

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

June 02, 2021

10:00 AM



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



MINUTES

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Scheduled date for ratification: July 14, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Robert L. Pitts

10:00 a.m.

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

Robert L. Pitts, Chairman (At-Large)

PRESENT

Liz Hausmann, Commissioner (District 1)

PRESENT

Bob Ellis, Commissioner (District 2)

PRESENT

Lee Morris, Commissioner (District 3)

PRESENT

Natalie Hall, Vice Chair (District 4)

PRESENT

Marvin 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

CONSENT AGENDA**21-0388 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 AS AMENDED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Morris, to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended by revising item #21-0389 as requested by Commissioner Hausmann and removing item #21-0393 as requested by Commissioner Morris. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

21-0389 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing "Chris Nelson Appreciation Day." **(Hausmann/Ellis)**
June 10, 2021

Proclamation recognizing "The Drake House Appreciation Day." **(Hausmann/Ellis)**
June 12, 2021

Commissioners' District Board Appointments**21-0390 Board of Commissioners**

RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES FOR THE ELDERLY AUTHORITY OF FULTON COUNTY **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Term = 6 years

Term below expires: 12/3/2022

Dr. Paula Stone **(Resigned)** **(Ellis)**

Commissioner Ellis nominated Jennifer L. Jones to replace Dr. Paula Stone for a District appointment to an unexpired term ending December 3, 2022.

21-0391 Board of Commissioners

FULTON COUNTY REPARATIONS TASK FORCE **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Term = 2 Years

Vice Chair Hall nominated Dr. Karcheik Sims-Alvarado for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2023.

21-0392 Board of Commissioners
**COMMISSION ON ELDER AFFAIRS (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE
CONSENT AGENDA)**

Term = Shall end at the end of the term of the appointing District Commissioner.

Term below expired: 12/31/2018
Charles K. Cobb (**Morris**)

Commissioner Morris nominated Rosalind R. Elliott for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2022.

21-0393 Board of Commissioners
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF FULTON COUNTY (REMOVED)

Term = 4 Years

Term below expires: 5/31/2023
Thomas G. Tidwell (**Resigned**) (**Morris**)

Commissioner Morris has nominated Bob Shaw to replace Thomas G. Tidwell for an unexpired District appointment to a term ending May 31, 2023.

**ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AS REQUESTED BY
COMMISSIONER MORRIS**

Health and Human Services

21-0394 Public Works
Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Fulton County, Georgia and the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the Milling and Resurfacing Project of I-85 @ SR74 / Senoia Road Interchange Improvements in Fairburn. The project involves an adjustment of the existing Sewer Manhole with appurtenances within Fulton County in an estimated cost of \$16,500.00. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Infrastructure and Economic Development

21-0395 Public Works
Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Fulton County, Georgia and Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the Milling and Resurfacing Project of Roosevelt Highway (SR14) @ CR 1389 / Washington Road Improvements in South Fulton. The project involves an adjustment of the existing Sewer Manhole with appurtenances within Fulton County in an estimated cost of \$10,000.00. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**21-0396 Board of Commissioners**

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

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hall and seconded by Commissioner Morris, to adopt the Regular Meeting Agenda as amended by moving up item #21-0378 as requested by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman; discussing items #21-0375, #21-0375 in Executive Session and vote publicly as requested by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman; removing items #21-0412 and #21-0413 as requested by Commissioners Ellis and Arrington The motion passed by the following vote:

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

21-0397 Clerk to the Commission

Ratification of Minutes. **(RATIFIED)**

Regular Meeting Minutes, May 5, 2021

Recess Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, May 19, 2021

Special Called Meeting, Post Agenda Minutes May 27, 2021

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hall and seconded by Commissioner Hausmann, to ratify the meeting minutes. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

21-0398 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing "Fatherhood Celebration Month." **(Ellis/Pitts)**

PUBLIC HEARINGS**21-0399 Board of Commissioners**

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

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

197 Speakers: State Representative Mandisha Thomas (Item# 21-0378); Doug Shipman (Arts Programs Funds/ Item# 21-0378); Joanna Potts (Item# 21-0378); Rev. Greg Fann (Item# 21-0378); Maggie Goldman (Fulton County Elections/Item# 21-0378); Julian Bene (Development Authority of Fulton

County); Maleka Rahman (Item# 21-0378); Stella Morah (Item# 21-0378); Former State Senator Vincent Fort (Item# 21-0378/21-0393); Ben Howard (Senior Services); Bridgette Thorne (Item# 21-0378); Fuluke Nunn (Item# 21-0393); Ambassador Andrew Young (Item# 21-0378); Carla Halsell (Voting/Tax Dollars); Lester Leslie (Item# 21-0380); Pamela Gifford (Item# 21-0380); Aimee Uphues (Item# 21-0328/21-0380); Angelia Robson (Item# 21-0328/21-0402); Tamara Kelley (Item# 21-0380); Bill Bozarth (Development Authority of Fulton County); Varun Vishwanath (Tax Payers Funds); Michelle Weston (Item# 21-0328/21-0380); Thomas Keeler (Item# 21-0380); Julia Chen (Item# 21-0380); Tonya Lawrence (Item# 21-0380); Matt Rowenczak (Item# 21-0328); Nathan Clubb (Development Authority of Fulton County); James Evans (Item# 21-0378); Thomas Williams (Item# 21-0328); Kristina Garcia (Item# 21-0328); Grant Gandy (Development Authority of Fulton County); Lauren Dye (Item# 21-0328); Valerie VanAntwerp (Item# 21-0380); Louisa Offitt (Item# 21-0393); Meredith Randall (Item# 21-0380); Patricia Kennedy (Item# 21-0380); Michelle Vogel (Item# 21-0380); Rick McDonald (Item# 21-0380); Deane Cardinalli (Item# 21-0378); Kay Stephenson (Development Authority of Fulton County); Margaret Breen (Development Authority of Fulton County); Melissa Miller (Item# 21-0380); Suzanne Wood (Item# 21-0380); Siobhan Gilchrist (Item# 21-0380); Stephanie Coffin (Item# 21-0378); John Martin (Item# 21-0378); John Wolfinger (Item# 21-0393); Andrea Grater (Item# 21-0380); Sally Bethea (Item# 21-0380); Paul Bolster (Development Authority of Fulton County); Will Pollock (Item# 21-0380); Molly Silverman (Item# 21-0380); Lori Carbone (Item# 21-0328); Sharon Ferguson (Development Authority of Fulton County); Nioshii Wilde (Item# 21-0380); David Lender (Item# 21-0380); Angela Edmond (Item# 21-0380); Gray Reynolds (Item# 21-0380); Dr. Henry Kahn, MD (Development Authority of Fulton County); Gayle Schechter (Item# 21-0380); Ellen Gebel (Item# 21-0380); Jim Martin (Development Authority of Fulton County); Jan Barlow (Item# 21-0380); Elizabeth Chaitoff (Item# 21-0380); Beverly Griffith (Item# 21-0380); Laurel Buchmiller (Item# 21-0380); Elizabeth Grofic (Item# 21-0380); Caitlin Barringer (Item# 21-0380); Len Sinclair (Item# 21-0380); Andrea McCavitt (Item# 21-0328); Laurie Walker (Item# 21-0380); Carol Nemo (Item# 21-0380); Jodi Mansbach (Item# 21-0380); Howard Kaplan (Item# 21-0380); Jason Edgcombe (Item# 21-0380); Ashley Fields (Item# 21-0380); Jenna Mobley (Item# 21-0380); Emma McMullan (Item# 21-0380); Jenna Sagraves (Item# 21-0380); Odessa W. Hooker (Item# 21-0380); Tess Vismale (Item# 21-0380); Alison Leigh Campbell-Taylor (Item# 21-0380); Elizabeth Stapleton (Item# 21-0380); Candiss Chan (Item# 21-0380); Laurie Felder (Item# 21-0380); Gwen Kaminsky (Item# 21-0380); Amanda Mickelsen (Item# 21-0380); Patricia Pflum (Item# 21-0380); Ryan Oliver (Item# 21-0380); Damian Denson (Item# 21-0380); Patty Nathan (Item# 21-0380); Blake McGee (Item# 21-0380); Sandrea Gaines Wood (Item# 21-0380); Robert Israel (Item# 21-0380); Jerelyn Jordan (Item# 21-0380); Corrie Bryant-Habib (Item# 21-0380); Keith Berman (Item# 21-0380); Marjorie Osheroff (Item# 21-0380); Pamola Powell (Item# 21-0380); Rebekah Goode (Item# 21-0380); Robert Hahn (Item# 21-0380); Laurel Miyake (Item#

21-0380); Lisa Habib (Item# 21-0380); Jenny Streeter (Item# 21-0380); Lane Barr (Item# 21-0380); Milton Walker (Item# 21-0380); Emily Hirn (Item# 21-0380); Elisabeth Marchant (Item# 21-0380); Andrew Fialko (Item# 21-0380); Laura Broyles (Item# 21-0380); Misty Boachie (Item# 21-0380); Scott Gissendanner (Item# 21-0380); Tiffany Joel (Item# 21-0380); Robert Steinbruegge (Item# 21-0380); Kristin Lindsey (Item# 21-0380); Karen Jones (Item# 21-0380); Marcia King (Item# 21-0328); Maureen Finneran Hetrick (Item# 21-0380); Karla Tievsky (Item# 21-0380); Juan-Pablo Correa-Baena (Tax Breaks); Sheila Hamilton (Item# 21-0378); Carlos Toledo (Item# 21-0380); Candace Smith (Item# 21-0328); Sharon McKenna (Item# 21-0328/21-0413); Donna Renfro Lawson (Library Services); Nirmala Hemady (Item# 21-0328/21-0380); Katie Long (Item# 21-0380/21-0413); Michelle Weston (Item# 21-0328/21-0380); Taña Welch (Item# 21-0328); Juliette Rankins (Item# 21-0378); Jeffrey Dinkle (Item# 21-0380); James Martin (Item# 21-0380); Chandrakant Hemady (Item# 21-0380); Jarman Bryant (Item# 21-0378); Noel Siksai (Fulton County Elections); Cheryl Davies (Item# 21-0328); Steve Hinternhoff (Item# 21-0380); Selina Mustafa (Item# 21-0378/21-0380/21-0412/21-0413); Jennifer B. Kahnweiler (Item# 21-0378/21-0380/21-0412/21-0328); Brian Weaver (Item# 21-0378); Katrina Griessman Dinkle (Item# 21-0380); Harvey Goldberg (Item# 21-0328); Chelsea Clements (Item# 21-0378/21-0328); Martha Simpkins (Item# 21-0378/21-0328); Angie Jones (Item# 21-0328); Yvonne David (Fulton County Elections); Andrew Harper (Item# 21-0328/21-0380); Tammy Kadish-Harper (Item# 21-0328/21-0380); Cathy Karell (Item# 21-0328/21-0380/21-0413); Leslie Bullard Mullis (Item# 21-0328/21-0380/21-0413); Gini Strobel Bowen (Item# 21-0380); Marcia Shapiro (Item# 21-0328); Melissa Mulvaney (Fulton County Elections/Item# 21-0413); Leanne Wheeler (Item# 21-0328/21-0380); Lori Randall (Item# 21-0380); Andrew Randall (Item# 21-0328); Patti Kush (Item#21-0413/Fulton County Elections); Ryan Cook (Item# 21-0328/21-0380); Rohan Ullal (Item# 21-0328/21-0380); Joe Keller (Item# 21-0328); Arlene Meyer (Item# 21-0380); Davida Denton (Item# 21-0328/21-0380); Elizabeth Goldsmith (Item# 21-0380/21-0413); Cassandra Jackson (Item# 21-0380); Melody Kelly (Fulton County Elections/Item# 21-0413); Ellen Spruell (Fulton County Elections); Ethan Manaker (Fulton County Elections); Carrie Smith (Item# 21-0378); Micheal Barron (Item# 21-0328/21-0380/21-0413); Andrea Nugent (Item# 21-0328/21-0380); Kate Herndon (Item# 21-0328/21-0380); April Shepperson (Item# 21-0412/21-0413/21-0378); James Hervey (Item# 21-0328/21-0380); Susan Lynne Mehalick (Item# 21-0328/21-0380/21-0413); Melanie Eyre (Fulton County Elections); Alyce Goldberg (Item# 21-0380); Janet Cunningham (Fulton County Elections); Kirsten Moore (Item# 21-0380); Candace Owens (Item# 21-0328/21-0380/21-0413); Brandon Goldberg (Item# 21-0328/21-0380); Deb Powell (Fulton County Elections); Prital Ullal (Item# 21-0328/21-0380); Lisa Stamey (Item# 21-0413); Denise Harold (Item# 21-0412/21-0413); Lauren Gevry (Item# 21-0328/21-0380); Juliette Hartel (Item#21-0378/21-0380/21-0413); Thomas Hughes (Item#21-0378/21-0380/21-0413); Karen Louis (Item#21-0378/21-0380/21-0413);

Julia Barnes (Item#21-0378/21-0380/21-0328); Karen Wilkins (SB202/Item# 21-0413); Mary Block (Item# 21-0328/21-0380); Lisa Wiley (Item# 21-0380) and Brent Dey (Item# 21-0380)

A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve combining related public comments to read into the record acknowledging all speakers by name. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nay: Ellis

21-0362 Board of Commissioners

Public hearing in connection with the proposed issuance by The Industrial Development Authority of the County of La Paz, Arizona of one or more series of its Charter School Lease Revenue Bonds Series 2021, pursuant to a plan of finance in order to finance costs for a Project within Fulton County, Georgia, in aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$17,000,000.00. **(CONDUCTED)**

**PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCTED
NO SPEAKERS**

COUNTY MANAGER'S ITEMS

Open & Responsible Government

21-0400 County Manager

Presentation of COVID-19 Operational Response Update. **(PRESENTED)
(MOTION APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Hausmann and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to approve following the guidelines of the CDC regarding face masks in Fulton County facilities excluding clinical setting, vaccination sites and any Health Offices. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nay: Arrington

Did Not Vote: Hall

21-0401 Purchasing and Contract Compliance

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

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

Yea: Ellis, Morris, Hall, and Arrington

Did Not Vote: Pitts, Hausmann, and Abdur-Rahman

21-0328 **Registration & Elections**

Request approval of a statewide contract - Registration and Elections, SWC99999-001-SPD0000136-0003, Temporary Staffing - Clerical & Light Industrial in an amount not to exceed \$7,744,880.00 with Happy Faces Personnel Group, Inc. (Tucker, GA) to provide temporary staffing services for the Department of Registration and Elections 2021 Elections. Effective upon BOC approval through December 31, 2021. **(MOTION TO APPROVE FAILED ON 5/19/21) (FAILED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hall, and Arrington

Nay: Hausmann, and Ellis

Did Not Vote: Morris, and Abdur-Rahman

21-0402 **Registration & Elections**

Request approval of a statewide contract - Registration and Elections, 47800-SOS0000037, Master Solution Purchase and Services Agreement for Statewide Voting System in an amount not to exceed \$206,150.00 with Dominion Voting Systems, Inc., (Denver, CO) for the purchase of seven ICC Scanners. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, and Arrington

Did Not Vote: Hausmann, and Abdur-Rahman

21-0403 **Finance**

Request approval of a Resolution authorizing the execution, delivery and performance of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Fulton County Urban Redevelopment Agency (the "issuer"); relating to the issuer's facility Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 in the maximum Aggregate Principal Amount of not to exceed \$55,000,000.00 to finance a portion of the Public Projects included in or contemplated by Fulton County's Urban Redevelopment Plan (as amended) previously approved by the County, and to pay costs of Issuance of the Series 2021 bonds; Ratifying, Approving and Authorizing, as the case may be, the Preparation, Use, Execution, Delivery and Performance of a Final Official Statement, a continuing Disclosure Agreement and such other documents and Certificates Relating of the Series 2021 bonds; and for other purposes. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, and Arrington

Did Not Vote: Pitts, and Abdur-Rahman

21-0404 Finance

Request approval to amend an existing contract - Finance Department, 19RFP10172019C-BKJ, Health Benefits Consulting in the amount of \$180,000.00 with Segal Company, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) to amend the scope of work to include benefits claims audit services for the Anthem medical and pharmacy plans, Aetna dental PPO, and Kaiser HMO plan. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, and Arrington

Did Not Vote: Hausmann, and Abdur-Rahman

21-0405 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of recommended proposals- Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, RFP#20RFP127348C-CG, Standby Emergency Repair and Restoration Services in the total amount of \$3,000,000.00 with (A) Full Circle Restoration & Construction Services, Inc. (Duluth, GA), in the amount of \$1,500,000.00; and, (B) CRM Services, LLC (Austell, GA), in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 to provide standby emergency repair and restoration services for Fulton County facilities on an as needed basis. Effective upon execution of contracts through December 31, 2021 with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

21-0406 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a recommended proposal - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, RFP#21RFP127274K-BKJ, Comprehensive Operation and Preventive and Predictive Maintenance Services for the Fulton County Jail and the South Fulton Municipal Regional Jail in an amount not to exceed \$2,175,459.00 with Johnson Controls, Inc., (Atlanta, GA), to provide comprehensive operation, preventive and corrective maintenance services for the Fulton County Jail and the South Fulton Municipal Jail at Union City. Effective Dates: July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, with four renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Abdur-Rahman

Health and Human Services**21-0408 Senior Services**

Request approval to increase spending authority - Department of Senior Services, RFP# 17RFP109210A-FB, Comprehensive Nutrition Care in amount not to exceed \$672,355.16 with Open Hand Atlanta (Atlanta, GA), to provide congregate and home delivered meals, meal delivery, nutrition education and nutrition counseling for Fulton County residents aged 60 and above. Effective dates January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Abdur-Rahman

21-0409 Community Development

Request approval to amend an existing contract - Department of Community Development, 2019 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER) and Administration of CDBG & HOME programs with Northeast & Bucks Company DBA, Mullin & Lonergan Associates (M&L) in amount not to exceed \$110,000.00 to extend the existing contract to provide assistance to the Fulton County Department of Community Development in preparation of various documents and technical assistance related to the Department of Housing and Urban Development's ("HUD") Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD). Effective from June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Abdur-Rahman

Infrastructure and Economic Development**21-0375 County Manager**

Request approval of a Resolution to repurpose existing General Fund capital funds from roadway transportation projects to be used for transportation related projects to benefit the Fulton County Executive Airport - Charlie Brown Field; and for other purposes. **(HELD ON 5/19/21) (APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, and Hall

Nay: Morris

Did Not Vote: Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

21-0376 Public Works

Request approval to increase spending authority - Department of Public Works, 20ITB125848K-DB, Road Resurfacing in the amount of \$4,427,272.00 with C. W. Matthews Contracting Company (Marietta, GA), to provide resurfacing of roads within the Fulton Industrial District. Effective upon BOC approval. **(HELD ON 5/19/21) (APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Arrington

21-0410 Select Fulton

Request approval of a recommended proposal - Select Fulton, 21RFP020321B-YJ, Urban Redevelopment Plan in the amount of \$29,830.00 with KB Advisory Group (Atlanta, GA), to develop a Urban Redevelopment Plan for the Fulton Industrial Redevelopment Area according to requirements of the Urban Redevelopment Act, O.C.G.A. § 36-61-1, et seq.; and authorization to prepare and present the Georgia Opportunity Zone application. Effective upon the issuance of the Notice to Proceed. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Arrington

Justice and Safety**21-0411 Sheriff**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Sheriff's Office, RFP #18RFP020518B-BR, Delinquent Tax Sales Preparation Services with Government Tax Services, Inc. (Carrollton, Georgia) to provide type written title examinations, abstracts and delinquent tax sales preparation services. This action exercises the third of three renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022. This is a revenue neutral contract. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Arrington

COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS**21-0378 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County to enact the "American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Fulton County Rescue Implementation Plan (RIP);" and for other purposes. **(Abdur-Rahman) (HELD ON 5/19/21) (MOTION TO APPROVE AS AMENDED FAILED)**

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

Yea: Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Nay: Pitts, Hausmann, and Ellis

Abstain: Morris

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Chairman Pitts, to approve an amendment to the Resolution. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, and Morris

Nay: Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Did Not Vote: Ellis

21-0379 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution amending the membership of the Task Force on Elections within Fulton County, and for other purposes. **(Arrington) (HELD ON 5/19/21) (APPROVED)**

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

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

Nay: Ellis

Did Not Vote: Hausmann, and Morris

21-0412 Board of Commissioners

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

ITEM REMOVED AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER ELLIS

21-0413 Board of Commissioners

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

ITEM REMOVED AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON**21-0414 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution authorizing negotiations between Fulton County and the City of Atlanta to temporarily utilize the Atlanta City Detention Center as a location to provide additional programs and services regarding Justice Reform and to address Fulton County Jail housing concerns, and for other purposes.

(Arrington/Hall) (APROVED AS AMENDED)

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

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

Commissioners' Full Board Appointments**21-0380 Board of Commissioners**

BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS **(HELD ON 5/19/21)**
(APPROVED)

Term = 2 Years

Term below expires: 6/30/2021
Alex Wan **(Chair/BOC/Pitts)**

Chairman Pitts nominated Alex Wan for a full Board reappointment to serve as Chairperson to a term ending June 30, 2023.

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

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

Did Not Vote: Hausmann

21-0415 Board of Commissioners**BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS (APPROVED)**

In accordance with Fulton County Code Article II, Board of Elections and Registration: Section 14-33 Composition; member qualifications; method of appointment

Board members shall be appointed in the following manner:

Two members shall be appointed by the governing authority of Fulton County from nominations made by the Chairman of the County Executive Committee of the Democratic Party.

Terms below expire: 6/30/2021

Aaron Johnson (**Fulton County Democratic Party/BOC**)

Vernetta Nuriddin (**Fulton County Democratic Party/BOC**)

The Fulton County Democratic Party appointed Aaron Johnson for a Full Board reappointment and appointed Teresa K. Smith Crawford for a Full Board appointment to terms ending June 30, 2023.

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

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

Did Not Vote: Hausmann

21-0416 Board of Commissioners**BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS (APPROVED)**

In accordance with Fulton County Code Article II, Board of Elections and Registration: Section 14-33 Composition; member qualifications; method of appointment

Board members shall be appointed in the following manner:

Two members shall be appointed by the governing authority of Fulton County from nominations made by the Chairman of the County Executive Committee of the Republican Party.

Term = 2 Years

Terms below expire: 6/30/2021

Dr. Kathleen Ruth (**Fulton County Republican Party/BOC**)

Mark Wingate (**Fulton County Republican Party/BOC**)

The Fulton County Republican Party appointed Dr. Kathleen Ruth and Mark Wingate for Full Board reappointments to terms ending June 30, 2023.

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

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

Did Not Vote: Hausmann

COUNTY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**Arts and Libraries****21-0407 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Present to the Board of Commissioners, the Spend-down Plan for remaining library bond funds accumulated from earned interest and project savings. **(PRESENTED)**

COMMISSIONERS' PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**21-0342 Board of Commissioners**

Discussion: Update of Activities of the City of Atlanta and Fulton County Recreation Authority (AFCRA) Grounds, Facilities and Security Committee (**Arrington**) **(HELD ON 5/5/21 AND 5/19/21) (DISCUSSED)**

21-0343 Board of Commissioners

Discussion: Update of Activities of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (Fort Mac LRA) Community Engagement Subcommittee (**Arrington**) **(HELD ON 5/5/21 AND 5/19/21) (DISCUSSED)**

21-0382 Board of Commissioners

Discussion and Resolution: Deposits in Minority Financial Institutions **(Pitts)**
(HELD ON 5/19/21) (DISCUSSED/APPROVED)

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

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

21-0383 Board of Commissioners

Discussion: Appointment and Termination of certain Fulton County positions
(Pitts) (HELD ON 5/19/21) (DISCUSSED)

21-0417 Board of Commissioners

Discussion: Jail Population Review Teams **(Arrington) (HELD)**

21-0418 Board of Commissioners

Discussion: Public Comment Rules **(Pitts) HELD**

ITEM HELD AS REQUESTED BY CHAIRMAN PITTS**21-0419 Board of Commissioners**

Discussion: South Fulton Senior Multipurpose Center feasibility study
(Abdur-Rahman) (APPROVED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Vice Chair Hall, to begin the cost and design of a Senior Multipurpose Center in District 6 and a feasibility study for all other Districts to determine where there is a need. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Hausmann, Ellis, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Did Not Vote: Pitts, Morris, and Arrington

EXECUTIVE SESSION**21-0420 Board of Commissioners**

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

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

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Vice Chair Hall, to enter into Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Did Not Vote: Abdur-Rahman

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

Yea: Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, and Arrington

Did Not Vote: Pitts, and Abdur-Rahman

d. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Ellis, to approve the request for settlement authority in item #2 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, and Arrington

Did Not Vote: Pitts, and Abdur-Rahman

e. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Hausmann, to accept the revised Quit Claim Deed and grant certain limited restrictions with respect to the Cedar Grove Community Center.. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, and Arrington Pitts,

Did Not Vote: Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

f. f. A motion was made by Vice Chair Hall and seconded by Commissioner Morris, to authorize the Chief Human Resource Officer to enter into an Agreement with the RMN Agency to conduct the Executive search for the County Attorney at a cost not to exceed \$69,000.00 plus associated candidate travel and reimbursable expenses and authorizing the County Attorney to negotiate and finalize the terms. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, and Arrington

Did Not Vote: Pitts, and Abdur-Rahman

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S
REGULAR MEETING

June 2, 2020

10:00 A.M.

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I'd like to call the meeting to order. This is the Regular Meeting of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. Today is June 2nd, 2021, and it is approximately 10:01 a.m. Madam Clerk, please call the roll for purposes of a quorum."

CLERK GRIER: "Chairman Robb Pitts."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Liz Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Bob Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Lee Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Vice Chair Natalie Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Marvin Arrington, Jr."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner 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: "Thank you. Continue, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 2, Consent Agenda, **21-0388**, 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. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have two amendments to today's Consent Agenda. On page 2, 21-0389, proclamations for spreading recognizing Chris Nelson Appreciation Day, and the Drake House Appreciation Day sponsored by Commissioner Hausmann. Also, will be cosponsored by Commissioner Ellis. On page 3, 21-0393, Development Authority of Fulton County. Commissioner Morris has requested to hold his nomination of Bob Shaw to replace Thomas G. Tidwell for an unexpired district appointment to a term ending May 31, 2023."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That's it?"

CLERK GRIER: "That's it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioners, anything on the Consent Agenda? If not, I'll entertain a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "So moved."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion to approve by Commissioner Ellis. Seconded by Commissioner Morris. Let's vote, please."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On the bottom of page 3, **21-0396**, Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Move approval."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Chairman?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, go ahead, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I may have to leave the meeting early. So without objection, I'm going to ask that we move my item number 378 to just after the MARTA presentation and before County Manager items. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Which page?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "That would be on page 7."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Page 7."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Page 7, Chair."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Page 7. Okay."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Where?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I asked that we move -- I'm sorry. I asked that we move my item number 378 to just after the MARTA presentation and before County Manager items because I may have to leave early."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. No objection. Anything else on the Consent Agenda -- not on the -- I mean, on the regular agenda? We dealt with that one. I'm sorry?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I apologize, Chairman. Please, forgive me. It was one other thing that I want to ask that the item 21-0375 and 21-0376 --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What page?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "That is on the bottom of page 6, and if that could be moved to past Executive Session. I'm sorry. Because I believe we're going -- I could be wrong, but I thought we would be in Executive -- its information pertaining to this that may be presented during Executive Session. And so, if that could be moved past the Executive Session so we'll have all of the information. Item 21-0375 and 21-0376."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Oh, okay. I understand what you're saying. So those two items would relate to matters that we'll be discussing in Executive Session. So her request is that we take those up after Executive Session."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes, sir."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No objection."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "I don't have an objection to that, but I don't see a MARTA item on the agenda, and that's where I was confused as to when this -- this was happening, the first item she asked to move."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "It would be before the County Manager's item -- let me just make sure I'm looking at the right one. It would be the -- it's before 21-0400. You're correct, Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Could we have it after the COVID update, because they're relevant, instead of before?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "What page is the COVID update on?"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "That is the item the County Manager -- 0400."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "That's fine. No problem."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Did you get that, Madam Clerk?"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes. So noted."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Any other changes?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Mr. Chair."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "With approval, Commissioner Arrington, we'd like for items 21-0412 and 21-0413 to be -- to be held, so we could have further discussion related to those, which we didn't have last week."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. What page?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "These are on page 7 of 10. 412 and 413."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "To hold?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Just remove it until the next meeting if needed."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. All right. Any other additions, corrections, changes?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "If not, I'll entertain a motion to approve the Regular Agenda as amended. Commissioner Hall has moved approval, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Cast your votes, please."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 4, **21-0397**, Ratification of Minutes, Regular Meeting Minutes, May 5th. Recess Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, May 19th. Special Called Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, May 27, 2021."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Move approval."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion is to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Hausmann. Cast your vote, please."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**21-0398**, presentation of proclamations and certificates. Proclamation recognizing Fatherhood Celebration Month sponsored by Commissioner Ellis and Chairman Pitts."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "All right. We have representative here with us from Father's Matter. I'm going to ask her to make a few remarks at the end of the proclamation? Whereas, the Morehouse School of Medicine Prevention Research Center in partnership with state agencies, and various community stakeholders have teamed up to mobilize fatherhood in Georgia. And whereas, research demonstrates that children who have an involved father are more likely to be emotionally secure, physically healthy, have success in social skills, academic performance, adult careers, and employment goals; and involvement of fathers in the lives of their partners, decreases maternal stress, and reduces maternal morbidity and mortality. And whereas, with fathers actively engaged, children are less vulnerable to the risk of childhood poverty, abuse and neglect, mental illness, juvenile delinquency, use sexual activity, teenage pregnancy, substance abuse, incarceration, violence, and failure to complete high school. And Whereas, coalition and community stakeholders are collaborating to develop a system that serves fathers as well as it serves mothers and children by executing strategies that connect fathers to resources and to each other, reach fathers, improve relationships between men and agencies and between co-parents, support in their healing, reclaim the narrative about fathers, address mass incarceration, and implement father-friendly policies. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes the positive impact of all active and present fathers, and commends their contributions to their children and families, and does hereby proclaim the month of June 2021, as Fatherhood Celebration Month in Fulton County, Georgia. I'd like for you to share a little bit about some of the importance work that you all are doing, you know, as part of the coalition."

SPEAKER: "Good morning. Thank you all so much. Thank you, Commissioner Pitts. Thank you, Commissioner Ellis, for this proclamation and initial support of our mobilization effort to support and promote father involvement across Metro Atlanta. And

so, we are really working hard to implement strategies. We know that celebration of this month with Father's Day and men's health month, that's going to happen. There's going to be a lot of cards and events and things. But we know that we need systems. We need policies. We need programs that really support fathers and their involvement. So thank you again for this initial support through this proclamation."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Mr. Chair."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Just a point of order while everybody's coming back to their seats. I did want to just mention and recognize the passing of Pete Correll this past week. And certainly, he made a tremendous amount of contributions to the County. I just wanted to mention that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Thank you, Commissioner Ellis. His service is today during our meeting. I think we would probably all be attending that, and I hate that it conflicts because he did so much for Grady Hospital and for Fulton County that it's a big loss."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "Continuing on page 4, Public Hearings, **21-0399**, 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 online. By registering on the County website www.fultoncountyGA.gov. Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each. The public will not be allowed to yield or donate time to other speakers. The public comment portion of the meeting will not exceed 30 minutes. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we will start with speakers here in Assembly Hall. We have received eight speaker cards. Will the first five speakers please come down. State Representative Mandisa Thomas, Doug Shipman, JoAnn Potts, Greg Fann, and Maggie Goldman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, with the exception of the public officials, when you have 15 seconds remaining of your two minutes I'll say 15 seconds which will be the signal for you to sum up. First speaker."

STATE REPRESENTATIVE MANDISHA THOMAS: "Good morning. Greetings. I'm State Representative Mandisha A. Thomas. And I am here in support of Commissioner Khadijah's American Rescue Plan Act. I represent the 65th District, which includes five of the eight cities in South Fulton County, which Commissioner Khadijah represents as well, so we share the same constituents. \$32 million in mortgage and rental assistance,

at least 60 percent of residents in the 65th district are homeowners, and at least 20 percent of those are homeowners that are struggling to keep their homes because of variables of the pandemic. \$10 million for grants to small business. Georgia has been dubbed the entrepreneur state and the number one state to do business in. How can we hold this title if we don't adopt Commissioner Khadijah's plan? They're over 5,000 small business owners in South Fulton that seek resources and equipment. We need Commissioner Khadijah's plan. Thank you."

DOUG SHIPMAN: "Good morning. I'm Doug Shipman. I'm a proud resident of Fulton County, Fourth Ward of Atlanta. And as many of you know, I am the former CEO of the National Center for Civil Human Rights and former CEO of the Woodruff Arts Center. I am here today to say that as we start to reopen in the arts community and in the nonprofit community, the pandemic is far from over. As I have talked to my former colleagues and those leading organizations as they try to reopen their services, their performances, and hire back their staff, they still are far short on the resources that they need in order to reopen. That's why I am here today to support the Rescue Implementation Plan that has been offered. I believe that this plan will help our arts community, will help our nonprofits, and will help our small business owners go from where we are today to where we want them to go in the future. This pandemic has impacted them so deeply, and has cut off their ability to both fundraise and earn funds. And this plan, I am so glad, includes them to make sure that those nonprofits -- those artists, and those arts organizations are not lost between now and the time that they can continue to earn, and to hire, and to provide all the wonderful resources that they do to our community. And so, I am here to offer my support because I think that having these funds immediately and quickly be in the hands of business owners and organizational leaders, so that they can invest them to move forward is an incredibly good use of these funds coming from the federal government, and I hope that you all will support this plan today. Thank you, so very much."

JOANNA POTTS: "Good morning, Commissioners. I am Joanna Potts. I am a lifelong resident of Fulton County and a constituent of the Mighty 6th District. I'm here to speak in support of Commissioner Khadijah Abdur-Rahman's American Rescue Plan. This plan addresses small business rescue. We have had some distributions of funds in our state, in our city, in our county for rental assistance, but this plan brings assistance and rescue for mortgages that have been behind during the pandemic and brings relief there. This plan rescue jobs and, most importantly, this plan includes a one-time three thousand dollar payment for every single Fulton County employee, who stood in their jobs as essential employees, and kept this county and this state moving. I am 100 percent in support, and I ask all of you Commissioners to please support Commissioner Khadijah Abdur-Rahman's American Rescue Plan. Thank you."

GREG FANN: "Good morning, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. I am Greg Fann. I am the President of the South Fulton Ministerial Alliance. I am also the Chairman of the Board of the Voter Empowerment Collaborative found by the late Reverend Albert E. Love. And I have with me today, the Executive Director of Atlanta North Georgia Labor

Counsel, Ms. Sandra Williams. We're here in support of the resolution that I talked about last time that Commissioner Khadijah Abdur-Rahman is proposing. We -- Yesterday, we were down at the Georgia Department of Labor, and the doors are shut. The doors are shut. It said that they're many jobs out there, but the doors are shut. Their own doors are shut for opportunity for people to even get jobs. We ask you -- you guys have a conscience. I've worked for you a long time. I know you do. You helped them raise the salaries for the employees here to a minimum of \$15 an hour. Help now those people who are losing their homes. Help those people who are being evicted. Some people have been evicted twice during this pandemic. We need your support. We need your help and help the employees of Fulton County. They worked hard during this pandemic. They worked many, many hours to make sure that this County continues to work and perform to serve the citizens of Fulton County. Thank you, Mr. Mr. Ellis, for your consideration today. God bless you, Bob and God bless all of you. God bless America. Thank you."

SANDRA WILLIAMS: "Thank you."

MAGGIE GOLDMAN: "My name is Maggie Goldman. I'm a resident of Johns Creek in District 1. I'm offering my support for the Resolution today that will begin implementation of the Resolution that provides Fulton citizens with a piece of the American Rescue Plan dollars coming to Fulton County. I heard at the last meeting when the staff member of the Tax Commissioner's Office explained how hard they had to work during COVID, and the risks they had to take, and how long they did not qualify for the bonus allotted to public safety personnel. We need to honor our Fulton County staff who put themselves at risk last year by offering the countywide bonuses of \$3,000 as Commissioner Abdur-Rahman has proposed in her American Rescue Plan. In fact, DeKalb County Commission has introduced and will pass similar bonuses of two to three thousand dollars for all of their staff. Fulton usually leads the way in Metro Atlanta, and we should at least be able to match or exceed DeKalb's policies. We also need to make sure we are keeping competitive with DeKalb to retain our personnel. In April, the Commission passed a Resolution against SB-202 where there was a report from the County Attorney due back in 30 days detailing any legal action the Commission can take against SB-202 to protect Fulton voters. Please make this report available to the public. When it does come up for a vote, I'm urging you to vote, yes, to support Commissioner Arrington's Resolution allowing the Commission to affirm and maintain its oversight in hiring and firing decisions over the Fulton Elections Board, and vote, no on the Ellis Resolution. Ultimately, the Fulton Commission is responsible for everything that happens in County Departments and needs to have a final say in choosing department leaders. I'd like to know what the plan is to prioritize Black, Latino, and Asian communities in Fulton through mobile vaccination units and when will those start? Who can we contact if we have recommendations of locations in communities? There are plenty of locations in North Fulton. We'd like to see the mobile units to serve these populations. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "Last three speakers, please, come down in Assembly Hall, Julian Benét, Malika Rahman, and Stella Mora."

JULIAN BENET: "Good morning, Mr. Chair, and Commissioners. My name is Julian Benet. I expect y'all are aware of the information request that I spearheaded with a number of fellow public-minded activists to find out what Development Authority of Fulton County does with all the fees that they earn from the tax breaks that they unnecessarily give at the cost of the Atlanta Schools and Atlanta City and your funds. I'm here probably because on your Agenda you have an item to put former Board Chair, Shaw back onto the Board. That's inappropriate in view of what we've discovered of how he was using the per diem's to pad his bank account. I'm here also to ask you though, this goes much more deeper than that. There's a huge conflict of interest when board members are able to pay themselves in the way that the newspaper and Channel 2 have revealed yesterday evening. Huge conflict of interest. In addition, these board members have now voted themselves slush funds, \$25,000 apiece to spend, which is again, an inducement to rubberstamp as they do pretty much every tax break the developers bring to them. Now, I know some of you think that that's just great."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds."

JULIAN BENET: "But we don't. The public is outraged. There are 11 things that we think this Board should do, and I'd like to leave a list with you. Thank you, very much."

MALEKA RAHMAN: "Good morning, my name is Maleka Rahman, and I'm a Fulton County voter, homeowner, and resident. And I'm not very happy right now. Because there is money to help my community, to help me. You all are dragging it and delaying it for whatever reason, I don't know. Commissioner Arrington, will you be leaving early again today? Because people in your community who look just like you are waiting for help. Small business owners are waiting for help. Homeowners are waiting for help. And it don't go just for him, it goes for everybody sitting on this Board. Your community needs help. There are people who have been ravaged by this pandemic. They have lost their homes. They are losing their businesses, and there is money that is there to help them, but yet there is a delay on it. I'm confused, and I'm sure most of my constituents, your constituents and my community members, are also very confused. But guess what? I'm a voter and I've been a voter since it was legal for me to vote. So I will make sure that I remember who helped, and who did not help this community that is being torn apart by a pandemic. Thank you, very much."

STELLA MORAH: "Hi. My name is Stella Morah. I work for the Tax Commissioner's office. I'm here on behalf of the Tax Commissioner employees. On March of last year, the 10th of last year, the County was closed. Three weeks after that, we were called back to come back to work because we are essential employees. When we come back, we were all collecting almost 50 percent of Fulton County's revenues, and every one of you knows that. While we were back, my coworkers -- some of us who are here, we didn't know how serious this pandemic was. But we all catch the disease. I personally catch the disease in this office where I'm working. While some employees were at home. When I caught that disease, I almost died. Luckily, I survived. And we were

promised that they're going to give us the money, but we have not seen anything. Please, Commissioners, look at the Tax Commissioner's office. I don't know the relationship you have with the Tax Commissioner, himself, which over the years was not bad, but the employees need you. We need to be paid. We know how much we collected. I personally know how much Fulton County collected the past one year. And you know how I know because I'm the one that write it down. Before the money goes to the bank, I know how much is going there. This money, I know how much we're collecting. I know how much is going to the bank. That money needs to be paid to the Tax Commissioner's office."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds. Fifteen seconds."

STELLA MORAH: "Thank you, very much."

CLERK GRIER: "No further speakers in Assembly Hall. Next set of speakers are virtual."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam, where? North or south?"

DARREN SMITH, IT: "Can you hear me out there?" Madam Clerk?

CLERK GRIER: "We can hear you."

DARREN SMITH, IT: "You can hear me?"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes."

DARREN SMITH, IT: "Thank you. We have four Zoom attendees. The first one to be recognized to come to the floor is former Senator Vincent Fort."

FORMER SENATOR VINCENT FORT: "Good morning, Mr. -- Good morning, Mr. Chair and Members of the Commission. I'm sorry, can you hear me?"

DARREN SMITH, IT: "We can hear you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, sir, Senator."

FORMER SENATOR VINCENT FORT: "Okay. All right. Thank you. Mr. Chair, Members of the Commission, I want to talk this morning about the Fulton County Development Authority. There are two issues that I think that are relevant, most relevant when we're talking about the Authority. One is the tax breaks which produced gentrification in our community, and the second element, which is related, is the conflict of interests that are found at the Development Authority. Several Board Members and the CEO have been putting money in their own pockets to rubberstamping almost every break that developers request Board Members per diem are running as high as

\$56,000 a year, lucrative contracts of firms where Board Member worked, extraordinarily high established [Inaudible.] by a person rubberstamp outfit. These are serious conflicts of interest. We can see why the Board and CEO would, okay, almost all developer breaks that come to them. I am glad to see that Mr. Shaw's reappointment was put on hold. I would strongly urge you not to appoint or reappoint any board members of the Development Authority that have taken more than a basic \$5,000 per year per diem per year. That's not what per diems are intended to do. They should, at the very least, not be given any more than the federal per diem allotment. The Fulton County Development Authority CEO and staff should file, and this is very important -- file financial disclosures as least as rigorous for those -- for example, NPU members in the City of Atlanta have to file. That's very important in order to identify conflict of interest, and I will just end by saying this, there is no other local development authority that pays per diem to its board members. Instruct the Authority to stop paying these per diems, or if they do pay them, they should be at the federal level, or limited to the \$5,000 that was discussed before. Thank you, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Senator."

DARREN SMITH, IT: "Mr. Chair, the floor recognizes Mr. Benjamin Howard."

BENJAMIN HOWARD: "Thank you. Greetings, Commissioners and staff. And special greetings to you citizens and voters of Fulton County, who are watching and/or listening to your county government in action. Ben Howard, Senior Advocate, Public Policy Analyst. The Commission on the Elder Affairs, COEA, meets again a week from Friday, June the 11th at 12:30 p.m. Great progress is being made, but there are still some hiccups. The accepted definition of legal notification of COEA meetings, misses thousands of senior citizens, and there's two never reach an acceptable plateau of citizen participation in elder affairs. Even seniors, who are Internet savvy and social media minded, may not be seeking out and searching the COEA website to find something for themselves to do. On a related note, for quorum purposes and greater representation, COEA could consider adding an at-large member, who would have a voice, but not vote until filling in, unless filling in for Board member who is absent or incapacitated. I've made a similar recommendation to the Council on Aging, since for years; it has been acting like a three-legged horse because the South Area Council had been defunct. Steps are being taken to retrofit that three-legged horse, but the process for filling that South Area Council vacancy is challenging and challengeable. Stay tuned."

DARREN SMITH, IT: "Mr. Chair, the floor recognizes Bridget Thorne."

BRIDGETTE THORNE: "Hello, Commissioners. This is Bridgette. Commissioner Arrington, I'm not a Trumpican. I resent your attack and comments at the last meeting. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, I'm not against Happy Faces Temp Agency, because they are a minority-owned firm. I am actually a minority. I'm simply a citizen who wants

voter integrity. If you support strangers running our elections, then sure, renew that Happy Faces contract. If you don't want election integrity, then sure, renew Happy Faces. Go ahead and go against SOS auditor's report and keep having strangers working our elections. Happy Faces employees were used in all areas of our elections. They're used for 100 percent early voting, signature verification, absentee ballot processing, and adjudication, drop box pickup, warehousing. They are not stakeholders in our communities. They don't care. Based on my experience, they are unqualified and poor workers. Right now, just a very small percentage of civil-minded citizens are involved in our elections on Election Day only and only in our precincts. A normal person can't contact Happy Faces and get to work our elections. They won't return your call. You have to contact Megan or Lindsay. They are screened. So who is deciding who handles our precious ballot? Our ballots are our votes. I understand Nadine Williams used to be in charge of early voting. She would simply call Happy Faces and request how many workers she need. Easy. Now, she's been promoted to elections director and, of course, she's taking the easy route. Well, that easy route is not the best route. We need people who live in our community and want to engage in our community running our elections. It is time Fulton County elections has their own staffing hiring department. It would save the County millions of dollars every year. It would engage the community and will bring trust in our elections. If this cannot be done, you need to support the BRE's decision to fire Richard Barron. We need new leadership. And by the way, Ms. Hall, I'm still waiting on that proof that you have to support your decision to overrule the Board's decision. Thank you."

DARREN SMITH, IT: "Mr. Chair, Madam Clerk our last attendee is for Foluke Nunn. And I apologize if I've mispronounced the first name."

FULUKE NUNN: Good morning. My name is Fuluke Nunn. I'm a community organizer and a resident of East Point in District 5. I would like to also comment on the report that recently came out exposing how Development Authority Board Members have been giving themselves generous compensation while granting wealthy development firms millions in unnecessary tax breaks. This is clear and obvious corruption, and it's hurting the people of Fulton County. I'm concerned about this not only the Fulton County residents, but also as someone who works with individuals who are at risk of losing their housing. Less tax money often means less money for housing subsidies, and right now, tens of thousands of Fulton County residents are still struggling to catch up on rent that they owe as a result of losing work during the pandemic. So I ask the Commission take charge of \$8 million that the Development Authority currently has in its bank account, and use that money, which again, was earned from \$100 million and tax giveaways to grant developers and put them toward a fund to eliminate rent debt in Fulton County. And, finally, I would also like to ask the Commission to not reappoint Robert Shaw, who presided over this corruption as the Development Authority Board Chair from 2002 until last fall, and has received over \$90,000 in payments at the beginning of 2019. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have one more virtual public comment. This will be from the Honorable Ambassador Andrew Young, former mayor of Atlanta."

HONORABLE ANDREW YOUNG: "To my good friend, and the Chairman of my County, Robb Pitts, and all of the County Commissioners present. I just want to say that I hope that you can help us to utilize the funds that the federal government would like to pass on to the poorest people in our County, and I think that when we find out who has the need for home mortgage, and rental assistance -- when we find out who is it that has small businesses, where they've had to close them down, and haven't been able to find enough employees that this will give them the kind of jump start that they need to get back into business. There's a payment of about \$3,000 for all the eligible County employees, and I know that you know how to make use of that. But the grants and job training that goes through the nonprofit agencies in the County. We've got some good nonprofit agencies; and, of course, I'm prejudice, but I think that Hosea Feeds the Hungry is one of my favorites, because as I grew up with Elizabeth Omilami when she was a little girl in Savannah before they moved here. But the fact that they kept feeding the hungry throughout these years, and have done the work that they've done to keep people in a somewhat civil condition is a blessing to all of us. And so, I hope that you will recognize the importance of this legislation, and give it a positive vote. And God bless you. In fact, God will bless you, if you keep blessing others with his blessing."

CLERK GRIER: "No further virtual speakers."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. So, I've been informed that we have 175 written comments. If you do the math, it's about 350 minutes, assuming everybody takes two minutes, looks like about five or six hours. Now, at the last meeting, I suggested that until such time as we come up with how we want to handle written comments that we would hear from everyone. But I think today it speaks to the fact that we do need to come up with some way of handling, because this all came about because of COVID, and no one wants to deny the public the opportunity to be heard. And I'd ask Commissioner Arrington to give some thought to how we should proceed, and I've had my staff look at it. We've got about four or five options that we've not have an opportunity to discuss how we want to proceed. But I think that at some point, I mean it's -- we're going to have to make a decision. And again, I want to make it crystal clear, no one wants to deny the public an opportunity to be heard, but to sit here and listen to five hours of reading written comments, that's a bit much, and we have a lot to take care of today. So that would take us to about 2:00 or 3:00 this afternoon before we got the first matter to even vote on. So, let me -- let me hear from everyone. So, Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, and Commissioner Morris."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. One thing that I noticed when we had the over 100 speakers at the last BOC meeting was that there were quite a few who wrote the exact same thing. And so, I think it might help if we just read one time what

everyone wrote, and count off how many people wrote the exact same thing and just call out that number. So if you have 50 people that wrote the exact same comment, then just say they're 50 of the same comment and read it one time. That way everybody is accounted for, and we do hear at least what is being said, and we know how many times it was written in."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Vice Chair. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chair. I would echo Vice Chair Hall's sentiment. I would just add that we are in a pandemic. We have asked the constituents to utilize the system of e-mailing in, and like you, Chair, I do want every one's voice to be heard. This is trying times. I know personally myself, I field over two thousand calls dealing with the Resolution that I have. And so, I would ask that what Vice Chair has put forward be considered, but at the end of the day, we have a very pressing -- and very important issues that the constituents of Fulton County need to know that we respect their voice because ultimately they are our bosses. That's who we answer to; the constituents. And so, whatever we need to do to work it out -- these are trying times. I know that is a lot of public comments, but I also know we're in, you know, the middle of a pandemic. We might not be at the height, but some people just cannot come in. So, I would hope we would try to find as a Body a happy medium to make sure that the constituents of Fulton County are heard. Thank you, Chair."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Morris followed by Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yeah, I don't want to belabor the point. I agree with the Vice Chair and with Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. I think today, we haven't changed the rules, and we probably need to hear from folks, but certainly, when people send out suggested text for e-mails, which happens an awful lot, it would make a lot of sense today for it to be read one time with the names of those who've sent it mentioned as well. And in the future -- I serve on a number like all of us -- I serve on a number of boards requiring public comment, and when they're e-mailed in, they are simply posted on the website of that board, and made public that way, and so the public comment is shared and made public. But I don't think the e-mail comments will stop when the pandemic is over. I think people are used to that now, and they are going to continue to send them, so it's not something that's going to go away. We're going to have to adopt some new rules about it. My suggestion would be that we just post them on our website when they come in and do it that way."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I agree with my colleagues, but I would offer a small change. I don't know that they need to -- that we need to restrict the comments only that are the exact same language. I would say those that are substantially similar, right; because they may change one or two words, but it's still the intent. So, you know, I don't want us to get caught up in the exact language,

which might still have us listening to a hundred of them as compared to reading out the names, but, yes, we do Madam County Attorney, if you can maybe work on a Resolution that will limit the e-mails particularly since we're back in session, and hopefully request people, if they want their comments to be heard, to either attend the meeting in person, or via Zoom, so that they can be seen and heard. And we probably need to also, you know, the current rule only allows for 30 minutes of public comment. And we've never not since the first day I've been here have we ever complied with that. So, we probably need to expand that timeframe to be more accurate at least two hours probably is what we need in there, or up to two hours, and perhaps go from there. But, yes, I think in terms of the meeting today, we need to look at limiting the number of comments by just calling the names of those that are similar or are substantially similar and I don't know, I call them the talking point e-mails. But -- and they come from both sides, so you don't want to make it a party thing. So, any of those that are talking point e-mails from either side, we should just really read out the names of those people for purposes of today until we can come back with a Resolution -- Madam County Attorney for the next meeting. And I guess that'll mean we'll probably have to do it at that next meeting as well."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. The difficulty today though is going to be -- they're going to have -- they're going to be doing it on the fly because, you know, they haven't had a chance to go through it, but we'll try to get through it. Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yeah. I was just going to indicate that we've not had a -- anything separate for this in the expectation from the folks is that they were going to be heard, so, you know, not really you might not like the time, but I would sort of just say, let it be read. That's kind of where I stand today."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. All right. Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yeah, I'll just follow up. You know, I think, today since we have not made any changes, we do need to honor our past process, and hear from the people that took the time to communicate with us. But we can't continue to spend four hours during our business meetings in this area, and get anything done up for the citizens that we serve. We can't allocate resources to help folks in need if we don't have the time to do so. And so, while I agree that we have to do it today because we have not made proper changes, we must address this before the next meeting in order to have clear communication to the public about what we can do with our limited time that we have to meet every month, so that we can do the job we need to do to help folks in our community."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Anyone else? All right. Mr. Carver. I'm sorry. Mr. Ellis, Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I mean, I do think that there's, you know, the use of paraphrase and that sort of stuff, you know, is acceptable. I mean, one thing at this

point -- when we did have people come down and speak at the podium, many times they are repeating the same thing, as well, so it's kind of, you know, which one are you going to have -- say? If you've said the same thing as the two other folks then just say, you know, I'm against this, and then move on -- I mean, so, you know, is there a quality of -- are we saying that, you know somebody who can physically be able to get down here and make comment, you know, takes precedent over somebody who can't come down here and makes comment through e-mail, or via Zoom, you know. So, I think we need to kind of think about all of those things as we come up with whatever policy we have going forward."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Ms. Corbitt, you want to be heard?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to make sure we're giving clear direction to my team that is reading the comments. So what I think I heard is that you do wish to at least hear the name of every person who has submitted a comment, if the person's comments are substantially the same would you like us to simply summarize that, or to read the entire comment?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, I think today since we haven't make a change just read the -
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JESSICA CORBITT, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "-- okay. Thank you. They are prepared to do that. Ms. Waller and Mr. Carver will alternate the comments and read them verbatim. Thank you."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I don't know. Mr. Chair I don't know I guess what's proper or not. I just heard four Commissioner's say one thing so, I guess I need to make a motion that we limit the comments today so, that only the names of the people -- the comments that are similar or substantially similar we, can only hear the names of those people so that we can get on with the business of the people. And so, I guess I'll make that motion."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I don't think there's any objection to the extent that they can determine you know --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I don't know it might be worth five or ten minutes to give them the opportunity to go through it, rather than the six hours."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Can I ask a question?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Does your motion include giving the topic and the opinion as well as the name, if --?”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “I'm open to that. I don't have necessarily an objection --”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “-- I think if we're going to do that, we need to be clear on what you know there even if it is similar that we sure it's communicated what their message was intended to be.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “I think my motion would be to have them read one of them in their entirety -- the entirety of one, and the names of all of the people that support it.”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “If hat motion is appropriate. I'd be happy to second it. That was my intent as well.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, I'll entertain a probably moved and seconded. Any --”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Jessica, do you need some time to do that?”

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: “That would be very helpful. At this time, the comments are sorted chronologically, five of them by subject so, if we could either we can do one of two things: we can begin reading them now in groups of ten, and they would just say what they can say kind of on the fly, or we can take a few minutes to sort them. Whatever the Board prefers.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Why don't you take a few minutes to sort through them --”

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: “Thank you Sir.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “-- have a coffee break. Ten minutes. What?”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “You've got a vote.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “So, Commissioner, your motion is still on the floor.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Yes.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “So, where are we now?”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “So, I think we just need to vote on it.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “—substantially, those that are substantially similar just read one in its entirety, and list how many and to call the names of those who were saying the same thing. Okay. And they’re going to try to sort that out now. So, let’s vote on the Arrington motion is to approve by Arrington, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Cast your votes, please.”

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Ten minutes. We’ll take a recess for ten minutes while they sort through.”

(Ten minute break taken for External Affairs and Public Comment.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Mr. Carver?”

DARRYL CARVER: "Yes, Sir."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Are you ready?”

DARRYL CARVER: “Yes, Sir.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “You have the floor.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Okay, in the interest of time, what we’ll do is we will read the comments on certain topics, and then as we approach those topics again, we’ll reiterate that another person supports that certain issue, and we’ll call that person’s name. First public comment from --”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Mr. Chair, I have a question for clarification, excuse me. How are we handling it if there were any elected officials that may have e-mailed? Are we recognizing them?”

DARRYL CARVER: “They will be read in total.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Okay. Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Mr. Carver.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Okay, yes, Sir. The first public comment is from Carla Halsell of Atlanta. What Georgia is doing to keep citizens from voting is unconstitutional and we’ll be sued. I’m sick of imbeciles using my tax dollars to knowingly waste money when they could be used to actually help people.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Public comment from Lester Leslie of Atlanta. Hello my name is Lester Leslie and I’m a resident of Fulton County District 6. I urge the Fulton County

Board of Commissioners to decide with democracy and re-appoint Alex Wan as Chair of the Fulton County Board of Elections. Chairman Wan has proven throughout his career that he can put the rights of Fulton County residents front and center and now more than ever Fulton County voters deserve a Board of Elections' Chair who can fight for free and fair elections for all Americans."

DARRYL CARVER: "Public comment from Pamela Gifford of Roswell is also in support of Alex Wan."

DARRYL CARVER: "Public comment from Aimee Uphues of Alpharetta. I'm writing to strongly oppose the contract with Happy Faces Temp Agency to run our elections. Workers should be stakeholders in the community not paid temp agencies. We have all seen the video of Ruby Freeman and her daughter at the State Farm Arena, and of various other videos she posted online mishandling mail-in ballots. We are still awaiting an investigation and accountability for the numerous irregularities. We also oppose the rehiring of Richard Barron who has been implicated in the November 3rd State Farm "leak" that was used to stop the counting. Alex Wan should not be Chair of Fulton County elections as this is a nonpartisan position in which he is clearly not. The citizens of Fulton County should have our residents working in polling and in all other aspects of the voting process; not a temp agency from another county."

DARRYL CARVER: "Public comment by Angelia Robson of Atlanta. I 100% oppose agenda items 21-0328 with regard to the contract with Happy Faces, and 21-0402 with regard to buying anymore dominion voting system scanners."

DARRYL CARVER: "Public comment from Tamara Kelley of Atlanta is also in support of Alex Wan."

REGINA WALLER: "Public comment by Bill Bozarth of Atlanta the manner in which your development authority operates is disgraceful; please, clean this up."

REGINA WALLER: "Public comment by Varun Vishwanath of Johns Creek. There is no excuse for this Board to be paying itself with taxpayers' funds. This should be purely a voluntary effort. Additionally, stop giving away tax breaks haphazardly to corporations who don't need them. The vast majority will maintain their plans without a public subsidiary; so, stop selling out Fulton County's residents."

REGINA WALLER: "Public comment by Michelle Weston of Milton. Ms. Weston is in support of Alex Wan being reappointed to the Board of Registration and Elections."

REGINA WALLER: "Public comment by Thomas Keeler of Atlanta. Mr. Keeler is also -- would like to see that Mr. Wan is reappointed to the Board of Registration and Elections."

REGINA WALLER: “Public comment Julia Chen of Atlanta is in support of Mr. Wan being reelected to the Board of Registration and Elections.”

REGINA WALLER: “Also public comment from Tonya Lawrence of Atlanta in support of seeing Mr. Wan being reelected to the Chairman of the Board of Registration and Elections.”

REGINA WALLER: “Public comment from Matt Rowenczak. Fulton County BOC meeting there are two items that should not be adopted: item 21-0328 regarding the statewide contract with Happy Faces personnel group should absolutely be denied. This is not an appropriate or responsible use of taxpayer dollars. Anyone familiar with these temporary workers understand they’re lacking in quality work. Many aren’t from Georgia and they are grossly under educated in an election process in Georgia not to mention while we are willing to grant them a contract of almost \$8 million, when it’s not even a major election year. This would be -- excuse me. This would be an obvious misuse of our taxpayer dollars and could be spent in a number of more appropriate areas. Do not approve this item. I and many others will be watching or attending to see who does the right thing as responsible government stewards of our dollars.”

REGINA WALLER: “Public comment by Nathan Clubb of Atlanta is in support of Mr. Wan being reappointed as the Chairman of the Board of Registration and Elections.”

REGINA WALLER: “Public comment by James Evans of Atlanta. The County is rebuilding day by day and we need things as organized as possible from the upper-level to the small business and the town up to the government as long as the business is moving at a steady pace. I see nothing but progress in the near future.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Public comment by Thomas Williams of Atlanta is also in support of reappointing Alex Wan as Chair of the Board of Registration and Elections as is Christina Garcia of Atlanta.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Public comment by Grant Gandy of Atlanta. I’m deeply concerned about excessive per diems and fees for signing documents giving the Fulton development authority board members for their job of rubberstamping giveaways to real-estate developers with questionable benefits. There is overlap in Atlanta with invest Atlanta and Fulton Development authority should probably not be operating on the same turf.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Another public comment in support of Alex Wan is from Lauren Dye of Atlanta; as is Valerie VanAntwerp of Atlanta.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Public comment by Louisa Offitt of Atlanta is also regarding the Fulton County development authority.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Public comment from Meredith Randall of Milton is in support of Alex Wan as well.”

REGINA WALLER: “Public comment by Patricia Kennedy of Atlanta is in support of reappointment of Alex Wan to the Board of Registration and Elections. As is Michelle Vogel of Fulton County in support of Mr. Wan being reappointed to the Board of Registration and Elections.”

REGINA WALLER: “Public comment by Rick McDonald is in support of reappointment of Mr. Alex Wan as the Chairman, as is Deane Cardinalli. Her comment is we need people serving on our Boards, Commission, state and federal institutions who are willing and able to represent the people who need them rather than the special interests. And people who are incapable of thinking beyond themselves or for their own selfish needs.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Public comment by Kay Stephenson is critical of development authority of Atlanta as is public comment by Margaret Breen of Atlanta. And public comment from Melissa Miller is in support of Alex Wan for Board of Registration and Elections, as is public comment from Suzanne Wood and Siobhan Gilchrist. I apologize for the gross mispronunciation.”

REGINA WALLER: “Public comment by Stephanie Coffin: I'm outraged about the spending of government money for the projects in Atlanta that don't need the millions they are throwing away. Please stop further horrified that you Commissioner and your supporters are making a big buck off the deals. Please stop. We will vote you out. This is shameless profiteering on the peoples back with money when there are so many needs to really help our people in Atlanta who really need it. So now we have your names and the amounts of money that have been placed out there.”

REGINA WALLER: “Public comment by John Martin. The ongoing misuse of funds in the city's' care simply has to stop. We have too many communities and people in real needs to allow appointed administrators both connected and corrupt to cipher money that could otherwise be used to affect much-needed outcomes. Are you really so morally bankrupt as a city government that we will allow this sort of blatant corruption to continue?”

REGINA WALLER: “Public comment by John Wolfinger. Please do not reappoint Bob Shaw of the DAFC Board, the giveaways to the Well-Hill developers must stop now, and the city of Atlanta especially in hot areas such as Midtown, Old Fourth Ward and Summerhill. At this time of COVID affected budgets with the city of Atlanta and APS dollars that are going into developers' pockets, need to be directed back to our local government.”

REGINA WALLER: “Public comment Andrea Grater of Fulton County is in support of Alex Wan being reappointed for the Board of Registration and Elections, as is Sally Bethea of Fulton County in support of Mr. Wan being reappointed. Also Paul Bolster. It

is time for elected Commissioners to get some control over the DAFC. Replacing current board members is the most efficient way you can do that.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Public comment by Will Pollock is also in support of Alex Wan’s reappointment, as is Molly Silverman.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Public comment by Lori Carbone of Johns Creek. Local people should be working our elections. I do not want anyone outside my area working the polls. Do not use Happy Faces. Local people will ensure election integrity.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Public comment by Sharon Ferguson is also critical of DAFC.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Public comment by Nioshii Wilde is in support of Alex Wan’s reappointment, as is public comment by David Lender, as you is Angela Edmond, and Gray Reynolds.”

REGINA WALLER: “Dr. Henry Kahn would like to express his feelings about the Development Authority of Fulton County. Since over many years he has lived and paid taxes and he gradually realizes that much of the intense development of Fulton County came through tax abatements. These benefits and related incentives went from public budgets into the pockets of private investors. And he is in favor of developments which ease the burden of many less fortunate neighborhoods.”

REGINA WALLER: “Public comment Gayle Schechter from Fulton County is in support of reappointment of Alex Wan, as is Ellen Gebel in support of Alex Wan being reappointed to the Board of Registration and Elections.”

REGINA WALLER: “Public comment by John Martin is critical of the Development Authority of Fulton County Board.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Public comment by Jan Barlow is also in support of Alex Wan remaining as Chair of the Fulton County Board of Elections; as is Elizabeth Chaitoff; as is Beverly Griffith, and Laurel Buchmiller; as is Elizabeth Grofic, and Caitlin Barringer.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Public comment by Len Sinclair is also in support of Alex Wan’s reappointment to the Election’s Board.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Public comment by Andrea McCavitt is regarding Happy Faces not being retained by the County.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Public comment by Laurie Walker is regarding is in support of Alex Wan’s reappointment.”

REGINA WALLER: “Public comment by Carol Nemo. My family and I have lived in Fulton County over 50 years, and is distressed that the Commission is considering NOT

reappointing Mr. Wan. She is in support of his reappointment to the Board of Registration and Elections.”

REGINA WALLER: “Public comment Jodi Mansbach is also in support of the reappointment of Mr. Alex Wan; as is Mr. Howard Kaplan of Fulton County, and Mr. Jason Edgecombe also in support of Mr. Wan’s reappointment; as is Ms. Ashley Fields of Fulton County; and Ms. Jenna Mobley also in support of Mr. Wan’s reappointment; as is Ms. Emma McMullan of Fulton County; and Jenna Sagraves all in support of Mr. Wan’s reappointment; as is Ms. Odessa Hooker who was also in support of the reappointment of Mr. Wan; as is Tess Vismale of Fulton County.”

REGINA WALLER: “Public comment from Alison Leigh Campbell-Taylor also in support of Mr. Wan’s reappointment to the Board of Registration and Elections as the Chair; as is Elizabeth Stapleton, and Candiss Chan; as well as Laurie Felder, and Gwen Kaminsky.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Public comment by Amanda Mickelsen is also in support of reappointing Alex Wan as Chair of the Board of Registrations and Elections; as is Patricia Pflum of Atlanta, and Ryan Oliver of Atlanta also in support of Alex Wan; as is Damian Denson, and Patty Nathan.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Public comment from Blake McGee is in support of Alex Wan’s reappointment; as is Sandra Gaines Wood.”

REGINA WALLER: “Public comment Robert Israel, also in support of reappointing Mr. Wan to the Board of Registration and Elections; as is Jerelyn Jordan of Fulton County; and Corrie Bryant-Habib also in support of the reappointment of Mr. Wan.”

REGINA WALLER: “Public comment from Walton Harrison Areeves: It blows my mind that we have to say this of democrats that touts itself of the free land we must simply must have free and fair elections so that we have a responsive government.”

REGINA WALLER: “Public comment by Keith Berman is in support of Mr. Wan’s reelection to the Board of Registration and Elections as is Marjorie Osheroff; as is Pamola Powell in support of Mr. Wan’s reappointment; as is Rebekah Goode of Fulton County, and Gloria Fanfare, also of Fulton County in support of Mr. Wan’s reappointment to the Board of Registration and Elections; as is Robert Hahn, as well as Laurel Miyake, and Lisa Habib; as well as Jenny Streeter all in support of Mr. Wan’s reappointment.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Public comment from Lane Barr is also in support of the reappointment of Alex Wan to the Board of Elections; as is Milton Walker; as is Emily Hirn.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Public comment from Elizabeth Marchant is also another one in support of Alex Wan to be reappointed to the Election’s Board; as is Andrew Fialko; as is Laura Broyles.”

REGINA WALLER: “Public comment Misty Boachie also in support of Mr. Wan’s reappointment; as is Scott Gissendanner in support of Mr. Wan’s reappointment to the Board of Registration and Elections; as is Tiffany Joel, and Robert Steinbruegge; as well as Kristin Lindsey and Ms. Karen Jones of Fulton County.”

REGINA WALLER: “Public comment from Marcia King. My name is Marcia King. I’ve lived in Georgia since 1987, in Fulton County since 1993. I am approved monitor designee for the risk limiting audit conducted at GWCC. I signed in as a monitor on the Georgia GOP November 14, 2020. I provided an affidavit detailing my experience. We were dismissed early on the 14th. I drove home to Alpharetta and was extremely disturbed by the manner the audit was organized and the behaviors of those counting reviewing ballots. I was so upset I got back in my car and drove back. I entered GWCC around four-ish. I asked a young man where did all these ballot counters come from; he said Happy Faces Temp Agency. He also said that most of them -- not all of them are members of the Democratic Party. I wouldn’t let a Happy Face employee work a primary or emergency election. Thank you for listening.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Public comment from Maureen Finneran Hetrick is also in support of the reappointment of Alex Wan to the Board of Elections; as is Karla Tievsky is in support of his reappointment.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Public comment by Juan-Pablo Correa-Baena. Stop giving tax breaks to developers in the hot market. Use those funds to improve pedestrian access and bike lanes instead.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Public comment by Sheila Hamilton. Greetings Commissioners. I’ve several concerns withstanding out with me today of the following; number one, reparations for African-Americans in Georgia, but throughout the United States. As I watched TV this past weekend getting the history of the Tulsa race massacre, better known as the Black Wall Street massacre, I am forced to realize Commissioner Abdur-Rahman is on-point to request reparations. Black people have endured the unthinkable from the time they were forced to come to America from Africa and still endure the unthinkable. They made white people rich by working for free on their farmland. They built for free buildings in Washington now known as the Capital, and where the White House sits. Black men fought in wars receiving a nickel for every dollar figure white men received in the same war is amazing. I’ve had to listen to people during these meetings state reparations would cause division that is unbelievable, and to further state as heirs of people that had nothing to do with what their ancestors did to my ancestors is also unbelievable. These areas have reaped the benefits of what they’re ancestors did to people more than 200 years ago when they have wealth, land, houses and economic security unequal to Black Americans that is what the division is. Black people have been

treated as less than human for more than 200 years. It's time for people of good conscious to take a stand and do something about this injustice and inequity."

REGINA WALLER: "Public comment by Melissa Mulvaney of Fulton County in addition to being in support of the reappointment of Mr. Alex Wan to the Board of Registration and Elections. She also states that Happy Faces is being -- proved to be highly excessively partisan and not transparent in recent elections. Those are baseless and false and is shameful that folks would stoop to slander this minority owned business. She is also urging us to vote, yes for the implementation plan being considered today."

REGINA WALLER: "Public comment by Rohan Ullal in support of Mr. Wan being reappointed to the Board of Registration and Elections; as well as urging us to vote, yes, for the resolution that's being considered today. Also says that Happy Faces personnel is a minority owned business that has had contracts with the state of Georgia for over 20 years. Leanne Wheeler is also in support of reappointment of Mr. Wan; as is Lori Randall from Fulton County in support of Mr. Wan's reappointment; as is Andrew Randall is in support of Mr. Wan's reappointment to the Board of Registration and Elections. And is also urging everyone to remember that Happy Faces is a minority owned business that has worked in several different areas throughout Georgia, an excuse me for just a second. Ms. Patti Kush is also in support of Mr. Wan being reappointed as the head of the Board of Registration and Elections and is urging everyone to vote, yes, to support Commissioner Arrington's resolution allowing the Commission to maintain its' oversight in hiring and firing decisions of Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections. Ryan Cook is in support of Commissioner Arrington's resolution today. Joe Keller is in support of Happy Faces and has provided a comment to support Happy Faces. And Arlene Meyer is also in support of Alex Wan being reappointed as the head of the Board of Registration and Elections. Davida Denton is also in support of Mr. Wan as well as Commissioner Arrington's resolution and is in support of Happy Faces. Rebecca Paradiso is also in support of Mr. Wan being reappointed, in support of Happy Faces as well as Commissioner Arrington's resolution. Elizabeth Goldsmith also in support of Mr. Wan being reappointed, Happy Faces, Commissioner Arrington's resolution. Cassandra Jackson in support of Mr. Wan's reappointment, Happy Faces, and Commissioner Arrington's resolution; as is Melody Kelly support of Mr. Wan, Happy Faces, and Mr. Commissioner Arrington's resolution."

DARRYL CARVER: "Public comment by Ellen Spruill. My name is Ellen Spruill and I'm a resident of Fulton County District 1. I'm dismayed at the current continued efforts that feed the narrative of election fraud. We've had two full electronic counts and one full-hand count statewide and there was no fraud to be found. The independent election monitor report by [Phonetic.]Seven-Hill strategies quoted at no time did I ever observe any conduct by Fulton County election officials that involved, dishonesty, fraud or intentional malfeasance. During my weeks of monitoring. I witnessed neither ballot stuffing, nor double-counting, nor any other fraudulent conduct that would undermine the validity, fairness, and accuracy of the results published and certified by Fulton

County. We need to fight against election fraud narratives in Fulton County and I request any Commissioner that is giving voice to election fraud narratives, whether indirectly or directly, to please stop immediately. Thank you for your time.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Public comment from Ethan Manaker is actually pretty much the same comment as Ellen Spruill, just the one read prior to that.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Public comment by Carrie Smith. My name is Carrie Smith. I’m a resident of Fulton County. I live in District One. Last meeting when I heard a staff member of the Tax Commissioner’s Office explain how hard they had to work during COVID-19, the risks they had to take, and how they did not qualify for the bonus pay allotted to public safety personnel. We need to honor our Fulton County staff who put themselves at risk last year by offering countywide bonuses of \$3,000 as Commissioner Abdur-Rahman has proposed in her American Rescue Plan. In fact, the DeKalb County Commissioners introduced and will pass similar bonuses of \$2,000 to \$3,000 for all their staff. Fulton usually leads the way in metro Atlanta, and we should at least be able to match or exceed Dekalb’s policies. We also need to make sure we’re keeping competitive with Dekalb to retain our personnel. I also want to express my support in the implementation plan that you will consider today to ensure those who need our help the most will get it. Home mortgage assistance will help keep families in their homes, small businesses who need grants to stay afloat will be able to keep people employed and keep their shops open. These are all positives for our community. I want to once again ask you to join me in supporting Commissioner Arrington’s resolution to keep the Commission in charge of who runs our elections is important that we stop voter suppression and not allow others at the state to try to subvert our will at the ballot box. I’ll end with this. In April, the Commission passed a resolution against SB 202, and there was support from the County Attorney -- there was a report due from the County Attorney in 30 days detailing any legal action the Commission could take against SB 202 to protect Fulton County voters. Is that report available, because I’d like to know the results of it.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Public comment by Michael Barron of Sandy Springs which is also -- which reiterates the comments regarding the fair count of the elections.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Public comment from Andrea Nugent of District 2 is in support of Alex Wan.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Public comment by Kate Herndon of Roswell is in support of Happy Faces personnel being retained and in support of the implementation of the American Rescue Plan.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Public comment by April Shepperson of District 1 is also in support of those same two issues.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Public comment by James Hervey of District 1 is in support of the reappointment of Alex Wan as Chairman of the Board of Registration and Elections.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Public comment by Susan Lynne Mehalick of Roswell: My name is Susan Lynne Mehalick. I'm a resident and small business owner in Roswell's District 2. I would like to begin by first asking that the report required in the resolution against SB 202 be made public, and she reiterates the comments made earlier regarding the election reports and SB 202.”

REGINA WALLER: “Public comment by Melanie Eyre. I asked the County to help stop efforts to convince Fulton County voters that election fraud occurred in the 2020 election, and instead to assure voters, the Fulton County officials did their job well and ran an accurate and fair election. After considerable searching, there has been no evidence of systemic fraud. Our democracy is a fragile thing, and it is hanging by a thread if these efforts are successful in tainting the results of a free and fair election. I can't imagine a more dangerous road to go down. This American democracy is not guaranteed to us or future generations, and its preservation requires men and women of courage, who democracy first no matter what the result. If you win, you win; then, if you don't, you congratulate the winners and step aside. Isn't this what we teach our children? I hope each Commissioner will take this opportunity to be the leader and elect him or her to speak the truth, even if unpopular, and uphold our democratic system.”

REGINA WALLER: “Public comment by Alyce Goldberg. Ms. Goldberg is in support of Mr. Wan's reappointment to the Board of Registrations and Elections, and also in support of Commissioner Arrington's resolution today.”

REGINA WALLER: “Public comment by Janet Cunningham also in support of Mr. Wan's reappointment to the Board of Registration and Elections as well as Commissioner Arrington's resolution; as is Kirsten Moore of Johns Creek in support of Mr. Wan as well as Commissioner Arrington's as is Candace Owens of Johns Creek in support of Mr. Wan and Commissioner Arrington's resolution today.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Public comment by Brandon Goldberg in Atlanta is in support of Alex Wan's reappointment, and is in support of retaining Happy Faces.”

DARRYL CARVER: “Public comment by Deb Powell of Johns Creek. Thanks for your time today. As a taxpaying citizen who both used and encouraged the absentee ballot option for the presidential election and Senate runoff, I'm greatly disappointed that there are continued efforts to feed the narrative of election fraud. As first-time users of this method, my daughter and I went through both ballots with great care to make sure we were voting properly. Voting via absentee ballot seemed like the most responsible way to vote during COVID times, and we appreciate the option. We did not expect this safe option to be continually challenged postelection. I'll be brief. Georgia has already endured three recounts statewide with the same results. I urge any Commissioner that

is giving voice to election fraud narrative whether directly or indirectly to please move on. Let's take the same energy to reapply it to Georgia's recovery and prosperity."

DARRYL CARVER: "Public comment from Prital Ullal of Johns Creek is also in support of retaining Happy Faces and reappointing Alex Wan as the Chairman of the Board of Registration Elections."

DARRYL CARVER: "Public comment by Lisa Stamey of District 1 is urging passage of Commissioner Arrington's Resolution on voting."

DARRYL CARVER: "Public comment by Denise Harold of District 1 is in support of Commissioner Arrington's resolution."

REGINA WALLER: "Public comment by Lauren Gevry is also in support of reappointing Mr. Alex Wan. Also, she is asking that in April the Commission pass a resolution against SB 202, and there was a report from the County Attorney due back in 30 days detailing any legal action the Commission can take against the SB 202 to protect Fulton County voters. Please make this report available soon."

REGINA WALLER: "Public comment by Juliette Hartel. She is in support of reappointment of Mr. Alex Wan, also in support of Happy Faces, as well as Commissioner Arrington's resolution."

REGINA WALLER: "Public comment by Thomas Hughes of District 2 is in support of reappointment of Mr. Alex Wan to the Board of Registration and Elections, also in support of Happy Faces, as well as Commissioner Arrington's resolution that is being presented."

REGINA WALLER: "Public comment Karen Lewis of Alpharetta in support of Mr. Alex Wan's reappointment to the Board of Registration and Elections, in support of Happy Faces, as well as Commissioner Arrington's resolution."

REGINA WALLER: "Public comment by Julia Barnes of District 1 in support of the reappointment of Mr. Wan as the head of Board of Registration and Elections, as well as Commissioner Arrington's resolution."

REGINA WALLER: "Public comment Karen Wilkins of Johns Creek. In April regarding the resolution of SB 202, she mentions that she would like to see any report that the attorneys were able to take a look at. And also, would like to let it be known that she is in support of Mr. Wan's reappointment to the Board of Registration and Elections."

REGINA WALLER: "Public comment Mary Block of District 2 supports the reappointment of Alex Wan to the Board of Registration and Elections, and also provides support for Happy Faces."

REGINA WALLER: “Public comment by Lisa Wiley of Roswell. Would like to also say that she is in support of Mr. Wan’s reappointment to the Board of Registration and Elections, and is also in support of Commissioner’s Arrington’s resolution today.”

REGINA WALLER: “Public comment Brent Dey of Atlanta is in support of Mr. Alex Wan’s reappointment to the Board of Registration and Elections, the implementation plan, and also Commissioner Arrington’s resolution. And that is the final comment.”

DARRYL CARVER: “The comments that were submitted will be sent to the County Clerk to be submitted into the record in total.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Thank you. Sound the next item, please.”

CLERK GRIER: Yes, on page 4, Public Hearings, **21-0362**. Public hearing in connection with the proposed issuance by the industrial development authority of the County of LaPaz, Arizona of one or more series of its’ charter school lease revenue bonds series 2021 pursuant to a plan of finance in order to finance costs for a project within Fulton County, Georgia an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$17 million.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Thank you. And I have something to read -- oh Chairman. The introduction of a public hearing for Atlanta Heights Charter School proceeds in the maximum amount of \$17 million from the sale of the bonds will be loaned by the authority to campus partners One and its affiliates. All single-member limited liability companies and disregarded entities of campus partners One which we will refer to collectively as the borrower to be used to finance or reimburse all or a portion of the costs of a project that consist of: 1. the acquisition of and improvement of certain public charter school facilities for use in their school operations at the locations, and then the estimated maximum principal amounts listed below the charter school facilities; 2. The funding of any required reserves; and 3. the payment of the costs of issuance of the bonds. The borrower will lease the charter school facilities to qualified 501C3 entities or governmental entities. The proceeds of the bonds will be used to acquire and approve the following charter school facilities in Fulton County Georgia: Atlanta Heights Charter School located at 3712 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Southwest, Atlanta, Georgia 30331-3674. Are there any persons who wish to speak regarding the bonds or the project?”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Anyone present to speak?”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Okay. Hearing none, the public hearing is hereby closed.”

CLERK GRIER: “Bottom of page 4, County Managers Items under open and responsible government, **21- 0400**, presentation of the COVID-19 operational response update.”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “Good morning Commissioners. We apologize for getting the material to you very late due to the technical problems that we experienced yesterday with our inner exchange carriers. But, we do have the presentation available so we can go to those charts and certainly, we can answer your questions as we will do today as we've done before. Now one, I'll provide some comments and then turn it back to you Mr. Chairman for questions. The trends are all good both in terms of cases, percent positives and hospitalizations, and they continue to show a slow decline. New daily cases at 23 - a positivity rate at 2.7 percent, and just over 100 folks in the hospital are the lowest numbers since we have been tracking these numbers during the pandemic. We continue to test approximately 3,000 people a day; five to ten thousand a day are vaccinated which represents a steep decline from previous levels. And one where we have led the state in both of those categories on a consistent basis. We do continue to see African-American vaccinations rate trail the overall percent of population numbers, so we remain focused in that area while Latin-X and Asians are now meeting their percent population targets. We very much are using now GIS data to target specific areas with eleven mobile units that are now fully engaged and targeted messaging. Last week, I visited Adams Park, College Park, and Dogwood libraries, along with a couple of YouTube visits and see firsthand how those sites are working as mobile units where people normally would congregate in advance of the libraries fully reopening. I was encouraged by the response that we're seeing but not at the scale that we need to address the number of folks that need to be vaccinated in Fulton County to reach herd immunity. We believe we need a big idea in a major push to drive demand as we still have over 400,000 folks or so to be vaccinated. And that would bring us to a target level of vaccination of 750,000. So, expect us to come back with proposals to meet challenge given to us by the Chairman this week, and I'm also -- I think I can confirm that it doesn't appear that the state or DPH planned to do anything of significance as other states have done such as a lottery, or anything of that nature so I do believe it will either fall to us or in working with our cities and perhaps other counties to develop a plan that will drive demand. We continue to struggle with the distribution of ERAP, the Emergency Rental Assistance funds. We do have quite a bit of information in the deck that's been provided to you so I suggest that if you have questions about that, both Anna Roach and Dr. Roshell can speak to those efforts and the number of things that we're doing to ensure that we can expedite that process. Our reopening plans continue with libraries opening this week. So, we're very excited about seeing that happen as a return to normal. And then mid-July for modified reopening of our senior centers. We've summarized in this deck that's been provided to you, the COVID response plan financials with what I'll call a base case view meaning the one that was originally presented by management and an incremental case for you which is offered in the resolution. I prefer to think of these as complementary not in opposition to one another. Essentially, what the risk is that you'll see in the analysis when we looked at cash flows over this period of time since it does run through 2024, it's the ability to predict the FEMA reimbursement rate which if at 100 percent provides some level of reserve however, if that reimbursement rate goes down to 50 percent, so pick a number between 50 and 100 and you do everything in the incremental case, then you really do eliminate the \$68 million reserve that was proposed. Sharon Whitmore can speak to this

analysis as well as the work we continue to do with the outside firm as well as internal legal counsel to ensure compliance; and the one that we're still working hard on and hope to have an answer in short order is the court backlog program. As well you'll see in this document a recalculation of the city funds that were anticipated and quite frankly a number of those went down substantially based on previous projections as well as some of the comments that have been made in the press by some of our cities. I'm not sure that they're going to have as robust a plan as we might have anticipated, but we certainly look forward to hearing their plans in Fridays' meeting with the Mayors and any opportunities for collaboration. So, essentially the summary is we've had tremendous success at Mercedes-Benz administering almost 300,000 vaccinations there, but that will be drawing to conclusion in about the next week or so. We need to ramp up and see success from these mobile units so, expect us to talk with you consistently about the results that we're seeing from those units. And then I do think we need probably a set of ideas, but certainly a big idea and we will welcome any of your assistance on that -- in terms of driving demand for folks who have yet to take advantage of the vaccine. We understand fully that we need to improve the throughput on emergency rental assistance program as well as perfect that platform or find an alternative in order to do mortgage assistance. So, that's very much in the crosshairs of something that we must get done, so, we welcome questions about that today. And then we continue to reopen and hope that these COVID numbers are maintained at the levels that they are today, certainly they are very, very encouraging. So, with that Mr. Chairman, we have again we have the document and we can go through it to any chart that a Board Member may have questions about or simply answer questions as they come up."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "County Manager, thank you for being so accommodating. I know we've met several times. I just would like you all to know that I am concerned with the Black and Brown community. I think this is the time that I would consider it to be crunch time, because one, we're breaking down -- or should I say building up the trust and we know that it as a factor, but we are going to have to have a really concerted hard effort of taking it to them. And the reason I say this -- out and about -- in just visiting different businesses, visiting grocery stores, visiting Apartments - me and my team kept hearing the same thing over and over again, I want to get the vaccination, I don't want to make an appointment, but the hours that you all have are not accessible to me. It's more of a I would really like it to be convenient whereas before I was hearing hesitation about the Johnson -- that hesitation from what I see is going away. That's a good thing. The problem that I'm seeing and my team is seeing as we're out and about is the ability to get it quickly, and to get it where they are. And I commend you on the mobile units, but here again like I said earlier, we're going to really have to think outside of the box, because we're going to have to meet the communities of color where they are. And the good news is I know we have worked collectively on the trust, and the trust has gotten better -- it's not all the way where I'd like it to be, but I do see that it is better. But we are really going to have a lack of a better word all hands-on-deck approach because when you have individuals that are out and about, it becomes -- oh there's vaccinations right there. Let me run in. And so, since we know in communities of color, and we have logged so many hours out in the community, I really want us to

look at how we can make it accessible when they're out and about and they can get the vaccine. Thank you."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you Mr. Chair. I do want to just make a comment because while being requested to be part of the Juneteenth upcoming parade and Festival, I was told by the organizers that they -- they weren't sure about having the COVID-19 that vaccination mobile units there because there have been a lot of people who do not want their names in databases. They don't want their personal information taken, and so, that's why they're not getting vaccinated. They feel like their privacy issues, they mentioned HIPPA, and religious beliefs. And so, I do want to mention that publicly because these are some of the issues that we are dealing with the public. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yeah, just a few comments and questions. I want to -- I'm not sure which slide this is, you know, I think certainly the efforts around the vaccine are critical. I think we've done a great job in a lot of respects -- and then at some points if there is a point where it's readily available people got to choose to go and get it done, but, you know one area that's most probably in our greatest span of control is our ability to influence our own employee population base. I want to look at slide 19, and if I remember correctly, if the numbers were accurate from our prior meeting, our vaccination percentage I guess of ones that were approved was 41 percent. So, we only went up a point over that you know since our last reporting period. Is that accurate?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "That is accurate Commissioner Ellis and we certainly did notice that when the application portal for the incentive opened, we received a rush of applications from all of those employees that were previously vaccinated. And so, the slowing that we're seeing is probably attributed to the fact that we've sort of covered all of the employees who have already been vaccinated and now we're really at the true pace of folks who are adopting -- at the stage of adoption. And I also just want to say if there are employees that have been vaccinated but choose not to participate in our incentive programs, we do not have information on those employees. So, this only reflects those who have participated in our program. We've been advised by both the Chief Human Resource Officer as well as Legal that there are limitations to how much we can either encourage, or we certainly can't compel employees to be vaccinated; so, we do encourage through our Directors' meetings and things like that. But we've been cautioned by Niger as well not to over prompt employees to get vaccinated."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "It's just sort of an interesting barometer to look at. If the state reporting is right, you know our Fulton County as a whole is 34 percent fully vaccinated and 42 percent have received one dose. This is a little bit better than that I guess if you assumed other people out there haven't even gotten the second dose, but not -- not considerably better and you know we've got a group that's had pretty ready access to these vaccines, right? You know, take time off from work, it's available in your

workplace you know et cetera, so, you know there's a piece where we're all sort of bumping up against right? You know and is there an idea that's going to substantively really move the needle much more than where it's at. So, I think it's just something we need to kind of look at and I'll say this you know I'm not necessarily advocating this but, you know and all due respect to folks on the HR side, you know, there have been a lot more folks and a lot more employers are looking at mandating it. And it is permissible, you know you'd have to do it along certain lines, you know, there are some complications to it, but there are a lot of folks that are you know who are considering that or are considering it within a certain subset of their employee population. So, I think it's something that we need to continue to watch and monitor and have on the table. And you know consider you know, and also, I think that it would be great you know to really get a sense that we really truly know that these numbers that we're looking at slide 19 are good numbers you know so whatever that is that we need to you know circulate through these employee groups and have some people you know with I-pads that could take their information and get it if indeed they have it. We'll try to get some sort of sense of you know why they aren't necessarily reporting. You know it would be great to get a sense of this, because if we can get our own employee population group up to you know a 70 percent range, I don't think we stand a chance of getting you know the County as a whole population up to that level. And we may learn something from that in those discussions you know that we could take and extrapolate out further to the County population as a whole. So, I want to bring that up. You mentioned that – how you phrased it Mr. Manager, about the court specific plan maybe you expect will have something to discuss or share with us at the next meeting or kind of what was the status of that?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Kaye, I might just ask you to comment on that. We discussed that in our meeting yesterday and Kaye has outside counsel seeking preclearance. But let me defer to her to tell you what the expected result of that is."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: (microphone muted during response) "whether a court backlog project would be acceptable under the terms of the plan."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. And portions of the I guess good portions of that money relates to compensation, right for additional employees as well as –"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, substantially, that's what it relates to."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. And I know that was – and I don't know if they got any clearance on anything, but I noticed in Dekalb stuff, it was really explicitly you know weighted towards public safety, and I realize they've got a larger police force and all that sort of stuff because they're in an unincorporated area. So, I don't know if they've gotten any direct guidance you know that we might could learn from them on or not."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “No, but we are seeing others around the country that ultimately could comment on that are undertaking this exact backlog reduction and seemingly are doing it with these funds. Now maybe they're planning it just like we are and don't have preclearance or don't know what the impact would be if not approved, but there are several that we have identified.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Okay. The \$8 million that we had set aside to go to the various nonprofit partners that we've begun disseminating that provided guidance around that; what's the status of that?”

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: “On the emergency rental assistance -
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COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “No, I'm speaking specifically to the --“

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: “oh, the CSP? I'll let Dr. Roshell comment on that. We have moved forward with the Boards' directive to expand to the approved agencies --”

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO HHS: “Pamela Roshell, Deputy Chief Operating Officer. Commissioner Ellis, we are looking at pages 30-35 of the guidance to ensure that all of the scope of work that we need in the contracts for the 164 agencies will be in compliance. And so, we are working through that in reaching out to agencies and ensuring that all of them can meet the scope of work required by the American Rescue Plan. Once those contracts are in place, we will issue those payments to each of those organizations and we are diligently working through that to have that completed in the next couple of weeks.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Okay. Thank you. So hopefully by that do you have an estimate of when you think you would be able to supply that to them? I mean is it earlier than July?”

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO HHS: As soon as possible. Some of the agencies clearly based on their current mission, will be easier to align with a scope of work. We will not hold the 164 agencies for all agencies to align with the scope of work, so as we turn through the applications, we will not applications, contracts we will make those funds available as each of those contracts are executed.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Great. Great. And then I know the slide is not numbered -- but it's slide 30, this relates to the municipal allocations. I do think this will be you know an interesting conversation at our next meeting. Of course, we didn't have all the Mayors representatives present in our prior one, but it's a pretty substantive haircut versus what was originally anticipated \$56 million and change. So, you know, I do think you know whatever -- I'm sure that surprised them and probably alters their individual plans you know for that. So, I do think that there's very much worth highlighting you

know kind of the reduction in funds associated with all our various cities that make up Fulton County. That's all I have for now. On the, I just want to make sure I hear you right, when you were talking about the demographic data on the vaccines, I don't think we had a slide on it, but did you say that in terms of population percentage for Latino and Asian communities that has roughly reached a proportional amount?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "It has, and I'm not sure I've got the from yesterday now the latest update, but the last one was we have increased African-American participation up to 27 percent was the last data point, but it needs to get to 41 percent. But our Latin-X and Asian are about at the population number that they should be."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes. I want to talk a minute about the slide with the 42 percent that's up on the screen about our employees. You know, I think our efforts to date to reward employees that have chosen to do it have been admirable, and as more and more people is getting the vaccination obviously, the CDC is also recognized that it changes the situation with the public and the requirement to wear masks and other things like that how you could be around other people, in what environment, what could be open I mean you can now go to the movie theater. So, there's a host of changes, and we've followed a lot of that. We're all here today and some of us are wearing masks and some of us are not. I would assume that everyone that everyone that's not wearing one has been vaccinated, and according to the CDC you know you're allowed and it's accepted and you're not risking your health to be around other folks without a mask if you've been vaccinated. So, my question is, where are we? Are we discussing, relaxing our rules in our buildings, because currently I believe you're required to wear a mask still in our buildings. And perhaps that will be a reward for employees to not have to wear a mask to work as well. So have we started that conversation yet?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Yes. So, we've been in that conversation. I think the biggest challenge is enforcement, and we're going to have to some degree rely on people to be honest about their vaccination status in order to make this work, because it's going to be nearly impossible to enforce it. So, to answer your question, yes, we've begun those conversations. We have not made the switch yet either for employees or the public visiting our buildings. I think for the public visiting our building, we will always maintain some level of mask requirement, because again, of the enforcement challenge. But you're correct Commissioner, we should be thinking about ways in which we can relax those rules for employees as an additional incentive to our payment."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Well, I appreciate that. And I'm just going to say that the businesses that have stated it's optional, everyone understands the risks. If you

have chosen to not get a vaccine, then you -- and you still go out into the public, you need to take precautions. I think you know adults recognize that, so those who have gotten the vaccine are not at high risk and it is the honor system. If you go in public, you see pretty much half and half now when you go anywhere. So, I don't think we should be trying to verify to the public if someone's taking a risk, they are taking a risk. Now, our employees are a different matter. I do think that, you know, yes there's the honor system; but, again, in a few weeks when most of our buildings are open and most of the folks out in the community are not wearing a mask for us to be the only ones that require it of the public might not be reasonable. So, I would like for us to take a serious look at this. We don't meet again for another month. I think in a month, a lot is going to change with how people are conducting themselves in public. But I do think that for our employees that it will be another reward if they've gotten vaccinated that they do not have to wear a mask to work. I'm not going to make a motion. I considered that. I just think someone else may and I will support it being implemented now, but I just think it's important for us to have that conversation and we all want employees to feel safe at work. And the public so, I just think it's another thing we need to consider. I also would like to know -- we have received money at this point? I know last time we met, we had not received money. Can we get an update on where we are with the finances?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, Commissioner Hausmann, we have received the first tranche of resources to be paid from the local fiscal recovery funds. We received those in fact at the end of the week of the last board meeting. And we have also received notification of an additional allocation of ERAP resources high need allocation bucket that was a total of \$10.7 million that we received notification of, and we also received a 40 percent upfront payment of that \$10.7 million. So, we have now increased the total amount of resources available to us for the emergency rental assistance program by that \$10.7 million."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "So what's the total we now have in that category?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Forty-three million."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Forty-three million?"

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

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "And how much is actually gotten into the hands of the folks that need that money?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "I believe we've expended \$2.3."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Well that's better than last time, but we were at a million two weeks ago? So that's a great improvement. Are you seeing any change in the requirements -- the guidelines? What's the difference in the last two weeks?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: “I believe the difference in the last two weeks and Dr. Roshell may want to weigh-in on this, is really bringing in the external resources to help with the adjudication process on the ERAP-One resources. With the new allocation -- that high need bucket of ERAP-2 resources, they have reduced -- yeah, relaxed reduced the requirements on the use of those funds which will allow us to be able to put those resources or some portion of those resources directly into the hands of the tenant versus having to work along with and get information from the landlord. So, that does help with expediting the process and I believe that Dr. Roshell is now beginning to transition to the implementation phase for those high need allocation resources that we’ve just received. I’m not sure she wants to add anything to that.”

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO HHS: “Thank you Sharon. So, actually with ERAP, the eligibility requirements are primarily the same as Sharon indicated. We do have the ability now to directly pay a tenant if the landlord is uncooperative, the outreach has been shortened significantly as it relates to the requirement over a 14-day period to wait until we can do that. We also have the ability to use other proxies for income verification and/or looking at resources and tools to do that. And so, the ERAP-2 guidance has recognized that there was a significant administrative burden and the guidance issued on May 7th has worked to relieve some of that. And so, we're hopeful that that will continue to improve our adjudication process.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Well, that's good news. I mean the last thing we want is to sit on you know tens of millions of dollars and not be able to help folks that need it. Again, as a prime example of how difficult sometimes it is to understand and utilize money that comes with a lot of federal requirements. So, and I see your list of things to do, there's a lot of unknowns still here. As we move forward, and just as a reminder, we have until the end of 2024 I believe to use this money. I think the public should be fully aware of that as well. So, someone mentioned the city allocation, yes, it's significant that its' been reduced. I know a lot of these cities are shifting their focus. I've heard Johns Creek, for example, 100 percent of their allocation is going to go to storm water mitigation. So, I think they will be looking to County for leadership on helping small businesses or any sort of community rental assistance programs or anything because they're not going to have the resources to do that going from \$26 million to \$7 million. It's a huge hit for a lot of these cities. So, I think that will be a big topic of conversation at our next Mayors meeting when we really talk about what this means. So again, we just look forward to you continuing to try to decipher how to move forward quickly so that we can get this money to the intended purpose.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Commissioner Morris.”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “Yeah, I was going to ask a lot of questions about the rental assistance and how that was progressing; so, thank you Commissioner Hausmann for shortcutting that for me. It is interesting this city County question where

one city may decide to use the money for storm water mitigation, and others want to use it for rental and mortgage assistance; and how we cooperate and work with to make some equitable arrangements, but are we really going to focus our money to that city that has chosen not to do rental and mortgage assistance? So, it'll be an interesting discussion Friday and I'm looking forward to that in making sure that we do everything as equitably and fair as we can. With most of my questions answered, I guess I have one and maybe this is for you Matt. You've been standing there so patiently waiting to be bombarded with questions. On slide three there's a statement that the unvaccinated population is still being infected at the same rate as they were at our peak in January 2021, and I'm trying to get my head around as a numbers guy why our cases are so low given that a huge majority of the population is unvaccinated and they are being infected at the same rate when we were having the big numbers of cases. Am I understanding that statement correctly?"

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA: "Thank you, sorry. You are correct with that. It does not make intuitive sense, but it is what we're seeing at this point. We will be more than happy to provide your office with the supporting documentation to that end. In metro Atlanta, we're looking at reduction in numbers as you will see the scorecard, you will see inside there for hospitalization ICUs, but we are seeing an increase of individuals over the age of 50 right outside of metro Atlanta that are actually being infected that are actually having mortality rates due to COVID. So, we're tracking those working with the Board of Health. We'll work with Dr. Paxton to get a little bit more information to your question about all the documentation in the statistics that we are getting from DPH at the state level is leading us to that bullet point that you see up there today, Sir."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Does that bullet point address the County or the state?"

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA: "Looking at metro Atlanta as well as Fulton County, we're talking about some of the things that we're showing with you specifically the bullet point that you see up there is looking at Fulton County, Sir."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "That's fascinating to me and again highlights the need for folks to get vaccinated. If the unvaccinated population is being infected at the kind of rates that we saw at the peak, that's just staggering to me. But thank you for that clarification."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Vice Chair Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you Mr. Chair. My first question is why are people not getting the second dose -- do we know the reason behind that?"

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA: "We do not have specific entail as to why people are choosing not to. There are some people that are getting it elsewhere. So, they'll come get vaccinated with us but we're not seeing a repeat appointment at

one of our locations. They could be going to one of the various locations out there; a physician, a pharmacy, a grocery store, so on and so forth to get that vaccine. So, we're seeing some no-show rates at our other locations, but once again the best we can attribute that to is that they're finding another location that is closer to them or more convenient to them at this critical time to go ahead and get the second dose, ma'am."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "All right. So, do we consider them vaccinated when they have not received the second dose?"

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA: "No, great question. Actually, if you receive the first dose, we showcase that in some of our data points that they've only received one dose. Fully vaccinated is what you'll see on another data point that we'll showcase as well. Well, those were having to pull data from GRITS. Regrettably, I know the comment you made earlier that people do not want their information put into a database based upon if they're receiving these vaccines from the federal government, we have to make sure that they're in the GRITS system that the state of Georgia manages for immunizations. That's what we're going ahead and looking up to see if Ms. Hall we were able to get her first and second dose. Then she is considered fully vaccinated when I see the specific names which DPH is sending to us is more of how many people are in your jurisdiction have received the fully vaccinated status."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "All right. I was reading an article the other day saying that the US equal employment opportunity commission was saying that employers who require their employees to get vaccinated will see Worker's Comp claims, because employees can file a worker's comp claim if they experience adverse reactions as they get the vaccination, if they're required to. Also, just want to make it clear, because I've heard so many people say well, I'm vaccinated -- I can't get COVID. You can still get COVID. We know that just from the recent story of the New York Yankees who nine of them got COVID and they were all fully vaccinated and eight of the nine were asymptomatic, but one was symptomatic. And so we need to still be very careful even though you're vaccinated. And I'm glad to hear we received the first round of the funding. That's a plus. I want to make sure -- because we had so many speakers that people really understand that we are receiving the funding slowly. It's not like we have the funding already and we're not spending it. That's not the case. Everyone here is ready and willing to fund what is necessary. We can see that by the fact that on April 14, 2021, our County Manager, County Attorney, COO, deputy COO's and County executives came forward with this presentation that says proposed use cases. And this was to inform everyone that they had already looked at the funding and we're already looking at how can we use it. Everyone knows we're mandated by the state to provide Health and Human Services and so that's what we're going to do regardless of anything. And if you look at that presentation, it was very clear to begin with that that's what we're going to do. You can look at the page that says potential uses by funding sources including FEMA and it shows you exactly what we're looking at. So, I don't want the public to think that anyone is holding up anything or trying to not spend this money on the people, the nonprofits, the small businesses, the youth, because we are. It was already presented

that we can. And if you look at the page number 49, -- let me go to page number 50, the proposal for premium pay for employees was also in there. The only difference is it was not for \$3,000, which I am completely and totally in favor of giving the employees \$3,000 in premium pay, but I do want to bring to everyone's attention that in this presentation it said 3.75 percent of the employees' base salary for payout in May or June of 2021; but let's be clear, if you look at that 3.75, most of the employees would be significantly under \$3,000. They would even be under a thousand dollars, but our top-tier earners who are employees here will receive anywhere from \$3,000 up to \$11,000 - one person can receive up to \$11,000 in this performance -- this premium pay presentation. So, I think the \$3,000 that is in Commissioner Abdur-Rahman's resolution is really good. And we also should know that DeKalb County and I think one of our public comment residents said, Dekalb County is also looking at passing \$3,000 for their employees. And if Dekalb can do it, Fulton County definitely can being the largest County in the state of Georgia. So, my other question is I know at the last Board of Commission meeting, there was some reference to the difficulty in allocating the funding for the rental assistance. Have we completely worked that out? It kind of sounds like it, but I wasn't sure."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "So Commissioner Hall, we haven't completely worked out all of the difficulties and so we put up about 4 or 5 slides in there that outlines to the Board what our improvement plan is, and it addresses some of the difficulties that we have stated so far. The short version of it in the interest of time is that we, plan to put 70 additional resources -- people on the case review side of that process that each of the applications have to go through. It contains the most manual work in all of the work streams. And so, we believe that by applying 70 additional resources to that process, we will take our review time all the way down to about eight weeks for the first tranche of \$18 million. So, again there's a tremendous amount of detail in what we considered and what the drivers were to get us to that calculation. But we believe that investing 70 people by expanding our contract with PNA and who by the way they've been a terrific partner, will get us to approximately eight weeks to deliberate those applications that we currently have. So, we're excited about moving forward with getting those resources on board as Commissioner Hausmann pointed out. We've already seen significant improvement with the thirty that we brought on board and we just want to double down on our efforts to get those adjudications through the pipeline."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "That's great. Great. And I also want to refer to page 53 in the April 14th presentation by the County Manager and County executives where it said, the use case for community service programs, you can see in this description that every single human service that we could possibly support with American rescue plan funding is listed here children and youth, disability services, homelessness, senior services, economic stability, and poverty. And so, I do want to make that clear to the public that we were already looking at providing what we, normally provide which are Health and Human Services and there's no one on this Board who is against doing that. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Commissioner Ellis.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “I just want to go back on a couple points that were made. And Commissioner Hausmann’s remarks around kind of mask requirements if you will and I do think we should be consistent with whatever the CDC guidance is on the topic and not be different from it. So, I would urge just to adopt it now and have that be our policy to be consistent with the CDC. I don’t know why we would presume that we would have some sort of better means to have a different set of guidance than what they have and encourage people to operate under. And another thing you know I guess for us to think about is we got a pathway for employees and so forth. I know people have not -- certain institutions have not been mandating you know vaccine, nobody’s really done that -- gone out and done that yet I think Delta has said that they are going to require it for new applicants -- they’re going to require it. But one thing that several places are doing in particular schools and some of the universities so they’re going to do this or they aren’t going to mandate incoming students to be vaccinated they are going to require those that don’t show proof of vaccinations to submit to frequent testing you know so I think that that’s something that we could potentially consider as well in the event that that you know we’re not going down the pathway of vaccinations on a mandatory basis, and we don’t continue to see our numbers get up to a more higher-level than what they are at right now. And I wanted to, I think that measurement that we were looking at that’s slide 19, you know is a fairly important one and I’d like for us to request that we get -- if they would voluntarily supply us with their own internal data from Grady, the two school systems, and all of our cities to the extent that they have captured it and you know certainly from Grady given the amount of money that we give them and how closely we’re aligned with them, I think that would be good to have from a public transparency standpoint and it would make the request from those other entities as well so we can kind of get a sense of what that looks like. I think it would bring a lot of confidence and also might potentially bring a little bit of encouragement you know from those folks to if they were looking at numbers, measurements, and metrics do help. I saw a report on -- I won’t mention the city, but it was a public safety person who had COVID in his family got it and he had an opportunity to have gotten the vaccine really early you know and his basic message was, yeah, I screwed up and got it right you know me and my family are paying the price right now. You know so certainly want to have very little opportunity for those kind of stories to re-occur, but I think if we could make that request from them, maybe that’s something we could request in the Mayor’s meeting for the cities, show them our chart and ask them to see what they’re doing in terms of tracking it for their own employees basis, I think it would be an important measurement to have --”

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: “Commissioner Ellis, we’ll work on that --”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “—and specifically from Grady. I know I had asked months back about you know asking Grady about their own vaccine data, not gotten got that so, I would like to get that and have that sort of be a standing request from them. On the

expenditure slide, just have a question on them. I know there's multiple billions that are coming in for mortgage assistance specific component of this ERAP. Do we know whether or not that's specifically going to -- when that funding is transmitted, is it going to the state for sure? Have we verified that?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "That's the information we have so far. That mortgage assistance allocation is going to go to state entities."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. So, it's going to go to the state entities and they're to administer it as far as we know? We're 100 percent certain on that?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "As far as we know. So far."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. Okay. That's all I got for now."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: Thanks Chairman. I think that -- I would hope that whether it's our County Manager's office or our External Affairs as a society, we're sending mixed messages. We have a Governor that says wear the masks -- don't wear the masks. School districts wear the masks don't wear the masks. If I go to my nice little eatery that I like to go out to in North Fulton County, nobody has a mask on. If I go to the city of South Fulton and eat, everybody has a mask on. And so, what I would want us to do as a County is to try -- because -- because so many of our constituents are getting mixed messages. And so, to the best of our ability, if we could have some type of consistency, I would support what Commissioner Hausmann said, you know, some of us have masks, some of us don't. Some of us are vaccinated and some of us or not. But I think what happens is that our public gets mixed messages, and they may not be getting it from us. Let me be clear about that County Manager. I just want to know what can we do as a County to support our constituents remaining safe. While we cannot regulate them wearing masks, and we cannot mandate whether they are vaccinated or not, I know some of the calls that I get is should I can I wear the mask, can I not wear the mask? To be honest with you and candid I'm not even sure how I should ask it. It's really a personal choice; but some kind of way, we've got to try to find my favorite word, Commissioner Morris knows it, a happy medium in that we don't want our public to feel if they don't have a mask on, that they are singled out. But we also don't want them to take unnecessary risks when they're going into businesses that service a lot of our seniors, or our at-risk and they don't have a mask on. And so, if we could find a way and County Manager, I'm open or Ms. Corbitt, I'm open to anything that we can consistently try to put out to kind of help maneuver that because that is an issue. It is an issue even though we did not create that scenario, it's out there. And so, I just want us to be thinking about that. Also, I know that we have received money, and kudos to the County Manager and what you all are doing, and Dr. Roshell, but I want us to know that the housing moratorium by the CDC ends June 30th. I don't believe it's been extended to my knowledge. And so, I'm assuming County Manager, that we may see a

rush, so to speak, and I want you all to be prepared for that Dr. Roshell. Because I'm thinking, you know, if we're not going to be meeting but I think we meet one more time this month, then we have next month and that June 30th hit us; we may find ourselves may be in a bind, so to speak, but you may have prepared for that. I don't know. I just wanted to make sure that we know that that CDC housing moratorium ends on June 30th. And I anticipate that will affect the number of applications we will have and it may increase. Also, with the relaxed guidelines for the rental whereas we thought they were going to get stricter, they got relaxed. Are we applying that retroactively? Is that just only for new applications? I want to make sure. I'm assuming based on the correspondence that it's only for new applications, but I don't think -- I don't know if we've actually communicated that effectively because I've had some people to call my office and say, you know, I've been waiting on a status and I don't know if their status was waiting on the landlord or if they need to apply all over again County Manager. So, I just want to make sure given the relaxed guidelines that we have something in place consistently so that we as the County Commissioners can let our constituents know, okay, you can reapply; it would not be retroactive if you're in a holding pattern or whatever. I just want to make sure that the communication is clear. And here again, the consistency of what we're saying and doing sometimes may change and the reason I say that, I've actually looked at -- the good thing about my resolution is that it made me cross "Ts" and dot "I's". And Fulton County, what I can say about us when it comes to the money that came here, we know what it can a can't be used for. We can't say that as a blanket statement across the state and for other counties, because some of the stuff that I've looked at for other counties, the American Rescue money can't be used for some of the things that they have. So, I would caution that if we look at some of the things that the other counties and cities are doing, they have not been as thorough as we have in making sure that they're within the guidelines. I know that to be true based on my own investigation. And so, I commend having to go as far as dealing with the outside counsel, and even Commissioner Ellis I want to go on record saying thank you for making sure that we were in guidelines and not in opposition with what the federal government put in as treasury guidelines. But it's others municipalities and it's other counties that have not vetted it like we have. And so, I just wanted to put that out there. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the comments that everyone has made with the mask or no mask issue. I do think that it is our job to be consistent as much as possible. I know that Fulton County schools for example has now said no masks for their kids when they come back to school this fall. The Governor's relaxed all sorts of restrictions on how many people can gather at this point. And so, I do have the CDC guidelines here -- current CDC guidelines. And basically, any outdoor activity if you're vaccinated is appropriate without a mask. In indoor activity without a mask. If you're fully vaccinated, you can visit a barber or hair salon with no mask, you can go to an indoor shopping center or Museum, indoor gatherings with folks from multiple households are allowed, an indoor movie theater."

You can attend a full capacity worship service and as we know some of our churches are quite large. You can sing in an indoor chorus, you can eat at an indoor restaurant or bar, and you can participate in an indoor high intensity exercise class. So, you can pretty much resume all normal activities, if you're fully vaccinated with no mask. In light of the conversation and going over this again, I would like to make a motion that we in Fulton County with regard to use of our facilities, follow the CDC guidelines in allowing folks that are fully vaccinated to use our buildings without a mask."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. There's a motion on the floor. Is there a second? All right seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. So, Madam COO, you mentioned the enforcement issue when this first came up, how is that going to work?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Well, we can simply go as suggested on an honor system. Whoever comes into our building and doesn't have a mask on, we'll assume that they have been fully vaccinated because they are operating in compliance with the CDC. The Board can give us this direction today. What I was sitting here thinking about is the fact that we do have a resolution on the record that was passed last fall that outlined what the Board had in mind for when we were going to reopen around masking, temperature taking, and et cetera. And I thought maybe the better way for us to do this is to bring that resolution back forward now with the Board's guidance around masking, but then updating something such as temperature taking et cetera and have that be passed again as we move forward with our reopening plan."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Are we currently doing any temperature taking in any of our buildings?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "As of our first reopening, we should not be. I know that Joe and his team are working to remove the temperature scanners from the facilities where they were installed. Based on the guidance from the Board of Health, we should not be taking temperatures, because it's not a good indicator of whether someone's infected with COVID-19."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "But that was included in the resolution you mentioned."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Correct."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "We've already relaxed that."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Correct. I'm suggesting that we look at that resolution, make the adjustments that we've now – some we've implemented already without even addressing the resolution, so we could bring it all back. But it doesn't stop the Board from taking action today. It will just give us guidance as to what to put in the updated resolution."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “But I hear you saying there's no real enforcement is there, sort of an honor system.”

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: “That's correct Mr. Chairman.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Anything else.”

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: “[speaker Inaudible to this point] specifically about what he refers to – I'm sorry – okay, maybe I'll just send out something later. Sounds like there's kind of a delay. Maybe you are not hearing me.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “We hear you fine.”

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: “Okay great, yes and I just want to bring up a couple of points that are related to the issue of about vaccinations and relaxing the guidelines. Basically, I want to make sure everyone is aware that the Governor has put out an Executive Order that is specifically relates to this. It does however relate just to state buildings. So, it does not as far as we can tell and the lawyers have looked and this and it does not apply to apply to County buildings. So, we're basically free to do at the moment, as we feel. But then basically, we're not allowed to, according to the EEO you cannot verify a vaccination status. And so, what I want to make everyone aware of is that the Board of Health has actually developed a policy around this for our own employees, but we do feel very strongly that in our clinical buildings -- our clinics and all that that is going to be very important that we maintain masking because we do not -- we're not allowed to verify vaccination status and we already know that there are many people who are not vaccinated, both of our clients and others. So, we will be maintaining the mask requirement in our clinical -- in our clinical area. So anyway, I want to say is I'm fully behind what Dr. Hausmann had to say. I do believe that we should be following CDC guidance. I think it is an incentive for people to get vaccinated to know that they will have greater benefits in their life. As you go through the resolution, I do think we will have to probably carve out certain areas where we are going to want to maintain the masking. And so, I'm just saying, we at the Board of Health are more than happy to work with you on that. And again, I think bringing back in the temperature requirements that's not going to give us any help with that. Because it's been shown over and over again that the temperature taking does not really pick up patients that are asymptomatic. So, I think we should just leave that out, because it is not useful. So anyway, those are the few points that I wanted to bring up now, thanks.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Dr. Paxton?”

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: “Yes.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “So, you mentioned clinical settings and I think that makes a lot of sense to not relax the mask requirements in our health clinics, but you

mentioned there might be other areas that also you would recommend not relaxing the guidelines, what would those be.”

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: “We’re still looking at it here but mainly for/at the Board of Health in any there are places that are not exactly a clinic, but where our employees have significant interaction with the public for example, just down stairs in the lobby at the Board of Health, there are all the Grady patients coming in the Board of Health side that's not actual clinical area, but we are keeping people masked because there's lots of people who are potentially infected who are coming in. So, that's just an example of it. But again, my main point is really about the clinical areas and where there is likelihood of a high number of unvaccinated people who may or may not have.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Thank you. I’d be willing to amend my motion to include a carve out for the clinical settings whether vaccination sites or the health clinic or health setting in our buildings, would still have a mask requirement. But everything else will follow the CDC guidelines.”

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: “Commissioner Hausmann, as we think about reopening our senior centers, just wanted to ask Dr. Paxton if she had any concern there or would that be the same.”

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: “Let me think about it. I don't want to give an off the top of my head answer. One thing that is good is that many of our seniors are actually vaccinated, but they do remain at higher risks. So -- I think we need to ponder about this a little bit more. I just don't want to give you an off-the-cuff answer.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “And we'll be meeting again before they reopen correct.”

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: “We will Commissioner.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Yes, so we could fully investigate that in the next month, correct.”

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: “We can.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “So, my motion would be just to carveout the clinics vaccination sites and any of our health offices from the relaxation of the mask mandate to conform with the CDC guidelines.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Commissioner Vice Chair Hall.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Thank you Mr. Chair. Is Dr. Paxton still there.”

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: “Yes, I am.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Dr. Paxton, let me just be clear, you said that not only your clinics, but the lobby area because of the high number of unvaccinated clients right.”

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: “Well, the suspected high number of vaccination clients, we’re not actually gathering data on that. We’re actually not allowed to ask.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Okay. So, you're also requiring the mask in those areas where there is a potential number of unvaccinated public that may be coming in to your buildings, is that correct?”

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: “Yes.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Okay, I do want to just offer that we couldn’t make it any more confusing. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman was saying that we don't want to make it confusing, but I don't think we could make it any more confusing than it is because like she said this is by personal choice and there are many businesses that require a mask still regardless of the Governor's Executive Order, and regardless of the CDC. I could not even go and see the ortho specialist because they required a mask. They sent me two text messages, two Robo calls, and they made it clear that if you did not have a mask, you would not be seen by the doctor's office. And so, there are many clinical settings that you cannot even come into the building or the front door, let alone the doctor's office. So, I think we do need to just make sure we understand that all of this is by personal choice. Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Commissioner Arrington.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Thank you Mr. Chair. Yeah, I don't know that I'm ready to make that move yet. I hear Dr. Paxton say that they, the Board of Health, has developed their own policy. I hear the disparate treatment for the workers in her facility from inside of the clinic to the lobby area. I hear questions about what do we with our seniors, and so, I would personally rather see us spend more time on trying to get it right, than just rushing to make a hasty decision today. I'd rather see input from our Board of Health. I'd rather see their policy. I'd rather hear back from Dr. Paxton on what to do with our seniors. I'm glad that we have our libraries back open, and you know, our facilities -- we are undertaking the reopening of our facilities, but I don't know that I'm ready to make a decision on that today. In fact, I'm not ready to make a decision on that today.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Other comments? Commissioner Ellis.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “I mean just sort of a matter of course I mean by nature of their function, role, responsibility so forth the Board of Health doesn't have to subscribe

to the policies that we have in place anyway, correct, as it relates you know operational type things like that?”

KAYE BURWELL, COUNTY ATTORNEY: “Yes, that's correct.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Okay, so they could choose to, regardless of this, they could choose to do whatever they want? Okay.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: Talking while mic is muted.

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Turn your mic on.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “I’m trying to understand the difference between the Board of Health making their own decisions and their own policies versus us ruling that our facilities are one way. So, if they are operating out of one of our facilities and we make a rule that is in conflict with their rules, they might govern their employees, but we govern our facilities.”

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: “I think that would be based on what the lease says and who actually has authority over the premises themselves, so I can look at that and see.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Do we lease to them, or do we just give them the space free.”

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: “I'm not sure whether they –”

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: “I can answer that Commissioner Arrington. Our transition to the Board of Health’s, I know there's some Board members that are sensitive to the word independence, but it’s going to happen. It hasn’t happened yet. What the Board will see in the next meeting our use agreements for our facilities. Right now there are no use agreements in place. The spirit of those use agreements is that those are Fulton County facilities that we manage and the Board of Health uses. To one of your comments or questions we’re seeing that's played out as we speak because the Board of Health is sometimes co-located with other County functions. And so Behavioral Health is one, they asked the question, Board of Health put out this policy -- my employees are wondering why this doesn't apply to me – so, we are seeing a little bit of that confusion now. We do need to work through and address that question that you raise which is a valid one. But as of now, the Board of Health occupies Fulton County -- Fulton County facilities and those will be in the future governed by use agreements.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “So then with that said we could – if we adopt this today, then it could be in direct contradiction with their policies and their employees and

that just seems to add further to the confusion. And so, I'm not going to be able to go forward."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "The motion is it wasn't amended as a carve out for the health facilities anyway so, it wouldn't be applicable to them; so, I guess it's really a distinction without a difference in terms of being a conflict since we carved them out, indeed this was adopted. But, you know, the nature of the discussion around the use agreements and being in concert and all this other stuff like that do need to get some consistency around that at some point."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right can you restate the motion with the amendment?"

CLERK GRIER: "The motion was to follow with the CDC guidelines carving out the clinical settings. Motion made by Commissioner Hausmann, seconded by Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Mr. Chairman."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "The vaccination sites and our health department site here in the building."

CLERK GRIER: "—to carve them out as well?"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Whether it's mandated it is still optional. People are free to wear a mask anytime anywhere they choose to."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That's my difficulty on the enforcement"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "CDC guidelines say if you're fully vaccinated, it's not required to wear a mask. That's my motion."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, anything else? All right, cast your votes, please."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. What else? Mr. Hermon, where are you? We have a hard stop at 1:30 p.m. for the — we have the Search firms that are coming up right after we take up on page 7, 21-0378 days, right after the — so, I'll entertain a motion to recess for lunch and executive session issues of real estate litigation and personnel."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes, once again I might have to leave and it's something that I cannot -- I cannot excuse myself from so that's why I said at the

beginning if we could take this up, I mean we've had quite a bit of conversation about it but I may have to leave; so it's going to put me, with all due respect Chairman, I may not be able to stay for the vote and I need to be here for the vote for my resolution. I may be able to stay for the executive session and that still may not be all the way to the end. So, I would ask if we can deal with that resolution before we break, please."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Where is Mr. Hermon?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "I'll go find him."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, we can start. So, we amended the agenda to take up on page 7, 21-0378, following a COVID presentation which is where we are now. Hold on--"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Mr. Chair."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Well, you've got a motion on the floor and seconded on the floor about adjourning for executive session."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. You're correct. There's a motion to adjourn -- strike that to recess for lunch and executive session. Motion to do so is made by Commissioner Morris seconded by Commissioner Hausmann, so we need to deal with that. In the meantime, we have a request by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman who informed us early on that she may have to leave."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "May I remove my motion or repeal my motion?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "The second has to -- no, no, no, okay. You remove your second. I'll entertain it's done now."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "I'll remove mine just as a courtesy to the Commissioner."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam Clerk, so sound the--"

CLERK GRIER: "On page 7 under Commissioners action items --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- excuse me a second, Ms. Whitmore still need -- where is he -- go ahead and sound."

CLERK GRIER: "**21-0378**, Requesting approval of a resolution by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County to enact the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Fulton County rescue implementation plan and for other purposes sponsored by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Mr. Chairman, without objection I move approval by unanimous consent. “

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Motion is to -- where are we here now? All right, the motion is to approve. Commissioner Morris.”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “Yeah, I just had an amendment to propose -- a small amendment to propose. But, I don’t know if we do that before the motion is seconded?”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Is there a second? Is there a second?”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “I’ll second it.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, Commissioner Arrington seconded it. For discussion --”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “My amendment is on the attachment to the resolution on the second page under Roman numeral four. I would like to delete that last sentence which reads, “Fulton County employees whom the County Manager determines ineligible for ARPA premium pay, shall receive a \$3,000 pandemic relief payment”, et cetera. My issue is the document itself deals with the rescue act money. This would be general fund money or other sources I suppose. To me that's a separate issue than allocating all of rescue plan money and it may be something that I may or may not be supportive of if the County Manager does bring forth some kind of pay for folks absent the American Rescue Plan money. So, I would be more comfortable with this if we remove that sentence and that would be my proposed amendment.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right you heard the proposal amendment by Commissioner Morris. Is there a second? I’ll second it for discussion. Questions or comments?”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “What will the amendment say?”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “It would just remove that sentence so that there would not be a mandate in this document for the general fund to propose the \$3,000 for the employee that is not eligible under the premium pay for the rescue act money.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “I have a question.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Go ahead Commissioner.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Madam County Attorney, this is to you. Madam, the outside legal counsel McGuireWoods, LLP and my staff met for I think it was almost six hours making sure that we got this plan to comply with treasury rules and the Act, is that correct to your knowledge.”

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I'm not sure how much time you all spent together. I do know that legal counsel was consulted both internal as well as outside."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. As a result of those meetings outside counsel made a number of recommendations and changes to the original resolution to ensure that the County's compliant with treasury rules and the Act, including inserting clauses that would help, that would keep us compliant when the federal government may change or modifies rules from time to time, is that correct Madam County Attorney."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes, I do believe that information was provided on changes that could be made. Now, I couldn't say that all of the changes requested have been made, but there is language in here that clearly states that the plan is designed to comply with the American Rescue Plan Act."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. So, to that point, I would say this: The outside counsel answering a question of my staff whether or not the implementation plan was compliant with treasury stated pretty much that there was a compliance catchall which would allow for the County Manager, the County management team to come back with the readout on what programs work, which needs adjustments, and which are administratively too burdensome or risky from an audit perspective. So, that the County's all-time compliant, that's kind of what I got from you just then, but I just want to make sure if we're on the same page; is that correct."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "That is correct."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "-- and you and your office have reviewed the resolution and the RIP plan and have approved a resolution as to the form that it currently is without the amendment, and it is properly before the Board of Commissioners today to your knowledge with no conflicts in the law; is that correct."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "That is correct. I would say though that the version that is attached to the agenda item summary does not appear to be the most recent version because this still includes the as amended language that was removed, but other than that it appears to be the final."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. And I would thank you. Let me see when you made that -- what is it that's in front of us today that's different? Yes, I just want to make sure we're on the same page."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "It's just in the -- it has some as amended by language on every page and that in the last version was not included. It's at the bottom of the resolution the first three pages of the resolution and at the top of the

implementation plan. But that's a scrivener's issue as opposed to a substantive issue. But the substance appears to be the same."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. And so, Madam Attorney, for those of us in layman's terms could you just breakdown that comment that you just made?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "What you would be approving in substance is what's attached, but the final is not going to include this as amended language that's at the bottom of the resolution and at the top of the implementation plan."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. That's fine. Mr. Chair, just if you could, bear with me for little bit more -- thank you Madam County Attorney. Mr. County Manager, I just had a couple of things just for the viewing public. In my office, we've had a couple of meetings, you've briefed me and my staff. I appreciate you for doing that and I'm glad that we're on the same page. During our briefing, you did say to me that you didn't see any financial reasons that is problematic if we enact this resolution as is; is this correct Sir."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes Ma'am. What I said was what I said this morning too, we looked at the cash flow analysis of this and this does not create a problem with us being able to have the funds to execute across the course of this plan. The only caveat which I also mentioned to you and also mentioned this morning is the FEMA reimbursement. If it goes low, fifty percent then at the end of this program you've eliminated any of the reserve and may in fact have to dip into the general fund. But that's not a constraint in the current year for sure."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. Thank you. And this resolution and the RIP plan gives you and your team the policy directive you need to put together a mortgage – you've already had the rental, but also a utility assistance program of which we could possibly share the administration costs with other cities who are willing to collaborate with us; is that correct."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes Ma'am."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay, and during my briefing that I had with you, you told me that we have approximately 2500 essential workers who are eligible to receive premium pay under the federal guidelines. And during our briefing, you and I had a conversation as to what we both thought was fair and equal to all employees; is that correct."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, I'm not sure I understand the intent of that question."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Well, you and I were trying to hash-out what we thought because you had a concern that if one set of employees got something versus the other, you wanted to be fair. And so, this was kind of what I would say for the lack of a better word a happy medium knowing that I've been very clear and concise that this is one time. This will not happen again. This is because of the pandemic, and we've had so many employees such as IT, and even today with the Tax Commissioner so, what my understanding with you in the meeting we had in the sense of fairness you want it to be fair to all employees while staying within the guidelines.”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “Yes Ma'am, and that's where I think a payment to all employees is warranted. Not only out of fairness, but also on the basis of in the end I believe all of our employees whether they were in the library or reassigned to elections or they on the front lines in the Board of Health contributed to what the County's response was to the COVID-19 pandemic.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “So, since you said that County Manager, is it true that you and I both agree on that same statement that you just made?”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “I think we're in violent agreement.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Thank you sir, and so just to be clear, this is a one-time payment. It may have to come from other resources. We are clear about that, and your team would have to locate that we're clear about that. But here again, just to be clear because I want to be clear after our several meetings it is your recommendation and understanding that the resolution only provides this pandemic employee payment as a one-time relief payment and it is not in any way related to any other performance type raises now or in the future; is that correct?”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “Yes Ma'am, that's what we discussed.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: Okay. All right. So, as the resolution is written today, I don't want to put words in your mouth, but is it in your position that the RIP plan as it is written gives you the lead way as the County Manager under the federal guidelines and provide you the authority to ensure that the County's compliant at all times with treasury and other federal guidelines; is that correct?”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “Yes Ma'am, I think the language is written in a way that I can come back and make any adjustments, inform the Board of those adjustments necessary to comply.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Thank you County Manager.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. The motion on the floor is the Morris amendment which was properly made and seconded and we need to dispose of that motion and get back to the main motion which was to approve. Want to restate your—”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “It was simply to delete the sentence requiring the payment out of non-rescue act money wherever that might come from to employees that would not be eligible for the \$3,000 under the Rescue Act money.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, I got a queue to let’s limit our comments to the Morris amendment before we get to the main motion. Commissioner Hausmann, do you want to speak to the Morris amendment.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Yes, that is one of my main issues with this is outlining today what sort of employee or category even of employees or all employees would get any sort of relief money. I’m just going to tell you that when we discussed this a few weeks ago and my comments have had a lot of feedback in the community from people that really have struggled without having a job, have lost their benefits, that still have to pay their property taxes and you know the fact that our employees would get a blanket payment when they’ve been able to keep their jobs and their situations is something that does not seem fair to folks out there that have not had that same situation. And so, that piece alone gives me great pause to make that determination today, when we don’t really know what the future lies in this money that’s supposed to go through 2024. So, I can’t support anything with regard to that particular piece of this because for example two meetings ago when we thought we had an incident and we were considering leaving at four o’clock, we sent out a directive that nonessential employees could leave at four o’clock. I don’t know how many left, but if they’re considered nonessential to leave early to avoid some sort of incident in the street, I’m not sure that I can justify that they deserve any sort of relief money so I think this is a big discussion for us to have. We’ve got a lot of employees that have been on the front lines, have put themselves at risk that I support 100 percent that they deserve some compensation for those efforts and the risks that they took, but I really cannot support this with anything that decides today how we’re going to handle what we’re going to do for our employees.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Okay. So, Commissioner Ellis your comments on the Morris amendment.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “I don’t understand procedurally how we’re voting to amend something versus where we’ve got a motion and a second - would it be a request versus it not being a request to a as a friendly amendment to the original motion. I mean there’s a motion to approve that’s on the floor.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Correct.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “As it’s written, why wouldn’t this be a request for a friendly amendment to the document to what we’re going to vote on.”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Well, I don't think it's a friendly amendment that would be accepted so, it's a substitute motion to amend, and then if this fails, we'll take up the primary motion --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Go back to the main one."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "-if it's approved, then we'll take up the primary motion with the amendment on it."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "But even with your amendment, you're agreeing to a \$3,000 across the board for every employee, just not out of the general fund."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "No. No. It would as written with that sentence removed, it would provide the money for whatever they're called the eligible under the rescue act money, they would get it; but the other employees would not unless something comes forth again as a separate paper later on in the year which I might not support depending on that I agree with you and the question of the taxpayers who don't have a job, don't have any money and they're yet having to pay for folks to continue their jobs that continue their benefits. So, it's an equity issue for me from taxpayers to employees."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, Vice Chair, your comments on the Morris --"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes, sir. Thank you Mr. Chair. First of all, I want to just make it clear that all employees are essential. I know this is a term that has been adopted from COVID-19 pandemic, but all of our employees are essential. And let's make sure everybody understands that many of our nonessential employees were reassigned to jobs that made them essential; is that not correct Mr. County Manager?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes Ma'am, in the end, all employees were reassigned."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you. All employees were reassigned to be essential employees. So, I think that kind of clears up that entire discussion. Now, I did hear you say that about 2500 employees qualify?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "I think that's referencing what we -- if you recall, the Board authorized hazardous pay in the last round last year so we had and Ken can correct me if that's not exactly the right number but in that range of folks we went through department by department and qualified them for that payment. Now, I think also, in retrospect now as we move forward, things like the Tax Commissioners' office, like IT, I don't think we could do the same analysis and not include additional employees in that."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Exactly."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "But we have not done that as of yet. Waiting to see direction from this policy decision."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you for that. So, my question would be which employees do not qualify? Do we know a number?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "We do not know a number and I would hesitate to say because again I think if we went through that process again, we would find that it's more than what it was last year. But looking at the federal guidelines there might be some argument made that there are some that are ineligible for payment under the way it's written currently today. So, we'd have to do that analysis to determine it."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I would like to request that you do that analysis because I think it is very important that we do this bonus for the employees as we just discussed. Many of the nonessential employees all were reassigned and that made them essential employees. So, I think it's important. Also, do we know an average of how much general fund dollars would be necessary to provide the pay for the employees that would not be eligible, well would not qualify under –"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "No, you will have to do that analysis."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "You have to do that too, oh I'd like to request that as well. I think information is power and you can't make an adequate decision without the information. That's all, Mr. Chairman, thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, anything else on the Morris amendment? Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I just want to say that thank you, County Manager -- thank your office. We looked at all the scenarios that are coming up today, and I was directed by this body to make sure that we were very thorough. While we're waiting on analysis, we've got Fulton County employees that are helping us maintain a very high customer service rating. We have Fulton County employees who had to use their Internet, who had to do other challenges while they contracted COVID while they came into work. We have IT professionals that came in and made sure Fulton County stayed working and was for doing above and beyond. Yes, I understand people have jobs. But we also need to make sure that everybody on this body knows that we are in a pandemic. And we asked our employees to step to the plate. I have the full confidence in our County Manager's leadership that once he does his analysis, if he feels that it needs to be tweaked, if he feels that it's something that he needs to change, that this legislation gives him the power to do so that it would not be burdensome while being fair to our Fulton County employees who we are on their backs. They were the ones that

had to make sure our customers were taken care of while they were suffering from COVID; the Tax Commissioner's office was hit heavy, and they worked through it. And so, I understand we all have a lens that we're looking through, but let's be fair. Our employees are the staple. Our employees is what make Fulton County great. Our employees are more important than a very expensive glass of cognac or a Cuban cigar. Our employees are the reason that we are number one when it comes to operational-wise, when it comes to human resources, when it comes to us setting the bar. So, I believe this body should, based on this legislation, allow the County Manager to make a determination as to if eligible they will all receive it, if not those that are eligible will, but this was a very fair compromise to make sure that all of our employees -- all of our employees. One thing about our employees, they have no choice yes, we can talk about other places and what happened with other places, but this is Fulton County. And based on what the Chair said, a great place to work, let's make sure that we ring that truth today. Thank you."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Is that a substitute motion, because I second it. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman was that a substitute motion to have the County Manager have the authority to go ahead and do the pay for those that qualify?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes."

VICE CHAIR HALL: Okay, well I second it."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I believe there's already a substitute motion on the floor."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We have to dispose of -- anything else on the Morris amendment? Commissioner Hausmann on the Morris amendment which I seconded. Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes, I just wanted to read this e-mail that was sent out on May 5th. Colleagues it came from Ms. Corbitt. We've been advised of plans for demonstration this evening in the vicinity of City Hall starting at 5:00 p.m. for that reason nonessential personnel in the downtown area are dismissed as of 4:00 p.m. Thank you. I didn't make it up. It was in writing. I understand it's a controversial comment about how employees are classified, but it was sent out about our employees, and I you know so I do think it matters that to the public that we are considering giving across the board bonuses to people that obviously some people consider their jobs to be important, but not important in the eyes of you know putting yourself at risk during a pandemic. So, that's my only other comment."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman on the Morris amendment."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “On the Morris amendment? Just a quick question to the County Manager. County Manager as far as who's nonessential and who's essential, that final determination is with who, Sir?”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “Well, for purposes of this discussion, I think it would rest with me based on the way the law is written. It says the CEO will determine who is classified as eligible, it doesn't use the term essential and nonessential, eligible and noneligible.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “I'll correct that. Who would determine who's eligible and who is noneligible?”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “I would.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, anything else Commissioner Arrington on the Morris amendment.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “How many employees are in the Tax Commissioner's office roughly.”

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER: “Good afternoon Commissioner. As of last pay cycle, 187.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “187, okay, and then what's the total number of employees in the County.”

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER: “Total number of employees as of last pay cycle, 4,481.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: Okay, so we're talking about roughly 1500 employees. You said four thousand how many?”

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE: “4,481 employees total.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “So roughly 2,000 employees, okay.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Anything else on the Morris amendment? If not, let's cast your votes, please. The motion is to approve –”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “-- approve what?”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “The Morris amendment, yes.”

CLERK GRIER: “And the vote is open for Commissioners Morris’ amendment. Okay. And the motion failed three yeas, three nays.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, the motion fails; now back to the main motion which was to approve. Any further comments? All right. I’m sorry, go ahead Commissioner Ellis.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Yes, I just want to make just some brief remarks on it. Number 1. I think we fully demonstrated in the past cycle of funding that came to us for CARES that we know how to administer these programs. We had a good process in place and we didn’t need to handle it via a very prescriptive resolution. I think we need to continue that practice going forward today. I’m not comfortable approving a resolution which has prescriptions in it for things that which as awarded don’t arguably don’t comply with the act and are questionably about it. In addition to that, you know there’s language in here that I think potentially puts at odds you know being prescriptive around something and then handing it over to staff and potentially pressuring them to try to fit something in and that sort of pushes the envelope when it comes to compliance. I’d rather see our staff come to us with the recommendations around the program that they know is compliant, that we can get to work on, we’ve demonstrated the ability to do that in the past, and I think that you know this resolution ultimately is just not needed. We can have individual programs come before us. We discuss them individually. What we want to do with pay – I’m in favor of doing something with pay. I think we ought to take it up, come up with a plan, discuss that and approve it. Similar with other elements you know having something that just says you know your requirement is that you got to a business license, a tax return, and have an [Inaudible.] of need, evidence of a negative impact, and then saying we’re going to administer that I worry that you know we’re going to be in a situation where it comes back in audit, and we look like the city of Stonecrest. I just don’t think we ought to put our staff in that position. We ought to come forward with individual programs we all agree upon and how they’re going to be administered and executed, and then we vote on them and approve them. One over one. We’ve had a good track record of doing that in the past. I think we can do in the future.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Commissioner Abdur-Rahman followed by Vice Chair Hall.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Thank you, Chair. First of all, this is the moral thing to do. We’re not Stonecrest, by any measure. First of all, let me say that openly. We are not Stonecrest by any measure. Again, County Attorney, is this resolution compliant? Please turn your mic on, County Attorney.”

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: “The policy that you have put forth because it provides that to the extent something in the implementation plan is not in compliance with the American rescue plan that the Manager will fix it; he’ll adjust it; he’ll amend it so that it is in compliance.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “So, it is in compliance and it’s not just loosely thrown together like a puzzle. This is something that you as the County Attorney have looked at, we’ve had outside counsel to look at, and to the best of our ability it is compliant; correct?”

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: “I would agree with that.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Okay, this is just what I want to say Chairman with all due respect, we playing with people’s lives that happened to be our employees. And the fact that we have went back and forth -- the first resolution was the acceptance; and we accepted it. The second resolution has teeth and that does not mean that I tell -- or anybody on this body tells the County Manager what to do. No one is on this body telling the County Manager what to do. We as a body set policy in place that goes over six districts with the at-large chair. Now, if I’m not mistaken, I was told by this body especially Commissioner Ellis to make sure that we went by treasury guidelines, and I did exactly what you told me to do. I followed your directive from this Board of Commissioners meeting. I met in good faith with the County Manager’s office, thank you. I had a conversation with Commissioner Hausman, and she expressed her concerns to me as well. And so, to sit up and say that we’re doing this almost in a lackadaisical mode is offensive, it’s untrue, and it does a disservice to our employees. So, I would say again, the right thing to do is to understand in a pandemic, and we have gotten some of the money in that we allow what our County Attorney just said, excuse me our County Manager is waiting on directive from us. That’s what he said. Do what’s right County Commission because we have Fulton County employees that are watching us right now to make sure that we do what is right. And to tell by not wanting to do this to tell our Fulton County employees that they are not important because that’s what you’re doing. You’re saying they’re not important. And I take issue with a body that is sending to our same employees who you’re telling them wear a mask, you’re telling them to make sure that they give A-1 service, but when it’s time for us to take care of them, then we want to hem-and-haw. So again, I would appeal to the employees today that County Commission of Fulton County cares about its’ employees. And the sister counties of Dekalb County and others who have already moved on this -- we got a moratorium that ends on June 30th. And we’ve got money sitting in the bank. And we’re sitting going back and forth as though our employees are not important. I take issue with that. If you get upset about it so be it. I apologize. Use this as a running apology because we will not be number one when it comes the customer service. We would not be number one operational- wise. We would not have the best County management team in the state of Georgia if it was not for the execution of our employees. Here again, please support this and pass it.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Vice Chair Hall.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Thank you Mr. Chair. I have to go back to Madam County Attorney. You said something that kind of-- I need some clarification. You said the

County Manager has to fix Commissioner Abdur-Rahman's resolution. What did you mean by that?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "To the extent that there are pieces in the implementation plan that once you actually try to put together a program because that's when you're going to figure out whether or not all of this fits within the requirements of the plan once you actually put together a program and all the pieces of that. And so, to the extent that you get to the piece let's say on the \$3,000 to employees that aren't eligible, the County Manager is not going to take that and just say I'm going to do "X" - he's going to have to look at it and determine whether or not they're eligible, is it within the mandates of the plan. So, those are the types of things the Manager's going to have to do with all of these to make sure that they're in compliance with the plan is the paperwork sufficient? Is the amount in keeping with what the rescue plan allows? I mean, those are the things the minutia of an actual program that he'll have to you know work through and determine whether or not it is in compliance with the plan."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. So that goes back to my requests from Mr. County Manager, and Madam CFO for the reports -- the two reports. And I think we all care for our employees and we all find them essential that's not to be questioned. Every Commissioner here feels that every employee is important, but I think the problem that we have at hand is just identifying who qualifies, who doesn't, and how much money is that going to cost our taxpayers if they do not qualify. I think that's the problem that many have. And that's quite alright because we want to make sure we spend the taxpayer's dollars appropriately, but our employees do deserve it. They deserve the \$3,000. I would refer back again to the fact that our County Manager and County Executives did an outstanding job when they did the presentation that's dated April 14th. It speaks to everything that is before us right now in this resolution. The only difference is the \$3,000 premium pay for the employees; is that not correct Madam County Attorney?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "When you look at the implementation plan, I believe that item number six is expected to be the April 14th presentation."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. So, so, basically Commissioner Abdur-Rahman's resolution speaks to what we've already been presented by the County Manager in the COVID-19 recovery funds plan except for it addresses the portion about the premium pay which needs to be addressed, because I think it's more fair to give one amount to all employees across-the-board than have a percentage because some people make more money than others. And if we did a percentage then there would be more employees who would receive less than \$3,000 significantly below \$3,000 and there is some that would receive up to \$11,000 in a premium paycheck. So, let's just be fair about that. So, perhaps we need to do a substitute motion as you stated earlier since we've already gone through the vote for Commissioner Morris substitute motion and – Commissioner

Abdur-Rahman, if you don't mind a friendly amendment for the County Manager's piece to be part of your resolution."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "It's the friendly amendment for the County Manager – it's in the resolution, but I will restate it. A friendly amendment for the County manager to analyze the \$3,000 and for it to be to eligible employees not essential. Is that what you're speaking to Vice Chair Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes, and that he then look at the ones that are not eligible and provide his input on programming dollar amount and what that would take to provide the fair funding to those as well."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "That's in the legislation, but, yes, I will put a friendly amendment to state all of that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Do you accept that as a friendly amendment –"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I accepted that as a friendly amendment."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you. I second it then."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Okay. So, I appreciate your comments Commissioner Ellis because you're right we did have a really good track record of evaluating programs in the first relief money that we got and we made some adjustments along the way in our plans as we learned more about our needs and what was going on in the community. And I think that's really my main concern with this. We've talked about employee compensation at length, but we haven't discussed any of the other components of this and I mean I see a section on mortgage rescue assistance which we all agree is a need, but we also were told that that's going to be a state focused program. And so, this says \$32 million would go to provide eligible Fulton County homeowners with household assistance including mortgage, rental and utility assistance. We all support that, but if the state's going to be providing their program, I'm not sure why we would dedicate \$32 million to it. So, I just think this is a great outline we've already discussed the three categories that we know that we need to focus on but to decide today to definitively where all of the money that we think we're going to have should be allocated I think is premature. And so, I appreciate the sentiment. I think we all want the money to get out where it's needed. We've discussed rental assistance for months now along those same lines and we've got forty-something million dollars sitting there that we can't allocate. So, to tie-up this money when we don't know the strings, we don't know the requirements, we don't know really what our needs are going to be in six months. I don't think it's doing a good job of wisely allocating the needed resources and

so, I don't see anything here that mentions broadband for example. I think that's a big need that's been identified. So, I just feel like this entire thing is premature I agree with the opening paragraph that we should accept the money and then I agree that we should plan, but to put every dollar that we think we're going to get into some sort of program at this point I don't think is in the best interest of the community that we're trying to help."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Mr. Manager, Mr. Hermon, I would like to know the demographic breakdown of the employees who will be receiving the \$2500 versus the non-\$2500. What is their race? What is their sex? What are the other demographic information that identifies those people and I'd like to see that information because it may be very informative and how I vote on this decision. I think all of our employees deserve certainly some type of additional compensation. The government doesn't run. Fulton County doesn't run without the employees. The lights in here don't just come on; these computers don't just turn on by themselves; but it will be interesting just to know the demographic information, if there's a difference between those who might be qualified as essential and those who might not. I wonder if there is a difference. And I wonder what the numbers will show. And I think we need to be careful because if those numbers come back showing disparate treatment for certain classes of people, we could be walking down a very thin line. We need to be very careful that we're not approving a plan that benefits only one type of person. So, I'm supportive of giving it to all of our employees, but we got to be real careful that we're not walking into a lawsuit. Frankly, where we are right now, I would almost rather remove any of the compensation -- additional compensation to any employee and see the rest of it go through -- see the rest of the rescue plan go through and hold off on all of it until we can make a decision because I'm afraid that now none of the other stuff will be approved. But I would hate to go forward with and approve something that may wind up showing that you know only one group or one type of person is going to be the recipient of the or going to be classified as eligible, or essential. I think we need to be very careful that we do not send a message to our employees that you have to be that type of person in order to be eligible or essential. And it might not -- I doubt anyone is doing that on purpose. It might just be an unintended consequence of the way that it is designed. It might be the unintended consequence of who is deemed essential based upon, you know, our historical perspective of those that are essential or eligible based on our institutions not based on anyone's direct or deliberate attempt to isolate or exclude. I doubt that very seriously, but I doubt but it's quite possible that the unintended consequences could be that only one type of person or majority of one type of person is eligible or essential. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, you want to be heard again."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "If you don't mind Chair, I'll be brief. All of the language was pulled from the law and I think that's where we're missing the point. And I

think maybe if we remember what the directive was the last time when Vice Chair spoke with the County Attorney, when Commissioner Ellis brought forth that, he did not want to see any legal ramifications, and we were instructed to go -- and I think the words was outside legal. And so, this has been before all the Commissioners for weeks. If you read the actual language and I'm not saying that the Commissioners have not -- what I am telling you based on me and my entire staff, we have read the entire language; we have worked with the County Attorney; we have worked with the County Manager; we have worked with the outside firm; and so, based on everything that we did, I'm going to call the question. Let's do that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, can't do that. You spoke before calling the question."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Let me weigh-in on this and we can sum up one way or the other. You know I think that all of this discussion today speaks to the fact that we -- this whole process I think is a work in progress, as I said from the beginning. It's like a moving target, and I think that the plan that was presented by the Manager I guess was April 14th that recovery funds plan was a good plan. If you go back to the cares money for those of us who really spent a lot of time working on that, there was no other local government in the country that was as innovative, that was as creative as we were here in Fulton County. In coming up with programs and the ways to spend that money. We funded food programs, small business loans, artists, funded our nonprofits, homeless, job-training, I can go on and on and on. Very, very, very creative and others in many instances still haven't spent their money. We were a leader. And I think that we can be a leader here. But I have some concerns that we are probably putting the cart before the horse here because I think the plan that the Manager presented gives us the flexibility that we need. But the real concerns though when you did the financial analysis, you talked about the impact that we'd have on the reserves, that's of some concern because we don't know what the future is going to hold. And there's some issues that we're going to have to deal with. We don't know what they are yet. That court backlog is huge for us. And the ramifications of us taking care of that will be far-reaching impact on the County and operations of County government. Those cities like the city of South Fulton is a classic example -- a good example. They were originally thinking they were going to get \$30 million and now they're getting what, six or seven million. I'm sure they're going to be looking for us for assistance. So, I think the plan that was originally presented and is not that different from what is being proposed here today, but I think that's the way to go. We're going to keep massaging it, because I have a plan, Morris will probably have a plan, Hall will probably have a plan, and we all have what's in our own minds what's in the best interest of all of our employees we may differ but at some point, we're going to have to take a vote. In the one area where we will -- we may not agree, is on to what extent do we compensate our employees? Is it the percentage that the Manager came up with or is it the \$3,000, I'm not sure what it is. But that could be a single vote at some point. But the rest of it I think was included in the Manager's recovery funds plan. I would hope that one, I mean no disrespect to anyone here today, I think everybody's

heart is in the right place and this is a process. This is a deliberate body and we'll end up in the same place, I'm certain of that. For example -- a classic example right now: all of the money that we had for rental assistance, we can't even spend it. We've got about \$40 million, and now we've spent \$2 million of that? So, let's not prejudge where this money is going to be spent. We've got broad categories; we got to be nimble; we got to be flexible as we move through this process. So, I would hope that we just move forward and go back to the original plan and make a separate decision at the proper time on what we do with our employees. Thank you. All right, anything else? The motion before us is to approve – it had a friendly amendment attached to it. Cast your vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion fails; three yeas, three nays and one abstention."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, we already voted to recess for lunch and Executive Session."

CLERK GRIER: "No."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: What? It was withdrawn. All right. Is there a second?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, cast your votes please. Recess for executive session; lunch and executive session. Motion to approve and seconded by Vice Chair Hall."

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

(Break taken at 2:15 p.m.)

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I'll entertain a motion to – "

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "-- speak our move that resume regular session."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Is there a second."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Second."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you. And I hear -- yes, I'm sorry. Okay. Is there an issue? Well, he told me to go ahead, but I don't know where he went. All right. Madam Clerk, Madam County Attorney, we have items from executive session."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes, Vice Chair. Is there a motion to approve the request for representation set forth in the first item on the executive session agenda?"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "So moved."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "And seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Please open the vote."

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

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Is there a motion to approve the settlement authority that was set forth in the second item on executive session agenda."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "So moved."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "And seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Open the vote, please."

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

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Is there a motion to accept the revised quitclaim deed, and grant certain limited restrictions with respect to the Cedar Grove community center."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "So moved."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "And seconded by Commissioner Hausmann. Please open the vote."

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

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I have nothing further."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. And I have a motion for the Boards' authorizing the chief HR officer to enter into an agreement with the RMN Agency to conduct the executive search for the County attorney at a cost not to exceed \$69,000 plus associated candidate travel reimbursable expenses."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Second."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes. Mic —"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I guess a friendly amendment to have the attorney's office negotiate the actual deal finalized in terms as compared to the chief human resources' Officer. I think he worked on the outline but, I would rather see the attorneys."

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Yes. Absolutely. All right. Absolutely. With a friendly amendment? So, the motion is on the floor and seconded by Commissioner Morris. Please open the vote.”

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

VICE CHAIR HALL: “It’s freezing. Thank you, Madam County Attorney. Madam Clerk, next item, please.”

CLERK GRIER: On the bottom of page 4, **21- 0401**, Purchasing and Contract Compliance. Request ratification of countywide emergency procurements.”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “Move approval.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Commissioner Morris moved approval with a second by Commissioner Ellis. Is there any discussion, question? Hearing none, please open the vote.”

CLERK GRIER: “And the vote is open.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Which like the -- would you like the County Attorney -- the County Manager to explain.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Was it on the agenda on the website? I think it was.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Commissioner Arrington. All right. Well, the vote is open.”

CLERK GRIER: “And the motion passes; four yeas, zero nays.”

CLERK GRIER: “Page 5, **21-0328**, Registration and Elections. Request approval of a statewide contract to provide temporary staffing services.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS: “Good afternoon, Board of Registration and elections -- is this on the mic -- good afternoon Commissioners. Richard Barron, Director of Registration and Elections. I have a presentation. Before I give you the presentation, I just want to briefly introduce the new Deputy Director for the Department, Patrick Eskridge. He holds two masters’ degrees. He’s got an MBA in master’s in public administration, and he worked for us about seven years ago, and he also has worked at Gwinnett County. And so, we are excited to have him I just wanted to introduce him briefly. Okay. Next slide, please. So, I watched two weeks ago when my election Chief Nadine Williams was here regarding this Happy Faces item. I wanted to briefly review why we started using this staffing agency back in

2015. A few of the reasons we had supplemental staff that would no longer be able to work full-time because of the 29 and half-hour limit under the Affordable Care Act with over-time demands complying with the ACA meant we'd have to either at least double our work force if not triple it in big elections. We needed flexibility and efficiency in the hiring process. Early voting expansion -- when I got here there were only six early voting sites or three depending upon the election -- we quickly ramped up to more than 20 in some elections. It placed many demands on human resources, and finance became burdensome for both departments. The cost of using the vendor was cost-effective, and it was difficult to replace people quickly through the Fulton County processes. So, this is a not to exceed spending authority in the amount of \$7.7 million. Happy Faces has been critical to our operations for several years. We usually get about 300-400 of our supplemental staff positions from Happy Faces, and that's what we would do again this year. They would be in different categories: elections, logistics, warehouse, voter registration, absentee ballots, advanced voting, voter education outreach, security, technical support, and a call center. Next slide, please.

Approximately, the average election usually takes around 3000 workers. We have about 1 percent of those come from full-time, temporary staff. When I started here, we had 18 full-time staff. We now have 36. In 2019, we had 21, and I brought a proposal to increase it to 34, and then we added two more. I'm also planning on bringing another increase over the next two Board meetings to get us up to 45 full-time staff. The department currently has an RFP out to evaluate all election operations, and includes a review of the staffing model. We have moderately -- modestly moved that needle over the years to increase staff, and to decrease our dependence upon supplemental staff, but they're still vital to our operations. Eighty-six percent of our staff, our community citizens staff that staff the polls on election day. Thirteen percent of those are supplemental staff. Of the supplemental staff, eighty-seven percent of those are Fulton County residents. And for early voting and for our warehouse, there is no requirements in the law that they be Fulton County residents, and now since SB202 passed, we can now on election day recruit workers from other counties. And bring them in on election day which was never an option for us before. Next slide, please. So, you can see about 2600 of our positions come from either County employees that help us, or community or civic minded residents that work for us election day poll worker positions, election night workers, logistics and warehouse call center reps, election day security and line monitors. Temporary positions the three to four hundred those cover all of these other positions that I've mentioned on the previous page. Next slide, please. And one thing I'd like to say -- Happy Faces over time, they always have gone over and above to help us. Last year, we put many demands on them, especially in the technical arena and out on their own they went out partnered with an IT firm to make sure that we were able to get technical staff when needed and when some of our other partners --

staffing partners were unable to fill all of the positions, Happy Faces always had people that they could get in here right away to fill those positions. They are very efficient in staffing for us. They have had a state of Georgia contract for 20 years. They have been with us for seven. They started out as our partner. They have also been used in vaccine outreach, senior services, and community development. They have successfully provided assistance in staffing for us since 2015, as I mentioned earlier. They are responsible for the recruit and process payroll for temporary staffing. What you'll see in a slide later as well they -- if we were to bring all of these people into the Fulton County fold and have human resources and finance department each would probably have to hire ten more staff each to handle all of these people that would have to be added to the department of registration and elections. They are not -- we do not place Happy Faces employees in supervisory or management positions with the exception of those that work at the early voting locations and they're usually a 3-5 week assignment. Eighty-seven percent of the workforce are Fulton County residents that are hired through Happy Faces. They are an equal opportunity employer. They do not make any inquiries related to political party affiliation as part of their hiring practices. They have ease and flexibility of scheduling over-time and weekend work, and poor performers can be immediately dismissed. If, when we used to use the model where we brought in supplemental staff through Fulton County, it would take right now that process would be from the time we begin to fill out the paperwork for recruitment requisition through the time that somebody is finally on board that is about a 50 day process. With Happy Faces, we can let someone go and have them replaced within 24 hours. So, they are very efficient for us in that regard. Next slide, please. They are cost-effective. They give us operational efficiency, ease of scheduling, ease for training. They have availability of staff, expedite payment to staff, and they have the ability to respond to emergency requests. And they are always engaged and send people here to deal with their staff if it's ever requested. And they are very responsive. Next slide, please. So, as you can see, if you annualize the cost -- if we were to bring these staff positions on total number of positions 973, it would cost Fulton County approximately \$25 million over a year. This is according to analysis done by human resources. The temporary agency is about \$18.7 million, so, it's more than \$6 million in costs difference using Happy Faces on an annual basis. The additional cost factor as I mentioned before that we would have to also add Fulton would need to add employees into finance and human resources to deal with all those extra staff. The benefits, leave, leave accruals, leave payouts, new hires, FMLA, unemployment insurance, Worker's Comp., additional management -- those would all be requirements that we would have to have in order to bring all those people on. So, that is a significant cost difference. Next slide, please. And then later this year, we are going to be bringing some of these items for the next -- in the grant funded items will be coming on at the July 16th meeting with the

exception of one today, and that will mean that we will have spent about 98 percent of the grant funds that we were awarded, and that -- we should be able to spend almost 100 percent of those grant funds that we were awarded by the end of June which is the expiration of those grants. We have some other items that we will bring for in front of the BOC later as well -- for the BOC consideration this year, and these are listed here. And next slide, please. And then I can take any questions."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is there a motion to approve? Commissioner Arrington is there a second. I'll second. All right. Any discussion here? Commissioner Hausmann followed by Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes, thank you Rick for being here today. I know you been sitting there for a while, so I appreciate that. Welcome to Fulton County what was your role in Gwinnett if I could ask."

PATRICK ESKRIDGE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, REGRISTRATION & ELECTIONS: "I was over the voter education and outreach program with Gwinnett County."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "How long were you with Gwinnett?"

PATRICK ESKRIDGE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, REGRISTRATION & ELECTIONS: "Just under two years."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Welcome again to Fulton County. We appreciate your interest. All right. I'm looking at your slide where you have the graph about the number of temporary staff versus on the staffing agency versus community members. You said that your requests for the \$7.7 million would cover three to four hundred temporary workers through the agency is that correct."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGRISTRATION & ELECTIONS: "Yes, for both municipal elections and some of what's being worked already this year as well."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "So, the 83 percent or whatever that number was of community members -- 86 percent how many people is that approximately."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGRISTRATION & ELECTIONS: "That's about -- for the average election, that's about 2600."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "So, 2600 plus the 400?"

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGRISTRATION & ELECTIONS: "Yes. Well, and then you have 87 percent of those work live in Fulton County."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Well, I’m just trying to get the total number you need. So, you really need about 3,000 workers.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS: “Yes.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Okay, and then the cost for the 2600 workers; how much is that? For the community member type worker.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS: “For election day, I need to get that to you.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Well, I mean if you’re saying approximately 400 folks it’s 7.7 million.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS: “Then most of the people that work on election day -- the 2600 that’s a flat fee. And so, Fulton County pays that. They’re like a one-day worker.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Fulton County pays all of it, okay. We pay for both. I’m just trying to get an idea how much we spend on the 86 percent of the workers versus how much we’re paying for the Happy Faces workers.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS: “I’ll have to get that figure for Election Day.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Is the money for the 86 percent election day workers already in the budget.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS: “Yes.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “So, your total budget if I recall was like \$7.1 million for the year; is that correct.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS: “\$6.5 million I believe for the operational budget, but that didn’t include -- then we’ve got both municipal budgets; yes, it’s over 7 million for those.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “So, these 400 costs as much or more than the 2600 from the community.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS: “Yeah, I think that for this year the total amount of money that we will spend for Happy Faces is somewhere in the neighborhood of \$4.6 million plus what we’ve already -- what we’re doing this year up until now.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "I thought the agenda item was spending authority up to \$7 —"

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS: "It's a spending authority for the whole year, yes for \$7.7 million and that includes some of what we have this year already and what we will expend for the remainder of the year as well because of the municipal elections."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Okay, I'm just trying to put this in context. It looks like this item is three or four times what it costs for us to hire community members to do this work; am I miscalculating that."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS: "Well, we have two different types of staff. We have people that we recruit for election day, and then we have people that work throughout our offices and through early voting. The three to four hundred encompasses the latter. The 2600 those are one day workers and we pay them a flat fee and they get anywhere from \$225 up to \$375 for that day of work."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "So, these three to four hundred are involved in back room operations and a host of other duties rather than just working with the election when the polls are open."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS: "Correct."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Do we not try to recruit community members for these jobs also."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS: "They -- anyone can apply through our staffing agency to get hired for any of those positions. And many of the Election Day workers do work especially during early voting's to do those duty."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "So, I've had a lot of folks contact me that they've attempted to get on through Happy Faces, but they can't get a call back. So how does Happy Faces find the folks to work with Fulton County because these are Fulton County citizens that have said this."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS: "We can, if you have names, we can get those names to Happy Faces and we can recommend those people to Happy Faces. I don't know how they are -- we don't -- they are in charge of recruiting those workers, bringing them on board, paying them, assigning them, but we don't -- we aren't involved in their recruitment processes."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “But you have been told that they’ve 87 percent of them live in Fulton County.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS: “Yes.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Okay, I just think we need a little more clarity on how they find the folks that they hire. If people that are trying to get on to help us say they can't get anywhere that just gives me you know some concern. And I guess they can come to us directly, but I'm just sharing with you what I've been told. So, we have people that have worked for us before that are in the system that continue to come back and so we do have community members that -- people just want to know this -- we do have community members that historically continue to work for us for elections so, they know people in the precincts and those kinds of things, right.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS: “Yes. And we have many election day workers that return election after election. We also have people that used to work for us through Fulton County that have transitioned to positions with Happy Faces that have been with us for example in the warehouse for 15 years. And they used to be Fulton County temporary staff, they're now Happy Faces staff.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “And that costs us more doesn't it.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS: “No. If you look at its – it's cheaper for us to have people work through Happy Faces than it is for us to have people hired through Fulton County.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “You're going to have to share that math with me because I'm not looking at it that way at all. It looks to me to be quite the opposite. It looks to me and if I'm wrong, please educate me, but it looks to me like it's at least three times more to use Happy Faces than it is for us to do it directly.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS: “Well, if -- when human resources looked this, and they did a cost analysis, which is I think on the second to the last slide -- if you took it out over a one-year period it's about \$6.3 million more if we were to bring all those people on and hire them here versus if Happy Faces -
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COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Correct. I see this, but what I'm looking at is the 2600 folks in addition to this that you need to do an election because you said you needed 3000.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS: "Yes, most of those are just for one day."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "You said is like \$6 million is what you just said for the 2600 people."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS: "Our budget for - our budget for 2020 or 2021, is six and a half million dollars. That does not include the municipal budgets. And that included the January election as well."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "All right. This is not very clear. I would appreciate it being spelled out for us. We get a lot of questions on this. You know we get a lot of questions on this. I'd like to be able to speak intelligently on what we're actually spending to conduct an election. It's just -- it's just not clear."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS: "Okay."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "All right. And then you mentioned the warehouse and so, I'm going to ask you a question about the warehouse. It's been in the news -- it's all over the place. Are you confident that we have adequate security at our facility out there?"

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Are you confident that we have adequate protocols in place for folks to lock the doors when they leave."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS: "Yes. And my staff locks the doors whenever they leave."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Well, we had an incident as you know where it was not locked."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "So, I think the public has a right to know that we have adequate protocols in place to make sure that everything is secure out there."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Not only do we have, you know, a case that's still outstanding, is that not where we house millions of dollars of electronic election equipment?"

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "So, I think it's important that we --"

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS: "Yes, those areas of that building, we share that with other departments those areas of that building or alarmed and cameraed where we have our stuff. Those areas were not accessed."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "I trust that that's true, but in general, I think the fact that we had an incident, unlocked doors, people leaving, you know the host of things that have been spelled out publicly whether they're accurate or not, they're in the public domain. I'm asking you to give us the assurance that everything is secured out there."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "All right. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yeah, just a few things. You know when we have an audit done for a County department, and the auditor provides the report -- they issue their findings, talk about areas of deficiency, we generally look to see a response from the department and action in a fairly swift period of time after that. So, you in essence sort of had an audit by the state entity and I quote Mr. Carter Jones report Fulton is leaning heavily upon an army of temporary workers to fulfill the litany of tasks that must be completed from logistics to processing ballots to scanning final results. It would perhaps be best to offset this number of workers with stakeholders from the community who would like to get involved in the electoral process. By conducting multiple interviews with temporary staff, it is made clear that some have no keen interest in participating in this immensely important process which is perhaps to blame for some of the sloppy clerical errors and logistical short-comings that have plagued the complicated electoral process. Okay? Today -- what's the date we're in June, and you presented to us basically a fairly rudimentary borderline insulting presentation about why the staffing agency you know we need it in terms for staff, yes, we know we need temporary staffs. We know we need to use a temporary staffing firm and I didn't need to see this calculation from HR to say if we employed all of these folks full-time it would be a lot more expensive. No joke. But what I would have expected to see by now is some sort of factoring in of a response from these reports and how we were going to staff and run elections. But it's not. You know and you note in here that we have an RFP to bring in a consultant to advise us to look at that and evaluate it. That's great. That should have occurred long before us sitting here on June 1st. And, you know, I'll just leave it at that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Anyone else? No further questions or comments. The motion before us is to approve. Cast your votes please."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Next item.”

CLERK GRIER: “Continuing on page 5, **21-0402**, Registration and Elections. Request approval of a statewide contract for the purchase of seven ICC scanners.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. The motion to approve by Commissioner Morris. I'll second. Any questions or comments? None. Cast your votes, please.”

CLERK GRIER: “And the vote is open.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “We already have an allotment of scanners that the state gave us and these are to supplement those. They gave us – they loaned them to us towards the end of last year, and we're paying for them through the grant funds.”

CLERK GRIER: “The motion passes; five yeas, zero nays.”

CLERK GRIER: “**21-0403**, Finance. Request approval of a Resolution authorizing the execution, delivery, and performance of an intergovernmental agreement with Fulton County Urban Redevelopment Agency relating to the issuance facility improvement revenue bonds.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Need a motion. All right. The motion to approve by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Any questions or comments? Hearing none, cast your vote.”

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

CLERK GRIER: “**21-0404**, Finance. Request approval to amend an existing contract to amend the scope of work to include benefit claims, audit services for the Anthem medical and pharmacy plans, AETNA Dental PPO and Kaiser HMO plan.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Motion to approve by vice chair Hall, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Any questions? None, cast your vote, please.”

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

CLERK GRIER: “**21-0405**, Real Estate and Asset Management. Request approval of recommended proposal to provide standby emergency repair and restoration services for Fulton County facilities on an as-needed basis.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Any questions? If not, let's vote.”

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

CLERK GRIER: On page 6, **21-0406**, Real Estate and Asset Management. Request approval of a recommended proposal to provide comprehensive operation preventive and corrective maintenance services for the Fulton County Jail and South Fulton municipal jail at Union City.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Vice Chair Hall, seconded by Commissioner Morris. No questions? Let's vote.”

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

CLERK GRIER: “Under Health and Human Services, **21-0408**, Senior Services. Request approval to increase spending authority to provide congregate and home delivered meals, meal delivery, nutrition and education, and nutrition counseling for Fulton County residents age 60 and above.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Any questions? Cast your vote.”

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

CLERK GRIER: “**21-0409**, Community Development. Request approval to amend an existing contract to provide assistance to Fulton County Department of Community Development in preparation of various documents and technical assistance related to the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Community Planning and Development.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Move approval, but I do have a question.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, motion to approve by Vice Chair Hall, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Vice Chair Hall has a question.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “I noticed that we are hiring them to actually do work that used to be done by County employees. And I do understand that we have staffing that has changed decreased in the Department of Housing and Community Development; and so, that leads me to the question of are we outsourcing these functions and no longer going to have employees that do these functions? Or is there a plan to hire back the permanent employees again, who are dedicated to serving the County. Mr. County Manager?”

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS: “Commissioner Hall, no problem. Thank you for the question. This contract is primarily for compliance risk mitigation and technical assistance. We have and are using this firm to also complete the caper specifically that was previously a staff function. Unfortunately, many of the previous capers did have errors, and so we were able to submit a compliant caper with no errors using this firm. As far as future plans for filling any of the existing vacancies, I would be happy to give you an update. As you know, we have a new director coming on board next -- you may not know you know we've hired a new director, but he starts next week. And I will be working with him on any staffing needs that he has based on the current vacancies in the department. And I'll be happy to give you an update.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Thank you, so much.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Motion is to approve. Cast your vote.”

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

CLERK GRIER: “Under Infrastructure and Economic Development, **21-0375**, County Manager. Request approval of a resolution to repurpose existing general fund -- capital fund because from roadway transportation projects to be used for transportation related projects to benefit the Fulton County executive airport Charlie Brown Field and for other purposes.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hausmann, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Any questions? Hearing none, cast your vote.”

CLERK GRIER: “And the vote is open. And the motion passes; four yeas, one nay.”

CLERK GRIER: “**21-0376**, Public Works. Request approval to increase spending authority to provide resurfacing of roads within the Fulton Industrial District.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Motion is to approve by Commissioner Hausmann, seconded by Vice Chair Hall. Are there any questions? Commissioner Arrington.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: {Inaudible -Not speaking in the mic.}

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “Yes, sir, we would have an IGA to be able to perform this work.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “{Inaudible -Not on the mic} -- GA then what.”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “Then this spending authority would not be executed, and these projects would not be done.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Okay. Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Motion is to approve. Cast your vote.”

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

CLERK GRIER: “On page 7, **21-0410**, Select Fulton. Request approval of a recommended proposal to develop an urban redevelopment plan for the Fulton Industrial redevelopment area.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Let's see here. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hausmann, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Any questions? Hearing none, let's vote.”

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

CLERK GRIER: “Under Justice and Safety, **21-0411** Sheriff. Request approval to renew an existing contract to provide type written title examinations, abstracts, and delinquent tax sales preparation services.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Motion is to approve by Vice Chair Hall, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Any questions? No questions, let's vote.”

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

CLERK GRIER: “Under Commissioner Action Items, **21-0379**. Request approval of a Resolution amending the membership of the task force on elections within Fulton County and for other purposes sponsored by Commissioner Arrington.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Is there a motion? Commissioner Arrington.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “{Inaudible -Not on the mic} -- three appointees per Commissioner. The group has not been able to meet because Commissioners have not made three appointments each therefore, I was trying to reduce it to two appointees each so that there can be a quorum and the group can meet and address all of the horrible things going on in our elections department.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Okay. The motion is to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Is there a second? Seconded by Commissioner Hall. Let's vote. I'm sorry. Commissioner Ellis.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “I understand this will sunset at the end-of-the-year according to the document. And just my position on this and I appreciate your raising it. At this particular point in time last year, but my position is that we -- we have a Board of elections, we have an elections department, they've heard extensively from various people throughout the course over 12 months now it seems like they should be able to figure how to run elections we don't need another task force to try to advise them. If they can't figure out they should get some folks who can.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Any other questions or comments? All right. If not, the motion is to approve. Let's vote.”

CLERK GRIER: “And the vote is open. And the motion passes; 4 yeas, one nay.”

CLERK GRIER: Bottom of page 7, **21-0414**. Request approval of a Resolution authorizing negotiations between Fulton County and the city of Atlanta to temporarily utilize the Atlanta city detention center as a location to provide additional programs and services regarding justice reform and to address the Fulton County jail housing concerns and for other purposes sponsored by Commissioner Arrington.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right the motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Vice Chair Hall. Speakers Vice Chair Hall strike that, Mr. Arrington followed by Vice Chair Hall.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “We have -- we had a meeting on special called meeting last week to talk about this ongoing issue. City of Atlanta passed a similar

resolution, and so this is just an opportunity to give us the ability to proceed. And I guess we would still have to choose two appointees or we have to make our appointments perhaps at the next meeting. However, based upon the city of Atlanta's response, it appears that this issue may be an issue exclusively for our Sheriff, and that our involvement may be limited to just providing additional budget. It appears the city of Atlanta is only offering a per-bed scenario and rate. And if that is the case, and if there is no short-term no short-term or long-term lease or purchase involved and a strictly inmate beds that I believe the issue is reserved for our share in exclusively within his jurisdiction to negotiate, but certainly we need to do whatever we can to try to resolve it so, I hope you will support this."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I want to make sure that I'm on here as a co-sponsor. I did speak with Commissioner Arrington about that, and I wanted to address two things in the resolution. One was line 12 -- 11 and 12 which says this workgroup shall seek to negotiate a lease with the city of Atlanta to allow the Fulton County Sheriff to temporarily house up to 500 detainees and it goes on from there. And my question is; can we make a friendly amendment to put an actual time on that? We discussed how long it would probably take to not only get them in there and do all the necessary renovations, but also when it's time for them to be removed, that will take time as well. So, if we could put something in there up to, maybe, three to five years or something like that."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I'm, fine with that, and I think you're right. It also needs to say for the Sheriff to negotiate because again I think this is the exclusive jurisdiction of the Sheriff. So, this group might need to work with the Sheriff in order to get it done. But based on my understanding of the law, it's the Sheriff's exclusive jurisdiction."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes, definitely"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So, your friendly amendment, I guess my friendly amendment into your amendment."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes. Yes. And who authorizes the selection of the two commissioners?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I would assume that the Board would make full Board appointments -- two full Board appointments."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "All right. That's it. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Alright, Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes. I apologize, but I was not able to participate in the entire meeting. I listened for a little bit, but I was on vacation on the meeting on Thursday. Was it discussed at all -- Atlanta's intent, and plans, and funding for them to start the equity center that they have proposed that they were interested in having at that building? I mean, they could have done this already in my opinion, and I'm just curious what was said or along those lines about what real plans that they may have."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I don't know that that was discussed. I think as Commissioner Ellis said it wasn't discussed at all. But I got the distinct impression that they were -- that they were only interested in a per-bed rate, and not in any short or long-term lease or in any purchase."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Well, I mean, even if we didn't have an agreement with them and they didn't indicate what they really intended to do with that building it's been virtually unused for several years now as we all know."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: I mean, I think the only indication was the resolution that they passed saying hey, get a committee together to try to resolve this issue. But I mean from my standpoint, we need the spaces. I was less worried about what they were going to do with the equity center than I was about how many spaces we could get and how soon could we get them."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Well, obviously that's a big priority for us as we all know, but I guess are the conversations about a true partnership or are the conversations about Fulton County funding everything they want to have in that building."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "No. They're interested in per-bed rentals, which I believe were through the Sheriff's office. There were no discussions about -- I mean they said they want to offer those other services, but I don't even think -- they don't even want us to offer those services. I think they want to offer those wraparound services themselves out of the building. So, I'm just more concerned about how many spaces can we get and how soon can we get them."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Are they still suggesting 150 beds versus our 500 need."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "The Mayor was not on the call. They were not in a position to do anything different than what had already been offered; however, our

Sheriff indicated that he only had ten people in the jail that met the criteria which the mayor requested.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “I did hear that part. I mean I'm, okay, with having a real conversation with them. This is obviously something that needs to be worked out. I just don't know what -- if they're stuck on the fact that they don't want us to have 500 beds or not which is our minimum. So, if we can make an agreement there, I'm supportive of that; but the rest of it, you know, it concerns me that we're walking down the path where it's going to be expected that we spend you know \$40 or \$50 million over there, have no ownership, have no rights to it or better just funding the programs of the city of Atlanta wants that you not we should partner with them at best. So, I just want to make sure that that's our focus.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “And I think you know I certainly offer -- and I think others echo our willingness and our ability to partner with them in the equity center and/or to take lead in that regard since Fulton County is primarily responsible for social services. But again, I did not -- I don't think we received any interest on that call in the provision of any such services.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Thank you very much.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Thank you, Chairman. To my recollection, there was a statement made that a letter was sent with a proposal from city of Atlanta to us, and, you know, we as a Board had had some conversations about this as far as what we were looking to try to do. I would be remiss if I didn't say that I was disappointed because Commissioner Arrington asked not once, but three times you know what's on the table? What can we do? And was adamantly shut down by the County Attorney that no, we sent a letter and was waiting on a response and didn't get a response. And so, for it to be considered a work session, I don't know that it was any work actually done. And I don't know about anybody else, but if we're truly trying to fix that situation and then you have Commissioner Ellis, Commissioner Arrington, Vice Chair Hall, and myself, also let them know that we didn't have the information we would like to know what's on the table. We would like to know what can we do to resolve the situation, and it basically fell on deaf ears. And so, as a sitting Commissioner, I'm ready to negotiate and solve the issue with individuals who are ready to negotiate. To me I didn't quite understand -- even when I brought up the timeline that it was offered for \$40 million, and then it doubled to \$85 million. That wasn't addressed for the sale, and then we were told well the position is we're not going to sell it. So, I would hope in future work-sessions or if the -- this resolution is authorizing negotiations between us and the city of Atlanta, I

would hope that we have a baseline of what we want because Commissioner Arrington you asked like three times, you know, what's on the table? What do we have? We need 500 beds; can we at least get 250? You know you said all of that and we were shut down, but I thought it was a work session. And so I'm a little confused. I want to support this and I will support it, but I think there needs to be an idea of where we need to meet at and what is the goal because it's like we're just turning our wheels for nothing. And so, I'm very concerned about that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Vice Chair Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I do want to say that we discussed the fact that the city of Atlanta has a strong mayoral form of government and the mayor does have veto power, and we did request a copy of that letter. The letter was said to have gone from the mayor to our Chair, and from our Chair to the mayor, and there was a gentleman who was on the call from the mayor's office -- I want to say his name was Mr. Jenkins or Mr. Johnson or something like that. And he said that he would definitely make sure that all of us had whatever documents were submitted from the mayor's office to the county. I do want to refer to the resolution which was referenced numerous times during that call. Resolution from city Council, and Michael Julian Bond mostly spoke on this. I kind of got the feeling that he may have been the sponsor, the author of it. It was 21-R-3259, and what it says about beds in here is that whereas, these programs and services outlined in the proposed letter of intent would which is also a letter that we have not seen -- would also include the establishment of a reentry program for up to 150 Fulton County inmates at AC/DC with is Atlanta city detention center wherein they will be transferred to the custody of the city of Atlanta for the program and would be provided housing and access to job and other services during the day and for which Fulton County would provide partial funding. So, when the Sheriff heard that he said he may not even have as many as ten inmates that would qualify for something like that. And so that did not make sense to him for us to even have that. And then all four of us did pose the question of what about 500 beds that the Sheriff really needs to ensure that we treat our inmates in a humane way because they are currently on the floors, in boats which are plastic containers that have a little flimsy type mattress in them on the floor. And it was said that they would try to look at that, but knowing that they have a strong mayor form of government, the mayor still would have to make a decision. And they asked that the executive from the Mayor's office go back and get more information and provide it back to us. So, I don't know where we are as far as that. I haven't seen anything. I don't know if any of you have received anything, but I haven't seen anything. So that's kind of where we are right now."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “In the discussions following up on Vice Chair Hall's comments about this Resolution. There was a request that we pass a companion resolution, so that this work group who was referenced that should take form should there be no resolution by May 31st, that this workgroup could then form to you know engage in you know some sort of resolution. So that was the impetus for this being brought forward, right? We were fairly -- I think all four of us had a chance to speak on the call as well as our Sheriff, were generally fairly explicit that our ask was for 500 general use beds as soon as possible. I mean we released them for whatever time that they would make available. And that was really what the ask was. We asked for some form of response, and the response basically was their city Attorney I think you meant to say their city Attorney saying that you know advise – knowing that the Council members were on the call too -- or even respond to it. So, there was no response. In fact, a response basically was that they were still waiting on a response back from us. Some red-line of a document, and I think even though we all explicitly made clear that you know 150 beds was essentially a nonstarter and the ask was for 500. So, I guess, Commissioner Arrington in the intent here you know be it further resolved I think what you're saying is the Sheriff shall seek to negotiate that's what you were looking to change, right?”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Yes.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Line 11 there on that last page, shall seek to negotiate a lease with the city to allow the Fulton County Sheriff to temporarily house up to 500 detainees. I mean, you know certainly the Sheriff doesn't need our approval for him to seek out you know and ask and demand that himself a request for you know a lease right? At least -- what I'm asking for is that the consensus of the body that we really -- I mean we're fine with a working group, but we're really asking, you know, for this lease, in asking for the Sheriff to make that request, right?”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Yes. And I absolutely agree. And I was going to say Madam County Attorney, if you could work with the Sheriff to make sure -- because I think part of the confusion is they have a Chief Executive Officer, the Mayor and they're trying to respond to our Chairman and there are too many -- too many cooks are spoiling the broth. We got people sleeping on the ground over there. We don't need another committee. We don't need to talk about nothing. We need to know how many spaces they have and how much do they want, and we can write a check, right? You know this is a crisis and if not, we need to go to the Governor and ask him to take over the jail and give it to us. So, we can house these people. This is ridiculous. It shouldn't take this long. It shouldn't be all of this back and forth, but, yes, the city is waiting on us to send a formal reply to the Mayor's letter. I think that based upon the

way that is couched that formal reply needs to come from our Sheriff in concert with the County Attorney to say, hey, we need 500 beds within the next you know 30 days or we're going to have to ask the Governor to take over the jail and let us use it; since y'all don't know what to do with it. Don't have any plans for an equity Center. Haven't allocated any money for an equity center. We need the jail to house inmates right now. Today. Right now. Today. We don't need another committee; we don't need another task force. We don't need to talk about it again. We need to write a check. We need to know how much is the check to pay for the 500 beds. That's what we need to know. Madame Mayor, Madam city Council we need to know how much is the check to pay -- to get these people off the floor so they can live in jail with a little bit of dignity and not have to sleep on the floor."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "First, I want to ask our clerk to please clear the queue as people finish speaking, because earlier we had to scroll down the screen to figure out who was next. So, thank you. First, let me just refer back to the Atlanta city Council resolution because there was a question about Fulton County providing services, and it does say in their resolution whereas the Atlanta city Council is committed to a strong collaborative relationship between the city of Atlanta and Fulton County and a deepening City-County partnership so as to enhance public safety, improve quality of life, improve conditions for pretrial detainees in Atlanta, and expand wraparound services to include vocational training and education, housing, community based mental health services and case management to ensure successful reintegration and it goes on in that resolution. So, they are asking for Fulton County to provide what everyone knows that we do best, and we're number 1 in the state of Georgia, we're having the best programs and services. So it's in there. And I think that as far as I'm concerned, I feel like we do need to look at a model that includes us providing wraparound services to ensure that not only individuals experiencing homelessness are no longer locked up in jail because they don't need to be incarcerated; they need services to sustain them, to stabilize them to make them successful. That will also decrease the number that we have in our jail as well as a new approach to the halfway house; we do not need to release people back into the same environment that they came from that created their situation in the first place. If we could use the Atlanta city detention center to have a new halfway house model that not only it sustains and stabilizes them; but, the wraparound services are right there in the building with them. So, I think we do need to work toward a bigger plan to help in this area not only with just a pretrial – pre-arrest diversion, but everything else that we know we do well."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Well, I was just going to suggest that while I agree with that we need wraparound services conveniently located to wherever we’re housing prisoners or inmates, to get them out of that cycle we all agree on that we provide this type of services now and we can expand those types of services. I do think that we’re at the point where it is a crisis, and we need to have a deadline on these negotiations, and there needs to be some sort of plan B or step-2 to go to the Governor just as Commissioner Arrington just articulated. So, it doesn't say anything like that in this resolution. So, you know, I would hope that we could come to an agreement, but if we can't, we need to have a timeline, and a plan-B, and next-steps outlined. And if the next step is to go to the Governor and ask for him to take some action, then that is what we need to do.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Alright Commissioner Abdur-Rahman.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “I just want to make sure that I understand from the work session -- what I came away from it was that we have to formally give an answer to whatever they sent. That's what they said. They said we have to formally give an answer. It's almost like a counter offer -- offer a counter offer or some type of situation. So, I'm trying to figure out if, in fact, if that's the case -- exactly, did they send something? Is there a time. Okay.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: {Inaudible - Is talking not on the mic.}

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Okay. Well, no --“

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Sorry about that. You’re correct, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, because it is in the resolution that they said they're going to pass and it says that and he kept saying on the call and I mean councilmember Bond that it needed to be done by no later than May 31st, but we told him our next meeting wasn't until today and that would be in conflict; so, we wouldn’t have an answer by May 31st anyway. And he said, well, he still wanted us to move forward with our own resolution.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Now, the city attorney, did she not say that there was a letter sent and the reason I know this because you were adamant Commissioner Arrington as to what's on the table. She said no, we can't do that. We need a response to the letter that was sent before we -- and I didn't quite understand that. I know it's two different forms of government and County attorney I don't know if you need to weigh-in on this or not, but I’m confused if a letter was sent to us and they're saying that they need a counter to that -- they need an acceptance or no acceptance to move forward that's what she was saying. She said that a letter was sent -- their waiting -- the response to the letter whether we agree to it or not, they need a response to it. And so,

I'm wondering is that still in play? And does that have anything to do this? Because I am confused."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I'm not sure what point she was trying to make other than perhaps that because that was a work session for them and they didn't have a majority of their Council present that they couldn't make any decisions, but other than that I don't know why instead of -- they asked for a task force, and so having a task force is not contrary to a response or not to the letters; so, I'm sure why she took that position."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "You were on the call, weren't you County attorney? You heard her when she said they must receive a response. Did you hear that part?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes, I don't know why she would say that."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes, I was a little confused by that. Okay, thank you."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "May I help if I could. This has been the biggest rain dance that I've ever seen, because we have been crystal clear verbally speaking to the Chief Operating Officer in a letter that the Chairman sent back to them that an LOI for 150 beds were totally inadequate, and we've said explicitly what we need is 500 beds. Now for them to continue to say that they're waiting, what they're looking for is lost in the mail, really cannot be what they're presenting it to be. There's some other reason that they're saying that, but we have provided -- we have provided them a response. Their LOI doesn't require a red-line version for something holistically on its' face doesn't meet our needs. And I would suggest that what Commissioner Arrington proposed is the route to go. Just get into a straightforward. Let the Sheriff take the lead on here's what we need and by when, and for what price; because this constant what they're doing is not sensible."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "{Inaudible -- not using mic} got the County manager responded. The Sheriff needs to respond. We've already sent a response but to the extent that they want us to resend the response again you now have our Sheriff take the lead. Send another response. If more money is needed from the budget, then we can vote on whether to give that money in the budget. You know it makes no sense that I guess we paid for inmates to go to other beds, but I don't know why people in Atlanta they pay Fulton County taxes would have to pay twice for that. And so, it really

doesn't make a lot of sense, but if that's what we've got to do, then that's what we'll do. But the main point is you know we need to get these people up off the floor, and you know it shouldn't take 90 days. It shouldn't take 60 days, it shouldn't take 30 days. It should happen next week. We need to get these people off the floor. So, anyone that's listening at the city of Atlanta, help us get these people off the floor. Help us give them some dignity. They're in jail, they shouldn't have to sleep on the floor. We need help. Beggars can't be choosy. Why you want to charge Atlanta citizens twice for something they're already paying for and an empty jail; I have no idea, but if that's what it takes, we'll do it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair, no? Anyone else? All right the motion is to approve. Cast your vote. What?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: {Inaudible -Not on the mic} "and do as you say. I mean, I hate to go ahead and pass a resolution saying that we'll go to the Governor because it really doesn't give the committee and/or the Sheriff the time to get anything done. So, you know but you're right you know if it's not done in a short amount of time frame, we probably have to look at some other options."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "So, you know we only have one more meeting in June and then we don't meet for a month. So, I think we need a deadline in this."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So, then I would say by the time of that meeting in July."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Well, I mean, that's another 45 days from now. So, can we not ask for a response by our next meeting? I mean that's two weeks. Either they're going to do it or they're not."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I guess it depends on when we're going to send our response. I mean I don't know if our Sheriff is going to respond back and when that will go out. I'm happy to make it sooner. I just want to give them time. I don't know their meeting schedule. Certainly, our meeting schedule I wish it could be the first of July. But certainly, by the middle of July if we don't know something you know, we may have to – and if this committee and/or the Sheriff and the Mayor haven't been able to resolve this then you know, I think we have to go to the Governor or whoever."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "I would like to have some sort of timeline that encourages the conversation to have some sort of answer by our next meeting. Either it's a work in progress that they're working towards finalizing or its' a no. We should know that in two weeks I mean, it is summertime; the Sheriff indicated – "

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I'm fine with that."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Population is going to increase in the summer anyway."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I'm fine with that."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "When's our next meeting July 16, I mean June 16th; so, by June 15 – June 15th."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: The question is when is their next meeting and do they have a meeting in between now and then. That's the real question; or we can give them to the end of June."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Maybe they need to call a special called meeting."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I could live with it either way. Whatever the will of the group is."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "I would like to offer that we have a date of an answer of some sort of June 15th."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I accept that as a friendly amendment."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. All right. The motion is to approve. Cast your vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 8, Commissioner's full Board appointments, 21-0380. Board of Registration and Elections. Chairman Pitts has nominated Alex Wan for a full Board reappointment to serve as chairman -- chairperson to a term ending June 30, 2023."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, the motion is to approve by Commissioner Vice Chair Hall, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Cast your votes, please."

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

CLERK GRIER: 21- 0415, Board of Registration and Elections Fulton County Democratic Party has nominated Aaron Johnson for full board reappointment and has

appointed Teresa K. Smith-Crawford for full Board appointment to terms ending June 30, 2023.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, we just ratify it, don’t we, is that correct? So, yeah, so Vice Chair Hall, this says to approve to ratify. Vice Chair Hall then followed by second by Commissioner Morris. Let's vote, please.”

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

CLERK GRIER: “On page 9, **21-0416**, Board of Registration and Election. The Fulton County Republican Party has appointed Dr. Kathleen Bruce and Mark Wingate for full Board reappointments to terms ending June 30, 2023.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Motion to approve to ratify. Commissioner Morris seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Let's vote, please.”

CLERK GRIER: “And the motion passes; six yeas, zero nays.”

CLERK GRIER: “County Manager's presentation and discussion items under Arts and Library, **21- 0407**, Real Estate and Asset Management present to the Board of Commissioners the spend down plan for remaining library bond funds accumulated from earned interest and project savings.”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “Mr. Chairman point of order, aren’t you going to tell him to be brief; this is AI.”

ALFRED COLLINS, DREAM: “[Inaudible-mic was muted] – share our spend down plan for the library capital improvement program. Next slide, please. These are some of the topics that we’ll touch on as we move through the presentation. It’ll be an update on the phase II program is to where we stand at this very time. We’ll share with you our spend down plan going through the wish list items as well as some general items that we’ll be proposing to spend money on. We’ll also talk about the MLK and Peachtree libraries, those are the final libraries that remain to be renovated at this point, and then finally our next steps and key decisions as we move forward. Next slide. At this point, we are substantially complete with phase two of the library capital improvement program. Central library is very, very near completion at this time. It’s actually occupied by staff. And Hapeville library is fully functioning. It is open to the public at this point. For some of the other libraries, we have some ongoing warranty work that we are addressing at about six of these libraries that are listed here Adamsville, Collier Heights, Ponce De

Leon, East Atlanta, Buckhead, Northside, and then finally Northeast Spruill Oaks. We hope to have that completed within the next one to two months and everything will be wrapped up on those projects. We've had some savings as a result of what we think is affective program management on these projects, and that's enabled us to take on the Peachtree and the MLK project. And I would just like to remind us that over this last one-year period or just under one year, we've been moving to get these libraries completed and we've opened 11 libraries including Central, but we have not had ribbon-cutting ceremonies. So, the library is working to get the ribbon-cutting ceremonies planned for those locations. Next slide. No Central is not open. No. Central is not open. Only the branch libraries are."

ANNA ROACH CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "We're targeting the Fall for that Commissioner Arrington."

ALFRED COLLINS, DREAM: "Yes, I'm sorry, in April -- mid April, the Board approved us moving forward with our interest that has been earned on the bond funds for our use in the projects, and we have realigned our phase one funds, so that we can spend it all working on the remaining wish list items that we'll be talking about. There is about \$8.1 million that we'll be spending for groups one through four, which is about 20 projects. In fact, it is 20 projects for additional items that were tracked as these projects were being developed and completed. We made lists of what was being asked by the library staff by the library leadership that uses of the library Board of Trustees those individuals. At any rate, we have that list. I'll share it with you in just a second. As far as the savings that we talked about, we had originally talked about using TAD funds for the Peachtree and the MLK libraries. Those were libraries that the County didn't own the facilities that those libraries resided in, and so rather than putting bond funds into those facilities we were talking about using TAD funds. We have the savings and we propose at this point that we not use the TAD funds, but use the bond funds that we have remaining to complete those projects. And then finally, the Board did approve us back in April to use a minimum staff here at Russell program management team to go through the end of this year. So, we'll be looking to achieve a lot of these projects, and I share with you in just a second which ones to have those projects completed by the end of the year. Next slide. This is our spend down list and it's grouped by project into groups one through four. And it shows you some of the items that we're looking to expend funds on. For example: A large item in the group one Cascade group is a roughly \$400,000 new roof to be installed on that building. Since we've opened that library, we've had a series of roof leaks that have been repaired, repaired, and we're still getting water intrusion from the roof on that project. It just needs that roof to be removed and replaced. We're looking at some renaming signage small item for Washington Park. We're looking for shelving in the Roswell library, additional lighting -- things of that nature. We're looking

for close circuit TV for the West End library. We're looking for some furniture items for the West End. It varies from library to library. Some of the expenditures will be large as we look at close circuit and lighting for the parking lots for the group one program; and we look at landscape upgrades for all of the phase one libraries, group one libraries rather, but it varies from building to building. When you go to the group two libraries Buckhead – we're looking to replace the siding on that building. We actually had to replace some siding when we did the renovation and what our our finds were is that the siding is being held on by fasteners that are corroding, and there's nothing that we could do to prevent that. And so, I think it's going to ultimately mean that we really do need to investigate further -- remove that siding and upgrade that fasteners for keeping siding on that building. These are in some cases very specific, but in many instances they're general ideas of what we've been looking to spend the funds on; fencing for some of the projects, Northside expressed interest in having a canopy of some type at the Plaza entrance-one to allow patrons to sit outdoors; two to give some protection from the parking lot into the building. And so we'll be looking in to that. Next slide. And these are -- I'm sorry --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: {Inaudible -- Arrington speaking no mic.}

ALFRED COLLINS, DREAM: "No that, if you go back, that talks about Group one; that talks about what it is for Group two, and I'll go through some others."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes, Group one is 765,000; Group two is 400,000 that's 1.1 million; where's the other 7 million."

ALFRED COLLINS, DREAM: "We'll get to it."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay."

ALFRED COLLINS, DREAM: "And so, these are some of the libraries that we're talking about adding FF&E. Here's where we talk about adding the new roof for Cascade, a new canopy on the entrance plaza for Northside, and then, just a view of Buckhead that shows the siding that's on that building right now and again the fasteners are limited to holding each piece of that slate on that building. They are corroding. Next slide, please. Looking at the Group three libraries: College Park, Cleveland Avenue, Adams Park, Collier Heights, East Atlanta, Ponce, a variety of different items that we're proposing that we spend money on for each of those libraries that goes from additional landscaping, additional furniture, [Inaudible.] shades for our work rooms, things of that nature. And at East Point and Fairburn in Group four, we're looking for example a major problem with the community cutting across the library site. And so, we do need to put up some kind of fencing to control traffic and control the flow of pedestrians around the library. So that we minimize that kind of cut through that occurs at that library and that's

happened at a number of our libraries for what we have to do that. Fairburn we've had a series of plumbing issues arise since that building opened and we think we have a problem just outside the footprint of the building that we need to replace some of the underground piping and we've set aside some funds for that at \$161,000 and \$176,000. If you'll go to the next slide. Just some of the libraries and what they're looking for at each of those locations. Next slide, please. And this is general. We've extended the Herman Russell contract as I mentioned. We've set aside funds for salaries for County staff. We do have some additional security that we're looking at some of the other libraries that we've had to foot the bill for, and we're looking to get those paid. And then there's a couple of items for example East Roswell. We have some HVAC issues that was one of the libraries that we opened first, and it appears that the heat pump system on that building needs some adjusting. And so, we're proposing that we be able to do that. Wolf Creek we've had some water intrusion in our façade, and we've actually looked at taking the stone off, so we can repair the waterproofing. And at Auburn Avenue we're having some cut through as far as that sites' concerned. We need to address as far as putting up some aluminum fencing as well. Next slide, please. And just some of those libraries to remind you what it is that we're looking to do at those libraries. Next slide. Finally, we have the Peachtree renovation and the MLK renovation. We've set aside \$875,000 in round numbers for Peachtree and roughly \$3.8 million for the MLK library. I want to talk in detail about those. If you can go to the next slide, please. For Peachtree, we're in a building that's owned by a landlord and they owe us \$235,000 in tenant improvements. What I'm looking to do is to couple the tenant improvement allowance with the money that we have set aside to do the renovation on that project. With the intent of using the 235 to the extent that we can for improvements that would remain in place, in the event that we needed to leave that property, we will use an 875,000 for furniture, for equipment for things that we can take with us. That amounts for the \$235,000 to about \$101 a square foot. It's tight. It may be doable. We're going to certainly give it a big try to make it all happen. But anything that we can do with that 235 would remain with the building the rest would go with us if we had to load it on a truck and move. Our lease for that facility, we have about 30 -- I think is a 35-year lease on that building so it's long term. Next slide. The MLK library -- we're again in a lease situation, and we're not necessarily getting the support that we need from the land owner. And so, what I'm proposing is that we begin to look at purchasing some land -- purchase a bit of land with a building and do a modest renovation to that. And that would get us out of the lease situation and get us back much like we have at every other library into an ownership situation. We've set aside roughly \$3.8 million to accomplish that. We think that working with our land group that we can identify property that we can purchase and then do a renovation. And if we're not able to do a renovation, we can do a modest building much like we did out at

Hapeville. It'll be small, but again I think we can accomplish it depending on the purchase cost of land. The idea would be -- if you can go to the next slide please -- that we finish the work that I've described for you for Group one through Group four by the end of this year. That we look at the Peachtree Library -- we've had some brainstorming sessions to talk about how it is that we approach that so that we can do it as expeditiously as possible. We believe that we can get Peachtree renovation done, and that we can come back to you with a review of the properties and purchase options for the MLK library. That one may take a little bit longer than the end of this year to accomplish, but we think we can get that one going in a very meaningful way. And again, come back to you and give you updates and look for your approval is the moving forward on these projects. That really ends our presentation and I'd like to open it up for questions or concerns."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All right. I got 4 million plus 1 million plus 1.4, that's about six; where are the other 2 million."

ALFRED COLLINS, DREAM: "Well it should be in there. Well, we'll count up the monies."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "We'll go back through it."

ALFRED COLLINS, DREAM: "Its 3.8."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "The 3.8 was a part of the four?"

ALFRED COLLINS, DREAM: "Well, if you go back, it's 3.8 and 800 --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes, that's part of the 46 -- 3.8 is part of the 46 --"

ALFRED COLLINS, DREAM: "Plus contingency, so that's about 5 million."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All right that's five. And what we got before that. One-point-four."

ALFRED COLLINS, DREAM: "So that's one-point-four, our plus contingency of 1.5 and if you go back roughly through some of the others."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So 1.5 plus what else."

ALFRED COLLINS, DREAM: "That's another two, 300 and what? That's another 400,000. So, it's all there."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So, we got 5 million plus 1.5 million that's 6.5."

ALFRED COLLINS, DREAM: "I'll line it all out for you."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Because I'm looking for my two million for East Point. Remember we gave the 2 million to Roswell, and at the time we gave the two million to Roswell, we talked about giving 2 million to East Point, so that's what I'm looking for."

ALFRED COLLINS, DREAM: "Oh, I see. Okay. Well, do you have some ideas of what we would do with the 2 million."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah, whatever the ideas were at Roswell. We like the same stuff that they like."

ALFRED COLLINS, DREAM: "I understand. I understand. So, I'll give you a listing of all our cost expectations here – and see where we go from here."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All right, thank you. Your math is better than mines. I'm still looking for my 2 million for East Point."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes, just a brief question. I'm kind of surprised to see that East Roswell already needs HVAC."

ALFRED COLLINS, DREAM: "I think that heat recovery system that's installed at that library is a kind of a one-time use."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "So, that's the only time we have—that's the only place we have one."

ALFRED COLLINS, DREAM: "We haven't used that system on any other of our projects and Joe, you might be able –"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Are you replacing it with something different."

ALFRED COLLINS, DREAM: "I'm not exactly sure what our approach is, but we've tried to set aside some funds that if we have to take out a unit and replace it that we can, but the idea would be to make it less cumbersome for maintenance."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Okay, because it's only about six years old, right."

ALFRED COLLINS, DREAM: "Yes about six or seven or so."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "So, that would be a big expense if all of our HVAC's only lasted six years, so --"

JOE DAVIS, DREAM: “Commissioner Hausmann, if I may? That particular system – this is the only library in which it was installed; and unfortunately, when you have mechanical systems of this nature – you’ve simply run into a bad apple from time to time. And in this particular case, the system has had operational issues the day it was installed. We’ve tried to band-aid the solution and right now we’re working with our engineering firm to try to design a workaround that ultimately as AI indicated may result in a full replacement, which is why he allocated \$250,000 for that line item.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Thank you for that information. So, it’s been a problem since we first installed it, did I just hear you say that?”

JOE DAVIS, DREAM: “Yes, ma'am, our in-house operations team has been working diligently to try to get the system to work. We worked with the manufacturer and unfortunately, it’s one of those situations where the manufacturer is mammoth and that is a system that we’re now finding out we’re not the only entity that’s had problems with that particular system. And it just so happens that that’s was expecting the construction of the building and now we’re at a point what where we have to make a decision to go in a different direction if we’re unable to repair it.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Well, I’m glad it’s the only one we have, but it would seem like that if it’s been a problem from the beginning, that the manufacturer or someone would have some responsibility for you know it not working properly. We just shouldn’t have to eat a new one which is basically what we’re doing here. Same with the Wolf Creek water intrusion -- is there no punch list or any sort of warranty from the builder?”

ALFRED COLLINS, DREAM: “Wolf Creek is also about seven or eight years old as well. We have had the contractor go back out and repair that, but we’ve continued to have water seepage in the building.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Has it been happening since it was built as well?”

ALFRED COLLINS, DREAM: “It happened I’m going to say about two or three years after it was ultimately completed. So, we’re looking at the waterproofing. A portion of this -- and it only happened in a portion of the scan so we’re addressing it at this point.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Well, they’re beautiful. We’re glad they’re open, and we appreciate what you’re doing, but some of these things seem like you know perhaps you know it’s just an issue not being done properly from the beginning. So I know you had a lot going on and everything is not perfect so --”

ALFRED COLLINS, DREAM: “Well, we have had a lot going on and I’m really proud of the team.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “The buildings are beautiful.”

ALFRED COLLINS, DREAM: “Thank you for the opportunity.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: Thank you for the presentation. Madam Clerk.”

CLERK GRIER: “Bottom of page 9, Commissioners’ presentation and discussion Items, **21-0342**, update of activities of the city of Atlanta and Fulton County recreational authority grounds, facilities, and security committees sponsored by Commissioner Arrington.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Colleagues, you can see the minutes there for your review. If you have any questions, I’ll be more than happy to answer them.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Great report. Thank you, sir, next item.”

CLERK GRIER: “**21-0343**, Discussion updates and activities of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority Community engagement subcommittee sponsored by Commissioner Arrington.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Ditto.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Thank you.”

CLERK GRIER: “**21-0382**, Discussion and resolution deposits in minority financial institutions sponsored by Chairman Pitts.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Thank you. I’ll be brief. This is pretty straightforward. I’ve had conversation over the past couple of years with the manager and the CFO about depositing general fund and/or other funds from Fulton County into minority-owned financial institutions in the County. Since that time, we’ve been notified that we’re going to be receiving \$206 million in ARP – is it ARP money; and to me, that’s a wonderful opportunity for us to deposit some of that money to the extent that they’re able to, able to handle. There are restrictions so, I’m asking the CFO to do some research which she has done, and I’ll ask her to tell us where we are. This is pretty straightforward and I hope we will all be able to support it.”

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: “Thank you Mr. Chairman. The finance department has been researching the availability of minority financial institutions for funds to be deposited in that meet the requirements of the statutes as well as the County’s investment policy. And they should be able to place resources with a financial institution in the very near future.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, Commissioner Arrington.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Trying to see -- I'm trying to understand how this doesn't fit into the resolution we passed before about minority vendors and making sure that there is minority participation. I'm wondering why this is even necessary because we've already have -- we already passed a resolution to make sure that there was minority and female inclusion. I guess this isn't a contract maybe that's the difference?”

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PURCHASING: “Good afternoon Commissioners. Felicia Strong-Whitaker, Purchasing. Commissioner Arrington, you're absolutely correct that the disparity study that was conducted was only on contracts and procurements in purchasing from 2012 through 2016. And those numbers were just based on contracts and procurements. So, they did not look at financial institutions or anything else in that disparity study.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “All right. What else is on the list for anything else. It should be from the rooter-to-the-tooter. So, what else is on the – is there anything else and I give you time to come back with that, but there shouldn't be anything out there that should not be included. Everything should be included.”

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PURCHASING: “Commissioner, in the past purchasing does not procure banking services, so that would have not been one of the things that they looked at, but we will the next time the sunset is coming up for that disparity study. So, we will make sure all of those things are included moving forward.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Well, I'm not worried about the disparity study. I'm worried about what items were not included that maybe purchasing didn't have anything to do. What else besides these bank accounts that are out there that are not getting minority and female inclusion? That's the list I'm talking about.”

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PURCHASING: “Oh.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “What other services? What else are we doing where there is zero minority and female inclusion? Yes, please you can get back to me on that, I don't need it right now, but if there is a list of other items, I need to know what

that is so, that I can do a resolution to make sure there is minority and female inclusion on that list of other items.”

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PURCHASING: “Yes, sir, we’ll get back with you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Okay. Any other questions? All right. Let's vote.”

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

CLERK GRIER: “On page 10, **21-0383**, Discussion appointment and termination of certain Fulton County positions sponsored by Chairman Pitts.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right the County Attorney has been reviewing some 11 positions and I'd asked her to look at -- we work together on this to, -- the idea was to use consistent standard language with respect to the hiring, firing, termination, supervision, so forth, so we've gone through that and I've made some recommendations with respect to 11 positions, so Madam County Attorney if you'd like to review it quickly, I think each of you should have a copy of the report that she did.”

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: “Yes. I gave each of you a copy of the report this morning, and on the screen, you'll see the organizational chart for the County and you'll see that directly under the Board of Commissioners, you have four direct reports to the commission which are the County Attorney, the County Manager, the County Auditor, and the County Clerk. And although all four of those report directly to the Board of Commissioners, they're not all treated identically in the way they are hired or in the way they can be terminated. The County Manager and Auditor both have indefinite terms, where the County Attorney has a four-year term, and the Clerk to the Commission has a six-year term. The County Manager, the County Attorney, and the County Auditor are all entitled to notice and an opportunity be heard before they're terminated, but the Clerk is not given that same opportunity with respect to notice and opportunity to be heard before termination. And so, I think the idea was to determine whether you all thought you needed to standardize so that all of the department heads in essence that the Commission has some involvement in hiring and terminating whether they're all treated identically. And so, after you get to that row of those four, there are additional officials, department heads that the Board of Commissioners has some interest in either based on state law, a local act, or County ordinance where the Commission has some role in either hiring, appointing, or terminating, or with respect to reporting. And I just want to point out to you all that there is a County Manager Act that the County has, and in Fulton County code Section 2-148 it does provide that the

County Manager shall be the appointing authority for the heads of all departments where the power of appointment is now or hereafter invested in the County Commission except for the County Attorney, the Auditor and the Clerk, which sort of goes with the fact that you can see you've got the four on the top line and then underneath the County manager you have all of the other department heads. And so, again there, those department heads the way they are hired, reporting, terminated are all different. And so, what we did was went through and gave options in terms of how you can standardize. And so, the term of appointment could be standardized because in some instances it's four years, in some instances six years, indefinite -- so what the Chairman thought was that everyone should be indefinite instead of having actual terms of years. The next issue was termination and the idea is that everyone instead of some having the ability for notice and the opportunity to be heard and others not having that that everyone would serve at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So two things, indefinite terms and serve at the wheel or at will?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Correct. So, those were the two major changes that were done to standardize so, when you go through and if you look at what was the proposed language, you'll see that where someone had an actual term, it now the proposed language is that their term would be indefinite."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Right, that is what I'm saying it's indefinite, that's my recommendation, there's no pride in authorship, but to make it simple indefinite terms and to serve at the pleasure in other words at will. Now there were two exceptions, right? One, actually three: the board of registration, the director of the Board of Registration and Elections, the library director, and the tax assessor. The tax assessor we couldn't touch because of state law --"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Same with the emergency management. There was a provision in state law so you wouldn't want to change that one. The library director also based on state law".

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Board of Trustees."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Correct, but the others -- yes the others can be changed because they're local acts and they can be changed -- the home rule- so those changes can be made the only other thing I wanted to mention is that with respect to those that now have a notice and right to be heard, for those because they have a property interest in that ability to have a hearing that for those individuals you would either want to provide them notice and have them perhaps explain to the Board of Commissioners why that you want to keep that notice provision or if you're going to make that change, that if their now at will, then you could decide that it won't be

effective until after the current incumbents leave office. And so, it will be effective for the next County Attorney and the next County Manager, if you decide to make that change.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “So, those are my recommendations colleagues. Either today or at the next meeting, please review it, because I got two pieces of legislation that’s held for the next meeting that relates to this. Vice Chair Hall followed by Commissioner Ellis.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Thank you, Mr. Chair. I want to go to I don't know what document this is but page 11 let me see if I could figure out where the beginning of this is so you know what I'm talking about. Well, there is a chart before it called elections director -- wait a minute. Executive -- there is no heading, but there is a page 11 and at the top of page 11 it says hired by Board of Trustees or Board of Registration and Elections with confirmation of the board of commissioners and reporting to respective board and it’s referring to the library director. It specifically speaks to the hiring and who the library board -- the library director reports to in the hiring and termination of it, but it doesn't say termination in the language. When you go to page 12 at the top it says number 2 elections director and then there are I guess these proposed options and there are the recommended option BRE hire with BOC confirmation and BRE fire or BOC hire and fire, or BRE hire and fire. But still, it’s not clear. There is no word in here about firing or termination. Those words are not used in the actual language that is recommended here. So, can we be more clearer on the termination part.”

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: “Right. Yes. Okay, so this what you're looking at was a previous version of this, and you should have gotten a new page 12. So, what this page showed was what the Chair -- what I thought the Chairman’s recommendation was, and then what Commissioner Ellis and Commissioner Arrington's options were. And then so you got a new page 12 which shows --”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Oh, where was the new page 12.”

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: “Yes, it was in, there was another version of the memo that was sent to you on May, I think, 28th, and it changed pages 8 and 12. And so the Chairman's recommendation actually was to keep it as it is with the exception that you would add the termination. And so, because the termination for the elections director was silent, his version now specifically spells out what our opinion is with respect to how you would have to terminate the elections director. So, it is a two-step process in, and a two-step process out.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Okay, so the May 17th is now there's a new one dated May 28?”

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: “Yes, I think it is May 28th.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: "You said you think it is? It is May 28th? Okay. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Alright Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I'll have to review these further, because it looks like we got conflicting memos with different text in them, and then this last one I don't think it's received until a little bit later. Also, with respect looks like the election director you're suggesting that they would report to the County Manager? Is that what I saw in one of these documents?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Correct, yes, that's his recommendation."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "You know, I don't know, I mean personally we can discuss it further, but just the positions that are related to -- I think we ought to have consistency around the positions that do not involve the engagement of a separate board. You know we've got our direct reports, we've got these positions that do report to the County Manager it's affirmatively so, and they don't have any association with a separate board. I think we ought to have consistency around those two separate groups. You know and then we've got what three positions four I guess with the public defender I guess that's a little bit different, but three are subject to you know engagement with a separate board. Or four right? It's three: it's the library director, Board of Health board of assessors and elections, right? So, yeah, I just read off the four. So, we're going to have consistency around everything else but we're going to be different and the only one we're going to pull-out is the case where we've got a clear conflict of interest. So, I just think that that's in and of itself is bad on its' face. I'm fine with getting consistency around the others, but we're going to say we're going leave the libraries alone, the board of assessors alone, we're going to leave the Board of Health alone, but we're going to go over here and we're going to change elections around. That's on its face doesn't make sense in terms of a recommendation. It should be consistent with what takes place with the library and the board of assessors and the Board of Health. We're looking for consistency."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Continue."

CLERK GRIER: "21-0417, Discussion jail population review teams, and that was Commissioner Arrington's."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I guess setting up that committee sort of dealt with that, didn't it?"

CLERK GRIER: “Okay. **21-0418**, Discussion public comment rules sponsored by Chairman Pitts.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “And we’ll have some recommendations at the next meeting on that as well, specific recommendations on how to handle e-mails.”

CLERK GRIER: “**21-0419**, Discussion South Fulton senior multipurpose center feasibility study sponsored by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “I’ll be very quick. I just wanted the feasibility study. City of South Fulton is in desperate need of a senior multipurpose center. I’ve been knowing this not only for this race but the previous race and is one of the things that I actually ran on. And so, I want to make sure that I could come forward and let my colleagues know, I would like to get a feasibility study to see if we can actually do this. Thank you. It’s a discussion item, so, I’m sorry —”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Yeah. Actually, I guess a couple years ago there was some money set aside for when we didn’t have the cite loaded—”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Chairman if you don’t mind, put your speaker on.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “There was a site when we didn’t have a cite that there was \$250,000 I believe, if I remember correctly put in the budget for this purpose. Since we’ve identified a site, the need for that feasibility study sort of goes away; but, now it’s just the question of a design and the and the costs the cost analysis which we can do in-house now.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Okay. So, we’ve already actually looked at the actual site; we’ve already picked the site for it? Is that what you’re saying Chairman?”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “I recommended a site which is a site right across which we own —”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “So, can I make the motion on that to further that?”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: Can I make a comment before you — “

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “I’m sorry. It’s late in the evening. Okay, go ahead Commissioner Hausmann.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “No, no, no. Thank you. So, I passed out a map that shows you the locations of our current centers, and some of them are shared responsibility like the Milton senior center is shared with the city of Milton. It’s their building. We provide the services. Same with Roswell. That may be backwards in Roswell’s crab apples neighborhood senior center is actually in Alpharetta center. But there is a need in North Fulton as well. We do have a facility building 4700 North Point there is plenty of room in that to perhaps have a carve-out for senior services in that building so if we’re going to do a study or look at this, I’d like for us to do it wholistically. We did receive, I received an e-mail from Mayor Gilvin when he saw this as an item that he would like for us to revisit where we’re offering them in North Fulton as well. So, I’m supportive of in South Fulton, but I just want to make sure that we also are covering the holes in the gaps we have in North Fulton.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “I have no objection to that. Totally agree.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Okay.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Commissioner Abdur-Rahman.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “I don’t have a problem with that Commissioner Hausmann. I think it’s important for our seniors that we are we show equity in both sides. So, I do not have a problem with that. But now, my esteemed colleague just brought to my attention that District 3 does not have one. And so, do we need to do a feasibility study for all the Districts? I mean I’m open but due to the lateness of the hour, I’m open for any suggestions and I will make a motion. But I guess what I’m saying is city of South Fulton really does need this and that’s not to say that the other ones don’t, but I really would like to get the ball rolling on this in some form or fashion. And so, I move that we begin the cost and design work for a senior center in District 6 and also add feasibility study for the other Districts to be fair.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Commissioner Ellis and Commissioner Hausmann.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Yeah, I don’t recall us having a discussion around this, but I don’t recall us ever actually having a feasibility study or really having a discussion to move forward on this. I think we probably had a late afternoon discussion that lasted about five minutes. Joe Carn raised something and we talked about it. Commissioner Hausmann raised the same points and some people agreed. That was in the end of that conversation as I recollect. So, I do think we need a feasibility study. Around this stuff in general, if you look at this map, there’s three Commissioned Districts, there’s one multipurpose center in Districts 1, 2, and 3. That’s half the County, and we got three multipurpose centers. I know, right. In Districts 4, 5, and 6, there are three. In Districts, 1, 2, and 3 there’s one, okay? So, I mean if the discussions about

multipurpose facilities, I think we need a look at this wholistically across the County and a feasibility study and some recommendations that balance that out throughout the course of the County, so –”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “I don't have a problem with that. So, the motion do we want to amend the motion to Commissioner Ellis is that what you're asking to amend what I said. I just want to make sure.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “I'd like a feasibility study done for you know where we should locate additional multipurpose facilities. Multipurpose specifically the multipurpose centers, not neighborhood senior centers; you know what the cost would be, where they might look at, where we felt like we have a need where they potentially may located in terms of real estate. So, I guess that would be what I'm looking for.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “So, if that's the motion –”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “If that's the modification, if you accept that then that's certainly what I'm looking to do.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “I seconded it.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Okay.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, cast your vote, please.”

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Next item.”

CLERK GRIER: “No further items, Mr. Chairman.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “We didn't remove anything off the regular agenda? I thought we did. Did not. Okay. No other matters to come before us today we are adjourned.

(Whereupon the meeting concluded at 7:01 p.m.)