

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

October 15, 2025

10:00 AM



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



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Ratification Date: November 19, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Robert L. Pitts

10:02 a.m.

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

Robert L. Pitts, Chairman (At-Large)

PRESENT

Bridget Thorne, Commissioner (District 1)

PRESENT

Bob Ellis, Vice-Chairman (District 2)

PRESENT

Dana Barrett, Commissioner (District 3)

PRESENT

Mo Ivory, Commissioner (District 4)

PRESENT

Marvin S. Arrington, Jr., Commissioner (District 5)

PRESENT

Khadijah Abdur-Rahman, Commissioner (District 6)

PRESENT

INVOCATION: Reverend Donald E. Bolton, County Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recite in unison

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CONSENT AGENDA**25-0758 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-Chairman Ellis, to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Did Not Vote: Pitts

25-0759 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month." **(Pitts)**
September

Proclamation recognizing "Atlanta Fashion Week." **(Ivory)**
October 2-5, 2025

Proclamation recognizing "Rev. Raphael G. Warnock Appreciation Day." **(Ivory)**
October 4, 2025

Proclamation recognizing "DeQuantes Devontay Lamar Remembrance Day."
(Arrington)
October 4, 2025

Proclamation recognizing "South Fulton National Night Out." **(Arrington)**
October 7, 2025

Proclamation recognizing "American Black Film Festival Appreciation Day."
(Arrington)
October 9, 2025

Proclamation recognizing "Tyrone Spears Appreciation Day." **(Pitts)**
October 11, 2025

Proclamation recognizing "Blind Equality Achievement Day." **(Barrett)**
October 11, 2025

Proclamation recognizing "Pastor Frederick Caldwell Appreciation Day."
(Abdur-Rahman)
October 12, 2025

Proclamation recognizing "Richard Johnson Appreciation Day." **(Pitts)**
October 15, 2025

Proclamation recognizing "Ameris Bank Amphitheatre Appreciation Day." **(Ellis)**
October 15, 2025

Proclamation recognizing "Keep Roswell Beautiful Appreciation Day." **(Thorne)**
October 15, 2025

Proclamation recognizing "Blue Heron Nature Preserve Appreciation Day."
(Barrett)
October 15, 2025

Proclamation recognizing "Mothers and Others for Clean Air Appreciation Day."
(Ivory)
October 15, 2025

Proclamation recognizing "Kendall Rae's Green Heart Appreciation Day."
(Arrington)
October 15, 2025

Proclamation recognizing "The Atlanta Voice Newspaper Appreciation Day."
(Arrington)
October 15, 2025

Proclamation recognizing "Cherry Street Energy Appreciation Day."
(Abdur-Rahman)
October 15, 2025

25-0760

Board of Commissioners

Request approval of the proposed 2026 Fulton County Board of Commissioners' Meeting Calendar. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Open & Responsible Government

25-0761

Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 23ITB138782C-JNJ, Glass and Plexiglas Repair and Replacement in the total amount not to exceed \$105,000.00 with (A) Brad Construction Company II, LLC (Fayetteville, GA) in the amount not to exceed \$30,000.00; and (B) P & E Mirror and Glass, LLC (Atlanta, GA) in the amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, to provide glass and Plexiglas repair and replacement on an "as needed" basis for Fulton County facilities. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

25-0762 Finance

Ratification of September 2025 Grants Activity Report. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Health and Human Services**25-0763 Community Development**

Request approval of a Substantial Amendment to the HUD HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. This plan describes how the County intends to allocate \$2,432,222.00 in HOME-ARP funds, authorized by the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program. The proposed amendment reallocates funds to support financial assistance, short- and medium-term rental assistance (Supportive Services) for low to moderate income individuals and families. The funds are 100% grant funded. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

25-0764 Community Development

Request approval to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") between Fulton County, as the Fulton County Continuum of Care ("CoC") Collaborative Applicant, and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA), on behalf of the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority ("GHFA"), to implement the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The term is from December 1, 2025, through November 30, 2026. This item is 100% grant funded in the amount of \$77,019.00 (HMIS grant through the DCA). **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

25-0765 Community Development

Request approval of the Community Agreement (Attachment "A") between Fulton County, Georgia, acting through its Department of Community Development, and The Barack Obama Foundation, on behalf of its My Brother's Keeper Alliance. The Agreement outlines the purpose, expectations, and parameters of the County's participation with the Foundation's My Brother's Keeper Alliance's Leadership Network. The agreement does not require funding from the county. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Infrastructure and Economic Development**25-0766 Public Works**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Public Works, 22RFP148596K-BKJ, Airport Planning and Environmental Consulting in the amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 with Michael Baker International, Inc. (Norcross, GA) to provide planning services for updating, modifying and implementing the Capital Improvement Program at the Fulton County Executive Airport - Charlie Brown Field. This action exercises the third of three renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Justice and Safety**25-0767 Superior Court Administration**

Request approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with Goodwill of North Georgia ("GNG") effective October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, for the purposes of providing job readiness and skills training and employment as part of the Peer and Care Expansion project (PeaCE) Project. The agreement is subject to grant funding and guidelines outlined in the grant award approved by the Bureau of Justice Assistance ("BJA") FY24 Adult Treatment Court Programs #15PBJA-24-GG-03884-DGCT, attached hereto as Exhibit A in an amount not to exceed \$47,089.00. This effectuates year two (2) of three (3) one-year renewal options pending grant funding. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

SECOND REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**25-0768 Board of Commissioners**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Ivory and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to adopt the Second Regular Meeting Agenda as amended by removing item #25-0790. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Did Not Vote: Pitts

25-0769 Clerk to the Commission

Ratification of Minutes. **(RATIFIED)**

Second Regular Meeting Minutes, September 17, 2025

First Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, October 1, 2025

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

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

Did Not Vote: Pitts

25-0770 Board of Commissioners

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

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

Proclamation recognizing "Roswell, Inc. Appreciation Day."
(Thorne/Pitts/Ellis/Barrett/Ivory/ Abdur-Rahman)

Proclamation recognizing "DeafBlind Access and Opportunity Week."
(Arrington/Ivory)

Proclamation recognizing "Clean Water Week."
(Abdur-Rahman/Pitts/Ellis/Thorne/Barrett/Ivory)

PUBLIC HEARINGS**25-0771 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 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)**

12 Speakers: Val Anderson (Police Justice); Maeonna Best (Jail/Sheriff); LA Pink (Jail/Sheriff); Ebrima Mbowe (Police Justice); Israel Finch (Senior Services); Shabnam Bashiri (Police Justice); Scott Evans (Animal Services/Lifeline); James Moses (Animal Services/Lifeline); Robby Caban (Animal Services/Lifeline); Matthew Lewis (Animal Services/Lifeline); Asha Imani (Local Education Tax); Pieter Friedrich (Oppose HB 375)

1 Zoom Speaker: Matt Rowenczak (Board Member Ethics)

COUNTY MANAGER'S RENEWAL ITEMS**Open & Responsible Government****25-0772 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 24RFP103124C-MH, General Landscaping and Lawncare Services for Countywide Facilities in the total amount not to exceed \$2,105,000.00 with (A) ReIMAGE General Contractors, LLC (Atlanta, GA), to provide on-site landscape/ground maintenance and lawn care services for all County-owned sites (A - North Fulton Sites and B - South Fulton Sites) to include Fulton County Executive Airport - Charlie Brown Field. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. **(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, Ivory, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

25-0773 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 23ITB138801C-GS, Janitorial Services for Selected Fulton County Facilities (Groups C, D & G) in an amount not to exceed \$907,928.00 with (A) American Facility Services, Inc. (Alpharetta, GA), to provide janitorial services for selected Fulton County facilities for Groups C (Central Libraries) and D (North Fulton Libraries) for Fulton County. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Health and Human Services**25-0774 Public Works**

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Public Works, 24ITB091324K-CRB, Standby Miscellaneous Construction Wastewater System Services in a total amount not to exceed \$14,000,000.00 with (A) Site Engineering, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$3,400,000.00; (B) Wade Coots Company, Inc. (Austell, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$3,600,000.00; (C) Sol Construction, LLC (Atlanta, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$3,800,000.00; and, (D) Kemi Construction Company, Inc. (College Park, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$3,200,000.00 to provide standby miscellaneous construction wastewater system services. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

(APPROVED)

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

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

Did Not Vote: Pitts

25-0775 Public Works

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Public Works, 23ITB458876A-KM, Small Water Meter Installation in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 with Jewel of the South, Inc. (Conyers, GA), to provide small water meter installation services. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Infrastructure and Economic Development**25-0776 Public Works**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Public Works, 22RFP134460K-JAJ, Professional Services for Airport Consulting and Engineering Services Design/Engineering/Construction an amount not to exceed \$1,015,000.00 with Michael Baker International to provide design, engineering and construction inspection services for updating, modifying and implementing the Capital Improvement Plan at Fulton County Executive Airport - Charlie Brown Field. This action exercises the third of four renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Justice and Safety**25-0777 Medical Examiner**

Request approval to renew an existing contract- Medical Examiner, 24RFP144589C-JH, Toxicology Services in an amount not to exceed \$175,275.00 with National Medical Services, Inc. dba NMS Labs (Horsham, PA) to provide forensic postmortem toxicology testing. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

COUNTY MANAGER'S ITEMS**Open & Responsible Government****25-0778 County Manager**

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

25-0779 Finance

Presentation, review, and approval of October 15, 2025, Budget Soundings and Resolution. **(PRESENTED/APPROVED)**

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

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

25-0780 Human Resources Management

Request approval to modify the classification section of the Classification and Compensation plan by adding the new titles of Animal Services Dispatcher (grade 11), Animal Services Officer I (grade 12), Animal Services Officer II (grade 14), Animal Services Bite Investigator (grade 14), Animal Field Services Supervisor (grade 18), and Animal Field Services Manager (grade 19). **(APPROVED)**

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

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

25-0781 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 25ITB1393416C-GS, Tree Removal Services Countywide in an amount not to exceed \$225,000.00 with ArborServ (Lithonia, GA), to provide Countywide tree removal services on an as-needed basis. Effective dates: January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

25-0782 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidders - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 25ITBC1410259C-JH, Ballasts, Lamps, Light Fixtures and Related Supplies in the total amount of \$160,000.00 with (A) E. Sam Jones (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$80,000.00; (B) Summit Lighting Solutions (Lawrenceville, GA) in the amount of \$60,000.00; and, (C) Mega Wholesale, LLC (Elizabeth, NJ) in the amount of \$20,000.00 to provide ballasts, lamps, light fixtures, and related items on an "as needed" basis for Fulton County facilities and parking lots. Effective dates: January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Pitts

25-0783 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to award a contract without competition - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, #25SS090425C-MH, Countywide Postage Services in the amount not to exceed \$2,300,000.00 with the United States Postal Service (Atlanta, GA), to provide postage services for Fulton County agencies. Effective dates: January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

25-0784 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to utilize cooperative purchasing - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Sourcewell Contract #012825-ORK, Pest Control Services with Related Products in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 with Orkin, LLC (Atlanta, GA), to provide comprehensive pest control services on an as-needed basis for Countywide facilities. Effective dates: January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

25-0785 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to amend an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 24RFP103124C-MH, General Landscaping and Lawncare Services for Countywide Facilities with (A) ReIMAGE General Contractors, LLC (Atlanta, GA), to add the (A) North Fulton Sites (20 County facilities/properties) to the existing contract so that ReIMAGE General Contractors, LLC can assume full landscape maintenance responsibilities beginning January 1, 2026. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Arrington

Arts and Libraries**25-0786 Arts and Culture**

Request approval of the FY2025 Contracts for Services Program funding recommendations totaling \$1,700,000.00. Funds have been identified and are available in the Department of Arts & Culture's FY 2025 budget. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Health and Human Services**25-0787 Public Works**

Request approval to extend an existing contract - Department of Public Works, RFP# 19RFP090419K-DB, Operation & Maintenance Service for Wastewater Facilities & Pump Stations in the North Fulton Service Area, for 57 days and in the amount not to exceed \$3,506,212.72, with Veolia Water North America-South, LLC (Atlanta, GA) to provide reliable, uninterrupted operation of the water and wastewater system operations and maintenance management systems in the North Fulton service area. This extension will be effective November 4, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

25-0788 Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Request approval of a Subrecipient Agreement with Applied Research Services, Inc. (ARS) as the Evaluator for the Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) FY 2023 Behavioral Health Partnership for Early Diversion of Youth Grant in the amount of \$35,935.00. Effective September 30, 2023 to September 29, 2028. 100% Grant funded. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS**25-0755 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution to increase the compensation paid to each member of the Fulton County Boards of Equalization from \$100.00 per day to \$150.00 per day; and for other purposes. **(Arrington) (HELD ON 10/1/25) (MOTION TO APPROVE FAILED)**

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

Yea: Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington

Nay: Pitts, and Ellis

Abstain: Thorne, and Abdur-Rahman

COUNTY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**Open & Responsible Government****25-0789 External Affairs**

Presentation: 2026 Legislative Agenda. **(PRESENTED)**

25-0790 External Affairs

Request approval of 2026 Legislative Agenda. **(REMOVED)**

EXECUTIVE SESSION**25-0791 Board of Commissioners**

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

PRESENT IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING LITIGATION, REAL ESTATE, AND PERSONNEL: Chairman Pitts, Vice-Chairman Ellis, Commissioners: Thorne, Barrett, Ivory, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman; County Manager Dick Anderson; County Attorney Y. Soo Jo; Chief Human Resources Officer Kenneth Hermon; Assistant Chief Strategy Officer Steve Nawrocki; and Clerk to the Commission Tonya R. Grier.

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Ivory and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to enter into Executive Session. (**WITHDRAWN**)

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

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

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Ivory and seconded by Commissioner Arrington, to approve the requests for representation in items #1 and #2 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington

Absent: Ellis

Did Not Vote: Thorne, and Abdur-Rahman

d. A motion was made by Commissioner Ivory and seconded by Commissioner Arrington, to approve settlement authority in items #3 and #4 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington

Absent: Ellis

Did Not Vote: Thorne, and Abdur-Rahman

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

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10:00 A.M.

Alexander Solutions, LLC

"A Court Reporting Firm"

(Whereupon, the meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.)

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: Good morning. I'm Vice Chairman Bob Ellis. Chairman Pitts is enroute, but he asked me to go ahead and call the meeting to order. Madam Clerk, could you call the roll."

CLERK GRIER: "Chairman Robb Pitts. Commissioner Bridget Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Vice Chair Bob Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Dana Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Mo Ivory."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Marvin Arrington, Jr."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Khadijah Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Mr. Vice Chair, you have a quorum."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, thank you. If you could, please stand for the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 2, Consent Agenda, **25-0758**: 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: "Nothing? Commissioners, any items?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. I'll entertain a motion to approve the consent agenda. All right. Motion to adopt by Commissioner Thorne; second by Vice Chair Ellis. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 5, Second Regular Meeting Agenda: **25-0768** - Adoption of the Regular Second Regular Meeting Agenda. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have a request to remove one item from today's agenda. On page 10, 25-0790, External Affairs: Request approval of the 2026 Legislative Agenda. This item will be brought back to a meeting in November."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. All right, a motion to adopt as amended by Commissioner Ivory; seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**25-0769**: Ratification of Minutes, Second Regular Meeting Minutes September 17th; First Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, October 1st, 2025."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "**25-0770**: Presentation of Proclamations and Certificates. The first proclamation is recognizing 'Fulton County Citizens Commission on the Environment Awardee Appreciation Day' sponsored by the Full Board of Commissioners."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Check one, two; one, two. All right. If everybody that didn't get a chance to know that we had a lovely breakfast this morning celebrating this. The Fulton County Commission on the Environment was established by the -- oh, let's wait for everybody. All right. She received her on very special proclamation. The Fulton County Citizens Commission on the Environment was established by the Board of

Commissioners in 1995 to advise on projects and collaborate with the community to promote and encourage environmentally sound practices; and WHEREAS, the Fulton County Citizens Commission on the Environment has been empowered by the Board of Commissioners to track and advise on environmental issues; and WHEREAS, the Fulton County Citizens Commission on the Environment hosts an annual awards program this morning recognizing individuals, organizations, and projects that exemplify environmental excellence in Fulton County; and WHEREAS, the Fulton County Citizens Commission on the Environment has awarded environmental awards since 2003; and WHEREAS, the environmental awardees are individuals, organizations, and projects that exemplify environmental excellence and can inspire others in Fulton County; and WHEREAS, the 2025 award winners are Keep Roswell Beautiful, Ameris Back Amphitheatre, Blue Heron Nature Preserve Education Program -- Blue Heron Nature Preserve Education Programs, Mothers And Others For Clean Air, Kendall Rae's Green Heart, Cherry Street Energy, and Richard Johnson. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County recognizes that environmental contributions of Fulton County's Citizens Commission on the Environment award winners; and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 15th, 2025, as 'Fulton County Citizens Commission on the Environment Awardee Day' in Fulton County, Georgia. Wonderful. It's a lot of environment words in there. All right, let's get a picture. Could I have somebody speak? Does anybody want to say a few words? Yes. Yeah. She said she could say a couple of words. I love that. Okay."

KENDALL RAE, RECIPIENT: "I just want to say, keep growing the earth relies on it."

STACEY, RECIPIENT: "As Chair of the FCCCE, I'd just like to thank the Board of Commissioners for their continued support of our work and the work of all of the great organizations and individuals in our communities that continue to improve the communities where we live, work and play. So thank you to the Board of Commissioners for their support."

CLERK GRIER: "The next proclamation is recognizing 'Roswell, Inc. Appreciation Day' sponsored by Commissioners Thorne, Pitts, Ellis, Barrett, Ivory, and Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. Today, we have the national award-winning Roswell, Inc., is such an incredible asset to the Roswell community, and I'm honored to stand here today to give just a small token of appreciation for their hard work. Public-private partnership represents the best of government, and Roswell, Inc. is best in class. From humble beginnings, Roswell, Inc. has become an economic development powerhouse not only working to attract new businesses to Roswell, but supporting those businesses that already exist in the community. Thank you to Steve Stroud and his staff for all the effort they put in to making Roswell, Inc. a success and all the hard work they will continue to do to support businesses in Roswell. With that, the proclamation is: WHEREAS, Roswell, Inc. was accredited in 2001 and serves as a vital public private partner of the city Roswell, Georgia driving economic development and serving as a catalyst for growth and innovation which bridges the gap between local government and the business community; and WHEREAS, the Roswell, Inc. team provides resources, services, and support to current and prospective businesses

attracting and recruiting new companies and entrepreneurs while forging strong partnership with both public and private entities; and WHEREAS, Roswell, Inc. has received four awards recognizing excellence and economic development at the 2025 International Economic Development Council awards. This achievement marks Roswell, Inc. as the most awarded economic development organization in Georgia for 2025; and WHEREAS, Roswell, Inc. honors showcase its pivotal role in driving economic development and community engagement within Roswell, Georgia. Its recognitions include the bronze award for economic development organization of the year, the most prestigious honor of the annual awards program, and the first in Georgia to receive any level of award for economic development of the year; gold for their annual impact report, gold for their reuse and redevelopment project, Southern Post, and silver for their digital media content at Roswell Brew Tops podcast; and WHEREAS, these awards were selected from more than 400 international submissions with less than a hundred and 90 awards honored worldwide, Roswell, Inc., submitted six applications and secured four awards demonstrating both the breadth and depth of its economic development initiatives. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Roswell, Inc. under the leadership of Steve Stroud for their outstanding work to bridge the gap between local government and business, and for their well-deserved recognition as one of the leading economic development organizations in the world; and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 15th, 2025 as 'Roswell, Inc. Appreciation Day' in Fulton County, Georgia."

STEVE STROUD, RECIPIENT: "Thank you, Commissioners. Thank you, Commission. As my good friend -- excuse me, Sameer, says, who's on your team, Fulton County is the gateway to the state of Georgia. It's the gateway to Roswell, Georgia, and we wouldn't be here without Fulton County. And so, we appreciate the partnership, the relationship, and what you do to make Roswell a better community for our residents and our business. It's an honor to serve this county, the state, and our city, and I'm honored today to have two of our elected's, our Mayor pro tem, Lee Hills, and one of our councilmen, David Johnson, supporting us today on this effort, and let me tell you, the job's not done. Lee, you want to say a few words?"

LEE HILLS, RECIPIENT: "Absolutely. Thank you so much. This tickles me to death. Steve has been just a rock in the city of Roswell in this role for 15 years, and I'd like to think that we've, in the last four years, have awakened a sleeping giant, and he has been Mr. dressed well, and always shows up on time, but he actually is such a rock as far as relationship building, making sure people have their needs met, he's always thinking 10 miles ahead instead of 10 minutes ahead, and making sure that the elected body, including our Mayor Wilson, who sends his regrets today, make sure he's up to speed and included in the conversations to make our economy thrive, and that's what we're doing in the city of Roswell. We could not do that without Steve Stroud and his team; delighted for him and his team today to be honored, and certainly, this recognition is just paramount. So congratulations Steve, Roswell, Inc. and Roswell loves you."

CLERK GRIER: "The next proclamation is recognizing 'Death/Blind Access and Opportunity Week', sponsored by Commissioners Arrington and Ivory."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Do we have anybody to come -- oh, good. Welcome, welcome. Yes, right here. Some on this side, in your nice orange. Right here. Thank you. How are you doing? All right. Excellent. WHEREAS -- oh, let's wait. Yes. Good? Welcome. Okay. WHEREAS, each October, National Disability Employment Awareness Month recognizes the talents and contributions of people with disabilities and highlights the importance of creating workplaces where all individuals can succeed; and WHEREAS, people who are deaf/blind bring valuable skills, knowledge, and leadership to organizations when provided with the tools, communication access and opportunities necessary to participate fully; and WHEREAS, ensuring that people who are death/blind can take part in the workplace strengthens businesses, enhances innovation, and contributes to a stronger economy and community; and WHEREAS, Fulton County with disability resource advisors, affirms the importance of removing barriers to employment so that people who are deaf/blind can achieve greater independence, career growth, and economic security; and WHEREAS, death/blind access and opportunity week provides businesses, civic leaders and community members with time to learn practical strategies, build partnerships, and take steps that ensure accessibility and opportunity for all. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners calls on employers and residents to engage in activities and training that advance workplace accessibility and open doors for people who are deaf/blind; and does hereby proclaim the week of October 19th to October 25th, 2025 as 'Deaf/Blind Access and Opportunity Week' in Fulton County, Georgia. Did anybody want to make any remarks? Yes. Okay. Here we go. Here's the microphone."

RECIPIENT: "With the right resources and support, deaf/blind individuals can achieve absolutely anything. That's what we're going to show with this proclamation. So thank you so much for giving it to us."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Wonderful. Thank you so much. Did you want to speak to anything?"

MELISSA CUTHRELL: DIRECTOR DIVERSITY AND CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE: "This proclamation was initiated by those in our communities who are passionate to ensure that people have access; and we are so thankful to be able to continue to collaborate with individuals who want to ensure that Fulton County is a place that is welcoming and that is accessible to individuals with disabilities. So I want to thank those who have joined in today to celebrate and to recognize this significant event and week."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. All right. Let's get a picture."

CLERK GRIER: "And the last proclamation is recognizing 'Clean Water Week' sponsored by Commissioners Abdur-Rahman, Pitts, Ellis Thorne, Barrett, and Ivory."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Can I get all of Public Works to come forward, please? Can all of Public Works, please come forward? And if you think these people

are not important, let them have a sick out, okay? Everything will shut down. We appreciate Public Works. WHEREAS, Clean Water Week celebrates the anniversary of the Clean Water Act and is a weeklong reminder of the many ways Public Works demonstrates its commitment to providing safe, and reliable collection of treatment of wastewater for discharge to improve our environment and communities; and WHEREAS, Public Works is committed to improving and maintaining the quality of its water and wastewater system through daily activities that are vital to the integrity of the system including the installation, repair, and maintenance of the water and wastewater systems, monitoring security and implementing emergency response plans when needed while also educating customers; and WHEREAS, Public Works effectively and systematically evaluates water and wastewater needs for more than 111,700 existing customers to ensure and actively manage and renews its assets and human resources with 105.6 million annual operating budget and a projected 55 million capital improvement program through the use of innovation and technologies, as well as utilities management systems, to efficiently serve water and sewer customers; and WHEREAS, the Fulton County Department of Public Works is considered one of the most premier agencies in the state of Georgia and have dedicated staff and facilities that are consistently award winning. It's with great honor and pride that I join with the other Board of Commissioners, and, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Fulton County commends the Department of Public Works for its continued dedication and public service; and hereby proclaim the week of October 19th through the 25th as 'Clean Water Week' in Fulton County, Georgia. Would you please put your hands together for these unsung heroes? We could not do it without them."

DAVID CLARK, DIRECTOR, FC PUBLIC WORKS: "Thank you, Commissioner, and all the Commissioners. I'm David Clark. I'm the Director of Public Works here for Fulton County. And certainly on behalf of all the men and women of Public Works, we certainly appreciate this recognition. It came in too late to put into the proclamation, but one of the things that we wanted to highlight this year, for the first year ever, both the water and the wastewater groups received statewide recognition through the Georgia Association of Water Professionals. So we're certainly proud of the accomplishments that we've been able to do both on the water and waste water side, especially in how we are protecting, not only water for our use, but returning it back to the Chattahoochee River in a responsible way for our neighbors to use downstream. Thank you."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 6, Public Hearings: **25-0771**, Public Comment - Citizens wishing to participate in public comment will be allowed to appear in person or may choose to participate virtually via Zoom videoconferencing by registering on the county website, www.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 will start with speakers here in Assembly Hall. We have received 12 speaker cards. Will the first six speakers, please come forward: Val Anderson, Maeonna Best, LA Pink, Ebrima Mbowe, Israel Finch, and Shabnam Bashiri."

VALERIA ANDERSON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Good morning."

VALERIA ANDERSON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Ms. Khadijah. Yes, I'm here because I was here, I would say, about a year ago when my son was murdered on August 5th, 2024, by off-duty police officer, Melvin Potter. And since then, I have not heard anything about why Melvin Potter still has a job. This is my son, Devon Anderson, Jr., that Melvin Potter murdered, got charged with obstruction, and I have not heard anything about the obstruction charge. This man was out of work for one hour getting paid, now he's back at work with the record that Melvin Potter have, he should have been fired when he murdered my son. As, Ms. Khadijah, you know, like I said, you know, because we've spoken. Melvin Potter should not be at work. Melvin Potter should not be getting paid -- was getting paid. He should be fired. He should not be a police officer. And I'm here today to let you all know that I'm not giving up as far as getting justice for my son. I'm not giving up, because he murdered my son. He shot my son three times, so my son was not gone live. My child was not going to live. So he meant to murder my son. And instead of him getting charged with murder for him refusing to take a blood draw, he got charged with obstruction. So I'm here today to find out why was he charged with obstruction instead of murder? You shot my son three times. My son could not have lived and you're back at work --"

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

VALERIA ANDERSON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- getting paid -- getting paid? And I will never see or hold my son again, and you're sitting behind a desk. I want justice for my son, and no matter how long it takes, I'm going to get it. I'm going to get it for my son. Ms. Khadijah, nice seeing you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Thank you, ma'am. Thank you. Next speaker."

MAEONNA BEST, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners. In November 2023, this Board was voted by Resolution to take control of the limited -- the inmate welfare funds from Sheriff Patterson Labat making you the authorized over how these funds are received and disputed. That decision matters deeply to me and every family member who puts money on the books, especially their loved ones at Fulton County Jail to receive their commissary. Last week, we noticed Sheriff Labat directly that our loved one currently housed in jail never received his commissary. The items were paid for were allegedly given to another inmate. The Sheriff reassured us that the funds would be -- I'm sorry -- reassured that our loved one would receive additional commissary. I

was told to contact the commissary employer and reach out to the Sheriff personally if that was -- it was no response. To this day, our calls have gone unanswered. Worst yet, my family member was told that his commissary dispute that he'll be served last because he filed a complaint, and we pray that he's not being escort like so many tragic cases. That's all I have today."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you."

MAEONNA BEST, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Thank you so much."

LA PINK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "So we're going to continue to bring families down here so that they could address this corruption that continuously to happen in Fulton County Jail. As you guys was notified of the corruption that's been happening week after week after week after week over there, we continue to talk about the structure of the building, but like I said, let's talk about the structure of the man. We're going to continue to ask for families to come forward so that we can file on his assurity bond. His assurity bond is going to be taken, revoked, dismissed. He will no longer be Sheriff, and that's what we're going towards. Why? Because he can have more sheriffs at the Young Thugs concert, he can have more sheriffs at a press conference to show the incompetent inside of the jail; 20 officers stood around the Ledbetter's family while they spoke out about her being shoved up under a bed, but you couldn't be there for her to not be shoved up under a bed? Like, and this is what y'all are paying for. This is what y'all asking for overtime and undertime and new buildings for. That's what you're asking for, Dana, Mo Ivory, Mo Mess, Ike Arrington. That's what y'all asking for. Y'all up here begging the community to submit and surrender to, it's corruption after corruption. Plague after plague, after plague. We got two officers; we don't even know what's going on with them. They names is Tinsley. One was stabbed; one was said that it was a drug bust. How we still having drug busts with a federal monitor inside of the jail? How is this even so? How are we still having drug busts? How are we still pleading for people's lives, how commissary is being messed up when y'all are supposed to have taken over the inmate welfare funding?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

LA PINK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "How is happening, up under the leadership? We are asking for families to come forward, so this surety bond and we will help you file on it. We're moving."

EBRIMA MBOWE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hello, as you probably know, I'm speaking on behalf of justice for Devon Anderson over there Valeria Anderson just spoke for her son who tragically was murdered by Melvin Potter, an off-duty police officer of the APD and also a member of the APD at the time. At the time, Melvin Potter was not only drunk; he still had his service weapon at a bar and unleashed his weapon on to the young man, Valeria Anderson's son. He has yet to still be prosecuted for the murder of her son. It's been nearly a year that she's been fighting for that basic right to just have justice for her son. She's not even asking for major police reform, just something as simple as having the man who brutally murdered her son in a public area with three bullets into his chest,

to just basically face any amount of justice. I don't feel as though that's a ridiculous request. I don't understand why it has taken over a year for just minor -- minor incremental change on one singular individual's front. It is unbelievably ridiculous that she's had to go through so many different vectors, so many offices, and so many different officials just to get one singular word out and yet nothing has changed. She's spoken to multiple city councilmembers, gone to the Fulton County DA's office, is here doing her due diligence as an American citizen, and yet she still having to fight over and over again just to be continuously ignored for one singular individual, Melvin Potter, to get away with the brutal murder of just a random citizen who was minding his own business that day. I find it ridiculous, uncouth, and I think as -- I think it's ridiculous that no one in this room is choosing to fight for her. Obviously, Khadijah has made her --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds, sir.

EBRIMA MBOWE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- but I think as councilmembers and the Commissioners, it is your duty to make sure that this does not happen again."

ISRAEL FINCH, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, everyone. My name -- that better? Sorry. Good morning, everyone, my name is Israel Finch. I'm a nurse and also a veteran. I'm actually here representing Ability Healthcare, which is a homecare agency looking to service the seniors and underserved within -- the underserved community within Fulton County. As a veteran myself with over a decade in healthcare, I have seen the major gaps that occur within Fulton County as well as across America with seniors not receiving the home care that they need, whether that be to not having it covered through insurance or just not knowing the resources that they can use to pay for these -- to pay for the care that they need at home. Recently, I went to service a veteran, who was completely dependent, he cannot afford to pay out of pocket. He's 100 percent disabled, he cannot even get out of bed on his own, and he can't get in touch with his local VA caseworker, social worker, and has no idea about the resources out there that could possibly help him. I'm here to ask today how can Ability Healthcare and those who I partner with, which include nonprofits, partner with the community to reach these seniors and veterans who are slipping through the cracks, whether that's through senior service, veteran's affairs, or community health initiatives, were ready to be a part of the solution and hopefully able to partner, so that we can serve the seniors and the veterans who cannot afford to pay for the care by themselves and who are being forgotten. I would appreciate the opportunity to connect with the right department or program coordinator to explore these possibilities. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you."

SHABNAM BASHIRI, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hello. My name is Shabnam Bashiri; I'm with the American Friends Service Community. I was also born and raised here in Fulton County, and I'm here to speak on behalf of Valeria Anderson. This is my second time coming to speak to this Body with Valeria. So, in August of 2024, after her son was murdered by, again just to review the facts for y'all and off-duty APD officer who was drunk, who killed him with his service weapon, and already had multiple DUIs on his record as well as domestic violence charges. After that, I have been by her side as she

has gone to city council, spoken to the chief of police -- at first we were told that nothing could be done until the GBI finished their report. The GBI finished their report, and now we're being told that nothing can be done until they move forward with an indictment. Melvin Potter is still employed as a police officer of the Atlanta Police Department. As a resident of Atlanta, as in Fulton County, I don't feel safe with this man, and nobody should, knowing that somebody with this kind of record is allowed to continue to have a job, much less be free to walk the streets. I urge you to push for the district attorney to press charges against Melvin Potter and to move the case forward so that he can be removed from the police department and so justice can be served. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "Last six speakers, please come forward: James Moses, Scott Evans, Robby Caban, Matthew Lewis, Asha Imani, and Pieter Friedrich."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Call the names again, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "James Moses, Scott Evans, Robby Caban, Matthew Lewis, Asha Imani, and Pieter Friedrich."

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

DAVID SCOTT EVANS, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hello, my name is David Scott Evans. I've been living in Fulton County most of my life and never had no problems with dogs or nothing like that. But here recently, the dog pound come got my dogs while I was not at home, and accused him of being -- mauled a girl to death, a veteran, Donna, a good friend of mine, seen her a hundred times, and I wasn't home, I told them over the phone, do not bother them, but they've done it anyway inside of my fence, got one of them, who could never could get out. But they don't have to answer nobody, they can come do they want to, and that ain't right. Because they can give me control of one dog and said I can quarantine him for ten days, and he come back and got him like on the fifth day, and just didn't say nothing to me, took him. And they euthanized him within three to four days, and do they have a rule, that you know, ten days of quarantine to see if they've rabies or not, so they broke their own rules and kill mine. And come to find out my dog didn't -- I told them that from the beginning, they didn't do it. So I mean, who do they answer to? Why can't -- if I've done something like that to one of y'all's house and went and took y'all dogs and killed them, I'd be in jail, probably under it. But they're still going to be running their programs for two more years is not right. And they got to answer to somebody. I haven't heard sorry out of them or nothing. I didn't want them before, but then come and got my other friend's dog that -- out of my truck and to euthanize him, too. He was in my truck when they took him from me. And they're just -- they need to answer to somebody. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, sir. Next speaker."

JAMES MOSES, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, ladies and gentlemen of the Council. I'm here to represent my friend, Scott Evans. I've known him for just about my whole life. This is about the animal control being contracted by Lifeline. His rights have been abused. As a citizen -- taxpaying citizen -- excuse me, they slandered his name

all over the news with different news reports. They destroyed the DNA when they euthanized the dogs before they even tested the DNA. There was two -- I think two employees of the animal control were fired over that. A Union City police officer was fired for not responding to the incident as soon as it happened. They're friendly dogs. I know probably a thousand people's been down here to his house; they've never bitten anyone before. I walk past there at 2:30, 3 o'clock in the morning and they didn't even bark at me. Three of them wasn't even one year old yet, they were still little puppies. They've had no prior attacks -- excuse me. I can't read my writing. But I'm requesting a full and legit investigation on this, of the Fulton County Animal Control and Lifeline. Scott's been threatened. His home has been threatened. His animals were threatened. The police declared --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. 15 more seconds, sir."

JAMES MOSES, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- this was a real investigation, but it wasn't. I'm just saying these dogs are friendly, and I don't see how they could ever do this to anybody. Y'all have a blessed day. Thank you."

ROBBY CABAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Well, you didn't act. Fulton County Board of Commissioners, you didn't act. You listened to Bridget Thorne; you listened to a whistleblower, a former manager, a supervisor talked to you for two hours about the problems at Fulton County Animal Services managed by Lifeline Animal Project. Talked about an audit; never audited. Khadijah, you said, I'm biased. Dana Barrett, you went on the news praising Lifeline knowing they were in breach of contract, and basically forced Atlanta residents like me to pay for services we don't get, and now a woman's arms was severed, mauled to death in Union City. Rob Pitts, you've known that animal control, Lifeline, doesn't have a background in animal control for a decade, but you all love going to those events and you've let them data mine and you're terrified that they're going to organize and vote y'all out. And Bob Ellis, you told staff to not let me sign up, I saw you do it. It is so unethical yes, you did, sir, and I wrote you about it, and there are hundreds of e-mails -- people have died. This man has been violated. He's threatened now. His animals were seized; dogs were tased, innocent animals. The actual aggressive animals were never even investigated. Lifeline never even investigated. And you know what? Can you even blame Lifeline anymore? They can fundraise off of every animal, you let them do that. You take philanthropic dollars from them which really should be considered kickbacks. Is that why you all won't anything about it? You have put the citizens at risk. You are a danger to the residents of Fulton County, every single one of you. You know my animals have been maligned. I've had put down animals. I've been harassed by this predatory nonprofit. Look at these people here. The woman that died, her family mauled to death, in the hospital --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

ROBBY CABAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- you told me you were going to investigate them, Mo Ivory, at your town hall. Have you? Shame on all of you. Shame on you."

MATTHEW LEWIS, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Matthew Lewis. I've been a lifelong resident of Fulton County my whole life. And you know I've been forced to call on the animal control, Lifeline, for several times since the view point is pointless to call them. We have coyotes roaming around the neighborhood. Whatever did this to this lady, to Donna, is still out there. We have no clue what it is, in the neighborhood. We are scared for our animals. We are scared for our people, and the way that they took the animals -- some dogs that could have been carried out in one hand, no bigger than this piece of paper, and accused and put down within a day, you know, for no reason. Everyone in the neighborhood knew those dogs. Everyone in the neighborhood knew they were friendly dogs. This was his line of defense. His only line of defense, and not to mention a family member, and they're gone now, but no DNA test, no even beginning to start an investigation on this person who's dead. It's elementary to me. And also, the dogs were taken from his property inside of a fence with no warrant. They were taken from his truck with no warrant. There's video evidence of that, and nothing was said about it. One of them was tased. He was threatened with a taser by the police. I believe that was Fulton Emergency Services. That's all I got. Thank you for your time."

ASHA IMANI, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Asha Imani, and I live in Fulton County. I've owned property there for over 30 years, and I'm asking the Commission to no longer allow the school levy tax to be on the property tax bill for seniors 65 and over. In Cobb, Bartow, and Henry County, they don't pay this tax, 65 and over. But in Clayton, DeKalb and Fulton, seniors do. In my neighborhood -- I mean, you're taxing the wrong people. In my neighborhood, there are couples that rent and they drive expensive cars. In fact, one drives this spaceship looking car, it's a Tesla, it's over a hundred thousand dollars, but they don't pay to educate their children. My tax bill includes a \$1,500 school levy tax that I can't afford to pay. But they can pay something like that. It used to be where couples stayed on their jobs for 34 years and they bought property, but that's not the way it is now. You're taxing the wrong people. You need to find a way of taxing parents. Parents -- they -- a lot of these young people, they work from home, they don't buy property, they move all over, so they're not in one place. You're taxing the wrong people. You're taxing senior citizens, who've been in their properties for years, but they don't have children in the school system and I'm tired of paying to educate somebody else's children, especially if somebody can drive around in a spaceship, they can afford to pay to educate their children."

PIETER FRIEDRICH, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Fulton County, one million people, Georgia's power center, and where your legislators are selling you out to a foreign government. The legislature is pushing SB-375, some of them represent you. They work here. They answer to you. Their offices are here. This is your moment to send a message we reject it. SB-375 weaponizes existing civil rights enforcement and mandates that every Georgia agency enforcing civil rights law must consider the definition of India phobia and discrimination investigation. That definition, antagonistic, destructive, and derogatory attitudes towards Hinduism, vague enough to cover political criticism of India's government. That opens the door to complaints, investigations, lawsuits for anyone discussing India politics. Picture Fulton professionals, when (inaudible) school, the DEI team discusses past discrimination in hiring, a complaint

gets filed claiming antagonistic attitudes towards Hinduism. HR must now consider India phobia under state law investigation. When an inner faith coalition host a panel with religious national's worldwide, international groups file complaints, lawsuits; pattern President Playbook. The threat is the weapon. Federal prosecutors indicted an India intelligence operative for conspiracy to commit murder, the target, an American citizen; the location, American soil. When murder plots fail, they want lawsuits instead. SB-375 gives them the weapon, Georgia law, Georgia courts, Georgia juries all serving Modi's agenda. Your state senators work in this county. Their constituents are watching. Make them answer for this bill and if they vote, yes, look at who they're serving. Not you, not Georgia, (inaudible) Modi. Pass a Resolution opposing SB-375. Make your stamp, Fulton County speaks, Georgia listens. Senators cannot silence their own neighbors. Make them hear you, SB-375 dies here. This document says federal murder conspiracy, America targets Indian operatives --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

PIETER FRIEDRICH, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- call here, where SB-375 lives or dies. The whole country is watching Fulton County, watching what you do with SB-375. Kill it. Thank you."

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

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

MATT ROWENCZAK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hey, good morning, Commissioners. Just one comment this morning: Commissioner Barrett, more of the public is really starting to notice your unethical behavior. The yellow trick in the book where you filed a bogus claim against one of your fellow Commissioners is being noticed. So there will be more and more people -- the more behavior along these lines that you commit, next year that will oppose your reelection. So just keep that in mind, we're tired of the unethical behaviors within Fulton, and you consistently show that behavior. Thank you."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Derrick Holloway. Derrick Holloway. Next person to speak is Everett Reeves. Everett Reeves. The next person to speak is Kirt Beasley. Kirt Beasley. And with that said, that concludes the Zoom public comments."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "Continuing on page 6, County Manager's renewal items, **25-0772** --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- actually, just a minute, before you do that. Let me -- I forgot to do this. I'd like to recognize our own Bridget Bailey who is our director of customer

service and solutions. Ms. Bailey was recently recognized as Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees and Chair of the Governance Committee for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society of Georgia. And most of you may not know this, but she -- well, maybe I better not say it -- anyway, we will recognize her at our next meeting. Well, congratulations to Bridget and all that she does for all of us. Continue."

CLERK GRIER: "Page 6, County Manager's Renewal items: **25-0772**, Real Estate and Asset Management: Request approval to renew an existing contract for general landscaping and lawn care services for countywide facilities in the total amount not to exceed \$2,105,000.

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 7, **25-0773**: Request approval to renew an existing contract for janitorial services for selected Fulton County facilities in an amount not to exceed \$907,928."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne; seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Please vote. Okay. Is it working?"

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

CLERK GRIER: "**25-0774**, Public Works: Request approval to renew an existing contract for standby miscellaneous construction wastewater system services in a total amount not to exceed \$14 million."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "**25-0775**: Request approval to renew an existing contract for small water meter installation in an amount not to exceed \$300,000."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman; seconded by Vice Chair Ellis. Cast your vote, please."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**25-0776**: Request approval to renew an existing contract for professional services for airport consulting and engineering in an amount not to exceed \$1,015,000."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 8, **25-0777**, Medical Examiner: Request approval to renew an existing contract for toxicology services an amount not to exceed \$175,275.00."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion to approve by Commissioner Ivory; seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "County Manager's items, under Open and Responsible Government, **25-0778**: Presentation of the Fulton County Operational Report."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Mr. Manager."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. We have a short, concise operations report this month. Next month, we will have included in it a ten-year financial projection as well as some updates to our strategic plan for your consideration, and we'll be seeking some guidance in terms of 2026 budget assumptions, so a little bit more in that month's report versus this one. In the justice system part of this, a couple of comments, we remain concerned about the jail population. It is above 3,000 now, and you'll see in Steve's discussion of that with over 2,000 now at Rice Street. In meeting with the Sheriff's office yesterday on programming for the new space, this is clearly a concern, obviously, of theirs as well. The average length of stay is above 200 and 640 on monitors. Those are two drivers of that, so again more attention needed. In addition to today's report, is on the diversion center. Just reminder, Steve does not run the diversion center, but we have put together, I think, a lesser tip charts in terms of diversions, how they're dealt with, and what, perhaps, some of the drivers of that are; and we'll seek your guidance on how to bring back either Grady or the Justice Policy Board to discuss outlooks. The Blitz is nearing completion, you know, that's been a focus of ours. That will bring on about

another 400 beds, so that's very good news. I don't think we'll do a Blitz 2.0; we'll try to enhance maintenance as opposed to a complete sweep through all living areas. Of course, that's challenged by the number of work orders, and we'll continue to discuss that with you on a monthly basis. Obviously, this weekend's pipe burst was not good news, and was definitely something that -- again, compliments to Joe Davis in dealing with personally on early Sunday morning. But it's one that's still is impacting the camera system there, so we'll have to do a -- as that comes back online, partially, then I'm sure we'll have to do an update on the infrastructure, and certainly Kevin can comment on that. In addition, in our report today, is something you would not normally see because it's every five years, and that is Public Works will bring forward a perspective on T-Splost, which was the transportation tax, that with the leadership of this Board, and quite honestly, with involvement of Todd Long, our previous COO, we were able to pass through legislature. It's been a tremendous benefit to our cities. You'll see again, each one of these cycles runs five years, and we collect over \$500 million each cycle, so we're a billion now, has been collected and invested or projected to be invested, in the last cycle in transportation projects. And again, without Fulton County's leadership, that would not have happened. We're going to be seeking your guidance on moving forward with that. I think the cities would definitely like to see that occur, but again, would like to hear your opinion today as you see some of the representative projects and the numbers. The last thing that just reminded me, since we had MARTA present in the last meeting just contrasting and comparing investments, if that's a billion in transportation projects, road and bridges, you know, it's often termed, over the last ten years we've also been instrumental in three billion invested in transit. So three billion in transit, one billion in transportation over the last ten years; so it's good information and something that oftentimes, perhaps Fulton County is not given credit for. Then we'll cover the routine financial reports, if you have any questions. So Steve, I'll turn it over to you."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "All right. Thank you, Mr. County Manager. Steve Nawrocki, Strategy Office. You can go to the next slide. We'll start with our justice system scorecard, our first measure, the average length of stay. You'll see that had a seven-day increase, up to 51 days, for the month of September. Next, looking at our unindicted population, we saw a two percent improvement there, down to 18 percent for the month. The clearance rate for felony criminal cases also saw a three percent improvement, 70 percent felony cases disposed within 180 days, saw continued increases well up to 35 percent, but we did see a decrease with felony cases disposed within 365 days, down to 58 percent compared to the previous month. You can go to the next slide. If you look at our jail population now, we did see a bit of a flattening between August and September at 2,970 as an average monthly population for September, but as the County Manager pointed out, a one-day snapshot back on October 6th saw us over 3,000 with 3,032 inmates in the jail, and reported 63 sleeping on the floor. Next slide. You can go to the next one. Thank you. Next, we have the one-day snapshot of the length of stay for currently incarcerated inmates. As of October 1st, of the 3,008 inmates, 52 percent have been incarcerated for 90 days or less, with about 16 percent incarcerated for over one year. And the average duration is 202 days which is a four-day improvement from the previous month. Go to the next slide. And here's an update on our ankle -- excuse me, county funded ankle monitor program. We do have 642 participants as of September 29th. If we can go to the next slide for the

historical review. We can see here looking at the six-month rolling participation, in the total column, you'll see we did have a decline of one unit compared to the month of August. And we are also holding largely consistent for monitors that have been in use for less than one year and greater than one year, compared to the past couple of months. You can go to the next slide. And here we have our jail population facility utilization update. You'll see as of October 8th, 1,839 beds are in use at Rice Street with 545 beds offline, and this is both for Blitz as well as maintenance and repairs, and Mr. Davis will detail that 545 in his report. Next. We'll move now to the jail population analyses: 70 percent or about 2,118 inmates are either indicted or accused or both indicted and accused, leaving about 546 that are unindicted, which represents 18 percent. We can move to the next slide. And you'll see that 543 broken down. If you'll recall from last month, Commissioner Arrington did request that we provide some information based on when we first started tracking those, so went back in the archives. We did start tracking the unindicted popular -- yes, unindicted population back in November of 2023, so roughly about two years ago. And you can see some significant drops in November 2023. The total was 799, we're now down to 543, and looking at it from a percentage standpoint, about 77 percent, that 417 in the 90 days or less, about 77 percent have been unindicted for 90 days or less relative to only 54 percent back in November of 2023, so some significant improvement over the last two years, from that perspective. Next slide. And now we'll get to the diversion center update. As the County Manager pointed out, this is just meant to inform the Board and provide greater visibility to the Board as well as to the public on Diversion Center measures. This first slide here -- apologies, it doesn't say it on the slide and it's not very clear: but this 104 diversions is for just the month of September, so the most recent month. You'll see Atlanta had the most diversions at 73 or representing 70 percent of that. Fulton County Police Department was just behind that at 16 or representing 15 percent, and those 16 diversions are mostly from the libraries, also Fulton Industrial Boulevard. You'll see three other cities are represented on here; Sandy Springs, Union City, and Rosell, and then we have some other jurisdictions who have helped with diversions across the airport, MARTA, and Georgia Tech for the month of September. We can go to the next slide, please. This is now is a look at year-to-date since the diversion center opened in January, earlier this year, starting with the top left chart, the 2025 diversions year-to-date, you'll see in the first month, it was operational, about 25 diversions, quickly ticked up in February to 106, and maintained in March. We saw a low point in April at 70 diversions but then ticked up in June where we had 147, and that was our high point since the diversion center has been open. And since then, we have ticked back down and again, we're at 104 diversions for September. Looking just below that at the average daily census, you'll see a very similar trend, when the diversion center opened in January we had an average census of about three. That stayed relatively consistent the first couple months, dipped down to two in the month of April; same as above, we saw a peak at five in June and again, a downward trend ending at three, an average daily census of three for September. Shifting now to the right, the 2025 discharges year-to-date, you'll see the 71 percent completed programming; seven percent were discharged to the hospital. So that combined 78 percent is what is considered a successful diversion, either completing the programming or being discharged to the hospital, 21 percent were discharged to self, meaning they did not complete the programming before they left, and then one percent of all participants year-to-date had

an administrative discharge, meaning they were removed from the diversion center. You can go to the next slide. And the final slide here, I won't get into the detail, but again, just wanted to provide a snapshot of -- and then this is for the month of September, not year-to-date. So again, just looking at most current completed month, how that breakdown of 104 diversions whereby charged, and so you can see by far, criminal trespass was the largest at 42 -- yeah, 42 percent. And with that, I can take any questions."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So a low of two, a high of five, and back to three? Is it working or isn't it working?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "I think these numbers are significantly lower than were anticipated when the diversion center opened, Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: So, in your opinion, is it working or isn't it working?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "As the County Manager said in his remarks, I'm not running the diversion center, I was not a part of the team that developed the forecasts, but what the numbers show is that the daily census is dramatically below than, I think what they had originally planned on."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. We have 2.5 and the city has 2.5?"

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

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "The 2.5, it's on an as-used basis, so it's not a 2.5 lump sum as individuals are diverted, that's when the county is charged as well as the city. I think their burn rate is more in the one million range as opposed to the 2-1/2, because we do have such a low utilization. But still, it's a significant investment for the county."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you. Can we go back to slide six, please? Maybe -- it looks like I had the number wrong."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "Which slide is that, Commissioner?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "It's the slide where you talked about -- there was a chart and you talked about the goals, and there was -- let's see, if we keep going, hopefully, it will come up. It must be before that. It's the slide where there's a goal and they're talking about unindicted cases or felony cases disposed."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "The scorecard, I think that's the first slide after --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- within a hundred and eight days?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "Yes, sir. That's the -- that's the first after the intro slide. That's it."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. I'm sorry. Slide five not six. So felony cases disposed. I'm looking at the goals and I'm wondering when we came up with those goals? And, you know, it looks like we're doing fairly good on some of them, but felony cases disposed within 180 days, our goal is 90 percent. The May 2023 baseline was 25 percent. As of August '25, we're 27 percent, September 35 percent, so it's good because it's trending up, but I guess my question, is how often do we reevaluate these goals, right? You know if -- 90 percent of felony cases, it takes 180 days to get a felony case indicted, right? It takes at least six months to get the case indicted, so I'm wondering if the 180 days is a good barometer, because typically, felony cases aren't even indicted within 180 days, right?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "Yes, sir. Just to provide some background on how we came up with these measures, the 180 days and the 365, and actually, all these measures and then their respective goals are national state court standards. They were codified, and that's why we have the May 2023 baseline, because a Resolution was passed to start reporting on the scorecard monthly with these measures at the 180 -- at the 365, and then again, the respective goals. So there is -- my team does not do a reevaluation of whether the goals are in alignment with their actual performance because again, this is a Resolution requiring us to report against these goals."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "No, that's fine. I guess, you know, I just -- now how long do you think it would take us to get to the goal? How long do you think it would take us to get to the 90 percent, knowing that we've only come 10 percent in two years?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "Well, that fluctuates month over month, Commissioner. I mean, I don't -- I'd have to go back, since we've been reporting this for the past two years, I don't know that if they've ever been over maybe 40 percent or 45 percent. They've certainly have never cracked 50 percent for those disposed within a hundred and eighty days."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. And thank you before saying that those are the national standards, right?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "Yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: It's judged off a hundred and eighty days -- judged off of how many cases can you get disposed in six months, how many cases can you get disposed in 12 months, right, sir? So, I mean, that makes sense. But, you know, it just -- it doesn't look like we're getting -- I mean, we're certainly making progress it looks like on both of them, but within six months and within the 12 months.

Let's go to slide 14, because I want to ask about that as well, and I think this follows up on the Chairman's question and, hopefully, I got my slide number -- I remembered the slide number correctly this time. All right, that's it then. Now let's go the next one, maybe 15. It's the one that was talking about the cities and the participation."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "In the diversion center?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "So that's near the end of the report, if we can move to the --"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "-- it's 269."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "Thank you."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So, you know, what this slide shows me is that perhaps we need to do a better job of marketing this to other cities, right? I don't see city of South Fulton there. I don't see East Point. And so, what that tells me is that those jurisdictions are not referring people to diversion, right? And then, Chairman asked, is it working? I think part of -- you know, I don't know if I know the answer to that question either, right? I mean, it's working, but it may not be working as well as we want it to, and one of the reasons it may not be working as well as we want it to, is because the referrals aren't coming in from the cities and the police departments that are doing the arrests. I mean, obviously, Atlanta is making a decent amount of diversion referrals, you know. For me, it would be informative to know, you know, is that 73 from Atlanta, is that out of 700 arrests? Is that out of a thousand arrests? Like, you know, what are we looking at and how many arrests do we get per jurisdiction per month --"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "We do track that."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "And how -- and what percentage of those arrests are being diverted per city, because then we can, you know, further identify only one from Union City, only one from -- or four from Sandy Spring, one from Union City, one from Roswell. I imagine they're making it a lot more arrests than that, right?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "Significantly."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "And then, you know, maybe how many of those arrests are misdemeanors or felony, right? I imagine it's easier to refer a misdemeanor case to diversion than it is a felony case, right? And so having some of those other -- some of the other information would be helpful; and I think, to the Chairman's point of, you know, are we getting our money's worth, is this really making sense, we can have a better idea if we know -- if we're doing a better job of, I guess, asking or if the cities are doing a better job of referring cases for diversion, right?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "Right."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "And so I don't know how much education and information -- are we sharing these numbers with the different cities? Do they know this information or we just keeping it to ourselves?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "So, apologies, Commissioner Arrington, I should have mentioned this. All the data that's in the diversion section is provided by Grady, because they are the operators, so they provide the data to me. They distribute that data to all the stakeholders. I don't know exactly who's on that list, but I can confirm it is going to each of our 15 cities plus the other jurisdictions who would be making these diversions, like MARTA and the universities. I do know, again, because they are the operators, the Grady management team does outreach. They'll do things like attending roll call because they're trying to get each city first focus on Atlanta, but then the other cities within Fulton County, to explain the benefits of the diversion center as opposed to bringing an individual to Rice Street. So they are making an attempt. The other thing, you mentioned South Fulton, again, what you're seeing on the screen here is just a snapshot of September. South Fulton may have brought someone in previous months, but it just was not captured, but we do have all of that data and we can get it -- in a bit more context, as you're suggesting."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. Thank you. Yeah, I mean, I think that would be helpful, right, because that would tell us, you know, what cities do we need to target, right? We know the top five cities that are doing arrests and, you know, misdemeanor arrests, then we can say, hey, let's target these people, let's target these five cities for more diversion, right? And take a deeper dive at, you know, making sure that the facility is not being underutilized."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "Yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Commissioner Arrington, I think the questions you've asked are good questions and relevant questions, but we had a luncheon for all of the 15 cities' police chiefs and/or their representatives as well as MARTA, Georgia Tech, et cetera, about what, four months ago?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "It was earlier this summer."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah, to explain to them what this is all about, and I think Grady is doing a good job. I'm baffled as to why the numbers aren't up, quite frankly, because they all understood that the diversion center is there. And the most important thing was, it takes less than one minute for them to be out of service to check somebody into the diversion center, but I don't know what's going on. But it is something that we need to, and I think your questions are very relevant."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "And we average about 2,000 admissions at the jail per month. So you know, even I guess that is probably five percent, it sounds like?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "Right."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And one other suggestion that I wanted to bring up when the group that what's it called? Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, you're on that --"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "-- the Justice Policy Board, Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That group, yeah. Is it possible for us -- not us, but somebody, to have a person at the jail when they are brought there, and that gets tricky, because it's at the point of arrest and then as there's a legal question is, are you arrested, you know, when they stop you and cite you, is that when it begins, or it's when you get to the jail? So that's being researched as well. I mean, you're a lawyer, you understand the difference, which I don't, but that's being researched. But if we can have a person at the jail looking at every person when they come in, and they can say what this should be -- this person should go to the diversion center versus being booked in to the Rice Street. And we also found that the younger officers are more prone to utilize the diversion center and then a more senior officer for some reason."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah, I think it's -- you know, my understanding from the pre-arrest diversion, is that it's the officer's discretion whether they want to arrest or divert. And so, even if we had someone at the jail and that person at the jail recommended someone for diversion, but the officer wanted the person arrested, then you know, I don't know that that person will be able to override that officer's decision to make that arrest from their jurisdiction. But it does make sense to maybe have someone there to just say, hey, this person might be eligible, right?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Good point."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "You know, somebody's gone probably do some AI software to predict, you know, hey, based on this charge, based on their history, based on everything else, you know, maybe they would qualify, right? But we're not there yet, but AI's going to get us there quick."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I just had a quick question. You mentioned on 10/6 we had over 3,000 in the jail population and we had 63 sleeping on the floor. Was there an event or anything that attributed to that rise?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "It's been a steady increase, Commissioner. I don't -- there wasn't one single event like an entire unit went offline. It's just been that daily uptick, and the Sheriff's operational decision to use beds as

opposed to using beds that might be used for classification because they need to keep that open, so -- but no single event or anything like that."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay, thanks. That's all I had."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. Sitting on the Justice Policy Review Board, I think I have a different view of these numbers. Even though these are not the ideal numbers that any of us would want to have, they are better than what we have had in the past. Mr. Nawrocki, you do not run the diversion center, so I don't think it's fair for anybody to ask you anything as to -- all you are is the messenger, and let me be crystal clear about that someone that sits on the Board. And Commissioner Arrington, you are correct the decision -- the charging decision, lies with the officer. And so, if the business owner decides for whatever reason that that person is a nuisance, even if they are eligible for diversion, that business owner can say I want the person arrested and taken to jail, and the officer has to do that. And so, I think that we should just step back for a minute and understand this is a process, before we even got to the point of the diversion center, we traveled extensively looking at other similar-sized counties that went through what was, quote unquote, growing pains. And some of the things I asked them, if you had to do it over again, what information would you have given me, and all of them overwhelmingly said educate, educate, educate, because you have a culture within the law enforcement -- and I'm not saying all, but it is true that some of these officers see the diversion center not necessarily as a tool, but as a nuisance; that's s reality, County Manager. So we have to work with our stakeholders to make sure that that climate and that culture is changed. Individuals may see it as a headache to come so far to the diversion center to deal with the unexpected as opposed to going there giving it a chance. How do I know that, because officers have talked with me off of the record. So I know that that is a climate that we must change to get the officers to bring them. Now, what I will say for all of my colleagues as well as the listening public, I still echo what I said earlier, what is the alternative? If you want to throw away the baby with the bathwater and say it's not working, what's the alternative? Are we going to burden our Sheriff, our courts? This is -- the ends justify the means. Nobody likes to watch sausage being made, but it's so tasty when it's finished. And so what I would say to all of my colleagues, especially you, Chairman, because I understand fiscally you keep saying 2.5 million, 2.5 million, I will offer to you, those 73 that were diverted would be way more expensive than that 2.5 million. Those 16 that were diverted would be way more expensive if there wasn't diversion. I believe that we need to work -- and I had this conversation with Jessica Corbitt. I appreciate her and her due diligence in the meetings that are quarterly that I would ask all my colleagues to send representation to those quarterly meetings that we have, because a lot of your questions can be asked then. We are working with a communications issue. What do I mean? We need to let all of the business owners, all of the stakeholders, all of the individuals that have had a hard-nosed position of lock them up, send them to jail. I don't care, I caught him trying to break in my car; I don't care, I've asked him not to urinate in my parking lot. I don't care, they're shoplifting again. I don't care; they're sleeping on the driveway where my customers come up. What I'm trying to say to you

all, is post COVID, individuals including our homeless population, including our population that has substance abuse, mental health issues, and individuals who just may be homeless one day to whether they did it or not, all of them get caught up in our criminal justice system whether it's by design or not. And so, we are going to have to find a way to divert. You can't lock up your way out of this. It's not going to happen. You're going to need to provide more services or we're going to see in another area whether it's the courts, whether it's behavior health, whether it's homelessness, if we don't provide diversion and make sure individuals don't get lost in the crack, in the system, the 2.5 million won't even matter because we'll be paying 10.5 and 20.5 and 30.5 somewhere else. So I would ask, humbly, for a little grace as we change the minds of citizens, as we change the minds of business owners, as we change the minds of elected officials; we cannot prosecute and lock up our way out of this. We must divert, we must change the culture of those that is responsible, and I'm calling out my officers as well -- everybody knows, my son is law enforcement, I am a Navy mom. I will fight for our officers, but even our officers, if they are not supported in diverting, they're not going to divert. So that is something that we're going to have to work on and we're going to have to work on making sure -- we see that Atlanta has 73, Fulton County has 15 cities. Are we pushing, are we communicating, are we making sure that those other parts of Fulton County, the other cities, have been communicated to and understand that that diversion center is not just for Atlanta; it's for the entire county. So here again, I will gladly come off my soapbox and will ask you to please, come to those quarterly meetings, the quarterly meetings that I sit there and I see who shows up and who doesn't; but some of these questions can be answered directly with those people and not here. This is the messenger. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I certainly would like to see the diversion center succeed, and it's a little disappointing that's not ramping up as fast as we thought. I certainly agree with you, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman that things take time and there is a culture shift, and I agree with that. And I guess one question would be, you know, how much time? And I know of my team has come to the meetings; I wished I had been able to be there myself, but the schedule didn't allow. But in any case, you know, I kind agree with a lot of what you said about culture changes. I have a couple of just questions about some of the data that's available, not that's here, and also, I'm wondering with the cities that are sort of further away from the location of the diversion center, if that impacts their choices to divert or not? In other words, if a business says no, I don't want to press charges, are they more apt to just let the person go versus drive them to the diversion center?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "Most likely. Yeah, I mean, I don't think they track on that level, but --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I mean, it would be -- that's an interesting data, and I think the question might just be how many calls did they get for those kinds, you know, of disturbances that might be people that will qualify --"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "-- eligible."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "-- yeah. Just out of curiosity, because I do think that might be one of the issues and maybe there's some future plan where there could be more sort of congregate drop-off locations or something like that or they could take them to a van that would bring them to the diversion center something so that the officer doesn't have to it. Just a thought. The other questions I have were just, as I said about data. Do we have numbers about how many people were actually booked in that might have been divertible, based on their chargers?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "To Rice Street?"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "That report is being developed, so within the Justice Policy Board, there is a jail population review committee and it's staffed -- Superior Court has a representative, public defender, and then the Sheriff's Office. I believe they make up that committee. They are actively scouring all the booking data to identify the charges and kind of what Commissioner Arrington was saying, kind of, what's that algorithm, right? If you meet these criteria, you should probably have been diverted versus being booked in. So they are painstakingly trying to work on that report. They haven't gotten it to a point where I think it's ready for prime time, but I think that will be a very useful tool to inform who is eligible and what we could expect to see these numbers increase to."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah, I think that would be -- whenever it's ready, it'll be great to see it. The other question I had around data, is do we know of the stats we have here of the people who -- of the officers who are doing these diversions, how many officers, like for example, with APD of the 73 diversions, how many officers does that represent?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "We do, and apologies, that is something that's provided by Grady on a monthly basis. I just did not include that metric in here, but I'm happy to -- this is the first go, so I welcome your feedback, and if there's a different kind or some additional information you'd like to see that specifically, I'm happy to drop that in, but that is something that Grady does report."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah, I think that would be good to know as well, because it's probably, and I don't know, you might know more about this, Commissioner, than I do, but it may be that there are a handful of officers who really believe in this and who are repeatedly bringing in those two or three per day. And so, it might be -- and again, I can't tell the APD or any other PD what to do, but it might be interesting for them to set some, you know, goals in terms of the number of their officers who are diverting. But it would also just be good, I think, to present that data so it becomes more clearer to everybody that that's the case."

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

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you. I appreciate it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ivory."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Thank you so much, Mr. Chairman. So just for accuracy of the numbers, I think in of the Monday call with the Sheriff, he said that they were -- the Sheriff's office -- that it was not 63, but 66 who are on the floor as of Monday. Is that -- do you have that number? I don't know what the 63 was as of, but I think as of this Monday it's 66."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "Yes, ma'am, it would have been as of the 63 as of the 6th; so last week."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Okay. Okay. So it's 66 as of --"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "-- ticked up this week it sounds like."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Okay. Great. And then just for accuracy of the record and legally, a business owner can't take the discretion away from an officer to make a decision on not to divert. That decision lies with the officer much like in any situation when an officer, even let's say a domestic violence case where an officer -- the victim may want an officer to -- excuse me, point of order, please, sir. One person is talking at a time."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. You have the floor."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Okay. Thank you. Point of order --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You have the floor. Commissioners?"

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "So a business owner just legally, just so that we have this on the record, cannot take the discretion away from an officer to divert an individual, that is -- the officer is the last word on that, and an officer can make the decision whether to divert or not. I wanted to ask, how are we being charged out of that 2.5, and maybe County Manager, you know the answer to this question, but is it per person, is it through use of services, how are we actually being charged against that 2.5 million?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Sharon, do you have the details and how you will receive that budget -- or that charge from Grady? Because I don't recall. I don't think it's -- I don't know that it's done per discharge. I thought it was done per staffing that, they had staffed to."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "It's based on their cost to provide the service, not -- as far as I know, not based on the number of individuals served."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Okay. So use of services is more the way, from a service basis, not a per-person basis?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, Grady's cost to have the doors open and the services available, whether they're actually used or not."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Okay, so not even if they're actually used, but just there and available?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, ma'am."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "But I don't think they've staff to 2.5 or 5 a day in total."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "Correct."

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

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Thank you so much, Chairman. So if we were at capacity, do you believe in just trying to sort of understand the finances of it all, County Manager, that we would be using the full investment?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, ma'am. I think if the goals were being met and the staffing was at full staffing, then our bill would be annualized at 2.5 million, but because they realize that the demand is not there, at least -- I think it's been a great discussion -- presently, that they have it staffed above what it required to meet that current demand."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Okay. And Chairman, I'm going to ask for a point of order when other Commissioners are speaking, that other Commissioners do not speak, because this is an ongoing issue that has gone on for several meetings. So I'm glad -- and we have discussed it before, and you said you would make a comment about that, and I do thank you for bringing that to the floor today. Thank you. And thank you, County Manager, and thank you."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So I think, based on what I heard, part of the issue, because I too am concerned about this business owner thing. And you know, may be the police departments are telling their officers, hey, if the victim says they want to press charges then you have to press charges so if -- you know, that may be the rub, right? We may have to -- I mean, obviously, we can't dictate to the Atlanta Police or the East Point Police, but, you know, somehow, we got to find out, because the practical

side -- right? There's a theoretical side, right? And then there's the practical side, and if the officers are actually -- I mean, in my mind, if a business owner says take him away, the officer takes him away and then the officer can then decide what they're going to do, right? But practically if that business owner is telling the officer, arrest him, and then the officer is actually arresting him because the victim wants them arrested, you know, I think that kind of does invade the officer's discretion, right? And so, that may be where we need to have further discussion with our jurisdictions and the police and decide how --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- okay. Just a minute. Just a minute, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, please."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Chairman, all I said was exactly, I will not be censored. Other people make comments in agreement, and Commissioner Ivory has no problem with it, so let me go record letting you know I will not be censored because somebody is politically fragile."

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

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you. So yeah, we just need to further maybe look at some of those practical considerations versus the theoretical considerations on how it's being implemented in the cities and whether the officers are actually exercising their own discretion, or whether they are actually listening or being directed by the victims. And you know, that -- I guess at least for me, I need more information from the officers in that regard."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "Yes, sir."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. Like I said, I will not be censored because somebody is sensitive. What I'm saying to your point, Commissioner Arrington, you are correct. We would like for the officers to have the discretion of diverting; however, the culture -- we're talking about the culture. The culture has been, if that officer who 99.9 percent of the time has to work that same beat every day, if that business owner is asking for prosecution as opposed to diversion, 99.9 percent of the time that's going to happen. And so, we have a culture that we are going to have to work with, and we're going to have to not say that point blank, the officer has the decision to make, because now you're getting in the line of operation of what that officer is doing, and that officer is always going to do what is best for the scenario that he's in at that time. You can Monday-morning quarterback all you want to, but until you're an officer, until you put on that uniform, until you go out here and work in the community, you cannot, and I will not second-guess any of our individuals that are in law enforcement. However, what I will do is be honest about an issue that we have that culturally that officers have stated to me, I want to do more diversions. I want to take that person, but that person has went, got arrested, came back and did it again, got

arrested, came back and did it again, and so that owner, who is the victim, is asking for the full book, whatever you want to say, thrown at that person. I will never tell a business owner that they don't have a right to assert their rights, but I will ask a business owner if we have an alternative, if we have an alternative, will you give it a chance? And all I'm asking my colleagues, because Mr. Nawrocki is the messenger; all of the stakeholders meet quarterly. You can actually go in there as a Commissioner, take a seat, and ask the representative from APD the issue. You can ask the people from all of the stakeholders for the answer that you want as opposed to Mr. Nawrocki giving it to you, because he is the messenger. And so, I will say again, Chairman, I'm not going to be censored. If I agree with something the County Manager says; if I agree with something one of my colleague says, I am going to say correct, you are right. I'm not going to be censored. Thank you, Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Thank you. You know perhaps I need to have an off-line conversation, but just out of curiosity, it looks like the number one diversion is criminal trespass. So they bring someone in for criminal trespassing in the diversion center, then what do they do with them? Like what happens? Are they told not to do it again? Do they watch a video? Do they get a ticket and they're sent home? What happens?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "It's -- the very short answer is, it's all case by case. There is probably some underlying reason why they were trespassing and why an officer was called. If it's a mental health reason, they'll be connected to those mental health services. In terms of issuing a ticket or something like that, this is a total diversion away from arrest, so they would not be issued any type of citation or anything like that, but it really is -- you don't have to give a copout answer, but it really is case-by-case, but the intent is to what achieves a successful diversion is connecting that individual to the proper services. But there's also no power that prevents that person from then returning to that area that they're picked up, you know, once they've exited the diversion center."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "So let's say shoplifting that seems to be one of those on there."

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

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Do they educate them on shoplifting? Do they -- you may not know this --"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "Yeah, I'm not as familiar with each individual program response."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yeah, I would just be curious because I wonder if jurisdictions up in the north, like, okay, for shoplifting I could divert them, but maybe I just take them to that Alpharetta jail, kind of get them booked, but not really booked, and send them with please don't do it again, because this is the first offense or whatever. I

just wonder if there's maybe something with the officers up in the north not wanting to travel an hour plus through traffic to get down here to take them to the diversion center and then an hour to get back up. So that's just kind of my thought process, but I don't know if that's what's happening, but I think that might be a reason for these really minor, minor offenses that just because of the distance, nothing's happening."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "It's probably an underlying reason."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So, Commissioner Thorne makes a good point. You know when we went out to Seattle and brought pre-arrest diversion back, there was a homeless man that had been arrested 87 times for trespassing; criminal trespass. And the question was, you know, what is the cost of prosecuting him 87 times for criminal trespassing? But if you're homeless, unless you're on public property, you're trespassing wherever you are, right? Unless you're on the highway or roadway, right, you're homeless. You don't -- you don't have anywhere to go unless it's public property. So we probably need to take a deeper dive or ask someone else to take a deeper dive or ask PAD to take a deeper dive into, you know, because you divert someone, you tell them, hey, don't go back, but what other resources are there? Is there a 30-day or a 90-day program of support, right? I mean, you know, and maybe I need to ask the people from pre-arrest diversion or come to the justice policy meeting, but if we're not wrapping services around them and we're just diverting them, and that's the end of it, there has to be wraparound services to help short-term, long-term, you know, other than just right then. So hopefully, you know, someone -- hopefully, you can take it to them, or I could take it to them, but we need to have a better idea of what is transpiring because, yeah homeless people are trespassing virtually everywhere they go unless they're on public property."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "Yes, sir."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Steve, could you make a quick comment about the repeat offenders group, because I think it's almost a counter message; and this has been for some number of years through the Atlanta Police Foundation to focus on repeat offenders and not for diversion, but for arrest. And Steve represents us in that group to the degree that we're represented."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "Right, yeah, and as County Manager was kind of teeing up. It is a bit of a dichotomy, an interesting that the quarterly repeat offender council meeting occurs the day before every quarterly Justice Policy Board, and you kind of see both sides of the perspective. But for repeat offenders and again it is going back to again the criteria, I think of it in terms of what charges, what the cost is to the criminal justice system, all that is then considered in focusing on, arresting again, and booking in and putting someone through the criminal justice system as opposed to diversion. There is not a -- because you can exit whether you've completed the programming or not, under your own free will. You're only there

for 23 hours max. The diversion center is something that is not in any way communicated, promoted, anything like that, from again, this repeat offender council from the Atlanta Police Foundation. So there are opposing views certainly out there from our policing jurisdictions."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah, and because we just need to have further conversation because, you know if you're homeless, you're going to repeat the offense of trespassing. It's inevitable."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "And there is more -- let me clarify, too. There is certainly more of a focus on the higher higher-level felonies of the repeat offenders, right? They're not -- they're not looking at someone who's been criminally trespassing, you know, 50 times. It is those that have a much higher charge level, so important distinction there."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Thanks, Mr. Chair, I'll be brief. How long has the diversion center been open again?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "Since January, Vice Chair

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: , right. So we're ten months in. One of the things that I just would encourage, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, you know, she's a representative on the Justice Policy Board. I like the comment you made about education. I mean, certainly we could speculate, this stuff is so multilayered, of how a person gets here, how you avoid getting there, whatever, but the educational component, I think, is absolutely critical. You're just -- we're going to have to just repeat, repeat, repeat, repeat, repeat. We're just barely a year in and we've done some of it, but we need to do more of it. So maybe it's a topic that you all at the Justice Policy Board could think about in terms of other educational efforts that we could collectively support and engage in to help drive the numbers up so."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "You're correct, Vice Chair. Jessica and I have had very long conversations and working with the stakeholders that we see those are areas for opportunities. It is going to take a little bit more elbow grease to make sure that the communication and the education is there. So thank you, Vice Chair, I will make sure I take those sentiments back."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Begin in January, what about if we give it another two or three years to see if it works. I'm very supportive of it. I think Grady is doing a great job over there. The facility is five-star. Maybe it hasn't had enough time. Let's give it to -- what is this 2025, 2026, 2027 to see if it works and hold our peace until '27 or '28 to see if it works. Take that back to the group. Okay. All right. Continue."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE: "All right. That's it for me, Chairman."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "All right. Mr. Davis, Jail Blitz Plan."

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Good morning, Commissioners. As an update on the jail blitz, we are 82 percent complete. We are currently working on two Blitz units, both 3 South and 7 South. This was in an attempt to take advantage of inmate population moves and/or location moves that have allowed us to have two vacant areas at once. We are finishing up on 7 South. We're over."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Point of order, Chairman. I can't hear. Sir, can you repeat? Thank you."

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "We are currently working on two different housing units as an active Blitz zones that was to take advantage of recent population moves, more importantly to provide the Sheriff's office with the bed space flexibility they need as it relates to your higher classification inmates, so the decision was to work on those two at once. We are looking to have the punch list walk-through for 7 South sometimes next week, that way we'll be able to focus on our full attention though it's in part now, but it will be fully so on to 3 South. We are expecting completion of the phase one of the blitz in mid-November. This last bullet, I'd like to qualify the bullet itself. You heard the County Manager mentioned earlier that we are looking at enhanced ongoing maintenance versus a round two of the Blitz, so I would tell you is there are two more units that were slated to be in round two that is 6 North and 6 South. We will be moving immediately to those two, once we finish 3 South and 7 South, to allow us to be able to have completed the entirety of the 13 housing tower units. Next slide, please. Bed availability: As you heard Mr. Nawrocki report earlier, we have 545 beds, 408 of those are due to the two active blitz units. You will also notice that we have a few beds, a couple of beds here and there that are vacant due to various maintenance issues that have arisen over the course of the month, bringing our total to 545. Next slide, please. From a maintenance performance perspective, we had 1230 work orders issued in the month of September, 1,050 of those were completed for a completion percentage of 85 percent. This report was generated through October the 9th, which allowed us to complete an additional 41 work orders that were issued in September for an effective completion of September work orders of 88 percent. We had a grand total of 1,264 corrective maintenance work orders completed in the entirety of the month of September. Preventative maintenance, there were 366 preventative maintenance work orders scheduled, 312 were completed, again, for a total of 85 percent. We have a total open work orders of 1,184 of which upcoming Blitz areas represent 511 of those. You see on the bottom left corner of the screen, a three-month overview that gives you some data points as it relates to work order submission and completion over time. As it relates to actions taken and next steps, one of the things that we decided that we needed to do was shift the jail maintenance work orders submission process to be more in line with what we do throughout the rest of the county, which is to allow Sheriff's office employees to enter work orders directly into Maximo, our computerized maintenance management system, versus making a phone call down to the maintenance shop to get

those work orders entered. That will allow individuals in the Sheriff's office to go onto a computer and check for themselves the status of the work orders, be able to see any comments technicians have made as it relates to progress and things of that nature. I'm currently in a weekly meeting series with the Sheriff's office, because we want to identify the select individuals who will have those work order coordination responsibilities along with determining the process by which a frequency by which work orders are actually entered into the system. We've added additional FTEs to both the main jail and the Union City jail to assist us in our overall efficiency and effectiveness with regards to completing work orders, and we also have a consultant, EMSI, conducting a monthly analysis of the jail maintenance performance data. They have direct access to Maximo and are able to go in and analyze and provide us some insight into various things that may allow us to become a more efficient maintenance operation. Next slide, please. This is some information that you've seen before but I'll briefly go through. Roughly between 50 -- roughly, 1,500 work orders are submitted each month; 800 of that 1,500 is actually submitted by the previously mentioned consultant, EMSI, as they conduct inspections of the entirety of the jail each month. They're on site biweekly, and in those two weeks a month, they go through the entirety of the facility identifying maintenance needs and then they in turn submit those to our maintenance contractor. Roughly 700 work orders are submitted by Fulton County Sheriff's office staff, and if I may add, this is why we want to move to the Sheriff's office staff being able to directly input work orders so that we don't get hundreds of work orders dumped on our team at one time creating the backlog. And so, we think this will be a huge step forward for us in terms of clearing the backlog. Right now, we are completing work orders within two and a half days. We have 18 technicians on the contract right now, but our overall goal by the end of this year is to reduce our backlog to less than 500 work orders. Please keep in mind, there's going to always be works orders that are open as we go from day-to-day. You see here in the bottom left-hand corner -- excuse me, right hand corner, kind of a trendline that kind of shows you what our backlog has been by month. We did see a slight rise over the month of August for September, various reasons for that from holiday to various things at the jail. We have eight contractors working in the facility right now at any given time on any given day which kind of takes away from our resources, because those individuals have to be escorted by both not only Sheriff's office staff, but also by maintenance technicians. Next slide. As you are aware, the Board approved \$3.2 million for several critical repairs and upgrades around the facility. As I've previously reported, the fire alarm upgrade that the Board approved, that has been completed. There was a second phase of that project; we dealt with the head-in devices. Now we're dealing with the field devices. That work has begun, and we have actually had surprising progress. We are now as of close -- by close of business today, we will have completed 20 percent of the housing unit's field device installations through our vendor, Siemens. Padded cells have been completed for quite some time now, along with the identified kitchen equipment replacement. As I previously indicated, we are on hold with the laundry equipment. We have a vendor that comes in weekly to ensure all equipment is up and running, not to mention, we're in the process, as you'll see by the last line item here, of an elevator modernization for the jail. This morning, we conducted a second preproposal conference. We were a little concerned with the turnout from the initial preproposal conference, and working with the director of purchasing, we scheduled a second conference and made some direct notifications to specific vendors

to ensure that they were aware. That has gone on this morning; in fact, they may very well still be doing their tour, but consequently, the bid due date will be extended two weeks to ensure that we have the greatest degree of competition. Next slide. Any questions?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just had a question, really may be more for you, Mr. County Manager. On the change of thinking around the Blitz 2.0 versus the enhanced maintenance."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "So as we went through the process with ACR, we were thinking about what's the amount of time that we need to get from here to there, relative to construction of the special-purpose building and then the renovation of Rice Street. It seemed to us, and we asked them for estimates of if we've reached a somewhat steady state, I'll say it in that fashion, meaning, we've gone through every living unit, what's the best approach, and I think -- and Joe, you can add to this, but I think the advice that we got was to up the maintenance budget, and we talked about before, driving down the number and having clear measures and help from EMSI to develop this plan, driving down the work order backlog is really the focus rather than letting a living unit get into such disrepair that it needs to move people out and then a complete sweep through there. The other thing that we are still working on, and again, had a very productive meeting with the Sheriff and his staff yesterday and ACR, is as we get to that point where we either A, need to exit AC/DC or B, need to start renovations at scale, we got to be very careful that we don't take these beds offline. In other words, you got to find a way to keep every bed in service. So I don't know, Joe, if I missed anything from that logic, but that was the way that we got here as opposed to what we had been thinking about two years ago, which was, you know, the potential of we blitz everything and then, because staffing is not been -- reached a certain level that we might need to do a Blitz 2.0."

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "I think you summed it up very well, Mr. Manager. Ultimately, as someone that operated a facility for nine years and now still ultimately with maintenance oversight, I believe putting in place the ability for staff to input work orders as they see them. The progress or measure of that impact won't truly be felt until we get the staffing level at a minimal level that allows the things that have to occur from shift to shift and day to day on the site to occur. But we think this is the best path forward, increasing the maintenance budget as Mr. Anderson has indicated, to allow us the financial flexibility to deal with problems as they occur versus as you've heard, allow them to pile up."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "That makes a lot of sense. Thank you both for that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you, Mr. Davis. Sounds like you're doing great work, and maybe the increase in maintenance will get us there. I saw your goal of

less than 500 open work orders, but I also see that there are 1,500 new work orders with only 1,200 being completed. So if I take 300 from October, 300 from November, and 300 from December, that gets me at 900. I'm just wondering, you know, do you think you'll be able to meet that goal of less than 500 by December of 2025?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "It was certainly seemingly an aggressive goal, Commissioner Arrington. What I will tell you is, the completion of the Blitz will put us in a position after we've emptied all the housing zones, we've repaired everything combined with staffing, being able to input work orders, but I think what's not communicated in the presentation, is that in addition to the FTEs that have been added to our static maintenance contractor, for example, we've brought in plumbers today from one of our other standbys to assist with the work order backlog, so we're not dealing with it or addressing it simply through the maintenance vendor that's assigned to the jail. We're using all of DREAM's resources to work on this backlog."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. Awesome. I'll take that as a maybe."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That's it?"

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Mr. Manager."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Davis. Mr. Clark is, as I indicated, we'll come up and talk about T-Splost and a proposed path forward."

DAVID CLARK, DIRECTOR, FC PUBLIC WORKS: "Good afternoon, Commissioners. I just want to spend a few minutes talking about the successes of T-Splost I and II, and the start to set the stage for what we need to be thinking over the next six months or so as we prepare for the referendum that needs to be on the ballot next November, November of 2026. Next slide, please. Just a quick recap: The first T-Splost was a five-year program that started in April of 2017 and went through March of 2022. We collected total, a little over \$523 million throughout the county that was distributed to the various cities as shown there. If you remember, that was considerably less than what we had expected. We expected about 566 million but mainly because of COVID and some of the issues that happened around the 2020 year. We only came in about 92 percent of the protests -- of the projections. But on the flipside -- next slide, please. T-Splost II, which started in April of 2022, and will continue through March of 2027, we're averaging 115 percent of our projected revenue. So we're actually collecting quite bit of more money and be able to send that to our cities than we initially thought. So we're certainly having a very successful T-Splost II program. The next slide shows us what the timeline that we foresee happening for T-Splost III. Next month, we plan on engaging Georgia State University to provide us with sales tax projections from 2027 through 2032. We've used them for the other two T-Splosts, and they have provided, I think, reasonable projections that we've been able to base our project list from. Once

we get those projections, we'll be providing some guidance to our cities so they can start figuring out what budget they'll have as part of that overall five-year projection so they can start developing their projects lists. If you remember, Fulton County does not get involved with the specifics projects that are done in any of the cities, that is handled by city staff. All of Fulton County staff does, is to provide general program oversight and support of the overall program. But the specific projects are completely decided by the city and the city's process of how they put together projects. Those projects will be developed by May of -- the end of May of 2026, which will then allow us to put together a final master list of all of the projects that is the foundation of the intergovernmental agreements that we have had done before with all 14 municipalities. We have to have a signed Resolution approximately three months before the call for elections. And so, therefore, we'll do that the first part of August of '26 with a November 3rd, 2026 vote by the citizens as part of the referendum. If it passes, it would go into effect on April 1, 2027, and go through March of 2032. The next slides, I'll just kind of flip through real quick. I really don't want to spend a lot of time on it, but I have talked to the various cities and these are some of the projects that they've done all over the place; and, again, I believe it's been a great project. Some cities have used it toward bicycle and pedestrian projects. Others have signalized intersections, a lot of the South Fulton cities have used it for some much needed maintenance. So here's what Alpharetta is, next slide, please. Another project in Alpharetta. Next slide. Again Chattahoochee Hills has done a lot of resurfacing, for instance, down in South Fulton that they weren't able to do without this funding source. Next slide. Next slide. That's Fairburn; Hapeville has done quite a bit of sidewalk projects throughout their city. Next slide, please. John's Creek has done both trail projects, and the next slide talks about some of their intersection projects that they've been able to do. Next slide, please. Milton has done a number of roundabouts. They've done seven roundabouts altogether throughout the city. Next slide. Palmetto has also done a roundabout. Next slide. Next slide. Roswell has done a number of intersection projects as well as complete streets to allow for sidewalks on both sides of the road as well as bicycle lanes. Next slide. Sandy Springs has a roundabout under construction right now. Next slide. Again, some resurfacing work that Sandy Springs has done. Next slide. South Fulton has done roundabouts. Next slide as well as resurfacing projects. Next slide. Union City has done pedestrian projects. Next slide. So again, I think that was just a quick run through some of the successes that the cities has had. I trust that is going to be the desire of the Board to pursue a T-Splost III next year, but that all certainly opened the door for any questions."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Questions? Vice Chair."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Thanks, Mr. Chair. Thanks, Mr. Clark, for the background on this. I think this is something that's not really highlighted and focused on enough. I think, of the fractional sale taxes that are in Fulton County, one of the things that I really like about this, that we were -- it was very intentional in terms of it was built into kind of how this tax sort of came to be for those of you who weren't kind of part of that process when we work collectively with the cities to get this, you know, on the ballot as a referendum and work with our state partners to get it to that point was, you know, this project list piece, and really forcing and accountability so that citizens could see how their funds were being used, and cities were asked to prioritize, put these things in

here; they have to report back on them. You saw the highlight of several of the pictures of that, but this has had a significant impact and been a significant benefit to the local cities in terms of -- and taxpayers, because if this weren't here, these are projects that either wouldn't have been done or would have costs squeezed in other areas of service and/or higher property taxes. So I do think this is great for us to kind of just repeat, refresh and share this, you know, at least once a year, even when we're not preceding a potential another referendum. And then I do think would be good for us to have a specific joint meeting, Mr. Chair, with the mayors that this involves in and sort of bring this -- kick this off at the start of the year and, you know, have that -- not just assume it's going to happen in the same form that it is, very well likely is. But, I think -- you know, have that conversation and then proceed down this timeline if that's so desired. But also, during that time, have them be able to share those, you know, specific future projects with us so that we can all kind of see them and hear from our individual collective cities whether we break off and do that by district, you know, that's fine and not consume everybody's time, but I think that would be beneficial. Thanks."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I concur. Let's facilitate that, Mr. Manager."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Anything else? All right. Madam Clerk. No, no, no, continue --"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, sir, I mean, generally we say unless there are any questions in the finance section -- I do want to call your attention to page 305, the next one, Madam Clerk. Many of you, or some of you, I should say, have been able to either enjoy visiting Fulton Fresh, which funded via these funds I think that's been a very successful program for us hitting multiple sites and delivering some great dietary advice as well as fresh vegetables. The other one that you may be noticing, of course, is the infrastructure modernization here at 141 Pryor. When you walk across on two and you see what's been walled off, that's for the Board of Equalization. I had to follow up myself and remind -- and be reminded as to what that space was going to be, but that's, again, the strategy was as much as possible to put our services that are customer facing on the first couple of levels. The disability training center, I saw, Commissioner that you made it yesterday. I apologize that I couldn't make it. But you can see a great deal of progress there, and that will be opening. So that is moving right along. Tiny homes, we're at a critical point with Union City in terms of enhancements to that roadway that services those homes. Hopefully, that'll be resolved because we have a certain amount budgeted. They have, you know, a bigger vision which they, themselves, could do so and we've had that conversation with the mayor, if they chose to invest in the road improvements. The one that's, you know, the most difficult for us right now is the ERP implementation. We meet weekly led by -- principally by Sharon and by Kevin Kerrington with our provider. I won't get into details of that, but I don't think -- first of all, I know we will not be cutting to that new system this year. So we will delay it until first part of next year. I think that's -- we've reached that that's the most prudent path. The biggest challenge right now is converging of databases for payroll. So we're not going to screw up payroll in a haste to try to get this done. The question

that we got to resolve is what additional expense or what's the shared responsibility for that expense, as well as is this fundamentally going to meet all of our expectation. So we're very much in the throes of that. It probably deserves a briefing at the appropriate point, and we'll commit to bring that back. So absent, Mr. Chairman, any questions about anything else in this finance section, that concludes our report."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Thank you, sir. No questions? Madam Clerk, continue, please."

CLERK GRIER: "Continuing on page 8, **25-0779**, Finance: Presentation, review and approval of the October 15, 2025 Budget Soundings and Resolution."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam CFO."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The item that's before the Board today is a soundings out of the general fund nonagency to 24 different agencies in order to ensure that they have sufficient funds to cover the cost to pay for performance bonus, compensated absence payouts, and employ medical expenses through the end of the year. And with the approval by the Board of this item, we will begin moving those resources into the listed agencies' departments, and this would conclude then our budget soundings for fiscal year 2025."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Arrington; seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Cast your vote, please."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**25-0780**, Human Resources Management: Request approval to modify the classification section of the classification and compensation plan."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman; second by Commissioner Barrett. Mr. Manager, do you want to address this?"

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We'll all be on the same page and have the same understanding in case we're asked about this."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, sir. As the Board has been briefed before, as it relates to animal services, a proposal will be coming forward to move the field service operation from LifeLine to the Fulton County Police Department. What that means, as a practical matter, is we'll still have civilian field service officers, but they will be supervised and report to the Fulton County Police. I think that will do several things:

one, I think it will strengthen our response because they full well know how to dispatch and track dispatch for follow-up and completion. I think it will completely resolve the issues with the handling of evidence, which, of course, was tragically mishandled in this case that we're all familiar with and the public spoke about today. And I think it will give us a better hand at recruiting fundamentally, because it will provide, I believe, a career path potential for folks who want to enter the Police Department and do more than just be an animal services officer. So to accomplish that, two things have to occur, one is to complete negotiations with Lifeline on the splitting of those functions. We've already informed them that that's our intention. Now we're down into the details of what part of the budget that runs all animal services then needs to move with that function to the Police Department. And then secondly, and I do believe this is also an important benefit of this, it will allow Lifeline to fundamentally focus on the shelter, strengthen visa vie key performance indicators that will also be part of a revised contract that we will bring forward to the Board in the last part of this year that as they move forward with us and they're focused in that area, I think also services on that side of the equation can be improved. So that all being said, Mr. Chairman, the last part then is which is why this is on the agenda is to actually create these positions in our payroll system with a rate of pay that's been identified by Human Resources. So I respectfully ask for your approval for that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "How much do we anticipate that this would reduce the LifeLine contract? But I -- I think I understand it's going to be the same money. We're just taking it from LifeLine and spending it somewhere else. But how much do you anticipate this will reduce the LifeLine contract?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "That's still subject to negotiation. I think it's in the \$2 million range, plus or less. In other words, they would think less, we will think more. So somewhere in that, in that range of, let's say, 18 to 24."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion on the floor is to adopt. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "25-0781, Real Estate and Asset Management request approval of the lowest responsible bidder for tree removal services in an amount not to exceed \$225,000."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "25-0782, Request approval of the lowest responsible bidders for lamps, light fixtures, and related supplies in the total amount of \$160,000."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 9, 25-0783, Request approval to award a contract without competition for countywide postage services in the amount not to exceed \$2,300,000."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "25-0784, Request approval to utilize corporative purchasing for pest control services in an amount not to exceed \$300,000."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion to approve by Commissioner Ivory, seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "25-0785, Request approval to amend an existing contract for general landscaping and lawn care services for countywide facilities."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "Under Arts and Libraries, 25-0786, Arts and Culture request approval of the fiscal year 2025 Contracts for Services Program funding recommendations totaling \$1,700,000."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion to approve by Commissioner Ivory, seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "Under Health and Human Services, **25-0787**, Public Works request approval extend an existing contract for operation and maintenance service for Wastewater Facilities and Pump Stations in the North Fulton in the amount not to exceed \$3,506,212.72."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Commissioner Arrington, followed by Vice Chair Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I guess for me, that seems like a lot of money for two months. But what is the plan? I know that there was a proposal that went out and had to be rebid. So what is the overall plan of what's going on? Where -- when is, you know, when is --"

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

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- the department going to make a recommendation? It's a new contract --"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, sir. The request for proposal or the request for a rebid did go out. Those have been received, they're in the last stages of being evaluated. The plan now, and David you can correct me if there's anything late developing, but is to publish this on October 31st, I think, and bring it forward then in the next Commission meeting, which is, I think, the 5th of November. That said that, we will need, and just anticipating, we will need some amount of time to get from here to there. And then after that, if there is a transition necessary, we needed this extension. Because it now expires at the end of this month I believe."

DAVID CLARK, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS: "That is correct, the current contract with Veolia, it expires on November 3rd. And so we need something to take us from November 4th until the selection of the next --"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "And these current --"

DAVID CLARK, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS: "-- the role of the vendor --"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "And these current rates, right, they --"

DAVID CLARK, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS: "Indeed, these are current rates. These are the same rates, just prorated that we've already been paying in year 2025."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So we anticipate a recommendation for the new contract coming back in November?"

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

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: Okay. You said something was going to be published by October. What's going to be published --"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "In the same way that we publish every agenda. So when that agenda is published on that Friday, proceeding that Wednesday meeting is when it's made public, what the recommendations are, and then what will be coming to the Board."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "My questions were answered."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 10, **25-0788**, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities request approval of a sub-recipient agreement with Applied Research Services in the amount of \$35,935."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "A motion to approve by Commissioner Ivory, seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Let's vote. Yes, you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "This is a hundred percent grant funded, so why do have to put it on our -- why is it not on the consent agenda?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO: "It could have been. It's simply an oversight. Thank you for the question."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion is to adopt. Let's vote, please."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. 12:30, lunch has arrived, and entertain a motion to recess for lunch, Executive Session, where we may discuss items of real estate, litigation, and personnel."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Mr. Chair."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "We got one more item. Well, can we take my item before we go to lunch?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What's your pleasure? Any objection? All right. What? You want to go to lunch. All right, let's vote on whether we're going to lunch or not. What? All right, the motion to go for lunch, recess for lunch and the Executive Session was made by Commissioner Thorne, seconded by Commissioner Ivory. So if you want -- you want to withdraw your second? You don't have to, now. All right. Commissioner Arrington, you want to take this one up before lunch?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes, I mean, if -- you know, I see there are other presentation and discussion items, but this looks like the last action item. And so I --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Except for --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- can't imagine --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- items from Executive Session."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Right."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What's your pleasure?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I mean, to continue with the agenda, with the next item on the agenda."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, sound it, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "25-0755, Request approval of a resolution to increase the compensation paid to each member of the Fulton County Boards of Equalization from \$100 per day to \$150 per day; and for other purposes, sponsored by Commissioner Arrington."

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

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Entertain a motion to recess for lunch, Executive Session, items of real estate, litigation, and personnel. Motion to do so by Commissioner Ivory, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Commissioner Arrington, you want to be heard again? All right. Madam Clerk, what are we doing?"

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

Recessed for Executive Session at 12:34 p.m.

Resumed Regular Session at 2:52 p.m.

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Madam County Attorney -- strike that. Yeah, Madam County Attorney, anything from Executive Session?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Thank you, Mr. Chair."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I said, thank you, Mr. Chair. Is there a motion to approve the request for representation in items 1 and 2 of the Executive Session agenda?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to adopt by Commissioner Ivory, seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Let's vote, please."

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

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Is there a motion to approve the request for settlement authority in items 3 and 4 of the Executive Session agenda?"

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

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

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "Page 10, County Manager's Presentation and Discussion Items, **25-0789**, External Affairs Presentation, 2026 Legislative Agenda."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Good afternoon, Commissioners. We're here to give you the first readout of our proposed 2026 legislative priorities. I appreciate the time that each of you have given to us. We had an opportunity to meet with each member of the Board of Commissioners as well as, of course, the County Manager and leadership team, and a number of Fulton County departments. Ms. Campbell and I also had an opportunity to attend last week's Association of County Commissioners of Georgia Legislative Conference. I'd also just like to take a moment to congratulate Ms. Campbell, who was recognized for achieving

the Georgia Certified County Official status. So congratulations, Jasmine, and I thank you for your hard work in achieving that. And I believe Commissioner Barrett also received her Certified County Commissioner at that same conference, in absentia, but was excited to see that. Today, we're going to go through the proposed priority areas, and then we'll bring this back to you. We know that in the past, we've heard more feedback after, after presenting this. Most of you have heard all of these. I think there's one thing that we've added after that conversation, but we will come back at the next agenda and ask for your approval of this priority list. So we'll just -- this is just sort of a rundown, and then I'm going quickly run through each item and we can take comments. Next, please. So our -- in our -- what we have done in the last few years, we've found, has been very helpful, is to prioritize a few of these at the top of our list for as action items. So one of these is resources for Superior Court. And this has been an issue we've talked about for a long time, the need for additional resources in the Superior Court. There is a process through which the State Administrative Office of the Courts evaluates the workload of Judges. And that is the tool that is used to prioritize how the state funds additional judgeships. Fulton County is now in the top five. We are not in the top three yet, but we certainly want to advocate for that. Fulton County Superior Court handles not only cases just sort of general matters, but also state-related cases that come before that court, which is one of the factors in kind of adding to their workload. So we're going to be advocating for an additional full-time judgeship. Along with that would be advocating -- there's still live legislation that we worked on last year, Senate Bill 10, that would authorize up to five Judicial Officers. This -- we've briefed you throughout the year about Senate Bill 10, this Bill crossed over. It is in the Senate, waiting -- excuse me, yeah, in the Senate, waiting the final vote for approval."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Briefly, Colleagues --"

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

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- I just want to tell you, Judicial Officers is a bad precedent. The Judges are elected by the people, and they are responsive to the people. We got a Judge now that's trying to hold us in contempt and fine us \$10,000 a day, that's not responsible to the people, that's not subject to a vote. Judicial Officers are dangerous. Non-serious felony cases to somebody that's not a Judge and somebody that is not elected by the people and can't be removed by the people? That's very, very dangerous. And I tell you, I specifically had a Judicial Officer in a case take custody away from a single mother, take custody away from a single mother without that mother getting served or getting any notice of a lawsuit. And I was able to get it undone but by then, the damage had already been done. The damage had already been done. The single -- the custody had already been taken from the single mother. The Judge over -- overruled and set it, set the order aside. Judicial officers are dangerous."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "So Jessica, I wanted to ask, what is the reason why you feel that this, given what Commissioner Arrington has -- this is not the first time that I've heard him say this. What is the reasoning that you feel like Judicial Officers are a good thing, and why we would, as a county, include that in our legislative package?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you, Commissioner Ivory, and appreciate Commissioner Arrington's feedback. This was in direct response to legislation actually passed by the Board of Commissioners in December of 2023. We have been, up until now -- excuse me, have not been successful in securing additional, a full-time additional judgeship. We do have Judicial Officers working in Family Court today as part of Superior Court. They would continue to be working under the leadership and supervision of a full-time elected Superior Court Judge. There are some very specific caveats in this legislation, which we're glad to circulate to the Board that provide parameters about what kinds of matters they can and cannot handle. You know, again, I very much appreciate Commissioner Arrington's experience, because I do not have that. I have -- I'm not an attorney. I don't -- I haven't had that experience. I do know, however, that there are other places where we have some appointed Judges who handle certain matters. In Magistrate Court, for example, there are appointed Magistrates who work on at -- under the supervision of leadership of the Chief Magistrate who is elected and accountable. So again, I recognize that this is not the perfect solution. What we really have always wanted is to have an additional full-time Superior Court judgeships. We are still not in the top five, and so this is a financial matter primarily that the state has to allocate the dollars to support a full-time Superior Court judgeship. So this is another option to provide additional resources. One of the -- one of the things we've heard over and over again related to our challenges with the jail and our justice system is we just need greater throughput for cases through the system, and that is the reason that we brought this forward."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Just to go a little further on that on point, Jessica, I believe, correct me if I'm wrong, when we actually made -- did that resolution at the end of '23, it was a direct request from Superior Court that we were responding to, correct?"

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

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "And the other thing is, and this is a question to you that I'm wondering about. If we get the Judicial Officers approved, is that going to put us further back in the list to get the Judges?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "No."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The -- one of the differences is that the Judicial Officers would be fully funded by Fulton County. A Superior Court judgeship is, they're an officer of the state. They would be funded by the state, of course, the county supplements that. There are other formulas that create other positions in the DA's office and elsewhere. So they're separate tracks, essentially."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "So also, just if we had -- if we were able to get the Judicial Officers approved, and then later we got the Judges, I guess, maybe not all at the same time --"

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

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "-- but whatever we needed over time that we would be able to sort of phase out the Judicial Officer from our positions and funding and all of that."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "That is correct."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay. So there's nothing -- they won't interfere with each other?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "No."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, continue."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you. Next slide, please. This one is a little more straightforward. The Fulton County Daily Report ceased their print publication a couple of years ago, and that required a change in our legal organ, which is now the Fulton County, The South Fulton Neighbor, whereas the Daily Report published five times a week, the Neighbor publishes once a week. And frankly, most people do not consume information in print today. In addition to that, our paper of largest circulation is the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. They have announced that they will cease print publication at the end of this year. So there are numerous kinds of public notices, both from Fulton County as a government, as well as from individuals doing business in our courts who, they're required to print, place an ad in print. And so we're seeking changes to allow an online publication with an affidavit with whatever proof there needs to be to show that that was truly published, when it was sent when whoever said it was published, and allow that to meet that standard. And this is something that ACCG has also talked about, and particularly with the changes, again, to the AJC. The Department of Revenue is also engaged in this because the Georgia Taxpayer Bill of Rights specifically has requirements about paper of greatest

circulation, which is why our millage rate ad every year has to run in the AJC, and it will not be able to do that next year. So this was another one, and again, it's more technical, I guess, in nature, but one we think is important."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Jessica, I would just say we -- I don't have a problem with this. This sounds like the right thing to do. But we, you know, we've got have some type of carve outs for those that aren't on the internet and the elderly. And we also have to have carve outs -- we just did Disability Day this morning. We just did a proclamation --"

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

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- for the deaf/blind, right? So we've got to have some provisions that allow for disabilities and alternate ways of getting this message out."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Completely agree, thank you, Commissioner. Next slide, please. So we are -- this one is really sort of a multifaceted priority. We -- last year, there was legislation introduced that would have sought to, and this was specifically related to Gwinnett County, that would have sought to waive that county's sovereign immunity protections. Which is, of course, a very serious matter as a local government. We've also seen in the past legislation that was really focused on Fulton County that sought to diminish either Home Rule powers or other powers of this duly-elected body to make laws and to govern local affairs. And so this is really sort of preemptive priority to oppose any such legislation that would either seek to remove your powers as a Board, or to diminish Home Rule powers, or to waive your, Fulton County's sovereign immunity protection."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "And what prompted us to do this all of a sudden, right now? What's on the docket that you think might be diminished?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Well, I think there's a couple of things. So Commissioner, like it said one was the -- the reason that ACCG brought this up was related to some of the issues in Gwinnett County. I think they were actually related to immunization -- not immunization -- immigration related. And there's - - Jasmine, do you want to speak to it?"

JASMINE CAMPBELL, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: (Off-mic remarks.)

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Right. That is pending litigate -- pending legislation, I can't speak today. There was also -- there has been some, I guess, pending legal matters in the courts that Commissioner Arrington just

referenced related to Fulton County's Election Board. And I know that there are legislators who've expressed concerns about that as well. So we want to, again, just generally, protect all of the rights and powers that this Board currently has."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "So it's because you do not want a state law that would make it uniform across the state on how Election Boards are chosen?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "I think, Commissioner, I think what I would say is that this Board currently has the opportunity to make appointments to the Election Board and others, and we would want the Board to continue to have whatever powers you have today."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "But do you agree elections should be nonpartisan?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "I think we have many -- election administration, I think that election officials are typically -- try to be nonpartisan or are nonpartisan in their jobs."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. So basically, we're -- this is to block, I just want to make it clear, crystal clear, this is to block any state law that might be made that will allow Democrat-majority boards to overrule Republican picks on the Election Board. That's the main underlying reason that we are bringing this up --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Point of order --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Point of order."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah, that's ridiculous."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I know, I'm just trying to clarify, because --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I know, but --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "It doesn't say anything --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "-- it seems like a very --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "It doesn't say anything about Democrats."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Point of order --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Let me preside in the Chairman's absence. With all due respect, Commissioner Thorne, you can give your opinion, but you cannot state what Jessica Corbitt is trying to do as far as the legislative agenda. So I just --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "-- would -- I would ask for you to state what is your opinion versus what we are trying to do legislatively --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah, this is to protect Home Rule --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "That would be -- that would be my --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "This is to protect Home Rule."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Wait."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "This is not to protect --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Commissioner Arrington --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- Democrat --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "-- I'm going to give you -- I'm going to give you a chance to speak, Commissioner Arrington --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Please."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Let her finish, she has the floor."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. Then I -- I would express that that's probably my opinion as to why we're bringing this forward at this time, this year, right now. And ACCG, was this one of -- I didn't -- wasn't able to attend the conference --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Point of order, we do have a Commissioner that's speaking. Point of order, Commissioner Ivory. If you can respect that she's speaking --"

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "The Chairman is not here. The Vice Chairman is not here. I'm not sure who gave anybody else the authority to --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "The Chairman asked me --"

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Well, ask the Chairman to come here and let him --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "-- to preside --"

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "-- and let us all know that. And then that's what we could do. I don't think somebody --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "-- to preside --"

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "-- presides because they said they preside --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "-- then I preside as well. Okay, Commissioner Arrington, go ahead and speak --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "And I --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All I know is this doesn't have anything to do with Democratic, this has to do with protecting Home Rule for all 159 counties, for all 159 counties. This has nothing to do with Democrats or Republicans."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Jessica, I take it back, my statements. I just -- they are my opinions and not -- I'm not putting it on you. So I'm sorry for putting you in an uncomfortable position. I just wanted to get some better clarification. And you weren't able to answer, Jasmine. Is this a priority of ACCG's as well? That's what I was concerned."

JASMINE CAMPBELL, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Yes. This is in there. They have 11 policy priorities that they adopted last week. This is one of their 11, it's not one of their top three, but they still will be advocating for the waiver of sovereign immunities. There's been a lot of legislation in last few sessions. And everything from 2025 is still alive for 2026. So I know one Bill, like Jessica said, is about immigration. And so it's require -- it's a requirement that if the Sheriff's Office doesn't do -- submit the immigration reports on time, then that's going to waive the sovereign immunity for the whole county. That's one Bill I'm thinking of that has this in there. So there's several Bills going on right now and ACCG is worried about it. We're worried about it, in general, but as you said, there may be some specific Fulton County legislation."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you. I mean, I think I made my point earlier. This, this is protecting Home Rule for all 159 counties. This has nothing to do with Democrats or Republicans. This is counties protecting county's authority and protecting local control, which is I thought something that Republicans liked."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Commissioner Barrett. Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you, Commissioner. I really just got in the queue to ask that question. I, you know, Ms. Corbitt, I -- I'm assuming this landed on our agenda because it was on ACCG's agenda and not the other way around."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "I think, Commissioner Barrett, I just want to be very transparent and say that we -- yes, the language about sovereign immunity is very specific from ACCG's position. We have also seen in the past some legislation introduced specifically about Fulton County and about the powers and authority of the Board of Commissioners, and that is -- so we have tried to craft this to allow us to be clear that that legislation that would affect the Board of Commissioners would be opposed by this Board."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you very much."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Or to clarify, the legislation that would -- not legislation -- yes, legislation that would diminish the powers of the Board of Commissioners. I'm just going to go on to the next one, please. Thank you. So the department, Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities has been a tremendous partner to Fulton County. And they're continuing to advocate for resources to expand the Crisis Care Network. So this is very relevant to the Fulton County Jail. We've talked about this before that when someone is found not competent to stand trial, to have the -- a place where that person can go to have a bed in a state hospital. So Commissioner Tanner and his team have some really great ideas about how to expand forensic beds and hospital beds. So just lending our support to that. There's also, ACCG has, and I don't know that this made it their final 11 priorities, but they have expressed support for Georgia DBHDD programs that would reduce the cost burden of behavioral health medications. And we've heard from Sheriff Labat and his team before about the percentage of detainees at the Fulton County Jail who are receiving some kind of behavioral health medication. That is very costly to taxpayers. So looking for options to reduce that cost burden. And finally, we talked a lot about the Diversion Center this morning. And so have been -- many of the partners in the Justice Policy Board are also active in the legislative process and are interested in opportunities to support pre-arrest diversion programs and alternatives to incarceration. Next slide, please. We've also talked a lot about healthcare access. And many changes on the federal level have changed sort of the language that we use to describe this at the state level. So Medicaid expansion that we were talking about this time a year ago, is not really -- it's not really a thing anymore under the new federal guidelines. There's not the same kind of Medicaid expansion opportunities that existed a year ago, before some of the federal legislation that existed. However, there's still, of course, a national conversation about healthcare premiums, the impact of that on Georgia residents, looking at what other kinds of solutions Georgia already had, work

requirements and other things in place. So I'm really just expressing this Board's support for healthcare access. The Department of Community Health and Centers for Medicare, this is another ACCG position. And this is in their priorities to maintain healthcare coverage for pre-adjudication inmates, so that when someone happens to be covered by Medicare or Medicaid and they're in detention pre-adjudication, that that coverage may remain in place. And then finally, we have had a lot of conversation about medical residency programs. There are places across the state of Georgia, we have a handful of medical schools, one here in Fulton County. And so just expressing support for state funding for those programs to grow the healthcare workforce. And there are also programs, for example, not only for physicians, but nurses and other healthcare professionals. Next slide, please. This -- and then we've had continued conversation with the County Attorney's Office, but looking at the opportunity to address this sort of archaic language around the residency requirements for Fulton County Housing Authority Board Members. So we're -- I think they've already done the research. We're talking with the Attorneys for the Housing Authority to get this change made in the coming Session."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Before you move on --"

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

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "-- just for the sake of any of our listening audience, can you speak to what that is? Some of us know the issue that it proposed, because it required the Housing Authority residents --"

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

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "-- and because now we've pretty much fully municipalized, if you could just give a quick overview, you or either the County Attorney, as to what we are trying to get changed."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Sure. Soo -- I'll turn it over to Soo."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "So if the Board will recall, about a year ago when we were dealing with the Housing Authority, one of the challenges that they encountered in terms of just operations and also compliance with federal regulations, was the fact that they did not have resident Commissioners in place. That is because the way that the law is currently written, resident Commissioners have to be recipients of HUD vouchers who are who reside within Unincorporated Fulton County, which is not really practical at this point."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Exactly."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "So I think -- and it's especially problematic in that vouchers can now be used anywhere. They're not necessarily tied to a specific location. So I think we are looking to assist the Housing Authority in modernizing and the language of the statute so that it complies with and is consistent with the federal regulations that allows them to comply with all of their obligations in order to continue receiving their funding."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you. I just wanted to make sure that for the listening audience that was an issue, because we had an actual Commissioner that could not be seated on the board because he was falling under the resident of the Housing Authority, and it was no longer any high-rises or anything where he lived. So it did impact us severely to keep some of those good people, or get good people on there. So thank you, I appreciate that. And thank you, County Attorney, for explaining why that's important and why we're pushing at the state level for that. You continue, Ms. Corbitt."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you, Commissioner. Next slide, please. So this time, it seems so long ago, but in January of 2024, Fulton County was the subject of a cyber attack and ransomware attack. And this Board made the courageous decision not to pay the ransom and give taxpayer dollars to criminals. This legislation, which was reduced by -- introduced by Representative Stacey Evans, this was introduced last Session, it's still live legislation, would really make that prohibition of use of public funds for ransom payments for state and local entities. What we learned during our incident was that the more people paid a ransom, the more it incentivizes criminals to continue their behavior. So this was a best practice, and has been introduced in some other states. Next slide, please. So everybody loves a good juicy Tax Policy Bill. And so there have been a couple of Bills last year, House Bill 581 and House Bill 92 in 2025 that were intended to simplify some of the notices. You recall that this year, there were many changes in the notice process. But unfortunately, there's still a lot of confusion on the part of property owners. One of the pieces of information published on the assessment notice is the rollback rate. And that rate is, frankly, confusing. People don't know what it means, and so this is directly from ACCG's language to remove that very confusing language and to just clarify and simplify the notices and review -- and to remove inconsistencies. Next slide, please. NextGen 911, this is one of ACCG's top priorities going into this Session. And I do want to say a little bit about this. Fulton County 911 serves five cities in South Fulton. We have a NextGen compatible 911 system, which means that a person could send text or other data, theoretically to this system. But there are a total -- actually, Fulton County has a patchwork of 911 systems. There are eight primary systems, there are actually even some smaller systems in university campuses. And so for us to really have a safer Fulton County where any person's 911 call can get where it needs to go, no matter where they are. We really need for everyone to have consistent NextGen 911

technology. So there is a -- there's a strong effort statewide right now to identify resources to help upgrade this system across the state. Thank you two for continuing to listen. Next slide, please."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "They're listening."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "I know this long."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "They're just busy right now."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "I know."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "They're listening."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "I'm just teasing. I'm just teasing. All right, this, Secure, Fair, Accessible Elections, this is a very interesting issue right now. For example, Fulton County will hold an election on November 4th, a statewide -- or excuse me, a countywide and statewide election. But then on November 18th, we will have to have a special election for Senate District 35, and then we will very likely have to pay for a runoff election. And so with one ACCG's position is to require the state to help to reimburse local governments and counties for the costs of those special elections for statewide offices, General Assembly Elections, Congress, and to approve for a statewide referendum. We also have -- are seeking state support for costs associated, for example, the removal of QR codes next year, changes in paper. There is a lot of discussion about changes in election equipment and processes. And so to make it clear that the state would need to really bear those costs. Fulton County has invested heavily in ensuring that Fulton County residents have access to polls. And so making sure that the state has to pay their fair share in that and any changes. Next slide, please."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Wait a minute. Wait, wait, wait --"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Oh, I'm sorry."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "-- wait, hold up. Commissioner Thorne."

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

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I was just going to say when they -- they have a special elections -- because we had on September 21st as well --"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Yes, that's right. We've had --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "And then we had November 18th, and you know --"

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

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "-- it seems like they need to have certain dates on the calendar that you can only have special elections quarterly. Otherwise, you have the wait until the next quarter. I mean, if there could be some kind of language in that law, because it's ridiculous to have these elections and especially two weeks apart --"

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

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "-- it's almost impossible for the Election Office to turn and regroup and get --"

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

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "-- ready for another election. And then with the cost associated with the changes, please include software licensing. We just had to approve huge expenses for annual software licensing that should also be covered."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "That's a very good point. And Commissioner, we did raise this particular special election, you're right, we've had to have multiples this year. This particular one on November 18th, I know our Elections team will do a tremendous job as they always do. But it does overlap the municipal election, which there is some concern about voter confusion and other issues. So it's a particularly egregious example, I think. But thank you for raising that as well and the licenses too. Next slide, please. The County Manager, who was here earlier, mentioned that Fulton County has played a huge role in transit that's sometimes unrecognized. And one of the ways that's really recognized is our representation on the MARTA Board. Fulton County is an original MARTA County. This Board, there are three appointees within Fulton County, two are made by the -- the Mayors of North Fulton. One is made from among the cities in South Fulton, or has to be a resident of Fulton County, south of Atlanta. And that is the only member that this Board of Commissioners gets to make. That is out of alignment with the other MARTA jurisdictions. So we're really just looking at equitable representation, especially in comparison to this Board's role in MARTA's operations. Next slide, please. So one of the things that has been -- that was a very interesting discussion with ACCG is about -- is about opportunities or ideas about changing revenue and how revenue works in this state. So you may have read news reports from the Lieutenant Governor who has a proposal to eliminate income taxes in Georgia, whereas the House Speaker has some ideas about changing property tax collection. All around, those -- there's only so many sources of revenue and a great need for resources. So another idea, and this came from conversations here with the Board, was about looking at other sources of revenue such as casinos pari-mutuel sports betting, with the idea of any funds from those services going toward public safety, mental health, or public health services. Next slide,

please. This one is very specific. This came from the Marshal's Office. And this has a very specific change related to fees and evictions. Jasmine, you may be better positioned to explain this than I can, or we can -- you all may want to read it, and ask us questions at a later time."

JASMINE CAMPBELL, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "So in 2024, House Bill 1203 passed, and it was to help landlords with evictions. So it lets off-duty officers handle the evictions. However, what the Marshal's Department has seen is that that's had unmandated administrative burdens on them. So they're just seeking to collect the \$50 administrative fee. They support House Bill 1203. This language came directly from the Marshal and her legislative liaison, Lieutenant Buck, and we think that we would be able to get it passed, and we can explain that. We just want to be able to collect the fee for the extra work the Marshal's Department is doing that the landlords are getting help on."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "And so let me make sure I understand that. What was intended was for landlords to be able to use private services for the writ eviction, however, the unintended consequence was that it put an undue burden administratively on the Marshal's Office? Okay, I just want to make sure I had clearance on it."

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

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I talked to the Marshal yesterday. And she was explaining that even though they're using her off -- her staff when they're off duty, there's a limitation and they have to track how many hours because you can only do 20 hours extra off duty. And so there is a lot of keeping track and Sheriff's Office is not participating in it, but only certain types of officers can participate. And she has to make sure that jurisdiction where the officer is serving, you know, lines up."

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

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "And she said it was a huge burden on her."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Yes. Yes, thank you, Commissioner. And this one, as Jasmine said, it came directly from Marshal's Office, so worked very closely. They have a great legislative team or team tracking that works with us, and really appreciate their support. That is the extent of our proposed legislative priorities for this year. We are glad to take any questions now or to talk with your staff offline between the two meetings, and come back and seek your final approval at the November 5th meeting."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Before you go, and I don't want to belabor the issue too long, because I know my colleagues are ready to leave. Just, can you give any quick synopsis of the Bill that the gentleman in public comments was speaking about this morning?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Yes, I did look at that -- look up that piece of legislation. So it was introduced in the 2025 Session. It was not assigned to Committee, it's not advanced beyond basically being introduced. So we can certainly track that, but it is not -- it has not been heard in any committees, so would have to go through the full legislative process. The Bill -- the subject of the Bill, and I'll be glad to circulate a copy of it."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: It's related to a definition of, I believe the term is Hinder phobia, Hindu phobia, excuse me. And so I would be glad, in fact, Jasmine and I will pull that Bill and circulate a copy of it to the Board. But it has not advanced beyond being introduced.

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you. I just thought it -- since he did seem very passionate, but I didn't --"

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

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "-- quite understand what he was saying."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Yes, thank you, Commissioner. Great question."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Clerk, do we have anything else?"

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

CLERK GRIER: "No further items."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "County Attorney, before we leave, if you don't mind, by close of business Friday, please give me the delegation of what the Chairman, in absence of the Vice Chairman and the Chairman, what he has the lawfully -- duty that he has as the Chairman to be able to delegate who presides. You don't have to speak about it today. But I would like it by close of business tomorrow, if you don't mind."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Tomorrow or Friday? I'm sorry."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I'm sorry. Friday."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Thank you."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. Thank you."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Thank you. We will provide that."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you. The meeting is officially adjourned."

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.