was 14, I got a work permit, even though my parents didn't want me to have a work permit, but I wanted my own money in my own pocket. So there are a lot of young people who have voiced the same type of want and need. Unfortunately, there are those who actually need internship and need some type of guidance in workforce education. So is there any type of work permit process?"

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER: "I don't know how that process would work, but I know what we were discussing, Commissioner, was that we wanted to make sure that our program had some consistency to avoid, you know, the unintended consequences of running afoul of having underage individuals working within our organization. That's what we felt extreme comfortable with this 16 as the baseline. I don't know if my County Attorney team could assist you with that question about whether or not if we wanted to provide some flexibility for a lower level individual because the conversation that you just -- I'm sorry, the commentary that you just had, we had it on our own pow-wow section about what would happen if you have this extraordinary student that's at Georgia State at the age of 14 or 15, are we not going to afford them the opportunity? Then we said, well, in this instance, no, because we wanted to really standardize the process and avoid the underage workers within the workplace."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. Madam County Attorney."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "And so, Mr. Hermon asked me to weigh on this. It's my understand that in the discussion of this policy, as it has evolved, the ease of administering all of the interns under the same labor laws, if they are at least 16, was the basis of the HR department's operational decision to not have to have different treatment of the 16-year-olds versus the 14 and 15-year-olds which would have -- that group would have special rules that apply to how many hours they can work, and how they would need to be handled as a separate class of employee."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you, Madam Vice Chair. Just a question on this age issue: Last time when we were talking about this, I mentioned that, you know, I'd like to see us do only paid internships because I feel like when you have unpaid, you're often sort of taking an option away from someone who can't afford to work without getting paid. They don't have the bandwidth. But I bring it up only to say, this did not include -- this version did not include saying they should all be paid, therefore, given that these are -- if somebody is working unpaid, is that considered work? I mean, what makes it work? Don't you have to get paid for it to be considered work?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "So if they are volunteering, then it's not work, as it would be defined under the FLSA, which is what would obligate us to pay them for the work. So it could be volunteer work, or it could be work for pay."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "But if it's volunteer there's not that age limit then, correct?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I would have to look at that specifically, but I still there may be some hourly restrictions that may apply, because of the young age."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I'd like to know the difference on that, because if we are going to continue to have unpaid, I would sort of -- I agree with the sort of spirit of what Commissioner Hall is saying in that, you know, it might be better from a student perspective, I don't know about the labor law's perspective, so I'll wait until we get a final answer on this, but I think it might be nice to just say juniors and seniors or something like that in high school, because there are, you know, kids that are juniors when they're 15. So, you know, would they lose that opportunity because they're a little bit younger than their peers? I'd hate to see that happen. So I mean, I'm fine with supporting this so we can move forward and at least start, but maybe we amend it as we get some additional information just to make sure that nobody is losing an opportunity that should have the opportunity."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I would have some reservation when it comes to under the age of 16, because I think, in the entirety of exposure risk, certain rules --"

certain things that we would have to make sure that we have in place for somebody under 16 years old, yes, you may have a situation where somebody's 15 years old as a junior or senior. But I think we may not necessarily need to do policy for that person, given the risk for someone under 16. I think Madam County Attorney at the end expressed that to you before that the risk that we involve going under the age of 16, in my opinion, I'm not an attorney, but in my opinion, it's a different type of risk. And so I would caution that we do -- that we do not do anything under the age of 16 without some type of conversation or special provision or even special permission in place, because I just -- I just see that, having worked in Corporate America for a long time, and one who has mentored youth, and one who has -- I have actually have had youth, middle school youth that volunteered my office, but I had to treat it differently than someone who was of the age of 17 or older, and so I would just caution us doing that. Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I would concur with my colleague. I believe 16 is acceptable. For an internship if someone might have the intellectual capability to be in this environment at the age of 14 or 15, but they may not have the social skills -- they may not have the independency that you need. I just see it as a risk that we would be putting the County in, putting a 14 or 15-year-old in an environment that we have here. It's a political environment at times. It just isn't -- being a mom of four kids, being a coach of hundreds of youth, I have coached kids that are 14 and in college and 15 in college, but I would not want them to come intern. I would prefer if they were 16 and they have learned, maybe have gotten their permit, some of those things, learn to drive, having started to accept adult responsibilities at that age. I just don't think this environment here is good for kids under the age of 16. Thanks."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I think parents pretty much know their own children, as the mother who stated to me about her 15-year-old who attended Georgia State University, they know their kids. They would have to get permission from their parents to do an internship anyway, and I don't see where arts and culture or the IT department -- departments like that, offices of youth, and others, would have any type of negative impact on a young person. I just -- I hope that we are not trying to limit students just because it's easier. Thank you."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I think from my perspective, thank you, Commissioner Hall. I understand the premise of it, but the liability of it. You know, sometimes parents don't look at the liability of it. I can even use my own case that is the reason why I'm very -- very meticulous in my thought. My son was 14 years old, had earned a trip abroad, based on his scholarly skills. He was at a charter school. Well, I wanted my son to go. I wanted my son to go on that trip. He had earned it and the teacher -- I talked with the teacher, she said well, I just don't think it's best, but she didn't necessarily give me a reason why. Well, I had a conversation with the principal. The principal said I know that your son scholarly has earned the trip, but from a maturity

level, we don't think he's ready to travel abroad. Now I had to take with a grain of salt, but I appreciated another set of eyes and someone else that looked at, past what I saw. IO just saw that my son had earned a trip abroad at the age of 14 years old, based on his scholarly attributes. However, the teacher, the principal knew that going abroad that he may have been a liability; and they were -- I'm glad that they were comfortable enough to share that with me. And so, I say not -- even if we could find a different -- I don't know the lack of a better word, a different way to do it, maybe within a different department, but I think when you go under the age of 16, you have a whole different demographic; you have a whole different dynamic, and you can have someone at the age of 15 and 14 years old that's very scholarly and have earned certain things, but they may not be at the maturity level. They may not have been in situations socially. And so, I don't want to discourage this, I just think that part requires maybe further conversation, and maybe a different -- a whole different parameter of dealing with it."

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER: "And Commissioner, if I may, and I agree. If we could -- if the Board could adopt the policy as written right now with our -- based on our recommendations, I have no problem doing some more due diligence to figure out, are there other ways to expose individuals as early as possible to working within the government of Fulton County, in government in general. Because that's the overall goal of what I'm trying to do as your Chief HR Officer. Right now, we only have 0.68 percent of the workforce, or roughly 29 employees under the age of 23 to 18, between the ages of 23 and 18. So we have a lot of work to do, and I want to use this as the stepping stone to try and set a goal of in the next five years, having 5 percent of the workforce under the age of -- between the ages of 18 and 23. But I agree, we do have to look at the various maturity levels that may exist in from child to child. And if there examples -- I remember that, you know, my first job was at 13 in the Virgin Islands, but it wasn't in an office, you know, we were responsible for painting the schools that we destroyed during the school year. So that was kind of a serendipitous in -- if you -- yeah, that was punishment, right. But yes, well, we could definitely go back and look to see if, in fact, there is some alternative, and if we all are comfortable enough between HR, Legal, and the management team bringing that back to the Board. And even if it's just limited to the Arts Department, and only the Arts Department, where we could focus on one of these things. Or if we have -- well, Public Works, and then Joe could need some help, you know, with tiling around the building or whatever the case may be. We can look at that and figure out, is there a good happy place for someone under the age of 16. Because again, the key thing is to expose them to government service to -- I don't -- and ultimately convert them from interns to employees through our various methods of convincing them and engaging them as well."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Mr. Hermon. Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I'm not sure if you can answer the question, but maybe somebody could. Our Fulton County Youth Commission, what ages is that program for?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS/PUBLIC WORKS: "Sixteen."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Sixteen? And it doesn't go under 16?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS/PUBLIC WORKS: "No, ma'am."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "So perhaps we could maybe expand that program to maybe take some youth, younger?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS/PUBLIC WORKS: "Commissioner, we certainly can explore that."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yes, that might be another option, where they're in an environment with other youth, learning and going through the county together with a bunch of fellow youth might be another option as well, instead of an internship program."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Is there -- it sounds like there's some un-readiness. Y'all want to vote on this today, or ask him do more work or whatnot?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Let's vote."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, let's vote. Motion on the floor is to approve."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Continue, quickly. We don't have much."

CLERK GRIER: "24-0520, Request approval to modify an amendment to policy 320-16, outside employment."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Summarize, Mr. Hermon, quickly."

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER: "Yes, good afternoon, Commissioners. It is afternoon. Just quickly, provide a summary of what we are attempting to do with these proposed changes. This has been a joint effort between HR and Legal to bring the policy in line with recent court proceedings that involve the city of Atlanta. The key highlights to consider was the -- in that case was the employee challenged the city's preclearance of outside employment rules, which was also mirrored in our procedure. The courts hailed that the city failed to show that -- show why its interest in prohibiting a conflict of interest justified a broad ban on outside employment. What we're proposing for you today is our modified policy recommendations, clarify that, one, all employees must provide notice to the Chief HR Officer about their outside employment. Two, under what circumstances outside employment will be incompatible, for instance, if it is inconsistent with the employee's obligations, inconsistency with employee's ability to

perform their jobs, inconsistent with the specific rules that apply to certain licenses or certifications, and/or any state or federal laws that it may potentially violate. We also clarify in a policy that outside employment will be secondary to Fulton County employment, meaning that if we need you at Fulton County, you can't tell me you have a second job, I need you here. And thirdly -- sorry, finally that no employee will engage in outside employment during the normal work hours unless approved by the Board of Commissioners. We have one instance right now where our Medical Examiners moonlight in DeKalb because of the shortages that they may have in DeKalb. And sometimes DeKalb moonlights in the Fulton County when we have shortages. So that's the one instance where we believe that's acceptable to do that during the course of county business. But again, we would bring those kind of situations, when they do develop in the future, to the Board of Commissioner's attention. And that's --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Hermon, just a question on the -- well, on the second paragraph in the policy itself is a little bit of a word salad, and it doesn't really say a whole lot. So I'm just, I'm wondering, first of all, this is the part where it's talking about submitting written notification. It doesn't say anything about when they need to notify. So I feel like that's a little bit puzzling. If, in other words, you know, if someone -- I don't know, quote, gets caught having a second job, is that too late for them to then submit the notification? You know, if they have a second job when they take the job here, do they have to notify before accepting within 30 days? Can you just clarify that?"

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER: "Yes, Commissioner. So that would be spoken to in the procedure itself. So where -- and this is a big reset, so all employees, after you adopt -- hopefully, after you adopt this policy, we will reach out to all of our workers to get them to validate whether or not they have outside employment, and we will go through the process of doing the evaluation. Hopefully that answers --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Well, I mean, I think there's a big difference between procedure and policy."

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "And the policy, to me, should include the notification period of time, like, how you notify is the procedure, when you notify is the policy. So I think there's a -- there's something missing there. So to clarify, I'm reading the policy, I would want to understand how long do I have to tell you after I take the second job. And it's -- so saying it's in accordance with the procedure is a little -- I think it's just seems like the wrong placement to me. Again, like I can certainly support this, because I understand the intent. But I do think that wording should be corrected. And a policy should be in place for when the notification has to occur."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion is to approve by Commissioner Thorne, and seconded by Commissioner Natalie Hall. Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "After hearing some public comment about county employees working on campaign-related jobs, I was looking for some language in here about that, and I don't see anything. Does this apply to county employees having campaign-related jobs in addition to their county employment?"

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER: "Well, it applies to all employees. And I know the county has a policy that prohibits employees from participating in electioneering during the course of the normal business day and/or on county facilities. So I would say, yes, Commissioner."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. So because you know, campaign-related jobs, they don't go through the normal HR hiring process. They're generally no HR Departments hiring on campaigns. And so people can be hired to work on a campaign and you never know it until later on. So how do we incorporate that into a policy like this?"

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER: "Well, they -- if that individual is being paid, because we said, any income derived from employment outside of Fulton County, they would need to put us on notice that they are working a second job. And then we would go through the process of determining whether or not that job is inconsistent with what the policy says."

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

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

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue, please."

CLERK GRIER: "24-0539, Real Estate and Asset Management request approval to utilize a cooperative purchasing contract in the amount not to exceed \$313,111.81 to purchase it deliver one Hydro Sewer Jetting Truck --"

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "24-0540, Request approval to increase spending authority in the total amount of \$600,000 to provide continuous standby repair, maintenance, construction services for county facilities and to complete the ongoing replacement/emergency repair projects at the Fulton County Jail."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Please vote. I'm sorry, Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah, just I have a question on the, I guess, it's page 174 from the agenda. On the description of all this, it says the project implications paragraph refers to the bond funding. Can you just explain -- first of all, this is like -- additional money towards fixing the jail that we hadn't already prepared or planned for? Can you just kind of explain this entire request, please?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Good afternoon, Commissioner, Joe Davis speaking. The two vendors that are -- we're asking for spending authority increases are the two vendors that have been doing specialized work throughout the Jail Blitz Project. So that -- those two particular entities are also -- are our, two of our standby construction contractors. The funding associated with the Jail Blitz was allocated last year. This is not a funding request, but a request to increase their authority because we have maximized the annual authority awarded for this particular contract. But now we need to continue the program, and these vendors need additional authority in order for us to not disrupt the Blitz."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "So why does refer to bond funding? What is --"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Oh, I'm sorry. This might have been an error, Commissioner. At the time that this item was being created, there was discussions as it relates to how we were going to be moving forward with the overall jail sustainment. And I believe this was -- made its way into the item in error."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay, thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So what do you done?"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I don't understand, it's --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You say it's an error; is that what you're saying?"

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. So is it time sensitive?"

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, so how do we correct it, the error?"

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC: "The funding line that is listed is a capital funding line. So those are just -- that's just a wording error. It has nothing to do with the bond, and the funding line is correct that is attached to the agenda item."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So we should strike the reference at --"

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC: "And I'll get with Tonya to --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What?"

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC: "-- get that reference strike -- I'll get with the Clerk, Madam Clerk, to get that --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, let's get that straightened out. I don't want any confusion about who said what, we'll strike, so she'll have --"

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC: "We're going to strike in the project implications. The part that says pending bond funding for related projects by the county on an as-needed basis."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, all right."

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion on the floor is to approve as sort of amendment -- amended, corrected by Commissioner Thorne, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 6, **24-0541**, Request approval to rescind an award in an amount not to exceed \$343,469 for the purchase of one Vactor Sewer Cleaner."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne, there's a second by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "Under Arts and Libraries, **24-0542**, request approval of the lowest responsible bidder in an amount not to exceed \$252,145.90 to --"

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

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Let's take these next three quickly, and then we'll recess."

CLERK GRIER: "**24-0543**, Public Works request approval to increase the spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$2,336,423 to provide Standby Miscellaneous Construction, water -- Wastewater System Services."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "**24-0544**, Community Development request approval of an MOU with 24/7 Gateway in an amount of \$384,972.89 for Gateway to serve as the coordinator -- coordinated entry lead agency and manage coordinated entry at the Countywide North and South Homeless Assessment Center."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion to approve by Commissioner Natalie Hall, seconded by Commissioner Bridget Thorne. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**24-0545**, Request approval of the 2024 Veteran Services Program Evaluation Committee's recommendations in the amount of \$750,000."

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

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Entertainment a motion to recess for lunch, Executive Session, issues of real estate, litigation, and personnel."

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

Recessed for Executive Session at 1:16 p.m.

Resumed Regular Session at 2:32 p.m.

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. We will resume the regular order of business if there are no objections. Items from Executive Session, Madam County Attorney."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Is there a motion to approve the request for representation, items 4 through 7 of the Executive Session agenda?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We have a motion to approve those items by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Dana Barrett."

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

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Is there a motion to approve the settlement recommendations in items 8 and 9 of the Executive Session agenda?"

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

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

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Continue, please."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 7, Commissioners' Action Items, –**24-0546**, Request approval of a resolution to correct clerical errors by the Clerk to the Commission relating to the terms of service of the newly-appointed Board -- newly-appointed Board Members of the Housing Authority of Fulton County; and for other purposes, sponsored by Chairman Pitts."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. I'll move approval and explain the -- the -- at a previous meeting, we voted to approve the minutes that had errors in the minutes. And some

believe that we can self-correct, which you cannot self-correct. Those minutes were approved by a vote. So this is before us today to make the appropriate corrections. And the corrections that should be reflected in the official minutes are as follows: This all deals with the end of the term. Felicia Moore was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Hazel Jacobs. That term ends or expires on July 13th, 2027. That should be in the minutes, Felicia Moore's term will end July 13th, 2027. Stephen Davis was approved to fill the unexpired term of Leonard Morrow. That term will expire or end on July 13th, 2025. Holly York was approved to replace Barbara Duffy, and Holly York's term will end or expire on July 13th, 2028. Lauren Waits was approved to fill the unexpired term of Stuart Canzeri, and Lauren's term will expire or end on July 13th, 2029. Ryan Glover was approved to fill the unexpired term of Earnestine Pittman, and Ryan Glover's term will expire or end on July 13th, 2027. And those should be the correct dates that are included in the official minutes, which we're approved incorrectly at a previous meeting. And the rules require that they be corrected at a subsequent meeting, so that's why this is before us today. All right, any questions? Is that right? It doesn't say it. All right, questions?"

COMMISSIONERS: "(No responses.)"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Let's vote. Motion is to approve, second -- I voted -- made the motion to approve to make the necessary corrections, seconded by Commissioner Ellis."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Any other items to come before us today?"

CLERK GRIER: "No further items."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. No other matters to come before us today, we are adjourned. Thank you."

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:37 PM