

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

May 01, 2024
10:00 AM



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



POST AGENDA MINUTES

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Scheduled date for ratification: May 15, 2024

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

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

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

INVOCATION: Reverend Clifton Dawkins, Jr., County Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recite in unison

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CONSENT AGENDA**24-0287 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 First Regular Meeting Agenda for separate consideration. **(ADOPTED AS AMENDED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended by removing item #24-0289 as requested by Commissioner Barrett; removing #24-0290 and #24-0291 for separate consideration as requested by Commissioner Hall. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

24-0288 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing "Dr. Nasrolah Farokhi Appreciation Day." **(Pitts)**
April 26, 2024

Proclamation recognizing "Albert Spearman, Jr. Remembrance Day."
(Abdur-Rahman)
April 26, 2024

Proclamation recognizing "Rico Wade Remembrance Day." **(Arrington)**
April 26, 2024

Proclamation recognizing "Margo Williams Moorer Appreciation Day." **(Arrington)**
May 5, 2024

Commissioners' District Board Appointments**24-0289****Board of Commissioners****HOUSING AUTHORITY OF FULTON COUNTY (REMOVED)**

Nine (9) members serve on this authority. Seven (7) regular members (each Commissioner appoints one person to serve) and two (2) housing resident members are appointed by the Board of Commissioners. The enabling statute calls the Housing Authority Board members "commissioners."

Term = 5 Years, Regular members
1 Year, Resident members

Term below expired: 7/13/2019
Stuart S. Canzeri

Commissioner Barrett has nominated Debra Allen for a District appointment to a term ending July 13, 2024.

ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER BARRETT

Health and Human Services**24-0290****Public Works**

Request approval of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Fulton County and the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (MNGWPD) for continued participation in the District-wide Single-Family Residential Toilet Retrofit program in the total amount of \$15,000.00 for one year, effective upon execution. **(APPROVED)**

ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER HALL

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

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

Absent: Ellis

24-0291 Public Works

Request approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Fulton County and the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (MNGWPD) 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 in the amount of \$15,000.00 for one year effective upon execution. **(APPROVED)**

ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER HALL

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

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

Absent: Ellis

24-0292 Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Request approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Fulton County, on behalf of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) with the Fulton County Sheriff's Office to collaborate and to make an application for the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) FY 24 Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program in the amount of \$550,000.00 due on May 1, 2024. The performance period for this grant is October 2024 through September 2027 with two renewable terms. This is 100% grant funded. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Infrastructure and Economic Development**24-0293 Select Fulton**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Select Fulton - Workforce Development Division, 22RFP0119B-PS, One Stop Operator in the amount of \$112,500.00 with APM Equus Holdings, LLC dba Arbor E&T LLC (Louisville, KY) to provide the coordination and facilitation of a "One-Stop Operator" service. This action exercises the second of three renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. This contract is 100% grant funded. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0294 Select Fulton

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Select Fulton - Workforce Development Divisions 22RFP0120B-PS, Youth Services for Select Fulton in the amount of \$600,000.00 with APM Equus Holdings, LLC dba Arbor E&T LLC (Louisville, KY) to provide youth career center services. This action exercises the second of three renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. This contract is 100% grant funded. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0295 Select Fulton

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Select Fulton - Workforce Development Divisions, 22RFP0121B-PS, Adult and Dislocated Services for Select Fulton in the amount of \$1,725,125.00 with APM Equus Holdings, LLC dba Arbor E&T LLC (Louisville, KY) to provide adult and dislocated career center services. This action exercises the second of three renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. This contract is 100% grant funded. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0296 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Resolution authorizing the transfer of 740.52 square feet of right of way and 8,948.97 square feet of temporary construction easement areas to the City of South Fulton, Georgia, for \$1,200.00 for the purpose of making roadway improvements at 0 Stonewall Tell Road; authorizing the Chairman to execute a right of way deed, temporary construction easement agreement and related documents; authorizing the County Attorney to approve the right of way deed, temporary construction easement agreement and related documents as to form; and for other purposes. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0297 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Resolution to approve a right of way deed from Fulton County, Georgia, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia ("Grantor"), to the City of South Fulton, a municipal corporation of the State of Georgia ("Grantee"), to transfer approximately 14,853.96 square feet of Fulton County-owned right of way located at 7600 Cochran Road for the purpose replacing the bridge at the intersection of Cochran Mill Road and Camp Creek; to authorize the Chairman to execute a right of way deed and related documents; to authorize the County Attorney to approve the right of way deed and related documents as to form; and for other purposes. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0298 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of Sanitary Sewer System Ownership, Operation, Maintenance and Repair Agreement between Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, and Milton Land Invest, Inc, for the purpose of granting Fulton County legal access to extend the sanitary sewer system at 1240 Mayfield Road, Milton Road, Milton, Georgia 30009 (the Development). **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

FIRST REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**24-0299 Board of Commissioners**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to adopt the First Regular Meeting Agenda as amended by hearing items #24-0303, #24-0304 together as requested by Commissioner Hall; and moving up item #24-0314 as requested by Commissioner Barrett. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

24-0300 Clerk to the Commission

Ratification of Minutes. **(RATIFIED)**

Regular Meeting Minutes, April 10, 2024

Second Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, April 17, 2024

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

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

24-0301 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing "Mental Health Awareness Month."
(Pitts/Abdur-Rahman/Thorne/Ellis/Barrett/Hall)

Proclamation recognizing "Law Day." **(Arrington/Hall)**

Proclamation recognizing "Barbara Cook Remembrance Day."
(Abdur-Rahman/Pitts)

Proclamation recognizing "Auntie Angie's House Appreciation Day."
(Thorne/Abdur-Rahman/Pitts/Ellis/Barrett/Hall)

Proclamation recognizing "Older Americans Month."
(Barrett/Abdur-Rahman/Pitts/Thorne/Ellis/Hall)

PUBLIC HEARINGS**24-0302 Board of Commissioners**

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

Priority for public comment will be given to Fulton County citizens and those individuals representing businesses or organizations located within Fulton County, including their employees, whether such persons are commenting in-person, via emails or via Zoom or other electronic media (i.e., phone call).

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

(CONDUCTED)

11 Speakers: Naeemah Chike (Water Access/Community Garden); Judy Raines (Water Access/Community Garden); Siegfried White (Homelessness); Paul Hershey (County Finances); Mike Russell (Politicians); J. Wesley Day (Justice/Solicitor Office); Kimberly Brookes (District Attorney's Office); L.A. Pink (Politicians); Robert Chapelle (Water Access/Community Garden); Duwon Robinson (Tax Commissioner's Office); Arthur Ferdinand (Tax Commissioner's Office)

4 Zoom Comments: Ben Howard (Senior Services/Housing); Derrick D. Blassingame (Fulton County System); Matt Rowenczak (Registration and Elections); Margie McCloud (H.B. 404/Rental Agreements)

COUNTY MANAGER'S ITEMS**Open & Responsible Government****24-0303 Finance**

Presentation, review, and approval of May 1, 2024, Budget Soundings and Resolution **(APPROVED AS AMENDED)**

Commissioner Arrington requested a division of the item.

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to approve as amended the budget soundings for the Police Department and Emergency Management only. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Did Not Vote: Ellis

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to approve the transfer of funding from Arts & Culture to Select Fulton. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nay: Arrington

Abstain: Hall

c. A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to hold the transfer of funding from Arts & Culture to Select Fulton. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yea: Hall, and Arrington

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

24-0304 Human Resources Management

Request approval to modify the classification section of the Classification and Compensation plan by adding the new titles of Division Manager, Fulton Films (Grade 27) and Film Marketing Coordinator (Grade 19). **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Nay: Arrington

Did Not Vote: Hall

24-0305 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to increase the spending authority - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, ITB22110K-DJ, Furniture, and Installation Services for the Fulton County Central Warehouse in the total amount of \$52,372.30 with The Hon Company, LLC c/o Milton Jones Company, Inc. (Muscatine, IA,), for the purchase, delivery and installation of additional furniture and related for the Department of Registration and Elections for the remaining Phase I move to the Fulton County Central Warehouse. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Arts and Libraries**24-0306 Arts and Culture**

Request approval of a contract between Fulton County, Georgia and Hammonds House, Inc., a Georgia non-profit corporation for the purpose of providing recurring funding in the amount of \$200,000.00 for the operation and management of the current arts and culture programs based at 503 Peebles St. SW, Atlanta GA 30310, and expanded operational programming. The term of this contract is effective upon execution through December 31, 2024. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

24-0307 Arts and Culture

Request approval of a contract between Fulton County, Georgia and the Johns Creek Arts Center, Inc., a Georgia non-profit corporation, for the purpose of providing recurring funding in the amount of \$200,000.00 for the operation and management of the current arts and culture programs based at 6290 Abbotts Bridge Road, Johns Creek, Georgia 30097, and to provide expanded operational programming. The term of the contract is effective upon execution through December 31, 2024. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

24-0308 Arts and Culture

Request approval of a contract between Fulton County, Georgia and The National Black Arts Festival, Inc., a Georgia non-profit corporation, for the purpose of providing recurring funding in the amount of \$200,000.00 for the operation and management of the current arts and culture programs based at 1429 Fairmont Ave NW Ste J, Atlanta Georgia 30318 and, to provide expanded operational programming. The term of the contract is effective upon execution through December 31, 2024. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

24-0309 Arts and Culture

Request approval of a contract between Fulton County and the Chattahoochee Nature Center, Inc., a Georgia non-profit corporation, for the purpose of providing recurring funding in the total recurring amount of \$200,000.00 for the operation management of the current environmental education programming based at 9135 Willeo Rd, Roswell, GA 30075, and to provide expanded operational programming. The term of the contract is effective upon execution through December 31, 2024. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Health and Human Services**24-0310 Public Works**

Request approval to utilize cooperative purchasing - Department of Public Works, Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), 48400-220-DOT0002597-0006, On Call Traffic Signal Maintenance Services in the amount of \$260,000.00 with Lumin8 Transportation Technologies, Inc., (Marietta, GA) to provide on-call traffic signal maintenance and repairs. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Arrington

24-0311 Senior Services

Presentation of the Senior Transportation Uber/Lyft Program Update and request approval of \$4.00 cost share per one-way trip. **(HELD)**

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to approve.

(NO VOTE TAKEN)

b. A substitute motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Chairman Pitts, to hold. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nay: Ellis

24-0312 Senior Services

Request approval to increase the spending authority - Senior Services, 21RFP000016A-CJC, Alternative Senior Transportation Services in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 with Common Courtesy (Atlanta, GA) to provide transportation services/ride sharing to eligible Fulton County residents aged 60 and above. This amount is based on the BOC approved FY24 enhancement for senior transportation. Effective upon BOC approval. **(HELD)**

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

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

Nay: Ellis

24-0313 Senior Services

Request approval for the Fulton County Finance Department to enter into a renewal of the contract with CIMA World, Inc. to provide liability, accident and excess automobile liability insurance coverage for senior AmeriCorps volunteers and authorize the Finance Director to pay related costs of \$485.29 to renew the CIMA coverage. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Justice and Safety**24-0314 Public Defender**

Request approval of a MOU between Fulton County, on behalf of the Office of the Public Defender, and the United Way of Greater Atlanta in the amount of \$100,000.00 to support a select group of chronically homeless individuals released from the Fulton County Jail by providing transitional housing with case management. The MOU will be effective upon approval by the Board of Commissioners until December 31, 2024. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS**24-0315 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution consenting to and ratifying the use of Fulton County Ad Valorem Property Tax Increment for five projects located in Westside Tax Allocation District 1 - Atlanta/Westside. **(Barrett) (APPROVED)**

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

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

Absent: Ellis

COMMISSIONERS' PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**24-0316 Board of Commissioners**

Discussion: Cherry Bekaert Procurement Review **(Pitts) (DISCUSSED)**

24-0317 Board of Commissioners

Discussion: Outstanding water bill from City of Atlanta **(Pitts) (DISCUSSED)**

24-0318 Board of Commissioners

Discussion: Fulton County Housing Authority **(Abdur-Rahman) (DISCUSSED)**

EXECUTIVE SESSION**24-0319 Board of Commissioners**

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

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

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

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

Did Not Vote: Ellis, and Hall

b. A motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve the request to enter into a letter of intent as discussed in item #2 in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: Ellis

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to approve the request for representation in item #3 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: Ellis

d. A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to approve the request for representation in item #4 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: Ellis

e. A motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve the request for representation in item #6 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: Ellis

Abstain: Thorne

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

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

Absent: Ellis

Abstain: Thorne

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.