

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RECESS MEETING**

March 17, 2021

10:00 AM



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



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## **MINUTES**

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**Scheduled date for ratification: April 21, 2021**

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

**10:04 a.m.**

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

Chairman Robb Pitts (At-Large)

**PRESENT**

Commissioner Liz Hausmann (District 1)

**PRESENT**

Commissioner Bob Ellis (District 2)

**PRESENT**

Commissioner Lee Morris (District 3)

**PRESENT**

Vice Chair Natalie Hall (District 4)

**PRESENT**

Commissioner Marvin Arrington (District 5)

**PRESENT**

Commissioner Khadijah Abdur-Rahman (District 6)

**PRESENT**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recite in unison

**CONSENT AGENDA****21-0182 Board of Commissioners**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Ellis, to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended by removing item #21-0192 for separate consideration as requested by Vice Chair Hall. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**21-0183 Board of Commissioners**

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

Proclamation recognizing "Haroun Shahid Wakil Remembrance Day." **(Hall)**  
February 27, 2021

Proclamation recognizing "Ebony: Covering Black America Observance Day."  
**(Arrington)**  
March 5, 2021

Proclamation recognizing "National School Social Work Week." **(Arrington)**  
March 7-13, 2021

Proclamation recognizing "Tamara Carrera Appreciation Day." **(Ellis)**  
March 17, 2021

Proclamation recognizing "Team Carla M. Appreciation Day." **(Arrington)**  
March 17, 2021

Proclamation recognizing "Alfreda Stukes Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**  
March 24, 2021

**Commissioners' District Board Appointments****21-0184 Board of Commissioners**

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS (**APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**)

Term = 2 Years

Term below expired: 12/31/2020

Elijah Tutt (**Hall**)

**Vice Chair Hall nominated Kenneth Haider-Bardill for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2022.**

**Development Authority of Fulton County  
TEFRA (Tax Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act)**

**21-0185 Board of Commissioners**

Execution by Chairman Robert L. Pitts of a TEFRA (Tax Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act) for documentation pertaining to the proposed issuance of its Development Authority of Fulton County Revenue Bonds (Reserve at Hollywood Project) Series 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$28,000,000.00 (the "Bonds"). (**APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**)

**Open & Responsible Government**

**21-0186 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a Water Vault Easement Dedication of 195 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Greenstone Parkway 400, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the Evans General Contractors Office Project at 0 Amber Park Drive, Alpharetta, Georgia 30009. (**APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**)

**21-0187 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 30,431 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Clifton and Clifton, Inc., for the purpose of constructing the Deerhaven Phase 1, 2, and 3 Project at 5850 Dodson Road, Union City, Georgia 30213. (**APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**)

**21-0188 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a Water Line Easement Dedication of 49,113 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from CND-Lowe Lane, LLC for the purpose of constructing the Ashbury Phase 2 Project at 1152 Old Roswell Road, Alpharetta, Georgia 30076. (**APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**)

**21-0189 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a Water Line Easement Dedication of 34,266 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from BW Land, LLC for the purpose of constructing the Grove at Sweet Apple Project at 0 Ebenezer Road, Milton, Georgia 30075. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**21-0190 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a Sewer Relocation Easement Dedication of 528 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from PSH Buckhead, LLC for the purpose of constructing the Element Hotel - Roswell Project at 0 Old Roswell Road, Roswell, Georgia 30076. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**21-0191 Finance**

No action is requested. This reporting is being provided to meet the quarterly reporting requirement for monetary transfers among budget funds per Board Resolution #09-1262. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**21-0192 Finance**

Ratification of February 2021 Grants Activity Report **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Health and Human Services****21-0193 Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities**

Request approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Fulton County, on behalf of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) with Sub-recipients for the new grant award in the amount of \$1,200,000.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. The two MOUs are with (a) the Atlanta Policing Alternatives and Diversion Initiatives (PAD) in the amount of \$1,069,194.00 to provide Diversion Services, and (b) Applied Research Services (ARS) in the amount of \$119,772.00 to provide data collection services for this grant. The County Attorney is authorized to approve the MOUs as to form and make necessary changes thereto prior to execution. The MOUs are effective upon BOC approval through September 2023. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**21-0194 Community Development**

Request approval of a recommended proposal - Department of Community Development, 20RFP110420A-FB, Environmental Review Assessments for 2020 Community Development with the completion of project environmental reviews for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) with BluLynx Solutions, LLC, (Atlanta, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$19,800.00, to assist the Department of Community Development with the completion of project environmental reviews for the ESG, CDBG, and HOME entitlement grant programs and the GA 502 Fulton County Continuum of Care (CoC) grant programs. Effective upon contract execution through September 10, 2022, subject to renewals during the grant term. This procurement is 100% grant-funded. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**21-0195 Community Development**

Request approval to amend the 2019 Action Plan and the related Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Subrecipients contract activities for the City of East Point, Community Assistance Center, North Fulton Community Charities, and Youth Empowerment Success Services and amend the language of The Drake House contract's goal and scope of work. The contracts were approved (#20-0779) at the November 4, 2020, BOC meeting. There is no change to the approved grant allocations. Authorize the County Attorney to approve the amendments. The term of the contracts are October 1, 2020, to July 30, 2021. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**21-0196 Department for HIV Elimination**

Request approval of an "Ending the HIV Epidemic" grant-funded contract with Travelers Aid of Metro Atlanta dba HOPE Atlanta in the amount of \$217,473.00 per year for each of four years (Fiscal Years 2021 - Fiscal Year 2024) subject to Federal funding. The contract is 100% grant funded through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Ending the HIV Epidemic grant with no match requirement. Request authorization for the Chairman to execute contract with selected subrecipient. To protect the interest of the County, the County Attorney is authorized to approve the contract as to form and substance and make any necessary modifications thereto prior to execution by the Chair. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**21-0197 Department for HIV Elimination**

Request approval of an additional "*Ending the HIV Epidemic*" grant funding to Grady Memorial Hospital (D/B/A Grady Health System) for services to be provided in Fiscal Year 2021 through FY2024 in the amount of \$250,000.00 per year. Request authorization for the Chairman to execute contracts with selected subrecipients. To protect the interest of the County, the County Attorney is authorized to approve the contracts as to form and substance and make any necessary modifications thereto prior to execution by the Chair. Effective 3/1/2021. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**21-0198 Department for HIV Elimination**

Request approval of an additional “*Ending the HIV Epidemic*” grant funding to Positive Impact Health Centers, Inc. for services to be provided in Fiscal Year 2021 through FY2024 in the amount of \$250,000.00 per year. Request authorization for the Chairman to execute contracts with selected subrecipients. To protect the interest of the County, the County Attorney is authorized to approve the contracts as to form and substance and make any necessary modifications thereto prior to execution by the Chair. Effective 3/1/2021. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**21-0199 Public Works**

Request approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Fulton County and the Georgia Department of Transportation for the existing Sewer Manhole & Water Valve Box adjustment associated with the Milling and Resurfacing of SR 140 - Arnold Mill Road & Houze Road from 0.08 miles south of the Cherokee County line to CS 217/Houze Way in Fulton County, at an estimated cost of \$59,600.00. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**21-0200 Public Works**

Request approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Fulton County, Georgia and the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (MNGWPD), in the total amount up to \$50,000.00, for continued participation in the District-wide Single-Family Residential Toilet Retrofit program. Effective upon execution until December 31, 2021. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**21-0201 Public Works**

Request approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Fulton County, Georgia and the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (MNGWPD), in the amount up to \$30,000.00, for continued participation in the District-wide Multi-family High Efficiency (HET) Toilet Rebate Program administered by the MNGWPD and pursuant to the requirements of the MNGWPD’s Water Resource Management Plan. Effective upon execution until December 31, 2021. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**RECESS MEETING AGENDA****21-0202 Board of Commissioners**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Vice Chair Hall, to adopt the Recess Meeting Agenda as amended by removing item #21-0222 as requested by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman; and by a super majority vote adding item #21-0229. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**21-0203 Clerk to the Commission**  
Ratification on Minutes **(RATIFIED)**

Recess Meeting minutes, February 17, 2021  
Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, March 3, 2021  
Special Called Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, March 5, 2021

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

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

**21-0204 Board of Commissioners**  
Presentation of Proclamations and Certificates **(NONE)**

**Public Hearings**

**21-0205 Board of Commissioners**  
Public Comment - Citizens are allowed to voice County-related opinions, concerns, requests, etc. during the Public Comment portion of the Commission meeting.  
**Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each. Members of the public will not be allowed to yield or donate time to other speakers. The Public Comment portion of the meeting will not exceed 30 minutes at the Regular Meeting, nor will this portion exceed thirty minutes at the Recess Meeting.** Those who could not speak during Public Comment will be allowed to speak first at a subsequent Board meeting. For more information or to arrange a speaking date, contact the Clerk's Office. **(CONDUCTED/READ INTO THE RECORD)**

**38 Speakers: Reverend Shanan Jones (21-0219 Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections/21-0221 American Rescue Plan); Rodney J. Littles (21-0219 Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections); Donna Renfro Lawson (Library Services); Brandon Tonge (21-0221 American Rescue Plan); Council Member Brian Weaver, City of Johns Creek (21-0221 American Rescue Plan); Andrew Hemming (21-0221 American Rescue Plan); John Funny (21-0221 American Rescue Plan); Ursula Tate (21-0219 Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections); Maggie Goldman (21-0219 Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections); Terri Crawford (21-0219 Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections); Helen Vance (21-0219 Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections/21-0221 American Rescue Plan/21-0220 Voter Suppression); Eric Thomas (Medicaid/Heart Transplant); Brigitte Thorne (21-0219 Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections); Sarah Pedro (21-0219 Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections); Jill Wright (21-0219 Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections); Barbara Mckee (21-0221 American Rescue Plan/21-0219 Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections); Christy McRaine (21-0219 Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections); Judge Cassandra Kirk (Landlord-Tenant Filings/Evictions); Robert Pedro (21-0219 Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections); Cynthia Qualtire (Voter Suppression); Thomas Bose (21-0219**



Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections); Shelia Hamilton (Issues affecting Women & Girls in Fulton County/Tax Commissioner); Marc Wright (21-0219 Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections); Lee Hills (21-0219 Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections); Shelby Bose (21-0219 Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections); Elizabeth Wash (21-0219 Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections); Katrina Hatrak (21-0219 Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections); Cheri Gavin (21-0219 Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections); Pamela Weatherby (21-0219 Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections); Paul McCraine (21-0219 Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections); Melissa Jackson (21-0219 Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections); Keri Hines (21-0219 Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections); Joan Housely (21-0219 Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections); Melissa Brown (21-0219 Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections); Alex Finke (21-0219 Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections); Jill Lindsey (21-0220 Voter Suppression/21-0221 American Rescue Plan); Eric Richardson (21-0219 Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections/21-0221 American Rescue Plan); and Ben Howard (Elder Affairs Services)

**21-0206 Police**

Alcoholic Beverage License - Public Hearing and request approval for license application submitted by Geselle Wine LLC., for the Manufacturer and Wholesale of wine located at 4460 Commerce Circle Unit C, Atlanta Ga. 30336.  
**(CONDUCTED/APPROVED)**

**NO SPEAKERS**

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

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

**Did Not Vote:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD**

**Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority**

**21-0207 Board of Commissioners**  
MARTA Quarterly Briefing **(PRESENTED)**

**COUNTY MANAGER'S ACTION ITEMS**

**Open & Responsible Government**

**21-0208 County Manager**  
Presentation of COVID-19 Operational Response Update. **(PRESENTED)**



**21-0209 Purchasing and Contract Compliance**

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

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

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

**Did Not Vote:** Hausmann

**21-0210 Purchasing and Contract Compliance**

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

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

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

**Did Not Vote:** Hausmann

**21-0211 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval to extend an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, SWC #99999-001-SPD0000154-0001, Facility Maintenance for Preventive Jail Maintenance Services at the South Fulton Municipal Regional Jail at Union City in the amount of \$101,505.75 with CGL Facility Management, LLC (Fayetteville, GA), to provide continued preventive and corrective maintenance repair services at the South Fulton Municipal Jail at Union City for three (3) additional month period. Effective dates: April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**21-0212 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval to utilize Cooperative Purchasing - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, North Georgia Fuel Cooperative (NGFC) Contract #BL113-20, Gasoline and Diesel Fuel in the total amount of \$1,840,500.00 with (A) James River Solutions, LLC, (Ashland, VA) in the amount of \$613,500.00; (B) Colonial Oil Industries, Inc. (Savannah, GA) in the amount of \$613,500.00; and (C) Petroleum Traders Corporation (Fort Wayne, IN) in the amount of \$613,500.00 to provide gasoline and diesel fuel for Fulton County-wide fleet. Effective dates: March 01, 2021 through February 28, 2022, with four renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Did Not Vote:** Arrington

**21-0213 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 20ITB126371C-CG, Towing and Wrecker Services for County Fleet in the amount of \$40,000.00 with S&W Services of Atlanta Inc. (Atlanta, GA), to provide towing and wrecker services for County fleet vehicles. Effective upon execution of contract through December 31, 2021, with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**21-0214 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval to extend an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, RFP#15RFP98638K-JD, Comprehensive Operation and Preventive and Predictive Maintenance Services for Fulton County Jail in the amount of \$1,255,002.00 with Johnson Controls, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) to provide continued comprehensive operation, preventive and corrective maintenance services for the Fulton County Jail for an additional three (3) months period. Effective dates: April 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**21-0215 Finance**

Request approval of a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, GA authorizing the distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement, Notice of Sale, and Official Bid Form for the 2021 Tax Anticipation Note. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Health and Human Services****21-0216 Community Development**

Request approval of the 2021 Community Services Program (CSP) Evaluation Committee recommendations in the amount of \$5,363,958.00. CSP funding will support the delivery of essential community services to Fulton County Residents in the areas of: Children and Youth Services; Disabilities; Economic Stability/Poverty; Homelessness; and Senior Services. **(APPROVED AS AMENDED)**

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

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Hausmann, to approve with a friendly amendment to allocate an additional \$8 million, upon receipt, from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to fully fund the CSP Program if qualified as an allowable expense. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**21-0217 Public Works**

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Department of Public Works, 21ITB000003A-CJC, Water Quality Monitoring in the amount of \$100,512.00 with Integrated Science Engineering, Inc. (Newman, GA), to provide water quality monitoring services. Effective upon execution of contract through December 31, 2021 with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Justice and Safety****21-0218 Emergency Services**

Request approval to award a contract without competition - Department of Emergency Services, Upgrade of the 911 HigherGround Recording System in the amount of \$82,570.00 with AMR Business Products, Inc., DECA (Marietta, GA) to provide professional services required to upgrade and maintain the department's current recording system. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS****21-0219 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution expressing the intent of the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County regarding the appointment, hiring, and termination powers of the Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections; and for other purposes. **(Ellis) (HELD)**

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

b. A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Vice Chair Hall, to hold items #21-0219 and #21-0220. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**Nay:** Hausmann, Ellis, and Morris

**21-0220 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution expressing the intent of the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County regarding the authority to terminate the Fulton County Elections Supervisor; and for other purposes. **(Arrington/Hall) (HELD)**

A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Vice Chair Hall, to hold items #21-0219 and #21-0220. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**Nay:** Hausmann, Ellis, and Morris

**21-0221 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution in Support and Acceptance of the “American Rescue Plan” Coronavirus Relief Law. **(Abdur-Rahman/Hall/Arrington)**  
**(APPROVED AS AMENDED)**

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

**Yea:** Pitts, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**Abstain:** Morris

**Did Not Vote:** Hausmann, and Ellis

**21-0222 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution in Support of Voters’ Rights, Equal Access to the Ballot, and Stopping “Jim Crow” Voter Suppression. **(Abdur-Rahman) (REMOVED)**

**ITEM REMOVED AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN**

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**Commissioners' Full Board Appointments****21-0223 Board of Commissioners**

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF FULTON COUNTY (NORTHSIDE) **(Morris)**  
**(APPROVED)**

Term = 4 years

Terms below expire: 4/1/2021

Mark J. Sweeny **(BOC 5)**

Alvin Sermons **(BOC 6)**

Dr. Lawrence B. Stone **(BOC 4)**

The Board of Trustees of the Hospital Authority of Fulton County (Northside) submitted the following slate of names for the Board of Commissioners' consideration to terms ending April 1, 2025.

**Position #4 - Lawrence B. Stone, M.D., Elizabeth P. Steinhaus, M.D., Jennifer L. Amerson, M.D.**

**Position #5 - Mark J. Sweeney, Steven G. Moss, M.D., John B. Neeld, Jr., M.D.**

**Position #6 - Alvin L. Sermons, M.D., Bruce G. Green, M.D., Paul D. Boyce, M.D.**

**The Board of Commissioners submitted a slate of three (3) names, per position, to the Hospital Authority of Fulton County, for selection of one (1) person to be appointed by the Authority for each position.**

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

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

**COUNTY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS****Open & Responsible Government****21-0224 External Affairs**

Presentation: 2021 Legislative Agenda Update **(PRESENTED)**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hall and seconded by Commissioner Arrington, to support policy positions: evictions record sealing and Medicaid coverage for heart transplants. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**Did Not Vote:** Hausmann, and Morris

**21-0225 Select Fulton**

Presentation: WorkSource Fulton Update (**PRESENTED**)

**COMMISSIONERS' PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS****21-0175 Board of Commissioners**

Presentation: Aerotropolis Atlanta (**Arrington**) (**HELD ON 3/3/21**) (**PRESENTED**)

**21-0226 Board of Commissioners**

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

**21-0227 Board of Commissioners**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION****21-0228 Board of Commissioners**

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

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

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

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Chairman Pitts, to approve the settlement in the amount of \$6,200.00 in Cheri Rau v. Theodore Jackson and Mark Adger, USDC Northern District of Georgia 1:18-cv-04424 and authorizing the Chairman to execute the Settlement Agreement . The motion passed by the following vote:

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

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Chairman Pitts, to approve the representation requests in items #2, #3, and #4 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

d. A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Commissioner Ellis, to appoint Dr. Karen Sullivan as the Medical Examiner at a salary of \$265,000.00 per year. The motion passed by the following vote:

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



e. A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Commissioner Hausmann, to appoint William Yates as Police Chief at a salary of \$144,000.00. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

## ITEMS ADDED TO THE RECESS MEETING AGENDA

### 21-0229 Board of Commissioners

**COMMISSIONERS' ITEM** - Request approval of a Resolution supplementing the Board of Commissioners' December 17, 2008 Resolution consenting to the inclusion of certain Fulton County taxes in the computation of the Tax Allocation Increment for City of Atlanta Tax Allocation District Number One-Westside so as to consent to and ratify the use of a portion of County Tax Increment for one project within the Westside Tax Allocation District. **(Morris) (APPROVED)**

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Arrington, to approve adding item #21-0229 to the Recess Meeting Agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Vice Chair Hall, to approve item #21-0229. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morning and welcome to the Recess Meeting of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. Today is March 17th. It is approximately 10:04 a.m. Madam Clerk, would you call the roll, please?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "Chairman Robb Pitts."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Present."

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

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Present."

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

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Present."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Present."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Vice Chair Natalie Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Present."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Commissioner Marvin Arrington, Jr."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Present."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Commissioner Kadijah Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Present."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you. Please, rise, wherever you are, for the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. "

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

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

**CLERK GRIER:** "On Page 2, Consent Agenda. **21-0182**, 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 recess meeting agenda for separate consideration. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have one item to be removed for separate consideration as requested by Vice Chair Hall. On Page 4, 21-0192, ratification of the February 2021 grant activity report."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "That's it? Anything else, Commissioners, from the Consent Agenda? If not, I'll entertain a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended."

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

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

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Second."

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

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

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

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have one item requested to be added to today's Recess Meeting Agenda. On the bottom of the Add-on Memo sponsored by Commissioner Morris, 21-02 --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Is this an emergency?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "It was --"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Let me -- let me address that if I may, Mr. Chairman."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Sure. Go ahead, Commissioner."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "As -- as you know, when this commission approved the extension of the West Side TAD in 2008, it provided that any use of any West Side TAD funds after December 31st of 2018 had to be approved by this commission. This is a minor item. It is probably technically not an emergency, but we thought that the law department was going to make sure this got onto the agenda. It did not. It is a grant for \$75,000 to a nonprofit in English Avenue to deal with workforce readiness training and job placement and because of our calendar, with five Wednesdays in March, if we don't do it today it won't get approved until April 7th which is a long time for this nonprofit to wait for this money. So I would ask in view of the calendar issue and its need -- this nonprofit's need for this funding right away, that we go ahead and add it to the agenda."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "I would so move that we add it to the agenda."

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

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Second."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "I second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Properly moved and seconded. This is a supermajority of five permanent votes. Madam Clerk. Actually me, all right."

**CLERK GRIER:** "The vote is open."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ellis." **COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

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

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

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

**CLERK GRIER:** "On Page 6 --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Oh, by the way, before I forget, we will have a hard stop, Mr. Manager. This is more for you and your team at 1:00."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay, thank you sir. Continue, Madam Clerk."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "On Page 6, Recess Meeting Agenda. **21-0202**, Adoption of the Recess Meeting Agenda. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have one item to be removed from today's Agenda. On page 9, sponsored by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, 21-0222. Request approval of a Resolution in support of voters' right, equal access to the ballot, ballot and stopping Jim Crow voter suppression."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Any other items on the Agenda? Any adjustments? If not --"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Mr. Chairman, I'll move that we approve the Agenda with those two changes."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Properly moved and seconded. Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

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

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "21-0203, ratification of minutes, Recess Meeting minutes February 17th, 2021. Regular Meeting Post Agenda minutes March 3rd. Special called meeting Post Agenda minutes March 5th, 2021."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "What's your pleasure?"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Move approval."

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

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

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

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."



**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Sorry, I was muted with my, yes."

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

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

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

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

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

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "There are no presentations of proclamations today. Continuing on page 6, Public Hearings, **21-0205**, Public Comment. Citizens wishing to participate in public comment registered online to join the public comment portion of the Zoom call or can submit public comment in by e-mail or by filling out the form located on the County website [www.fultoncountyGA.gov](http://www.fultoncountyGA.gov). Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each. The public will not be allowed to yield or donate time to other speakers. The public comment portion of the meeting will not exceed 30 minutes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. How many do we have?"

**DARRYL CARVER:** "We have in excess of two dozen of these that were submitted online, sir."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Did you say two dozen?"

**DARRYL CARVER:** "That's correct. Approximately 30 of these submitted online."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay."

**DARRYL CARVER:** "Some are very short. Some are longer."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right on the longer ones, as you know, we have 30 seconds, then I'll say 30 seconds."

**DARRYL CARVER:** "Thank you, sir. Thank you, sir."

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

**DARRYL CARVER:** "The first of these is from Reverend Shanan Jones of Atlanta. I am Reverend Shanan Jones, President of Concerned Black Clergy of Metropolitan Atlanta, I write to ask that despite Commissioner Bob Ellis' Resolution to strip this

august body of its authority to oversee the Fulton County Board of Registration and Election's actions. You should not vote to limit your governing power. As elected commissioners, you are our representatives. Your votes should reflect our voice and our voice should not be rendered to the wiles of an appointed body. Your voice must remain with the elected body of which we voted to represent our issues and concerns. Next, in regard to the federal funding that's coming to Fulton County, please remember there's several vetted organizations are serving the needs of Fulton County residents every day. That funding should flow to and through the organizations that are on the front lines serving the real needs of underserved Fulton residents. It should also go to raising the pay of Fulton County employees. They -- they have been awesome in delivering services through the COVID-19 pandemic. Such funding should go to summer employment programs and summer youth programs. This would directly affect the vast -- vastly proliferated issues of youth-centered crime and violence in our County. Lastly, the 200 plus million dollars in federal funding should offer expansive mortgage and rental assistance and offer financial assistance to small businesses. Let's do what's just and equitable to Fulton County. It's up to you, our Commissioners, to serve Fulton County with righteous integrity and not for personal political gain. For this, we would thank you. And for this, would retain our votes. Thank you for your earnest consideration of these requests. May God bless you and all of Fulton County."

**REGINA WALLER:** Public comment by Rodney J. Littles. Comment: I am a resident of the City of South Fulton and a 2018 graduate of the Fulton County Citizens' University. We were taught in class that the County staff is charged with providing services to the public that have a positive impact on the citizens' lives, to improve the quality of life, deliver these services efficiently and cost-effectively. The Chair told us that the County is a big deal. Are you living up to this oath? Myself along with political leaders in the South Fulton County region cities have met and we all agreed that it would be a dereliction of your oath of office as County elected officials to reject the stimulus funds of \$200 million. Our group represents a population of over 300,000 people who should not be fearful of your actions on their behalf that would attempt to suppress the right to vote of its citizens. We also agree as a group that you should not support Commissioner Ellis' Resolution to gut the operations of the Elections Board. We support Commissioner Arrington's Resolution to remain the process that keeps a final revocation of hiring and firing with the County Commission. I leave you with a quote from the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., "the ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

**DARRYL CARVER:** "Next, public comment from Donna Renfro Lawson. God morning elected, selected, and rejected engaged listeners. We're experiencing some disconnected management in our library services that adversely affects our community and tampers with the intellectual well-being of staff and patrons. Deprivation of access to information is another way to describe the matter. The understanding is that the Board of Library -- the Library Board of Trustees chaired by Commissioner Marvin Arrington's appointee, Mr. Darren "Chip" Joyner, is to represent the voices and input of

the citizens. How can he do this when he does not respond? My needs are important. Previously, I reported that the Executive Director, Gayle Hunter Holloman, has betrayed the Board by withholding information. The official approved minutes are open to everyone for reading. Library services are serious and well-funded. Hint, the 29 plus million dollars provided to the department for the expenditure of one million plus residents of our County and others. Yet, Dr. Pamela Roshell, Chief Operating Officer does not respond -- does not reply as expected. Nor does she designate someone to communicate on her behalf, according to my notations. What is right with this management technique? Kimberly Snoddy-George is a library manager. She does not reply. Is she employed with the FCLS? She has a job duty of opening and responding to open records request inquiries. Deputy Attorney Steven Rosenberg can verify that he cannot explain, record content or explanatory notes and library documentation. I have privacy and confidentiality concerns with my library records, and I feel that other library patrons might be unaware of what could possibly be in their files. There are over -- there are official Georgia -- codes of Georgia pertains to library services and guidelines are seemingly being overlooked and/or violated. Commissioner Pitts your input is needed immediately. Linda Jordan is your representative. How do the constituents contact her with library concerns. Commissioner Arrington, your Chief of Staff, Dorsha Simmons, and community engagement representative, Mitsah Henry have been asked to assist. Their ability to respond is in urgent need of your support. Our libraries are in a foul-play situation and the community is suffering due to deprived access for information. The mission of the libraries --

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Fifteen seconds."

**DARRYL CARVER:** "However, I believe they can be restored. We need to rebuild the model. The people are waiting on the elected commissioners to be proactive with their library services."

**REGINA WALLER:** "Public comment by Brandon Tonge. Commissioners, good morning. Chairman Pitts, let me thank you personally before I start. You may not remember me, but I worked to help you get elected, and you definitely know how to throw a heck of a victory party we had in Buckhead on Paces Ferry with your family, Harriet Thomas and friends. You told me that night if I ever needed anything, just to give you a call. Today, Mr. Chairman, I am making that call and I hope you will answer. That said, I do greet all of your colleagues including my Commissioner, Natalie Hall, who represent my neighborhood in historic West End. My name is Brandon Tonge. I am a Morehouse and Clark Atlanta graduate and have owned Lemonade Events Production for a decade. And my business was impacted by the pandemic. I do want to thank Commissioner Khadijah for visiting me last weekend to learn how my special events company is suffering. I had to furlough bartenders, wait staff, florists, photographers, and others last year. You see, with no events, there are no customers and no customers meant no revenue for any sustaining amount. For example, one of the private Metro Atlanta colleges, a client we have, we did like \$20,000 in business in 2019. But last year, less than \$700 with that client. I say all of this to say that, Mr.

Chairman, I want us to have some more victory parties, but we cannot do that without a little help from our government. Today, you all can start that process by accepting the American Rescue Acts Fund targeted for Fulton County. And it's not just my company, but hundreds of other small businesses in Fulton County that need help. My dad, for example, owns a small company in Buckhead. He employs people too but had to let them go. If we had just a little help from the \$200 million of our tax money we sent to Washington, that would help us rebound in a big way. Please note and adopt the resolution the commissioner has brought forward and accept and start the process to use the American rescue dollars. Thank you for your time."

**DARRYL CARVER:** "Public comment by Brian Weaver. Good morning, Mr. Chairman, and greetings to my Commissioner, Liz Hausmann, and to all fellow commissioners. I'm council member Brian Weaver of the city of Johns Creek. I'm a retired Fulton County police officer with more than 26 years of service here before joining the Johns Creek police department and retiring as a major second-in-command before winning a seat on our city council. I come today to enthusiastically support and urge your unanimous passage of the Resolution to accept the money coming to our County from the American Rescue Plan signed by President Biden last week. As elected officials, I know that -- I know that you know that every dollar matters when we should send our hard-earned taxpayer dollars to Washington. It's nice to get some of that money back to help us here at home. I have people in Johns Creek who have been hit hard by the pandemic both health wise and economically. The money coming to the County will be an economic shot in the arm just as much as a vaccine is a shot in the arm to fight the pandemic. Money in the pockets, shot in the arm, per President Biden. Our city will also receive federal funds from the rescue plan, but in Johns Creek we still pay County taxes too. So again, I asked that all of you, all commissioners, to unanimously support the Resolution before you today that would accept these federal dollars. And I ask you to put them to good use to not only help my constituents, but everyone who lives and works in Fulton County. God bless you and thank you so much."

**REGINA WALLER:** "Public comment. Andrew Hemming. Commissioners, good morning, especially to my Commissioner Lee Morris and Chairman Robb Pitts who represent the area in which my business is located. My name is Andrew Hemming, and I have been a long-time taxpayer and Fulton County and I own Jeane's Body Tech Gym and Fitness Center. We have been in Buckhead since 1987. However, the pandemic -- I'm sorry. However, the pandemic forced us to drastically reduce hours and cut staff and our payroll. Our income diminished, but the rent and other bills did not. Because clientele was reduced, our income was shot, and we have barely been able to keep our doors open. I am writing today because I cannot join you live. I'm asking and pleading that Commissioner Morris, Pitts, and the rest of you worthy officials approve the Resolution to support and accept the American Rescue Act Funds earmarked for this County. A grant from -- from the County to small businesses like mine will be the financial shot in the arm we need to make it through the pandemic. I understand that you may be considering home mortgage help, summer jobs for our kids and art funding too. These are great ideas, and I hope you will be able to really provide some real help

to those who need it. Best of luck. God bless you in your deliberations. And please, if you do nothing else today, pass this Resolution. We need the help to stay open and get back to normal life. Thank you for your time. And thanks for listening."

**DARRYL CARVER:** "Public comment by John Funny of Alpharetta: Good morning, Mr. Chairman and greetings to my Commissioner Lee Morris. Who represents the District from which my business is located, in Buckhead. And to all of you who serve as our Commissioners, good morning. My name is John Jay Funny. I am the owner of Grice Consulting Group, a long-time civil transportation engineering firm. The last time I was with you, you all presented me and my fraternity with the proclamation for Alpha Phi Alpha Day in Fulton County. Today, however, I'm here to simply ask you to adopt and approve the Resolution to support and accept the federal rescue dollars from the recent bill signed into law by President Biden. Small businesses like mine were impacted by the pandemic. Any relief that you can provide us from the millions of dollars Fulton is about to receive from the federal government is greatly needed and will be appreciated."

**REGINA WALLER:** "Public comment, Ursula Tate of Alpharetta. I am against current voter suppression activities in Georgia and do not support changes given the Fulton County Commission power to hire and fire the Elections Board's Director of Operations."

**DARRYL CARVER:** "Public comment by Maggie Goldman. We have checks and balances for a reason. And as the commission manages the budget for the elections department, the commission should maintain approval over their director."

**REGINA WALLER:** "Public comment by Terri Crawford of Roswell. The authority of the BOE Board to make recommendations to the County Commission on the Director of the BOE should stay as it currently is. There is no reason to make any change and cut the legs out from under the BOE Board in its responsibility."

**DARRYL CARVER:** "Public comment by Helen Vance of South Fulton. My name is Helen Vance, a resident of Fulton County, City of South Fulton Old National East Subdivision, District Six. I'm here to say two things: One, I support the plan to accept the Federal Rescue plan money signed by President Biden last week. I know Fulton is about to get \$200 million, and we definitely should accept that relief and help our homeowners from foreclosure and also our renters too. Plus, let's give our County staff a raise. Help out our mom-and-pop businesses and give our kids summer job programs to keep them out of trouble and off the street. Second, no voter suppression. Please reject Commissioner Ellis' Resolution and support Commissioner Arrington's Resolution to keep the County Commission as the final say as to who is in charge of the elections office. You should not give up that authority. We elected you all. We don't elect the Registration and Elections Board. They recommend, but we expect you all to decide on who is hired or fired to run the County's elections. Thank you."

**REGINA WALLER:** "Public comment Eric Thomas of Atlanta. Good morning members of the Fulton County Commission. I am submitting this comment in support of

the resolution supporting and promoting Georgia Medicaid to provide resources for heart transplants for all residents of the State of Georgia. I received a heart transplant 16 months ago and my quality-of-life has changed drastically. Unfortunately, so many other Georgians cannot enjoy this due to their insurance. I was truly benefited by my heart transplant and I want others to benefit as well."

**DARRYL CARVER:** "Public comment by Brigitte Thorne of Alpharetta. I listened in on the Board of Registration and Elections meeting last week. It was incredibly awkward that they were forced to work with Elections Director, Richard Barron, who they had fired. Barron presented a plan for improvements. He did not have any of their input for this plan. You, the Fulton County Commissioners have rendered the Fulton Board of Registration and Elections practically useless. It was clearly evident that Richard Barron cannot will not work with them. He will do his own thing and simply represent to them what he is doing. After all, he has job security that was granted to him from this partisan board. The running of our election should never be partisan. You have a 600 plus page agenda packet today with everything from toilet debates to HIV funding. Now, you're going to deem yourselves experts on running our elections too. Ms. Hall, have sent e-mails to your office to request the facts that your decision was based on. I have not heard back. I thought you were sincere when you said anyone could request these facts. Facts are that the voter may have -- may not have experienced long lines and broken equipment, but their vote was poorly handled and in some cases not counted. The process of securing the vote was broken. I have watched as a happy-faces temp, who was a former airport bartender from Lithonia who was a former airport bartender from Lithonia be in charge of the mishandling of 400 plus -- 400, I'm sorry, 40,000 plus ballots from early voting at State Farm arena. Ballots were found the next day in the warehouse. We couldn't determine if they were real or a test. So we canceled them. Ralph Jones' team was still counting ballots ten days after the election. The actual November ballot counts were 528,035, then 528,777 --

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Fifteen seconds."

**DARRYL CARVER:** "-- then 527,925. Barron said they lost -- they just lost a few here or there. Oh well, close enough. So it was barely certified. On the January 5th Election, they failed to upload the results too."

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

**REGINA WALLER:** "Public comment, Sarah Pedro. I support the Board of Elections having the sole power to terminate election officials, such as the director, who they recently terminated. It is not fair that the Board of Commissioners who do not manage the activities of these personnel would turn over the will of the Board of Elections. I support Bob Ellis' position on this matter."

**DARRYL CARVER:** "Public comment by Jill Wright of Milton. I'm writing to support Commissioner Ellis' Resolution giving the Board of -- Fulton County Board of



Registration and Elections the ultimate authority to terminate the Director of Elections. They are the officials who work closely with the Director and have the firsthand knowledge of the director's abilities and actions with regard to his role."

**REGINA WALLER:** "Public comment, Barbara McKee of the city of South Fulton County Government. I am Barbara McKee, a resident of Fulton County. I am here to say two things. One, I support the plan to accept the federal rescue plan money signed by President Biden last week. I know Fulton is to get about \$200 million, and we definitely would accept that relief and help our homeowners from foreclosure and also renters too. Plus, let's give our County staff a raise. Help out our mom-and-pop small businesses and give our kids a summer job program to keep them out of trouble and off the street. Second, no voter suppression. Please reject Commissioner Ellis' Resolution and support Commissioner Arrington's Resolution to keep the County Commission as the final say on who is in charge of the Elections Office. You should not give up that authority. We elected you all. We don't elect the Registration and Election Board. They recommend, but we expect you all to decide and who is to hire and fire to run the County's elections. Thank you."

**DARRYL CARVER:** "Public comment by Christy McRaine of Roswell: The Board of Registration and Elections fired the director. The Board of Commissioners under Rob Pitts overstepped their boundaries and overturned their decision. It should be the ultimate authority of the Elections Board, not the Board of Commissioners, to hire and fire the Director of Elections. I support Bob Ellis' Resolution to honor the Election's Board having the authority."

**REGINA WALLER:** "Public comment, Cassandra Kirk, Chief Magistrate Judge of Fulton County. Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Commission, thank you for accepting written comments in lieu of my presence. I write in support of Vice Chair Hall in resubmitting the Resolution that will clarify our landlord-tenant documents. And I thank the honorable members of this Board of Commissions for your insight and courage in putting forth a Resolution that will aid the landlords and tenants of Fulton County. Not all the annual 45,000 landlord-tenant filings in Magistrate Court result in an eviction. This legislation allows a true picture of the applicants and an opportunity for financial relief in appropriate situations. I look forward to providing additional support and suggestions as we continue to lead in Fulton County. Respectfully submitted."

**DARRYL CARVER:** "Public comment by Robert Pedro of Alpharetta. It should be the ultimate authority of the Election's Board, not the Board of Commissioners, to hire and fire their Director of Elections. We are fully supporting Bob Ellis' resolution to honor the Elections Board having the authority."

**REGINA WALLER:** "Public comment, Cynthia Qualtire of Milton. Good morning. I am a resident of Fulton County, and the Board of Elections must be given the power to terminate Mr. Barron due to his lack of performance and the number of malicious acts permitted under his watch. I am a victim of voter suppression because I voted in the presidential election, and the Fulton County Elections no longer shows me as having



voted or as a registered voter. I have my voter registration card, but my vote did not count. I never could have imagined the amount of election tampering that was allowed under his watch. Elections must have integrity and be fair to all who are registered to vote. Thank you."

**DARRYL CARVER:** "Public comment by Thomas Bose of Alpharetta: I support the Resolution giving the Board of Registration and Elections power to terminate. The Board of Commissioners should not be allowed to override the Board of Elections as they did in the firing of Richard Barron. No other county in the state allows this. Fulton County should not either. It only further propagates the notion that Fulton County is corrupt. Approving this resolution will help dispel that perception. I urge you strongly to support the Resolution giving the registration -- Board of Registration and Elections power to terminate. Thank you."

**REGINA WALLER:** "Public comment, Sheila Hamilton. Greetings Commissioners. First, I wish to thank Commissioner Rahman for her leadership as my commissioner. I'm -- I'm always excited when a woman is in leadership. As I am virtually attending the 65th United Nations Commission on the status of women, March 14th through 16th in New York joining 25,000 women and a few men, I feel especially empowered today as a woman and an activist. As such, I send concerns today about the ways that Fulton County addresses issues that affect women and girls in Fulton County, such as awarding of contracts, safety and health disparities, such as our bus stops adequately lighted. Are the needs of seniors, especially women, being met? Are rural needs of women and girls being adequately met in Fulton County? Just to name a few concerns. I'm sorry. Last, on another topic, what is being done about Fulton County Tax Commissioner, Arthur Ferdinand's supplemental salary with fees he has paid to collect taxes resulting in this being the highest paid Tax Commissioner in Georgia at approximately \$250,000. What answer does this commission have the WSB Special Monday Night that aired on March 15, 2021, by Justin Gray where an Alpharetta homeowner was auctioned on the courthouse steps. The homeowner's unpaid tax bill of \$1,600 was sold to Investor Services by Ferdinand's office. Although, it is a homeowner's responsibility to keep up with taxes due, there must be a better system of notifying a homeowner when this transaction takes place. Ferdinand's office is notorious for not notifying homeowners with these transactions occur and also for changing homeowner records without approval when an address change occurs resulting in taxes being increased, resulting in a lien placed on the home with additional taxes due. I was a victim of this practice when I changed my address to my daughter's mailing address in another county due to mail problems. Result, increased taxes without notification with a lien placed on my house. I found out when applying for a bank loan. Liens from tax offices have since been removed from credit bureau reports due to these unethical practices --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Fifteen minutes."

**REGINA WALLER:** "-- this means more accountability by this Commission and some housing -- housecleaning."

**DARRYL CARVER:** "Public comment by Marc Wright of Milton. Greetings, commissioners. I am writing to support Commissioner Ellis' Resolution to grant ultimate authority to the Fulton County Registration and Elections Board, not the Board of Commissioners, to hire and fire the Director of Elections."

**REGINA WALLER:** "Public comment by Lee Hills of Roswell. Good morning, Commissioners. I am writing to support Commissioners Ellis' Resolution to grant ultimate authority to the Fulton County Registration and Elections Board to hire and fire the Director of Elections, not the Board of Commissioners."

**DARRYL CARVER:** "Public comment by Shelby Bose of Alpharetta. Please support the Resolution giving the Board of Registration and Elections the power to terminate. The Board of Commissioners should not be allowed to override the Board of Elections as they did in the firing of Richard Barron. No other County in the state allows this. Fulton County shouldn't either. It only supports the impression that Fulton County is corrupt. Approving this Resolution will help. I urge you to strongly support the Resolution given the Board of Registrations and Elections power to terminate. Thank you."

**REGINA WALLER:** "Public comment by Elizabeth Wash of Roswell. Comment: The Elections Board should have ultimate authority to fire their officials, employees including the Director of Elections, not the Board of Commissioners. I am supporting Bob Ellis' Resolution to honor the Election's Board having the authority."

**REGINA WALLER:** "Public comment by Katrina Hatrack. Greetings, Commissioners. I am writing to support Commissioner Ellis' Resolution to grant ultimate authority to the Fulton County Registration and Elections Board, not the Board of Commissioners, to hire and fire the director of Elections."

**DARRYL CARVER:** "Public comment by Cheri Gavin of Milton. I support Commissioner Ellis' Resolution to grant ultimate authority to the Fulton County Registrations and Election Board, not the Board of Commissioners to hire and fire the Director of Elections."

**REGINA WALLER:** "Public comment by Pamela Weatherby of Roswell. Greetings, Commissioners. I am writing to support Commissioner Ellis' Resolution to grant ultimate authority to the Fulton County Registration and Elections Board, not the Board of Commissioners, to hire and fire the Director of Elections."

**DARRYL CARVER:** "Public comment by Paul McCraime of Roswell. I would like the Board of Registration and Elections to have the power to terminate election officials. The Board of Commissioners should not be allowed to override the Board of Elections."

**REGINA WALLER:** "Public comment by Melissa Jackson of Milton. Good morning. I'm writing to support Commissioner Ellis' Resolution to grant ultimate authority to Fulton County Registration and Elections Board, not the Board of Commissioners, to hire and fire the Director of Elections.

**DARRYL CARVER:** "Public comment by Keri Hines of Roswell. Greetings, Commissioners. I'm writing to support Commissioner Ellis' Resolution to grant ultimate authority to both Fulton County Registration and Elections Board, not the Board of Commissioners, to hire and fire Registration -- the Director of Elections. The Board of Commissioners should not be allowed to override the Board of Elections. No other county in the state allows this. Fulton County should not either."

**DARRYL CARVER:** "Public comment by Joan Housley of Canton: Good morning, Commissioners. I'm writing to support Commissioner Ellis' Resolution to grant ultimate authority to the Fulton County Registration and Elections Board, not the Board of Commissioners, to hire and fire the Director of Elections. Have a wonderful day and thanks in advance for supporting your constituents."

**REGINA WALLER:** "Public comment by Melissa Brown of Roswell. Greetings, Commissioners. I'm writing to support Commissioner Ellis' Resolution to grant ultimate authority to the Fulton County Registration and Elections Board, not the Board of Commissioners, to hire and fire the Director of Elections."

**DARRYL CARVER:** "Public comment by Alex Finke. Greetings, Commissioners, I am writing to support Commissioners Ellis' Resolution to grant ultimate authority to the Fulton County Registration and Election Board, not the Board of Commissioners, to hire and fire the Director of Elections."

**REGINA WALLER:** "Public comment by Jill Lindsey. Good morning, Commissioners. I Jill Lindsey, a resident of Fulton County. I support the Resolution to keep the Commission's oversight role when it comes to the actions of the elections office. Please continue to do this. We don't need no voter suppression and taking away your oversight role is nothing but voter suppression. On the new federal rescue money, I want to add my voice to say please vote, yes, on accepting and using the federal money. We need to help now for the people to stay in our homes, keep our small businesses open, and young people who need summer jobs and put food on the table. Thank you."

**DARRYL CARVER:** "That will be the final of the ones submitted via e-mail."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you. How many more?"

**DARREN SMITH, IT:** "Mr. Chairman, we have five attendees that raised their hand."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay."

**DARREN SMITH, IT:** "Sheila Hamilton."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ms. Hamilton?"

**SHELIA HAMILTON:** "Mine was read already."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you, Ms. Hamilton."

**DARREN SMITH, IT:** "Mr. Chairman, we have next, Myra Ray."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Myra Ray."

**DARREN SMITH, IT:** "Next we have Eric Richardson."

**ERIC RICHARDSON:** "Hello Commissioners. My name is Eric Richardson. I am the Vice Chair for Political Direction for the Fulton County Democratic Party. I agreed with my colleagues in South Fulton that you need to retain the right to hire and fire and oversee the Board of Elections. I also ask that you accept the federal funds from the CARES Act. The cities of South Fulton all included, took a big hit last year when you rejected funds from Washington and we went through a pandemic. We need your support in accepting those funds to keep the South region alive. I support Commissioner Arrington's Resolution and reject that of Commissioner Ellis. Thank you."

**DARREN SMITH, IT:** "Next, Mr. Chairman. We have Mr. Ben Howard."

**BEN HOWARD:** "Thank you. Greetings, Commissioners. And greetings also to you, citizens and voters of Fulton County who are watching and/or listening to your County government in action. Ben Howard, Senior Advocate, Public Policy Analyst. My comments again today fall into two areas. First, the commission on elder affairs met on the second Friday of this month, March 12th, but due to a lack of a quorum, I was unable to discuss matters like agenda item 21-0216 regarding the distribution of the \$5.3 million for community service programs. Permit me to suggest that until the Council on Aging restructuring has been completed, that the Commission on Elder Affairs bylaws be changed to allow for one representative from each of the four senior multipurpose facilities. Secondly, in light of the comprehensive restructuring of the Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections with Alex Wan at the helm, I suggest we move on. This can be done expeditiously by rejecting ordinance 21-0219 challenging this commission's authority to loan Board and by adopting ordinance 21-0220 and ordinance 21-0222, which both support the rights of Fulton County voters. May we all have a blessed day."

**DARREN SMITH, IT:** "Thank you. Next, we have John J. Funny"

**JOHN JFUNKY:** "Good morning, Mr. Chairman, and greetings to the commissioners here this morning. My comment was read in the record already. I just wanted to let you

know that I'm here live and I was prepared to read it, but my comments were read already. Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you, Mr. Funny."

**DARREN SMITH, IT:** "Next, we have Brandon Thomas."

**BRANDON THOMAS:** "Yes, good morning, Commissioners. My comment was also read live. I just want to put it on the record that I was here in person today."

**DARREN SMITH, IT:** "Thank you. And once again we'll try Myra Ray. So ends the public comments."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "That's it?"

**DARREN SMITH, IT:** "Yes, sir."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Thank you, everyone, for your participation. Madam Clerk, continue."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "Bottom of page 6, **21-0206**, Police; alcohol beverage license. Public hearing and request approval of licensed application submitted by Geselle Wine, LLC, for the manufacturer and wholesale of wine located at 4460 Commerce Circle, Unit C, Atlanta, Georgia."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. This is a public hearing?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Anyone to speak on the public hearing? Anyone to speak? What? Commissioner Hall? Anyone from the public to speak?"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "I'm sorry. I don't know how my hand got raised."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Anyone from the public to speak?"

**DARREN SMITH, IT:** "Mr. Chair, would you ask them to raise their hand if they'd like to be called upon. We don't have anybody that raised their hands, but --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. So no one present to speak on this matter? So I will close the public hearing."

**CLERK GRIER:** "We need a vote."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "To approve?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "Yes, sir."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, the request is for approval. I'll entertain a motion."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Move approval, Mr. Chairman."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Is there a second? I'll second. Let's vote, please. Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

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

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

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

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** On Page 7, **21-0207**. MARTA Quarterly briefing."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Mr. Parker? Mr. Parker?"

**JEFFREY PARKER, CEO, MARTA:** "I'm here. Can you hear me now, Mr. Chairman?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes. Yes, we can hear you."

**JEFFREY PARKER, CEO, MARTA:** "Turn my video on. I will -- I have a brief presentation, we'll move through quickly. I know you mentioned that you have a hard stop first. There's a presentation that I believe your staff has. I'd like to recognize, while that's being brought up, members of the MARTA Board from Fulton County, Freda Hardage and Stacy Blakely and thank them for their support of both me personally and MARTA and Fulton County. Did that presentation --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Do you have -- hold on, Mr. Parker. Do you have the presentation?"

**DARREN SMITH, IT:** "We're working on bringing it up now, sir."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay."

**JEFFREY PARKER, CEO, MARTA:** "I'm going to move along as that's coming up, if that's all right. I'd like to -- our agenda items, I'm going to present four of them and then my colleague, Collie Greenwood, my Deputy General Manager's going to talk about our bus network redesign. I want to review where we are with our essential bus service, the MARTA 2040 Program. Our partnerships that we have with Fulton County as well as the federal outlook. Critical to our services here -- essential bus services that we've implemented and we're keenly aware of the feedback that elected officials in the jurisdictions have been getting about this concerning how constituents have been affected by the suspension of several bus routes. And I want to reiterate a few points. And specifically, we've been undertaking a substantial effort, and if you could go right to slide four, that would be great. We've been implementing several safety measures to make sure that we can maintain a safe and sustainable system. We've implemented new filtration systems in our -- in our buses, put protective shields for our operators like you see in retail space. We have a pretty significant regiment around cleaning, using electromagnetic -- electrostatic sprayers, and we're also glad to report that we have a very high compliance rate with masks, and we're making those masks available on all of our buses. We're finalizing the installation of a system called the needlepoint bipolar itemization system that is used in hospitals to create a safer air environment. And with all of these programs put together, we're defining this is a breathe easy program, and it puts in a position to allow additional capacity in the -- on the system. So we're planning on restoring all bus routes on April 24th, which is a Saturday, all 120 bus routes. We're currently building the public timetables, and those will be shared with our jurisdictional partners as well as the general public in early April, and we're committed to institute the -- the service that we were had to suspend. So next slide. A quick update on our MARTA 2040 program. Next slide, please. You're well aware -- I've spoken a lot about our expansion plans. We've had several meetings with leaders here in Fulton County as well as mayors within Fulton County, both North and South Fulton. These are some of the funding opportunities that we've been talking about in those meetings. I won't go over them in any detail here unless there are questions, but I do want to reiterate that MARTA is committed to working with, you know, the County as well as the mayors in South and North Fulton to try to advance and support new projects. And we continue to look for funding solutions to make sure that we can implement this important Fulton County Transit National Plan. Next slide, please. Important environmental effort we're announcing. We've announced that working with College Park and Mayor Broome in the conservation fund, we will be selling a parcel of land within the next two months and expect a Board action. And this will open up the headwaters of the Flint River on property that MARTA owns and be able to turn this into a park space. It's really designed as a retention area for us at this point, and we're looking forward to -- to giving



the public access to this important riverway, the Flint River. Next slide, please. I have a video that I'm going to skip, but we've undergone significant track renovation project. It was successfully implemented. This -- this video is available on social media. It is a significant effort. I talked about this several -- at several meetings where we were replacing tracks in between North of Lindbergh Station. We have several other projects that will happen over years to come. And I'm just happy to report that we had a very, very successful operation where we were moving customers on buses while we suspended track service for five days. And I'd like to thank all of the customers as well as the MARTA staff who made this a real success. Next slide. I'd like to talk about where we are and what efforts MARTA is undertaking to support the express bus lanes along 285. So next slide, please. We're working collaboratively with the stakeholders along 285, the counties as well as the mayors and the ATL to do some planning efforts that will support transit investments along the GDOT's managed lane product -- projects. MARTA has taken responsibility for doing the planning effort on the east wall and the ATL community effort on the west wall as well as the top end. So this is being done collaboratively and more to come on this as we roll out our study. And the next slide provides some updates. Next slide, please. This is a timeframe. In the middle, you see the -- the actions that MARTA is undertaking on the east wall putting together some concepts and we really want to be able to put ourselves in a position, that is GDOT is advancing their projects and their critical path schedules listed below that we're able to feed in the information and make sure that we have a coordinated effort between MARTA, the ATL, and Key Stakeholders, and GDOT so we can advance this project. We clearly, like many projects, have some funding limitations, but nevertheless, we do need to make sure that we're adequately advancing the planning aspects of the project so we can be prepared for future implementations. Next slide, please. Some partnerships that we've been implementing -- next slide. The Fulton workforce -- Fulton Partnership has been an ongoing effort where the workforce -- Fulton Manage is at College Park Station and we're -- this will begin in April, and we're making sure that we're providing some outreach to customers for using our system and being able to access career services that the County has provided. So next slide, please. And also, I think you're aware, the State of Georgia has implemented a mass vaccination site at the Delta Museum. We are coordinating with the State and the museum to make sure that we can provide a shuttle bus between College Park Station and the museum so that those individuals who don't have access to automobiles can access this mass vaccination site. Although most of the vaccinations will be done through automobiles, the State is setting up a system so people can reserve vaccinations through walk-up, and MARTA will be the best access point for those who don't have automobiles. Next slide, please. Federal update: Next slide. We all recognize that with a new administration becomes new priorities. The Biden administration has expressed an emphasis on resiliency and focusing on infrastructure investment as a mechanism to recovery. We do have a new Secretary of Transportation, former elected official, as you all know, and acting administrator, Noria Fernandez, a former colleague of mine who ran a transit agency on the West Coast, one I consider a friend, is running the FTA. Key points, you know, we have been successful in the transit industry and the regional MARTA has been successful with additional COVID relief. There is a clear focus on

additional transportation reauthorization, which is critically important, and a lot of conversation going on around community projects -- community project funding, also known as earmarks, that will be submitted by the members of Congress. And we'll work with congressional staff to make sure we participate in that process. So next slide. I'm going to turn the presentation over to my colleague, Collie Greenwood, our Head of Operations Deputy General Manager. MARTA is beginning to undertake a pretty significant effort to look at and optimize our bus network, and Collie will step us through how we're doing that and what sort of participation will be involved both representatives from Fulton County as well as the public from Fulton County. So Collie."

**COLLIE GREENWOOD, DEPUTY OPERATIONS MANGER, MARTA:** "Thank you, Jeff. Thank you, Jeff and good morning, Chair Pitts, Vice Chair Hall, Commissioners, and MARTA Board Members. I just wanted to take the opportunity to talk to you about the bus network redesign, which is part of the MARTA 2040 program to deliver, among other things, faster and more reliable service. This has -- this has been a long time coming. And over the past two years, we've started to really consolidate the voices calling for a holistic top to bottom review of MARTA's bus network. As a result, we have resolved to procure by 2020 the expertise to design a high-frequency bus network for Atlanta and also to rollout by 2022, a high-frequency network that maximizes the number of people who live and work within a 15-minute walk of frequent transit stops. We are on track to execute on both of these objectives and have come here today to talk with you about the pending bus network redesign, because MARTA feels it's the right step to take, the right time to take it, and that this kind of transformation has to be holistic, foundational, and functional for all of our service areas. Now, more than ever, as we emerge from a very difficult year, top of mind for leadership, is what's next for the region? And so it's the right time to talk to -- to talk it over, collect the data, tell the story, and demonstrate that we are responsible stewards of public funds, and well capable to execute on next-level bus service as part of an overall transformation initiative. It's really not about downsizing or cost cutting. It's about right sizing a more efficient network is better for all customers. This is a much-needed change for MARTA, and these are critical decisions that we're going to make about frequency, access, coverage, density, and ridership. It calls for an early day's discussion to avoid any need for last-minute decisions. And that's why we're investing a lot of time, energy, and resource into this all-important infant phase. Next slide, please. And that's why we're partnering with Jarrett Walker and Associates. JWA have been helping agencies, jurisdictions, and decision-makers redesign bus networks for over 25 years now. Most recently in places like Houston, Sacramento and Miami. Their strength is in helping clients prepare for and engage in the transit conversation. They recognize that in any limited funds transformation environment, there are options to be had and choices that will ultimately have to be made. It's good news in the long run, but done properly, it's difficult and controversial in the beginning. As stakeholders, we will walk through the available choices, the consequences, and benefits of each and we'll collectively contribute our knowledge, our experience, passion, and sensitivity to our communities and their values. Invited participants to our eight-day Core design retreat will include your planning staff, land-use, subject matter experts, Atlanta's Transformational Alliance, the

partnership for Southern Equity and others. Combining with this JWA's International subject matter and technical expertise along with input from our Riders Advisory Council, Riders Accessibility Committee and other customer and representative groups, further gives us the knowledge and experience for and confidence of a comprehensive conversation. Next slide, please. But before we get there, a bit about the basic premise. We start with the fact that they're only about -- well there are only 24 hours in a day. And on that basic platform, everyone can agree. From there, we socially if not scientifically acknowledged, that that's just never enough time to tackle all of the things we need to do in each day. So we assign a value to the amount of time it takes to access the things we need to do, the people we need to see, the places we need to go to, and it's not just needs. The region is building something here that supports people's wants and aspirations as well. We decided the transit rider's time is valuable, and we've acknowledged that we have an impact on the amount of time it takes them to access their wants and needs. We know that inside a given area if you look at this gray area, I'll just call it a blog for lack of a technical term. But inside the blog are some of the facilities that enable those wants and needs; hospitals, job, supplies, social destinations, and we accepted people are not going to consider something a viable option if it just takes too long to get there. So the diameter of the size of the blog becomes important and critical. In a very real sense, your freedom to choose is limited by the things you have access to in a reasonable timeframe. Next slide, please. Then we'll walk through the process of visualizing access. We'll use granular data about where, for instance, the jobs are and how many jobs you can get to within a given timeframe using transit. Or if you're an employer, how many people can get to you in the same time frame using transit. And this access is extended to hospitals, schools, churches, anything that one might want to leave home for. Next slide, please. We will aggregate the data with the darkest shaded zones having the greatest access to the most useful destinations in a given time frame. And now it starts to inform the important narrative about access to opportunity based on any given social/political measure we may have, income distribution, race, political affiliations. So next slide, please. So although there are a number of factors that can impact ridership on a given day, network design is a macro mainstay factor affecting ridership. By making the service more useful, more accessible, more attractive to more people, increasing the size of that blog that we've talked about, improves freedom. It improves equitable inclusive economic development, personal choices, and it leverages the work already done inside that service area; commerce, development, destinations, sidewalks. It allows them to be more valuable because they are now more accessible to more people. Better transit supports walkability, which also leads to development, satisfaction, and social fulfillment. Transit connects people with jobs, services, and other people and is, therefore, key in the value and vitality of any region. Next slide, please. Some commonly used terms for the conversation will include frequent service, which is described as maintaining the design headway of 15 minutes or better, so that the customer will regard the service as being always available or coming soon. Span of service is the service hours, the availability that is late-night, all day, weekends, et cetera. And as the slide says, the best way to expand access is to provide a frequent, fast, reliable service available to a large number of people and destinations for their benefit. Next slide, please. Density. This is simple math. It costs

the same to run more access to more people in densely populated areas as it does in sparsely populated areas. Next slide, please. Walk ability refers to more than just the proximity of destinations. It speaks to connectivity, planning, and safe access on both sides of the street. Next slide, please. The conversational challenge is to consider whether or not maximum access is what we really want. At first blush, it's clear on this fictional map where you would run your 18 buses for maximum access. And then the conversation will turn on the different goals. Next slide, please. If ridership is your goal, this high-frequency linear system affords the most access to the most people in this fictional town. But it would underserve the valuable 20 to 30 percent of your population. Next slide, please. On the other hand, the competing coverage goal says we can run a bus -- a bus route, near everybody's house, but the bus will come likely once an hour. And that actually works for some customers, but it will not serve as a viable option for most. Next slide, please. These goals push us in very different directions, from the ability to establish a baseline level of access everywhere leaving no one behind with an expansive but under-utilized network, to the ability to dramatically increase ridership and all the benefits that come with it, but with vast areas of transit deserts. Next slide, please. Or somewhere in between. We will seek a value statement from you collectively, a deliberate -- a deliberate balance that gives us clear direction. With that clear direction, we will develop two alternatives: two contrasting networks with the public as an active part of the decision-making process. Next slide, please. From fiction to fact, this brings it home. Here at MARTA, we have 540 buses distributed over 110 routes. Twenty of which run largely here in Fulton County. Some are more productive than others, and our redesign will address the choices and trade-offs, and conversations required of your input here. Constituents, transit consumers, stakeholders armed with maps, facts and figures of our existing conditions report. We will want them to think about the decision and provide feedback to ensure you're not left to decide this in a vacuum. Ultimately, the draft plan will reflect the balance that you choose and as many people as possible will be aware of and supportive of the outcome. Next slide, please. And finally, this high-level timeline illustrates how we have been and will be spending this incredibly fast year. Today, as part of our first round of jurisdictional briefings, as we continue to analyze existing conditions, leading up to the development of alternatives this spring. Technical workshops will begin March 29th. This is a two-week series of intensive workshops, your staff has been invited, designed for planners and engineers to focus on economic development, land use, and transportation followed by stakeholder engagement, stakeholder workshops, and public meetings late spring and early summer. Our Board retreat is planned for July where Board Members will be pouring over the aforementioned information and feedback and engaging in related discussions and healthy debate. We anticipate more direction later this summer, which will be immediately followed by a series of workshops, a second round of jurisdictional briefings and public meetings to help develop the draft bus network this fall. By the end of this year, we plan to have held public meetings, public hearings, finalizing network, and obtain more adoption of the final plan. And next year, we will roll out the service changes. The schedule, the process, and specific instructions for the next steps of engagement can be found on our two-page overview available now on MARTA's website. Next slide, please. So this is demanding. It's

comprehensive, and it will be a big deal. But like I said in the beginning, it's been a long time coming and there's no better time, no better place. With that, Mr. Parker, I return the agenda to you."

**JEFFREY PARKER, CEO, MARTA:** "Thank you, Collie. And Chairman, I turn it back to you. That concludes our presentation."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you, Mr. Parker. Colleagues, any questions for Mr. Parker and his team? Any questions or comments? All right, hearing none, thank you so much, Mr. Parker, see you next quarter."

**JEFFREY PARKER, CEO, MARTA:** "Thank you. Absolutely."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "Continuing on page 7, County Manager's items, under Open and Responsible Government, **21-0208**. Presentation of the COVID-19 operational response update."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Mr. Manager, we have a hard stop at 1:00."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Yes, sir. So we plan to move right along. Good morning, Commissioners and Mr. Chairman. We will walk through the COVID response as we normally do, as well as the numbers and vaccine rollout plans. We do have a lot to share today, which I'll briefly cover upfront. In general, the trends continue to improve. The average daily cases are now below 120, the hospitalizations below 300. So those are substantially better than they were in January. Most importantly, the positivity rate is now below 5 percent, which is again a key benchmark. The testing demand is about 5,000 per day, which is well off from where we were, but expected as vaccines take center stage. It's still important that we continue to do. We're now at 1.7 million tests administered, which again, is more than all Metro counties combined. But now, we're bringing the focus to vaccines. But what you're going to hear today is we passed a significant milestone in administering 100,000 vaccines through our own centers, and that's along with or part of the 418,000 vaccines that have been administered in Fulton County. The one thing that I would draw your attention to, there are a lot of national rankings out there. Of course, Georgia is drawing some negative press for being very, very low in those rankings. If Fulton County was a state, against our population base, you would see us in the upper tier, if not the upper ten, as it relates to vaccinations. So keep -- keep that in mind with the efforts that have been put --put forward to serve our citizens. And I believe it only gets better with Mercedes-Benz Stadium, which we're actively planning now with the military as well as with FEMA and GEMA, we will be delivering 42,000 vaccines a week starting next week for eight weeks. So that's effectively through our centers tripled in capacity, which we're doing about three thousand a day through our three centers; we'll now be doing nine thousand a day for eight weeks. So it's just a tremendous opportunity for us, and we'll talk a little bit



more about its implication in general, but also in the specifics of the health equity initiative. I also want to publicly thank Dr. Paxton and Matt Kallmyer as well as Dr. Holland and Joe Barasoain and their entire teams for yesterday. Where the system with a glitch that occurred double-booked a number of appointments. That, of course, created a crush of folks at the outset of the center's opening as well as inadequate supplies of the vaccine. But through, again, just tremendous efforts, and I think great management agility, they were able to serve all of the citizens that came yesterday. In fact, I think it was such a spectacular, again, response that we should all thank them. It was also recognized by Dr. Toomey in her press conference for its, again, exceptional work. We've now identified the data that we're going to share with you today relative to the gaps as it relates to demographics. That is data that we have not had before, because it's been at a state level. We now have been able to through I think good work, being done by EMSI as well as Dr. Paxton's team to drill down into the Fulton County data. It's still early data, it so doesn't represent necessarily where we are, but it's certainly directionally correct. And I think the upshot of this is, there is a demographic split of about 60/30 in terms of white, black, and then 10 percent other. So that's not where we want it to be. We should be more like 45/45 and 10; but it's certainly much better than the early indicators of just observation. So we're pleased to share that with you today. More importantly perhaps, and just that data, we have developed what I would consider a great health equity dashboard that captures all of those plans that we have to close that gap, and I've asked Anna to take -- take the lead on that as well as discussing it with you today. And I think you will see again much progress being made, but more, more to come. One of the more notable things just this week from discussions with CORE yesterday when I was visiting the Northpoint site, is that they will launch the first bilingual vaccine mobile unit in Sandy Springs Thursday and Friday of this week. So more details to come on that. That's an exciting, again, harbinger, I think, of things to come. And again, showing our leadership beyond where most counties as well as perhaps even most states find themselves in. The emergency rental assistant program you'll hear today is experience, use, demand. We did close that off to work through the applications that we've already received. We anticipate reopening it as we again get more federal money and perhaps you choose to allocate some of the 206 million that we'll receive from American Recovery Act. But needless to say, they're already 44 million in applications working their way through the process. There's certainly ample demand, and we know there's also interest in doing mortgage assistance as well. So that's a -- certainly a program, I think, by building the infrastructure that we did and having the foresight to do rather than farming it out. We have again a great opportunity to serve our community. This has already been mentioned that really big news of today, I'm not sure where the confusion is about accepting or not accepting this money. I don't know of any discussion to not accept it. Is the 206 million that is coming through the American Recovery Act. By the way, that's in addition to 330 million that will be going to Fulton County cities, all cities including Atlanta in addition to that 200 million. So there's actually 538 million that are going to governments in Fulton County. So I think there's going to be a significant opportunity to assist both with the health response as well as the economic recovery. What I would also say is what we'll cover with you today that this is early in the process actually. The

funding does not have a 12-month end date. It actually goes through 12/31 of '24. So with that in mind, we have developed the broad contours of a plan that we'll share with you today. It's not meant to be fixed in stone. It's meant more to be directionally correct. It uses the three pillars of our previous plan, health response, operational stability, and community needs. I think that served us well previously, and will serve us well going forward. You know, as you react to this plan, I think you'll see some of the things are unavoidable. An example would be, the case backlog that has built during the pandemic. There's over 10,000 or so cases just on the criminal side and absent of intervention and resources. And a plan would be years to overcome. Obviously, we don't want that to be the case. We want to do it as quickly as possible so that'll be an example of an unavoidable cost. I think the vaccine distribution, while again going exceptionally well, this gives us the opportunity to double down particularly on the mobile units. And by the way, we believe that we're getting a state support for those mobile units and vaccine allocations, which will be very, very helpful. But both of those initiatives, doubling down on mobile as well as removing the case backlog, could be 60 million or so for each initiative. So you can see that while 200 sounds like an extraordinary amount of money, and it is, with big initiatives that I think we executed last year, these monies can be well deployed sooner rather than later. There will be other things that we'll talk with you about such as pandemic proofing our facilities. Meaning we've talked around the notion of only bringing 50 percent of our employees back in offices, keeping them socially distanced and really creating a work environment that would be immune to pandemic level disruptions going forward as well as things like fully funding the platform that I just talked about in an emergency rental assistance; or another example, part of the plan, we would offer up today is fully funding the CSP program. I think that's an interesting one that's before you today at 5.3 million, but we have 13 million in requests. So one thought, as an example, is to strengthen the safety net in Fulton County, is to simply fully fund those requests which have been vetted and competitively procured. So we hope that you will look at those sorts of ideas. You'll see there again that there is -- there is plenty of -- plenty of work to do to continue to refine this and significant opportunities in front of us. I'm not sure that you're well served by resolutions at this stage, specifying anything, but we would appreciate input and direction on these priorities and as well as the confidence that we have demonstrated to act and adjust as we go forward and learn more. So, Mr. Chairman, we've got a lot to go over today. We want to keep ourselves on track with a hard stop at 1:00."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Manager. Madam COO, Ms. Roach."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board. In the interest of time, and we'll probably adopt this for the future as well. We've consolidated some of the sections of our report to leave sufficient time for questions and discussions. So you'll see that as a little bit of a change going forward. Without further ado, I'll turn it over to our emergency management team to quickly walk us through the incident response sections. And I'll take back over when we get to Health Equity."

**MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL:** "Thank you, Madam COO. Thank you, Mr. Manager. Good morning, Board of Commissioners, we'll go ahead and get this started, as usual, Doug giving us an overview. Doug Schuster from EMSI will go ahead and give us an overview, and we'll get right into the meat of this beginning with vaccinations. Doug, get us started, please."

**DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI:** "Good morning, Commissioners. Next slide. As the County Manager noted, our seven-day average per cases and hospitalizations have decreased, and we get to the scorecard we know and have red indicators, which is good, and we're heading towards the green area. And most -- I just want to reiterate that while the news is good, we need to remain vigilant especially over the next two months while we're giving the max amount of vaccine that we'll be able to. And we are still the leading County for testing. Next slide. I always like to show you kind of the health of the United States and Georgia. As you can see, the southeast and southwest have cleared up considerably as the darker colors are the most communicable areas. And so you see a much healthier United States picture on March 15th than you did on March 1st. Next slide. Once again, there's only one County in Georgia that's in a worse position today than they were two weeks ago in Georgia, the health of the Georgia County is much, much better. I will say while it looks very good for Georgia, we're still the 15th worst communicable state in the United States. Next slide. So we show this every week. And this tells you some things that we talked about while our testing is down in the green on the left. You can see the downward trend. We're still over twice what the CDC mandate for our population size. And a lot of it has to do with some great work not only by the Fulton County Board of Health testing centers, but also, by our hospitals and universities within the city. Anytime we can test a lot of people, we can find asymptomatic people and isolate and stop the spread of the virus. Now, the next slide -- I mean not the next slide, but the next color in the orange, you can see last two weeks ago, as you look at the far right on the orange, there's a little leap upwards, which we are concerned about, but now we're starting to see downward trends again, and we're below 120 at 119 for seven-day average. Also, we are down below 300 in our hospitalizations for the first time since mid-October, and that downward trend continues also with only 38 people in the CCU units. And then lastly, I'll talk about deaths. So you can see that we've had a pretty sustained level of deaths from 4.5 to 6.5 really since the beginning of January. And we're hoping now that we will see in two weeks from now it should be a pretty significant drop in the death toll also as the hospitalizations go down. Next slide. Real quickly, the death projection goes through the end of May with the most probable deaths at 1,253. You see those numbers starting to level off, so the projection analysis does have the death toll starting to go down from where it is. Next slide. And quickly, it's very good to see a lot of green and yellow on the left side status and no red over there. And as the County Manager, the World Health Organization and CDC has said that five is a very important benchmark for positivity because it makes contact tracing more viable. And that is definitely showing that everything that we do is we can see in the open cases for contact tracing going down every day. Like I said, we're getting very close to being in the green in



cases and, like I said, hopefully, we'll be in the green very soon with death totals. Next slide, Matt."

**MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA:** "Thank you, sir. Appreciate it. As always, I'd like to go ahead and give everyone an update of what we're looking at for testing. And as Doug said, we're getting a much better place with lower than 5 percent positive, which allows our medical epidemiologists and epidemiologists to do what they do best and look for hotspots. So right now, our testing is 1.7 million, 1,741,647 actually completed in our jurisdiction. If you add up the other three health districts, they're only at 1.3. So once again, you can be proud of the work that our team is doing together with the emergency management and the Board of Health to that end and, also, leveraging our private-sector partners to accomplish that mission. Next slide, please. The County Manager did allude to it. Yesterday, was one of our busiest days. The total amount of people that we have vaccinated yesterday was 4,647 unique individuals. That beat our best day by 1,500. By far, I cannot go ahead and say enough great words about the team that went ahead and did an incredible amount of work yesterday all the way from the volunteers to our paid staff to our partnerships that we have throughout the various cities with the medics that come to our site, the Board of Health, everyone did a yeoman's work to make sure that were able to vaccinate everyone that received an appointment through the system. So I want to give a kudos to that. We will be looking at over 4,000 individuals every day this week that we'll be vaccinating, and I just continue to go up from there. The County Manager did allude to the fact that we hit our milestone. We did go ahead and administer 100,000 vaccines through this joint partnership, the Emergency Management and the Board of Health, which is about a quarter of the Fulton County's vaccines that has been administered. You guys have heard that the Governor has and continues to expand Tier 1A. We have not gone to any other level. We just keep adding individuals to Tier 1A. That has been part of the original plan. So that includes now school teachers, parents of children with complex medical conditions. Anyone between 16 and 65 that has one comorbidity and, as of yesterday, he did expand that to individuals of the court system, and we are working with the Deputy Chief Operating Officer of Public Safety, Mr. Alton Adams, to go ahead and take care of our court system partners. Something that we're working on this morning. We have transitioned to the State's vaccination program. We're about 90 percent transitioned to the B-RAD system for registration. The last piece is just part of our equities program that we're still using, the original job forms program that we built in-house. We'll be doing a final transition in the days ahead, but just want to go ahead and draw attention to the fact that we're almost there. And also, we'll be releasing about 226,000. Once again we'll be releasing 226,000 appointments for the next three weeks. This is the first time that we've been able to go past one week forecasting to be able to go ahead and allow citizens that we serve the ability to get vaccinated. So we are pretty excited about that ability to do that. We're finishing up the work on that to make sure that we properly put the amount of folks in each half-an-hour block for us to be operationally successful with 226,000 appointments that will be going out. The other thing that I want to quickly and brief everyone is the federal pilot program that we have been granted at Mercedes-Benz Stadium. You've heard about that from President

Biden. He had done a press conference about two weeks ago that said that we have been selected at that location. Mercedes-Benz Stadium was a place that was selected based upon one of the unique aspects of it being central Metro Atlanta, being close to MARTA and other partners that we have for mass transit and, also being in a ZIP Code that has underserved individuals and the proximity to other jurisdictions such as DeKalb and Clayton that have individuals that also need assistance. So we're very grateful for that, that process of being allocated to us, with that rate, it's about 6,000 vaccinations per day, which could be about an average of 42,000 per week. It is a Type 1 program, which means that you do over 6,000 vaccines a day. We have been a Type 3 program at our three sites, which means that just north of a thousand individuals we need to vaccinate a day. It's an eight-week program. We're going to start on March 24th, which is next week, Wednesday. Our team has been planning for the last week and a half to make sure that we're prepared for this. And we will end on May 19th. Just for everyone to know, it will be a six-week process. The first six weeks will be Pfizer as a vaccine that will be administering. So we have three weeks of first appointments, three weeks of second appointments, and then we will go ahead and close the program out with two weeks of Johnson & Johnson. So we'll be able to vaccinate everyone and then be able to shut down this process at that without having anyone to worry about for a second shot. This will go ahead and give us about 252,000 doses of Pfizer, 84,000 doses of Johnson & Johnson above the state allocation. This is to go ahead and still allow us to do the things that we're doing and not tap into what the state is being allocated from the federal government thus far. On average, this will give us about 8,300, 8,364 individuals a day that we can vaccinate. Some of our higher days we're looking at vaccinating 12,000 individuals at the site and some of our lower days will be about 5,600. So this will be a very, very busy location. We're going to have six pods activated on three distinct levels inside the facility. On the 100, 200, and 300 level, if you're familiar with the site, and this cannot be done without the federal support of about 202 federal employees and Department of Defense soldiers that will be coming in to go ahead and help us in December. We've activated our incident management team. We're going to put a unified band together between our shop and emergency management, Mercedes-Benz Stadium, and Board of Health will serve as the Chief Clinical Officer and Dr. Holland will be that chief clinical officer in this response for this. Doug next slide, please."

**DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI:** "Okay. Continuing on with kind of the vaccine update. This is from the state dashboard, in which you see on the screen is Fulton County's total vaccines administered. That's for all entities, private hospitals and the Board of Health initiative. And 418,000 with 277,000 unique individuals receiving at least one dose. I just wanted to bring note here that that -- that the County Manager was right on when he said that we would be in the top for the country. That's 25 percent of our population that have had at least one dose of vaccine. And compared to the state's allocation there at 17 percent for the state of Georgia. So anyway, it's pretty impressive that 25 has been done to this point. Next slide. And this really looks at County by County like we do with testing as the County -- with the vaccines that have been delivered within Fulton County. As you can see, we're just about twice as much as Cobb, DeKalb and

Gwinnett. Next slide. And we've talked a lot over the past weeks in meeting with this group about, and Matt brought it up, we've not been able to really put appointments out except for one week at a time and really work a waitlist. As of probably end of the day-today or sometime before the end of the week we will be able to put into the system three weeks' worth of appointments, and we're very excited about the opportunity to do that. But this slide really shows how the volatility of what we've added on the supply side, so it's nice to be in a place where we know what our supply side. I will say after yesterday's great effort, we are now at 105,365 vaccines administered by the Board of Health pods in the north central and south parts of the County. And at this point, I'm going to turn it over to Ms. Roach to talk about our equity response to this. Next slide."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Okay, thank you. Thank you for switching the slides for us. So Commissioners, as you know, the Board of Health has been laser focused on health equity with the encouragement and support of the Board of Commissioners since back when we were just testing. And that focus on health equity has carried forward to our efforts around vaccinations as well, and so we are in the process of both executing health equity initiatives that are currently in place, but also working to think about what new ones we could put in place to scale our effort. To start off, to make sure that our decisions are always based on good information or just information in general and data, we have worked with the State to access demographic information that we now have access to, and I'll talk a little bit about that on the next slide. We'll also share information about the multi-pronged approach to health equity in addressing it that we have worked together across multiple agencies to develop. And then finally, I'm going to ask Jessica Corbitt to explain to you what she's been working on, which is a targeted communication plan that emphasizes both vaccine hesitancy as well as some misinformation that we have seen. I myself driving down Camp Creek Parkway saw a sign that says Minister Farrakhan does not want you to take the vaccine. And so we have to figure out how, while we are respectful of people's religious choices, we provide additional information to give our constituencies sort of a balanced approach to information about vaccinations. Next slide. This is the demographic data that we mentioned we are currently accessing in partnership with the State. This is our first time consolidating this information through that partnership. We're still working with the State to validate the data that is inside of grids, and that is provided around race, age, as well as gender. In the upper left-hand corner, there is a ten-year age category distribution for the vaccination and, as expected, because we were very focused on our older population on the front end of vaccinations, there is a huge concentration of vaccinations happening between the ages of say 69 and 80. You'll see there, and as a team, we often talk about wanting to meet that one individual in that last column, that's between 121 and 130 who did receive the vaccine. We thought that was pretty neat that we have someone lucky enough to be of that age within our jurisdiction. The one on the right represents the gender distribution of vaccines among Fulton County residents. As you can see, we are vaccinating more females in our County than males. And finally on the bottom, there is a distribution of vaccinations within Fulton County by race. White individuals are at 61,000 and African-Americans are at 29,000. What's not represented there and where we know we also have an issue with respecting access,

it's within our Latin American, our Latin-X community. So we will be looking to gather information about vaccinations in that community as well. But while we are not completely out of kilter in terms of our vaccination equity among African-Americans and white, based on what's represented here, it does sort of confirm our instincts that equity is something that we should be working on. And so we're glad to have had that a part of our vaccination program from the very beginning. And then the next slide will talk about the five-pronged approach that we have been working at to address issues of access in minority communities. Next slide. So Commissioners, this is a summary of the health equity strategy that we are managing right now. We provided information to you on the initiative in the first column, a few meetings ago, where we are leveraging our senior services centers and the infrastructure within our senior services programming to deliver vaccinations to our clients that are in our senior population and in our IDD population as well as their caregivers. That infrastructure is also being used to facilitate our elected official referrals, which that was requested by our mayors to have a conduit to be able to refer constituents who approach them that have low access to get vaccinated. So we're using that infrastructure. We have managed to vaccinate 1,335 individuals so far within that category. And we're very proud of how that program is being run. As of the Governor's announcement, of course, we are ramping up efforts in this area again with the addition of 55 and older. So we're going back and calling those who are eligible within that new criteria. And, as you see, we have added those within our intellectual and developmental disabled category as well. So we're very proud of how that is going in the leadership that Dr. Roshell and Ladisa are providing there. The Board of Health is leading Faith Leaders Partnership where they are deploying mobile vaccination capability to large congregations and low access at-risk communities. I don't focus too much on the number of 120 that you see there. That's more of a reflection of when the initiative started. And so the Board of Health is ramping up their capability in this area and have conducted site visits to assess the feasibility of the sites that they're looking at. And we're going to see that number shoot up as it relates to our partnership with faith-based leaders and large congregations across the County. So this is another, again, I mentioned the Latin X community and their hesitancy as well, and the Board of Health through Dr. Paxton's partnerships are working with the Mexican Consulate to schedule vaccination appointments in locations familiar to the Latin X community because we believe that that reflects the part of the hesitancy on that part of the community. So we're hoping to ramp up that particular health equity strategy and also pleased to announce that as of this morning, we received word that the first filing for mobile unit is going to be deployed sometime this week to the Morgan Falls area, and that should be able to help us along in the Latin X outreach as well. Another area where we're really proud to provide information about a partnership, is the Board of Health. The Board of Health team is partnering with Tuxedo Pharmacy to deliver vaccines to long-term care facilities that were not registered with the State, but also contain individuals within the age ranges that qualify for vaccinations. We have seen the biggest number of vaccinations in this health equity strategy category, and we're going to be expanding that partnership even more because working with our senior services department, this partnership with Tuxedo Pharmacy as of this week will be expanded to address individuals that are homebound. I'm really excited about that,

because that's one area where we haven't had a lot of traction because we have to be very conservative with the resources for vaccination that we have. We haven't had an opportunity to expand into sort of one-on-one delivery of the vaccine to people who aren't able to either come to a mobile site or a fixed site. So we're really excited about that and looking forward to that number growing. The final area of our health equity strategy that is in the beginning stages, but is a great partnership with One Atlanta as well, and they're going to put resources behind this, is developing a capability to do street outreach beginning with the communities surrounding Mercedes-Benz Stadium. Again, because of the reason, the site was selected by the federal government as one of its mega sites. We believe that we shouldn't just focus on the electronic registration. And so we're looking to build the capacity to deploy street teams with I-Pads that can register people for appointments in the community in and around Mercedes-Benz Stadium. And of course, have the ability to expand that capacity across the County as well. So again, I'm really proud of the efforts that we are focused on here with our health equity strategy and look forward to reporting out to the Board increased shots to date numbers in every one of those categories. I'd like to turn it over now to Jessica Corbitt who, beginning with the next slide, will walk us through what our approach for communication will be that is particularly useful for our health equity strategy."

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Thank you so much, Anna. And good morning everyone. We, as Anna just mentioned, our communication strategy is both very broad in terms of making sure residents are informed about the COVID vaccine and how they can access that, but specifically within the context of health equity, we realize that -- that we also have to help residents overcome any barriers to access that they may be facing. So when we talk about access in this context, we're talking not only about just the website and phone number, but resources that may be there, for example, and in technology, if technology is a barrier we do have a call center. We also have transportation access for some residents. So those are the kind of things that we will be emphasizing is making sure that residents have whatever information they need to be able to take advantage of the vaccine. Vaccine hesitancy is something that is again both broad and narrow. We realize that there is hesitancy across the spectrum of our community, and we're working with a number of partners to really define what that means. Some of us, when we think about vaccine hesitancy may imagine what sometimes is called an anti-vaccor or a person who has a very strong conviction about vaccines. But there are other people who may be in the middle, who are on -- you might say are on the fence. And because of a number of factors, we have seen additional vaccine hesitancy in some communities. And again, misinformation, we've seen a growth in misinformation on many, many issues in the last year. That has become, unfortunately, a hallmark of the pandemic and something that making sure that we don't overly emphasize bad information, but that we fight bad information with facts. So those are all part of the strategy. And really, the message is very simple, that the vaccine is safe and it can help save lives. We've already seen that happening in Fulton County, in Georgia, and across the nation as people get the vaccine, especially nursing homes are a great example of where the death rate is declining because of the vaccine and population. Also, we want the residents of Fulton County to know that we are



working to make sure that everyone who wants the vaccine can access it. We hope that everyone will want it. And lastly, that we are working to remove those barriers and to make sure that no one is left behind. That is a part of our equity promise and part of our service delivery promise. Next slide, please. So, a lot has changed in the last ten days or so regarding vaccine access. The announcement of the Mercedes-Benz site was truly a groundbreaking moment in our vaccination effort. In addition to that, last week's announcement, that the vaccine eligibility had opened up much more broadly, more rapidly than we might have anticipated. So that was a really important moment in our vaccination effort. And again, the president last week announced that by May 1st he expects that everyone in the nation will be eligible to receive the vaccine. So, all of those have kind of changed the timeline, if you will, for some of our communication strategies. And this is a multifaceted approach that would include your traditional PR efforts, press releases, press events, and those are things that our office will handle in coordination with the Board of Health. There is also grassroots outreach, and that's part of what Ms. Roach just talked about with the street teams. We are collaborating with folks from the Board of Health who are in the community, folks from CORE who are in the community, as well as we've had some really great discussion with the city of Atlanta about some plans that they have. And we were also continuing to work with the Alive and In Color campaign that was created from last year's work with the BlackCross. In addition to that, you will see some topline messaging, and we want people to understand that Fulton County is a leader and frankly in COVID response. So we are working to serve as many people as we can as quickly as we can. And so you'll see some additional messaging, and you'll receive some things to share on your own social media channels and newsletters in the next day or two. So I'm excited to share that with you. And then we've spent a lot of time and resources just shoring up those kind of, what I call, communication's infrastructure. So the website that we direct people to is [Fulton CountyGA.gov](https://FultonCountyGA.gov) forward slash Covid vaccine. There is a call center and additional resources have been added there. The appointment system is a piece that has been really a challenge, frankly, because the volume of people who need this resource all at once has been an evolving situation. So even in the last five days or so, there have been some major improvements in that. Again, all of this is within both the broader context, but a special emphasis on our equity initiatives. Next slide, please."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "And so, Mr. Chairman, I want to remind the Board, that Dr. Paxton is here as well. She's always is generous with her time and joins us to be able to answer any questions, but that represents the conclusion of our COVID-19 incident response update and we're ready for questions."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, thank you, Madam COO. I have two questions -- not two questions two people. Commissioner Abdur Rahman followed by Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Okay. Thank you, Chair. And thank you for that report. A couple of things I want to be on record and I also want to ask this of Dr. Paxton. First of all, I did have my first Pfizer vaccine at the GICC. It went well. I live-streamed it and encouraged all members of Fulton County to make sure that they get

their vaccine. But, however, there is an issue. Governor Kemp, even himself, our governor, said he was very much dissatisfied with the lack of vaccinations on the South. I have had conversations with many ministers and first ladies of churches in the South. They feel two different things. They feel, at the very first part, disrespected. For the respect, I won't speak all the way to it, but I will let you know what happened, Dr. Paxton. There was a site visit to a church and the first lady and the pastor was treated very unprofessionally. There was almost an air of this isn't good enough for us to put something here. Or this doesn't meet our expectation. Now keep in mind, I do understand the requirements for it to be a vaccine site. The issue I have is with the disrespect of the clergy, with the disrespect of individuals in South Fulton County that are offering their houses of worship for the vaccine. The COVID has hit communities of black and brown very heavy. Our communities have suffered the worse, and so it is a duty that I see that we go the extra mile to make sure vaccination units, whether they be mobile, or at a church or a center, but they are done in South Fulton County and that those that go out and observe their places, that they be treated with the utmost respect. I'm not saying -- I wasn't there. I don't know what happened, but clearly a pastor and a first lady would not have called me because there is something that happened. We have several houses of worship. We have Cliftondale, the Church, United -- The United Church of Christ. We have Siloan on Roosevelt Highway, we have Solid Rock Church, Washington Road. We have Calvary Impact on Buffington. We have New Life Presbyterian on Old National. Now, under the faith leadership partnership, I don't know if you all have made an attempt to go to any of these churches, but I have been made aware that these churches are available. I understand people want to, you know, say Mercedes-Benz and other places. But I'm of the mindset and so are my constituents and the elected leadership, especially in the South Fulton side, that a concerted effort, you must put mobile units, you must try to put as many places of worship with vaccinations because you need to go where the people are. It's different situations that we must, as a community, understand to go to the community of black and brown individuals and individuals that are marginalized need the vaccine as close to them as possible. Now Anna Roach, with all due respect, I know that you mentioned Minister Farrakhan and the sign, one who does not have to leave their home, one can just go on social media -- on social media. Once I open up social media I see everything from there's a tracking device in the vaccine to other things. And so if we're going to go down the road of speaking about misrepresentation, let's talk about all of it, not just what you see on Camp Creek. But here again, Dr. Paxton, I am concerned. And the reason I am concerned, I need to know -- or should I say my constituents that I serve need to know that Fulton County Board of Health is doing everything within their power to make sure they are taking those services to the African-American community, to the faith leadership partnership, because anytime that I have faith leaders that call me and first ladies that call me and are upset because of a site visit that they felt that they were treated with disrespect, that is very serious. That is very serious, because it is our faith leaders that speak to our congregations that break up the misinformation. And they are the ones, like my good friend over at Jackson Memorial, Reverend Sutton, I had an opportunity to see his operation over there and it went smoothly. And so, I know that we can -- we are making an effort. What I'm asking is, can we make a better effort?

Can I get some kind of assurance that whatever is happening in the city of South Fulton with the lack of going into the community, or maybe the misinformation because if a place doesn't pass, they're being told that it's going to be the end of April or possibly the 1st of May before they can get an actual unit out, a mobile unit out. So, I would actually plead to the office, to the Fulton County Board of Health and its officials that go out in their official capacity to actually do the site visits that one, that you treat everyone equally with respect, whether it's on north or south. And if there is some kind of relationship that you all have with CORE, I'm not sure that you all have a relationship with CORE but the duplicity -- the duplicity is again an issue as well. We'll see in a certain part have a lot of vaccine, and we see in another part that it's not. And so I'm asking that since those situations have been brought to me from the faith leadership that I represent, and from the constituents, that I would bring it to you here today. Also, on a side note; County manager, I was a little taken aback. Dick Anderson, you said the Resolutions -- you're not sure if they're relevant? Well, I just wanted to kind of bring this to your attention. I think it's called staying in your lane 101. All of us are commissioners. We set policy. And so I know that my name was on the ballot. And so I have a duty as well as all of these other commissioners have a duty to set policy. So the relevancy of the policy or the relevancy of the resolution lies with the elected commissioners of the Board. The staff implements. Thank you and, Dr. Paxton, I am waiting on your response."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH:** "Well first off, thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention. I'll be honest, this is the first that I have heard from anyone any complaints of anyone feeling disrespected by our team. But, on the contrary, I received a number of e-mails from various pastors thanking us, you know, for our interest and further interactions. So if you could send me, you know, privately more details about that, I'd be happy to look into it. One issue that I am well aware of is the fact that many of the -- we have had a lot of pastors and different groups offer their services to us, and we do maintain a list that we are investigating all of them. I presume, Commissioner that you have already shared with us, the list that you have already -- that you mentioned. I don't keep it in front of me, so I don't know, you know, if they're already on our list, so if they're not, certainly we'd like to have a chance to evaluate the locations that you have just --"

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Okay. My Chief of Staff is sending you that list now as we speak."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "But, as you have acknowledged though, one of the things that we really do have requirements that are needed to be a vaccine site. And not all, and, in fact, many of these venues do not actually -- they're not actually able to be a vaccine site for that reason. For many reasons what I should say. So, I mean, we totally agree with you. We've agreed from day one of the epidemic that we do need to get out more into community to --- you know, get to where, you know, the people are. Which is why we have actually been working towards that for months now within the limits of what was available to us in terms of vaccine, in terms of personnel,



and in terms of, you know, the like. So we are continuing to, you know, to work towards that. I mean my ultimate dream is that we're going -- it's not a dream, it will happen, is that eventually we'll be at the point where can actually have walk-up vaccine sites in which we are in the community and people can just walk up without a prior, you know, without a prior appointment. And then we can go to every place that, you know, that needs that. And I think we will be able to get close to that -- to that goal just not right now. But in the meantime, we are still continuing to evaluate all of the different sites and we have started. I believe we are at Mount Zion -- you know, we'll be at Mount Zion this week and then Doug and Matt can remind me of what -- what's the other one is that we'll be going to next week. So we're starting in on working with the -- at the various church sites. And there will be evermore as we continue with this. So I mean, that's what I have to say. So Commissioner, if you could just send me, you know, more details about that specific incidence in which you feel in which the pastor and his first lady felt that they were disrespected, I'm happy to look more into it. But personally, I do know the people who are going out and doing these reviews. And one is the daughter of -- wait a minute. I'm not getting into their personal business, but they're all -- they're actually, you know, churchgoers themselves and have a great deal of respect and, you know, for the churches. So I find it a little bit hard to believe, but I absolutely want to, you know, to look into this to find out what happened."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Well, Dr. Paxton, let me go on record to say I have admired what you've done, and I have always thought that I needed to applaud you when you get things right. And I'm not saying -- what I'm thinking in my mind that this may be an isolated incident. But I do know, from Fulton County's perspective, customer service is number one. And so any time you have a situation where there is a hint of the person feeling that they may have been disrespected or they may have not been handled professionally, I know that Fulton County takes that very, very seriously. And I know that your department takes that very, very seriously. So let this not be a condemnation of what you all are doing, because I believe you all are doing a great job; however, anytime something that raises to this level of importance, and when I have to have conversations with faith and leadership and constituents and first ladies, then something happened. And I'm of the belief that it probably was isolated. But I know in your expertise and what your -- and what you stand for that whatever happened it would be rectified. And so let me go on record saying that's why I wanted you to know that today."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "A lot to cover in this section, so please be mindful of that. Commissioner Ellis followed by Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "A few points that I wanted to raise. This is for Ms. Roach. On that data, on the vaccination data, this may be -- Dr. Paxton, you may want to weigh in on this as well. On the vaccination data we're getting, in terms of whether it's doses administered or any of the demographic data, is this -- this is just for vaccines that were

administered by Fulton County providers, not necessarily to Fulton County citizens, correct?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "Correct."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay. So, I do think that that's, you know, important, you know, just sort of acknowledges. We're looking at this as, you know, and certainly we become more, more noticeable like us, or notable, I guess, is Mercedes-Benz becomes a mega site that we're going to have people coming into the county, obviously, you know, the health care providers are employing people to work elsewhere and that sort of stuff. That, you know, we're coming more and more of a regional resource for the vaccinations, right? Both, you know, has worked for the health site and sort of a joint site soon to be at Mercedes, but also with the other providers in the County. Is that a fair statement?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "That's a fair statement because that is what been -- the Governor has declared that and that's been actually in place for a number of months that any Georgian can be seen at any site."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yeah, and I think that's great, I mean -- but I just don't want it -- what I just want to do for us all in this room is to realize and note that -- to try to compare the data that's flowing into here to, you know, what -- what may or may not be going on in terms of just, you know, full vaccination within the scope of our individuals of Fulton County population. It may not exactly tell, you know, kind of a true picture of that story."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "Oh, well, yes. What we can -- actually what I can say though is that the other district health directors in other counties are constantly complaining about the number of metro residents who make it into their -- into their counties to get vaccinated."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Right."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "I have a strong suspicion that things even out in the wash. It takes a little -- it takes a lot of work, but you know, periodically we can look into the GRITS system and look at the home addresses and counties of people who are, you know, vaccinated at our sites. And so that's how we were able to say a couple weeks back when Doug did that, that, you know, roughly 85 percent of the people that were vaccinated from our sites were actually Fulton County residents. So we do have some means at our disposal to look at where, you know, who -- where people live, who are being vaccinated by us. But again, we don't -- we're not able to turn away anyone, of course, who is not a Fulton resident."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yeah, certainly. And I think it's great that we're playing this role and, you know, that all health departments across the state are doing that right and

that people are accessing it where they can. My point is that we don't necessarily have, you know, a full lens into that sort of demographic data, and certainly, I guess we can look at it at our own sites, but once we get into other providers and doctors' offices and all that, it becomes even more -- I guess we would have less visibility into that. So I just wanted to -- I wanted to kind of get a sort of an understanding of that so that folks understood that when they were looking at the data that it wasn't necessarily that x percent of Fulton County residents have been vaccinated. It could be that number, it could be higher, or it could be lower. The -- on the --"

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Commissioner Ellis?"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Before we move on from that point, and I'm going to ask Doug to weigh in; but I do believe the demographic data is of Fulton County residents just based on the title. We're reporting it from two different standpoints. I think you are absolutely correct with respect to the other vaccination data that we provided information on from our sites. And that is not of Fulton County residents because, as you know, we vaccinate whoever gets an appointment at our site. But based on the title of the graphs on page 15, I thought the information from the State was of Fulton County residents no matter where they got vaccinated. But Doug, could you clarify if that's correct or not?"

**DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI:** "Anna, that's my assumption too. That's what I've told, but I didn't get a correct answer, but, yes, it is supposed to be by ZIP code of the people, not where they got their vaccine. It's a very small sample size and we're not the only people wanting this demographic data. So they're trying to work with GRITS, which is an antiquated system, to better be able to sort, and so I'm expecting over the coming weeks that we will be able -- we've been told we want and need to get data by site, by ZIP Code, and be able to sort a bunch of different ways. This is the first pass that the State shared with us. So our goal, like I said, always is to get the best data, but it is -- there's a lot of unknowns at this point, but it is -- what was presented today was Fulton County residents regardless of where they got the shot."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yeah. And I appreciate that. And I mean -- say that again?"

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "I just wanted to clarify that, Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yeah."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "on the demographic data."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yeah. And I don't think it's important for us to try to obtain the data, but I think they're limitations to how it can be interpreted too, even with this

data we've got roughly 20 percent sort of unclassified in terms of the demographic component. I think, you know, certainly the most important thing is that we are engaging in very specific initiatives to try to target, you know, these different individual populations, so I think that's -- that's the most important piece in how we continue to refine that. And, you know, look within those, you know, what are we seeing in terms of our own, you know, results and that's sort of more with our span of control. On the vaccination site at Mercedes-Benz, just a couple -- couple of questions that I have again. I think we said that starts up on -- what was the date again that that starts?

**MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL:** "I believe for certain next week, Wednesday."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "March 24th. And it will be the same. There'll be no change in appointment system right? It will just be the same appointment system, the ARS that we moved over to?"

**MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL:** "Yes, sir. VRS?"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yeah. And in on terms of when we get to that point and we have, you know, the significant supply coming in, I mean I think everybody sees things through their own lens and gets feedback through their own, sort of districts and so forth and just as some people may feel their own geographic areas aren't good enough distribution and maybe being slighted to the expense of others, you know, I would hear the same thing within the context of North Fulton residents as well who feel like that, you know, they're getting slighted in terms of the allocation of vaccine into their geographic area -- into this geographic area. So I think sort of the scarcity of it sort of lends everybody to feel the same thing, unfortunately, but hopefully that will begin to, you know, correct. But the -- my question within that is, as we get much more of this federal allocation coming in to Mercedes, is there -- is there a view that we will take some more of our own sort of state allocation and ship that into our other sites and/or use of mobile units and other means."

**MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA:** "It's always our desire to do that. We still are beholden to the state when it comes to the allocation aspect of that, so we will be contented to put in for the maximum amount of vaccine that we are eligible for from the state through the Board of Health. And then from there, collaborating with the Board of Health to do more mobile processes and also increasing our capacity there to fixed sites in the North and South as well. So a combination thereof, sir."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "And then also has there been consideration to either, you know, with additional supply coming in or additional resources potentially to apply funds that are going to be received as a result of this recently passed legislation to move to a potentially, you know, seven-day a week or six day a week, you know, at the other -- at our other fixed sites because I think we're only doing six days a week at Mercedes right now."

**MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL:** "So Mercedes-Benz will be -- we're trying to remove every barrier possible. It will be a six-day week operation trying to give everyone at least a Sunday off for their various religious celebrations and such. But one of the things that you will see when we release the calendar is we're moving barriers. We're going to be offering appointments all the way up to 10:00 at night on two days a week. We'll be opening up 2:00 to 10:00. Other different time periods, what we want to do is be able to go ahead and make sure that there is no individual out there that can't take advantage of this. So if you're busy during the day, childcare issues, there's hopefully some place that we can go ahead and accommodate you on our calendar. We looked at Arizona, who did a longer operational period than us and we found out that the two most sought after timeslots are between like 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. at night. So we want to go ahead and at least be able to offer those type of things here to help those individuals out. So we'll have a lot of safety there, a lot of security, a lot of law enforcement around the building to make sure people feel safe, that they can come in and get vaccinated no matter what time of day or night or day of week that we're offering this opportunity."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay. And I want to make sure I'm understanding the answer to -- the answer you provided. Will we be doing that same thing -- my question is will we be doing the same thing six days a week and alternative hours at our sites other than Mercedes-Benz?"

**MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL:** "We have not done that yet, sir. We still are beholden to the allocation process by the state, so we go dark on Sunday and Monday. Monday is when we get our vaccines. From there, we're able to go ahead and determine what we can accomplish for that week. We would hope that that we get to a better point so that we can forecast more and be able to offer some more nontraditional opportunities. We are in a great place with the Board of Health onboarding other clinicians to be able to give us more capacity and then, from there, we can start looking at offering nontraditional hours at these other locations. So it is our hopes to get there, but as we stand today, it's still that Tuesday through Saturday operation at our two sites that we'll have besides Mercedes-Benz."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "So I guess -- I guess maybe I understand your -- that we're beholden to the allocation, but I don't necessarily understand how that beholds us to operate at the same hours we've been doing it. And my concern here is that, you know, as we move down -- downstream into more of the general population being eligible for this, and if we've restricted, you know, access at our sites to traditional working hours, you know, whereas, you know, we could already, you know, we -- where we can already be looking at changing those to, you know, a 10:00 to 7:00 or a 10:00 to 9:00 or whatever -- you know, whatever it is type time frame for appointments and thinking about that sort of sooner rather than later. I guess that's my -- I'm not necessarily asking for response, but that's my request for consideration on that."

**MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL:** "Point well taken -- apologize for not being eloquent enough in my response to you, sir. We are -- by on-boarding more clinical staff will give us more opportunities to be flexible in our offerings. We have been trying to leverage what we do have within the Board of Health team for clinical support volunteers who have been a little more traditional in their hours that they would love to donate and then also from our partners in the fire department so are giving us paramedics to use in the daytime operations for that. So as we get to a better place, we will definitely be pivoting to offer that flexibility that you're asking us to do, sir."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay. And then that -- and that's part of, you know, kind of utilization of this additional funding to obtain that staff necessary for, you know, the sites to sort of function in that way. I think that that's something that we ought to give, you know, strong consideration to. So, thanks for that. No other questions."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall followed by Commissioner Hausmann followed by Commissioner Morris. Commissioner Hall, you have the floor."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Thank you, Chairman. First, I want to thank Matt Kallmyer and the EMS team for your outstanding work. And Dr. Paxton, Shayna, Dr. Holland, and the BOH team because I know just within my district office alone we get a lot of e-mails, and we are constantly forwarding those to you and your team directly. And I'm hoping that, with some questions that I have today, that we can kind of relieve the burden of some of that on you and your immediate executive team. Excuse me. And Anna Roach and the County Team, thank you for your hard work. These presentations are outstanding; however, I must -- I must thank Commissioner Abdur-Rahman for addressing the topic of inequity and also the topic of our communities of color still not being reached as it relates to the vaccinations. Part of my District goes below I-20 to Campbellton Road into Southwest Atlanta, and I have heard the same concerns. So I hope that we will consider that and address it as quickly as possible. Also, I wanted to just commend you on the work that's being done as it relates to COVID-19; however, I do want to address what the community is feeling as it relates to the county's other services, and programs. We all know that COVID-19 has significantly impacting everyone in a negative way, but also a positive way with us coming together to address this situation. But I don't want anyone to forget that we still have County services and programs that are needed in the community. Dr. Paxton, if you could please give us some reassurance on is your team available and ready still to provide the services that are just normal everyday services that your health department has been known to provide like HIV-AIDS testing, treatment, and education. This has come up numerous times to me in the community as well as the need for just the basic health screenings that BOH used to do. People are requesting the mobile units, and I did not realize that you stopped the hashtag Stop HIV ATL campaign altogether and rewrapped all of the mobile units to just be basic BOH mobile units. I also did not realize that you had stopped utilizing the health screens mobile unit that had become a normal service in the community. And so if you could please address this so that our listening and viewing audience and those who will listen and view after we are done can hear how, you know, you -- you did tell me in an



e-mail that you have reassigned your staff to address COVID-19, but where is the staff to continue the services that they were initially hired and paid to provide?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "And thank you, Vice Chair Hall. Yeah, we're still open for business for everything that the Board of Health has traditionally provided; however, because of the pandemic, we are temporarily not able to do all of the things that we had been doing up until now. So, for example, as you alluded to about the mobile units that were previously used to do health screenings on a, you know, on a regular basis. We have had to redeploy them to other things during the pandemic. It is our hope that we are now -- that we are, now that the vaccination campaign is, you know, up and running and that the COVID cases are falling that we will soon be able to, you know, go get back to that, because we recognize that not the whole world hasn't stopped for COVID. People are still having problems with hypertension with high cholesterol, with obesity. All those things didn't go away. They're still there. We just had to bow to the realities of life in terms of, you know, what our available resources were at the time and so we had to make the strategic decision to pull back certain services into like our clinics rather than being able to go out and do, you know, as much of the outreach as we have been doing and that we will get back to doing soon. But the services are all still available. And so -- and, in fact, we haven't had to turn people away from any of our clinics or anything like that. So it should be that people should still be able to access these services and it's with our hope that with everybody getting vaccinated with this major pushover the next couple of months, that soon we'll be back in the position where we can go back to, you know, doing more of the non-COVID related mobile outreach."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Okay. So I'm really concerned that we have pulled backed on just doing what the County is known to do. And especially since it has consistently been said that we were using CARES Act funding and other resources to address the need to provide services and programs specifically related to COVID-19. So I don't understand why we would pull our employees away from doing their regular jobs that the community needs. And so I would hope that you would quickly take care of that situation and get back on board with just providing the services that are normal to the County that are expected by our constituents who pay their tax dollars for these services. And many of them cannot make it to the health centers. Most of them don't even realize that the health centers are open. So communication about the fact that the health centers are open and what's being offered to the community would assist in that area as well. But as we know, there are many seniors and others who just don't have the access to go to a health center, especially during work hours, because they work themselves and they don't have that ability to get off work to go to a health center as well as they don't have the transportation depending on where those health centers are located. So I hope that we can address those things. Also, I just want to make sure that a couple of questions that were sent to me by constituents are answered so that they can hear this. Who is currently managing the COVID testing sites in the County? Because it has been -- it's kind of confusing who's doing that work."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "We have transitioned, oh, of course, is maintaining its mobile testing centers. We have transitioned the -- our larger standing activities such as at Central and in the North and South to MAKO, which is one of the companies that they do the actual -- they actually run the tests. And so, in partnership with them, we have turned over those activities to them. And so they are still -- they're still there and all of these things are still available for free to anyone who wants them, but they're primarily being run by MAKO."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "And is there any oversight by BOH?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "Yes. We always, you know, -- again, MACO's been running our lab tests for months now, for many of our lab tests for months. And so we continue to get all of the, you know, you know, reports from them and the like. If I can just further delve into this. Have you had a specific issue raised to you in terms -- in terms of how the MAKO site is being run? Is that behind your question?"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "These are just questions that consistently have come through constituents. That I want to make sure I address publicly so they're listening and watching they can know the response. Because just being out in the community, people are asking these questions, and they've also asked -- we've received multiple requests for COVID testing in the community and who should they contact for these requests? Or should they just continue to just send them through my office and we connect them directly to yourself, Dr. Holland, Shayna."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "Well you can always continue to send things, you know, directly to us. You know, it depends -- we do work, as I said, CORE. I presume they're asking for mobile testing. So that is something we have to, you know, so look at requests see what the, you know, what -- whether or not near us, you team going out there. You know, we can certainly look, we can certainly look at that. So you can continue just to send them to me or -- I would say maybe directly to Dr. Holland as he is sort of over all this with the testing activities."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Okay. So, Dr. Holland. And I just received a question from a constituent. They want to know if we can have information on MAKO."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "What type of information would they like and why? I mean MACO is a public company. So anyone can look, you know, can look them up and, you know, go to their website. So I mean I'm not -- I'm not sure what information do they really want."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Is it M-A-C-O?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "M-A-K-O."



**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "M-A-K-O. All right. And we've received requests from seniors who are afraid to leave their homes for -- so they're requesting in-home vaccination services. I think I did hear our COO, Anna Roach, say something about the possibility of in-home vaccinations."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "Yes. For seniors who are considered homebound, they're -- there are -- there's already a number that are already being served by the State for, you know, and so they have -- they have maintained a list of homebound seniors. And the State is working with all of the districts about getting them vaccinated. And, in addition, they have asked us and we have complied with providing lists of any other additional people who are homebound that can -- so that we can -- they can be added to that list and so that we can go out and vaccinate them. So if you have somebody that's truly homebound, you know, cannot leave their house, please, you know, go ahead and forward us their name and we can add them to the list. But I would ask that you -- that it -- this is an -- it's an intensive thing, as you can imagine, to go out and do homebound services. So we are trying to keep it to people who are truly do not have the option of leaving their, you know, leaving their homes. Not just because it's more convenient for them to get it at their home. So -- so anyway, if you do know of somebody's who is truly homebound, please go ahead and share that name with us."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Well, I just want to be clear that there are people who are afraid, seniors who are afraid to leave their home. So that's a different situation from being completely homebound."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "Yes. I understand. And so, at the moment -- I mean I can't say that just being afraid without an actual physical limitation is really very difficult for us to say that we can do that. But, you know, again, we are doing other things, you know, as has already been mentioned. You know, we are going to specific areas I mean like Senior Towers and, you know -- and vaccinating people there. Working and testing the pharmacies, do that sort of thing. But it is -- I'm just going to be honest. It's beyond our capability to go to every individual house of somebody who might be afraid of going in, but is otherwise physically capable of doing it. So at this moment, you know, we can certainly -- we're making plans for people who are physically incapable of leaving their house, of going -- working with the state and going out and vaccinating them. So I would really ask that you -- if you know of people who meet that criteria, please do, do share that with us. Yes, that's all I can say."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Well, Anna Roach is familiar with this situation because Dr. Roshell and Anna and others have worked with a particular senior about trying to get her vaccinated, and she was afraid -- they set up actually an individual ride on a -- she has a disability and she does have a mobile unit that she uses to get around, and they actually set up a ride for her alone through MARTA Mobility to get her vaccination. So we do have some very significant situations like that, that need to be addressed. Okay? And that's all I have. Thank you so much."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Commissioner Hausmann followed by Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Is it my turn?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Okay, well, I'll be as brief as possible. Matt, you mentioned that we've been ordering the maximum that we can. Have we been receiving the maximum? What sort of percentage rate we've been getting based upon our orders."

**MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA:** "We have not been getting what we asked for. Doug, do you know a proximate -- an approximate percentage of what we're getting versus what we've asked for?"

**DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI:** "We've never got a 100 percent and we varied anywhere from 20 percent to 60 percent."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "So I think --"

**DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI:** "We can ask for what we want, but the allocations are based on statewide distribution."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yeah. A couple of things. I did hear the Governor mention that in some parts of the state below Columbus, the demand hasn't been there, and they're going to shift resources to where the demand is. So perhaps that will get improved as well with what we're getting. But I think what Commissioner Ellis was suggesting is that if the FEMA site is going to be getting direct allocations, that perhaps some of what that of our regular allocation, it was going to that site could be sent to our North and South locations; is that correct?"

**MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA:** "We're going to continue to ask for what that allocation was for that site and to be able to spread it out. But once again, we have to go ahead and adhere to what is being given to us from the state whether they look at the larger picture. So if you're -- we're looking at very macro -- excuse me, micro level of what we need here, they're looking at it macroly from the state. And if they feel like some of these needs have to be -- some of these vaccines have to be sent to another jurisdiction, we just have to go ahead do the best we can what they feel is eligible for us to go ahead and use."

**DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI:** "This is Doug. Also, the state GEMA sites needed vaccine too, which were a big consideration for the state and it's fully our purpose to start building the things and capacities so we can expand what we're doing in the North and South and Mobile Solution. Because there's a lot of logistics and personnel that goes

around with that. So when we get the vaccine, our goal is always then to deploy what we get as quickly as possible and as equitable as possible."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "And you're doing a great job with that. I was just trying to clarify for the listening public, you know, the efforts that we're going through to try and meet the needs that we have. I'm also curious about the success we're having with the outreach program to our seniors to try and get them more comfortable. Can anyone answer that?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "And I'm not even sure if Dr. Roshell is on, because she has been very, you know, closely, you know, aligned with this in that, you know, working through Senior Services. They've been extremely, you know, proactive in reaching out and actually been talking oftentimes individually to the seniors who are part of this, you know, this service. And as has been mentioned before by Jessica and all that, we have the overarching media campaigns that are being -- you know, starting to get out more and more, we're still working on to talk about, you know, all aspects of the vaccine. Not necessarily only, you know, targeted towards, you know, seniors, but for, you know, for everyone. But I think in terms of the most, you know, close contact, it's been with three senior services."

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Thank you, Dr. Paxton. Pamela Roshell, Deputy Chief Operating Officer. So when senior services reaches out to seniors to invite them for a vaccine appointment, those that we encounter that decline the appointment, we talk with them about their reasons for the declination. And what we're finding is that many of them are, at this time, not wanting additional information. They are giving us feedback in a couple of areas; one, that they would like to speak with their physician. That they would like to pray about their decision to move forward with the vaccine, or that they, at this time, clearly do not want the appointment, or that they would like to speak with their physician and get the vaccine through their physician. So the small number that do state that they would like more information, we, of course, provide that information to them. And we speak with them about any questions or concerns that they have about the vaccine and its safety."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Well, I certainly appreciate the efforts that you're going to reach out and to try and get folks comfortable. You know, I think we're all hearing from people that are still hesitant. Hopefully, the more that it gets out in the community and people have personal experiences with it being okay, that will also change. But I just want to thank you for that effort that you've gone to, to try and make sure that we're reaching as many people as possible. So I'm just curious. You know, if there was any sort of results that, you know, we've had, you know, to really help people make the decision to go forward with getting the vaccine."

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

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay, thank you, Commissioner Hausmann. Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Thank you. I just have one quick question. I want to understand for the public's sake, the sign-up process now for vaccinations. Two weeks ago, I asked about the VRAS, and we were sort of moving into it. Is that now the sole way for folks to sign up for vaccinations? And whether it is or not, can people who are not currently in 1A as expanded, sign up for when they do get put into 1A?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "I can start addressing that or I can have Doug address it. I mean, do you want to do it? You're pointing at me. Okay."

**DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI:** "I can do it, ma'am, if you want."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** Please do it. Okay, thanks.

**DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI:** "So, yeah. As of this week, we are mostly VRAS. I would say that's the easiest way to do it. There's a vaccinate Georgia website that they go to and sign up. To answer your question, when they added the new groups to the list this week, they had to update the website to include those groups. So you will be asked questions. And if you don't qualify then you can't make an appointment. But you can make an appointment or call the state call center to make an appointment, if you're challenged by whatever it may be. But for the bulk of our appointments, other than we're reserving for some of our equity initiatives, the bulk of our appointments are open source on the state website."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "And so, if you're asked the questions and do not qualify for a current vaccination appointment, there is not like on our old system with the County, a waiting list; is that correct?"

**DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI:** "No, sir, not at this time."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Is there anyone else at this time? Well I personally believe that and feel that this has been a great report, something we ought to be celebrating and applauding, and I think the manager's statement earlier that if we were a state, we would be in the top ten. That is great news. My hat is off to everyone who has been involved in this effort today. Mr. Manager, you'd like --"

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "I plan to kind of wrap our agenda. So this -  
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**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Maybe when you finish, we can take those last two sections there and we'll go into an --"

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Yes, sir. So that's the --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Reopening in there."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "And the emergency rental. So the suggestion is, Commissioners, we will finish with a brief update on reopening, and there is new news on Behavioral Health. And I know everyone's interested in emergency rental. So we can do those two things, I think, before lunch, before your executive session break, and then we'll come back with a very important discussion which are the broad contours of a plan relative to the 200 million. What I do want to say is we finish this section, I think we have shown consistently that we out execute every County and even just referenced in some cases, states. I think whether it's testing where we do more than all counties, vaccines, where we would be in the top 10 to 15 states or don't forget the first maneuver that you encouraged and funded us to do on community support, I think we've clearly shown huge amounts of leadership. I would also say that that has been driven by a set of data based strategies utilizing federal support, and both of those are critical. And on the federal support side, thus far, I have personally signed for. So I'm not impressed by any ammunition to the stay in lanes. And I will continue to provide our best thinking to you as a Board and remain in compliance with the Feds because getting a visit from an IG is not on my agenda. In the end, I think we'll execute any decision that this board comes up with and, again, as I've already said, we'd out execute any one that we could be compared with. So again, we're prepared to do so. It's not as simple, I don't think, as it's characterized earlier. Again, we look forward to presenting this plan after its Executive session. So we're glad to now cover this next session."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you, Mr. Manager. Madam COO, the reopening plan updates. --Is that you?"

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Yes, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, and we will be brief. Next slide. We are making significant progress on our gating criteria indicators, and with our fingers crossed and some encouragement from Doug, I think that we will be green all the way across, if our progress continues at our next meeting. And, as a result of that, I expect to bring together a more comprehensive reopening plan as opposed to sort of the one thinking that we have been presenting to you over the last several weeks, which hasn't been bad, but I think it's time for us to start planning comprehensively for reopening now, and so you'll be hearing that at the next meeting. Next slide. We've got nine new positive, COVID positive employees, which brings our total on the next slide to 337 since we began tracking. Next slide, please. Next slide. Then today, we will be presenting, I'll ask LaTrina to walk us through a plan that is a phase plan to reopen adolescent behavior health services based on her assessment of fatigue within our adolescent behavioral health clients with the continued virtual access

to their services. So I'm very excited to share that. On jury trials, we are working particularly -- IT and DREAM with our core partners with Alton Adams and Ellis Kirby leading those discussions to provide access to resources for the courts to resume jury trials on a limited basis in April. So looking forward to that activity as well. Since we last spoke, we opened the second Tax Commissioner's Office, and all things are running smoothly. Dr. Ferdinand is very thankful and supportive for all of the help that has gone into making that happen. So while we're taking incremental steps to reopening, there's a lot of progress in that regard. Next slide. LaTrina, who is on with us virtually, will quickly take us through her thinking around a phase reopening for adolescent behavioral health services."

**LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, BHDD:** "Good morning, Commissioners. Thank you Anna. As Anna stated, we looked at our delivery of child and adolescent services, and I must say we have continued to provide services through telehealth, which is, of course, through a virtual platform. And in order to mitigate the impact of what we're now calling Zoom Fatigue, we're looking at providing access to our clients to have face-to-face services upon request. So what we're proposing is that next week on the 22nd, we would open Adamsville Regional Health Center in the clubhouse for youth for staff only. And then on the 29th, we will do a five-week trial allowing clients to access the facilities for five weeks contingent upon the outcome of those five weeks, then we would open up Oak Hill Child and Adolescent Family Center, continue with the clubhouse, and continue with Adamsville Regional Health Center as well. So our proposal is to open three facilities by May 1st."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Thank you, LaTrina."

**LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, BHDD:** "You're welcome."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Just a quick update on emergency rental assistance since we've had a significant event in the progress of this program, Commissioners. As you are aware from our written correspondence last week, we did make a decision to temporarily halt applications so that we can dedicate resources to the effort to adjudicate those applications. At the conclusion of our application period, again, which closed Monday at 5:00 p.m., we recorded 15,333 tenant applications and 1,851 landlord applications. I do want to point out that many of those are still in progress. The majority, in fact, on the tenant side, 8,500 of them. That means that the applications have been started in the system, but have not completed them. Supporting documentation hasn't been provided and/or the application is otherwise in a pending status and hasn't even been moved forward for landlord participation in that process as well. So waiting on individuals within that process to complete their application so that we can move on to adjudicating them. The ones that do say submitted are in a process that we can begin adjudications, and that process has began; and this week, we've worked very closely with the finance department to issue some payments on those that have been approved so far. So good progress happening there. We are concerned about the lag in adjudications, and so Dr. Roshell and her team have discussed and are



putting in place augmented resources to be able to double down on the effort to work through these applications, and that includes redirecting some resources from the call center that we anticipate to ramp down towards adjudication. She is also staffing up through our temporary staffing agency to be able to address adjudications. And so the next time we report to you on this program, you will see sort of an increased pace and adjudication of the emergency rental assistance applications. Next slide.

Commissioners, we wanted to provide just a quick snapshot for you of the impact of this program across the County. Except for the very, very far north and very, very far south areas, there are a significant number of applications received from across districts and across the County toward this program. We did have a version of this map, which plotted all of our applications, and there were significant applications within the city of Atlanta and also outside of Fulton County. Based on the criteria for our program, we will be disapproving those applications and the ones for the city of Atlanta, in particular, we are planning to sort of create a batch file and provide that information to the leadership at the City of Atlanta so they have perhaps a starting point when they begin their program for those applicants that entered information into our system. So we're doing that as a courtesy, which is a warm handoff of those who don't qualify for Fulton County funds within the city of Atlanta. This also represents one of two of three charts that we will use to update the mayors on progress. The second will be a table by city that shows things like the total number of applications, where they are in the assessment process, and whether or not they have been paid out. So you will see that forwarded onto our mayors as a way to improve our communications or increase, I should say, our communications with them on progress in between meetings. Next slide.

Commissioners, this is the final slide. Just wanted to also give you a snapshot not just of where those applications are coming from, but also the total call on the very limited resources that we have in hand now. We have a total amount and request of \$44.4 million; 40 million of that is in rental assistance and four in utility assistance. As you know, our original reward was \$18 million which does not meet the complete need here that is requested, but we are anticipating additional funding in the American Recovery Act, and we do expect -- or we will be requesting that the Board allocates some of the total award to the County towards this effort so that we can say that we've addressed all the need in the emergency rental assistance area in Fulton County. So I'm looking forward to that. We continue to capture data in preparation for our quarterly reporting that is required to the treasury. And we'll be providing drafts of that report to the Board for your awareness as well. And very excitingly, we are working with the County Auditor, Anthony Nix, to support us in the monitoring of this program as well. We have engaged in a really creative engagement with him where it is not necessarily an audit of the program that he is coming into do, but he and his team have agreed to support us to ensure that the monitoring is consistent with the treasury guidelines, and they will be looking at some post payment activity to ensure that the process has been followed and providing guidance along the way. So that concludes this section of our reopening presentation, which included our employee positives, our DVHDD first steps, as well as emergency rental assistance. Mr. Chairman, we're ready for questions."



**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you, Madam COO. It is 12:50. We have Hausmann, Morris, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman. Commissioner Hausmann. The time is 12:50."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes, thank you. Real quick. That 44 million that we received applications for rental assistance, does that include the outliers in Atlanta and other jurisdictions unless they don't qualify as well? Is that the ones that qualify?"

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "No, ma'am, that's not the amount for those that are qualified. That is the total amount of applications including those that will be denied outside of Fulton and in the city of Atlanta."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Well, I think it would be helpful for us to break that down when you do that report so that we know when we do get new get the new assistance money what sort of ratio we're looking at, maybe to supplement the current program. I know the state's got a program. It's my understanding, we don't qualify or none of our residents qualify because we have our own funding. So I just think that would be helpful to us as we move into this next phase of how we allocate this next wave of funding that we get."

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

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "And then also, I just want to say I certainly do have Zoom fatigue myself, and I'm really happy to see the reopening plan for County services. Ms. Roach, I hope that you're also going to readjust the look at when the Board of Commissioners should resume. We're going to have jury trials, for example, in April. It seems like the Board of Commissioners should be meeting in person as well."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Thank you, Commissioner Hausmann. Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yeah. One of my questions was addressed by Commissioner Hausmann. But the number of approved and denied, I think 92 approved, 500 and something denied, is a pretty strong ratio. Are most of those denials just automatically because they are in Atlanta, for example, or have you adjudicated them and they're other reasons for the denials just generally. I'm not looking for specifics."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Yes, that's correct, Commissioner Morris. We would like to issue what we call batch denials to those applications that are out of our funding jurisdiction so that they can quickly apply to their appropriate jurisdiction. So what you're seeing here is a reflection of those batch denials that we're doing --

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Okay."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "That we know almost off the bat don't qualify because of jurisdictional purposes."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Great. Thanks. I was hoping that we weren't just denying 90 percent. Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, 12:55. Commissioner Hall followed by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Thank you, Mr. Chair. As it relates to the slide on page 26 called emergency rental assistance, can you please explain what abandoned means and what denied means."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Yes. So I'll start with the latter, Commissioner Hall. The word denies means that we have denied an application for emergency rental assistance because the individual who applied does not meet the criteria for either the federal guidelines or, in this case, on the front end of our evaluation. It's really mostly because they're outside of our funding jurisdiction. On abandoned, that we believe the majority of those abandoned calls are people who are hanging up when they call our call center because we have a very long script of information, and what's likely happening is that their question about the program is being answered within the script. And so they don't wait to talk to a representative because their questions are being answered. And so that is -- that counts within the way that we manage our call center. It counts within abandoned calls as well."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Is there any way to ensure that that is the case? Because I know I have called many places and had those long scripts and just got tired and didn't want to hear it. And I may have just pressed zero to see if it would take me directly to a person and it didn't work, and I just hung up. So is there any way to ensure that they're not just skipping, hanging up because they don't want to hear the long script?"

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "No. There's no way for us to assure that, because we don't know what they're thinking when they do hang up. And so, but it does, the way it's captured in our data from our call center reporting is as an abandoned call. Anybody who dials the number and then hangs up before being connected to a representative is deemed abandoned."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Okay. Thank you very much."

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

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes, Chair. I'm sorry, I was having an issue. I'll make it quick, Chair, relative of time. I just want to go on record as a duly elected

Commissioner of the District 6 with a very relevant Resolution today. It is the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Thank you, Chair."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you. All right. It's 1:00. Hard stop. I will entertain a motion to recess for lunch, real estate matters and executive session personnel and literature, litigation."

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

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Properly moved and seconded. Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

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

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you. So let us -- now everyone has the number for executive session, correct?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. So at 1:15, we will begin."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Mr. Chair?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "It's not a number, but -- for executive session, but it's for -- it's the Zoom, that's what we want to go into, not the executive session phone number, correct?"

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

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "The alternative -- the alternative Zoom link?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "For the County Attorney, it will be the phone number including --

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Oh, okay."

**CLERK GRIER:** "To do executive session, the --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Can you hear the Clerk, Commissioner Ellis?"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "My question is: Are we going into, you know, kind of the personnel portion of the executive session for which we were given a Zoom link?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "The first portion would be the County attorney's agenda and following that will be the applicants for County Attorney."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay. A valid phone number then, thank you."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Mr. Chair."

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

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Can we just make note that Kenneth Hermon sent us an e-mail at 12:55 saying 1:30 is the time when we would be going into the Zoom?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Correct. That's correct."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Thank you. We will start at 1:15. All right."

(Executive Session started at 12:55 p.m.)

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**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Colleagues, we'll resume the regular order of business. And we had completed the first part of the County Manager's report. I believe we're on page 30 now in emergency response reserve update in the American Recovery Act; is that correct, Mr. Manager?"

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Yes, sir. And Sharon Whitmore, the Chief Financial --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** -- I'm getting ahead of myself. Let's take the action items from the executive session first."

**KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Is there a motion to approve a settlement in the amount of \$6,200 in the Sherry RalCheri Rau versus Theodore Jackson, and Mark Adger United States District Court Northern District of Georgia Civil Action File No. 1:18-cv-04424; and as well authorizing the Chairman to execute the settlement agreement?"

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

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

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington."

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

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

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Continue, Madam Clerk, Madam County Attorney."

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**KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Is there a motion to approve the request for representation that were items: two, three, and four on executive session agenda."

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

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

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

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

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

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**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "That's all you had? All right then. Okay."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Personnel items, correct?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes. There next. I moved to appoint Dr. Karen Sullivan as the Medical Examiner at a salary of \$265,000 per year. Is there a second?"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Second."



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

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

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

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

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**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. I move to appoint William Yates as the Police Chief at a salary of \$144,000 per year. Is there a second?"

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Second."

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

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

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

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you, Commissioners. Madam Clerk -- actually, County Manager back to you."

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**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Yes, sir. Good afternoon, Commissioners. We will now move into discussion of the reserve update, and then again importantly the American Recovery Act, the summary that Sharon Whitmore, the Chief Financial Officer will lead that discussion."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Good afternoon, Commissioners. Sharon Whitmore, Chief Financial Officer. I do have, as the Manager indicated, a brief update on our emergency reserve fund, and then some information to share with you, relative to the most recent stimulus package. Next slide, please. With regard to the \$45.7 million that the County has set aside in reserve in the General Fund to fund our continued emergency response efforts, we have through March the 12th committed 35.5 of that leaving 10.2 un-obligated; and we have paid out a total of 3.1 million dollars. We made no change from the last reporting period, relative to movements of funds within the budgeted allocation for these resources. Next slide, please. With regard to the emergency rental assistance program, as Ms. Roach indicated during her presentation, we have made some movement on the adjudication process, and released the first payments this week, and that resulted in a payment of a little more than \$60,000. It covered about 12 applicants. So we are now showing that in the report to you, and we will continue to update this as we make payments on applicant's behalf, as well as once we begin to receive invoices associated with our actual administrative cost incurred. Of note, the plan is to continue to make payments on behalf of applicants on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week in order to ensure that funds are released as quickly as possible. Next slide, please. We have prepared some information to brief you on the Fiscal Recovery Funds and other resources that were made available as part of the American Recovery Plan Act that was --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** " -- Madam CFO, hold on one second before you get to that. I believe Commissioner Arrington had his hand up on the rental assistance. Commissioner Arrington."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Okay. Thank you. I was just going to ask --and maybe it's a question for the entire group -- but to the extent that we could committed 45million from the General Fund, we did that at a time before this new \$1.9 billion passed. So, I guess my question is: Would we use that 45 million from the new Act, and to cover those COVID expenses instead of our General Fund money?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Commissioner, we actually considered that as part of this presentation. In a later slide you'll see where we've pulled all of those resources together as part of our comprehensive recommendation for potential uses of all of the resources."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Okay. So then your recommendation is going to be to continue to use that 45 million from General Fund as well in addition to whatever we get from the feds?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Yes, sir, as part of the comprehensive recommendation. Okay. So continuing on then -- the deck that I'm about to share with you includes information specifically about the Fiscal Recovery Funds, which are a component of the overall American Recovery Plan. These are the funds that were made available specifically to state and local governments, and there was a bucket of resources that were made available to cities and to counties directly. So that's where we're going to start the deck at today. Next slide, please. So for these Fiscal Recovery Funds, there are at least five specific items that have been identified as allowable uses, and I've listed them all here. And I'll just take a minute to read them out. The first one identified is to respond to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19, or its negative economic impacts. And that includes assistance to households, small businesses, nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as: Tourism, travel, and hospitality. The second item of allowable uses to respond to workers performing essential work doing the COVID-19 public health emergency, by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the County that are performing such essential work; or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work. The third item is as an allowable uses for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue, and that is the reduction revenue that was due to the public health emergency, relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the County, prior to the emergency starting -- which was January 20 of 2020. And so that would be looking back really at our 2019 revenues because that would have been the most recent full fiscal year that the County had completed, prior to the start of the emergency. The fourth item is to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure. And the fifth item is that it specified that state and local governments are allowed to transfer to private nonprofit organizations, a public benefit corporation involved in transportation of

passengers, or cargo, or a special-purpose unit of state and local government. Next slide, please. The Act also spelled out some very specific disallowed uses of the funds as well as some other administrative requirements. So the first item that's a disallowed use is that states are not allowed to use the funds to either directly or indirectly offset a reduction in net tax revenue. The second is that we cannot use the funds as a deposit to any pension fund, so we can't use these funds to meet our required contributions to our pension funds. And then the -- items three and four are really sort of in the other requirements category. And it simply addresses the fact that if we fail to comply with law or the related guidelines associated with the Act, then we will be required to repay the funds to Treasury. That language is very similar to the language that we saw with the CARES Act. But I feel like we need to make sure that we included it in the presentation. And then lastly, there was a specific definition of premium pay provided in the legislation. And it states that it's an additional amount up to \$13 per hour that is paid to an eligible worker for work during the COVID-19 pandemic. I mean, it imposes a cap of 25,000 for any single eligible worker. So those are the general lists, if you will, of the allowed and disallowed uses of the funds as well as some general requirements. Next slide, please. Continuing on some other information that's relevant to these funds is timing of receipt of the funds. Unlike the CARES Act funds, we will not receive the full allocation in one payment. It will be split into two different tranches of payments. The first payment will come within 60 days of the enactment of the legislation, and it will be, you know, 50 percent of our allocated amount, so we should receive that in 2021. And then we would receive the remainder no earlier than 12 months from the date of the first payment. So if we received our funds in April of 2021, then we would receive the second half of the payment in April or May of 2022. The spending deadline on these funds is December 31st of 2024. So we have a longer runway to be able to fully expend these funds. So this is a little different than what we had with the CARES Act; it gives us a little more time to utilize the funds that will be provided. And then there are some reporting requirements the Act just mentioned these that there will be periodic reports due to Treasury from March 3rd until the funds are fully expended. We will have to report how the funds are used, and how any tax revenue was modified. And then lastly, it was stated in the reporting requirements section again that any noncompliance would result in repayment of funds to the U.S. Treasury. With regard to all of these allowances, disallowances, and requirements, these are all the items that you could extract from the legislation itself. This is the information that was essentially pulled together from NACo and provided to all counties as a general background for the funds. We do expect that there will be additional guidance provided out of Treasury around these funds in the near future; much like we experienced with the CARES Act funds that will more than likely come in the form of some general guidance and FAQs. So we're still waiting to see that guidance come forward. A couple of things that we have asked specifically for McGuire Woods to take a look at is the coverage period associated with the funds. The Act is very specific about when the funds have to be spent by, but it's not clear whether or not and how far back you may be able to go to recapture any expenses that you may have already incurred. And so we are researching that as well as gaining some clarification around the premium pay component to be certain of what would be allowable within that category as well. So we will continue to work with the

County Attorney's office, with McGuire Woods, and as we await any additional guidance from Treasury on the use of the funds. Next slide, please. The Manager mentioned this in his opening remarks. We thought that it would be good to share with you what the total award is inside the boundaries of the County itself. As the Manager mentioned, Fulton County government will receive an estimated \$206.3 million, while all of the cities within the County will receive \$331.7. So that brings the total estimated infusion into the County's overall economy, over the next three or four years, to \$538 million, which is not an insignificant sum of resources to be made available. Next slide, please. Again, we pulled this information from a document provided by NACo. These are the individual estimates for allocations for the County, its \$206.3 million. For the three cities that were identified as entitlement cities within Fulton County, it's a total of \$207 million. And for all the other municipalities it's a total of \$124 million, which again together adds up to the \$538 million. So you can see from this that there is an opportunity for every city within the County to receive funds through this funding vehicle. Next slide, please. As we sat and talked and thought through the approach to making recommendations around the use of the funds, and knowing that the cities would all be receiving funds directly, we had the thought that the County would likely desire to focus the use of our funding around the same countywide service areas that we currently are providing services to residents throughout the County, while allowing the cities to focus on their very specific and immediate community needs that they know are important to them and their constituents. Next slide, please. To the question that Commissioner Arrington raised earlier about the counties \$45.7 million that we set aside; what we wanted to do with this slide is to show you all of the resources that we currently are aware of that have specific dollar amounts associated with them. So in this pie chart, we've tried to identify them. And I'm just going to start on the left-hand side and work my way around. As you already know, we received the first emergency rental assistance program funding earlier this year that was \$18 million. We've received some communication that the second round of emergency rental assistance program funding will be and about the 14 million-dollar range, so that will give us a total of about \$32 million to be made available specifically for the emergency rental program. We've received previously through the Consolidated Appropriations Act about \$90,000 for airport funding. There are additional resources in the American Recovery Plan, but we don't have a specific dollar amount associated with those yet. We also received about \$900,000 towards the end of last year for some workforce programming. And then we have the \$45.7 million that the County set aside in its General Fund to be able to continue our response effort, while we awaited any additional federal funds that may be made available. Those are the resources that we have drawn upon, and put into play in order to be able to stand up the vaccination sites that we have operated -- that we have in place and operating now to support the Board of Health, and emergency management in those activities. And then lastly, this \$206.3 million, in the Fiscal Recovery Funds, of course that will be paid over the next 24 -- paid over to us across the next 12 months. And all of those together total about \$285 million in resources -- known resources that we have available to continue to address any of the impacts or effects of the pandemic. In the bottom left-hand corner, we've identified other areas that have been specifically called out in the legislation, but we do not have a dollar amount yet associated with them. So there is a

mortgage assistance allocation that's been set aside in the program. That is likely to come to us through we believe through the home program, but we're not a hundred percent sure. There are a variety of other Health and Human Services programs, some senior services, some other housing initiatives, some other type of assistance programs that are again specifically identified in the legislation, but there's no set dollar amount yet. We also have the ability to seek direct reimbursement for costs associated with the vaccine and testing programs through FEMA, and we are working with Matt Kallmyer and his team to develop a plan around which of our costs we might be willing to move forward through -- through that program in order to free up funds from elsewhere within the current sources that we have. And as I mentioned previously, there is some additional funding for airports in the American Recovery Plan, as well as an emergency connectivity fund that the library may be able to tap into, in order to provide resources that our library patrons could use to be able to establish Wi-Fi and Internet connectivity for their own -- for their own use, to either be able to use to support their need, to be able to work remotely, or for any sort of continued virtual learning that may be necessary as we -- as we move forward. So this -- so this graph again is simply to show you the total amount of resources that we have available to work with us we thought through all of the potential uses. Next slide, please. So, again, I think the Manager mentioned this in his remarks: Much like we did at the beginning of the pandemic last year when we initially developed our response, we developed it around these three primary prongs, if you will, the health response, operation stability, and community needs. And so we have, again, planned to make recommendations around those three primary areas. And all of the recommendations, of course, within those areas we believe will have an impact on our overall economic recovery within the County. Next slide, please. And so, ultimately as we thought through the allocation of the \$285 million that we have available to us, and each of these priority areas that we established, this slide shares with you really sort of where we landed in our thought process. Under Health Response: We came to the conclusion that what we would recommend would be items that would allow us to continue to improve vaccine availability and acceptance within our community. Mike, can I get you to move that? Thank you. And so we have four -- four major recommendations in this regard that we would use these funds, and we've looked at \$60 million as what we would target to use out of the 285 for this area. And we would use this to continue to support our vaccination and testing programs, in an effort to be able to significantly improve our access in minority communities. Then we would develop a communication campaign to combat vaccine hesitancy, and increase acceptance within our minority communities. And that we would look to use some of these resources to bill our public health emergency management infrastructure in such a ways that we can maintain a long-term response capability, should this transition from just being a pandemic to something being more endemic and long-lasting, where we would need to be able to continue to test, and continue to have vaccination clinics and vaccination locations available for some longer period of time. And then lastly, of course, to be able to acquire the PPE, and any other supplies that are necessary for these active testing and vaccination sites to continue to operate. And we felt that based on the current funding level that we had identified to support the vaccine and testing programs that an allocation of \$60 million



would cover us through this year and into next year, if necessary. In the Operational Stability area: Our overarching objective or goal if you will is to ensure that County facilities are safe for employees and citizens. To that end, we've identified a need for about \$125 million to put towards this area. And the Manager mentioned many of these items in his remarks earlier, but we would be looking to ensure that County facilities are pandemic proof, if you will. That we ensure that we can return our staff and customers into our facilities in such a way that will allow for proper social distancing; will allow for the same -- within the same physical footprint, allow us to space out our workstations appropriately, and be able to reduce the total number of employees that would be in those locations at any one -- any one point in time. We would also recommend some type of a premium pay program for employees. Something that would be in line with the allowable use of the fiscal recovery funds. We would also ensure that we continue our PPE inventory for County employees, and for the public coming into County facilities. And probably the single largest item in this category is being able to develop and fund a major court backlog project, and also pandemic proofing our court rooms, you know, for any -- any future COVID related type of incident. In this particular area, this would involve essentially developing a 36 month backlog project that would double the size of our current courtroom capacity and allow for the current backlog of cases that we have to be worked down over the 36 month timeframe; while maintaining any new cases that come into the system during that same period of time. If we choose not to do this, then we will continue to have issues with the total number of individuals housed in the Fulton County Jail, and we will have a backlog for a much, much, much longer period of time. And then lastly in this area, we've identified as one of our primary proposals to ensure that we provide whatever technology needs would be generated from continuing to maintain virtual services that have been initiated during the pandemic as well as potentially expanding on those virtual services, and being able to continue to support the remote workforce. And this would also include any technology -- continued technology needs that we would have to be able to address our -- our court room related issues as part of that backlog project. And then the last area is the Community Needs area: Our primary objective here was to ensure that residents and businesses recover from the pandemic disruption, and we've identified \$100 million dollars to that point. The major areas that we looked at in the Community Needs is to through the emergency rental assistance program is to ensure that any applicant -- any eligible applicant for rental assistance outside the city of Atlanta receives assistance. Also, we would look to fund a -- provide funding for safety net services with our qualified nonprofits for COVID related needs. This item specifically -- our thought process there was around a number of applications that we were not able to fund out of the current years' CSP allocation. We felt like we could use these resources to fund anything that is currently not funded that is specifically related to the effect or the impact of COVID. We would also look to use some of these funds to support a mortgage assistance program, including whatever amount may come from the mortgage assistance funds that have been set aside out of the American Recovery Act. We don't have a specific dollar amount on that yet, but our thought process on this is that to the extent that we would be able to manage a mortgage assistance program, using the infrastructure that we've established for the rental assistance program that we would already be in a better

position to administer that program moving forward. And then the last three items that we've identified include: Establishing a long-term economic development revolving loan program. We felt like this would provide us with a way to put in to play resources that would meet an immediate need, but would also, you know, would be self-funding in the sense that it would be revolving; meaning that these would be loans not grants. And the repayment of the loans would provide the resources for future loans to be made. Also, we gave consideration to the infrastructure that we had already developed through ACE with our CARES Act funds. We thought that something similar to that would be very doable with these resources as well. We would also look to develop and coordinate a long-term network of providers to address food insecurity, and have some resources available to support -- to support that effort. We do hear and see a lot about food insecurity -- well, pre-pandemic as well as now. So we know that the need is out there. And we know that there are a number of providers who do -- who do an excellent job of providing services. We really hope to just sort of step in and service a hub, and be a resource to help those providers identify resources as well as to be able to connect residents who maybe in need with the network of providers in order for them to seek assistance. And then lastly, of course we think that we should provide some funding towards a job training and retraining program for impacted and displaced workers whose industries may have been more severely impacted during this pandemic than others. And whose industries may take longer to recover than others. So those are the allocations -- \$60 million for Health Response, \$125 million towards Operational Stability, and \$100 million towards Community Needs. Next slide, please. And so as we look at what we would need to do moving forward, we want to, of course, continue to identify resources that may be available to the County, through the American Recovery Plan or the Consolidated Appropriations Act. And then make sure that we identify those resources if they are grant oriented that we submit any grant applications timely, and that we have a solid plan in place for executing on those. We also want to more fully develop the recommendations around the potential use of these funds, and timing of receipt of the Fiscal Recovery Funds. So we need to spend a little bit more time really sort of laying out the plan of when some of these costs that we've identified would actually be incurred, and then mapping those out against the timing of the receipt of these two tranches -- these two major tranches of funds. As I stated earlier, we have been in conversation with Matt around what items we could seek reimbursement through FEMA on in order to free up these other resources to put, you know, towards perhaps some of the items identified in the use to be able to increase our allocation towards some of those items. And then lastly, we will, of course, continue our current response efforts using our General Fund's resources until we actually receive the Fiscal Recovery Funds, and the second allocation of emergency rental assistance; and any of the other funds that are -- are and/or will be made available to the County. And with that, unless Mr. Anderson has anything that he wants to add, I think we're ready to take your questions, or comments, and feedback on the recommendations."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "So, thank you, Ms. Whitmore for that summary. Hopefully, this is taken in the spirit that it was offered, which is this is, like I said initially, broad contours of a plan. We did start with the notion just like we did for

the \$104 million, what is really in compliance and what is not. So we kept an eye on that, and again, we extended the approach that we used for the \$104 million in terms of the three pillars. I think that served us well. I think, as you look down the list, this is, you know, again, a starting point. So some of these, like I said up front, I think are unavoidable, like the backlog reduction project in the courts. Others are ones that you could certainly look at and say I would rather do one thing versus another, or I would have rather double down on one of these versus doing something else. I think that's obviously very appropriate. I also think in the Health Response -- and that this is for COVID relief it is an immediate attention in getting the virus under control, it's the first step in economic recovery; we wanted to make sure that we did absolutely as much as possible in vaccinations. And where the lever really exists there, and where the money would be spent more than not, is in mobile distribution. That solves -- I think a number of problems: Equity, access, and really creativity in terms of providing that vaccination in a perhaps through a distribution -- it's not the government, but rather through a nonprofit. So Mr. Chairman, we're, again, prepared to take any questions and obviously any direction that the Board might have."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Thank you, Mr. Manager. I have three lined up so far: Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, followed by Commissioner Hall, followed by Commissioner Ellis. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Thank you, Chair. First, of all let me say thank you for all for presenting that. I'm glad to see -- which is what I thought -- you all had already started on putting it together, such as me and my actual office as well based on the calls and the constituents needs. The first thing that concerns me though is; I keep hearing American Recovery Act versus American Rescue Plan. Is there a reason why there's a different terminology?"

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "No, ma'am, I probably misspoke. You're absolutely right."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Thank you. Thank you, County Manager. And the only reason that I ask you that is because when one thinks of "rescue", they think of help. When one thinks of "recovery" they think of getting back -- recovering back. And so, I just want us both to be on the same page of what we're trying to do with the American Rescue Plan. So thank you for clearing that up for me County Manager. Also, Sharon said you all anticipate \$14 million for the rental. Can you identify where that's coming from and maybe anticipated date?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Commissioner those funds are separately called out in the American Rescue Plan, and they should be coming from Treasury like the first emergency rental assistance program funds came from. And I have not seen anything date specific yet."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Okay. Okay. The reason I was asking, Sharon because Sharon I know you know where the money is, or most of the time you know when it's coming. You can track it. And so that \$14 million for the rental that should be considered inside the two hundred and six?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "That is separate and apart from the \$206 million."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Okay. Thank you for clearing that up because I was thinking it was part of it. Okay. Also, have you all had an opportunity to see the -- to actually see the Resolution that I have; that's going to be presented today? Have you all had a chance to see it?"

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

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Okay. So, what I want to go on record with you all, especially the County Manager: In the Resolution as I follow everything that you all said, it looks like we're on the same page, but the only thing that I wanted to clear up is that across this County we have people that are hurting, people that are on the verge of being homeless, we have businesses that are getting ready to close their doors that are holding on by a needle and thread. And also, we have schools that are getting ready to let out, and we also have employees that are the lifeblood of Fulton County. We could not do what we have done if we did not have the backs of employees that had to step to the plate. They had to be educators, and they had to also keep the banner of the exceptional customer service that Fulton County is known for. And so, whereas, this Resolution in some eyes may not seem relevant -- relevant, what I want to say here to you all, I want to be on the same page with you all. This Resolution is only to ask when you all do what you all are supposed to do, is to identify the areas that you understand that there are constituents from Palmetto to Alpharetta; from Bankhead to Buckhead that can't wait on a loan program. The ton of PPE that I personally seen in the warehouse does not put food on the table nor does it keep the lights on, nor does it keep a family from being evicted. And I'm not saying that the County Manager and everyone else doesn't know that, but clearly I want to go on record today that I have talked to over 1,500 citizens in Fulton County and businesses. And so, my goal is to not only be on record for Fulton County as to what you all are receiving; my goal is to not have an adversarial role when people are hurting. So I would hope that everything that I have laid out, and I've watched your presentation -- I hope that everything I have laid out covers everything that you have said. And I also hope that we can come away from this meeting knowing that as Commissioners, we have an elected duty to hear the cries of the people that are hurting in Fulton County as well as the businesses. Now, I do understand, Sharon, and I want you to correct me if I am wrong; the money that you all have to come in, the two hundred and six, which we'll get -- the half of it within 60 days, and we'll get the rest down the road, that has no bearing on the money that's going to go to the sister cities. You all have no control over the money that goes to the municipalities; is that correct?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "That's correct, Commissioner, the money will go directly to the municipalities. And they will have to follow the same requirements for the use that we have."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Okay. Okay. Okay. And my last question to you Sharon is this: When our County Manager had to sign for that 18 million, it was very stringent. You all could not defer -- the city Commissioners could not reach out to the County Manager and say I think its \$1,500 you should give as opposed to 1300. You all had to go by a strict letter of what you all had to do in order to make sure that you were in compliance. It was very strict; is that correct?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Yes, ma'am. The eligibility criteria were spelled out very clearly for the rental assistance program."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Now, my next question to you is: With the American Rescue Plan is it just as strict? Is there some lead way? Does it allow you, in conjunction with the Commissioners? Is it for you all only to decide? Or is it for us to come together with recommendations as the need? But of course you all having the final say so, so to speak, to bring to us for us to vote on. But if that's incorrect, please correct me."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "There are -- those disallowed uses, the allowable uses, and the disallowable uses are specifically spelled out in the legislation. We are still waiting to see if there will be any additional specific guidance that comes out of the Treasury Department around how the funds are to be -- how are the funds are to be utilized. Really once we have those -- those two pieces, you know, it is then between County leadership, and the Board of Commissioners to ultimately decide how the funds will be used, so long as they -- the uses comply with those items that are specifically called out in the legislation, and comply with the guidance provided by Treasury. And right now we don't -- the piece we're missing is the specific guidance provided by Treasury."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Okay. So my final question to you Sharon: Since you said you already seen my Resolution, does my Resolution give you the authority, or does it support everything that you have shown on this slide today?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "The Resolution I believe, would grant the authority for us to -- if a certification is required for these funds, I do think that the Resolution would allow us to move forward with accepting the funds and submitting the certification. In reviewing the items that you identified as priorities and set aside -- the only one that you've listed specifically that I feel like we would need to take -- maybe take a different approach with is your item No. 2, a substantial pay raise for all full and part-time County employees. I don't believe the language in the American Rescue Plan in the portion for the local Fiscal Recovery Funds -- I don't believe that the language that's in the Act there necessarily would allow for No. 2 as written. Certainly, some individuals would be covered by that, but I don't believe it would just be an across-



the-board type of situation. So that's the one area that when I review your Resolution that gave me a little bit of concern about whether or not the Recovery funds would be the appropriate source for something like that."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "So Sharon, what I say to you is this then: Should we strike the word "all" because the way that it is written ultimately the authority is going to allow you all to sit with the County Manager to make sure that we're in compliance. And so that's why I put in there what I did, but if you would prefer for me to strike the word "all" for full compliance for your needs, I have absolutely no problem with that."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Language that -- maybe if instead of necessarily tying it specifically to the \$206 million, if you just ask us to develop a plan for some sort of a, you know, premium pay, or hazard pay, or if it is to be a raise for all County employees that we look at it from other sources; and then we need to consider the recurring nature of that. Would it be a one-time payment so something more akin to a one-time bonus versus a recurring cost. Because then those recurring cost, we have to build in to our General Fund budget."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "So Sharon, I would say since you said a premium pay -- we would change it to premium pay, keeping in mind that I said conformance with the law, which here again, I'm on the record saying that this is just a guideline. You all are going to basically do the nuts and the bolts of it because this is not the only four things. These were just only four things that we had identified, based on the citizens and the businesses of Fulton County. And so, if we do "premium pay" as opposed to what's wording in there now, would that be acceptable?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Premium pay plan, I think that would be sufficient."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Okay. So that's what I needed to know. Thank you."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "I know I'm next, but based on the previous line of questioning, can I have the County Attorney address some of those questions because they were in reference to a Resolution, and I want to just get a legal opinion on those questions. Seems more appropriate."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "You understand what she's asking?"

**KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "I'm not sure that I understand the question but --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "-- can you repeat the question, Commissioner Hall. Commissioner Hall?"



**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "I said, I would like to ask the County Attorney to address the questions that were just asked as it relates to the Resolution because I'd like to have a legal opinion on the wording of the Resolution, instead of just the Chief Financial Officer. Because generally, Resolutions are vetted by our County Attorney. So if you could respond to Commissioner Abdur-Rahman's questions, Madam County Attorney."

**KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Okay. Well, I consider the Resolution to be a policy issue as opposed to anything else. And so, if the policy that the Commissioner wants to set forth is that the Board will prioritize these matters -- if everyone -- if all the other Board Members agree to that, then we can prioritize these matters to the extent that they comply with the plan. And so, yeah -- so I do think that the premium pay is an issue as opposed to substantial pay raise because even if you say substantial pay raise if that's not in accordance with the plan because the plan limits the premium pay to \$13 an hour. And then there's a maximum as well. So if the intention here is to comply with the plan, then I'm not, you know, again this is policy language as opposed to anything else. And so, the plan in fact that will actually be put in place by the County Manager will prioritize these matters in compliance with the plan. Does that make sense?"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes. Thank you. And since it is my turn to ask the questions. I want to add to that. I agree with Commissioner Abdur-Rahman that there are specific areas of need in our communities, and I thank her for thinking of them, and putting them into a Resolution, but I do want to make sure that the Resolution does not conflict or create a conflict for the County Manager and the County staff. Because I want to thank the County Manager and staff, County executive team, and the departments and staff that contributed to putting together this presentation because it's very extensive, and it does have a substantial list of the uses of the American Rescue Plan. And you did it so fast because I'm still reading the American Rescue Plan. I was looking through various sections of it and just trying to pull out information, so this is very helpful. But I want to make sure that we are not in conflict with what you're trying to do, by asking you to prioritize and utilize and set aside part of the federal rescue funds for specific areas. Because in your presentation, you actually have a lot more uses listed than there are in the Resolution. And so, Madam County Attorney, would the Resolution put them in a situation where they're addressing only a few specific areas, and prioritizing, instead of addressing all of these areas and maybe perhaps we can pull some of the things off the Resolution, and add them to this list of potential uses. And I also want to just ask that there's a specific area I was reading, Section 2922 of that American Rescue Plan that speaks about grandparents kinship care. And we started to work on actual grandparents' kinship care program for Fulton County. Ladisa and others actually pulled together from the county executive team with myself, and Ms. Emma Jean from the senior community, and others to look at grandparents' kinship care program. And what I want everyone to consider is the fact that when COVID-19 impacted everyone, there were families where -- there were caregivers who were 55 and older of the senior community, who were taking care of the children in their families. And they were put in a very negative position due to COVID-19, in trying to support those children. And so, I

would hope that we could add that to our list of uses to assist and support those grand families, and those kinship families in which the primary caregiver is an adult age 55 or older, or the child has one or more disabilities. So if you could add that to the list Mr. County Manager, Madam CFO, Madam COO."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Chair, point of information, please."

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

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Thank you, sir. Can we get the Clerk to read that last paragraph, please? Because I think Commissioner Hall -- because we want to make sure that the County Manager and those within that office do their job. I'm very adamant about them doing their job and me doing mine. So I want to be fair to the fact that they are going to bring back what we need to have and vote on it. This is just a policy. So this thing may would be several pages long if we took everything. And so, if you don't mind, Chair, and if you wouldn't mind indulging me, can we get the Clerk to read that last paragraph where it says, 'be it further resolved,' and I think that would answer Commissioner Hall's concerns."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Rahman, you took the words out of my mouth. We can sit here all day and continue to add to it, but when I think what you're Resolution does puts us on record in support of activities that we would like to see -- like to see funded with this money. And I think that the Manager and his team have made a great first step, but in the final analysis it will be a collaboration between us, the policymakers, and what the Manager -- and we would have the final say so. So each of us can sit here all day and add to it. I mean, I've never seen a bad program in my years of service."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes, Chair, but just for --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "-- thank you."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Let me get a point of clarification, please."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Just a minute. Just a minute. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, has the floor."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Oh. If you don't mind, Chair, could we please ask the Clerk to read that last paragraph, please."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Be it further resolved, the Board of Commissioners hereby directs the County Manager, and the appropriate County staff to establish the utilization and distribution plan consistent with the intent of this Resolution. And in conformance with the rules, and guidelines, in the Act, and other such rules promulgated by the US Department of the Treasury, and other federal agencies with oversight in compliance of

the rescue plans local fiscal recovery fund. And that the County Manager report back with the said plan within 30 days for action by the Board of Commissioners."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "So, can I respond?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes, go ahead."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "So, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think the only problem, honestly, with the Resolution is when you define upfront four priorities and those four -- I think, Vice Chair Hall is aptly pointing out -- those are not the only priorities. As a great example: The fundamental design of the Act is a focus on Healthcare Response. That's not mentioned in the four priorities. How could you have a Resolution that doesn't mention vaccine distribution? So, I think, it's silent on some things that it would have to speak too if you are going to have a complete list. And then secondly, I think the first thing that we saw when we saw the Resolution was it's not compliant. When you start talking about a raise for all employees; so that would have to be reformed in a way that would be more consistent with the program that Sharon outlined. And then there are others that probably are -- and I think, you as a group would have to give us direction. For example: on youth programming; is that a priority relating to COVID response? It may be. But I have no direction from you as a group to make that a priority. So if you passed the Resolution as it stands, and I were to comply with that Resolution, I would try to go develop a plan that had those four priorities. And then some other things, which I don't think would be the consensus of this group; and would not be in compliance with the law, at least on one of the dimensions of it. So it seems like the easy way to kind of have your cake and eat it too is: Pass the Resolution absent trying to establish priorities today. We have given you a great set of recommendations, which we ourselves will say this is the first cut. I suspect there will be a lot of conversation -- and not only that there will be a lot of leaning, because we think we know everything today that we need to know probably don't just like we did in March of last year and we will learn as we go and you will end up telling us to put resources in one place and take them out of another which we have been the ability to do so."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And that's what you did."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Thank you. Mr. County Manager, thank you."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Point of order Mr. Chairman."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes, sir, Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Are we on this Resolution or are we still on the County Manager's presentation? It seems like we're --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "-- we're still on --"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "-- it seems like we're debating the Resolution language now."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "You're correct. I'm trying to be -- I knew this was going to happen anytime there's money -- before you get to money this type of discussion, but you're correct, we're still talking about the Manager's presentation. So next was Commissioner Ellis followed by --"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "-- I wasn't finished. I wasn't finished. I allowed Commissioner Abdur-Rahman to finish. She asked a question."

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

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Thank you, so much. And Mr. County manager, thank you, so much for listening to what I was saying, and providing the proper analyzation of what I was saying. You, you hit it -- you hit the nail right on the head. So, thank you for that. I just want to make sure that we do not miss the mark on serving everyone in Fulton County period. And that's it. I do appreciate Commissioner Abdur-Rahman's Resolution, but I want to make sure that we're all covering all the needs of the County and that's all. So I appreciate your input. And that being said, I'm glad that you did say that we will continue to flush out this list of what the services and programs and needs are for Fulton County. And I look forward to working with you and the County staff on that. Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "So everybody wants to be heard about money that haven't been received yet. So now next is Ellis, Arrington, back to Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Commissioner Ellis?"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chair. One thing that I would like to remind us all is I think, you know, we all have our citizens in mind and we all care. And, you know, when this whole thing started, you know, one of the first things we did, I believe, at the first virtual meeting we had, is we readjusted our own budget before we even knew about any sort of federal money coming our way. And we reoriented significant funds towards community response very quickly. And I think, you know, one of the things about, throughout the course of the entirety of last year, you know, we really worked collaboratively as a body with our management team to have a focus on that and keeping our citizens being the main thing. And we had a lot of healthy debate about different ideas that came forward, certain things that, you know, we looked at, you know, and we had a healthy debate about, and we ultimately decided we weren't going to do, and we leaned into those things we thought that really mattered, and I suspect and, hopefully, we continue to have that same kind of healthy dialogue moving forward. Because we got the template for doing it because we just went through it. You know, so this isn't -- this isn't our first roller coaster, you know, so to speak. So just, you know, I do think we -- I think we all should just sort of kind of keep that in mind as we kind of continue to kind of go through this process with this new money that's flowing our way. I

guess one of the things -- going back to, in the presentation, around allowable use and I know -- and I just want to make sure I heard you right, that we still don't know kind of how far of a back look can be considered on the use of allowable -- things that could be allowable to be spent on. Is that correct? I mean we don't know. We could go back to the beginning of this year or anything of that nature?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Yes, sir, that's correct. We've asked -- I've asked the question, so we can get clarification on that."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay. And on the -- on the aspect of infrastructure and capital, is there a lot of stuff that's unclear on that as well? Spending on specific infrastructure?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "I would say somewhat, yes. I mean, the language is pretty much as I provided it. Make necessary investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yeah, I think. Okay. But we don't know if it goes beyond that specifically and what -- how broadly those three areas could be interpreted."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Right. That's the sort of information that we would expect to get from the guidance from Treasury and through the FAQ process."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay. I mean, it would seem to make some sense that, you know, we would, regardless of the back look feature, that is we receive these funds that, you know, we first apply, you know, kind of things that we may have had in sort of our original 45 million dollar bucket for reimbursement purposes and, you know, and preserve our general fund money. You know, I mean, that just seems sort of a logically that we would do that. You know, so I think that needs to be part of our discussion as we move forward. And then on the -- when it comes to actually accepting the funds, I mean, this would be, I guess, the second or third, so it at least would be the third, you know, batch of funds if not more than that, that we've received. We've taken all those in without any real action by this Board, so there's not really a formal requirement that our Board act in order for the funds to be received; is that correct?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Actually, Commissioner Ellis, I believe that we have had the Board of Commissioners pass a Resolution authorizing the County manager to sign the certifications for both the CARES Act funds as well as for the emergency rental assistance funds that we received."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay. Do we know that for sure?"

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

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Madam County Attorney? Or did that take place after the fact."

**KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "That did occur."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay. So though we don't necessarily have a -- that style before us right now. Going into the areas of need and things and stuff that you all brought forward here. Some areas also that I think that deserves some sort of highlight in consideration are, you know, I really think that as we understand infrastructure aspects about is also -- this falls in both in terms of infrastructure as well as services. I think the arena of mental health is one where if you look at sort of a previous response, it is not necessarily -- it's been fairly limited. And I think where we are at now in the course of this pandemic and where we are headed, what comes out, you know, kind of on the backside of a lot of manifestation of a lot of mental health issues you know already beginning to emerge, is going to grow. And I think that's a place that I didn't necessarily see it clearly called out in terms of our thought process and response. I think certainly, you know, there is this balance of these funds can be, the last day they can be spent is what, 2024?"

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Yes, okay."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "You know, and I -- and I certainly, you know, to me, I mean there are clearly a lot of near-term things that, you know, we should seek to move as quickly as possible to assist our citizens with. You know, certainly on the rental assistance program that we're doing, how quickly do we need to expand that? Some recommendations about how much funds should we consider expanding this into if we are going to get engaged in expanding this into mortgage relief for homeowners, which I think we should. What does that look like and what would it mean? And do we have the ability to necessarily stand that up very quickly or would we need to look to someone else to assist us with really doing that smartly in a way that it would quickly benefit our citizens. The CSP program, which we've not yet acted on which come up here in a little bit, I go back sort of fundamentally when we first moved on COVID response. We looked towards those partners which, you know, predominantly came from our CSP program. It's been a great program. We got phenomenal partners in there that do great work. We've also got very good processes already in place for those. I think that is a clear area we should look to, the layer funding on top of, you know, from these particular sources. And I hope we will consider that when we get to that particular item. I certainly agree with the comments around the health response and maximizing as quickly as possible getting the vaccines out. And on the -- you know, given that we have the expenditure that goes out in 2024, you know, there's a short-term need that we need to get into and address the needs of our citizens as quickly as possible, but there are these sort of other infrastructural things which I think are just as important, you know, how we're going to provide virtual services going forward, how we're going to orient our offices going forward. If we need to be sort of structured in our workforce doing things differently than what they were before, and



that's indeed what we determined. And I think, definitely, you know, pretty immediately in front of us, I am supportive -- fully supportive of how we're going to address our court back part. And I agree with the comments made there that this is a very significant issue which is our wheelhouse. You know, I think we need a very serious thoughtful plan and to dedicate the appropriate resources to deal with that as quickly as we possibly can. I think as we go through and we debate and we mess around with this stuff too, there are a lot of clear needs in the community and, you know, but there are some differences in the way that funding streams are coming into this, and I think it's important that we don't duplicate efforts or that we don't lean into certain things that other folks are going to lean into and then wound up neglecting things that we would be the only entity that we really should be -- we'll lean into and address how do you like our courts. I know that within this, there is what about, I think a \$25 billion fund that's going to support the restaurant and food and services sector, specifically, which will provide a lot of specific benefits to many of our small business community in the service sector that's very healthy throughout the County. Certainly, a lot of funds going into the cities, and I certainly -- certainly I think business relief is an important issue, but I think we need to have some sort of understanding about who might be better equipped to do that and might it be in what areas? Should the cities be sort of taking more the lead on that and we be focused more on i.e. safety net services. And then certainly, there's a significant amount of funding coming into the school systems, not just for schooling purposes, but for addressing some of these gaps that have emerged and what might they be looking at and doing differently. So I think, you know, as we consider things like business relief and programs around youth that would go outside of the scope of some of the stuff that we've addressed traditionally in our CSP program to make sure that we're not duplicating things that or leaning into things that really they are better equipped to address and will do a better job of. So I'll leave it at that."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, Commissioner Arrington."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Okay. Thank you, Sharon. This looks good. I really like it. Of course, I didn't see the arts in there so, hopefully, there is some room for the arts in that community portion. And frankly, Commissioner Khadijah, I really like the three buckets that they have as far as health response, operational response, and community responses, kind of the larger three buckets. And then, you know, if we would have perhaps change that in the resolution that, you know, might get Board-wide support. And then we can continue to work out all the details. But I think those buckets are good. Sharon, the one thing I did want to confirm, we still have ICS set to start July 1st, right?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Commissioner Arrington, we have the funding in the budget for a midyear implementation as long as we don't see any -- anything horribly going the wrong direction with unemployment and with the economy. So, yes, sir."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "And so as long as ICS is in there then I'm less worried about the substantial raise for the employees because most of the employees will likely get raises through ICS. And so, I think, you know, that might be the supplement or the way to fix or merge those two, if you will, and still achieve the same goal."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Thank you, Commissioner Arrington. Commissioner Hausmann and then back to Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. A lot of what I was going to say has been said, but I think that, you know, with \$538 million coming in to Fulton County, we need to be smart about this. And I don't think that that money includes what the school systems are going to get. So I hope that we -- as we go forward, we'll work closely with our cities and the school system to make sure that what we're doing compliments where necessary but doesn't duplicate as was said earlier but also make sure that we, you know, provide our primary needs which are in the area of health and the courts. It's my understanding that Fulton County Schools is going to do a robust summer school program the next two summers to help their students catch up. So perhaps some of the things we've done in the summer with youth camps and other things like that may not be as needed or just maybe not on the same scale. So I hope that we are initiating conversations with our partners throughout the County. In our next mayor meetings, while I know we've got transportation that's always a topic right now, this to me, this coordinated effort to see if perhaps they are better suited to support the business needs in their city and allow us to focus on other areas might be a good conversation for us to have. I agree that the CSP partnerships have been very beneficial. A lot of those folks that are on that list did receive CARES Act funding from us to help with our initial needs. And a lot of those groups that applied for CSP did not get their full request this go round, so I think that's another avenue that we need to, you know, explore if, in fact, their funding could be utilized -- or their services could be utilized to help as we move forward with this new recovery act. And then, the area of behavioral health, I'll just share with you that a lot of counties throughout Georgia and the country are talking about the potential to really focus on behavioral health needs with this money. And even in the area of capital needs, there's a lot of discussion on if this money can be utilized to perhaps do crisis centers or some of the things that we know that we need in Fulton County that we've not had the ability to fund that would definitely be in line with the needs that we're going to face as we move forward. So I just want to mention a few things. And I also have heard that there are specific arts funding included in the act that might could be utilized outside of what we have gotten that we might could help facilitate our arts partners and how they access those funds. So I just think there's a lot of coordination that needs to occur with this significant investment that we're going to receive. Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you, Commissioner Hausmann. Back to Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Commissioner?"

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "I'm sorry, Chair. I just wanted to just say that I -  
- Chair, I agree with you that there's a lot of -- we're kind of beating a dead horse  
because what I want the County Manager Dick to understand and know, this was just a  
list of priorities based on interaction with the citizens and the business owners of Fulton  
County. Anything else can go to it, I'm not saying that anything shouldn't go to it, that's  
why I had the dialogue with Sharon. I commend the County Manager having this  
presentation, having all those things, because I see that this will be in some of that. But  
I think -- I need to go on record saying, as a commissioned body -- as Commissioners  
of Fulton County, we need to be on record one, accepting it; two, showing forth areas  
that we feel as a body should be addressed in addition to other needs. It is not for just  
these four, and I'm sorry when you read it that you got that from it because that's not  
what the County Attorney got from it because she vetted it. So this is for when the  
County Manager does everything that he's supposed to do, which is his job to identify  
put the funding, make sure we're legally in compliance, and does everything that we  
expect him to do that he does a very good job of it, that he understands these are four --  
excuse me, five, because you got the arts funding. These are five areas that we want  
addressed when it comes back. That's all this is. Thank you, Sharon, thank you,  
Commissioners, and thank you, Chair. I appreciate it."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Well said, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. So let's move on, we'll  
get to the Resolution in a few minutes here, I think there's support to approve the  
Resolution. Madam County -- let's go, Madam Clerk."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "Okay, on page 7, **21-0209**, Purchasing and Contract Compliance.  
Request approval of a Resolution to extend emergency purchasing authority of the  
chairman and County Manager for COVID-19-related purchases."

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

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

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall. Arrington."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Wait, what is this on?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "0209, extending the purchasing -- emergency purchasing,  
through May 7th."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "I'm sorry, I was trying to raise my hand."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Whose hand went up first? I want to -- if you can help tell me whose hand went up first. Commissioner Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes, hold on one second. My screen just went very small. Hold on one second. Okay, I'm sorry. So 209, I just wanted to make sure that I'm clear on, we're just extending the date; is that correct? Until May?"

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

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Okay, thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Arrington."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Do you want to be heard on this one?"

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "No, I'm fine. I'm fine. I just didn't -- I didn't know which agenda item this was."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. So let's vote then. Commissioner Hausmann. Ellis?"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

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

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "21-0210, Purchasing and Contract compliance. Request ratification of countywide emergency procurements."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "I have a question."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall -- Vice Chair Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "All right. On what is -- there's no page number, but on the page that lists all the procurement items, there are meals on here -- one, two, three, four, five; five times dated February 24th, and two, four, six, eight, ten. It's -- the amount is substantial, so I'm just trying to find out who are we feeding and how often are we feeding the COVID vaccination staff that our County and contractors, and are we feeding them breakfast, lunch, and dinner? It's a very substantial amount that has been on the list repeatedly."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Madam COO or Dr. Roshell or Felicia, I'm sorry."

**FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PURCHASING:** "Commissioners. I'm sorry. This is --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I didn't mean to call you Felicia, strike that from the record. Ms. Strong Whitaker."

**FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PURCHASING:** "Good afternoon, Commissioners. This is -- this is a spending authority request for the Board of Health. I do know they do breakfast and lunch. I'm not sure about dinner. I'm not sure what the hours are at the various vaccine facilities, but this is a request for spending authority for a period of time. They rotate who they use for which day. So this is just their spending authority, so that they can make sure the staff has meals. So they don't have to leave the site."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Okay. That's good. That's good. And can you provide the total amount that's been spent to date and on how many employees and what period of time that has covered?"

**FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PURCHASING:** "Yes, I will ask. I will get with the Board of Health and get that information to you, Commissioner."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Thank you. And then on the line that says vaccination testing, call center staff, and COVID vaccination support, both through our temporary staffing, we've spent about over a half million dollars in temporary staffing, or is this just to cover the potential need of temporary staffing."

**FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PURCHASING:** "This is for -- this is their amount that they think they need for a period of time. I'm not sure how far out it goes, but I think it goes through June of this year."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Okay. And so -- in that particular area, can you provide a list of how many temps we have acquired over what period of time and the amount that has been spent? Because, if we go back to the COVID-19 presentation where I asked Dr. Paxton about the fact that her BOH employees are not providing their normal job services and programs to the community, and she said it's because she had to reassign them to assist with the COVID-19 testing and vaccination. I think that we need to really look at how this is being managed if we're getting temps and we are allocating our employees and pulling them away from their normal work duties. And then there is -- on the back page, it says City of South Fulton Fire Services. And I wanted to ask, is that for unincorporated Fulton County? And I've never seen us have that on a list before for fire services for the City of South Fulton."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Commissioner Hall, if I could give a little bit of background to clarify why we had to use the County Manager's emergency authority to address that. As the Board may be aware, the City of South Fulton has been in a significant transition over the last several months of 2020, which was the time period sort of allocated to renegotiating the contract. To directly answer your question, the contract is for services in Fulton Industrial Boulevard where the city of South Fulton provides fire services for the County in that area. So we do need -- that contract has expired. We did need an extension so that we could continue fire services for that area, and we are now in the process of renegotiating that contract with the leadership that's now in place at the City of South Fulton. The Fire Chief was just hired. At the time, the City Manager was transitioning. There was just a lot happening at the end of last year, including COVID, that prevented us from timely bringing that to the Board. And so we ask your indulgence in this extension while we renegotiate that contract."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Okay. Thank you very much."

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

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Move approval."

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

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."



**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

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

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

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "21-0211, Real Estate and Asset Management. Request approval to extend an existing contract to provide continued preventive directive maintenance repairs at the South Fulton Municipal Jail at Union City."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Move approval."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Cast your votes, please. Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

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

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

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

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "21-0212, Real Estate and Asset Management. Request approval to utilize corporate purchasing to provide gasoline and diesel fuel."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Move approval."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Second."

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

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

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

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 8, 21-0213, Real Estate and Asset Management. Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder to provide towing and wrecker services."

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

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Second."

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

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

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

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "21-0214, Real Estate and Asset Management. Request approval to extend an existing contract to provide continued comprehensive corrective maintenance services for the Fulton County Jail for an additional three-month period."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Move approval."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Second."

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

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "I'm going to vote yes, but that seems that 1.2 million for three months seems pretty high."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ms. Strong-Whitaker, are you there? Mr. Adams?"

**ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY COO, PUBLIC SAFETY:** "I'll let Mr. Davis answer because he's been very involved in --"

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

**JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.:** "Good afternoon, Commissioners. The 1.255 million listed in the agenda item, is comprised of A: The three-months base service price according to the existing contract that we are extending as well as a dollar value of roughly 250 to \$300,000 for unforeseen emergency repairs that are not covered by the terms and conditions of the existing contract. So it's not 400 and X thousand dollars a month. It's actually right at \$307,000 a month based on the existing contract."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Arrington."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Thank you for that response. It still seems high to me, but I guess that's what it cost, so --"

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

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "21-0215, finance. Request approval of a resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County Georgia authorizing the distribution of a preliminary official statement, notice of sale and official bid form for the 2021 tax anticipation note."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I'll second. Commissioner Hausmann. Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yeah."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

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

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Arrington."

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

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

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

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

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "Under Health and Human Services, **21-0216**, Community Development. Request approval of the 2021 Community Service Program evaluation committee recommendations."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Move approval."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "CSP program. The motion is to approve. Properly moved and seconded. Let's vote. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "No."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Mr. Chair."

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

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "I'm certainly in favor of this, but I'd like to further amend and recommend we also put additional -- Ms. -- Dr. Roshell, what was the amount of unfunded funds within this?"

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Commissioner Arrington -- Commissioner Ellis, the remaining funds would total approximately \$8 million to bring the total to \$13,457,000."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay. I'd like to amend the motion to approve this to add an additional 8 million so that with 8 million being funded from these additional funds we are about to receive."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "I'll second that. That's a friendly amendment."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Can you repeat it, please."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes. My motion is to adjust the amount by an additional 8 million, so that the requests that were made through the CSP program were fully funded with that additional eight million being funded through the additional funds that we are going to receive through the -- through the Act, which we've just been discussing."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Did you second?"

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes, I did."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Oh, okay, well good."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis, I asked you a -- this is 5.3, and you want to, and I understand your rationale and motive and ensure that all these programs have been vetted, and they're all good programs. But here we're talking about money that we have not received. We hope that we're going to get in this. Every likelihood that we will. But is it prudent to spend it before we get it? That's my question."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "We can authorize this spending, you know, if indeed it's received."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I'll accept that if you will accept it."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "And if, indeed, they qualify under the rules of the Act."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yeah."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Absolutely."

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



**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to say if you'd like me to add it to my Resolution, I don't have a problem."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "I'm a little weary on that. I would rather wait and see what happens when the money comes. Maybe it's an additional eight, maybe it's an additional five. I don't know -- I don't know if I'm willing to go that far at this point. I want to see what else -- I want to know how much we're going to allocate for the arts. I want to know, you know -- I want to know a lot of other things before I start committing the other money out of the hundred million."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Question."

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

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "So we are talking about 216, correct? And this is for all the community service program recommendations. So can someone -- Dr. Roshell or Madam COO, can you tell us, did you cover all of the grant requests or did you run out of money before covering all of them, because normally every year you get an overwhelming amount of requests from nonprofit organizations that serve one of those five areas. And you end up running out of money before you can even -- you know, there's some great ones that actually could supplement some of the work that the County is trying to do, so did you run out of money this time as well?"

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Yes, Commissioner Hall. Not only did we run out of money, we were unable to fund them at their full maximum request. Because we wanted to fund more organizations. So this year we funded 146 organizations. Last year, we funded 105, but what we're seeing with our safety net providers is that the response that they are trying to meet to mitigate the COVID pandemic is really overwhelming and so we try to help as many organizations as possible."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "That's what I thought. And so I did notice that this year you had an awful lot of \$25,000 grant amounts, and I assumed and I don't -- that's why I'm asking this question. I'm glad you addressed it, but I had assumed that you were trying to stretch the money a little further and get as many service -- services and programs through that process. So do you know about how much more additional money would actually pay for, to cover the grant requests that came in that you were not able to put on this recommendation list?"

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Yes, ma'am, with an approximate \$8 million, we could not only fund every organization at their full request, but we can fund the 18 that we were unable to fund."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Do we have a presentation."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Dr. Roshell, do you want to use your two-page presentation to answer these questions, because I think --"

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Yes, sir."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Can you send that to the clerk?"

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "I did send it."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Can you resend it?"

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Sure, yes, sir."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Thank you. Vice Chair Hall, there's a two-page PowerPoint that I think might be able to answer those questions."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Thank you."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "I have a question as well, Mr. Chairman."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay, let's take the questions while we're getting set up. Commissioner Arrington and Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Well I think, Commissioner, the answer to Commissioner Hall's question will answer mine, and I think Dr. Roshell really kind of already answered it, because my question was going to be, are we going to be fully funding certain people or whatever, but I guess as you indicated, you would be able to fully fund all requests as well as funding additional 18 organizations that, that did not get any funding."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "That's correct."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Well, I guess, my question is I've sort of viewed this as a competitive, you know, program where they have to sort of justify it just because someone has asked for \$80,000 may not mean that we would automatically fund them

for \$80,000 through a competitive process. But in effect, what I understand this motion to be doing is to say, yeah, you've asked for \$80,000, we're going to give you 80,000 and maybe we wouldn't have given you 80,000 if, you know, if you had to sort of prove that you justified the \$80,000. So, I guess I'm just a little worried about the concept here. Just because you've asked we're going to give it to you. Maybe in a competitive process we wouldn't. Maybe the more you ask for, the more you're going to get under -- under our now loopy-goopy program."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "That's not it at all."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Can I make a comment?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Just a minute, everybody, just a minute. We haven't heard from Commissioner Hausmann. Hausmann and back to Commissioner -- Vice Chair Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "And I would just like to say that there's an awful lot of organizations that have partnered with us for years that had very much partnered with us during the last year, that normally get the maximum or close to the maximum that they request to do our ongoing safety net services, that this year maybe got a little over half what they would have normally gotten, because of the effort to stretch the dollars. So we've got a lot of long-standing partners out there that are doing really good work in the community that while this is going to be very needed and helpful to let them continue their mission, they're still very much struggling to survive just like a lot of businesses are. So I really feel like this is a first step that, you know, I be -- probably will building on as we move forward and to partner with community agencies to help us deal with our ongoing needs with COVID. But I think if they make it through the vetting process and we're approved, then likely they'd very much get very good use. And I guess I was on mute. Y'all didn't hear anything I said, did you?"

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "No, we heard you."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes, we heard you."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Okay. All right."

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

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "And thank you, Commissioner Hausmann, because you covered the first part of what I was going to say about, you know, there are absolutely wonderful organizations out there that normally get more money if they did not get what they normally would receive because we did try to cover more but, also, I want to address the statement about the competitive process. And I want Dr. Roshell to just let us know herself. But I do believe that every one of these grant applications is vetted through a competitive process. You vet every single one. You don't leave anyone out. So it just

so happens that you run out of money before you can award all the money to those that actually qualify for them based on that competitive process; is that correct."

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

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Okay. Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Do you have --"

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "I have one more comment."

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

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "I think this is an abnormal year obviously, and the need that we see in our community. But we have repeatedly and historically year after year realized that we are not allocating enough resources in this category. And so I hope that as we move forward and especially as we look to how we're going to utilize this money we're receiving now for the next two years, that we recognize that we have underfunded this category even in times when we're not so desperate."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Remember that when it comes to millage rate time."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Really, I don't think we need to raise the millage rate, Commissioner Arrington. Very well-funded. We just need to allocate it differently."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hausmann, the presentation is on the screen now, correct?"

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Two minutes, Dr. Roshell."

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Yes, sir. Next slide. This slide just basically illustrates that in spite of the demands to change course in the business models of all of our partners, they still managed to serve over 58,000 constituents in Fulton County across a variety of services, disabilities, seniors, homeless, and economic security. They continue to provide those services. Next slide. This slide illustrates the 146th organizations across the five categories of service. You can see the funding distribution as it fell out, according to the applications that were eligible and funded in each category which totaled the \$5.3 million. Next slide. So the final slide showed the -- if that could be placed up."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Can you put it back up. I didn't get a glimpse."

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

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "So the final slide --"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Can you put the final slide back up because I only got a glimpse. I didn't get a chance to really -- they took it off the screen so fast."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Nothing ever showed up on the third slide."

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Okay. So I can read out to you what the 13 million would look like. Under Children and Youth, it would fund 71 organizations for \$5.7 million. For disabilities, 13 organizations at \$846,000. For economic stability and poverty, 38 organizations at \$3.1 million. Homeless services, 30 organizations at \$2.6 million, and senior services, 12 organizations, at \$1.4 million. And that will total \$13.457 million."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "All right, so we're -- Dr. Roshell, we're missing the last page for some reason."

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Okay. Carlos, can you send that, please? Who does he need to send it to? So while we are waiting for that slide, as I was saying, the safety net services, those organizations, the way we would work with them on the additional \$8 million, we would look at supporting COVID-related needs, the Department of Youth and Community Services did an outstanding job with continuing the monitoring process this year. In spite of the pandemic, they held true to the value of monitoring each of these services and ensuring that they were able to provide the services in a renegotiated fashion in many cases so that the organizations could not only provide a response to the pandemic, but continue to provide their core mission of their service structure."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "And Dr. Roshell, isn't the key to all of this that the \$13 million that you outlined on the slide we're picking up, all of those amounts and organizations do qualify for funding, and had you had it available, they would have been funded. Is that not right?"

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Yes, ma'am. So, Ms. Roach, absolutely. All of the organizations, the additional 18 also qualified for funding. They just -- we just simply ran out of funds. As I indicated, we funded 105 organizations last year. We funded 146 this year. With the additional funding, we would be able to fund an additional 18 organizations across the different categories for a total of 164 organizations total. And that funding would bring us to the \$13 million -- \$13,457,313."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Any other questions? Commissioner Ellis? I believe you've accepted these -- the basic --"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes sir."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "This will be condition upon the receipt of the money. I think Commissioner Hausmann said the organization's meeting the requirements; is that correct?"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes, sir."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, what's before us is the motion to approve Madam Clerk."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right"

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

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "I just wanted to make sure, Dr. Roshell --"

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Yes, sir?"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "This \$13.45 million has been vetted. All of these programs have been vetted, and you're confident that they are deserving of this funding."

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Yes, sir. So if we had the flexibility just in the general fund budget, for example, we would have recommended these same organizations to this full funding capacity of \$13.457 million. So every application indicated here in the 164 all went through the same process of vetting and review. We just simply ran out of funds for the remaining 18 to be funded at no level. And then we reduced significantly many of our long-standing partners simply because we did want to try and fund some new organizations that we worked with in other capacities and many of our long-standing partners."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "So in looking at this, I respect that because none of the -- some of the organizations that I felt like ought to be on this list made the list either again after all or for the first time so, while that's great. Can I understand again the conditions that have been put on this amendment to add this \$8 million?"

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Well my motion was -- or my condition was that -- to make sure that it does comply with the requirements of the Recovery Act."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Correct. And then I suggested and Commissioner Ellis agreed that condition upon the receipt of the money, the receipt of the 206, whatever it is, that



amount is. So what we're doing today is approving the 5.3. And assuming we get the 206, then the additional eight will come from the 206."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "If -- if we're confident from the department that it complies."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Correct."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Correct."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Commissioner Hausmann's condition."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Correct."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "If not, we revert back to the 5.3 again."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "That's correct."

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

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Or some variation of that."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Right."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "The motion before us is to approve as amended, Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

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

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Arrington."

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

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

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

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

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**21-0217**, Public Works. Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder to provide water quality monitoring services."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Move approval."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Second."

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

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

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

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 9, under Justice and Safety, **21-0218**, Emergency Services."

Request approval to award a contract without competition to provide professional services required to upgrade and maintain the department's current recording system."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Move approval."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Properly moved and seconded. No questions, let's vote. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

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

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Arrington."

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

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

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

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

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "Commissioners' Action Items, **21-0219**, sponsored by Commissioner Ellis. Request approval of a Resolution expressing the intent of the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County regarding the appointment, hiring and termination powers of the Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections and for other purposes."

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

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yeah, Mr. Chair, I will -- I know we got a lot of discussion on these matters and we've received a lot of comments. And so I won't belabor the conversation. But I certainly have heard, you know, repeatedly from a wide range of my constituency that, you know, they feel that we do not -- should not be engaged in personnel decisions related to the election supervisor. And I think you've heard from several of those in public comment today. So I'm expressing that here it will -- this particular action certainly, given the action taken by this Board, the prior meeting won't change, you know, anything related to that. This would just set in course a Resolution that would basically, you know, have us codified via whatever means that is, be it in action by us or in action by the legislature that these particular powers of appointment, hiring, and termination of the elections -- of the Board Registration of Elections would rest with them, and that we would now have no involvement in that. So again, I mean, I feel like it's been fairly well, you know, sort of, you know, commented on by a variety of folks. I recognize that there may be differences of opinion on it, but I'm putting this forth to express overwhelmingly the opinions and the views of the constituency which I represent and throughout several citizens of this County that they feel that if we are going to have -- if we're going to exercise powers which usurp those of the BRE, that we ultimately are engaging an action which basically ices that board, cuts, neuters them, renders them useless, and really calls into question, you know, the integrity of our elections. And I just don't think any of us would need to be there or want -- want to be there in that regard. So would that, I will recommend approval of this Resolution."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Second."

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

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Just a minute. Just a minute. So Commissioner Ellis and Commissioner Arrington, I'm going to address 0219, 0220. Earlier, several of you spoke about the lack of consistency in the -- in these various entities. There's some 12 or 13. I've asked for a report and it should be forthcoming, so I think that we need to be consistent with all of these and, sometimes, if you look at them, and sometimes language is that the Board ratifies. Other times, it says confirmed. Other times, it says approve. Other times, it says acknowledged. Other times, it says support. So I think the proper thing to do is to get this report. We all analyze it and make a decision to correct it, have similar language, consistent language throughout these various entities. So I would ask -- respectfully ask that we do not take up either of these today, but hold them until we get the report from the County Attorney's Office. So that's my request."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Is that a motion?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I'll make a motion to hold."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "On 0219 and 0220."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Second."

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

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "You could call for the vote on the other one, but you did not. But I will vote no on the hold."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I didn't do what?"

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "No, I vote no."

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

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "No."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "No."

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

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Arrington."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "I guess I'll vote, yes, to hold it."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

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

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion to hold passes; four yeas, three nays."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Sound the next one."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**21-0221**, sponsored by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Request approval of a Resolution in support and acceptance of the American Rescue Plan coronavirus relief law."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes, Chair. Thank you. Without objection, I'd ask unanimous consent on page 2, amend line 6 by deleting a substantial pay raise and inserting premium pay, and amend line 9 by inserting at the end of the sentence Number 6, health response and operational stability. Identified by the County Manager's presentation on March 17, 2021. And with that, I move approval as amended."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I'll second. Questions, comments?"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "I'd like to request to be added as a co-sponsor. Thank you, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, for adding those -- making those changes to the resolution."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes. And I'd like to be cosponsor as well and, thank you also for making those, I think the County Manager's three buckets of great and, obviously, yours are good as well. And I'm hoping we can accomplish all of them. But I think the ICS is going to be the best way for us to accomplish the raises for the employees."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Absolutely."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Thank you, Commissioner Hall, for sponsoring and thank you, Commissioner Arrington, for sponsoring. Thank you for the Board."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "I'm not going to vote, Mr. Chairman, just because I'm not ready to prioritize yet."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Commissioner Hall. Vice Chair Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Arrington."

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

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

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

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

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



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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 10, Commissioner School Board appointment, **21-0223**, Hospital Authority of Fulton County. Board of Trustees of the Hospital Authority of Fulton County submitted the following slate of names for the Board of Commissioners' consideration to terms ending April 1st, 2025."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Mr. Chairman, may I?"

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yeah, it's an odd arrangement where they're required to submit three names; but the ones that they want us to reappoint are the three incumbents. And so, I would make the motion that we -- that we -- I forgotten how -- how this one reads, whether we appoint, recommend, or whatever. But that we appoint the three; Dr. Stone, Dr. Sweeney, and Dr. Sermons for reappointments to this Board."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yeah, this is going -- what I'm talking about where he says for consideration, whatever that means, in the context of how we vote. Anyway, there's a motion to approve that's properly moved and seconded. But this is on that list that we've got to take a look at. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

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

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Arrington."

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

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

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

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

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "21-0024 -- **21-0224**, external affairs. Presentation of the 2021 legislative agenda update."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Y'all want to take a 30-minute break before. Ms. Corbitt, are you there?"

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Good afternoon, Commissioners. I look forward to reading all 40 slides to you this afternoon."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Mr. Chairman, point of personal privilege, I think it's important that we get this accomplished for Ms. Corbitt before her birthday, which would be at 12:01 a.m. tomorrow morning."

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Thank you. Thank you, Commissioner Morris. This is my last legislative update as a 20-year-old. I know the hour's late, and we won't take a lot of time, but we did want to just go over a couple of quick highlights. Next slide, please. And if there is any -- if the Board wishes to -- if I've skipped anything that you'd like to discuss or take a position on, we'd just please ask you to let me know that. Again, this is just for the public viewing. A quick overview of our legislative priorities. Next slide, please. Next slide, please. I just want to highlight here, House Bill 112 has passed the Senate. This Bill is related to -- basically liability of local governments and other organizations due to COVID-19. This is a continuation of legislation that was adopted last year. I just wanted to call that one out. Again, I'm not going to read through all of these, but we are continuing to track these. The one at the bottom is important to our response with allowing EMTs to continue to administer vaccines. And just a quick special shout out to all of the Fulton County Fire Departments across the County who have been a really important part of our response. Next slide, please. Two bills that both crossed over that are related to the Fulton Industrial District and to the Fulton County Airport. House Bill 455 -- 445, excuse me, which is Representative Bruce's Bill, that would amend the boundaries of the city of South Fulton to include all of the Fulton Industrial district minus the Fulton County Airport. That Bill did pass out of the House and has been assigned to slow go, so it does not yet have a committee hearing, but we are monitoring that very carefully. House Bill 459, which is Representative Martin's bill that would change some provisions in annexation law and would prevent County-operated airports from being annexed by cities of a certain size. That Bill passed out of the House as well and has also received a do-pass recommendation from slow go. We expect that to pass out of the Senate and then go to the Governor's desk. We will keep a very close eye on House Bill 445, because that does affect the future of the Fulton Industrial District, and we will make sure that the Board is aware of that. Next slide, please. House Resolution 117 related to homeowner protections. That's one that we have continued to monitor. And we will just report back at our next meeting. Next slide, please. These bills are related to

human trafficking, and both have received support from Governor Kemp and related to that their commitment, his and First Lady Kemp's commitment on human trafficking issues. Human trafficking has been in the news a lot the last few days, so we'll keep an eye on these as well. That is a commitment of this Board of Commissioners. Next slide, please. I really want to just call out the two bills related to elections issues, the House and Senate versions. I'm not going to go into a lot of detail, but we have been working with the Department of Registration and Elections. One thing that has occurred this week, is that there has been a bit more corporate involvement from the Metro Chamber and some other organizations weighing in on this issue. So we are monitoring this very carefully. We've talked in the past meetings about the impact this would have on Fulton County elections. The issue of ID for absentee ballots is one part of that. The mobile units, they're just in drop boxes, a number of investments that Fulton County has made would potentially be affected by these two pieces of legislation. So we are tracking these. And again, we're prepared to provide an update to the election board as well at their April meeting. So by that time, the session will be complete and we will be providing an update to them about what has occurred during this session. Next slide, please. There are two pieces of local legislation. One that we just wanted to call out here, and I know Ms. Calhoun is on the line if I mess these up. But one is related to MARTA and bonding issues. So that's again one we just wanted to highlight, and then there is a removal of a property tax relief provision that is here as well. Next slide, please. I wanted to -- we have received a request to consider adding two items to the legislative agenda and these would require a vote from the Board of Commissioners. Next slide, please. Next one. So these are related to two issues: One is related to evictions and record sealing. If a person has, as you all are very well aware -- if a person has certain criminal matters on their record, there's an opportunity for the record to be expunged or at least the record restricted. And there is no such provision in the case of an eviction. And so this would allow for there to be a removal of those records in certain circumstances. This can, in some cases, for example, someone had a dispossession as a student, many years later that -- that still shows up on their record and could prevent them from being able to successfully rent an apartment or a home. So this was one request, and we would ask -- and I will go through both of these and then ask of the Board, if they wish to make a motion, to add these to the legislative agenda."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "This says -- it appears it's a public health emergency."

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Yes. That is correct. I'm sorry, Commissioner Arrington, that's a very good point. So in this -- this would specifically address and mitigate -- thank you for calling that out. This would specifically mitigate and address the issue of, unfortunately, housing insecurity that has occurred during the pandemic. So the magistrate court has let us know that they are seeing a very high volume of requests -- the rental assistance applications that we have received a very high volume, and Ms. Calhoun is on the line and I would just ask her to clarify if there's anything else that I may have omitted."

**FRAN CALHOUN, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Okay. Good afternoon, Commissioners, Fran Calhoun. The provisions here are a part of a Resolution that Vice Chair Hall requested the Board's consideration for. And it does three different things: There is an immediate sealing for eviction notices that have been filed during this public state of emergency. And it also is looking at changing the time frame for which those records would be available and open for public viewing. So right now, those records are out there for seven years. And the challenge with that is that that's also the same as -- it's equal to a criminal level seven offense. Kidnapping, attempted kidnapping, those kind of things, and it has proven to be very burdensome while evictions are caused by poverty, they also cause poverty. This is a way to kind of get at some of that and to give folks a second chance. This would allow under a procedural mechanism for magistrates, for example, to go in after 24 months in cases where settlement would have occurred or if the -- or if for a wrongful eviction, then that magistrate could go in and to remove that as well. So it's really trying to provide some fairness, number one, and a balanced way for both tenants and landlords, but then also to be consumer friendly in that regard and especially given the times that we're living in kind of the pandemic economy impact."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "So I'd like -- so they don't have to wait three years. I mean like this idea but do they have to wait three years before they can apply?"

**FRAN CALHOUN, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "No, sir. There are different provisions. So for those who are -- who may have experienced certain -- so for example, in the past, we're talking 2020 now, if they have received an eviction filing, then this would allow for them to receive an immediate sealing of that record. And that's just in this emergency circumstance. But outside of that, what we're seeing is that, of course, we had had an eviction crisis as termed by the Federal Reserve Board here in the Fulton County area for some time indicating that about 15 percent of renters received eviction -- are evicted actually, not just the filings, but -- so we had housing instability problems beforehand. And so it was an attempt to address kind of the exacerbated impact of the pandemic, but then also to look down the road. It takes some folks a little bit longer to get on their feet. And so this would then provide some measure of protections for those first in recovery -- for those persons after the pandemic is over. And that's when that three-year period would take place. So if they had an eviction filed, we'd rather be waiting for that record outside of the emergency period. If they had an eviction filed outside of that emergency period, and they were -- they were I don't want to say guilty, but there was -- there was a standing for that. Then rather than waiting to have it cleared seven years later, they would get a chance to have it cleared three years later. You know, at the current year. And so this is just cutting that period in half."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ms. Corbitt."

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Yes, Mr. Chairman. The second -- thank you, Ms. Calhoun. The second item, next slide, please, is related, and I may just ask Ms. Calhoun if she could weigh in on this one as well. This is a second

request for an amendment to our package that would address Medicaid coverage for a heart transplant. I believe the Board has heard from members of the community who have experienced this issue and have made this request as well. And so this would be - this is actually an administrative change to the state of Georgia for its Medicaid provisions. And, Ms. Calhoun, did I leave anything out there?"

**FRAN CALHOUN, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "No, ma'am, that is correct. I can provide any additional background if necessary or answer any questions."

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

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** Yes., Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to thank Judge -- Chief Judge Cassandra Kirk for her input and efforts on the evictions information and Dr. -- the Emory and Piedmont doctors who spoke on this as well as those individual constituents such as Pastor Eric Thomas who has experienced this issue with the heart transplantation. So thank you everyone for your input."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "What do you need?"

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Mr. Chair, we are looking for a motion to add these two items to the legislative packet."

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

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Move approval."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Second."

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

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

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

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington."

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

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

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes, Chair. I didn't hear my name called, I'm sorry."

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

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

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Thank you very much, Commissioners. Again, I know time is late and we do not have to go over the rest of the package. I would just ask if the Board has any other -- if there's any item you would wish to take a position on, this would be the last meeting before the session ends. But otherwise, if there are any questions, we're glad to research those for you off-line. And if there are any questions, please let us know."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hearing none, thank you very much, Ms. Corbitt."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Commissioner Hall, wasn't there an item from last time that we needed to address again?"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "No. What Jessica did was she added them to this packet, so you just actually voted on both of them."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Okay, perfect, thank you."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "All right."

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Thank you very much, Commissioners, be safe."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "Bottom of page 10, **21-0225**, Select Fulton. Presentation, work source, Fulton Update."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Mr. Adams, Mr. --"

**SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SELECT FULTON:** "Commissioner, I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman, I'll go first, I'm taking over for Brett. So thank you, Chairman and Board of Commissioners. Samir Abdullahi, Deputy Director of Select Fulton, Fulton's economic and workforce development arm. On behalf of our local workforce development board, Brett Lacy, my work force division, manager and myself are excited to provide a year in review update on Work Source Fulton. Just as a reminder, Work Source Fulton is funded by the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, WIOA. In February of 2018, Work Source Fulton was placed under Select Fulton to better align economic and workforce development services. I'm very pleased to say in the last three years, we've made great strides in not only turning around the grant, but have expanded our outreach tools and services. And this is thanks to several members here today. Chairman Pitts, our CLEO, our Chief Local Elected Official, is really taking



a leadership role in reshaping our work force board with great community, educational, and corporate representatives. And County Manager, Dick Anderson, and his -- through his office, Ellis Kirby, who enabled us to build a modernized facility to serve more residents in a high-quality environment. Vice Chair Hall whose passion behind our mobile unit and got us that mobile unit and heard from Mr. Parker at MARTA this morning as one of our key strategies in terms of outreach, which is the point in getting the bus. Obviously, Brett Lacy, our Division Manager, has been instrumental in the administration of the grant and the management of our provider and helping making us a regional leader in the workforce phase. And then lastly, and most importantly, our staff who've seen significant changes in the organizations, but remain committed and focused on serving the residents of Fulton County. Next slide, please. So today, we'll just focus on three things quickly. Our performance success in the past how we've taken that performance, again, has some best use of the grant through the lines of economic mobility and then, lastly, new initiatives that we're taking on and goals for 2021. Next. Slide. And I'll kick it over to Brett Lacy, our division manager, to cover these slides."

**BRETT LACY:** "Thanks, Samir. So yeah, just a highlight of the basic services that we offer through Work Source Fulton. Primarily, we are trying to connect talent with opportunities. So whatever that means, working with businesses to help them source and train up their workforce or working with Fulton County residents to get the skills that they need to be able to compete in the 21st century job market. We're sort of working on both ends of that spectrum. We do that through sort of our basic career and employment services. So we support training activities for those hard skills and then we also work to provide some of the soft skills of resume writing, interview skills, how to find a job, how to apply for it, all the way through until they're successful in employment and then work with them for a year afterwards to be sure that they can retain that employment and stay successful. We offer again supportive services while they are in training so that there are no barriers to them being successful in completing this, and then we can also reach out to employers and provide programs to help them get that skilled workforce that they need and then keep that skill talent. Next slide, please. 2020 was definitely a difficult year just as everybody else for really getting to our jobseekers and working with them through the pandemic and whether they were in training or they had completed training and were looking for jobs in a whole new job market. It definitely had its unique challenges that we were able to navigate through. And as we come out here on the other side of '21, we've got a few new strategies that are really going to make sure that Fulton County residents can take full advantage as vaccines roll out and as the economy really gets going at full speed again. We were able to still have a very successful 2020. If you remember, in years past, we did have some issues with some of this funding returning to the State. We're happy to announce for the second year in a row that we expended all of the grant funds that were allocated to Fulton County. And this includes some additional funds that we actually went back to the State and requested above and beyond that formula allocation that we were able to invest in Fulton County for jobseekers. That extra money assisted in our increase in enrollment, so we enter 2020 at just over 400 active participants in training. We moved

into the year 2021 at nearly 700 with about 680 participants that we are actively serving through these programs. In addition to that, the individuals that completed and entered the job market, so far we've tallied approximately \$2.4 million in salaries that are going to Fulton County residents and, more importantly, Fulton County families to help drive the economic engines and to help them earn living wages. When you look at the breakdown of the wages of our exiters that gets down to just over \$30,000 per individual, which is right at about a living wage for the Atlanta Metro area, which is really our target, is that living and self-sufficient wage. You will see that, despite the challenges of the job market, we did have a higher placement rate in employment six months after an individual completed our programs. The prior year, it was about 67 percent of our individuals were placed in employment. In 2020, we saw that go up to 88 percent. So quite a significant jump, all things considered. We've also provided -- we get a lot of questions about this. We are driving -- to help drive. There's job opportunities in those living wages. We do drive towards a couple of key demand industries in Fulton, and so our training, for the most part, is in health care, IT, and in logistics. And in a few other categories like skilled trades would make up the other approximately 30 percent of training programs that you see in Fulton County. Next slide. So some of the things that we did over the last year to really help drive this success, and we're really looking to take advantage of in the next year, The first is, again, thank you to the Commissioners and to the County Manager for supporting some capital improvements for us to actually move into the South Fulton Service Center to be able to serve residents there, instead of in the DFACS Building next door. This is a brand-new center that we are getting ready to open here in the next month or so and provide access to residents in coordination with other services reopening in the County. But it has expanded significantly our capacity to serve Fulton jobseekers. There are about 24 brand-new computer stations that are there that residents can come in and do everything from completing their resume to doing a job search, to working with our case managers one-on-one as they go through the training program. And it has also become a resource for some of our partners like Atlanta Tech to come in and provide classes and do actual instruction in this space in our workforce center. It has also allowed us to expand the number of services that we can provide to our South Fulton residents rather than having to visit us in the North Fulton Service Center on the other side of the County. We're continuing to look at new partners to bring into this and again, trying to stretch our dollars and provide every resource we can to residents in that area. One of the other big things that we did is we actually got our mobile unit last fall and actually put it out on the road because our career centers were closed, and we became the first and only of the five metro workforce boards to put the mobile unit out in the last year. And we had a great cooperation with some of the mayors in Fulton County. You see a great picture there of Mayor Williams from Union City. I'm very excited that we brought it to the City Hall there in Union City to help provide that access point and meet residents where they were the community while our center was closed, but they continued to access services. Again, we're excited to announce that starting here in April, we are setting a calendar of recurring locations that we will be taking the mobile unit around to Fulton communities. The first Wednesday of the month, as you heard, we will be at the College Park MARTA station. We parked there near the buses and the

train access to serve individuals there. And then the second week of the month, we'll visit the Goodwill on Old National Highway for the career center that's there. The third Wednesday of the month, we'll travel up to Roswell United Methodist Church, and we're excited to be hosted there, and then we're in the final details to lock in that fourth Wednesday of the month. But basically, our residents can expect to see us there on those dates every month this year and predicted and be there to be ready to take use of these -- these services. The number you see there, we expect we'll be able to touch an additional 750 jobseekers through the rest of the year and probably greatly exceed that goal. Next slide. These two items we've really highlighted because it speaks to one of our broader goals as we're moving forward as a workforce system. And that is on economic mobility as well as equitable access for our residents. And we've had a lot of discussion about this today, about that issue with Access. So we're doing everything we can to make sure that we are serving the communities all over Fulton County and definitely those that are in the need. Where you see here the map on the left, all those dots are basically a registration and a ZIP code that we have had in the past few years. So you can sort of see a heat map of different ZIP codes where we are seeing jobseekers. And obviously highlighted there with the two stars would be the North and South service center. So there is a significant set of population that we really need to make sure that we're getting access to, particularly in the Tri-Cities areas closer to the airport and in some of the further South Fulton communities. And that again is why we are targeting those with the mobile units to get a little bit closer to residents that may not have access to transportation. We're also looking at this in terms of training providers so that the Fulton County residents can access all the different training paths that may lead to self-sufficient wage regardless of where that training provider may be. We're also focusing on sort of the race equity of what we're doing as a work force system and trying to move Atlanta from being at the bottom of the list, in terms of economic mobility. So we've been looking through our data with some data scientists from ARC and from Emory, what the outcomes are of all participants, and you can see there that when you look at all jobseekers and break down the wages that they earn; overall, there is a gap between minority employees and white employees. It is about 75 cents to the dollar for black employees, white employees, about 84 cents to the dollar for Hispanic to white. However, when you look at our participants that are completing our program and getting employed, you can see this wage gap almost entirely disappear when they're in these demand sectors. So transportation, distribution, and logistics, IT, healthcare, you see it not only a gender gap disappear, but you see the significant gains made in this race equity. So we are continuing to really drive these as the sustainable ways for economic mobility for our residents, which is a really positive outcome for us to see and to be able share that data with our residents to show, you know, these really are a pathway to a living wage in Fulton County. Next slide. We also wanted to highlight some of the other things that we are doing, particularly as it regards to COVID response. We launched as a region a new regional website at the beginning of last year. That's ATLWorks.org, and this provides really a common input for everybody in the Metro region to access work force services. I know -- Commissioner Hall, I know we share this as well as common intake form. But now jobseekers can just go to that one site, ATLworks.org, and it takes it to the closest job center to them. So we don't have to worry about the

jurisdictional boundaries and making sure that residents get to the right place. They get one common intake form and we make sure that they're being served by their closest job center and can make access of those services without being passed around from one department to another. We've also set aside some funds again to help invest in employers who are trying to bring jobs back online and recover from the pandemic that may need to upscale some of their work force. We have set aside some of those funds in a business/worker training grant. I'll quickly highlight that we are continuing to provide some advisory consulting roles to both Aerotropolis Alliance in the form of the work force collective and the economic development collective, as well as the North Fulton Chamber of Commerce through their unemployment and workforce task force to help advise both of those groups as they're looking at strategies to again build back up the workforce in those parts of the county. And then thanks to the leadership of you all as the Board of Commissioners allocating some of the CARES funding to workforce development; some statistics on the career reboot Fulton program that we launched last summer in coordination with Goodwill of North Georgia and the Metro Atlanta Chamber. We served over 1,700 Fulton County residents. So far, close to 500 of them have earned employment, and we're continuing to track those to see that employment number continue to increase. Next slide. We also wanted to share with you some of what we're looking at here in 2021 and beyond. Through the three big goals that we're looking at is to continue to increase enrollment and continue to serve jobseekers as there is that need with the current labor market. We're continuing to really focus on this partnership with economic development and activating our business services in Fulton County and continue to grow the work source brand and awareness around that. We are the resource for the Metro region to provide these workforce services when a jobseeker needs help finding a job or may need the skills to access these in-demand jobs. And we've provided just a little bit of what those objectives and intended impact are for those goals as we enter 2021. Next slide. So just to wrap up before there's any questions. This past year we've used all of our money and had improved performance year-over-year. We have continued to modernize and improve the services and how we are meeting jobseekers where they are. We are providing an equity lens to both our outreach and the services that we are offering to our residents and continuing to really stand out as a regional leader for both innovation and for workforce and economic development working together to serve our job market. So with that, Mr. Chairman, I'll turn it back over to you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes. Any questions, Commissioners? Thank you."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "I do have --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I'm sorry."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "One thing. I want to just commend Samir and Brett on the outstanding work that you've done to build in this area of workforce development and training. You've done an outstanding job with creating what's necessary to reach the people. And, yes, thank you for utilizing that awesome mobile unit that we worked on."

I'm so proud of you guys for the work you're doing with that as well. And I just have two questions. Can we add something about veterans, what we're doing in the area of veterans, because that was an issue. It seems like it might have been two years ago we had a really huge issue, and Samir, you actually resolved it. So I'd like to see something on what we're doing with the veterans and then, you know, there's this big thing about the water boys and they're the young kids that are on the street corners selling bottles of water. And I've been approached by so many other elected about what is Fulton County doing to help with this situation with the water boys. And the constituents are also concerned because some of them are so desperate that they are becoming violent. And so if there's anything that we can do to address that situation with the water boys and some kind of entrepreneurial training or assistance, just something. And that's it."

**SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SELECT FULTON:** "Commissioner Hall. Thank you for your support. Obviously, we're big fans of the mobile unit. It's been our - really a critical tool in our tool kit and able to do outreach. And again, strategic partnerships with mayors and other community groups that you've seen highlighted again. I'm glad Jeffrey Parker mentioned us this morning. As it relates to the veterans, I'll go back -- we'll go back to our performance system, because that is a service population. We may just not pull them out as a unique group. So they may be qualified in that actual service population. So we're going pull that out to see if there's significant or subset of people that are actual veterans. And then lastly, as it relates to the water boys; unfortunately, our programs are really targeted towards out of school youths. And those are kids who didn't get the GED, kind of got kicked out of a program. But what I will say is we did add through the superintendent of Fulton County School Systems a new board member that is connected to Fulton County Schools and serves under the superintendent as a way to try to address and link the K through 12 piece before they become in the out-of-school youth. And if they do, then we can kind of pick up and do that service side. So I think, and maybe Brett has additional comments. I think we can go back to that Board member to say what opportunities exist or what are they doing to kind of address that issue? If there are ways we can pick them up on the out-of-school use side of things because I see that's an ongoing issue and I understand Atlanta is trying to address it as well."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Other questions? Thank you very much. Madam Clerk, what else we have?"

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**CLERK GRIER:** "We have another presentation. **21-0175**, Aerotropolis Atlanta, sponsored by Commissioner Arrington."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Arrington."



**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Thank you colleagues. I basically invited the President and CEO, Shannon James, Aerotropolis Atlanta to give us an update on the things that they're doing and hopefully we'll be able to bring him back on a regular basis and so he can keep us in the loop and updated on all the great things Aerotropolis Atlanta. Mr. James."

**SHANNON JAMES, PRESIDENT & CEO, AEROTROPOLIS ATLANTA:** "Awesome. Thank you so much, Commissioner Arrington for your leadership, your friendship, and your brotherhood and this opportunity to present before the commissioners, the staff of the County, and also, Mr. Chairman Pitts who also serves on our Board. And so today, I am excited to present an update on the Aerotropolis Atlanta Alliance. To Commissioner Arrington's point, I am the CEO and president, and I've been fortunate to lead the organization now for about three years. And so this evening I'm going to talk about really our efforts that are happening around Hartsfield Jackson Atlanta International Airport that are mainly consistent within South Fulton and Clayton County. And our idea and our strategy is focused around regional, economic, competitiveness. Next slide, please. And Brett Lacy, great presentation, by the way. Our work is really focused around our blue print efforts. This effort was done roughly six, almost seven years now actually, where we really focused and brought in key stakeholders within the region to think about this regional idea of leveraging our greatest anchor and really coming together in a collaborative spirit around economic competitiveness and this idea of standing up an organization to push forward. Next slide, please. We were founded in 2014, so we're roughly seven years old. We're a public/private partnership, and our focus is really to drive again regional economic competitiveness. Our board has actually grown since this slide here. Now in 2021, we have 41 board members, and our idea is to really create and drive and improve and sustain the quality of life for this area that we're serving, South Fulton and Clayton County. Next slide, please. Here's a good look at our board members now, a large and healthy list. As I've mentioned, Chairman Pitts serves on our board and every single mayor, I think should be duly noted in South Fulton is on our board, which we're extremely honored to have them serve with their guidance and leadership to work collaboratively across jurisdictional boundaries and, also, you can tell we got the development authority is also participating. Samir has been excellent within our economic development collective, and you can see a host of South Fulton entities as well as Hartsfield Jackson. Next slide, please. Here's our staff, our small but mighty, mighty staff. Myself and as well, our senior project manager, Robert Herrig. Robert comes to us with several years of planning experience from the Atlanta Regional Commission. He's a pretty good thought leader. I consider him a co-anchor in this strategy here. So, we're honored to have Robert along with this ride. Next slide, please. Here's a good idea of our organizational structure. So from our executive committee who really kind of leads and drives really the day-to-day and the strategic nuance of the organization, of course, our nominating and governance committee is kind of driven from that space. Of course, our board of directors, we actually have a new chair now since this presentation. Len Scroggins is our new chair from Wellstar. I am serving as staff, and we've got, as well as Robert -- and we've got two collectives that we're really driving within our initiatives. I am fortunate to chair our



economic development collective, which really housed all of your economic development directors in South Fulton and Clayton County as well as the several economic development agencies, the Metro Atlanta Chamber, Invest Atlanta, Georgia Power, and of course the Economic Development Authority here, with Fulton County. Over is our work force development efforts, John Helton. You guys just heard from Brett Lacy. We've been very intentional around his partnership, around regional idea of convening experts in this space to really drive an initiative collectively forward. We have new subcommittees that we've created and we're super-excited about our post-secondary partnership which is led by Dr. Seals. I'm sure everyone's familiar with, and Dr. Turner, who is the executive director for the continuing ed at Clayton State University. So what we've done is we really leveraged our intellectual capital in the area including the AU Center and Atlanta Metro to really work together collaboratively and think about how do we respond to real-time workforce needs within the area, leveraging our institutions. We're also working very closely with Clayton County and Fulton County Schools, Dr. Gyimah Whitaker with Fulton County Schools is representing an extremely strong in this group. And the idea is to really continue to connect the CTAE space around the work we're doing in the post-secondary as we continue to learn about the work force demands and need in the marketplace, specifically within our target industries. And I'll talk about that more later. Next slide, please. Here's a good look, aerial view of the region. I know people ask, okay, where is the aerotropolis? How do you kind of define the aerotropolis. And so this is from our original blue print, which is really somewhat of a 10-mile drive radius of Hartsfield Jackson. So we currently have 14 jurisdictions in two counties working with us on this initiative. Next slide, please. The target industries that I mentioned earlier, we're talking about really within -- most airports have a high concentration within aerospace, even bio-life science and logistics. And so what's unique about our area is food and agri-business and Multi-Media Production. And so this information was really pulled from our blueprint efforts when we did a huge market analysis to deep-dive around what are the concentrated industries that are in our area. Next slide, please. What we do? So as I mentioned earlier within our collectives, economic work force, regional planning is the space where you're going to hear lot about efforts that we're working with, a lot of our public partners to help drive a multijurisdictional vision of partnership. Next slide, please. Here's a good look at a lot of our economic efforts. You know, we've really done a good job of working collaboratively and meeting literally on a monthly basis with all of the EDs and professionals within the region. And so we've coordinated an idea of really working at a state level so on regional projects if there is an opportunity where, you know, there's a space to bring an opportunity in our area and, you know, they're wanting to work with the alliance and, of course, we're working directly with the Alliance unless they're interested specifically in College Park or East Point or Hapeville or Palmetto, right? Yeah, they can work with the alliance, and we've come to this agreement to work collaboratively on those efforts. We're traveling across domestically here and promoting the airport area with our partners at Hartsfield. We're hosting familiarization tours with investors and developers around assets that we can activate and elevate within the region, and we're hosting events. I'm sure most are familiar with these now, in which we're promoting our region. Next slide, please. We're also really taking an outside

creative approach towards targeting and promoting our area, so Aerotropolis' concept is really driven from the east. And so the aerotropolizer is a heavy presence within China and especially within Paris and other areas. And so what we've done is really shared best practices and really created alliances with other organizations that are doing it really well with airports within their backyard, and so we've created MOUs with Yotelair Paris Charles De Gaulle. We've also created MOUs with Beijing New Aerotropolis, which is a newly created aerotropolis near the Beijing Datsing International Airport and Shanghai Hongqiao Central Business District in Shanghai. And so we're really having these conversations around, you know, how they're doing things well and what's working what's not working. And then also how do we promote our areas, right? What opportunities that we have that may be attractive and visa versa. Next slide, please. Here's some pictures from recent events that we've hosted with some of our international partners, MOU signings that we've celebrated in partnership with sister airport agreements and airport area agreements which allow us to really intentionally deep dive within our partnerships. We also hosted sustainable airport areas international seminar, which is an event that is hosted all over the world annually, which we allow, you know, developers and investors and thought leaders from all over the world to really understand what's happening and opportunities within our area of the airport. Next slide, please. Work force development. So you just heard from Brett Lacy who is a co-chair with our work force development efforts. And so we are really excited about upcoming events that we're working and we're planning towards. As Brett mentioned earlier, we're hosting an aero ATO virtual career fair on Thursday, March 25th, and this is in partnership with MAOP and Goodwill of North Georgia. We were fortunate to host our first kickoff regional virtual career fair in September of last year when we had about 2,600 jobs. We had roughly 41, 42 corporations and just north of 1,200 jobseekers. And so it's really active tons of volume, tons of engagement and we really got a great response from our corporate partners. So we're excited about, you know, now hosting the second event and keeping that momentum going forward for resources towards our region. Next slide, please. Here's kind of an overview of the work and the efforts we've been doing in this space within the collective. You know, what we've done is really focused around partnership and training, and so we've partnered with construction -- through the Construction Ready Program and CEFCA around targeted training in the area, and so we've been able to train just north of 151 area residents through CEFCA. We've also partnered with Generation, which was a hospitality training effort within the area, and we were fortunate to train just north of 113 individuals. And so -- you know the placement rates are very strong through Construction Ready, and hospitality was gaining momentum just up until COVID-19. We were getting ready to host a March cohort with Generation and COVID-19 hit. So we're -- we're really excited about reigniting this effort in the hospitality space, but we've now pivoted and we positioned a partnership with Strive Atlanta. And I think most are familiar with Strive, in which we're looking to host a logistics training here starting April 19th. And so we're looking forward to this first -- first logistic cohort within our area. Next slide, please. Here's a few pictures of some of our graduations whether it was CEFCA or Generation, we've been really excited about just the momentum of providing additional resources to the community here to help driving additional outcomes. Next

slide. We're also really intentional in our partnerships with the schools that I mentioned earlier. We're really working with Clayton County and South Fulton, Fulton County Schools around career pathways and really building town pipelines. We were fortunate to host our first ever career expo. We've brought roughly 420 juniors and seniors from Fulton County Schools in Clayton County to the GICC and hosted a career expo. We had about just north of 50 corporations, and we focused on the five industries in which our organization is really concentrated on, and we connected youth science through the effort through a HUVA Act, which allowed the event to be extremely intentional and impactful. And so we were fortunate to have Chick-fil-A sponsor lunch. It was just a really exciting event. And so we're looking to advance these efforts towards an experiential learning program in partnership with Georgia Power, you know. COVID hit, which slowed our momentum there, but we're looking to really bring that back here once things get somewhat back to normal. Next slide, please. Here's a look at some of the partners that are working with us on the postsecondary partnership, which is Atlanta Tech, Atlanta Metro, Clayton State, and AU Center. And so the idea really, for this group, and we're really excited. We just finished one of our problem statements that we're looking to engage research through CRIST at Clayton State University to try and understand some of the work force challenges that our local corporate partners are having. And how do we take that information and really deep dive to create an analysis and response from leveraging this intellectual capital. And so we're really excited about, you know, the research efforts that will begin here shortly to hopefully help us create a strategy to respond to the market real time. Next slide, please. Some of those regional planning efforts, and I'll speak about those here shortly. Next slide. Our AeroATL Greenway Plan. We're really excited about this project, which was really birthed from our blueprint efforts, which is an ambitious bike walk trail that really focuses on the immediate airport area and stretches out within various communities to connect to those commercial nodes, right. So to try and breathe for more connectivity. And so we were fortunate to kick off really a feasibility study. Next slide, please. We were able to kick off a feasibility study with our Greenway Plan in which we're hopeful that the seven model miles that we just finished will now move to the next stage of now understanding construction to vertical, right? And so we're having conversations with the Path Foundation, and we're really excited about the momentum we're building with several cities in South Fulton and Clayton County. Our next effort was really generated around land use. We were fortunate to bring roughly 14 jurisdictions together in 2019. We finished the report in 2020 around understanding the land use within our region, honestly. And so this is a good look at how the land use looks now within our area, and so the idea was to bring all of these jurisdictions together collectively and talk about, you know, what's happening within, you know, key corridors and areas that are presenting both opportunities and potential challenges to really try to have this regional conversation around. How do we move forward by leveraging this information towards the next step. And so we're excited about that study being finalized and we've actually finished a report which included a summit, which we brought in experts to really talk about, you know, this idea of regional conversation and land use. Next slide, please. Here's a few pictures of some of the people I'm sure you may know that really kind of really played an instrumental role in moving this effort and initiative forward. Next slide,

please. And the last, but not least, we're really excited about advancing to the next stage of our efforts, right. We're roughly seven years old. Our blueprint was done in 2016. Here we are 2021, and so it's really after we kind of looked back at the matrix, we've checked a lot of boxes. And so how do we now elevate towards the next stage of, you know, planning and coordination and collaboration within our region. We were fortunate to receive \$150,000 from the Atlanta Regional Commission to advance this blueprint 2.0 study, and we are actively seeking additional funding. And so, next slide, please. Thank you, Fulton County Board of Commissioners, for this opportunity to at least present, give an overview of what we're doing, who we are, and what we're doing to date. And thank you again, Commissioner Arrington. I yield my time."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Thank you very much. Commissioner Arrington? Commissioners, anything. All right."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Thank you, Mr. James. Certainly, if anyone has any questions, I'm sure he'll be happy to answer them."

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

**SHANNON JAMES, PRESIDENT & CEO, AEROTROPOLIS ATLANTA :** "Thank you."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 11, **21-0226**. Discussion: Invest Atlanta, January 21, 2021 Board Meeting Summary sponsored by Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Just quickly, Mr. Chairman. This is the summary of the actions taken at the January 21st meeting, if anybody wants to look at that and wants anymore information about any of those items. So, I'd be delighted to get it for them."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**21-0227**. Discussion, Atlanta Beltline, March 10, 2021, CEO report sponsored by Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Again, on the belt line issue, just as the CEO's report that we provide whenever there's been an executive committee meeting or a Board meeting. That Board only meets quarterly, of course. At any rate, I've also included the Beltline's annual report, which is very informative. And the big news this week, with respect to the beltline is this Atlanta City Council passed the SSD, which creates an area to provide an estimated \$300 million available to fund the design and completion of the rest of the trail, the Beltline trail. It's going to be -- I think 2 mills additional tax and that SSD on everything, but basically but single family homes. So that's been in the works for quite a while and the Atlanta City Council passed that at its meeting this week. That's it, Mr. Chairman."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "Back on page 4, on the consent agenda. Item to be removed for separate consideration as requested by Vice Chair Hall. **21-0192**, finance. Ratification of the February 2021 grant activity report."

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

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes, thank you. I just noticed that it was a brand new program that we're applying for grant funding for, and I just wanted to ask that when you receive this money, and I'm saying when you receive it, because I'm hopeful that you will, that you will come back and give us an update on this new program because it sounds so outstanding. Is it called The Spot?"

**HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE DEPT.:** "Yes, Commissioner. And we hope that it will be given to a recipient at work. It is for \$4.8 million and its a five-year grant award in the event that we are fortunate to receive it. I believe, I cannot say, but just to provide a brief information of this, it's supposed to -- will be used for to establish a drop gain facility that we can use to provide services for at-risk youth and families. And our hope is to serve over 4,000 clients during that period of time."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Excellent. Thank you."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Mr. Chairman, I'll move that we ratify this."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Second."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Cast your votes, please. Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

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

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "Item added to today's recess meeting agenda, **21-0229**, sponsored by Commissioner Morris. Request approval of resolution supplementing the Board of Commissioners December 17th, 2008 resolution consenting for the inclusion of certain Fulton County taxes and the computation of the tax allocation increment for the City of Atlanta tax allocation district number 1, Westside."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "I'll move approval, Mr. Chair."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, probably moved and seconded. Any questions? If not, let's vote, please. Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Definitely yes."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

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



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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "There are no further items that come before us today. Thank you for your patience and attendance and civility today."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Meeting adjourned."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "We stand adjourned. Thank you very much."

(Whereupon, the meeting concluded at 7:07 p.m)