

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

September 06, 2023
10:00 AM



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



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Ratification Date: October 4, 2023

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

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

Robert L. Pitts, Chairman (At-Large)	PRESENT
Bridget Thorne, Commissioner (District 1)	PRESENT
Bob Ellis, Vice-Chairman (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, Commissioner (District 6)	PRESENT

INVOCATION: Reverend Clifton Dawkins, Jr., County Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recite in unison

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA**23-0560 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 Regular Meeting Agenda for separate consideration. **(ADOPTED)**

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

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

Absent: Hall, and Arrington

23-0561 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing "Joseph R. Bankoff Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
August 17, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "Mary L. Jacobs Remembrance Day." **(Hall)**
August 19, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "Bishop Greg Fann Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
August 20, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "Leonard Tate Remembrance Day." **(Abdur-Rahman)**
August 22, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "Councilman Jim Maddox Remembrance Day."
(Hall/BOC)
August 24, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "Kabul Fallen Heroes Appreciation Day." **(Thorne)**
August 26, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "LaTonya Gates Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
August 27, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "Richard Lightfoot Remembrance Day."
(Abdur-Rahman)
August 28, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "Micah Robinson Womack Appreciation Day." **(Pitts)**
August 29, 2023

Proclamation recognizing “Ellen Porter Appreciation Day.” (Pitts)
September 3, 2023

Commissioners' District Board Appointments

23-0562

Board of Commissioners

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

The Commission on Disability Affairs shall consist of a total of sixteen (16) members to serve staggered two (2) year terms and appointed as follows:

- Each member of the Board of Commissioners shall appoint two (2) members; one of them said appointees shall have an initial term, of one (1) year;
- No term of any member shall extend beyond the term of the District Commissioner who appointed the member to serve on the Commission for Disability Affairs;
- The Commission on Disability Affairs shall appoint two (2) members, who receive the consent of the majority of the members of the Commission on Disability Affairs and one (1) of the appointees shall have an initial term of one (1) year.

The Commission on Disability Affairs appointees shall be made for the purpose of maintaining diversity.

Term = Staggered two (2) year terms

Term below expired: 7/31/2014
(District 3 - Vacant)

Commissioner Barrett nominated Vernice Cole for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2024.

23-0563 Board of Commissioners
FULTON COUNTY REPARATIONS TASK FORCE (APPROVED UPON
ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

The Reparations Task Force shall have the following members: Each Commissioner shall appoint two (2) members, for a total of 14 members. Each member shall be a resident of Fulton County at the time of the appointment. A member shall serve for a two-year term and subject to removal by the appointing Commissioner for cause. No member's term shall exceed that of the appointing Commissioner but shall remain as a voting member until replaced or reappointed by the successive Commissioner.

Term = 2 Years

Term below expires: 12/31/2023

Dr. Bernice King (Vacant - Resigned) (Hall)

Commissioner Hall nominated Ann Hill-Bond to replace Bernice King for a District appointment to an unexpired term ending December 31, 2023.

Open & Responsible Government

23-0564 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to accept assignment and assumption of the contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management Contract 21ITB1302418C-CG, Standby Plumbing Services from Work Order Management LLC (formerly Talon Property Services LLC) to Liquid Services and Logistics LLC dba Talon Plumbing and authorizing the Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance to reflect the name change. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

23-0565 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a change order less than 10% - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 21RFP132087K-DB, Design/Build Services for the Fulton County Government Center Cooling Tower Repair and Retrofit in an amount not to exceed \$82,962.82 with Mallory & Evans Service Company, Inc. (Scottsdale, GA), to modify the existing scope of work to perform additional services required for the project. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Health and Human Services**23-0566 Community Development**

Request approval to execute the 2024-2026 Cooperation Agreements with the cities of Alpharetta, College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Mountain Park, Palmetto and Union City for continued participation in the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME, and ESG program (if awarded to the County) for fiscal years 2024, 2025 and 2026; authorizing the County Attorney to approve the Cooperation Agreements as to form and to make modifications thereto prior to execution by the Chairman; authorizing the Chairman and the County Attorney to execute and deliver all related documents necessary to implement these agreements. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

23-0567 Community Development

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Community Development, 20RFP110420A-FB, Environmental Review Assessments for 2020 CDBG, Home, ESG & COC Projects in an amount not to exceed \$19,800.00 with BluLynx Solutions, LLC (Atlanta, GA). This action exercises the third of three renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, contingent upon the adoption of the FY2024 budget including \$4,800.00 for this contract in the General Fund. The remainder of this contract will be grant funded. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

23-0568 Community Development

Request approval of a contract between Fulton County and The Lionheart Life Center, Inc. (dba The Lionheart School) in the amount of \$11,000.00 to provide the following services to individuals with disabilities in Fulton County: Social Emotional Learning, Educational Technology, Hippotherapy, Lionheart Gardens, Design, Production and Retail Sales Experience, Extracurricular Programs and Summer Camp Activities (Camp Happy Hearts and Camp Joyful Soles); and to authorize the Chairman to disburse funds and execute and administer contracts, and other related documents consistent with any necessary agreement in support of this funding allotment. The term of this Contract shall be upon approval through December 31, 2023. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

23-0569 Senior Services

Request approval of a Right of Access Agreement ("License Agreement") between the City of East Point and Fulton County, Georgia to access the H.J.C. Bowden Senior Multipurpose Facility parking lot on September 16, 2023 for the City of East Point's Senior Stroll event. Effective upon Board approval. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Infrastructure and Economic Development**23-0570 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a Water Line Easement Dedication of 5,779 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Old Milton Residential Development, LLC for the purpose of constructing the Hickory Crest S/D Phase 2 Project at 0 Hickory Pass, Milton, Georgia 30004. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

23-0571 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 1,294 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Camden Manor Homeowners Association, Inc., for the purpose of constructing the Oakhurst Glen Phase 4 Project at 0 Butner Road, South Fulton, Georgia 30213. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

23-0572 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Water Line Easement Dedication of 7,669 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from CCVH New Providence, LLC for the purpose of constructing the Whisper Woods at Milton Project at 14000 New Providence Road, Milton, Georgia 30004. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

23-0573 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 8,678 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from 1858 Alpharetta Partners, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the 1858 Project at 101 Cumming Street, Alpharetta, Georgia 30009. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

23-0574 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Resolution approving a Right of Access License Agreement between Fulton County, Georgia ("Licensor") and the City of Atlanta ("Licensee") to facilitate the installation of new ADA-compliant warning surface tactiles on property adjacent to County-owned property located at (i) 135 Peachtree Street SW, Atlanta, (ii) 162 Pryor Street, Atlanta, (iii) 141 Pryor Street, SW, Atlanta ("Fulton County Government Center,"), and (iv) and 136 Pryor Street, Atlanta, Georgia; to authorize the Chairman to execute the Right of Access License Agreement; to authorize the County Attorney to approve the Right of Access License Agreement as to form and to make modifications thereto to protect the interests of Fulton County prior to execution; and for other purposes. Effective upon BOC approval for a period not to exceed 365 days. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

23-0575 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Resolution approving a Right of Access License Agreement between Fulton County, Georgia ("Licensor") and the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority ("Licensee") to facilitate the construction of a new bus stop platform next to County-owned property located at 0 Mitchell Street SW, 0 Forsyth Street SW, and 0 Broad Street SW, Atlanta, Georgia; to authorize the Chairman to execute the Right of Access License Agreement and related documents; to authorize the County Attorney to approve the Right of Access License Agreement and related documents as to form and to make modifications thereto to protect the interests of Fulton County prior to execution; and for other purposes. Effective upon BOC approve for a period not to exceed 365 days. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

23-0576 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") between Fulton County, Georgia ("County"), the City of College Park, Georgia ("City"), and the College Park Business and Industrial Development Authority ("BIDA") for the purpose of the County implementing a pilot program for a cottage home development in the City on property to be donated to the County by BIDA; to authorize the Chairman to execute the IGA and related documents; to authorize the County Attorney to approve the IGA and related documents as to form and to make necessary modifications as necessary prior to execution; and for other purposes. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Justice and Safety**23-0577 Juvenile Court**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Juvenile Court, 22RFP051-KM, Family Treatment Court Peer Support Specialist in the amount of \$8,800.00 with Kelly Cox to provide peer support services. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. This contract is 100% grant funded. No county funding is required. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

23-0578 Medical Examiner

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Medical Examiner, 21ITB131809C-MH, Forensic Postmortem Toxicology Testing in the amount of \$125,000.00 with Axis Forensic Toxicology, Inc. (Indianapolis, IN) to provide toxicology testing services. This is the second of two renewal options. No renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

23-0579 Superior Court Administration

Request approval to amend a Memorandum of Agreement with Goodwill of North Georgia (“GNG”) to include a one-year extension effective October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, for the continuing provision of services by GNG for the fully grant funded Fulton County Peer Recovery Support Services Project, coinciding with and contingent upon approval of the extension by the grantor, and the approval of the Board of Commissioners. No additional funds are required or provided. A total of \$52,525.00 remains on the grant. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

23-0580 Superior Court Administration

Request approval to amend a Memorandum of Agreement with Applied Research Services, Inc. (“ARS”), to include a one-year extension effective October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, for the continuing provision of services by ARS for the fully grant funded Fulton County Peer Recovery Support Services Project, coinciding with and contingent upon approval of the extension by the grantor and the Board of Commissioners. No additional funds are required or provided. A total of \$30,000.00 remains on the grant. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

23-0581 Superior Court Administration

Request approval to amend a Memorandum of Agreement with Georgia Council on Substance Abuse (“GCSA”), to include a one-year extension effective October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, for the continuing provision of services by GCSA for the fully grant funded Fulton County Peer Recovery Support Services Project, coinciding with and contingent upon approval of the extension by the grantor and the Board of Commissioners. No additional funds are required or provided. A total of \$73,800.00 remains on the grant. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

23-0582 Board of Commissioners

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

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to adopt the Regular Meeting Agenda as amended by moving up item #23-0598 as requested by Chairman Pitts and revising item #23-0584 as requested by Chairman Pitts and Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: Arrington

23-0583 Clerk to the Commission

Ratification of Minutes. **(RATIFIED)**

Regular Meeting Minutes, August 2, 2023

Recess Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, August 16, 2023

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

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

Absent: Arrington

23-0584 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing "Recovery Month." **(BOC)**

Proclamation recognizing "Shruthi Balachander Appreciation Day." **(Thorne)**

~~*Proclamation recognizing "Dewayne Crowder Appreciation Day."
(Abdur-Rahman)~~

**removed during the meeting*

PUBLIC HEARINGS**23-0585 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 30 minutes at the Regular Meeting, nor will this portion exceed thirty minutes at the Recess Meeting.** In the event the 30-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. Similarly, written comments (that were timely submitted) not previously read, may be read at the end of the meeting. For more information or to arrange a speaking date, contact the Clerk's Office. **(CONDUCTED)**

4 Speakers: Wendy Aina (Homeless Veterans Law Clinic); Corey Martin (Homeless Veterans Law Clinic); Jillana Goehring (Homeless Veterans Law Clinic); Julie Allen (Item #23-0597 & #23-0598); Maria Gaudio (Item #23-0598) and L.A. Pink (Item #23-0598)

1 Zoom Speaker: Ben Howard (Senior Services)

Emailed Comment: NONE

COUNTY MANAGER'S ITEMS**Open & Responsible Government****23-0586 Finance**

Review and approval of September 6, 2023 Budget Soundings. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

23-0587 Finance

Request approval of an authorization to proceed with planning and initial actions related to an anticipated request for amendment to the existing 2019 installment sale agreement with the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) for an additional amount up to \$10,914,307.60 plus interest, resulting in a total agreement of \$25 million principal plus interest, to be used for final completion of the County facility at 4700 North Point Parkway, Alpharetta, Georgia, including approval for a public hearing to consider authorization of said amendment as a multi-year lease purchase agreement(s) or installment sale agreement(a) pursuant to O.C.G A. Sec 36-60-13 and publication of notices of the public hearing; and for other purposes. **(APPROVED)**

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett to hold.

Motion failed for a lack of a second

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

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

Nay: Pitts

Abstain: Barrett

23-0588 Tax Assessor

Request approval to appeal the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts (DOAA) 2022 sales ratio study for Fulton County, authorizing the Fulton County Board of Assessors, staff, and the Office of the County Attorney to act on behalf of the Board of Commissioners for purposes of this appeal. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Pitts

23-0589 Human Resources Management

Request approval to modify the classification section of the Classification and Compensation plan by adding the new titles of Division Chief, Animal Services (grade 24) and Program Manager, Senior (grade 25). **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Pitts

23-0590 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to increase the spending authority - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 21RFP120820K-CRB-(B), Standby Professional Services for Environmental Engineering & Testing Services in an amount not to exceed \$1,800.00 with Atlas Technical Consultants, Inc. (Austin, TX), to provide a second round of infiltration tests for the proposed expansion to the Fulton County Oakhill Child, Adolescent and Family Center located at 2805 Metropolitan Parkway SW, Atlanta, GA 30315. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Pitts

23-0591 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to amend an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 21ITB128258C-CG-(A), Janitorial Services for Selected Fulton County Facilities (Groups C, D, & G) in the amount of \$111,520.00 with A-Action Janitorial Service, Inc. (Lithonia, GA) to add the Fulton County Central Warehouse to the existing contract Group C (Central Libraries) and assume the janitorial services responsibilities according to the terms and conditions of the contract. Effective dates: September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Pitts

Health and Human Services

23-0508 Community Development

Request approval of a contract between Fulton County and Fulton County Schools in the amount of \$250,000.00 to support the Community School Initiative - Student and Family Engagement (S.A.F.E.) Centers in response to the growing need to address barriers to student learning; and to authorize the Chairman to disburse funds and execute and administer contracts, and other related documents consistent with any necessary agreement in support of this funding allotment. The term of this Contract shall be upon approval December 31, 2023. **(HELD ON 8/2/23) (MOTION TO APPROVE FAILED ON 8/16/23 AND 9/6/23)**

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

- Yea:** Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman
- Nay:** Thorne, Ellis, and Barrett
- Did Not Vote:** Pitts

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

- Yea:** Thorne, Ellis, and Barrett
- Nay:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman
- Did Not Vote:** Pitts, and Hall

23-0592 Community Development

Request approval of the 2023 Youth Homelessness Program (YHP) Evaluation Committee’s recommendations in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 to the non-profits identified in Attachment “A”. YHP funding to these non-profits will support Fulton County’s commitment to making youth homelessness rare, brief, and nonrecurring. General funds in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for the YHP were approved by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners at the January 18, 2023 Recess meeting (Agenda item# 23-0044). The contract period runs from June 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023. **(APPROVED)**

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

- Yea:** Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman
- Did Not Vote:** Pitts

23-0593 Public Works

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Department of Public Works, 23ITBC060923A-KM, Uniforms and Accessories in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00 with Onyx Ink, LLC (Doral, FL) to provide uniforms and accessories upon execution of contract through December 31, 2023, with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Pitts

COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS**23-0512 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution requiring contracts or other written agreements to accompany agenda items appearing on the meeting agenda of the Board of Commissioners to uphold transparency in governance; providing exceptions for those contracts or agreements processed by the Department of Purchasing and Contract Compliance and for those excluded under the Georgia Open Meetings Act, or for emergency situations; and for other purposes. **(Thorne)**
(HELD ON 8/2/23 AND 8/16/23) (HELD)

a. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to approve.

Commissioner Hall withdrew the second.

b. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to approve. **(NO VOTE TAKEN)**

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Chairman Pitts, to hold. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Did Not Vote: Thorne, and Ellis

23-0594 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners supporting operation Green Light for Veterans; and for other purposes. **(Thorne/Abdur-Rahman) (APPROVED)**

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

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

23-0595 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 101 (General Provisions and County Governing Authority), Article II (County Governing Authority), Division 1 (Generally) of the Fulton County Code of Ordinances relating to budgetary controls for members of the Board of Commissioners by reducing the travel/conferences budget for members of the Board of Commissioners; and for other purposes. **(Ellis) (HELD)**

a. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Ellis and seconded by Chairman Pitts, to approve with a friendly amendment by Commissioner Thorne to fund new Commissioners' travel/conferences budget at \$50,000.00 for the first year and reducing to \$30,000.00 for each subsequent year. **(NO VOTE TAKEN)**

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Chairman Pitts, to hold. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Did Not Vote: Thorne, and Ellis

23-0596 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution directing the County Attorney and the County Manager to develop a mileage reimbursement policy for members of the Board of Commissioners and their staff; directing the County Manager to divest or repurpose the vehicles currently owned by the County and used solely by the members of the Board of Commissioners and their staff for other appropriate County use; and for other purposes. **(Ellis) (APPROVED AS AMENDED)**

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

b. A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to hold' extending the moratorium for the use of County vehicles by Commissioners and their staff, excluding the Clerk's Office. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nay: Pitts, Thorne, and Ellis

LATER DURING THE MEETING AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Vice-Chairman Ellis, to reconsider item #23-0596. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, and Barrett

Nay: Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

d. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve with a friendly amendment by Commissioner Hall to ensure the Clerk's Office maintains use of their assigned County vehicle . The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, and Barrett

Nay: Abdur-Rahman

Did Not Vote: Hall, and Arrington

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

Yea: Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Nay: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, and Barrett

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

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, and Barrett

Nay: Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

23-0597 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners in opposition of any proposed interruption or suspension of Federal Grant funding or State funding awarded or appropriated to the Fulton County District Attorney's Office; and for other purposes. **(Barrett) (APPROVED)**

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

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

Nay: Thorne, and Ellis

Did Not Vote: Pitts

23-0598 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners censuring the conduct of Commissioner Natalie Hall (District 4); and for related purposes. **(Pitts/Ellis/Thorne/Abdur-Rahman) (APPROVED)**

Commissioner Arrington requested a Point of Order to discuss the validity of Item #23-0598.

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

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

Nay: Arrington

Did Not Vote: Hall

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

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

Did Not Vote: Hall, and Arrington

c. A Point of Order was requested by Vice-Chairman Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, for Commissioner Arrington violating the decorum policy. The motion passed by the following vote:

Chairman Pitts called for a five minute recess of the meeting.

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

Nay: Arrington

Did Not Vote: Hall

Commissioners' Full Board Appointments

23-0599

Board of Commissioners

FULTON-ATLANTA LAND BANK AUTHORITY (HELD)

The Authority is governed by a board of directors comprised of an odd number of individual representatives- with no fewer than five (5) or more than eleven (11), hereinafter the "Board". Initially, the Board shall consist of seven (7) representatives comprised of: (A) four (4) appointed by the Mayor of the City of Atlanta and (B) three (3) appointed by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners.

Term = 4 years

Terms below expired: 8/7/2023

Jane Bradshaw Burnett **(BOC/Morris)**

Calvin Brock **(BOC/Abdur-Rahman)**

Kyle Lamont **(BOC/Hall)**

Commissioner Hall has nominated Anita Harris for a Full Board appointment to a term ending August 7, 2027.

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

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

Nay: Pitts

Did Not Vote: Ellis

EXECUTIVE SESSION

23-0600 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 AND PERSONNEL: Chairman Pitts, Vice-Chairman Ellis, Commissioners: Thorne, Barrett, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman; County Manager Dick Anderson; County Attorney Y. Soo Jo; and Clerk to the Commission Tonya R. Grier.

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

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Hall

Nay: Arrington

Did Not Vote: Abdur-Rahman

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

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

Did Not Vote: Arrington

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

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

Did Not Vote: Arrington

d. A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Vice-Chairman Ellis, to approve the request for outside counsel in item #5 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nay: Pitts

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 2023
10:00 A.M.

Alexander Solution, LLC

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Good morning everyone and welcome to the Regular Meeting of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. Today is September 6th, 2023. It is exactly 10:01 a.m. Madam Clerk, please call the roll."

CLERK GRIER: "Chairman Robb Pitts."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Bridget Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Vice Chairman Bob Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Dana Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Present."

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

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Present."

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

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

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 2, Consent Agenda, **23-0560**, 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 Regular Meeting Agenda for separate consideration."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Any items on the Consent Agenda item to be removed for separate consideration? None. All right. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as is by Vice Chair Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 8, Regular Meeting Agenda, **23-0582**, Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have amendments to today's Regular Meeting Agenda. First, on page 8, we have a proclamation to be removed, 23-0584, Proclamation recognizing 'Dewayne Crowder Appreciation Day' will be removed. Also, Chairman Pitts has requested to move up item -- on page 12, 23-0598: Request approval of a Resolution censuring the conduct of Commissioner Hall; and for related purposes. That item will be heard after Public Comment."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Anything else? All right, that proclamation recognizing Recovery Month that should be a Board of Commissioners, not mine."

CLERK GRIER: "So noted."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Let's vote on the agenda as amended, please. All right. We have a motion to approve by -- who's that; Vice Chair Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Let's vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**23-0583**, Ratification of Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes, August 12th; Recess Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, August 16th, 2023."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "**23-0584**, Presentation of Proclamations and Certificate. The first proclamation is recognizing 'Recovery Month' sponsored by the Full Board of Commissioners."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Come on down. Some people on this side too. Come over. Overweight. All right. We'll be out the door if everybody keep going that way. All right. Well, this is a proclamation to recognizing Recovery Month. WHEREAS, behavior health is an essential part of health on one's overall wellness and recovery from alcohol and other drug use occurs every day through a variety of recovery support resources and treatment programs; and WHEREAS, millions of people across the US are in long-term recovery living happy, healthy, and productive lives. In 2023, it's Recovery Month theme, 'Recovery is for everyone, every person, every family, every community.' The permanent tagline for recovery month moving forward and work continues to educate others about substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders, the effectiveness of treatment and recovery services, and that recovery is possible; and WHEREAS, education about recovery and addiction is essential to combating the stigma and discrimination faced by people in recovery and it's needed by all Georgians including public health and safety officials, workforce, older adults, and families; and WHEREAS, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the US Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Certification Board of Georgia, the Association of Community Service Boards, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, the Georgia Addiction Counselors Association, the Georgia Association of Recovery Residences, and the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse invited all residents in the State of Georgia to participate in National Recovery Month. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners calls upon its citizens to observe National Recovery Month and support the 2023 theme of 'Recovery is for everyone, every person, every family, every community; and does hereby proclaim September 2023 as Recovery Month in Fulton County, Georgia. All right. Who's going to speak on behalf of this distinguished group? All right, all right, fantastic. Come on up here."

LYNETTE ALLEN, RECIPIENT: "Good morning, everyone. I'm Lynette Allen, Opioid Coordinator for Fulton County. And speaking on behalf of our Director, Ms. LaTrina Foster, Director of Behavior Health and Developmental Disabilities. I'd like to thank our entire Board of Commissioners for proclaiming National Recovery Month here in Fulton County, Georgia this September 2023. And, of course, speaking for all of those who may be impacted by substance use, mental-health, or co-occurring disorders, we'd just like to provide awareness for the community, by letting families, children, friends, loved ones, letting everyone know that recovery is possible for all."

CLERK GRIER: "The last proclamation is recognizing 'Shruthi Balachander Appreciation Day' sponsored by Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "So I just wanted to recognize Shruti today. She's a Northview High School student in Johns Creek, in my District; and she is an amazing academic achiever. She's active in the community and she was awarded a prestigious Stamps Scholarship while here at student at Georgia State. So we're very proud of her

and we look forward to seeing what she's going to do and what her future holds for her. She hopes to work -- maybe intern little bit with the Superior Court and pursue law school after her Georgia State career here. So today, I'm proud to give this proclamation. WHEREAS, Shruthi Balachander is a native of India and relocated to the United States with her family when she was 11 years old. Her family chose Johns Creek, Georgia as their home where Shruthi has thrived and excelled; and WHEREAS, Shruthi is a graduate of Northview High School in Duluth, where she was the president of four clubs: the Psychology Honor Society, the Kaleidoscope Club, TEDX, and the school's magnet program through the 3DE Advisory Board; and WHEREAS, Shruthi was awarded super honor roll every year at her high school career, served as the Georgia Secretary of State ambassador, worked as a KPMG high school intern, served as a member of student leadership at Johns Creek, and graduated magna cum laude in the spring of 2023. And Shruthi's passion for business and civics has led her to pursue a dual degree in business administration and prelaw from Georgia State University where she is a freshman and Stamps scholar. And Shruthi has dedicated her time to fulfill her civic duties as a Fulton County government election poll technician. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Shruthi Balachander for her outstanding example as a scholar and a civic leader; and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, September 6, 2023, as 'Shruthi Balchander Appreciation Day' in Fulton County, Georgia."

SHRUTHI BALACHANDER, RECIPIENT: "I'm really grateful to Commissioner Thorne for giving me this opportunity to be there and to be recognized for all my work and Mr. Edward and Michelle and everyone who made this come together. Thank you so much."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 9, Public Hearings, **23-0585**, Public Comment - Citizens wishing to participate in public comment will be allowed to appear in person or may choose to participate virtually via Zoom videoconferencing or by submitting their comments in writing by registering on the county's website www.fultoncountyga.gov. Priority to public comment will be given to Fulton County citizens and those individuals representing businesses or organizations located within Fulton County. Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each. The public will not be allowed to yield or donate time to other speakers. The public comment portion of the meeting will not exceed 30 minutes. In the event the 30-minute time limit is reached prior to public comments being completed, public comment will be suspended and the business portion of the BOC meeting will commence. Public comment will resume at the end of the meeting. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have four speakers today. Will the speakers please come forward; Wendy Aina, Julie Allen, Maria Gaudio, and LA Pink."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. It is 10:16 -- let's say 10:17. And speakers, when you have 15 seconds remaining on your two minutes, I'll simply say 15 seconds and that'll be your reminder to begin to conclude your remarks. Again, I'll just say 15 seconds and that means you have 15 seconds remaining in your two minutes. It's 10:17."

WENDY AINA, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Chairman Pitts, Board of Commissioners and ladies and gentlemen. I'm Wendy Aina, Chief Development Office at Atlanta John Marshall Law School, and today I'm delighted to induce you to both Atlanta John Marshall Law School and the meaningful work we've engaged in. AJMLS founded in 1933, is a beacon of legal education dedicated to nurturing advocates for justice: our mission centers on providing an exceptional legal education, championing diversity and serving our community. Alongside of me are key members of this team Cory Martin, supervising attorney for the homeless veteran's law clinic, and Attorney Jullana Goehring who is an associate attorney volunteer. Why are we here today? We'd like to share with you information about a free law clinic which is on-campus and a partnership we have with the Atlanta VA and the legal services for veteran's programs. The homeless veteran's law clinic is on the campus of AJMLS, which is located at 245 Peachtree Road. We received a grant to support the veterans who are homeless or are at risk for homelessness, and this grant is funded by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Now, I'll turn it over to Cory Martin who's the supervising attorney."

CORY MARTIN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, everyone. This grant will significantly benefit homeless veterans by expanding our support services addressing the factors contributing to misdemeanor charges. Atlanta's John Marshall Law School has been collaborating with the VA on its partnership since 2016, but this is our first on-campus clinic and the first one that's grant funded. Let me give you just a brief about the grant details. The law school received a hundred and \$50,000 in funding for a one-year duration to support veteran's. Collaboration: We plan to collaborate with various organizations like the Georgia Department of Veteran Services, and the Warrior Alliance, the veteran's court, Public Defender's office, the Prosecution office --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- you have 15 seconds remaining."

JILLANA GOEHRING, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "We plan in the community to support our most (unintelligible.) and clinic by spreading the word about our service. (unintelligible.) and working close with the veteran. We brought some information for you and we also have some on the table. Thank you for allowing us to share this partnership with the community. And thank you to (unintelligible.) and Felicia and her team for the partnership and support of the Atlanta John Marshall Law School."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you."

JULIE ALLEN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. Julie Allen, District 3. Five inmates have in Sheriff Labat's Fulton County Jail since July 31st, 2023 so far. Is this the same Patrick Labat featured in a soft porn series called "The Closet" filmed in

Atlanta, with Patrick Labat named in the credits. Labat insisted on Trump's mug shot at his deathtrap jail. The inmate that died last week stated days before his death, I'm a cell in isolation with no water, no working toilets, sleeping on a hard metal floor, and then they decreased my food. Fani Willis has yet to even indict him, now he's dead. How many violent criminal cases are not being prosecuted? Isn't it an abuse of power, taxpayer resources, 2024 election interference to politically prosecute Donald Trump and 18 others? Why was Cobb County Attorney Nathan Wade specializing in personal injury/family law and contract disputes paid more than \$500,000 to prosecute Donald Trump? Why is she not investigating why the ACLU illegally accessed Georgia's election system on their personal computers admitted by the election board in Curling versus Raffensperger? An investigation uncovered connections between Fani Willis election fraud and a massive money-laundering network of campaign financing contributions being made via Act Blue, who holds her accountable? In this photo, it appears Commissioners Dana Barrett and Natalie Hall are girls who just want to have fun with Fani Willis. We can't afford to have our state or federal government, corrupt DA offices quest for national fame through political witch hunts. Yet Commissioner Barrett today submits a Resolution urging Congress and the General Assembly to not reduce her gal-pal spending. A Fulton County Elections Department audit has revealed major failures in administration, financial management and security; auditors reported more than \$2 million in purchase orders that were generated after invoices received."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds."

JULIE ALLEN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Wasting taxpayer money seems like no big deal, just raise the millage rate. What are taxpayers to think when Commissioner Natalie Hall has sex with her chief of staff, and get sued? Who pays for that? President John Adams stated our Constitution --" (Mic was cutoff.)

MARIA GAUDIO, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Maria Gaudio, Fulton County. Me and Mrs. Hall, we've got a thing going on, and it's a much too strong to let it go now. She's using trackers to keep an eye on her crackers. She raised our taxes and doubled them and doubled her gigolo's salary. It hurts so much, it hurts so much, it hurts so much when we do it on the couch, and on the desk and the floor paid for by the taxpayers. We got a be extra careful, so the Chairman don't find out. Me and Mrs., Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Hall. You're desk needs to be put out in the hallway. After all, it's your namesake. So everyone can keep an eye on you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next speaker."

LA PINK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "She just laid the red carpet out for me. So it's shame, again, I'm here, yes; 829 Hollywood Road for those that want to know where our service at, the Bankhead community. So that's the reason why I am able to speak here in Fulton County today. Well, let's talk about the political gangbangers; who are policing them? We have scandals -- sex scandals going on here with Natalie balls. And then we have, of course, I don't know what's going on with Labat, from the videos to oh, my

God, money being used towards his campaign. Then we have our attorney, our DA, whatever you want to call her because she plays both advocates I'm that -- she is fighting for the justice of her loved one that she had a scandal with name, Big McNutt, if y'all know who that is. So here it is, we stand here today: who's policing these political gangbangers? There's a RICO Act going on here with just you guys. I mean, come on, and you guys are sitting up here wanting us as the community to stand by you guys when you're not standing by us. We're asking for Commissioner Hall, known as chasing balls, to step down today. We do not need her in the community with this type of leadership, so she's calling herself a leader. We need Labat to step down today. We need Fani Willis to step down today. These acts that you guys are doing --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

LA PINK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "—it's a crime, yes. Like, she said on taxpayers -- taxpayer's dollars. Yes. So today, we are asking you all to step down because the community don't need this type of leadership."

CLERK GRIER: "No further speakers. We don't have any on Zoom or e-mail comments."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Actually we do have one on Zoom. One just came in. And this is Ben Howard."

BEN HOWARD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "I apologize for my tardiness. Ben Howard -- greetings one and all. The Department of Senior, this critical year, please procure the line item on Aging and Elder Affairs Agenda that its members are actively participate in Fulton County (unintelligible.) to accommodate a hairdresser at the Darnell Multipurpose facility. To the Fulton County Commission on (unintelligible.) Affairs, item 1: Please arrange (unintelligible.) (unintelligible.) on Elder Affairs (inaudible) where the two Commissions engaging in joint projects (unintelligible.) Item No. 2, before things escalate beyond Fulton County; please look into the requirement of the (unintelligible.) that residents will need third party help in arranging lives (unintelligible.) (unintelligible.) (unintelligible.). (unintelligible.) (unintelligible.) (unintelligible.) (unintelligible.) (unintelligible.) (unintelligible.)."

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

CLERK GRIER: "No, further speakers."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No others?"

CLERK GRIER: "No."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Arrington, you seek recognition now?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "No."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No? Okay, continue, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "The next item that was moved up on page 12, 23-0598: Request approval of a Resolution censuring the --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- Mr. Chair, I'm sorry. I do want to speak now."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Let her sound it and you can --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- no, no, sir. No, sir. This is an item that belongs in Executive Session, so I have a point of order."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "This item should be in Executive Session because it is pending -- there's pending litigation and it is a personnel matter. We never discuss litigation, nor personnel matters on a Public Agenda. This is a first. It is absolutely unprecedented. Absolutely, unprecedented. It is a violation of our policies, our procedures, and our practices to have an item like this on a Public Agenda. And so, the point of order is -- not only is it in litigation and not only is it a personnel matter, two different things that qualify this matter for Executive Session, but it's, in fact, litigation over a personnel matter. And so, for that reason, this item never should have made it to a Public Agenda, and it is inappropriate for us to have it. So that's my point of order."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you, Chairman. County Attorney, I would like to place a question to you. County Attorney, who we pay as the County Attorney, would you please weigh on if this a item that must be discussed in Executive Session or is it a item that can be done for public view?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "So this item, as Commissioner Arrington and I have previously discussed, it's my opinion that it is a statement of the opinion of several Commissioners on a matter of public record and also public interest. And it is a statement of your opinion that it is separate and distinct from the legal issues that are being decided in the matter of Brock versus Fulton County. So, it is not mandated to be discussed only in Executive Session."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you for your opinion that this Body ask that you -- to give and weigh in. Chairman, I would -- I would say at this point, former President Clinton was accused of fellatio in the White House, and there was an impeachment proceeding. This is not an impeachment proceeding; this is a censure."

This Legislative Body has been duly sworn by each and every constituent of Fulton County to uphold the taxpayers' right to an open, fair process publicly done in the open, not behind closed doors, because of personal preference. So I would ask that this Body listen to our County Attorney who is well-versed. We voted her in unanimously, and she has rendered an opinion openly on this and I believe we should move the agenda forward. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Madam County Attorney, you stated that you believe that this is a separate matter, than the pending EEOC matter?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes. And the facts that are stated in the Resolution are not inconsistent with our legal position in the Brock matter."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "And that is your basis for saying that this matter is not in litigation and as such should not be in Executive Session?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "This matter is not divulging anything in confidence because it's based upon facts that are already in the public record. And the issues in the Brock case are not relevant to the subject matter of this Resolution, which is a statement of opinion."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. Is that the only litigation involving this matter?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "As you're aware, yesterday, there was a motion for preliminary injunction that was filed in the afternoon. A copy was provided later in the afternoon, and that matter has not been sent down for hearing by the Court, nor has there been a determination of whether or not on its face that the petition constitutes an emergency warranting an emergency hearing."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. So, I'm just trying to follow you. So, you're saying that the Brock matter is a separate matter. Is the lawsuit that was filed yesterday afternoon, is that a separate matter or is that pending litigation that would require this item to be heard in Executive Session?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "It is pending litigation."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "It is."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "But it doesn't automatically. The filing of material happens with government, with some regularity, and it does not automatically shut down the Legislative Body's ability to conduct its business."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay, so what would be your advice to a client who has a matter currently pending before a judge? Wouldn't it be prudent for that client to wait until the judge rules? What is the lawsuit requesting?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "The lawsuit is requesting -- actually, the prayer for release says that it wants this entire BOC meeting shut down today. I do not believe that even if the hearing were conducted, that would be a likely outcome that a judge would grant."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "What were the issues addressed in the lawsuit?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "The issues were stating that a hearing for disciplinary action was to be conducted today and requesting an injunction. The preliminary injunction, which is an injunction that is in place during the dependency of the entire lawsuit was requested. A temporary protective order, a temporary restraining order, which is an emergency relief, was not separately requested; therefore, it did not seem likely that any court action would impact today's proceedings because number one, the relief requested is not something that a court would grant. And number two, a separate temporary relief was not requested."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So there is pending litigation over this agenda item?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "There is a lawsuit asking for preliminary injunction trying to prevent a vote on this Resolution, yes. The way that it is drafted now there is, in my opinion, very little chance of it being granted by the court."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "But it is pending?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "It is pending. At any given time -- there's a lot of litigation pending, but this Body continues to conduct --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- yeah, I didn't ask you -- I didn't ask you about a lot of -- a lot of litigation. I asked you, was this suit pending?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "The suit, as it is filed, yes, it is pending. It was only filed yesterday, so it has not, to my knowledge, even been assigned to a judge."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "The cases aren't automatically assigned when they're filed?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Apparently not. The court has been asking the plaintiff's attorney who the assigned judge is so they can check with the assigned judge as to whether or not he or she would prefer to conduct the hearing themselves, and that answer has not been provided. So apparently it has not been assigned."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. So, let's get to -- because we gone get all this on the record. Let's get to the process -- what is the normal procedure for items being placed on an Executive Session agenda?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "The normal procedure is that either a party will request an item to be placed, or it will come to my attention in the normal course of things such as a lawsuit being filed, and then we will compile the agenda."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Who is we?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "My office."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Your office? Your office compiles the agenda for Executive Session?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Is that agenda made available to us prior to the meeting?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "It has not been."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes, ma'am, is the agenda -- or the agendas that you prepared for Executive Session, have you provided them to any of us prior to a Board of Commissioners meeting?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "No. I'm not aware of any requirement to do so, but, no, they have not been."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Did I ask you if there was a requirement?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Just a minute. Just a minute. Just a minute. Commissioner County Attorney --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- I'm trying to understand --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- just a minute. Just -- just -- just a minute --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- I didn't ask anything about a requirement. I'm asking about policy and practices."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a minute. Just a minute. Just a minute now. Just a minute. Commissioner Arrington asked to be recognized for a -- to be heard, and he has the floor. But I'm going to litigate this here on the floor. I made a decision --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- well, this should be in Executive Session."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah, well -- just a minute. I made a decision"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Y'all put it here. We're going to have it out."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I made a decision that this was not eligible for Executive Session, that the case of Calvin Brock versus the Board of Commissioners or Fulton County is a separate legal issue. What we're dealing with here is here is a separate matter dealing in policies and procedures and an ethical issue which was --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- yes, but there's also a lawsuit --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- just a minute. But not subject --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON JR.: "-- yes, but there's also a lawsuit over this agenda item."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So that's what's before us now. So I'd like to bring this to a conclusion, but you have the floor, Commissioner Arrington, but I don't want us to get back --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- thank you. Well, I mean, I have questions and I'm going to ask the questions that I have."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "State your questions on the floor for the record. You have the right to do that."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. Thank you. So, let me go back so I can get my place."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "You're asking about the Executive Session?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a -- Madam County Attorney, you're going to allow him to put his question on the floor, but I'm not going to allow this back-and-forth."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Well, I certainly want my -- I'm asking the County Attorney questions. Another Commissioner just asked the County Attorney a question, and I expect my questions to be answered. So let's be clear about that. Now, so the Board of Commissioners does not receive copies of the Executive Session's agendas prior to Board meetings; is that correct."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Correct."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All right. And when do the Board of Commissioners get copies of the Executive Session agenda items from your office?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "At the onset of the Executive Session."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Why do you place items on the Executive Session agenda?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "To bring them to the Commission's attention, if they are eligible for a discussion in Executive Session."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "What qualifies an item to be placed on the Executive Session agenda?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "If they meet the statutory requirements for exemption from open meeting."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "What are those statutory requirements?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "They may be regarding certain topics including personnel, litigation, real estate."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "There may be?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I'm sorry, I didn't understand the question."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I asked you what were the topics and you said there may be."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I said they may fall in to one of those categories, it depends on the topic. It depends on the item."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So are there anything other than those than litigation, personnel, and real estate that would qualify an item to be placed on an Executive Session agenda?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Certain other confidential matters."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Excuse me?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Certain other confidential matters. Attorney-client privilege matters."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Have we ever -- aren't we required to state the purposes for Executive Session before we -- when we make the motion to go into Executive Session?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Have we ever used other certain matters or attorney-client privilege as one of the reasons for going into Executive Session?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I would have to review all of the minutes."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "We typically only state three reasons, don't we? Real estate and litigation --"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "-- that's sounds correct, but again, I would have to review all the minutes. I don't know for certain until I review them."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Commissioner, we have -- Commissioner Arrington, I've been very lenient now. Are you --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Mr. Chair, Mr. Chair, you stated before that I have the floor. I'm asking questions about this process because I need to understand how an item that would typically be on an Executive Session agenda ends up on a Public Agenda."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, the primary reason in this particular case because I am the presiding officer; I concluded that it was not subject to Executive Session. Now, if there's a motion to overrule my ruling, I'll entertain that motion, but we're not going to sit here all day and go back and forth. Now, I'll entertain a motion to overrule my ruling that this is a matter for the public and not the Executive Session. Is there such a motion? Is there such a motion?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I plan to make on that motion as soon as I finish my --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- how much more time do you need, Commissioner Arrington? I'm being very lenient."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I'm not sure, sir. It depends on the answers that I get."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, you've used up -- I'm going to give you about five more minutes and we're going to move forward."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "It's 10:44 now."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I don't have anything else to do today. I don't what y'all. I'm here for this meeting. So, so we don't have knowledge of the Executive Session agenda items -- the Board of Commissioners does not have any knowledge of the Executive Session agenda items prior to the board meeting, right?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Correct."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "And we get a copy of those Executive Session agenda items from you and your office typically at a board meeting, right?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "That's correct."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So how could he just say that he overrule and said it? If we never get Executive Session agenda items until we go back there for Executive Session, when would he have had an opportunity to determine that this was not something for Executive Session?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "That does not appear to be question for me?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes, it is. It is -- it is, in fact, a question for you; yes, ma'am."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "What I will say is this item appeared as a Commissioner's Agenda Item, per your procedural rules, No. 6, 'any commissioner may put an item on the agenda that does not require review from any staff including myself'."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So he would not have had an opportunity to review and determine it?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Who? I would not have had an opportunity or -- I'm sorry."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I said, he."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I can't speak for the Chairman."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I didn't you; I said, he."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I can speak for myself."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "He, you. They don't even sound alike."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I would say the same, I cannot speak for the Chairman; I can speak for myself."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Is it -- has there ever been any other time when an item that was normally reserved for Executive Session was put on the agenda by a Commissioner?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I'm sure there have been instances. I can say, for example, this Board chose to do something that would normally be advised not to be discussed in public when we had an incident at the jail that rose to a level that, I believe, the Commissioners decided transcended their privilege to keep that in Executive Session, and it was discussed publicly, which was unusual. So it's really a case-by-case basis and it is up to you as a governing body what you decide to take into Executive Session or what may -- what you may wish to discuss publicly."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. One more minute."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I'll stop there for now."

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

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I mean, I think it's unfortunate that we're having to have this discussion period, and certainly probably not a pleasant conversation any of us look forward to as you came in today. But it is before us, you know, and it's unfortunate we're trying to obfuscate or filibuster the issue as oppose to sort of dealing directly with the underlying issue. This isn't a legal matter. The two notes within the context of the censure Resolution which, you know, if you read the definition of censure, you know, or phrases related to that, they speak to, you know, strong disapproval, a reprimand by a Body, those sorts of things. It carries no legal, you know, implication to it. It doesn't remove said Commissioner from office, if passed. It doesn't prevent said individual from being able to discharge their duties; it's an expression of speech by the majority of the Body. So the notion that somebody could file a temporary injunction to try to prevent free speech is just -- that's a joke, okay? I mean, that shouldn't even be given any consideration whatsoever. But the two matters that are noted within here specifically relate to violation of Fulton County personnel procedure 31116, which prohibits direct supervision of an employee with whom a supervisor engaged in a sexual relationship and requires disclosure if such a situation arises. And the second is failure to take appropriate remedial measures regarding another employee on staff despite flagrant misuse of County property, all right. These are not legal matters. These are matters of fact. They are not in dispute. This is a Resolution of censure brought forth by certain Members of this Body and that we should have a vote on today. And again, like I said, it's unfortunate that we're here and having to have this discussion, but we sort of have the duty of policing ourselves. You know, if one of the employees that reported to us had done the types of things that are mentioned here in the censure, they would be fired, okay? So just to point out sort of the gravity of what

we're talking about; obviously, we don't have the ability to fire one another. That's, you know, sort of different context of the way of elected officials. But we do have the ability to, you know, express our public disapproval. And, you know, we didn't create the issue. It's not our fault; but we're going to speak on it collectively as a Body one way or the other. And nobody is going to obfuscate the issue or use some sort of kind of tricky legal mechanism to try to -- to try to hide all of that. It needs to be out in the open. We need to speak to it, express our views on it, and move on."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne. I'm sorry, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. I have a question. Was this item sounded correctly, Chairman, or are we waiting to sound it; I'm concerned about that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "She never finish sounding the whole item."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay, so now, Clerk, are you going to sound it at some point?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. Chairman, I'm disappointed, but I just wanted take a point of personal privilege. This community mourns the death of two beloved Morehouse students, Chief Douglas and Christian Files, Jr. And the reason I'm interjecting that now is because these were two bright stars in the community that died tragically in a car wreck on Sunday, and I just want to openly say that this Body sends it condolences. And the time and amount that we spend on foolishness, I would rather take this time to spend and talk about two individuals who will never have a chance to prove of the asset they could have been to this great city and this great state. I want to take that personal privilege. Now, what I would like to get into, Chairman, if you would just allow me a few moments, I just want to make a quick statement, and the reason that I want to make this statement is that I want to look into this action of censure, had this Body ever censured anybody. And to my knowledge, I couldn't find anything. I could not find anything in the history of this Body being here that someone had been censured."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, I can answer that. I've been here longer than anybody here. There's been one censure Resolution that was read out loud, which we would do, and that was years ago when then Commissioner Lynn Riley was accused of leaking some information that was discussed in Executive Session. That was read aloud, it was approved; she was fined \$1,000, which she never paid by the way, but that's the only other one that I'm aware of. There were conversation about others, but that's the only one in some 20 plus years that I'm aware of."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman, I couldn't find that information, so thank you for correcting me. But the point that I'm trying to make openly today is, as a member of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, I understand the weight of the responsibility that comes with sanctioning the behavior of a fellow board member. It's not a decision to be taken lightly as it has far-reaching implications for the entire Board and citizens of Fulton County. In my office, in light of numerous calls, text messages, and comments received from concerned citizens, it is imperative that we as the Fulton County Board of Commissioners reassure the public that we value their confidence, uphold our responsibilities, and honor our oath of office even if it makes us unpopular with certain individuals politically. The decision to sanction a fellow board member is one that I don't think anybody will do in haste, but rather one that is made after deep thought and consideration about integrity and trust. Information came out that we must hold each member accountable for their action. This responsibility extends beyond individual Board Members, and affects the overall functioning of the Board as a collective entity. Recently, a Board Member made statements about their salacious conduct and behavior that was unbecoming of an elected official which not only violated ethical standards, but also undermined the trust citizens have placed on this Board. By sanctioning this behavior, we send a clear message that such actions are unacceptable and will not be tolerated. We must rise to the occasion in a collective voice and say we do not approve unethical behavior. At the end of the day, like the Vice Chair said, there are people that would have been terminated if this information that came out in a public forum. What do I mean when I say public forum? When it goes to court, it is open and anybody from the news media to Joe Blow can sit in there and listen to it. That is a public forum. And so, the confidence and the expectation of this Board and its responsible governance must be acknowledged and addressed. We must take decisive actions and the sanctioning actions of our colleague. We reassure the public that we value their trust, that are committed to it and fulfilling our duties. In closing, I would say, if we choose to ignore the transgressions and do nothing, the damage to our credibility will be significant as a Fulton County Board of Commissioners and that is not a price I'm willing to pay. This Board must hold up to its oath of serving the Fulton County taxpaying citizens, and if we lose that trust and commitment, it will be harder to regain their trust in the future. By sanctioning the actions of our colleague, we show that we are willing to take the necessary steps to rectify the situation and rebuild the public's confidence in our Board. I take no pleasure in this, but it comes with this job. Thank you, Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Excuse me. Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Call the question."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is there a second?"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Second."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "The question is being called, Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Sir, Mr. Chair, the item hasn't even been announced --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- Commissioner – Commissioner Arrington --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- the item hasn't been announced. I made a point of order prior --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- Commissioner Arrington --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- prior to the agenda --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- the question is being called."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "You can't call the question on an item that hasn't been announced."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington. Commissioner Arrington, you're out of order."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "It's not properly on the floor yet."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington, you're out of order."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Mr. Chair, in order for the item to be on the floor, it has to be announced by the Clerk."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You're out of order. You're out of order."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I made a point of order prior to the item being announced."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington, once again, you're out of order. The question has been called. Let's vote on the call of the question."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Calling the question on what? Nothing's been announced."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "She's read it."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Nothing's been announced."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Put the vote up, please. And the motion on the floor is to -- the main motion on the floor is to approve. Now calling the question. That motion was made by Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Approve what? There's no agenda item that's been announced."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Mr. Chair, just as a point of order. This is to request approval of Resolution by the Fulton Board of Commissioners censuring the conduct of Commissioner Natalie Hall, District 4; and for related purposes?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That's correct. That's correct; and calling the question."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay then, I would like to be in the queue to be heard on that matter. Now that we have announced it, I would like to be placed in the queue to be heard on that matter."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Let's vote on the calling of the question."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Now on the main motion let's vote, which is to approve the censure."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Mr. Chair, point of personal privilege. I just have -- I'll be very brief."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington, we go directly to the vote."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I'll be very brief."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No further discussion."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I have to say this, I'm sorry, Mr. Chair."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No further discussion --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- point of personal privilege --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- no further --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- sir, sir. I have to -- I have to --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "-- out of order."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington, you're out of order."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Sir, I have to get this on the record. The item was not properly announced. The item has just now been --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- Madam Clerk."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- and I asked to be placed and heard on the item that was announced."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam Clerk, all right. On the main motion to approve by Vice Chair Ellis, seconded by -- it was seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Let's vote."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay, this statue -- this Resolution is completely inappropriate. It states -- "

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- let's vote, please."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: -- it lists personnel under Section 311-16 --"

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington, you're out of order, please."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "It lists 311-16, a violation of personnel policy -- 311.16 --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam Clerk, sound the vote."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- the County Attorney --"

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

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- Chief Human Resources Officer are responsible --"

CLERK GRIER: "-- the motion passes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "The motion passes?"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item, please."

CLERK GRIER: "Back on page 9 --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Additionally, it states --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "-- out of order."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner, Arrington, please."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- additionally, it states --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "--You're out order."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- and there's no violation."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington you're out order, sir."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- for punishment of violation."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "No notice that no a person could be censured."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington, you're out order."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "I'd like to call out Commissioner Arrington for violation of --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Second. Second."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- 311.16."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "There's no authority for this Board to censure someone --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- someone under 311.16."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington, please."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "There is no authority and I know --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- the unfortunate thing about this is --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "-- Commissioner Arrington, you cannot hijack the Commissioners' meeting."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "There is -- there is no authority --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "-- you cannot do that. You're out of order."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Please."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- for this Board to do the actions that they are taking. They mention the code of ethics in the Resolution. However, the code of ethics --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a minute. Let's take a five-minute recess, please. Five-minute recess."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- by the Board of Ethics. It is exclusively governed by the Board of Ethics. It is exclusively governed by the Board of Ethics. This Board has no power. This Board has no power to do anything that the Board of Ethics is charged with doing. So this is inappropriate under 311.16. It's not appropriate which is listed in the Resolution. It's inappropriate under the Board -- of the code of ethics. It is absolutely improper for this action to take place.

(Recess taken at time.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Madam Clerk, we're going to resume the regular order of business. Would you sound -- for the public record, the Resolution. Read it into the public record which is the custom. Then there's another motion we'll need to take up."

CLERK GRIER: "Okay, the Resolution for item 23-0598: The Resolution by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners censuring the conduct of Commissioner Natalie Hall, District 4, and for other purposes. WHEREAS, the Members of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners are expected to adhere to the highest standards of professionalism and integrity while conducting the business of Fulton County on behalf of its residents; and WHEREAS, all Members of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners take a solemn oath to weld and truly discharge the duties of Commissioner for Fulton County, Georgia in all matters which require official action and to act with good judgment in a manner that will be conducive to the best interest of Fulton County; and WHEREAS, the recent hearing in the case of Calvin Brock versus Fulton County Board of Commissioners, an EEOC matter, has publicly revealed facts regarding the conduct of Commissioner Natalie Hall that constitutes lapse in judgment and failure to safeguard the best interest of Fulton County resulting in damage to the reputation of Fulton County and the Board of Commissioners; and WHEREAS, this EEOC matter arose from Commissioner Natalie Hall's decision to engage in a sexual relationship with her then

Chief of Staff, who is now seeking monetary damages against Fulton County for sexual harassment and retaliation in violation of federal employment laws; and WHEREAS, such consensual relationships that may not be sexual harassment under Fulton employment laws still violate Fulton County personnel procedure 311-16 which prohibits direct supervision of an employee with whom a supervisor is engaged in a sexual relationship and requires disclosure as such a situation arises; and WHEREAS, such consensual relationships that may not be sexual harassment under federal employment laws still appear to violate Fulton County's Code of Ethics Section 2-66 (b) (c) requiring County officers and employees to avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest or the appearance of improper behavior by avoiding conduct of circumstances that would provide a reasonable basis for the impression that a person can improperly influence or unduly enjoy the officer's or employee's favor in the performance of his or her official action, acts or actions; and WHEREAS, such consensual relationships that may not be sexual harassment under federal employment laws, are still inconsistent with the Commissioner's oath of office promising to well and truly discharge the duty of Commissioner of Fulton County, Georgia in all matters which require official action and to act with good judgment in a manner that will be conducive to the best interest of Fulton County; and WHEREAS, Commissioner Natalie Hall further chose to retain another employee despite -- employee despite his apparent violations of County procedures, misuse of County property, and guilty pleas to crimes involving distant and forceable taking of property. WHEREAS, the aforementioned conduct of Commissioner Natalie Hall has eroded public trust in Fulton County government and negatively impacted -- impacted the professional reputation of those who serve Fulton County with the dedication and integrity; and WHEREAS, that acts and admissions of Commissioner Natalie Hall constitute conduct unbecoming of a public official and beneath the dignity of the office of Fulton County Commissioner, thereby necessitating that other members of the Board of Commissioners take action to condemn this unseemly conduct; and WHEREAS, the purpose of censoring is to formally express severe disapproval, which is appropriate where professional conduct falls short of the maximum standards. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners hereby censure Commissioner Natalie Hall for her conduct regarding her former Chief of Staff with whom she engaged in a sexual relationship while she was -- while he was her employee; and for failure to take appropriate remedial measures regarding another employee of her staff despite his flagrant misuse of County property under the Commissioner Hall's office. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners admonishes Commissioner Hall, and her conduct was not in the best interest of the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County or the residence of Fulton County, and urges her to refrain from such conduct in the future. BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective upon adoption."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Mr. Chair, now that the item has been announced, I would like to be heard."

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

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I promise to be brief. This Resolution mentions a violation of personnel policy 311-16. However, personnel policy 311-16 does not have any provision for violations of personnel policy 311-16. Personnel policy 311-16 states that it shall be implemented by the County Manager, the Chief HR officer, and the County Attorney, not the Board of Commissioners. There is no notice to anyone that if they violate personnel policy 311-16 that they will be subject to a censure. There is no procedure, nor authority for the Board to punish anyone for violating personnel policy 311-16. Further, the Resolution states that it is -- that there is an ethics violation and the exclusive means for determining whether an ethics violation exists in Fulton County is to violate claims with the ethics board, and to have them make a determination as to whether a violation of the ethics code has been -- is founded or sustained. That has not happened. So the Resolution lists two statutes, but it doesn't punish under either of those statutes. There is no authority for doing what has been done. There is authority for censuring a Commissioner under the decorum policy. There is authority for doing that. There is also authority for censuring a Commissioner in an Executive Session for violating the confidential information that is shared in Executive Session. Because -- and what that does is that puts someone on notice that if they violate those, then they are subject to those sanctions. We do not have that here. There is no notice. There's no discipline listed and the people that are charged with enforcing personnel policy 311-16 are the County Manager, the County Attorney, and the Chief HR officer. The people that are responsible for enforcing the ethics code is the Board of Ethics. So I don't understand how we can try to do something else. Further, I do not understand, nor does it make any sense to me, how something that normally would wind up -- normally, be reserved for Executive Session would wind on a Public Agenda. Personnel items are reserved. I've been here nine years now -- personnel items are reserved -- picture me rolling -- personnel items are reserved for Executive Session. Items involving litigation are reserved for Executive Session. We never get notice of those until we get back there. We never get the agenda. There's never an opportunity to contest something that would be brought up in Executive Session. There's nothing that says -- there's no provision, nor authority that says that if you violate your oath of office that you will be subject to a censure. The reason that we have the policies and procedures, for the decorum policy, is so that you can provide notice to someone. Hey, if you do A, you're going to be subject to B. If you do C, you're going to be subject to D. That provides notice. Notice is a constitutional requirement. You cannot discipline someone without providing them notice. There's a procedure that's outlined in 110-72. The procedure that's outlined in the decorum provision, not only gives the person the opportunity to have a hearing and to speak their piece against it. The reason we developed the policy and procedure for something like that is so that there is due process. This is not due process. This is being done without notice. This is being done in contradiction to our normal practices and procedures to hear matters like this in Executive Session. Thank you, Mr. Chair."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Commissioner. Vice Chair Ellis, you have another motion on the floor."

VICE CHAIR ELLIS: "Yeah, I want to bring it up. Well, I just want to say that everything Commissioner Arrington said is factually wrong. This carries no penalty to it. This is a public expression of disapproval. It does not carry a penalty thus there is no due process that's needed for us to be able to stand up here and exercise our free speech, which is what we're doing, in disapproval, and we've outlined why. There's no requirement that we give any hearing, give any notice, giving any such things such that. All right? And our decorum policy is not meant to deal with issues like that, okay? But our decorum policy is meant to deal with an issue that I raise the point of order on with you in terms of violation of our decorum policy. I made a motion that -- called the question, raised a point of order of violation of our decorum policy. I believe there was a second on that, so I think we should ask --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- the second was not required on the violation of the decorum."

VICE CHAIR ELLIS: "Okay. So I think we need to have a -- have a discussion around the violation of decorum policy by Commissioner Arrington."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Your motion was that Commissioner Arrington violated our decorum policy, and there was a second although it's not required. So I can either rule on it and we can take up a vote and it'll be a majority vote on that. So let's vote on that."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Mr. Chair, point of order, that's not on our agenda."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "It doesn't have to be on the agenda, Commissioner Arrington. This is a --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- Madam County Attorney, does that item have to be on the agenda? "

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam Clerk."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Are they able to add -- add it to the agenda?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- this is a vote on the quorum in violation of the decorum policy."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Can I get a ruling from the County Attorney, Mr. Chair?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Would you put that on the --"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "For the decorum policy, it's raised as a point of order and then the Chairman either rules upon it or puts it up for a vote of the entire Board. It's not an item that is able to be anticipated in time to add it to the agenda beforehand."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. All right. Is that on the --"

CLERK GRIER: "-- yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Let's vote. This is whether not Commissioner Arrington violated the decorum policy. That's not what it says. This is decorum."

CLERK GRIER: "It's still under that same item."

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

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion passes; five yeas, one nay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "Back on page 9, under County Manager's Items, Open and Responsible Government, **23-0586**, Finance: Review and approval of the September 6th, 2023, Budget Soundings."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam CFO."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Items that are before the Board today are all related to the Board of Registration and Elections; some additions to the annual hardware software maintenance lists. All of them are related to the Dominion Voting System. There is no budgetary impact. This is all to increase the spending authority under the Dominion agreements."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, questions or comments? All right, motion to approve -- I'm sorry, I want to call you coach again. Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I just had a question. It has -- on the second item with Dominion Voting; the image Cast Central Firmware. The expenditure was 7,000 and it's gone up to 21,000. Why such a drastic increase? Does anybody know?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "I don't see anyone from Election's that's present. When I asked a similar question, the response that I received was that Dominion's invoice exceeded the amount that we had anticipated and had included on the AML list which was based off of the previous year's invoiced amount. So on that particular one other than they're just trying to cover the amount of that Dominion invoiced, I don't have any other specific reason."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. Okay. Yeah, I just am not a big fan of the Dominion system, and this is just for warranty, licensing, and basically we're spending 250 -- almost 250 grand a year just on an annual basis of the equipment. So I was just curious why a warranty would almost triple or more than triple in one year, so."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You finished, Commissioner?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, motion on the floor is to approve. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Vice Chair Ellis. Please vote."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "**23-0587**: Request approval and authorization to proceed with planning and initial actions related to an anticipated request for an amendment to the existing 2019 installment sales agreement with ACCG."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. You have a motion to approve by Vice Chair Ellis; it's seconded by Commissioner Hall. Commissioner Barrett, do you have a question or comment?"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah. I just had a couple questions on this. I've spoken to the county management team about this and I just -- you know, concerned that we are looking to borrow about \$11 million here when we did not go up our millage rate and we are going to be putting ourselves in a position to pay, I believe, it's 1.3 million per year on debt service for this for the next 11 years -- do I have that correct, Madam CFO?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "That's correct. That's the current estimate. It may change based on the final interest rate at time of closing."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Got you. Thank you. So I have a concern about that given that we're in this position where we're going to need to tighten our belts in our efforts to be good stewards of the taxpayers' money. And so, my other question -- and I did ask this yesterday, but I just want to, you know, ask it publicly. If we were to vote, no on this and not approve this moving forward on this loan, what would we be able to still accomplish at HHS? And this is a question for you, Dr. Rochelle, with the money that we have currently?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: "Commissioner Barrett, what we could attempt to accomplish would be to determine which facilities that we are planning to relocate from existing locations. So specifically, this project is a part of a broader strategy to improve Health and Human Services across the county and we've done that in many ways. But to speak specifically to this project, services are being relocated from three locations: the North Training Center for Developmental Disabilities, the North Service Center Behavior Health on Royal Drive, which houses our north public health offerings. So the goal of this project is to consolidate those specific behavioral health services; and then to discontinue the lease and/or sell property that we can let those programs occupied. So our goal would be to determine how we can fit those specific programs into the facility. We also have a vision to expand senior services in the north, so without this funding we would not be able to accomplish the expansion of this service offering to include senior services."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "So we, just to be clear, we would be able to do all of the other consolidation and moving of developmental disabilities and the other three sort of buildings and spaces that you talked about with the current budget?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: "We may be able, too and the reason -- there's a caveat there. Clinical space has gone up significantly, tripled, I believe. And so, because one of the service offerings is public health, which has a significant clinical footprint, we may have to also scale back what our goal was, which was to relocate in whole, all of those services so that we have a coordinated effort there. So what could be one of the outcomes is that we are unable to fully relocate our public health offering because of the significant clinical space."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Is there a way to separate out the total dollars that would just be needed to do everything except the addition of a new program? Because my understanding is the senior services is not moving existing programming, but starting something new, which would not only bring the 1.3 million in debt service, but also operational costs year-over-year, correct."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, HHS/PUBLIC WORKS: "Yes, ma'am."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "So do we have a number or could we get a number that tells us --"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: "-- we can. We can get a number."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Because I think it might be beneficial to hold this until -- and if there's a lesser number that we could borrow that would lower our year-by-year outlay, but still be able to consolidate all of the existing services into that location and just, at least temporarily, hold off on adding senior services because of the position that we're in terms of the need to borrow money, obviously, for the replacement jail project"

and the difficulties that's going to place on our budget. So I'd love to just make a motion to hold this until we have further information."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Is this time sensitive?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: "We have done some significant work to contact ACCG."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I understand that, but is it time sensitive?"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a minute. Just a minute."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, HHS/PUBLIC WORKS: "I think, Mr. Oshikoya who is working with ACCG can answer this."

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE: Yes, Mr. Chairman, according to the schedule that --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- let me rephrase the question. Does this have to be approved today?"

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE: "Well, with the schedule that we have with ACCG, if it's not approved today it is going to delay the process of them closing on the loan for us. So -- and I know that today they've already started, you know, the closing process. So if we don't operate today, it's definitely going to affect that timing."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, I'm sure that's -- Commissioner Ellis. Vice Chair Ellis."

VICE CHAIR ELLIS: "Yeah. I would hope that we would vote favorably to fund this today and not delay it further. This building was purchased in 2019 with the intention of acting upon this, and it's been delayed for a significant period of time. And a vote against this today is to say that for the 37 percent of the population that resides in that part of the county that are in need of public health services, mental-health services, developmental disability services, and senior services, that you take a backseat; and you can continue to take a backseat while we fund things that don't really provide a lot of impact or service, and we delayed things for you and allow you to be served in dilapidated facilities, inconvenient facilities. We had a great plan for this when it was purchased. We got delayed by COVID. We should not delay it any further, and we should move forward, and I hope there's a favorable vote on it today."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. What I -- well, I hear what everyone is saying, but anytime we talk about this facility, the senior citizens facility, going at this location what about -- how does that impact the plans for a senior citizens facility in South Fulton County?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: "So, Mr. Chairman, at the retreats or the off-site meetings that we held, the Board did direct us to move forward with those senior centers and a footprint for Health and Human Services South. Our plan is to move in that direction based on the direction that we were given by the Board. And so, as far as financing, once we complete our feasibility work, we will be able to come back to the Board with some more specific numbers as it relates to what the investment would be for our South facility. Right now, that is coming in at approximately \$44 million, but we will be able to give you more definitive information once we complete our feasibility work. So our goal is to keep moving forward in the South."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. I hear you, Dr. Roshell. But if this is approved, this would fund everything that's required for the 4700 North Point, correct?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: "Yes, sir."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "But we're still looking for funding for the senior citizen facility in South Fulton County?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, HHS/PUBLIC WORKS: "Yes, sir. We would need to secure funding for that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That's a problem. Okay, Commissioner Barrett -- well, Commissioner Barrett and then Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah, I just want to be clear, Vice Chair Ellis. I'm not trying to stop this from proceeding. In fact, what I'm saying is let's make sure that we can proceed with at least consolidating all of the services that are currently existing into that facility, get rid of any leases or additional real estate assets that were holding to provide those services, but not spend money on new programs. And I'm suggesting that because we've been -- as the Board decided to keep our millage rate at 8.87, which limits us and, you know, we're looking to be good stewards of this money, and that may require putting something off for a period of time. And I recognize that we would love to do all things for all people, but this is one of those moments where we can still move forward, we can take -- get the folks out of their -- the buildings that are falling apart and those things, but we may just have to just, you know, make some tough decisions. And I'm just suggesting that this is one of those places where we could at least temporarily, you know, do the senior center part of it only later and provide all of the rest of the behavior health services. And Dr. Rochelle, I guess can give us a list if needed of the other services that are going to be in that building, but I'm not trying to stop the progress. I'm just trying to slow it down as it relates to anything additional that's going to add, not only this cost of borrowing this money, but also operational costs going forward. And if move forward, we're going to be obligated to both paying the debt service and additional operating costs which, at this moment, we can't afford. We don't have enough money in the budget to do the things we need to do next year. So, I

mean, we're getting there, or the budget discussion will be starting soon, but this is what my understanding is of where we're at right now."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. So I'm in support of this; however, I'm a little confused, Chairman, because I thought during the retreat that as a consensus both of them were going to be a priority. And so, I need some insight on what's going on for the one in the South. Because, clearly, where are we on that? I'm not saying that I don't support this, I support it. Don't get me wrong. I know it's a need for it. But I need an equal priority for the South. So if someone could just speak to that, I really would want to know."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: "Yes, ma'am. So as we shared during those discussions with the Board, our plan is to invest approximately 2.5 million in determining the feasibility for the South facility; whether we're going to build it on our Fulton County existing property or whether we need to also look at existing facilities in the South. So the first part of the project, which is anticipated to be funding -- funded in the 2024 budget, is to look at this from a feasibility lens. Once we get that completed and bring those findings back to the Board, we would then move forward with the financing conversations in consultation with the CFO. The probable approach to financing would be procured."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Can I ask at which point that that -- if we have movement on that, that you, please keep me abreast of it."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, HHS/PUBLIC WORKS: "Yes, ma'am."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Because I don't want to look as though that I'm not supporting it; however, I would be remiss if I didn't say I do have a concern, because this is something we have been discussing for quite a while, but I do know that we have budgetary restraints, and I want to be fair to districts on both side. I want to support this, which I will, but I also want us to have some sense of urgency coming into the 2024 year for the needs of those on the southside. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Ellis. All right. Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "So this 10.9 million is for the completion of the building, it's not for the program, correct?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, HHS/PUBLIC WORKS: "Yes, ma'am."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "And I would think in building, you need to go ahead and build while you're in there or else your costs are going to increase. We're going to build piecemeal. So we're not talking about the actual programming of the senior center,

we're talking about finalizing the entire building. Now, if you want to do it piecemeal where, okay, this is the senior part, we're not going to provide carpet, we're just going to block off that area and we'll do it later, you know, and then the cost is going to increase. While you have workers in the building doing everything at once, it's much more affordable to go ahead and do the entire buildout, and then we can talk about programming later. That's just my thoughts."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett. All right, Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. So I want to just make sure that I'm clear on this, does this stop the county from developing the senior facility in the South?"

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

COMMISSIONER HALL: "All right. And so, the next step to move toward developing a senior center -- a senior facility in the South is the feasibility study; is that correct?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: "Yes, ma'am, and actually -- our feasibility approach is to mirror what we're doing in the North so not only senior services, but adding other Health and Human Services as well."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Well, as a Commissioner who represents the South, I think that is very appropriate and because this does not stop the county from moving forward with that senior facility in the South, I don't see any reason that we need to stop this. Are you able to move forward in the same manner by which you're using here for this facility when you are moving toward the senior facility in the South?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, HHS/PUBLIC WORKS: "From a funding perspective?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes. Have you looked at how you will be able to do that?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, HHS/PUBLIC WORKS: "I'll let the CFO address that."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, HHS/PUBLIC WORKS: "From a FCURA is the -- "

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- excuse me. What was that? What was your question?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, HHS/PUBLIC WORKS: "The funding approach --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- hold on, let me get her."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "The funding approach, thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What did you say?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "The funding approach."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, HHS/PUBLIC WORKS: "Yes, ma'am. We would not use ACCG because this project is being funded through ACCG. We would look at a possible FCURA, and I'll let, Sharon Whitmore, our CFO address that in more detail."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Thank you, Dr. Roshell. Commissioner Hall, to your question: the use of the ACCG certificate of participation program is capped at 25 million. So we would not be able to use that same vehicle for the South HHS facilities, so we were looking at being able to tap in to our redevelopment capabilities and use the Fulton County Urban Redevelopment Agency for that purpose."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you for clarifying that, because I remember a discussion about a cap, but I couldn't remember if we had reached that cap. So thank you for that."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, ma'am. If the Board approves this, this would take us to that \$25 million cap for this facility."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "All right. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So this last 11 million we'll take us to the cap? Did we have plans for using this 11 million for something else?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: "No, sir."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay, so the 11 million wasn't going to be used to help build a South facility?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, HHS/PUBLIC WORKS: "No, sir. Because of the anticipated costs exceeding that 11, we were -- as the CFO indicated, looking at another funding mechanism that could fully fund that project."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Barrett made a motion to hold, but there was not a second; therefore, we're back to the main motion which is a motion by Vice Chair Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve. Now, I'll just remind everyone that we made a commitment -- we say we love the southside, we say we love seniors on the southside. But I'm telling you, it ought to be brick for brick. I remember years ago a discussion about -- well, I won't get into that. Anyway, the motion on the floor is to approve; let's vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; five yeas, one nay, one abstention."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 10, **23-0588**, Tax Assessor: Request approval to appeal the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts 2022 Sales Ratio Study for Fulton County."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So where is our Assessor? Is he here or can somebody explain? We need to -- I understand this, but I think the Board really needs to understand this. Is he here?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "He is."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Where is he?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "He's coming down."

RODERICK CONLEY, CHIEF APPRAISER: "Good morning, Commissioners. Roderick Conley, the Board of Assessors."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Speak up, sir."

RODERICK CONLEY, CHIEF APPRAISER: "My name is Roderick Conley, with the Board of Assessors. We come before you today asking for consideration to appeal the 2022 Department of Audit Sales Ratio Study."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So what is it? What are we doing? Why is this necessary?"

RODERICK CONLEY, CHIEF APPRAISER: "Well, it would impact potential fines. The goal for the sale ratio study for compliance is 36 percent; we achieved 35.45. I would tell you, historically, we were at 37 and 38. And so this is the first year that it dipped. You are to achieve a 38 in order for you to assess public utilities at 40 percent. So it would also impact us at relates to revenue in that sense also."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I am not sure I understood what you're saying."

RODERICK CONLEY, CHIEF APPRAISER: "So we are at a 35.45. We need to achieve a 36, so that we're not cited potentially by the state. If we're cited by the state again in the three years since this is the digest review year, it may be potential fines assessed to the county."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So you're saying we were cited by the state; is that what you're saying?"

RODERICK CONLEY, CHIEF APPRAISER: "If we're not successful in our appeal, we may be cited by the state. We have not been cited as of yet."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "But what are we appealing if we haven't been cited?"

RODERICK CONLEY, CHIEF APPRAISER: "We're appealing our ratio study. We have received the ratio study. It fell short of the desired goal of 36 and we had to appeal. If we do not appeal, then we are subject to being cited."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah, just couple of questions for clarity. Thank you for being here. Is the ratio study done on a sampling or on the entire tax digest?"

RODERICK CONLEY, CHIEF APPRAISER: "Very good question. Historically, it was done on a sampling. This year, they did take a different approach. There have been a number of appeals the last couple of years. And so, this year they did do an overhaul of sales."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "And so, is there something in particular you think that is -- that put us below this year when we haven't traditionally been below in the past?"

RODERICK CONLEY, CHIEF APPRAISER: "I do not think it's unique to Fulton County. There are about a 132 counties that fell below the desired ratio of 36 this year of the 159 counties in the state."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "So just because it's hard to hear you a little bit: of the hundred and -- it's just your tall and you're far away from the mic, that's all -- but you don't -- you can't apologize for being tall, you know. Out of the 159 counties, you're saying 130 -- how many?"

RODERICK CONLEY, CHIEF APPRAISER: "A 132 fell below."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "A 132 we're also under the 40 percent."

RODERICK CONLEY, CHIEF APPRAISER: "Thirty-six percent."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Out of 36 percent, okay. So, what is our likelihood of winning the appeal, do you think?"

RODERICK CONLEY, CHIEF APPRAISER: "What was question; I couldn't hear you."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "What is our likelihood of winning the appeal?"

RODERICK CONLEY, CHIEF APPRAISER: "Well, I would say the county has been successful in the past. To include my prior jurisdiction, I have been through the process two times now, so I've been successful in both.

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "And so, you mentioned that the state changed their process a little bit this year, in looking at the entire tax digest rather than a sampling; was there anything else different about what they did?"

RODERICK CONLEY, CHIEF APPRAISER: "Nothing different, but there are some questions throughout the state as it relates to their process; the methodology. In order to conduct their sales ratio, they have to come up with a trend; trending to current sales -- that '22 assessment, and I would just describe it subjective at best."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "And is there any effort among the other counties to sort of work together in sort of approaching the state and saying something, isn't right here, of vast majority of the counties aren't sort of making the cut, so to speak?"

RODERICK CONLEY, CHIEF APPRAISER: "What I would tell you is that there's definitely been some discussions around the state with some of my colleagues, and I would anticipate that there will be some appeals."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay. Thank you. And just quickly: What are the financial repercussions of the -- of a potential fine? And then also, I think, this might be more of a question for the CFO; I mean we did talk about this briefly yesterday, but the implications if we're not able to tax the public utilities at the 40 percent. So on the fine part, do you know what that would like?"

RODERICK CONLEY, CHIEF APPRAISER: "I believe it's \$5 per parcel."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay. Well that adds up. And then, Madam CFO, do you have that number on what the --"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "I don't have an exact number, but our public utility billings are generally in the high \$10 million-dollar range. So we're talking about the difference of assessing values and -- at either the 35.4 percent or at a

higher percent, so it will be, you know, probably a negligible amount. But the fine could be the more significant piece if we were to be required to pay a fine like that."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "What is the -- do you know what that looks like at 5 -- you said it's \$5 a parcel?"

RODERICK CONLEY, CHIEF APPRAISER: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "So, I don't have any concept of how many parcels we have. So do you have an idea of how many?"

RODERICK CONLEY, CHIEF APPRAISER: "We have about 365,000."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes. About 1.5 million or more."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "In a fine; \$1.5 million?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "I think so."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Fine. Okay. So yeah, I think an appeal seems like a great idea. That's all I have."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, the motion on the floor is to approve. Motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne; it was seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**23-0589**. Human Resources Management: Request approval to modify the classification section of the classification and compensation plan."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Is there any discussion on this item? Anybody wish to be heard? We got a motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Let's vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**23-0590**. Real Estate and Asset Management: Request approval to increase spending authority an amount not to exceed \$1,800 to provide second round of

infiltration tests for the proposed expansion to the Fulton County Oakhill Child Adolescent and Family Center."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Any questions on this item? Seeing none. So we've got a motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne, seconded by Commissioner Hall."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**23-0591**: Request approval to amend an existing contract in the amount of \$111,520 to add the Fulton County Central Warehouse to the existing contract."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Any discussion? Properly moved and seconded."

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

CLERK GRIER: "Under Health and Human Services, 23-0508, Community Development: Request approval of a contract between Fulton County and Fulton County Schools in the amount of \$250,000 to support the Community School Initiative."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Got a motion to approve by Commissioner Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Hall. Queue to myself and Commissioner Thorne, I'm going to offer a substitute motion to deny and offer some comments upon that. Yeah, we had a previous discussion on this, so I'm not going to belabor it. You know, this is -- we've not had this sort of arrangement with the county school system, I want to say, since you have to go back to at least maybe 2018, at least that then or is that -- is that when it was?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "That sounds about right, 2018, 2019."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Right. Right. So this has not been something that we sort of historically done year-over-year. It was added to the budget late. It's a school program. The program doesn't go away if it's not approved. It's a great program but, you know, in my opinion, I mean, given that we have limited funds, they have -- it's their program and they should fund it, and we should focus on funding items that we have. So, Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yes, I don't want to belabor this because I feel like we belabored it a couple meetings now. But it was brought to our attention that Commissioner Hausmann would always throw this in the budget, and so I spoke with

Commissioner Hausmann. She said she would no longer support it this year in the budget given our financial circumstances."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay, Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Vice Chair. Madam CFO or Dr. Roshell, how many times have we allocated \$250,000 towards Fulton County Schools and Atlanta Public Schools over the past few years?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Commissioner Hall, I don't believe we've allocated funds to them directly since 2018 when I think we consol -- we used the funding instead to put towards some other behavioral health programming that the county wanted to provide. Prior to that, I think we may have had -- I'd have to go back and verify but two, maybe three rounds of funding. I don't know that it was always at that \$250,000 level. But that's what's coming to mind. I'd be happy to go back and research how many times we've actually funded them directly, but we have not done so since, I think, 2018 or '19."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "And you said there were about two or three rounds that may not have been around that amount?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "In my mind, we did fund them at least twice at that level, but the original funding may have been something less. And I -- I would just have to go back and research that."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. Thank you."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Madam CFO, didn't we give them a million dollars one year? Didn't we give a million dollars to Fulton County Schools and a million to APS?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "That doesn't sound familiar, Commissioner Arrington. But again, I would have to go back and research that. The 250 is what's circling in my -- in my mind prior to us repurposing those funds."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Well, I guess we'll both go back and check. I distinctly remember us doing a million dollars one year for both of the school entities and I spoke out against it because I said they got a billion-dollar budget just like we do. So -- but we supported it anyway at the time. You know, to some extent, I agree with Commissioner Ellis and Commissioner Thorne. The only reason that I'm going to support this is because we initiated it and everybody's worked to get it to this point. Otherwise, I would not necessarily support it at this time given our budget constraints."

But given the fact that we initiated this, we contacted them, I feel compelled to support this."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay. Anybody else have any further comments? All right, the current motion on the floor is on the motion to deny. Let's take a vote up on that first."

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

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay. That takes us back to the original motion."

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

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay. So this is the last time this will come before us, correct?"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes, that's correct."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay, next item."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 11, **23-0592**: Request approval of a 2023 Youth Homelessness Program evaluation and committee's recommendations."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "And a motion and seconded. Is there any discussion on it or a desire to hear any commentary on the program evaluation?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Hearing none? Open up the vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**23-0593**. Public works: Request approval of the most responsible bidder in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 to provide uniforms and accessories."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Properly moved and seconded; any discussion?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

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

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioners' Action Items. On page 11, **23-0512**: Request approval of a Resolution requiring contracts or other written agreements to accompany agenda items appearing on the meeting agenda of the Board of Commissioners to uphold transparency and governance; providing exceptions for those contracts or agreements processed by the Department of Purchasing and Contract Compliance or for those excluded under the Georgia Open Meetings Act and for emergency situations and for other purposes sponsored by Commissioner Thorne."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. We have a motion to approve by Vice Chair Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Hall. Commissioner Thorne, can you explain what we have here?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yes, this is just a Resolution that before we can approve any contracts or agreements that we need to actually have supporting material prior to our meetings so that the public can weigh in and that we can research and study, and that it must accompany the original agenda item. I did have to make some amendments to it, so that Purchasing wasn't affected, so that's why it was held."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Well, I absolutely appreciate the intent of what you're trying to do here, because I agree. It's great to get as much information as we can at the time the agenda comes out. And for me, that goes beyond just contracts; but includes presentations, everything else I feel like we should be -- if you're putting something on the agenda, you should be providing your supporting material at the time, that everybody else has to provide it by the deadlines, so that's available to the public. So for me, on the one hand, this doesn't go far enough in terms of what it includes, and at the same time, I'm also -- and I suggested this several times, believe that this should be a part of the bigger discussion about redoing our rules around meetings overall, so I think part of my reason for wanting to hold it in past was just to kind of wrap it into some of the conversations that are being had about our rules, which Commissioner Arrington has brought some things up regarding Board appointments, and I had brought things up around committees. Vice Chair Ellis is bringing more rules things up today further into our agenda. And so, you know, I would prefer to see it as part of that conversation. But also, I have a concern that on page 983 of the packet and page 4 of the actual document itself; on line three, there is a clause that essentially I think makes the whole Resolution null and void, because it essentially says that it's a continuation from the page prior, but it basically says that the requirements of this Resolution shall not apply in situations and then go into that clause where it's a contract or agreement process by the Department of Purchasing and Contract Compliance, which is essentially every

contract just about. So it sort of doesn't get -- I think because of that, it sort of doesn't do anything as a Resolution. Am I missing something?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yes, we had to make that adjustment, and Felicia can explain as she has to provide all that what it would entail. If you want to know how big your agenda packet would be if you --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "-- I'm not saying I want --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "-- if we didn't put this exception in, you can go ahead and explain."

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC: "Commissioner Barrett, what is the question?"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Well, I mean, I think the question is more a legal question really, just in the sense of the right -- what you're asking for is that all contracts be provided at the time of the agenda and then that clause says accept if it's a contract that's handled by the Department of Purchasing and Contract Compliance, which is basically all contracts. So give me all contracts at the time of the agenda except all the contracts that Purchasing handles, which is all the contracts. So it's a Resolution that doesn't actually do anything, as far as I can see. I mean, I think there might be some, according to my conversations yesterday with Madam CFO and Mr. County Manager, there may be some -- something like IGAs that wouldn't fall into this, but it would basically not be what you're getting at. Your example that you gave last week about Morehouse and Buggy Works was a contract. It was not an IGA, and so it would've -- this would've have helped that at all. So I'm -- so I'm just thinking that this whole thing sort of doesn't do anything. So that was just my question, and also like I said, I'd rather have it be part of the rules discussion. That's all I have."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Oh, I was waiting for Felicia Strong-Whitaker to respond to that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I want to hear from her as well."

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC: "Yes, Commissioners. As it relates to Purchasing contracts, one of the reasons that Purchasing cannot attach a contract is because governing body has to approve a vendor before we can get a Certificate of Insurance, and the county has an additional assure before we could get surety bonds. There's just a lot that we have to do for contracts. In addition, when we bring an agenda item forward, we're giving you all of the information upfront: who the vendor is, the dollar amount, the contract term, a brief project description, the contract, the historical report of contract compliance information. We provide a lot of information about the contract

we're getting ready to enter into. There's a lot of work that we have to do, a lot of forms, a lot of documents in order for us to do this. If we did it this way, it would extend the time for us to get contracts done, to get them on the board. It would just slow us down tremendously. And we only do contracts that come through the purchasing process. There are other contracts MOU's IGAs. They're other contractual agreements that we do not handle."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you for clarifying that because I didn't look at this as the actual contract. And so that brought a lot of clarity to this matter, so I withdraw my second. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. So, Commissioner Hall has withdrawn her second. Commissioners -- so is there a second? Who was that? So the motion to -- motion is to approve was made by Vice Chair Ellis, now we have a second by Commissioner Thorne. Do you still want to be heard, Commissioner Hall? Anything else?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I have no further questions. That was very clear."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "-- so not all contracts go through Purchasing. These are contracts that must be provided -- material must be provided for us. I made an exception to Purchasing because it would delay them and it would also provide so much paperwork. Our agenda packets would quadruple in size. So we had to go back and we made -- I had run it through to make sure that it was in compliance and it wasn't going to delay any Purchasing. These are strictly contracts that do not go through Purchasing that we must have a written agreement, material presented to us. We can't just have an agenda, line item and say that we'll approve it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So, Ms. Thorne -- Ms. Strong-Whitaker, Mr. Manager. So it sounds like you don't support this, Ms. Strong Whitaker because I don't."

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC: "Commissioner, my issue was only Purchasing."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We're not talking about Purchasing -- not contracts that the constitutional officers may enter into and others. I'm talking with you. When I think Purchasing, I think -- I think, Purchasing, I think Felicia Strong-Whitaker. So my question is do you support it?"

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC: "Not for Purchasing contracts, no."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Mr. Manager, what do you think?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Well, I think with the exclusion of Purchasing, the ability to bring IGAs and the like here at the time the agenda item is published is perfectly fine. I see no problem with that. And I think that's the way this is drawn now. It excludes Purchasing and only focuses like, for example, Mr. Chairman, that agreement that we just approved with College Park. So that was on the agenda, and the agreement was attached to it."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I ran it through with Felicia and we made adjustments so that she would be, okay, with the wording, because she was not, okay, with the original wording of the Resolution."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. So, if you strip that what's left? Only IGAs and MOUs, that's it? So what are we doing? How many IGAs and MOUs do we have?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Well, we approved --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- how many do we not get at the time that the agenda is prepared?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Well, it's happened that's why the reason for the Resolution."

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

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "In theory, I support this in theory because I see what Commissioner Thorne is trying to say. When this came up before, I think it got convoluted. I think what the general intent of it, from my perspective; we missed the mark on it. My only concern is -- I can support this because at the end of the day, my feelings on this, we can have all the Resolutions in the world, but we as elected officials have to be diligent and look at what -- because something with all the Resolutions, it may still be something that does not get in there. And so, the fact that this may be -- I know it doesn't penalize anyone, but my concern was what does it actually do? I understand and support what I understand that she's getting at, which is making sure the information is there in a timely manner so we can make an informed decision; is that not correct, Commissioner Thorne, for transparencies, so I'm not sure even in that this speaks to that. So that's where my confusion comes in. I support that because I know based on conversations that we've had that that is a concern of yours. My only concern is does this actually solve that problem? And is this something that maybe we need to work with the County Manager and the executive staff to make sure that the information or the lines of information are open if something inadvertently doesn't get put on there? You know, what's my right as a Commissioner to call who and who do I call to make sure I get an answer. So that's my only concern, Commissioner Thorne. I'm not knocking what you're doing, I just wonder, does it actually answer what you are trying to convey from my understanding. That's my only concern, okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I'd like to offer a friendly motion to hold this until we actually do the work and then we can see if it's necessary to actually have this Resolution."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I'll second that. All right, motion on the floor is to hold. Let's vote on the motion to hold, please."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Chair, what -- you said what is this?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion to hold. Commissioner Hall made the motion to hold. I seconded the motion to hold."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "**23-0594**. Request approval of a Resolution supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans; and for other purposes, sponsored by Commissioner Thorne."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, motion to approve by Vice Chair Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Commissioner Hall followed by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. My only question is what does -- oh, thank you. I'm sorry for the pause, but this is concerning the current Resolution that we are hearing right now, and I've never seen it before. But I am familiar with the fact that NACo is asking counties to support this. My only question was how? Can someone answer that?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Explain what we have here, Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "So, basically NACo is partnering with Amazon to bring Operation Green Light, and they're asking counties to participate in trying to shine a green light on buildings on November 6th to November 12th to honor veterans. So it's a one-week period. So my staff and I, we were going to work on trying to get green lights shine across the city. We were hoping to work with External Affairs to get our cities to start participating. At NACo, I did talk to another Commissioner in Detroit, and they do this, and she said it was a great success; and I think it would be a great way we could cheaply, without much expense on our veterans for one week."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So you're asking the county for us to turn on green lights or shine something green for this period time?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Wherever possible."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you. It sounds good."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman? I guess we can do that. Is Mr. Davis here?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Yes, sir. Our team has actually already looked into this, and we do have the capability of changing the atrium lighting to green."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman, and thank you for giving that information. Commissioner Hausmann always supported this for our veterans. We would line up the atrium. Actually, we would actually have a ceremony at the beginning of it, and I think it's a great thing, and I would like to cosponsor this with you as well."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So we have a motion on the floor to approve by Commissioner Hall, it's now seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Let's vote."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue."

CLERK GRIER: "**23-0595**: Request approval of an ordinance to amend the Fulton County Code of Ordinances relating to budgetary controls for Members of the Board of Commissioners by reducing the travel conference's budget for Members of the Board of Commissioners; and for other purposes sponsored by Vice Chair Ellis."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Ellis, I'll second – help me here. How do y'all do that? All right, Commissioner Ellis, you have the floor. I'm sorry, Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Commissioner Ellis, can go first."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "This is just -- this is just a simple Resolution that will reduce our travel budgets and training budgets from 50,000 to 30,000. So, we've had a discussion a little bit more in the past and a couple new Commissioners that came on board before we really had a chance to discuss it. They've been here for a while, so, I think, they would have the opportunity to sort of evaluate whether or not they feel like that is an adequate figure; so I want to bring that forward for consideration today and hope I get a favorable vote."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I'm not going to be able to support this. I think that attending conferences is important. It gives you an opportunity to see and learn best practices from other jurisdictions around the state and around the country; and to bring those home for the benefit of the residents of Fulton County. And so, I guess, I'll just leave it there, but ACCG, Association of County Commissioners of Georgia provides training to Commissioners when they are first elected. There's a mandatory membership training. And then they offer continuing education hours. I am a Certified County Commissioner by the University of Georgia, Association of County Commissioners of Georgia; regularly attend the National Association of County's Conferences and annual conferences, and their legislative conferences in DC every year. I believe both of those tools are invaluable. It gives us an opportunity to speak. The legislative conferences, gives us an opportunity to lobby congregational members. And the annual convention is an opportunity again to meet and network with colleagues from around the country and to learn things that they are doing. I'm also a member of the National Organization of Black County Officials, and president of the Georgia Association of Black County Officials. And I believe that all of these organizations work well together and help build and make us better Commissioners by offering the continuing education hours for those that choose to partake or take those classes. Certainly, for those that do not want to become certified County Commissioners. In order to become a Certified County Commissioner by the University of Georgia and the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia, you have to travel. They hold the different seminars at Lake Lanier, Stone Mountain, all around the state at various Georgia facilities. And so, we need a travel budget in order to do that. And so, for those reasons, I'm not going to be able to support this."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I was wondering if you would make a friendly amendment to travel on line 20, each Commissioner is allocated an annual budget of 50,000 for the first year and 30,000 thereafter. Because I feel as a new Commissioner, I have to go to these conferences and see what's worth me attending, if I need to bring staff with me or not. So that first year might be a more expensive year, but then thereafter, we'll try to constrain within the budget."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. That's a friendly amendment. Vice Chair Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "I'll accept it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You will?"

VICE CHAIR ELLIS: "Yeah, I mean, I'll accept that really for the purpose of the fact that we're already almost through this particular year so, you know, the two new Commissioners would've --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. So the friendly amendment was accepted by Vice Chair Ellis, the maker of the motion, to approve. Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just want to add to -- well, first of all, I'm not going to even begin to list out all of the boards and committees and everything that I've been appointed to through ACCG and NACo, but I will add that, with ACCG, there's an opportunity for our other county officials and our county staff to attend training and get certification as well. It's called a County Official Certification, and many of the even much smaller counties around the State of Georgia have their sheriffs, their staff, their clerks, and whoever else works for their county, attending the training and conferences for ACCG; and they're much smaller than us, with a very small budgets, but they find a way because training and keeping up with what's going on in the world, so that you can serve your constituents from facts and current data is very important. Also, let me clarify something about the cost, whether it goes up and down. As you attend and contribute, and participate in these conferences, you begin to be selected. And I will use NACo as one of the examples, which is the National Association of Counties, the president of NACo will start to appoint you to various boards and committees, and you'll start to be selected for all types of leadership boards, for instance, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation funded an economic mobility in leadership network, where they selected one Commissioner per state to attend that economic mobility leadership network, and I'm very proud and thankful to have been that Commissioner for Georgia. This afforded us the opportunity to travel around the United States and see what other counties were doing to address homelessness, seniors, and their needs, youth, crime, and so much more, and gave us an opportunity to see where other counties have successfully addressed some of the ills of society and help people become successful. So as you attend these and participate, you end up actually having to spend more because there is more for you to do in order to come back to your county and institute things that will help your county as well, and you build great relationships across the United States. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Last statement, Mr. Chair, you know. Training and being exposed to certain things, I think we all recognize the value of that, but I think \$30,000 is more than adequate enough for any of us to be able to do that, and be able to selectively choose what we're going to do to develop ourselves as individual Commissioners. I think there's plenty of counties around the state that do this for Commissioners, do this well within lower levels than this, and I think we can manage ourselves accordingly within a \$30,000 budget. So, you know, this Resolution doesn't dispute the value of training and the type of benefit that that can provide; but just merely puts a reasonable cap on it just like you would any other organization."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Madam CFO, on this issue of 50,000 that would be \$350,000 for the Board to travel each year. For Commissioner Arrington mentioned Lake Lanier, Stone Mountain, and other Georgia counties that's going to those a lot. So can you give me a report on how much each of us spent traveling to conventions in what is this, 2020 -- what is this, 2023? You wouldn't have that with you would you?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "I can share with you what the financial information system has."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, what does it have? Do we spend \$50,000?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "It does not appear to me in the travel object code, 1302 that anyone --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- that's what we're talking about, travel."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, that anyone spent their full allocation. District 1: 24 -- this is 2022 totals. District 1: It was 24.3 thousand. District 2 --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- this is all for travel?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "This is in object code 1302, which is the travel object code, yes, sir. District 2, had zero, District 3 had, zero, District 4, 30 -- 31.7 thousand, District 5, 22.6 thousand; District 6, 43.6 thousand; District 7, 9.9 thousand."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Commissioner Arrington?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I think the -- I think the Resolution as currently worded allows monies that are unused for travel to be used by the Commissioners for other purposes. And so, I don't know that -- I understand where you are going with your question, but I think those funds become available for other uses. And so, for that reason, yeah, I'm not going to support this. I guess, we'll see how the vote turns out. But for that reason, I mean -- the other thing is, you know, it's kind of an unskewed -- providing that Commissioner Morris never attended any ACCG meetings or any NACo meetings. Commissioner Ellis doesn't really attend those; we did the initial training together, right? The mandatory initial training. And so, I don't know that looking at numbers from 2022 in stating numbers where people are coming in at zero -- I mean, do we have the numbers from this year thus far?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "If you'll give me just a minute, I'll pull them up."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "This is travel only, not transferred for other purposes, correct?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. The numbers that I've provided were the actual travel expenses charged by Commission District for 2022."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And those numbers, that's airfare, hotel, logging, per diem?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Anything that was charged to that object code, yes, sir. Hotel, registration, ground transportation, per diem; yes, all those. The 2023 numbers to date: District 1, the current all-do budget and expense to your point, Commissioner Arrington, that some of the monies are moved and used for other purposes. District 1 has a current budget of 41,178; and expenses totaling 19,155. District 2 has a current budget of 12,000, and expenses totaling 3,486; District 3 as a total budget of 40,575, and actual expenses of 15,753; District 4 has a budget of 39,910, and expenses of 17,160; District 5 has a budget of 42,885 and actual expenses of 20,558; District 6 has a budget of 26,385 and expenses of 16,752; and District 7 has a budget of 46,250 and expenses of 5,879 -- excuse me, 897."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That was difficult. Can you give me that in even no matter what happens with this legislation, I'd like to look at that because what she just said, I had trouble following it."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, sir. We can provide that to you in a written report."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, I think it would be instructive to see it before we vote because it doesn't seem like anyone spent on travel in excess of the 30,000, which is the subject of the legislation that's before us."

VICE CHAIR ELLIS: "Can I make a suggestion that maybe the CFO provide the data and we can bring this back and, you know, have a vote at the next meeting?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "I'd be happy to do that."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Do you prefer that?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That's fine, I don't care."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I was just going to ask, I thought I saw Hakeem send something to us with all these numbers in it that he said in his e-mail, all of the numbers would go up on the website. I thought I was looking at that? Didn't you? He already did, right?"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Yes. He sends the data out regularly."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes, you already sent that data that Sharon just read to us. Okay, thank you. I knew I read it somewhere, thank you. All right. Yes, thank you so much."

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

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I was just going to do a motion to hold."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. I'll second the motion to hold. All right, the motion on the floor -- let's hold, please until we get more information. The motion on the floor is to hold. Let's just vote on that."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, continue."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Do me a, yes for that. I'm sorry. "

CLERK GRIER: "Five with Commissioner Arrington."

CLERK GRIER: "The bottom of page 11, **23-0596**: Request approval of a Resolution directing the County Attorney and the County Manager to develop a mileage reimbursement policy for Members of the Board of Commissioners and their staff; directing to the County Manager to divest or repurpose the vehicles currently owned by the county and used solely by the Members of the Board of Commissioners and their staff for other appropriate county use; and for other purposes sponsored by Vice Chair Ellis."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. A motion to approve by Commissioner -- Vice Chair Ellis. Is there a second? Is there a second? Seconded by Commissioner Thorne. All right, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. I have a concern with this. I have a couple of concerns with it. I understand the reason for it because it seems like we continually have to put stuff in place because people have -- have a problem with self-governance, okay. However, the issue I take with this is, after talking to my insurance company for my personal vehicle and asking them, do I use this for business or personal use, I have to actually say that I'm using it for business use if I expect to have coverage going day-to-day doing what I do as a County Commissioner

for one. For two, and this here again is my personal opinion, if we know what people say about personal opinions. We had someone to abuse the policy that we had in place. And my understanding was we will go back and review that policy, and I understand the purpose of this. But I would be remiss if I didn't say that I am feeling penalized for somebody's inability to adhere to policy or to self govern. As a sitting Commissioner, I would be very concerned that vehicles that I use to attend events in my District -- borderline in my District if it's another Commissioners' District, in service to my constituents, I can't use that vehicle anymore because of an abusive individual. We have a policy in place that needs to be updated; and for this mileage reimbursement policy for Members of the Board of Commissioners and their staff, directing the County Manager to divest or repurpose the vehicles, we have department heads, we have executive staff that have access to fleet. Do they not -- do they have to give up their vehicles? How is that fair as a sitting Commissioner who works in their community? I don't come down here to party. I don't come down here to parlay up in this building all hours of the night. And I damn sure don't ride the vehicle until 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning to a club. And I take offense when we don't have a policy in place to keep that abuse from happening; versus telling the Commissioners we no longer have access because someone abused the policy. I've shared this with some of the colleagues, and I shared this with the Chairman, because I would like to know a list of all staff that has access to fleet vehicles. That has access to vehicles that we provide them as a part of their job. Because I think it's an unfair policy -- I understand the purpose of the policy, let me be crystal clear. Because there is unintended consequences of unethical behavior, so I get it. But to have a policy as though I have done something wrong that affects my ability to make sure that my constituents are served to my highest ability to serve them, I think we've got a better way to do this, because how can an executive -- how can a department head, how can someone else have access to a vehicle that Fulton County owns that we say, okay, you can use this through the course of your day of doing your job for Fulton County taxpayers, and all of us down here as sitting Commissioners are doing a job. But some of us lack self-governing when it comes to what is right and what is wrong. And so, Vice Chair Ellis, I support this in theory, but I see it as making me pay for somebody else's abuses; and unfortunately, the way it's written, I cannot support it. And more importantly, if we're going to move in this direction, I would like to know who else other than -- I'm not talking about the Commissioners, I'm talking about staff have access to a Fulton County vehicle that has been assigned to them, or they can ask for access to it in accordance of duties of their job because I think it's unfair. I understand why we need it, but I think it's a little too far in constraining me with what I need to do, then it puts a burden on me with my insurance company based on my understanding of using my personal vehicle day-in, day-out in my duties as a Fulton County Commissioner."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Well, I mean, I guess we all do our job differently, but I've been doing this for almost nine years now and I don't think I've have used a single county car. I think I've rented a car, you know, for travel outside of the area or I sought

mileage reimbursement, you know, for those activities in those conferences that I've attended outside of the county. Look, I mean, it's -- it's a pretty common practice that a lot of companies have moved away from having, you know, fleet vehicles for very episodic use, which really, that should be our episodic -- or used within the county as episodic and, you know, by nature of our roles, it kind of somewhat hard to distinguish what's a social activity versus what's a political activity versus what's really a county government activity, which kind of gets you into a little bit of mess, you know, occasionally as, well, you know. For our staff they're full time, they're doing specific jobs, they need access to vehicles, and that sort of stuff, that's perfectly fine. We got obviously, you know, an extensive travel budget, you know, at the moment. You know, using mileage reimbursement is an effective mechanism, you know, for this type of purpose and/or renting a vehicle for those trips that are out of the area, and this Resolution simply directs staff to bring us back a particular policy because I do think there are some kind of finer points that need to be considered within that policy. Because you've got, you know, tax applications of mileage reimbursement and types of things that really, specifically, should qualify for mileage reimbursement et cetera. So that we've got that in there, and we shouldn't just have sort of two random vehicles just sitting around over there in the garage. They should be repurposed out into the general county population for use. So, I mean, this isn't any -- this, to me, is something that we should've done a long time ago. It doesn't really have anything to do necessarily with what may or may not have been going on, you know, kind of today with use of vehicles. I just think this is the best practice given the amount of vehicle use that really should be required for these roles that this is a more effective means of dealing with it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Okay, so does this Resolution also cover wear and tear? Because I have just recently purchased two front tires that cost almost a thousand dollars for hitting potholes as I was going to community events, so I didn't see where wear and tear is in here, but I would absolutely send my bill to the county; so it would need to indicate who do we send that to. And as far as mileage, I thought we already had mileage reimbursement in place because I remember as being a Chief of Staff to Commissioner Garner, that we could submit mileage. Has that gone away or something? Has it gone away?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Commissioner Hall, as I recall, the Board of Commissioners themselves are exempt from being able to submit mileage reimbursement for activities within the District. If you travel for an ACCG conference and you drive your personal vehicle, then you may submit for reimbursement for that, but as far as normal district -- within your district activities within the county, there was a policy that prohibited the Board from submitting mileage reimbursement and instead you were appointed to the use of the pool vehicle cars."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. So this would add to that mileage policy so that it could be for local -- for reimbursement for local mileage?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, my understanding is that this would reinstate mileage reimbursement for Commissioners -- or staff would be asked to bring back a policy that would address mileage reimbursement for Commissioners who are in district and in county business like Commission District -- Commissioner's business travel, yes."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "And so, this would -- the second part of what you said about reserving a vehicle through the fleet: this would take us back to reserving the vehicle through the fleet as we were doing prior to having vehicles assigned to the BOC?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "I'm not sure if the intent is to eliminate Commissioner's ability to reserve a motor pool car or if it's just to remove the vehicles that had been explicitly assigned to the Commission use."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. I'll shift it over to Madam County Attorney. Thank you. Same question."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I'm sorry, what was the question on the floor?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "So this Resolution would shift us back to reserving the vehicle out of the fleet as we were doing prior to vehicles being assigned to the BOC; is that what this does?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes, you would revert back to the original methods that were available prior to the reservation of specific cars for the Commissioners."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. So I was working with your office on a vehicle policy because I was told that there was no vehicle policy directly related to the vehicles that were assigned to the BOC. That there was a vehicle policy only for the fleet and we were trying to address, you know, the fact that the BOC had direct access to their own vehicles. And so, can you tell me what difference this -- what changes as it relates to this and the current vehicle policy?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Okay, so you would like to know the difference between this proposed agenda item and the policy that you are developing with our office?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Well, this seems to be trying to institute a policy. So what would be the difference between this and what we currently have?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I read this proposed Resolution to mean that if passed, there would be no designated sub fleet for the Commissioners. And, therefore, that would eliminate the necessity for a revised policy specifically for the sub fleet reserve for Commissioners."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay, so basically we wouldn't need a policy because we would no longer have the vehicles designated for the BOC. We can just go revert back to reserving the vehicles from the fleet as we were doing before and would that mean that the current vehicle policy would need to be adjusted in some way?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "So I believe there is an overall kind of wholesale policy review that has been proposed and will be done. So everything could be reviewed under that policy. I don't think that this proposed policy agenda item, 23-0596, speaks to that. Whatever is available which we haven't looked at specifically in terms of the Commissioners being able to reserve fleet from the general county fleet that has not been an issue that we have researched specifically. But what this proposal would do that is on the floor, would simply remove the designated portion of the fleet that is specifically reserved for Commissioners."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay, great. So just to address this whole notion about abuse of the vehicles. We all serve very different Districts, and in my District, the residents constantly are asking me to attend their community events, their community meetings, and they have community events in the morning, in the middle of the day, in the evening. They ask for us to bring information and other resources to those events and meetings. And if I have a team member who has to get up early in the morning to prepare for an event that's early in the morning, there is nothing wrong with that. That is based on what my constituents want them to do. Other Commissioners may not understand that, but that's, okay, as long as the residents are served the way that expect to be served. That does not mean that my team member broke any policy just because they use the vehicle extremely early on weekends, on holidays. I've been asked many times by constituents to come and do things with them and their families in the park, at their family reunion or their community event on a holiday. There is nothing wrong with the use of the county vehicle to serve the people when they expect for us to serve them. So it may appear to other Commissioners that it is breaking a policy, it is not. And as far as I know, no one has told me that there was a policy in place that was broken. I was told that there's not even a policy to address it, and that's why we need to address it, but we need to create a policy, and that was the discussion that I had with you and your team, Madam County Attorney. That wasn't a question. All right. Thank you so much."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I'm going recommend that we hold this item. But I do want to join in the discussion. There's a lot packed into this. Develop a mileage reimbursement policy for Members of the Board of Commissioners and their staff. That in and of itself makes perfect sense, right? And I don't think there's necessarily -- or it would necessarily be an objection to doing that. Directing the County Manager to divest or repurpose vehicles currently our county solely -- when did their -- when did vehicles become available solely for the use of Commissioners? My recollection was there was just a pool and that, you know, if something was available."

So when was there a policy -- when was something passed that said they're going to be two vehicles reserved for Commissioners? When did that happen?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Mr. Davis."

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M: "Good morning, Commissioners, Joe Davis Director of D.R.E.A.M. I was attempting to look up the specific e-mail at the time to give you the specific date, Commissioner Arrington. But in the absence of that, I can simply say it was several months ago that the decision was made to transfer certain specific vehicles in the fleet to the Clerk's office, and that the Clerk's office would then manage the reservations of those vehicles. In doing so, those vehicles no longer were considered motor pool vehicles, but were now departmental vehicles, i.e., the department of the Clerk to the Commission."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you so much for that answer. Your answer was the decision was made several months ago. Whom made the decision?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M: "That was a decision made by, I guess a joint effort ultimately approved by the County Manager."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. So there was no action by this Board to do that. And it was, I guess for lack of a better word, an accommodation to a Commissioner request?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, DREAM: "Yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Because I never knew. I didn't get the memo. I didn't get the memo. How -- how was this made available? How would a Commissioner have known that these two vehicles were now available?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, DREAM: "Unfortunately, sir, I can't answer that."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So therein lies, the problem, right? Therein lies, the rug. So establishing a mileage reimbursement policy, absolutely, yes, we need that done, right? Whether this resolution passes today or not, whatever. And if there's already a mileage reimbursement policy, probably just have to apply the existing policy for staff. Now, I want to go back to what the CFO said, because my staff has been denied mileage reimbursement when they've requested it. So, is it -- is there a limit? Is the prohibition on Commissioners, or is it prohibition on Commissioners and their staff?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Commissioner Arrington, as I recall, it was just on the Commissioner directly. But your staff should have been able to be reimbursed their mileage as long as you had the money in your budget to support their mileage reimbursement request."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. So I imagine you'll be getting some request again that were previously denied."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yeah, I'll be happy to look -- to take a look at those."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "And again, I'd like more time, Commissioner Ellis, for us to talk about this. I can't recall ever using a car to go to a community event. I can't recall ever using a county vehicle to drive around the county. I have used them on going -- when going to Macon and Valdosta and Savannah and around the state for ACCG training. I think we might open ourselves up to abuse. Because I could drive from here to my house and submit something that says, I drove on behalf of the county. In my mind, I don't know that we should -- mileage reimbursement policy should be if you're leaving the metro area. If you leaving outside of a 60-mile radius of this building, then you can get reimbursed. I don't know -- I don't need money to drive around my district. I don't -- I'm not nickel and diming the constituents like that. I don't -- I don't need money to go to a -- I mean, everybody's got to get to work how they get to work. Most people have their own vehicles to get to work, and those I don't use public transportation. So if you got to go to work, you got to go to work. I drive to work every day. Sometimes as a lawyer, I have to do four court appearances in one day. But I think we need to be real careful because I could go do those four court appearances, and then send in a mileage reimbursement, I drove 200 miles today on behalf of the county. So I think we need further discussion on this. I only use -- I have only used county vehicles -- I -- well, maybe, I might have used a county vehicle, like when we went out of town for ACCG Conference and I came back in town and I may have used it at that point or before returning it, right? But never to just go to a community meeting or whatever. I'm driving my car, because I drive to work. I drive it going from wherever I'm coming from. So in my mind, one, I never got the memo, I never knew that there were cars specifically reserved for us. And I think that adjustment that was made by the County Manager and his team might be part of the cause of the problem, and that we may just need to stick to what it was before when there is just, the cars are in the pool. So breaking down this resolution, no problem with developing a mileage reimbursement policy. Divesting or repurposing the vehicles currently owned by the county and used solely by the members of the Board of Commissioners, I don't know that we need a resolution to do that because we -- we never had a resolution that authorized it from the beginning. So we don't need a resolution to unauthorize it. The County Manager just did -- made -- was making accommodations. He can just unmake those

accommodations. So I don't know that we need a resolution for divesting or repurposing the vehicles. I think that's within the County Manager's wheelhouse already. And I imagine that based upon this conversation that those vehicles will no longer be reserved in that manner, right? Or available solely for Board of Commissioner's use, and their staff. That may be something else we need to talk about. Maybe a Commissioner might need it. I don't know if the staff needs access to it or not. Again, maybe if you're traveling to a training that's outside of a 60-mile radius, maybe it makes sense. I think my Chief of Staff did get a county vehicle one time to drive down to ACCG in Savannah. And I think I had one as well. So I'm going to make a motion to hold so that we can have some further discussion around this. And I'm supportive of the idea, I -- mileage reimbursement policy, again, no objection --that, it makes sense. I think the issue that we've been encountering, perhaps recently, and the issues that this resolution was drafted was because of an accommodation that was made by the County Manager. And I think that that can be undone without necessarily having a resolution. So, I'll stop there for now."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So, before we get to this motion to hold, let me put this in context here, as to -- Commissioner Arrington, you asked when this was policy made. It never came before the Board, and I'm going to tell you why it didn't come before the Board. And I'm just going to lay it out, like you can to me. There are only two Commissioners that use those two vehicles. And they were -- and the policy was being abused. Mr. Davis and his group, they find it very difficult just as any -- most department heads find it very difficult to say, no, to the seven of us. They're afraid. They're absolutely afraid of anything on the tenth floor, whether it's us or a staff member. So they said, I'm tired of fooling with this. We're going to give it to the Clerk. The Clerk didn't want it because she and her people are afraid to say, no to a Commissioner. And there are only two Commissioners that were using those two vehicles. They were intimidated -- intimidated. That's why that policy -- that's why we -- that's why it changed. It never came before us. Davis and his crowd, they got tired of arguing with, fussing with Commissioners and staffs of Commissioners, passage of the Clerk. Clerk said, I can't say, no to a Commissioner. Y'all control my budget, y'all control my salary. That's why this happened. You have the floor, Vice Chair."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "You summed it up pretty well, Mr. Chairman. And Commissioner Arrington, I think, you know, kind of, lot of the points you raise, I mean, and a mileage reimbursement policy would have explicit things like there. You know, you can't be reimbursed for your travel back and forth to work. You know, it would have some parameters around; it would only apply if it was travel outside of a certain distance or whatever. It would have those types of things sort of built into it. So, you know, that's why I didn't -- wasn't looking to get extremely prescriptive in this because there are, you know, a lot of detail you need to think about in what you're going to put into it. But really, it's as the Chairman has really, you know, effectively and directly sort of outlined, this sort of thing needs to be taken out of any sort of discretion. It's either, you know --

maybe that's answer, you know, no, no use of a vehicle for any travel within -- within the county or within, you know, 25, 30 miles, 40 miles, whatever it is. We got a county at 70 miles. So, maybe that's it, maybe that's the answer. And then, you know, we go from there. But, you know, we shouldn't be having staff have to kind of manage this. I think, you know, again, I think mileage reimbursement is the -- an effective mileage reimbursement way would or an approach is sort of the most effective way to manage this, cost-effective, time effective, and less burden on our staff. And also fulfill kind of the needs that we should have for to get to an out-of-town event, conference, et cetera, so."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, we have a substitute motion on the floor --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Chairman, can I be heard on this, please?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes. I'm just stating where we are."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Substitute motion on the floor to hold by Commissioner Arrington, seconded by Commissioner Hall. I'm going to recommend we vote it up or vote it down. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Chairman, you know, there's an old saying, don't urinate on me and tell me it's raining. And I'm going to say that's appropriate at this time. Because there were times that I came in here, followed the system of doing an appointment, which we had a system in place for appointments, and the keys were missing. A lot of things were set on the honor system, make the appointment, pick up the vehicle, bring the vehicle back in a timely manner. But if you're not making an appointment, if you're picking up the vehicle, taking the vehicle God knows where -- I'm just going to say to your house, the next morning, another person who has the assigned vehicle, can't get in the vehicle because it's not here. Or in other words, the policy was abused. There were -- an employee, because this was investigated, all of us got the report. There was an employee that doubled back late at night and got the vehicle. Now we can dance around it all we want to and say something else. But the policy was being abused. Chairman, I even know it was some time that you came in and I think, if I'm not mistaken, you were supposed to go out and the vehicle had to be summoned to come back in. And so what I'm saying is, if we going to have a policy in place, the policy need to be adhere. What do I mean when I say policy? There's a system that you're supposed to reserve it, you're supposed to bring it back, you're supposed to record mileage, you're supposed to put gas in it. These are abuses that happened that have gotten us to here. And so if we are serious about having a policy in place, let's have a policy in place whether we vote this up or down. Now my last final question, and I don't know if the County Manager or Mr. Davis can answer that, how many vehicles do we have in the fleet, and are they assigned in particular to anybody, to any employee? Or

do they have to go by an honor system? Is there anybody that can answer that question?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, DREAM: "Commissioner, we have a little over 1300 vehicles currently in the Fulton County fleet. The overwhelming majority of those vehicles are designed -- assigned to various agencies throughout the county, various departments. Once those vehicles are in the department's hands, the department head makes the -- their departmental decision as to who's going to be assigned the vehicles, whether or not the vehicles are specifically assigned to an individual and not. Our responsible as DREAM, is simply to insure -- advise them of the county policies regarding vehicle usage and to advise them that if there is an issue, they need to report to us. Or if we determine that an issue has occurred, we will then take the necessary steps. But ultimately, once it's handed off to a department, it is that department head's responsibility to manage the usage of their assigned fleet. We have very few vehicles that are unassigned, and a part of what you would call, the motor pool that in years past, was much more expansive."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Mr. DREAM. That brings me to my final comment. 1300 vehicles, 1300 vehicles, however, among this Body of Commissioners, this staff seems to be trying to accommodate individuals that don't follow rules at the end of the day. So either we're going to have enforcement of a policy, or we're going to let people continue, say, where it's in writing? If it ain't writing, I ain't got to adhere to it. It's called self-governance, it's called not abusing authority, and it's called doing what's right even when people are not looking. So on my final note, Vice Chair Ellis, I want to support it in some form. But I do not want to suffer because people do not follow rules, follow policies, sign in, sign out, do mileage, or the other. So my concern is, let's stop playing games in allowing individuals to take advantage of their position of authority. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Has the Clerk's office always had a vehicle assigned to them?"

CLERK GRIER: "Since I've been here, yes."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "All right, thank you. And that vehicle has been used for what?"

CLERK GRIER: "That has been used for daily operations, as far as transportation for Commissioners errands, such as, we've had to deliver proclamations or pickup, take things for Commissioners, just different services for the Commissioners."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Right. And before you got here that vehicle was always assigned to the Clerk's office?"

CLERK GRIER: "From my understanding, yes."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "So what additional vehicle or how many additional vehicles were assigned to the Clerk's office most recently?"

CLERK GRIER: "Just the one, the SUV."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Just one SUV, all right. And I too, have seen where we have reserved the vehicle for my office and the keys were not there. Then we've gotten into the vehicle and someone had been smoking and vaping, and left there vape -- the little thing, I don't know what you call it, vapor, in the vehicle, where there has been mud and trash in the vehicle from previous people using it. My team has even taken pictures of when we have reserved it, and it was not there. So, you know, these are things that, I guess that stuff happens. Sometimes people don't return things on time. We made note, and we kept it moving. As far as using the vehicle to go to community events, I know, as far as me and my team, we used it to transport county materials and other items that would not necessarily fit in a car as small as mine because it was too much. Now, if someone thinks that county materials and other items should not be transmitted to community events and meetings in a county vehicle, that's fine. As far as mileage reimbursement, I've never submitted mileage reimbursement and I'm not going to start submitting mileage reimbursement. I really think, as Commissioner Arrington said, there are just things that you are supposed to do because it's your job, and you use your vehicle to do that. So I don't -- I don't do mileage reimbursement. I never have and never will. So are we talking about the one SUV? Is that the vehicle in question? Because the Clerk has just stated, the county has always assigned a vehicle to the Clerk's office. And actually, I just was reminded that the Clerk's office has had difficulty in picking up the things that they usually would pick up when they had a vehicle. They are actually having to have things delivered. Is that not correct, Madam Clerk?"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes, that is true."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "All right."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Because the vehicles weren't there?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes, sir. Because they -- they were not able to use the vehicles because of the 30-day moratorium on the use. So it put them at -- in a situation where they could not carry out the normal duties of their office that they would normally do if using the vehicle that has always been assigned to them to carry out those duties, as Madam Clerk just clarified or I verified. Thank you so much."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Mr. Chair, I want amend my motion to extend the moratorium until this matter -- yeah -- it's a motion to hold, but I want to extend the moratorium if -- if the Board approves the motion to hold, I'd like the moratorium to be extended while it is held, except for use by the Clerk and their staff for what they need to do. To me the moratorium, I thought was just for Commissioners and Commissioner's staff. I didn't think the moratorium applied to the Clerk and the Clerk's office for what they need to do. But I'd like to amend my motion to hold to make it clear that the moratorium should stay in place until we vote it up or down. Or obviously, if we vote it up or down today, then it won't be a need to extend it. But my motion is to hold this so that we can have further discussions. I think there's some very valid points made by -- made by everyone that spoke, and I think we just need to kind of look at those. But to me the problem is this, what we thought were two vehicles, but really, we found out it there's only one vehicle that has now been assigned for Board of Commissioners. But -- and so, I'll leave it there."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "And I second that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, the motion is already on the floor, made by Commissioner Arrington, and you seconded, Commissioner Hall. Do you accept his -- all right."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes, I do."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So the amended motion, everybody understands that. Anybody else want their day in court here to today?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Can you repeat the amended motion, please?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "To hold, and while it's being held, to extend the moratorium that was already in place. But the moratorium said a minimum, I think, of 30 days. It could go on ad infinitum, but that's the motion."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. So I hope we vote this thing up or down today. And I'm really tired of fooling with it. So, you heard the motion. The primary motion on the floor is to hold. Let's vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the voter is open on the motion to hold. And the motion passes; four yeas, three nays."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 12, **23-0597**, Request approval of a resolution in opposition of any proposed interruption of or suspension of federal grant funding or state funding awarded or appropriated to the Fulton County District Attorney's Office, and for other purposes, sponsored by Commissioner Barrett."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. You have a motion to approve my Commissioner Arrington, seconded by Commissioner Hall. Commissioner Barrett, can you explain what it -- what this is?"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yes. Yes, Mr. Chairman, thank you. There have been threats made and actions taken at the federal and state level to defund our District Attorney's Office. And I know that we are all committed to being good stewards of our taxpayer dollars. And I know that we're all committed on this Board to keeping our citizens safe. And I know that we're all committed to working with our justice partners to improve our criminal justice system. So, when threats like this are made to defund our District Attorney's Office by eliminating federal grant funds and state-mandated salary funds, we must come together to defend our county. And ask our colleagues at the state and federal levels to stop pursuing this effort. It is critically important that they and our citizens understand the consequences of the possibility of defunding our DA. If the DA's office loses funding from the state and federal level, one of two things will happen. Either the Fulton County taxpayers will be forced to pick up the tab, which is something we cannot afford and our citizens do not want to do, in terms of, you know, raising the millage rate, or our county will be less safe. And neither one of these options is acceptable. So, I ask you all to stand with me in safeguarding our resources and protecting our citizens. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I support our DA, so let me be crystal clear about that. However, I want the County Attorney to actually -- actually answer what is in our parameter and what is in our control. And the reason why is because when I have gotten calls, and I have gotten some calls to defund, to take away money, this, that, and the other. I have explained the process to constituents. However, I think about what Governor Kemp said the other night on the news when he stated, he wasn't going to make this political when there was cause for him to -- a Special Session. When there was a call for the -- the committee that they put together, he stood firm in saying, I'm not going to do that. Sometimes in politics, you have to stand up for what is right and do what is right even if people disagree with it. So the point that I'm asking is with this, my concern is, if we put this in place, what will it do? Will it stop any defunding? Do we have any control over that? Because at the end of the day, I think some things are political folly. And I think some things are where people are doing things for political gain. And so, I would like to know from you, one, is it enforceable? And should this not pass, what effect will it have on this Body to control the defunding?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "So to answer your first question, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, it does not have any impact, which is why it's an urging resolution, in terms of whether or not the defunding occurs. It is a statement of, I guess, philosophy, sentiment of this Body to support not defunding. But that is not within the purview of this Body, which is acknowledged in the resolution. And that is why it is an urging resolution. It's an opinion legislation to say, we would not support defunding. But it is not within this Body's purview. The second question, I believe is related in and that, if it is not passed, it does not directly impact whether or not the state chooses to take any of the threatened actions. But again, it is a statement of, I guess, solidarity with our elected official on this topic."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Thank you, Chair. Boy, these urging resolutions, gosh, I could come up with a hundred if you want to, you know, school choice, we have a urging resolution for that. You know, we going to have a urging resolution for both sides of the political spectrum. I mean, I feel like these resolutions, these highly-partisan resolutions only divide us as a county. And I ran because I wanted to be able to work across the aisle. Democrats and Republicans work across the aisle, and I feel like this damages that. It's a highly-partisan thing. I feel like going to watch the groundbreaking of the mental health center that was a great moment, with Democrats, Republicans together, working together, the state on every level. It was something that we show that we're partners and we're willing to work together. And in this highly-partisan world, I think that's what we need to be signaling right now. Not signaling, like, I'm on their side. I look at this resolution, and it just saddens me. It does, because we're saying it's

partisan to look at how tax dollars are spent, but it's not partisan to stop an investigation. So I really, I mean, I cannot support it -- I don't even want to -- I don't even want us to spend our time, our resources on doing resolutions like this. I mean it says in here, United States Representative Margorie Taylor Greene and State Representative Jim Jordan falsely stated that federal grant money played a direct role in the prosecution of Donald Trump. They did not say that. That's -- I went and I pulled the articles. They said they want to investigate to see if federal money was spent on the investigation, so that's false. It goes to the August -- cites the August 30th Atlanta Journal Constitution reported that members of the Georgia Assembly are considering sanctions and unprecedented funding cuts to the Fulton County District's office. So we're going to cite an article written by Greg Bluestein? He's considered one of the most partisan writers in the AJC. He only does hit pieces on Republicans. But we're going to cite him as a factual source for what their intend to do. Now, I ran on transparency. And I fully support Fani and her efforts that she's doing to curve -- got curve recidivism, the PAD programs, all of that. But I don't think we need to -- I think we need to step back in this, and just let it play out. If she has nothing to hide, show the books. I talked with Ms. Whitmore the other day, and our Comprehensive Annual Financial Report should show how we spent the grant money. If we have nothing hide, we have nothing to hide. And I don't think we should stop people from looking at it. I don't think we should say, hey, we don't want you to look. Go ahead, let them look. There's nothing there. And to say that this isn't pol -- the Fulton County's political motivated. This is a -- this -- all this looking at, is politically motivated. Yeah, it probably is politically motivated. But if you look at it - - and if you want to quote AJC articles, there was a -- a survey they did, and 94 percent of Republicans think Fani Willis' is politically motivated. The fact that she threw a party, a campaign fundraiser party for a Lieutenant General -- a Lieutenant Governor candidate while trying to indite another candidate that was running for Lieutenant Governor. And Judge McBurney had to remove her because that was just bad, a bad decision on her part. So, we can go back and say, they're politically motivated, they're politically motivated. We can go back and forth all day long. I feel this resolution does nothing, but to separate, divide, and it serves -- it's telling us to not have people look at our records and how our money is spent. And I can't support that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, anyone else? All right, the motion --"

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I'm supportive of our DA. I would like maybe, for Commissioner Barrett to address the specifics of the resolution. I do not think that any grant funding, federal or state, should be suspended or anything from our District Attorney. But certainly, I don't want to have something in a resolution that may or may not be true. And, you know, I think all of our records are subject to open records request. I think all of the District Attorney's records are subject to open records request."

So if you could address whether this resolution attempts to prevent our District Attorney from being subject to open records request, and the veracity of the contents therein, that would be great."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you, Commissioner Arrington. Yes. This is, as our County Attorney said, just an urging resolution directed to our colleagues at the state and federal level to stop any efforts to defund the District Attorney's Office. So that part, there's no -- nothing that would prevent anybody searching open records or anything like that. And as to the veracity of what is in the resolution, I can specifically speak to the grant funding that is not going to anything that would have to do with prosecuting anybody. The federal grant money, we all -- we approve all the federal grants that come in. All of the grant money is directed to programs that do things like go towards diversion programs, victims' rights groups, or victims' rights programs, rather, and things like that. So there are things that the county -- or sorry -- that the District Attorney's Office does to, you know, make life better for the people in Fulton County who are dealing with the criminal justice system. As to the news reports, yes, I can -- I can state that to the best of my knowledge, the things in the -- in the resolution are true. I mean, there's nothing made up in there. So, and again, this is just a resolution that is based on what has been reported in the news, what has been discussed by our federal and state colleagues publicly, on social media, to reporters, et cetera, et cetera. And so it is in response to their ongoing challenges, and you know, attempts to punish our District Attorney through taking funds away, and again, pointing out that if those funds were to disappear from our coffers, we would either have to leave programs and staff unfunded, or we would have to pick up the tab. Those are -- that's what would happen if their -- if their efforts were to continue and succeed."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "I will be real brief. I'm not sure if funds went away that they would improve or un-improve our results based upon where they are right now. So, you know, I guess the best way I think for us not to draw attention to ourselves and not invite criticism, whether it's us or whether it's another elected official, is to a good job. And when we -- if we pass this resolution, maybe we can send them a -- send them a copy of our current criminal justice scorecard, so they can kind of see how we're doing right now too."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, anything else? Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yeah. Now, I did get a lot of emails too, and got bombarded. And a lot of people sent me stuff that they had pulled on our county website. And it looks like we have spent 548,000 or almost \$550,000 on outside legal fees to Nathan J. Wade. And those weren't state funds, those weren't federal funds,

those were taxpayer dollars. So it would be good if we could find out how much of our tax money is being spent on this trial. It would be good for the taxpayers that if we could find that out. I did ask Madam DA back in January, and she said she couldn't tell me at that point. And she said it wasn't very much money at all. So I'm hoping that she'll come forward, and she can maybe give us a range of what our taxpayer money is being spent on. We just had five people die in our jail. If you looked at the charts, I remember looking at the charts last summer when this whole thing started. And it seemed like the court backlog was, starting in January, it was taken a massive dive, and then in the summer, right when this Special Grand Jury convened, it flat lined. So in an effort for transparency to our taxpayers, I hope that someday we'll find out how much is being spent."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, anyone else? The motion on the floor is to approve. Please vote."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "Page 12, **23-0599**, Fulton-Atlanta Land Bank Authority, Commissioner Hall has nominated Anita Harris for a Full Board appointment to a term ending August 7th, 2027."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I was just wondering, can we appoint -- I mean, is that as a precedent that we can appoint staff to be on board on Boards that's --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What did you -- I'm sorry, I was talking. What's your question?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Is it proper procedure for us to appoint staff on the Boards? Is that something -- is there anything -- I mean, I think Anita is a great person, but I was just wondering if there's a conflict of interest if you have your staff appointed to Boards?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, I'm not sure --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Any precedent --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I'm not sure to the conflict of interest. I'm probably the best position to answer that. I'm not aware of any approved or adopted policy for us not to appoint a staff member to a Board, Commission, or Authority, if memory serves me correctly. But the practice through the years has been not to do so, and I think that's been a good policy. But I'm not aware of any -- any legislation on the books that says that cannot happen. So what's your -- is there a motion? Oh, Commissioner, you want to be heard or make a motion?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you. I received a phone call from the Executive Director of the Land Bank Authority, Christopher Norman, indicating to me that there were a number of appointees who's time have expired on this Authority, and that there was a need to speedily appoint in those vacant seats so that he could go ahead and move forward with the business that he needs to do. And it needs to be done in a timely fashion. He said that there are things that needed to be voted on that he needed done, and he needed a quorum. And he said that it would impact his ability to move forward with the work of the Authority. And he told me that there have been Commissioners, city officials, and other elected officials and their staff that have served on this Board before. And I said, oh, I didn't -- I didn't know that. And he said, you have very capable staff, who you could appoint if they are willing to serve on this Board. And I said, well I will ask around, and I'll ask my team as well. And that's how we ended up here. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "My concern with this is appearance, appearance of interference from a elected official, appearance of conflict. I go back to my earlier statement, because we don't have a policy, does not mean it shouldn't be done. My personal opinion having dealt with Board members that sometimes have to educate me, they sometimes have to tell me, Commissioner Khadijah, this came before the Board, we discussed it, my opinion is so and so, so and so, so and so. I think the proximity of a Commissioner and their staff is too close. I would ask the County Attorney if this would or could appear, whether it is or not, I'm not asking you that, County Attorney. I'm asking you, could this appear, because it is a staff, a paid position for a sitting Commissioner versus community people. I think Anita is highly qualified. I think she has a lot to offer. My concern is appearance of a conflict, appearance of interference by a Commissioner if that Commissioner appoints their subordinate to -- to the Board. So if you can speak to that, County Attorney, I would appreciate it."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Thank you, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Although the Board of Ethics is the arbiter of the ethics code, and as you stated, there's certainly no question that's been raised as to whether or not there is an actual conflict of interest regarding Ms. Harris. The closeness of the relationship between the

Commissioner and the Chief of Staff, could raise a question as to influence. And that is what I would presume to be the origin of the practice of not -- of not appointing staff members, as has been observed in practice by the Board up until this point. It is possible that could be raised."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I think we have a precedent for appointing, not only staff members, but former staff members, and even Commissioners to serve in these spots. What I would say -- and I'm -- and I have no reason to believe that this nominee would not serve dutifully on this Board. But I'm looking at my agenda, and it's telling me: BOC Morris, BOC Abdur-Rahman, BOC Hall. I'm also looking on my screen, and I see that the Mayor of the city of Atlanta has four appointments, and that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners has three appointments. So when I look at these appointments, I look at them as Full Board appointments, and not as being appointments of any one Commissioner. And that brings me back to my Full Board appointment policy. And so I'm going to do a motion to hold until we can address a Full Board appointment policy. Because there should not be just random people suggesting random things. We should have a policy that determines how we're going to make a Full Board appointment. Any time there are less than seven appointments by this Board, then it becomes a Full Board appointment. And again, as I stated before, I believe we owe ourselves and our constituents to develop a Full Board policy in regards to how we make these appointments."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I will second that. Are you finished? Are you going to -- I'm in the queue."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "He wanted it to hold?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yeah, I'm going to second his hold, and I'm -- and then I'm going to --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion by Commissioner Arrington is to hold. It is seconded by Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes, thank you. And are you finished, Commissioner Arrington? Okay. So, the reason for the appointment is because the Executive Director of the Fulton-Atlanta Land Bank Authority contacted me and said, Commissioner Hall, you need to appoint someone because your previous appointee, Kyle Lamont, is no longer going to be on this Authority, and you need to replace him. And that is how this even came about. And he made it very clear to me that there have been, as you said, a precedent of Commissioners and other elected officials and their staff that have been

appointed to this Fulton-Atlanta Land Bank Authority. And he made a recommendation to me that I not only look into the community, but look in my own staff. Because it has been a precedent that elected official's staff have been appointed in the -- before. Because they list -- some of our elected staff live in Fulton County, live in the city of Atlanta. And as you have made it clear, there are appointees coming from the city of Atlanta as well as Fulton County. So that is how this came about. But I agree that we should hold it, and I second that. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion on the floor is to hold. Anybody else want to be heard? If not, let's vote on the motion to hold."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open on the motion to hold. And the motion passes; five yeas, one nay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, 1:48, ladies and gentlemen, I'll entertain a motion to recess for lunch and Executive Session, issues of real estate, litigation, and personnel. Let's vote, please."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; five yeas, one nay."
(Recess for Executive Session at 1:48 p.m.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, without objection, colleagues, we will resume the regular order of business. Madam County Attorney, items from Executive Session."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes, Chairman, thank you. Is there a motion to approve the request for representation set forth in item number 3 of the Executive Session agenda?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is there a motion? A motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne, second -- no? I don't know what that means."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "We've always had a second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Let's vote, please. What's going on with it?"

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

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Is there a motion to approve engagement of outside counsel in the item set forth as number -- item number 4 of the Executive Session agenda?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Have a motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Please vote."

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

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "And finally, is there a motion to approve engagement of outside counsel as set forth in item 5 of the Executive Session agenda?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is that -- you said that's the last one?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Well, what was the first? We need to have copies of these agendas. I can't remember what number was what, this and that. We need to turn over our Executive Session agenda --"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "After the vote?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- after we have the opportunity to vote on it."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yeah, I agree."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Which is this one?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "The final one is the IGA."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is that the authority one?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. This is with the South Fulton Authority. All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne, seconded by Commissioner Ellis."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Any other items from Executive Session?"

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Madam Clerk, any other items to come before us?"

CLERK GRIER: "I don't have any further items."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Why do you (indiscernible) --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah, I have an item I want to bring back. I'd like to make a motion to reconsider under item number 23-0596. I want to reconsider the hold vote, the vote to hold on the mileage resolution, 596."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Reconsider, what was the vote? Was she on the prevailing side?"

CLERK GRIER: "Motion to hold?"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "It was the motion to hold on 596."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Did she vote on the prevailing side, that's the question."

CLERK GRIER: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, proper motion. Is there a second?"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Properly moved and seconded. What's your --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Oh, well, I motion --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "To reconsider?"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah, just to -- motion to reconsider the hold."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. So that's before us."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. Just for the -- just for the sake of transparency. We voted to hold an item to get additional information. And so we're un-holding it now, or we are reconsidering not holding, and to vote it up or down; is that what we're doing?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "The motion on the floor, is a proper motion was to reconsider. And I'm ruling that the motion is proper because she voted on the prevailing side."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "To reconsider the hold."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "So, the reason I'm asking to reconsider the hold is because the -- essentially, this is asking the -- it's asking the county management team to prepare a mileage reimbursement policy, which -- so, we do have that yet anyway to be approved or not. And that was the additional information was asked about the

mileage policy. And honestly, I didn't mean to hold. I did it by accident. So that's why I'm asking to redo it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion is before us."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. So because I would -- I would have put in a motion to hold it, but you put it in?"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "No, I didn't put it in."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Well, I mean, you voted for it, someone put it in."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah, someone put it in, I voted for it."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "So --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Hold on now --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Now, I'm just -- for clarity, Chairman --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You have the floor. Not -- I'm telling you --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "What I'm saying is, I wanted to hold this for additional information. Someone else put in for the hold, and then it was voted on for it to be held. So what I'm asking is, if we're doing a reconsideration, will the reconsideration give me an opportunity to ask for it to be held?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I'm asking, I --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Wait, just a minute. Just a minute."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I got to be able to ask a question if I don't know. I don't know, I don't know."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I heard your question, I'm trying to process your question."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Trying to process your question. What's before us now is to approve 23-0596. That was --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "It was to un-approve the hold."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah. And you want to make a substitute motion to hold?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Then if you're for her, just vote against the motion to hold. All right. Let's put up the motion to hold."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Wait, wait, point of order. Point of order. Did I just miss a vote to un-hold it?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Let me start over. When 23-0596 was before us, there was a substitute motion to hold that. Commissioner Arrington, if I remember correctly, added that we -- while we're holding it, let us continue the moratorium. That was accepted by -- just a minute. That was accepted by Commissioner Hall. We voted on that. That was approved. Commissioner Barrett voted on the prevailing side. So anyone -- any -- that's a good lesson for y'all here today, not that you don't know. But if you want to reconsider, it has to be done at the same meeting, and you must have voted on the prevailing side. That's why I asked the Clerk, did Commissioner Barrett vote on a prevailing side. And she did, which meant then that her motion to reconsider was a proper motion. It was properly made, it was seconded by Commissioner Ellis. So that's where we are now, on the reconsideration."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "What was the vote on that?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "On what?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "The one for the hold, what was the vote on it?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "It was four-three, if I remember correctly. I don't remember --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I -- what is -- what was the vote on it, Clerk, for the hold? Okay, thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Now, what's before us now is to reconsider. We're going to vote on the motion to reconsider, that's what's before is now. When that then -- when that's before us, and we'll be back to the main motion. Let's dispose of the motion to reconsider first. So that's what's before us now."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Point of order, Mr. Chair, I am in the queue, along with two others."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. That's fine. I mean, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman's finished, then Commissioner Hall, you want to vote? What's before us now is a motion to reconsider, which is a proper motion. Okay. All right, Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes. We asked that this matter be held, and I went through a long laundry list of reason why it should be held. And I guess I could just go through them again, since we're going to bring this back up at 4:00 o'clock, 4:06."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You want to dispose of this motion, one way or the other first, then you can -- then we'll get --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "No, sir. No, no, sir. No, sir. It was a four-three vote, and the one person that voted for it is now changing their vote. What does that tell you, Mr. Chair."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, she's entitled --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "What can you see coming around the corner?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, she's entitled -- the proper motion is --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So, no, I don't. I want to --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "It's been properly --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "It's my -- hold on, it's my turn."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Properly --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "It's my turn to speak. You gave me to floor, and you're interrupting me. And you do that all the time, and it disrupts my train of thought."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All I'm trying to do is clarify the motion what's on the floor."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All right. Well, clarify it after I finish my time."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "The motion on the floor is to reconsider. It's a proper motion, and that's what's on the floor. You have the floor, Mr. Motion -- Mr. Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "And we asked that this matter be held, so that we can get more information about mileage reimbursement. A mileage reimbursement policy, again, it makes sense. Directing the County Manager to divest or repurpose vehicles currently owned and solely used by the members of the Board of Commissioners. I made inquiry into that, there -- there are no vehicles currently owned by the county and used solely by the members of the Board of Commissioners, maybe there is one. There was one that the Clerk had. There was another one that was assigned by the Manager. This policy needs to have thought. It needs to have consideration, and I thought that it made sense for us to all contribute. I thought it

would make sense for us to hold this so that we all come back with something that is more thoughtful than just doing this today. And this was held also along with the other item that was asking for the budgets to be reduced. I would ask, colleagues, that we hold this matter. We've already been through this today. And I don't know what would make somebody come back at 4:00 o'clock, and say they want to reconsider this one item. I got something else I want to reconsider after this. Watch."

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

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. What's your pleasure?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I'm sorry, I'm in there."

CLERK GRIER: "Three nays."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "It automatically goes back to the --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We're back to the main motion now, what's your pleasure? Motion is to approve?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I'm in the queue."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Motion to approve by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, you have the floor. Motion on the floor is to approve."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Is there a reason that this has to be passed at almost 4:00 p.m. today? Is there not a reason that this cannot be held for two weeks? What is the emergency that it has to be passed today because I would like additional information. I'm not going to say I'm on one side or another, but I did ask some questions that I would like to get answered. And I would think, if it is not something that is timely, that at a quarter to 4:00, after we've come out of Executive Session, you know, I'm -- I don't understand. So I'm just asking. I want to put a motion forward to hold it for the next meeting."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Substitute motion to hold. Is there a second? Is there a second?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Absolutely."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Absolutely, there's a second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Properly moved and seconded to hold. Let's vote on the motion to hold. Put that on the screen."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Question?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah, you want to ask it now? This is -- now, what's before us now is to hold. Motion to hold."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I want to ask --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to hold."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I need to ask my question."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion to hold by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Let's vote on the motion to hold, please."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open on the motion to hold. And the motion fails; three yeas, four nays."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion fails, now back to the main motion, which is to approve. Commissioner Hall, you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, thank you. I just want to find out if the Clerk will be able to have the vehicle that she has always had, well, even before she was Clerk. If the Clerk's office will be able to have their vehicle so they can continue to do the work the way that they are used to doing their work? That's all."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I'd say, yes. You have the -- there will be two vehicles."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "No, no, no. No, there couldn't possibly be two --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Wait a minute, her -- she still has her -- she'll have her vehicle."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yeah, she had one vehicle."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah, the sedan."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yeah."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion is to approve. Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Do we need to amend this to say that?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I make a friendly amendment to make sure that that's in here."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis, you have the floor. Motion on the floor is to approve. Vice Chair Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Call the question."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Is there a second? Call of the question."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Seconded."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Let's vote on calling of the question."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Back to the main motion, which is to approve."

CLERK GRIER: "Three, with Commissioner Hall."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Main motion, which is to approve. Let's vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open to approve. And the motion passes; four yeas, one nay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Any other matters to come before us today? All right, then we are adjourned. Thank you."

(There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.)