

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RECESS MEETING**

August 18, 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: September 15, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Robert L. Pitts

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

Chairman Robert L. Pitts

Commissioner Liz Hausmann

Commissioner Bob Ellis

Commissioner Lee Morris

Vice Chair Natalie Hall

Commissioner Marvin S. Arrington Jr.

Commissioner Khadijah Abdur-Rahman

PRESENT

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INVOCATION: Reverend Clifton Dawkins, Jr., County Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recite in unison

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CONSENT AGENDA**21-0591 Board of Commissioners**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Hausmann, to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended by removing items #21-0594 as requested by Vice Chair Hall, and #21-0595 as requested by the County Manager for separate consideration. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: Arrington

Commissioners' District Board Appointments**21-0592 Board of Commissioners**

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

Term = 2 Years

Chairman Pitts nominated Janay Wilborn for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2023.

21-0593 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing "ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA - NU LAMBDA OMEGA Chapter Appreciation Day." **(Pitts)**
August 7, 2021

Proclamation recognizing "Kelley Jackson Remembrance Day." **(Abdur-Rahman)**
August 9, 2021

Open & Responsible Government**21-0594 Finance**

Ratification of July 2021 Grants Activity Report **(RATIFIED)**

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

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 Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Arrington

Did Not Vote: Hausmann

21-0595 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Resolution approving a new lease agreement between Fulton County (Tenant) and Dawson Logistics Assets LLC (Landlord) for the purpose of providing warehouse storage and office space for the operations of the Fulton County District Attorney at 6215 Fulton Industrial Boulevard, Atlanta; to authorize the Chairman to execute the lease agreement and related documents; to authorize the County Attorney to approve the lease agreement and related documents as to form and substance and to make any modifications thereto necessary to protect the interests of Fulton County prior to execution; and for other purposes. **(DENIED)**

ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Vice Chair Hall and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote: **(NO VOTE TAKEN)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, and Morris

Nay: Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Health and Human Services**21-0596 Community Development**

Request approval by the Board of Commissioners authorizing the Chairman or the County Manager to execute a cancellation and release of a Deed to Secure Debt and any other security documents given to the County by The Christian City, Inc., to secure a loan that matured in January 2021; after preparation, review and approval as to form by the County Attorney. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Justice and Safety**21-0597 Juvenile Court**

Request approval to renew an existing contract Juvenile Court, 201TB162521A-CJC, Accountability Courts Drug and Alcohol Screen Confirmation in the amount of \$9,748.00 with Phamatech, Inc. (San Diego, CA) to perform drug and alcohol screens. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. This contract is 100% grant funded. No county funding is required. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

21-0598 Juvenile Court

Request approval to renew an existing contract Fulton County Juvenile Court, 20RFP125479A-CJC, Accountability Courts Treatment Modalities with DIVAS, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$32,120.00 to provide Accountability Courts Treatment Modalities. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. This contract is 100% grant funded. No county funding is required. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

21-0599 Juvenile Court

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Juvenile Court, 19RFP080119A-CJC, Specific Evidence-Based Delinquency Prevention Programming in the amount of \$484,313.00 with Chris 180, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) to provide ART-Aggressive Replacement Therapy; Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) and MultiSystemic Therapy (MST). This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. This contract is 100% grant funded. No county funding is required. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

21-0600 Juvenile Court

Request approval to renew an existing contract Fulton County Juvenile Court, Bid# 20ITB031120A-CJC, Accountability Courts Surveillance Officers in the amount of \$26,400.00 with Living Invigorating Valuable Experiences, LLC (Atlanta, GA). This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022. This contract is 100% grant funded. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

21-0601 Superior Court Administration

Request approval of award without competition - Superior Court Administration, 21SS00019A-KM, Forensic Peer Support Services in the amount of \$28,052.00 with Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network, for the purposes of Forensic Peer support services for the Behavioral Health Treatment Court Program participants. This is 100% grant funded through the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (Grand Fund TX21) with no County match required. Effective upon BOC approval through June 30, 2022. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

RECESS MEETING AGENDA**21-0602 Board of Commissioners**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Hausmann, to adopt the Recess Meeting Agenda as amended by moving up items #21-0584, #21-0595 as requested by the County Manager, #21-0626 as requested by Commissioner Hausmann, #21-0624 as requested by Commissioner Arrington; revising items #21-0610 as requested by the County Manager and #21-0582 as requested by Commissioner Hausmann. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Did Not Vote: Arrington

21-0603 Clerk to the Commission

Ratification of Minutes. **(RATIFIED)**

Regular Meeting Minutes, July 14, 2021

Special Called Meeting Post Agenda Minutes August 2, 2021

Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, August 4, 2021

Special Called Meeting Post Agenda Minutes August 11, 2021

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

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

Abstain: Ellis

Did Not Vote: Arrington

21-0604 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing "Commissioner Richard English, Jr. Remembrance Day." **(Arrington/BOC)**

Proclamation recognizing "Nancy Conrad and the Conrad Foundation Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**

Proclamation recognizing "Mrs. Alfredia Aaron Scott Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**

Proclamation recognizing "MC Lightfoot Appreciation Day." **(Abdur-Rahman)**

PUBLIC HEARINGS**21-0605 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. At the Regular Meeting, speakers will be heard prior to the zoning portion of the agenda; at the Recess Meeting, prior to the County Manager's Unfinished Business. Before speaking, each participant must fill out a speaker card, located at the entry way, the podium, and the media and court reporter tables. Speaker cards must be submitted to the Clerk's staff, who will accept them on a first-come, first-served basis. Once Public Comment begins, speaker cards will no longer be accepted. **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)**

18 Speakers: Elijah Porter (Item #21-0618); Christine Propst (Item #21-0611); Julie Adams (Item #21-0611); Jeff DellaMaggiora (Item #21-0611); Maggie Goldman (Item #21-0611); Bridget Thorne (Item #21-0611); Nia Corsten (Item #21-0611); Aimee Uphues (Item #21-0611); Anna Tillman (Item #21-0611); Dr. Janice Johnston (Item #21-0611); Matt Rowenczak (Item #21-0611); Cecile Dinozze (Item #21-0611); and Ben Howard (Voting).

***J. Smithwick (Item #21-0611); Jeffrey and Julie Allen (Item #21-0611); Betsy Kramer (Item #21-0611) and Sheila Hamilton (Voting).**

*comments read at the end of the Recess Meeting

21-0606 Finance

FY 2021 General Fund Millage rate public hearing **(CONDUCTED)**

PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCTED

1 SPEAKER: Maggie Goldman

COUNTY MANAGER'S ITEMS**Open & Responsible Government****21-0607 County Manager**

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

21-0608 Purchasing and Contract Compliance

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris 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

21-0609 Finance

Presentation, review and approval of August 18, 2021 Budget Soundings
(PRESENTED/APPROVED)

Chairman Pitts moved to divide

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Vice Chair Hall, to approve parts two (\$1,050,000.00) and three (\$12,323.00) of the August 18, 2021 Budget Soundings. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

b. A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Vice Chair Hall, to hold the \$570,000.00 increase in funding for the Registration and Elections Department. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: Arrington

Did Not Vote: Ellis

21-0610 Finance

Request approval of a Resolution adopting the proposed 2021 Millage Rates for the General Fund, General Obligation Bond fund, and Fulton Industrial District fund based on the Rollback Rate in O.C.G.A § 48-5-32.1(A)(9), as well as the 2021 Fulton County Board of Education millage rate. **(APPROVED)**

Commissioner Arrington moved to divide

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Hausmann and seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve the General Fund, Bond Fund, and Fulton Industrial District millage rates. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nay: Arrington

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Hausmann and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to approve the Fulton County Board of Education millage rate. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

21-0571 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Resolution to amend Fulton County policy and procedure 600-71 regarding Dedication Plaques for County Facilities to authorize listing the names of the Board of Commissioners, ~~County Manager, County Attorney and the Library Board of Trustees~~ Library Board of Trustees [only when a library facility], County Manager, and County Attorney sitting at the time of the dedication of the County facility in lieu of these individuals addition to those member is sitting at the time of the award of the original construction or purchase contract. **(HELD ON 8/4/21) (APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Ellis

21-0611 Registration & Elections

Request approval of a recommended proposal - Registrations and Elections, 21RFP060921C-MH, Business Process Review and Assessment of Registration and Elections Operations in the amount of \$569,750.00 with The Elections Group, LLC (Indian Head Park, IL) to conduct a comprehensive business process review and assessment of voter registration and elections operations for operational improvement and efficiencies for the Fulton County Registration and Elections Department. Effective upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed, all project deliverables are due no later than April 30, 2022. **(HELD)**

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

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

Absent: Arrington

Did Not Vote: Ellis

Health and Human Services**21-0573 Public Works**

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - the Department of Public Works, #21ITB129828K-JAJ Camp Creek WRF UV Replacement in the amount of \$4,100,000.00 and Archer Western Construction, LLC (Atlanta, Ga) for the replacement of the ultraviolet (UV) system at the Camp Creek WRF. Effective upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed within 630 calendar days. **(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

Absent: Arrington

21-0612 Public Works

Request approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Fulton County and Georgia Department of Transportation for the Widening, Milling and Resurfacing Project (PI-0016443) of SR372 Birmingham Hwy at Birmingham Road and Hickory Flat Road Improvements in North Fulton. The project involves an adjustment of existing water valves, installing/relocating fire hydrants and installation of insertion valves with appurtenances within Fulton County at an estimated cost of \$57,500.00. The MOU is effective upon execution. **(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

Absent: Arrington

21-0613 Senior Services

Request approval of a contract between Fulton County, Georgia and the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) for the Fulton County Department of Senior Services to serve as the subgrantee and provider of alternative senior transportation services. Services will be provided to Fulton County residents age 60 and above in an amount not to exceed \$365,700.00. Funding is provided through the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) Human Service Coordination Research (HSCR) grant which includes a \$121,922.00 match, effective dates July 1, 2020 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 Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Arrington

21-0614 Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities

Request approval of Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) and Subrecipient Agreements with two organizations, on behalf of the Fulton County Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD), in the aggregate amount \$3,999,776.00 provided by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health) as follows: (a) with the Fulton County Board of Health (FCBOH) in the amount of \$749,144.00 to implement evidenced-based, culturally-tailored health literacy strategies to enhance the rates of COVID-19 testing, contact tracing, mitigation measures, and vaccine confidence and the cross-cutting urgency of behavioral health literacy and access to related services among racial and ethnic minority populations and other socially vulnerable populations, and (b) with Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM), in the amount of \$800,000.00 to provide quality improvement activities and program evaluation. The County Attorney is authorized to approve the MOUs and Subrecipient Agreements as to form and make necessary changes thereto prior to execution. The MOUs and Subrecipient Agreements are effective July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023. **(APPROVED)**

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, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Arrington

21-0615 Community Development

Request approval of a Resolution amending the award year on certain United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant contracts in order to expend pre-2015 awarded funds on or before September 11, 2021. **(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, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Arrington

21-0616 Community Development

Request approval to amend an existing contract with 21st Century Leaders, Inc. for an increase in spending authority of an additional amount of \$65,000.00, to manage and provide student incentives for the Pilot Fulton County Youth Leadership Program. Effective upon execution through December 31, 2021. This contract shall automatically renew on January 1, 2022 through May 31, 2022 for no additional funding. The contract award total is \$147,950.00 for both the initial term and the renewal. The County Attorney is authorized to approve the contract as to form and to make necessary modifications thereto prior to execution. **(APPROVED)**

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, Hausmann, Morris, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Arrington

Did Not Vote: Ellis

Infrastructure and Economic Development**21-0617 Public Works**

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Department of Public Works, 20ITB126798K-JAJ, Aircraft Rescue Firefighting Facility (ARFF) Renovation Phase II in an amount not to exceed \$2,486,000.00 with Trident Construction Group (Atlanta, GA) for construction and renovation of the existing ARFF building. Effective upon issuance of Notice to Proceed with final completion of work within 210 calendar days. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Absent: Arrington

COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS**21-0579 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution establishing a set payment of \$250.00 per day for members of Fulton County Boards, Committees, Authorities, and Commissions where Commissioners make appointments, establishing exceptions for those entities where payments are established by State statute, law or regulation; and for other purposes. **(Arrington) (HELD ON 8/4/21) (HELD)**

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

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

Absent: Arrington

21-0580 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution requiring that beginning with Fiscal year 2022, the Operating Budget of revenues and expenditures for Fulton County be submitted to the Board of Commissioners prior to approval of the proposed millage rate, and requiring the proposed millage rate be based upon the budget requests of the County Departments; and for other purposes. **(Arrington) (HELD ON 8/4/21) (HELD)**

21-0582 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution to amend the Fulton County Code of Ordinances to make certain provisions therein regarding decorum mandatory and to provide penalties for any violation; and for other purposes. **(Hausmann/Hall/Ellis/Morris) (MOTION TO APPROVE FAILED ON 8/4/21) (HELD)**

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

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

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

Absent: Arrington

21-0618 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution for the development and execution of a feasibility study for the location and construction of a new Fulton County Jail. **(Abdur-Rahman/Arrington) (HELD)**

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

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

Absent: Arrington

Commissioners' Full Board Appointments**21-0619 Board of Commissioners
REGION III EMS COUNCIL (APPROVED)**

Term =3 Years

Term below expires: June 30, 2023
Vacant (**BOC/Position 5**)

Commissioner Hausmann nominated Chris Coons (Johns Creek Fire Chief) for a Full Board appointment to an unexpired term ending June 30, 2023.

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

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

Absent: Arrington

Did Not Vote: Pitts, and Morris

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

Yea: Pitts, and Morris

Nay: Hausmann, Ellis, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Arrington

Abstain: Hall

**21-0620 Board of Commissioners
REGION III EMS COUNCIL (HELD)**

Term =3 Years

Term below expired: June 30, 2019
Steven L. Moyers (**BOC/Position 4/Ellis**)

Commissioner Ellis has nominated Steven L. Moyers (Grady Hospital-EMS) for a Full Board reappointment to a term ending June 30, 2022.

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

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

Absent: Arrington

21-0621 Board of Commissioners
FULTON-ATLANTA LAND BANK AUTHORITY (APPROVED)

Term = 4 Years

Term below expires: 8/7/2023

Vacant **(BOC)**

Commissioner Abdur-Rahman has nominated Calvin Brock for a Full Board appointment to an unexpired term ending August 7, 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: Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Arrington

Did Not Vote: Pitts

21-0622 Board of Commissioners
FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS (APPROVED)

Term = 4 Years

Term below expired: 6/30/2021

Edward C. London **(Post 4) (BOC-City of Atlanta/Darnell/Abdur-Rahman)**

Commissioner Abdur-Rahman has nominated Edward C. London (Post 4) for a Full Board reappointment to a term ending June 30, 2025.

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, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Arrington

COUNTY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**Open & Responsible Government****21-0584 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request discussion of options and approval to authorize the County Manager and the Department of Real Estate and Asset Management to complete due diligence and lease negotiations and bring back for final Board of Commissioners' approval one of two options chosen from the following by the Board of Commissioners:

(MOTION TO ACCEPT OPTION B FAILED ON 8/4/21) (OPTION A APPROVED)

- A. A lease that consolidates all Fulton County warehouse operations into a single location inclusive of evidence storage warehouse space for the Office of the Fulton County District Attorney and the Fulton County Sheriff; or
 - B. A lease that consolidates Fulton County warehouse operations into a single location, and excludes evidence storage warehouse needs for the Office of the Fulton County District Attorney and the Fulton County Sheriff and thereby establish an additional warehouse for that purpose.
- a. A motion was made by Commissioner Hausmann and seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve option A. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, and Morris

Nay: Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

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

Yea: Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Nay: Pitts, Ellis, and Morris

Did Not Vote: Hausmann

21-0623 Strategy and Performance Management

Request approval of the Fulton County 2021 - 2025 Strategic Plan **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Absent: Arrington

Infrastructure and Economic Development**21-0624 Select Fulton**

Development Authority of Fulton County presentation on its 2020 GASB 77 report. **(PRESENTED)**

COMMISSIONERS' PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**21-0587 Board of Commissioners**

Discussion: New Jail (**Arrington**)

21-0625 Board of Commissioners

Discussion: Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. August 11, 2021 CEO Report (**Morris**)

21-0626 Board of Commissioners

Discussion: Registration and Elections Financial Review (**Hausmann**)

A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington to overrule Chairman Pitts regarding the order of the Recess Meeting Agenda items. (**NO SECOND**)

Motion failed for a lack of a second.

EXECUTIVE SESSION**21-0627 Board of Commissioners**

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

PRESENT IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING LITIGATION, REAL ESTATE AND PERSONNEL: Chairman Pitts, Vice Chair Hall Commissioners: Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman; County Manager Dick Anderson; Interim County Attorney Kaye Burwell; Chief Human Resources Officer Kenneth Hermon; Deputy COO Alton Adams and Clerk to the Commission Tonya R. Grier.

PRESENT IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING AND PERSONNEL: Chairman Pitts, Vice Chair Hall Commissioners: Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Arrington, Abdur-Rahman, and Chief Human Resources Officer Kenneth Hermon.

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

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

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

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

Absent: Arrington

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Vice Chair Hall, to approve the request for settlement authority in item #3 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: Arrington

d. A motion was made by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve settlement in the amount of \$300,000.00 in the case of SoCo Contracting Company v. Fulton County, Georgia, CAFN 2015-CV-260616 and authorizing the Chairman to execute the settlement documentation. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: Arrington

e. A motion was made by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Vice Chair Hall, to approve the new set annual salary range of \$250,000.00 - \$290,000.00 for the Associate Medical Examiner classification, \$270,000.00 - \$330,000.00 for the Deputy Medical Examiner classification, \$290,000.00 - \$350,000.00 for the Chief Medical Examiner classification and authorize the County Manager to modify the annual salary for the current Chief Medical Examiner using this new salary range in the HR salary metrics, effective today. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: Arrington

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S
RECESS MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2021
10:00 A.M.

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Good morning, and welcome to the Recess Meeting of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. I'm Robb Pitts; I Chair the Board of Commissioners. Today is August 18, 2021. It is approximately 10:05 a.m. Madam Clerk, please call the roll."

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 Khadijah Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Present."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 2, Consent Agenda, **21-0591**, Adoption of the Consent Agenda. All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the County Commission and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion will take place on these items. If discussion of any Consent Agenda item is desired, the

item will be moved to the Recess Meeting agenda for separate consideration. Mr. Chairman, and Member of the Board we have two items to be removed today for separate consideration. First item, on page 2, Finance, 21-0594. Ratification of July 2021 grant activities record. That item was requested to be removed for separate consideration by Vice Chair Hall. Second item on page 2, 21-0595, Real Estate and Asset Management. Request approval of a Resolution approving a new lease agreement for the purpose of providing warehouse storage and office space for the operations of the Fulton County District Attorney. That item was removed for separate consideration, and at moved up to be heard after item number 21-0584."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Any other changes to the Consent Agenda? All right. The motion is to approve as amended by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Hausmann. Let's vote, please on the Consent Agenda as amended."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 4, Recess Meeting agenda, **21-0602**, Adoption of the Recess Meeting agenda. Mr. Chairman, and Member of the Board we have amendments to today's Recess Meeting agenda. Items to be moved up on the Recess Meeting agenda. On page 10, 21-0584, Real Estate and Asset Management. Request discussion and options, and approval to complete lease negotiations. Next item to be moved up on today's agenda, as requested by Commissioner Hausmann, 21-0626, on page 10, Discussion, Registration and Elections financial review. This item is to be moved up to be heard before the elections item on page 6, 21-0611. Items to be revised --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "—now just a minute. On these items being moved up, Commissioners, I'm not so sure when we going through this at every meeting. If we want to redo the way we do the agenda, maybe we need to have that discussion because, I mean, we had it this way for a reason, so with every meeting now it seems like we're --"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Can I comment because I did make a request to move one up."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "The reason I did that is because we are considering doing a consultant today. I think to hear the audit report prior to that decision on a consultant is important."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So, Madam Clerk, I'd ask you to monitor this, and if you notice anything like that, I mean, make some suggestions. For example: That one item regarding that warehouse that was on the Consent Agenda, it never should have been on the Consent Agenda. How it got on the Consent Agenda, I'll never know. But at least we caught it. So, were you about to say something Madam COO? Ma'am? All right. Vice Chair Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes. So, we're moving 584 to be heard -- it says on the changes that 584, on page 10 is being moved to page 5 before number 21-0609. But earlier we said that 21-595 was being moved to be heard before 21-0584, so does that make 21-0595 move with 584 before 609?"

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

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Anything else?"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes, we have items to be revised. On page 5, Finance, 21-0610. Request approval of a Resolution to adopt the proposed millage rate. That item was revised to include the Fulton County School Board Resolution. And on page 8, 21-0582. Request approval of Resolution to amend the Fulton County Code to make certain provisions regarding the decorum mandatory. That item was revised to include an amended Resolution. And that's all I have for today."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Any other items on the agenda -- today's agenda?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes, Mr. Chair. [Speaker not on the mic.] I would like to move the Development Authority up we have our outside consultants here [Inaudible.]."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What page, Commissioner?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "[Speaker not on the mic.]. Okay. 21- [Inaudible.]"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That's a presentation?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Just like for it to be heard before lunch."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Any other. All right. Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "So, I'm, okay, with that Commissioner Arrington, as long as, you know, I know we got set times we have to do Executive Session today. So, I just want to say to the folks that are here on that topic, it was posted that it was at the end of the agenda, I don't know why you would come at 10 o'clock in the morning when it's at the end of the agenda, when we have a fully packed schedule. Hopefully, we can make that change. But if we can't, I just want to apologize in advance because we do have a hard schedule with our Executive Session today."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I hate to be doing this -- moving some stuff around, but I do for the sake of order, I think that the 0610, which is the adoption of the millage rate --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Where are you, Commissioner?"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "On page five of ten."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Page five?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yeah."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Which one?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "0610, which is the approval of the millage rate. It should be held after the public hearing before we get into all these presentations, so."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "It's just revised."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "What's that?"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "It's just revised?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "No, I just think it should be heard after 0606."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. So, Madam Clerk, if you would, you know, be diligent when these changes come in, or just --"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes, I will work with the County Manager's office to make sure they're altogether."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. So, I'll entertain a motion on the agenda as amended. Motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Hausmann. Cash your vote, please."

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

CLERK GRIER: "Page 4, **21-0613**, Ratification of minutes. Regular Meeting minutes, July 14th. Special Called Meeting Post Agenda minutes, August 2nd. Regular Meeting Post Agenda minutes, August 4th, and Special Called Meeting Post Agenda minutes, August 11th, 2021."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. I'll entertain a motion. Motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Vice Chair Hall. Let's vote, please."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**21-0604**, Presentation of Proclamations and Certificates. The first proclamation is recognizing Commissioner Richard English Jr. Remembrance Day sponsored by Commissioner Arrington with Full Board support."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Good morning. This proclamation is in honor of Commissioner Richard English Jr. His wife was scheduled to be with us today, but her nephew went to pick her up, and found her none responsive, so she's in the hospital. So, please, say a prayer for her as well. Whereas, Troup County Commissioner Richard English Jr. was the longest-serving Commissioner of the State of Georgia, serving Troup County, Georgia, District 5, for 43 years. And he was the only black Commissioner in Troup County's history. Whereas, Richard English Jr., was born on March 31st, 1937 in Fort Gaines, Georgia to Richard English, Sr. and Rosell Barley English, and graduated from Speight High School. And whereas, Commissioner English later attended West Georgia Technical College and he was a United States Army veteran, who served in the Vietnam War. He was self-employed as an independent contractor, and worked as a building manager in Lagrange, Georgia for 24 years. And whereas, Commissioner English spearheaded the establishment of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday in Troup County, he was the Chairman of the Community Action for Improvement Board for 35 years. He was the Chairman of the FEMA Board, and the emergency food shelter program for 38 years. And in 2001, he was recognized in the Congressional Registry for his instrumental contributions to the State of Georgia,

and the United States. Whereas, Commissioner English served on the Association of County Commission of Georgia's Black Caucus of Lagrange, the Troup County Chamber of Commerce, Two Rivers RC&D Council, the Lagrange Civic Improvement Association; was a member of the Georgia Association of Black County Officials. And in 2001, the Community Action for Improvement Organization named its administrative facility after Commissioner English to honor his dedication to Troup County. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners commends Commissioner Richard English Jr. for a life of integrity, service, and dedication to his community. And does hereby proclaim Wednesday, August 18th, 2021 as Commissioner Richard English Jr. Remembrance Day in Fulton County. We'll make sure that his wife gets this proclamation."

(Audience clapping.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Commissioner."

CLERK GRIER: "The next proclamation is recognizing Nancy Conrad and the Conrad Foundation Appreciation Day sponsored by Vice Chair Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I know this is a surprise to you. Yes. Yes. You know, I set this up asking you to come and speak, and talk about moving here from DC, and setting up the Conrad Challenge in honor of your husband, the late astronaut, Mr. Conrad. And uh, but what I really wanted to do was honor you because of the great work that you do with children and youth, and so, the proclamation reads: Whereas, Nancy Crane Conrad is a teacher, author, publisher, entrepreneur, and public speaker, who is recognized as a leader in transformative education; and named one of the top 100 leaders in STEM education, and serves as a featured speaker at national and international conferences. And whereas, Nancy Conrad began her teaching career as a high school English teacher at George Washington High School in Denver, Colorado. She later began work in the publishing industry as an associate publisher for International Businesswomen magazine, where she interviewed many notable women including First Lady Betty Ford, Kay Koplovitz, Mary Kay Ash, and Caroline Rose Hunt. And whereas, Nancy Conrad is the widow of the late astronaut, Pete Conrad, who was the third man on the moon from the Apollo 12 space mission. And together they founded four companies to make space travel more accessible to all individuals. And whereas, Nancy Conrad shared her husband's passion for inspiring future explorers. Often working hand-in-hand with him prior to his death to launch his numerous commercial space businesses. And in his passing, she wanted to keep Pete's spirit for innovation and entrepreneurship alive; and continued his dream of encouraging the next generation of explorers. And whereas, after more than 15 years in operation, the Conrad Foundation continues to be the only organization of its kind whose program

combines science and technology based education, innovation, and entrepreneurship to inspire solutions for achieving global sustainability; and has partnered with the Atlanta Public Schools in Fulton County. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners commends Nancy Conrad for her tireless contributions to high-quality education for all students, and supports her efforts to prepare future leaders, and future space explorers. And does hereby proclaim, Wednesday, August 18th, 2021, as Nancy Conrad and the Conrad Foundation Appreciation Day in Fulton County. And let me say, welcome to Atlanta."

(Audience clapping.)

NANCY CONRAD: "Thank you. I promise to be brief. Ha, Ha. Thank you so much. That was quite a shock. I had no idea. Thank you so much for that. And I just wanted to invite all of you to think about young people, 13 to 18 who have the capacity to design the future, and create products to solve global and local challenges. We've been doing this -- we're in our 16th year. We actually are launching on Friday, but the kids have until the end of October 1st -- of November to turn in their ideas. You know we talk about leaving a better world for our children, and I think we also need to leave better children for our world. And this is a way for kids to really get their moon shot. My husband was a kid that was expelled from a prestigious school. He had a little problem reading and spelling. They didn't know what dyslexia was back in the day. And so, he became what we call a lost Einstein. There's a lot of lost Einstein's, so we particularly reach out to young people who may not know that they are really talented, and really smart; and have the capacity to do things that are awesome. And by the way, some of our kids get full patents. We don't want them dropping out of school and making companies. We do want them to find their superpowers. So that's what we do. We give kids an opportunity to learn how to think, and to learn how to learn. And so, we're so excited; this is now my hometown, and we're going to work very diligently with the whole Atlanta area, and bring young people in from this neck of the woods, if you will. We're all over the world. We're all the way from Australia to Zimbabwe. And Atlanta starts with an 'A', so let's make that Atlanta to Zimbabwe. And thank you so much. Commissioner Hall I am so honored. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "The next proclamation is recognizing Ms. Alfredia Aaron Scott Appreciation Day sponsored by Commissioner Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Mrs. Scott had an emergency this morning, but I'm honored to have here to accept her proclamation on her behalf are her daughter, Marcy Scott, and her niece, Gail Aaron, the daughter of homerun hero, Hank Aaron. And I geo this -- we were really working on making sure that we made this happen today, so I'm glad that we got it done. And it reads: Whereas, Alfredia Aaron was born in Mobile, Alabama. The

seventh of eight children to Herbert and Estella Aaron. And spent her early childhood living between her parents in Mobile, and her brother, Hank Aaron in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. And whereas, Alfredia Aaron graduated with honors from Central High School in Mobile, Alabama. And furthered her education at Florida A&M University, where she earned a dual degree in informational sciences in English. And whereas, Alfredia Aaron met her future husband, Congressman David Scott while they were both students at Florida A&M University. And after their marriage, they moved to Atlanta and Mrs. Scott became the first African-American informational manager for the Georgia Department of Transportation. And she later joined her husband as co-owner and Vice President of Dayne Mark Advertising, an Emmy award winning minority advertising agency with clients across America. And whereas, Mrs. Scott has spearheaded many of the community outreach programs carried out in the 13th Congressional District, including the annual jobs fair, and Census implementation eighteen years ago. Thousands of residents who live in the 13th Congressional District have received free life-saving exams. She has also raised thousands of scholarship dollars for black students to pursue a college education. And whereas, Mrs. Scott served as the first black spouse to chair the Centennial Congressional Club luncheon to honor First Lady Laura Bush. She served as a member of the Executive Board of the Congressional Families Cancer Board, and she served as an Executive Board Member of the International Club in Washington DC. And whereas, Mrs. Scott and her husband are the proud parents of two daughters, Marcy Scott, and Daya Vidal Kwame. And proud grandparents of two, Kaylin and Kimani Vidal. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners commends Alfredia Scott for her tireless work in the community, and celebrates with her and her family on the occasion of her 75th birthday. And does hereby proclaim, Sunday, August 15th, 2021 as Alfredia Scott Appreciation Day in Fulton County, Georgia. Please give her big hug for me."

MARCYE SCOTT: "Unfortunately, my mother was unable to attend, but she sent me and my cousin Gail in her stead. But I just wanted to thank Ms. Hall, Commissioner Hall and the entire board for the acknowledgment. It's amazing when you read it -- some of the things that I didn't even know my mother did, but definitely this is such an honor. It's an honor for me to accept this on her behalf. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "The last proclamation is recognizing MC Lightfoot Appreciation Day sponsored by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Can I get the -- the recipient and any close friends and family. Please come. Make sure the family lines up the family, please. I see mommy and daddy. Mommy and daddy need to come closer. I take a special kind of pleasure in giving this proclamation because I get the pleasure of saying I train this

individual 30 something years ago. And so, this proclamation whereas Stanford "MC Lightfoot" is a native Atlantan, and knew at an early age that he was most comfortable entertaining an audience. And as a teenager he gave stellar performances as Michael Jackson. Those of us that have been to Greenbrier Mall and other malls in Atlanta know him very well. And whereas, MC Lightfoot quickly became sought after -- became a highly sought after opening comedienne for 'A' list artist and joined a database that has quadrupled since he broke into the entertainment scene. And whereas, MC Lightfoot has hosted high profile events including the Trumpet Awards, the Laughing Out Loud tour, NASCAR, and Budfest, and has taken his comedy act as far away as Canada, the Bahamas, Europe, and Japan. And whereas, in addition to his resume as a comedienne, MC Lightfoot has also been cast in several theatrical productions, and has proved that he is not a one-dimensional entertainer. When he is not performing at his home venue, the Wolf Creek Amphitheater in South Fulton, MC Lightfoot tours regularly with artists like: New Edition, Babyface, Mint Condition, Anthony Hamilton, and Frankie Beverly and Maze among many others. And in closing, I would like to say to have a product of Atlanta that has given back to his community -- the parents, I want you to know I appreciate you all because the saying, 'the fruit don't fall far from the tree,' is true. He is an Atlanta legend; he has given so much, and mentored to so many of our youth. And he does it outside of the spotlight. And so now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners commends the career of MC Lightfoot and his dedication to the entertainment community in Fulton County and beyond. And does hereby proclaim, Wednesday, August 18th, 2021, as MC Lightfoot Appreciation Day in Fulton County, Georgia."

MC LIGHTFOOT: "You got me in tears. First of all, I'd like to thank these two people right here, my mother and father who sacrificed so much for me to do all I'm able to do. And especially all of my fans who have supported me and my staff. And all of my friends -- I got a special guy here, he didn't want to come down, but the guy up there with the mask on is Vic Cochran. He used to own 51 Studebaker's around the country, and he took me under his wings in 1984, '85, and I was employed by him in nightclubs. I'd also like to thank all the sponsors, all the councilmen, and everyone in the City, in Fulton County. I appreciate you so much, and I'm going to continue to do my best to give you all I got on stages and microphones all over the country. Thank you so much."

(Audience clapping.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes, excuse me. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to take a point of personal privilege this morning to acknowledge someone really important in the staff of District 1; that's my Chief of Staff, Edward Leidelmeijer. Today

is his last official meeting as he retires at the end of the month after 21 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Fulton County (Standing ovation.) I just want to say, he did not want a proclamation, so I had to respect that. But Edward has made an indelible mark on Fulton County. He started out in economic development; he's worked for a host of Commissioners throughout his tenure. A lot of what's happening in Fulton County he has been directly involved in; and I'm going to miss you terribly Edward. I don't know how we're going to get along without you. I guess, we'll figure it out. But thank you -- thank you very much for all your good service."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Commissioner." Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 5, Public Hearings, **21-0605**, 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.fulton.countyga.gov. Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each. The public comment will not be allowed to donate or yield time to other speakers. The public comment portion of the meeting will not exceed 30 minutes. In the event the 30 minute time limit is reached prior to public comments been completed, public comment will be suspended, and the business portion of the BOC meeting will commence. Public comment will resume at the end of the meeting. Mr. Chairman, and Members of the Board, we will start with the speakers here in assembly Hall. We have received ten speaker cards. Will the first five speakers, please come down; Elijah Porter, Nancy Conrad, Christine Cross, Julie Adams, and Jeff DellaMaggiora."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Speakers when you have 15 seconds left, I'll say, 15 seconds that's your queue to end up -- conclude your remarks. Thank you."

ELIJAH PORTER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: Good morning Commissioners. My name is Elijah Porter. I am an attorney, and with my mother, we own and operate a retail sneaker store. I'm a citizen of Fulton County, and live here in Vine City, Georgia. I wanted to add my voice to the Clarion call for criminal justice reform that will save lives, make us safe, and most importantly treat our inmates humanely. We need real criminal justice reform, and it will start today if you pass the jail feasibility Resolution to build a new high-tech County jail. Scenes from the tour that Sheriff Labat gave this year show how critical the situation is. Inmates sleeping on the floor, mold in the showers, and water leaking from the ceilings. It puts both our inmates and staff at risk and it's not fair to them nor is it safe. It should be made clear that just because you go to jail, does not mean that your condition should look like you live in hell. In a civilized society, when we

lock up people, we must do so with humanity. No one deserves to be treated any less because it is morally wrong. Incarceration should be more than just punishment; it should be about rehabilitation, and reducing the number of repeat offenders. And I get it. I know that's not easy asking taxpayers for a new jail. But we spent about \$1 billion over the past ten years throwing good money after bad. As Commissioner Khadijah says, we keep providing a Band-Aid solution for open heart surgery. But you have the power to change all that. And I hope that you will. Thank you."

CHRISTINE PROPST, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hello. My name is Christine Propst. It's nice to meet y'all. Thank you very much for your service to Fulton County. We really appreciate it; and congratulations to the proclamation recipients today. It's pretty humbling to be around such accomplished people; makes me feel insignificant. But so, my name is Christine Propst. I want to state my opposition to the proposal to offer a contract to the Election's Group to work in Fulton County. The Election's Group has too many conflicts of interest with partisan groups such as: The Democracy Fund, New Georgia Project, Georgia Coalition for the People, Voting Works, Election Law, et cetera; and has ties to Democrat, George Soros. Most importantly, the Election Group was accused of very suspect actions in the Fulton County election warehouse in 2020; and possible criminal activities in other states. We do not need to be associated with a group like that. We can do better. Richard Barron has been in charge of Fulton election since 2013. He is responsible for the issues and mismanagement identified in the internal audit and the Carter Jones report. Rick Barron should be fired. If Rick Barron needs an additional 570,000 in assistance by a group from Chicago, then we need to find a new director of election who can do the job. If Rick Barron cannot conduct an election without \$7.7 million contract with Happy Faces Temp Agency that has financial connections to Democratic activist, Stacey Abrams, then we need to find a new director of elections--"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "15 seconds."

CHRISTINE PROPST, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "—one who can do the job without controversy, conflict, and unreasonable cost. Thank you."

JULIE ADAMS, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hi. I'm Julie Adams. The Fulton County Board of Elections voted to fire Rick Barron. This board overturned that decision. Now, our S.O.S. Raffensperger has publicly asked for Barron to be fired. Barron insisted that the elections could not happen without using Happy Faces staffing even though the Fulton County HR department said they could expedite hiring and fill those positions. Now, Barron is asking for the elections group, a liberal group out of Chicago, to manage our elections. This group has financial ties to several billionaires that want to control our elections. Following the money trail, these groups also donate heavily to Stacey

Abrams' organizations. That's the same Stacey Abrams that has ownership in Happy Faces staffing. The money trail seems to loop around and around in and out of Fulton County to run our elections. How about a commonsense approach to our elections? Does it make sense to outsource our elections work in management outside our County and even outside of our state? Maybe, the state should take over our next elections. And give proper time to find a director of elections that can work with the Fulton County HR department to hire elections management, and poll workers that are actually Fulton County residents and preferably voters. We, the people of Fulton County, do not want hired outsiders to run our elections—"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "15 seconds."

JULIE ADAMS, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "--we, the people, want to run our own elections. We, the people of Fulton County, demand of all of you, our constitutional right to have free and fair elections. Thank you."

JEFF DELLAMAGGIORA, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning my name is Jeff DellaMaggiora. In a time when nearly 50 percent of the population has no confidence in Richard Barron nor the Fulton County election board as a whole, it appears to be malpractice at best to hire a partisan election consultant out of Chicago for over \$500,000 of taxpayers' money, with just one simple internet search with this consultant, the elections group, I found countless articles of fraud, malpractice, ties to partisan leadership, ties to partisan fundraising. If Rick Barron is unable to manage his team, and the integrity of this election process, he should be fired and the state should take over Fulton County elections. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "Next five speakers, please come down: Maggie Goldman, Bridget Thorne, Nia Corsten, Aimee Uphues, and Anna Tillman."

MAGGIE GOLDMAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "My name is Maggie Goldman, Johns Creek, District 1. On August 5th, Alpharetta Police Department released a statement to the press which stated after conducting a thorough review of the interaction including all of the audio and video recordings and officer's statements, the Alpharetta police determined there was no violation of department policy or federal or state law regarding necessary use of force standards by peace officers. I find that statement to be concerning and not reflective of the body cam video we all saw. Even the AJC reported on inconsistencies between the police officer's use of force statement and what can clearly be seen in the video. An excerpt from the use of force report Mr. Moyer began to take off his sweat jacket, walked down the driveway towards the K-9 officer while bawling up both of his fists. The AJC reports from their viewing of the video, the police body cam video shows Moyer with his jacket partially on, motioning to put it fully on

while walking towards his front door with his wife. He was standing near the door when the officer ordered him to get on the ground. This is just one example of the many discrepancies between department policy and the body cam video. I am asking each Fulton County Commissioner to publicly denounce this incident by the Alpharetta police department and request that the Fulton County District Attorney's Office and Sheriff's Department to determine if there are any ways the County can be helpful in supporting the Alpharetta Police Department in clearing up these discrepancies. Is there a role for Fulton County to provide assistance to bring an independent consultant to review the Alpharetta police department's policies, see if there are any changes that will be appropriate to bring credibility to this process that residents are looking for. Are there any resources Fulton County can offer to assist the Alpharetta Police Department in creating and implementing a crisis intervention team such as the one recently launched in Johns Creek that will respond to meditate--"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "15 seconds."

MAGGIE GOLDMAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "--the goal for everyone to prevent an incident like this from happening again."

BRIDGET THORNE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hello. My name is Bridget Thorne. Do you remember me? If you look at the election's horrific internal audit report finding 4, I am one of the Happy Faces subcontractor temps who was working in the warehouse with Dominion when the 450,000-dollar procurement came in at almost \$2 million dollars. Oh yes, Barron told the BRE Happy Faces was not involved, but they were. Happy Faces sign in sheets were the longest in the warehouse. I've sent you e-mails about the type of employees that were hired. Many signed in, but didn't show up. Many showed up, but didn't work. Barron was there, but he left Dominion fully in charge. Is that, okay? Finding 1, lack of department's standard operating procedures really? Management 101. Barron's been there eight years and his department doesn't have these basic SOPs in place. Now, because of all this mismanagement, our taxes are going to be used to pay nearly half a million dollars to get consultants to fix this mess. And of all of the consulting firms, Barron picks the elections group from the Chicago area. Do you not read my e-mails or my affidavit? When I was working in the warehouse late at night on November 1st I came across Dominion's Dominique [Inaudible.] and the elections group Mike Pendergrass printing ballots. To this day, I can't find anyone who knows why. The elections group was supposed to be helping with voter registration. Why were they in the warehouse? The elections group knows nothing about warehousing. Now I see that other key states had issues with them being involved in their elections. Who paid for them? Zuckerberg, CTCL? We need answers. We do not need--"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "15 seconds."

BRIDGET THORNE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "—your communications department to spend this. We need truth and transparency. Thank goodness this morning the state board announced that they are getting a committee to review Fulton County elections because you four of you would not fire Richard Barron. I hope they do take over. Thank you we need truth and transparency in our elections."

NIA CORSTEN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Nia Corsten. Last week I was in the same room pleading for your support to help protect and improve the integrity of our election process and for the justified removal of Director Richard Barron from his position. Today, I return to the Commission meeting on a related mission to stop the award of a 570,000-dollar contract to Mr. Barron's handpicked bias and partisan consulting firm, The Election Group. Based in Cook County, Illinois, The Election Group is tied to several progressive left leading organizations. Three of their nonprofits and economic partners are as follows: the Center for Tech and Civil Life, National Vote at Home Institute, Center for Specific Design. All three organizations are Mark Zuckerberg's nonprofit bagmen. By granting The Election Group this contract, you the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, will knowingly continue to raise questions about the transparency and fairness of our elections; something you're sworn to uphold. To award a firm with such a one-sided track record in bias under the premise of being fair and equitable is comical at best. Because you have not upheld the BRE's recommendation of the removal of Richard Barron from his post, the State Board of elections is left with no choice but to take over the Fulton County elections. This morning, the state election board just appointed a review panel for Fulton County. This is a definite move in the right direction. On behalf of like-minded and highly concerned citizens of Fulton County, do the right thing. Block the contract award and seek a more trusted and transparent solution. Thank you for your time."

AIMEE UPHUES, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning my name is Aimee Uphues and I would like to voice my strong opposition to The Election Group contract to help run our elections. You've been interested to ensure voter integrity of our elections and you have failed us miserably over and over. Based on the [Phonetic.] Cartigens report, The Elections Group was involved in months leading up to the fiasco that is and after the November 2020 election. What did they do? What was their role? Who paid the Chicago consultants to spend months here? Our elections were a mess, and when they were helping why are we expecting a different result now? Richard Barron needed help so you'd have The Elections Group help? You assembled our elections task force to help? You had a disastrous internal audit of a failed elections department and now you're going to spend over a half a million dollars to get more help. Stop the bleeding and propping up of Richard Barron. The state board of elections should take over for Fulton County elections because four of you failed to uphold the firing of Richard

Barron. You have lost the trust of the very people you represent. You call us 'Jim Crow racists' when we speak out against election integrity. Election integrity isn't racist. We the people of Fulton County demand a full forensic audit investigation and accountability into the irregularities and fraud in our elections. You serve the citizens of Fulton County. The corruption in our elections warrant investigation and that means not approving this 570,000 dollar contract. Thank you."

ANNA TILLMAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners, Mr. Pitts. My name is Anna Tillman. And I'd like to state that I strongly oppose the 570,000-dollar contract for The Election Group, highly partisan election group that is. For them to conduct an election's process improvement review. Rick Barron has been around since 2013 and if he can't run elections without this expensive effort, then he should be fired and someone else should be found and hired that has the appropriate competencies. In my professional job, I have had a chance to conduct process improvement initiatives for a major Corporation, and in my professional opinion the first step that should be made is to improve Fulton County elections process would be to fire Rick Barron. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, the next speakers will be via Zoom."

RICO DOLLAR, IT: "Good morning. The first speaker is Janice Johnston."

DR. JANICE JOHNSTON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. I am Janice Johnston. Fulton County election [Inaudible]--"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "--just a minute, Ma'am. So Ms. Corbitt, what's going on? All right, is there another group -- hold on Ma'am. Is there another group where you read—"

DARREN SMITH, IT: "--Mr. Chair, everything is fine on our end, and we can't control the input and output on all of our lot public comments. So, we just ask Ms. Johnston to start again slowly."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Did you hear that Ms. Johnston on?"

DR. JANICE JOHNSTON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Yes I heard. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Begin again please, Ma'am."

DR. JANICE JOHNSTON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "The Fulton County election department was recently audited and found to have problems. Within the hour the state election board appointed a performance review panel for the Fulton County election. The director of Fulton County Elections, Richard Barron is responsible for the problems. Barron requested our service (inaudible). Not acceptable (inaudible) the elections

group is suspicious possibly illegal that ballot (inaudible) in 2020. We do not need a consultant (inaudible) to distract us from the full issue. Fulton County (inaudible). We need a director of Fulton County elections who is competent and not (inaudible). We especially (inaudible) The Elections Group the founders (inaudible) involved in any part of our Fulton County is reporter (inaudible) (inaudible) you had better (inaudible). Famous politicians say (inaudible) well this is Fulton County's taxpayers money not Rick Barron's."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Ms. Johnston, your time is up. I think we heard exactly what you're saying. So can we have the next speaker, please."

RICO DOLLAR, IT: "The next speaker Matt Rowenczak."

MATT ROWENCZAK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, everyone. Can you hear me?"

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

MATT ROWENCZAK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "My name is Matt Rowenczak a Fulton County resident. My question to you today is why is it so difficult to be transparent, responsible, and ethical? On today's agenda, item 21-06 (inaudible) regarding the potential contract with The Elections Group in the amount of almost \$500,000? With the only explanation [Inaudible.] RFP so let me get this straight, this County wants to spend almost \$600,000 of taxpayer money at a minimum based on three sentences and not to mention without any competition. And how is this organization chosen? I find it difficult to find a good reason. They are based out of Chicago, when we live in Atlanta a major business hub; so our taxpayers pay enough to foot the bill for consultant's travel fees, and housing fees for several months. Secondly, how is a nonprofit with two employees going to conduct this work? Are they going to leverage the organizations? Which brings me to my third point. We know the organization (inaudible) are highly partisan. Why is it that this community continues to reach out to these types of organizations? In summary this is a fairly new non-profit with two employees. The track records partisan (inaudible). Based out of Chicago which we know has a reputation of liberal corruption. All of this on top of Fulton County's inability to explain why this group (inaudible) (inaudible) (inaudible) in the elections in 2020. It's no wonder why residents have serious concerns. Do not approve this contract."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you Sir. Next speaker."

RICO DOLLAR, IT: "The next speaker is Cecile Dinozze."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next speaker."

RICO DOLLAR, IT: "Cecile Dinozze."

CECILE DINOZZE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Cecile Dinozze. This feedback is so horrible. Can you not fix [Inaudible.]"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Ma'am, we can't hear you. Can I make a suggestion: Can you e-mail it into us or send it in to us? I'm not sure what the problem is. Is there another speaker?"

RICO DOLLAR, IT: "Yes, the next speaker is Ben Howard."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Mr. Howard."

BEN HOWARD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Thank you. Greetings, Commissioners and staff. And special greetings to you citizens and voters of Fulton County who have tuned into our government in action. Ben Howard, senior advocate, public policy analyst. The number is 186 -- 188,666. That six-six-six was noted as the mark of the beast at the recent meeting of the Concerned Black Clergy of Metropolitan Atlanta. A hundred and eighty-eight thousand six hundred and sixty-six (188,666) citizens have been purged from the voter rolls. For the sake of democracy citizens, please monitor your mail meticulously. In fact, immediately, if you receive a letter regarding your voter registration status online you may go to the Secretary of State's website. You may go to my voter page. By telephone you may call the competent staff of the registration and elections department by calling 4046127020. By the way, it's okay to ensure that your friends, relatives, and neighbors are also currently registered. Happy voting."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Other speakers."

RICO DOLLAR, IT: "We're going to see if we can get Cecile Dinozze; if she can turn down the speakers a little bit (inaudible). Cecile Dinozze."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is there anyone else."

RICO DOLLAR, IT: "Okay, the next --"

CECILE DINOZZE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hello, hello, --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "--yes, we hear you; continue."

CECILE DINOZZE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- this feedback is very difficult. Good morning. My name is Cecile Dinozze. Five years ago, my husband and I made the decision to move from the Northeast. We left because of high taxes, liberal destructive politics, corruption and brutal winters. We came here because of the mild weather, the southern charm of Georgian's, I do enjoy the lifestyle of those who value freedom. We

love it here. But we soon came to the realization that politics is dirty, that corruption has no borders and we switched to this location but the landscape is still the same. We were disenfranchised in the November 3rd and January 5th elections. Even with the Fulton County republican elections I was disenfranchised twice. [Inaudible.] voter integrity was swept aside by both parties even though it was evident that there was intent to commit fraud. Your actions to renew the Happy Faces contract with alleged ties to Stacey Abrams at a cost of 7.7 million, of not your money, but our money, wreaks of collusion. Your claims that there were not enough poll workers, so you needed to use temporary workers to fill the gaps is just another bogus excuse. Similar to the water leak at State Farm Arena, Governor Kemp, along with Raffensperger, should be held accountable for deceiving the public, and falsely claiming no voter fraud. So now you wish to hire The Election Group, LLC at a cost of 570,000 with alleged ties to Dominion, Facebook CTCL, and George [Phonetic.] Saross."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, ma'am, your time is up, thank you."

CECILE DINOZZE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: " -- has been in the news, quite often -- Excuse me. This feedback is very difficult to stay in two minutes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I understand but everyone has two minutes. Thank you. Next speaker."

RICO DOLLAR, IT: "The next speaker is Janice Johnston. Janice Johnston."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Janice Johnston."

DR. JANICE JOHNSTON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Thank you, I have already spoken, but I will add (inaudible)--."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: " -- well, you've already spoken. Thank you, Ma'am. Just a minute. Next speaker. Next speaker, please."

RICO DOLLAR, IT: "The next speaker is Michael (inaudible)."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "How many more speakers?"

MICHAEL HEEKIN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Can you hear me? Thank you for the opportunity to address the commissioners. On the evening -- on the night of the general election, I spent the night at the Fifth Avenue election warehouse as a member of the (inaudible) panel mandated by the Georgia election code. I was also active as a poll watcher and [Inaudible.] monitor and other things. I had the opportunity to observe the performance of the Fulton County's elections up close and personal and clearly the 2020 election cycle felt the need of improvement in operations. Thank you for your

interest in doing that. It's important that the County get it right (inaudible) a contractor (inaudible) and advise the election's board, but that contractor has to be nonpartisan completely aboveboard and beyond question. The Election Group is not nonpartisan and not above board and beyond suspicion, please get this right. And engage a contractor that would not work under a taint of partisanship. I'd like to say more, but out of mercy I'm going to stop there because of this feedback. Thanks."

RICO DOLLAR, IT: "The next person to speak is Sheila Hamilton."

SHEILA HAMILTON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hello? Hello?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, go ahead, we can hear you."

SHEILA HAMILTON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "I wish for mine to be read by the Clerk, I e-mailed it in."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You want yours read? Where are we on time?"

RICO DOLLAR, IT: "Mr. Chairman, Ms. Hamilton's was read earlier."

SHEILA HAMILTON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "I did not hear it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: " -- it will be read -- "

RICO DOLLAR, IT: "It will be read; it's the last one from Darryl Carver."

SHEILA HAMILTON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Okay, okay thank you."

RICO DOLLAR, IT: "Thank you, Ma'am. This concludes the virtual public comment."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "[Inaudible.] 30 minutes out? All right. Well, we have a new rule now; we're either going to abide by the rule or we're not going to abide by it. It says 30 minutes, right? Is 30 minutes what -- read the rule again regarding time."

DARRYL CARVER: "Chairman, this -- we have four people that have written public comments, Sir--"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "—I understand all that, just a minute, Sir, Mr. Carver."

DARRYL CARVER: "No problem."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just thirty minutes, and if we not heard from everyone within 30 minutes, what happens?"

CLERK GRIER: "Then public comment will end and resume at the end of the meeting."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right now, that's the rule that we approved. Now you want to relax that today or stick with it? Stick with it. All right. Thank you. So, anyone who has not spoken, you can at the end of the meeting, correct?"

CLERK GRIER: "Correct."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, explain that to them, Mr. Carver the one's that you have waiting."

DARRYL CARVER: "Yes, Sir."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Continue Madam Clerk and we need to do better Mr. Manager on this. I don't know whether it's something that's going on here or whether it's the speaker; I'm not sure—"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "--yes Sir--"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "--this not acceptable. Ms. Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yeah, I feel like if the technology had worked a little better, then everybody would have had the opportunity to make their comments. I understand we have a new rule but this has been brought to our attention numerous times we've got to do better than this. And if it needs instructions to the public on turning their volume down, whatever adjustments they need to make on their end needs to be clearly delineated in the announcement."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Understand. Continue Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "Continuing on page 5 under Public Hearings, **21-0606**, Finance. Fiscal year 2021 general fund millage rate public hearing. I have received one card here in assembly Hall. Ms. Maggie Goldman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, this is a public hearing on the general fund millage rate for 2021. Public hearing is now open; one speaker, come forward please, Ma'am."

MAGGIE GOLDMAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Thank you. I agree that we should have a budget available when deciding the millage rate so that we could determine our funding priorities and then fulfill the ones we decide to fund by crafting a budget to meet those needs. If this means we need to change our fiscal year so that it starts mid-calendar year instead of a standard calendar year, so be it. I've been trying to figure out what is the taxpayer supposed to think about when setting the millage rate, if we have no budget to compare to? This is obviously a legal requirement with no practical use. If

you have a budget ready ahead of time there will actually be something to make these hearings productive and not just checking a box. There is one thing available to the taxpayers at the time of setting the millage rate, their property assessment. The foundation of our responsibility to taxpayers is to assess their property correctly and fairly so that their taxes will be fairly assessed. Unfortunately, Fulton fails at this far too often. I have been working with Fulton and DeKalb residents for six years on tax appeals. I have seen many problems, here are just three: homes that don't have any AC getting changed during the tax appeal year and then the card suddenly reflects an AC after the freeze. There's a cost and design code category that is no longer being used yet it only gets removed through an appeal. The system should be able to remove all of them. This is severely over assessing their property by ten to fifteen percent. I was told in 2018, by tax assessment management, Fulton would move away from the advanced calculus of the Fulton property value process towards a system like Dekalb's that functions like traditional appraisers yet nothing has changed and it's been three years. You would serve taxpayers better by fixing these property card issues and making sure that their assessments are correct rather than worrying about whether your millage rate is low."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Any other speakers? Anyone else? Anyone else? Either here or at one of the annexes? Anyone else? If not, that concludes the public hearing. Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "The next item that was moved up, bottom of page 5, County Manager's items, under Open and Responsible Government, **21-0610**, Finance. Request approval of a Resolution adopting the proposed 2021 millage rates for the general fund, general obligation bond fund, and Fulton Industrial District fund based on the rollback rates, as well as the 2021 Fulton County Board of Education millage rate."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Ms. Whitmore, do you want to --"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just to review what the rates actually are that are being proposed for the general fund; it's 9.33 mills; for the County's general obligation bond fund, it's .21 mills; for the Fulton Industrial District it's .955 mills. With regard to the--"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "--you said .955—"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: " -- I'm sorry 9.55; 9.55. With regard to the school district, they have recommended a 17.59 millage rate. Those rates

are -- the County's rates are the calculated rollback rates which means they would be the revenue neutral millage rate for taxpayers."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, the lineup is as follows: Commissioner Morris, Vice Chair Hall, and Commissioner Ellis. Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Could you remind us, Ms. Whitmore, what the Fulton County school millage rate for the prior year is? Is this a decrease or a rollback?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "I believe it's the same rate as what they had last year. It's a partial rollback? My apologies. I knew that they had advertised they an increase so --"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Okay, thank you."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "And I may have just to clarify -- Anna told me I might have transposed the number it's 17.59."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Great."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Vice Chair Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes. It was advertised as an increase; so, what was it before it was 17.59?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Vice Chair Hall, I'm looking to see if they included what their previous rate was in the document that they provided to us."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay, thank you. And then, my other question would be I know APS is at 20.74 for their millage rate, but what is the city of Atlanta's? Do you have that information?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "I do not."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. If someone can get that. Because the point that I'm trying to make is that, we all voted to decrease our millage rate every year for five years which was an outstanding move -- an outstanding move of this Board of Commissioners, and I believe that we are or have the lowest millage rate out of all four -- out of Atlanta public schools, city of Atlanta, and Fulton County schools; and now that we're lowering it again to 9.33, is that correct? I believe we have the lowest; so, I just want to confirm that because we have people that come, and speak and that come up to us, e-mail and other things that are always talking about what Fulton County is not doing right, and I believe that the tax relief measures that we've put in place with the help of our County

Manager, COO, and CFO, and County executives was the right move. And this millage rate will continue to decrease for the next couple of years. Is it until 2022, Sharon?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "This would have been the -- this is the last year of our multiyear plan."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "This is the last year? Okay, I will recommend that we look at what can we do moving forward. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yeah, thanks Commissioner Hall, Vice Chair Hall. And I do also commend our team in terms of the planning effort, and the financial management that's been put in place. It's allowed us to gradually bring this down while at the same time also investing in services. I would remind folks that we do adopt a budget. First, we do that right now just adopt it at the beginning of the year and then we adopt our millage rate mid-year that funds the budget for the current year. So, that's the process that we have. So, we do have -- we do have the two linked. It's a little bit different because of our fiscal year, but it is clearly linked. Just also for the public, we -- we recommend and adopt our own sort of millage rates and, but the Board of Education sort of brings theirs forward too, and we ratify it, and we have to by statutes. It's a little bit different than what APS does, correct?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, Commissioner."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay, so, you know we're not involved in their financing and that sort of stuff, but we technically do ratify their millage rate. It's the way that that odd sort of statute. And then, lastly, you don't necessarily have to go to detail, but what can you share with us about the adoption of millage rates by the other cities and the timing of tax bills, property tax bills and when those will go out."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "The Tax Commissioner had requested for each taxing jurisdiction to have their millage rate set by the 18th, in our last meeting with the tax team, we were uncertain if the city of Atlanta would have theirs set by that point in time. And I believe Mountain Park and the city of South Fulton were the other two cities that the Tax Commissioner mentioned. Other than that, I don't have any other updates. The plan was originally to be able to approve the millage rate and have tax bills out by mid-September to the best of my knowledge we are still working towards being able to do that if the millage rates are received from all taxing jurisdictions timely. But if not, then it may shift to the 1st of October."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Is there a need, in light of that -- is there any sort of need for us to -- maybe the Resolution is structured such that if we need to do any sort of -- I forget what the particular --"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: " -- a temporary collection order."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Right."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Actually, the resolution that the Board approved when we set the proposed millage rate allows us to move forward with that if necessary."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. Okay. Thanks."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes, Commissioner Ellis, you asked most of my questions, but just so the public's clear, this is the only action we need to take, correct? We don't have to approve Atlanta, APS, or any of the other cities of the County, correct?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "That's correct."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Okay. You know, this is déjà vu all over again. Every year we talk about the outlier and getting this done, and it's always the same one. It's always the city of Atlanta. What are they telling you? You say you're in communication with them, working with them; what are they saying?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "I have not been in communication with the city. The Tax Commissioner had communicated with them, and I believe they were trying to work it out to get it done sometime this week, but I'm not certain if they've moved forward with that or not, Commissioner."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Well, I certainly hope so. This is one of the basics -- we've talked a lot about basics up here, and how important they are and they're extremely important when it comes to timeliness of collecting. We're sending out the bills for every government in the County. So Atlanta, hear me now. Please get it to us."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Alright, Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I'd like to do a motion to divide these items, our general fund, obligation fund -- maybe we can do all of our items together, but certainly I'd like to at least divide the Board of Education millage rate."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You calling for a division?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "A separate vote."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Understand."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I see a lot of eyes -- wondering eyes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No, it's in order. All right. On the general fund, the motion is to approve by Commissioner Hausmann, seconded by Commissioner Morris. That will be at 9.33--"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "--point of order."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "--yes."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "My motion was to approve all of it, not to separate."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I understand that. But he, meaning Commissioner --"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "--do we not have to vote on that?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- well, he has the right to ask for a division. Now, Madam Parliamentarian, if I'm incorrect --"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Let me see, I do believe that he's entitled to ask for a division. Let me find it."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "All right. Thank you."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "I have a point of order. I thought, correct me Commissioner Arrington, I thought it was to separate the general fund -- the bond obligation fund, and the FID from the school board. So, and the Chairman just referred to the general fund. So, Mr. Chairman, is the vote before us now to do the general fund -- the bond obligation fund and the FID."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "The three?"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. That's what you meant, right Commissioner?"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Okay, I thought you just sounded the general fund."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "General fund of 9.33, the bond fund of .210 and FID at 9.55 . You want a separate vote on those, and you called for a division which I'll rule as a proper motion."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, that's what's before us. All right. Let's vote, please."

CLERK GRIER: "Mr. Chairman, this what's on the floor now is Commissioner Hausmann's -- this is Commissioner Hausmann's motion so we need to do a first, you're making a second, a substitute motion?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- existing issues in the motion."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "His motion -- I'm ruling that his motion is proper and the parliamentarian ruled that my ruling's correct."

CLERK GRIER: "Yes, Sir. So now we need a second on his motion. We're not going to do -- you're going to leave it as Commissioner Hausmann's--"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- let me preside now, please. Here's where we are ladies and gentlemen. Commissioner Hausmann had made a motion to approve, it was seconded by Commissioner Morris."

CLERK GRIER: "Correct."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington, asked for a division, and we've been down this road before, which is a proper motion. And I ruled that it was proper. The parliamentarian agreed that it was a proper motion. So, that's what's before us now. We're voting on them separately. Separately meaning the general fund now, the bond fund, the FID is what's before us now, and the motion was to approve. Let's vote."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Now the balance?"

CLERK GRIER: "Would be the Fulton County Board of Education?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes. All right. Motion is to approve again by Commissioner Hausmann, and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Let's vote, please."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That's it? Okay, continue."

CLERK GRIER: "Continuing on page 5, under County Manager's item, **21-0607**.
Presentation of COVID-19 operational response update."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "It's 11:29 colleagues, and Mr. Manager. We have a hard stop at one for we'll be interviewing the candidates for county attorney beginning promptly at one. Mr. Manager."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, Sir, Mr. Chairman. Our plan today is to only cover one chart out of the deck that you've previously been provided. I'll hit the high points obviously Matt and Doug are here to answer any questions, and the one chart that we'll be covering is our recommendations on the procedures for the VAX and test or VAX or test program for our employees. There are very troubling trends that you've seen in the documentation 349 cases per day over 1740 percent from our low point and expected to be at the highest levels of infection and hospitalizations during the pandemic we have 568 folks in the hospital now and that puts us in the red zone in terms of hospital-bed utilization. With less than 15 percent general beds and ICU beds. All of our cities are above the 100 -- per 100,000 incident reporting rate. Some are even times that level. We are seeing an increased demand for vaccines topping over 200 per day now. Driven more by our mobile offerings. We have ten units doing 53 locations. In the next week along with three Board of Health teams, so we're doing everything that we can to be in the community and highly accessible. We have -- at this point, 55 percent of the population with one dose and 48 percent fully vaccinated in Fulton County. So, we still have plenty of work to do. As well booster shots are now being discussed, so, that along with FDA approval potentially by the end of the month, may very well drive demand significantly higher and we're preparing for that during the month of September. As you know, we're going to be offering incentives so we did take that very seriously. We have seen that DeKalb has had success at a hundred dollars, so we're just finalizing should we start at twenty five and go to a hundred, but we would definitely have that in place in short order. Also, we continue the planning for but now have signed the contract to do a VAX-UP contract at Wolf Creek Amphitheater. Back to back the weekend of 8/28 and 8/29. With the only price of admission being you have to be vaccinated to enter. We continue with innovative I think multimedia campaigns as well as our live and in virtual color town hall meetings resulting in over 30 million impressions for our citizens emphasizing the importance of getting the vaccine particularly in light of these trends. As well when we think about our home team, meaning our employees, we have today and that's what we'll be covering with the one chart that I referenced a VAX or Test program, which will encourage employees to take

the vaccine. As well as provide education and further incentives to take advantage of this opportunity. On the other hand, if folks either A, have an accommodation, religious or health otherwise to opt out of that or if they choose not to, they will be required to be tested each week and provide proof of that test and its negative results. Post discussion that the Board will have today, we will finalize a Resolution incorporating any changes from our recommendation and a set of procedures and will bring back the next meeting and ask for your formal approval because that's necessary to ensure the legal exposure or any challenge to this program is minimized. From a financial standpoint, we remain in good shape as it relates to the COVID response numbers we still have about a 15 percent reserve. There's been no changes of any significance from the last meeting; so, we don't plan to go through that. As you know we have prepared for your review a summary of the end of year overall budget needs as well as projections and those hopefully you've been able to review. And we will be prepared to discuss that when soundings come up later in the agenda. Our concerns right now are the duration of this, obviously, the spike in cases, this potential need for incentives which I think is well-founded, as well as the potential for cost increases on testing. Testing has gone up in terms of demand most recently. So, with all that Mr. Chairman perhaps we could answer any questions about the general trends and the like while Matt and Doug are here. And then, we'll have Anna Roach and Ken Hermon present the one slide via the employee program."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Are there questions for the Manager at this point? Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. First of all, let me -- let me publicly say I am happy -- I see the hard work that you all are doing. County Manager, I'm glad to see that there is an incentive in place. When I heard about the one for \$100, I knew that there was some individuals that that would have sparked. I didn't suggest a hundred, but I think that starting at the \$25 is more than fair, so thank you for taking that. I got a couple of concerns -- one concern because I have several -- I had about ten individuals that reached out to me for the South Fulton -- the COVID testing that was done in that area, and I'm assuming based on what they told me they were parents. And what they told me was that they went to get tested, and I just want it for the record because I tried to explain to at least three of them the process and how long it should take, but their concern was that a week had passed. And they had had some COVID outbreaks in their schools. And so, their concern was, you know, them testing and having their child which I think may have been a junior or senior at Westlake that too much time had passed in order to know whether they or their child had been affected. So, I empathize with them, and told them it may have been an isolated incident because I know to my understanding, we have been very quick in getting that

information back. And so, one, I'm just letting you know if there's actually a problem, I'm not sure that it is, but because I had more than five parents reach out to me and said they had a delay of at least a week of getting the testing back -- the results back that we may need to look at that."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "Thank you, I appreciate that. So, if it is, I just want to verify it. Is it the one in the South Annex?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "That's the one that we are in partnership with the state department; department of public health, the laboratory that runs that site, we'll make sure we get with them. They have a contract for the states that says they have to turn lab results in around 72 hours or less. If they're not meeting that mark, we need to make sure the state department of public health is aware of this. So, thank you for bringing that to our attention."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you for confirming that because I told her it was 48 to 72, but I appreciate you and I appreciate you following up on that. Thank you."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "Will do Ma'am."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Hey there Matt, you sound like the FedEx Guy, talking so fast. So, I appreciate you trying to move this along. I'm just curious about the tracking of the cases and I'm getting a lot of questions on we're tracking folks that are break through -- if they're breakthrough from -- they've had the vaccination -- fully vaccinated or if they've had the cases or had the COVID before. Are we tracking that?"

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "Go Doug."

DOUG SCHUSTER: "The state is trying to gather that information. It is being tracked very carefully for hospitalizations and deaths, but the tracking on cases is incomplete data right now, but they understand how important that is. So, soon as the state can provide us that information, we'll provide it to you. It is being tracked through the hospital and through the County coroner's office. At that point, we expect that there are more and more breakthrough cases as we hear about it you know on the news media, but right now we just don't have the good data to present."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yeah, I recognize there's a lot we still don't know, and I understand it's a moving target. I'm glad to hear you're gearing up for potentially

having to do booster shots. I think this tracking data is going to have a direct bearing on folks' willingness to think it's necessary that they get a booster shot. Do we know what that looks like at this point? Is it just a third dose of what they've already gotten, or a second dose if they got J&J, or is it a whole new set of shots?"

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "Dr. Paxton is on the line; I'd love for her to go ahead and weigh in on this. We know the answer, but I think it's important--"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yeah, I just think people want to know—"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Well, FDA has not yet told us anything about a new formulation being the one that will be used for the booster dosing; so, we'll, they have announced just yesterday probably assuming that the FDA and the ACIP/CDC, approve this, we're looking at somewhere around the week of September 20th as being the time when we will start these booster doses. So, I anticipate that given that there's an entire month between then and now, we'll be getting a lot more information about whether or not these booster doses will simply be with the formulation that we already have on hand or whether or not there will be a new formulation."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "If I may, Commissioner Hausmann, the other things that's a little bit of a concern, so right now the federal reimbursement will end on September 30th, a hundred percent federal reimbursement will end on September 30th. So, at this point, we do not have any guidance coming from FEMA that we'll do another pilot program community vaccination center, pilot program like what we did at Mercedes-Benz Stadium so that means that we're going to have to take this program on ourselves—"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "-- right -- "

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "--so that will be probably a financial requirement for that as well we're working of course with the CDC folks on that. I just want to make sure we manage everyone's expectations at this point. There is nothing at this point in time that's going to look like what we did at Mercedes-Benz Stadium."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yeah. I mean, you hear reports that people are already getting a third shot somehow; I know they're just going in and saying they didn't get one in the first place, or whatever they're doing, but all right. Also, on your timetable here, on your hours of operation and all that, I see that you're staying open until 8:00 at night at some locations. Are you offering early morning visits as well at some locations, because everybody is on different schedules you know --"

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "We can look into the early morning we didn't have much buy-in lately with that. Initially when we were doing this, it was one of the time slots that people liked to take advantage of – "

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "-- right --"

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "-- we can try to go ahead and sprinkle that back out there and see if we have any bites on that--"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "-- yeah, I just think as we move forward in planning, it might be helpful to have at least one day at all our fixed locations where it's open early. It's interesting to see how high of people are coming on Saturdays compared to a lot of the other days of the week so that's also something I think that probably will continue because folks are back at work."

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "Yes, Ma'am."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "All right. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Okay, you're talking like an auctioneer. I was, I could barely keep up with you."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "Sorry Ma'am."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "No problem. But, thank you and a great job on, Mr. County Manager, and County executives, and Matt and team on all of your hard work. This is really good information. The only thing I don't see is you use to tell us about the hospitals and I'm a little bit alarmed about the hospitals because when I went to my other house down the coast of Georgia, I met a lot of nurses and doctors who were from Atlanta and they said they were there because the hospital on the coast was overcrowded. And they said -- and I said, but you know what about in Atlanta, aren't you needed in Atlanta? And they said, yes, but they're just trying to figure it out and help everyone. I contacted Grady hospital and was told that they were full and they even went to the lengths of setting up a tent outside of the emergency room on the concrete. And so, I think that knowing what the capacity is of the hospitals is going to be significant for all of us. And so, do you have any information right now on that?"

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "--yes, Ma'am --"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "-- okay --"

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "Doug, would you mind sharing that."

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "Sure, it's on page 6, we actually have the hospital census which we crossed the 600 boundary. We're at 627 people currently, but if you go to the scorecard, we do have hospitalization census, bed availability, CCU all are in the red danger category for the County. And well below are kind of our threshold. I will say that they're expecting the hospitalizations like I said we're at 620 today to peak sometime around September 4th at about a thousand. So, we're not even close to the totals that we're going to see. The Grady and the regional team are working with the state to get more people to come into the hospital so search capacity can open up more rooms. I will say but right before I walked in here it does look like the County got almost a hundred more rooms; so, maybe some of those people came through. I have more data to share with you, Ma'am, and I'll get back with you, but hospitals are definitely a concern right now."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you. And also, there was a lot of talk about the new lamda variant. What information do you have on that because it's being said that it's vaccine resistant. And also, the question that someone asked me was does the County test, and are they able to determine when a person has Delta or if they have lamda?"

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "Dr. Paxton, you mind taking both of those questions?"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Sure. We don't actually have a whole lot of information about the lambda variant, but we do know a lot about the Delta variant. And what we know is at this point, it has really taken over in Georgia to at least representing at least 90 to 98 percent of all infections. So, if anybody is contracting COVID right now, we could just assume that it is Delta. Now, what I have heard about the lambda variant is that again, (inaudible) the fact that a lot of information because it does not represent the predominant strain right now is that there is some indication that it might actually not be as bad as the Delta. But again, this is just very preliminary information. So, we will follow that and you know let you know what we know. But at the moment, it is Delta. And we know a lot about that, and so if you get COVID today is a 98 percent chance that it is Delta."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "How do you know it's Delta if you don't have a test that is Delta or lamda specific?"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Well I said it was 98 percent chance and that's based on the surveillance that is being conducted in Georgia. You're right. We

do not test every single person, but we do have active surveillance going on. And that is what's giving us the information about the predominate Delta in Georgia."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. And the booster shot that everyone is talking about or the so-called third shot as some people refer to it. Is that for Delta or lamda?"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "That is the same dose that we have been giving out since the beginning. And it is effective against all the variants right now. And so, that is what we are giving, that is what we have available."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "All right. Thank you so much."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Maybe I should have taken Greek. Just a couple questions and suggestions. I know that in terms of the demographic or age demographic with you know very low vaccination rates we're in the younger ages. We've certainly got a large college and university population many of which wouldn't be Fulton County residents, per se. If there's a way to reach out to, in some form or fashion to the colleges and universities that are in the County and get some sort of idea about their vaccination rates and percentages? I think that would be helpful. And if there's anything that we can learn from things that they're doing to encourage anything we can do to help, that would be helpful. And then at the high school level, and middle school level, I know we've had some events with APS and I'm presuming that they reached out and asked for those – If we've done anything similar with Fulton County schools in terms of vaccination events?"

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA: "Yes, sir. So, we did right before the school year started, they invited us to I guess a Saturday event when they were giving out some literature and other resources for the student body. One in the North and one in the South. We've vaccinated 121 individuals during that event. They did partner with a different group to go ahead and do some other vaccinations on the campuses. They have subsequently come back to us and they asked us after what they saw the event that we did with the city of Atlanta public schools and asked if we would consider doing something with them. So, we'll be doing more research on that one, Sir."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. And then, last question: On the hospitalizations, is there any are they doing any reporting about other hospitalizations how many of those folks would have been vaccine recipients or is there not really any data on that right now?"

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "I'm not really capturing the question, Sir."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I mean, in other words, how many folks are in the hospital with a breakthrough case. That's the terminology we're using these days."

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "It's less than 2 percent."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "less than 2 percent, and that's a – we've got pretty good data on that."

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "Yes Sir."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay, so I think that's an important number that we can kind of continue to share that and if that holds constant, you know it's good to know. So, and then last, I guess this is a question for Dr. Paxton or for the either of you. I think the slide say that the mortality rate associated with this variant is similar, but in looking at sort of the Fulton County data and I know maybe that sometimes there's a lag, but it looks like our mortality rates relative to the number of cases is lower, at least in the County; is that correct?"

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "It's a lagging indicator like you just brought up. And generally, it's three and a half to five weeks that you'll see the raw --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "--so in a couple more weeks?"

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "Yes Sir."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay, all right. Thank you."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you Commissioner Ellis. Okay. Well, I'll go ahead. You said the breakthrough cases are now less than 2 percent. Last meeting, you said it was less than 1 percent, so you're seeing an increasing in that number?"

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "Like I said, as far as breakthrough cases, we don't have good data on that, the empirical evidence tends to suggest that there is more. There's generally asymptomatic people so we may have people walking around that don't know but there's just no good data right now around cases. We do have good cases of hospitalization and deaths. And so, it's a little bit more, but it's still basically a pandemic in the hospital of the unvaccinated."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "So you don't have good data on that?"

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "I don't have good data on cases. I have good data on hospitalizations."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Hospitalizations but not cases. Okay. So can you offer us information on the hospitalizations and where they're at as far as the number because I was told by Grady Hospital that they can't even accept any more patients inside. That they have no beds and that they literally have 68 people in the waiting room and they can only take trauma patients right now. So, I mean, that type of stuff is very important for us to know."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "So the regional CEOs of the hospitals get together with the Governor's office and they do coordinate and discuss some of these concerns. At this point, there's been no decision to open an alternate treatment facilities much like we had at the Georgia World Congress Center before. The decision amongst the group is a go ahead and surge within the hospital walls we have a lot of unstaffed beds, specifically Grady has anywhere between just checking my notes here, Ma'am, about 45 to 50 beds that they do not have the staff for. They put a resource request through us that went to the state for 75 nurses, 15 respiratory therapists, and I believe that was some of the things the Governor stated in his comments the other day that he would be funding those and we have heard, I believe the beginning of this weeks that some of those resources are coming right now; the mobile hospital. Emory also put a request in for additional staff so that they could fill some of the unstaffed beds as well. So, there is a significant burden, but we're hoping to go ahead and give an injection to help with that as well in the hospital."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you. That's very good. Because I've had unfortunately constituents call that needed some assistance and I told them they go to Grady because they had no insurance. It was late at night and there was nothing open. And they were having difficulty once they got to Grady. So, thank you for that information."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "—and Dr. Paxton, would you mind just talking a little bit about some of the other things that we're trying to do to remove the burden on emergency rooms, monoclonal antibodies as well as Dr. Toomey's message to not go to the emergency room to get tested to go to a Board of Health facilities."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Yes. We are doing as much as we can to try and alleviate this rush on the hospitals. So, I'm not – I don't believe I mentioned this the last time we talked because it hasn't been approved; but the FDA has recently approved the use of monoclonal antibodies [Inaudible.] to be used in the subcutaneous format rather than intravenous and also to be used for post exposure prophylaxis i.e. to

keep people who've been exposed from actually coming down with the disease. So we have, we're working actively with Grady hospital with their mobile team to go to the COVID hotels and to some of our outbreak settings in the i.e. shelters -- congregate living setting to administer Regeneron in those places in the hopes this will keep these people from either from contracting the illness in the post exposure usage, or from becoming sicker for those people who are already infected. So that's one thing that we're doing with this. We're also working actively with the state to increase testing capacity. Again, in the host of identifying people earlier so that to they can then be appropriately handled to keep them from getting sicker. And of course, needless to say, we are continuing to do a massive output to get people vaccinated."

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

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. I will be brief. And this maybe for Dr. Paxton but you all can feel free. Where are we with our percentage of minorities being vaccinated? Are we seeing an uptick in percentagewise those that are not vaccinated versus those that are -- seeing the actual -- the ones that are hospitalized? I know it's low, but just for the sake of -- we are in a public forum right now -- the number on the unvaccinated versus the vaccinated. How many are with the breakthrough versus ones that are actually contracting. Are we able to give a number on that?"

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA: "It's a multipart question I believe—

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "—it is—"

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA: "—so I'll start with the vaccination piece in the minority community. Doug, could you mind giving us some statistics on that end."

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "We do a deep dive on the 23rd every two months; so, in a couple days I'll be doing a two-month comparison since we started vaccines; so, we can obviously share that with you. In the last two months we haven't vaccinated that many people so we're not going to see huge changes. Also, we do have these maps that we use that are specific to where our low vaccination areas are and that's exactly where all of where our efforts have been. So, I would say it's pretty close to about a ten-point swing where the community of color is about ten points below where they are. But at the next meeting, we'll definitely put a slide in and give you kind of that two-month comparison to see where we are."

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

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA: "Now the second part of question, I apologize, I think Dr. Paxton may be able to help us a little bit more with that. Dr. Paxton, do you need that restated?"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Yes I do, I'm sorry, I got lost."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "What I was asking was the communities that are not vaccinated versus the communities that are; did we know the empirical data what percentage of the breakthroughs are with the ones that already have been vaccinated versus the ones that have not?"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Short answer is I don't really have that information. So, I cannot give you an actual percentage."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. Well, thank you, Dr. Paxton."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Not on the mic."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Turn your mic on."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I wonder where we are with our red-light green-light. I can see on this slide here we got three reds and one green and I remember as we were talking about reopening we were looking at certain standards and I'm wondering where we are with those standards now."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "So, if the Clerk can help us by going to slide 21, Commissioner Arrington we still have a red on our indicator for the trajectory of seven-day positives over a 14-day period in cases. It's interesting you asked that question because we often debate as an executive team whether or not this requires us to roll back where we are in terms of reopening or does it cause us to make an adjustment to where we are as it relates to reopening. Last meeting when we did present to you our plans, they were adjusted based on the fact that the gating criteria had one indicator that had turned red. And we do need to do think about and talk about and we are contemplating this is an executive team at what point does this become actionable in terms of reversing our reopening posture; but right, now we're simply making adjustments on the basis that we presented last week -- last meeting."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Other questions? Mr. Manager."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I’d like to ask Anna Roach to introduce the VAX-or-Test program for our employees and then we will seek input from the Board, and then perfect this in the form of a Resolution for the next meeting. So, if we could do that, please and it’s page 25 for the Clerk’s office if they can bring that chart up.”

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: “Sure, Mr. Chairman, and members of the Board, while the Clerk is getting us to page 25, I’ll remind the Board at the last meeting we went through fairly explicit recommendations about adjustments we were making as a County in response to the increased number of positive cases that we’re experiencing in Fulton. We talked generally about senior centers, libraries adjusting, public events as well as what we would do in terms of measures for assembly Hall. In addition to those adjustments, we talked about three other explicit actions that we were taking as an executive team. The first was that we were going to implement the Board’s guideline which was consistent with the CDC’s guidelines to reinstitute a face covering requirement for all employees and visitors of County facilities, and that has been done and we’re along the way in terms of enforcing that at our facilities. The second, was that we were going to implement enhanced employee incentives for a thirty-day push toward Labor Day. And the purpose of that would be to increase employee participation in our vaccination program. That headed by our chief human resources officer is also underway. And the third prong of our approach to respond to the number of positive cases increasing was to implement a recommendation for a vaccination requirement across our employee population which was balanced by a testing requirement. So, the option was for an employee to either be vaccinated or be required to be subject to a weekly COVID-19 test where they would be required to produce a negative result each week in order to continue in employment. And so, what we would like to do today is spend just a moment on slide 25 of our COVID-19 deck, which I’ll allow Ken Hermon to walk through as he has worked with legal to develop both the Resolution as well as the corresponding policies and procedures for your consideration.”

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER: “Thank you Anna. Good morning Commissioner’s, Kenneth Hermon, Chief HR officer, Fulton County, before I begin, I just want to say thank you as Anna indicated. This has been a collaborative effort between the HR department, legal, and DCRC to make sure that we are presenting you our most comprehensive recommendation as to how we could step through this program for our workforce and implement this with limited hardship. First up before I get into the mandate, I just want to spend a few seconds on the safe, place safe place concept of the vaccination mandate where we will continue with our partnership with the Board of Health to offer the workforce educational opportunities on the benefits of the vaccination. We will continue enhanced vaccination initiatives with

our partnership with the Fulton County employee Association. They've completed their portion, so we should have all the documentation in place now to move forward full speed with that. Again, and that's to offer continued the hundred and fifty dollar incentive for them providing proof of vaccination and then those individuals will be entered randomly in two drawings for \$500 each gift cards, and then there's a Grand-drawing when we hit our target of 80 percent where 4 employees will win, will have the opportunity to win 10,000 dollars each. As Anna indicated, you know our vaccination—
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CHAIRMAN PITTS: "—can you repeat that please—"

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER: "—excuse me, about the incentives, Commissioner—"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Um huh."

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER: "—so, the enhanced incentives through our partnership with the Fulton County employee Association will allow those employees that have provided proof of vaccination, the ability to win \$500 gift cards roughly seventy employees would \$500 gift cards. At the end, if we achieve the 80 percent target of vaccinated employees within Fulton County, four employees will be randomly selected and those four employees will win each \$10,000. That's clear, Commissioners?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is that good? Is that good?"

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE: "Commissioners, this is not coming from the general fund, I just want you to know--"

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER: "—right, and thank you for that Hakeem, this is all being funded through the wellness dollars and through the partnership with the Fulton County employee Association; so, it's not directly the County. As it relates to the vaccination mandate Anna has kind of stepped through that. We will be requiring proof of vaccination as one option, or those employees who are going through the process will be required to provide a negative PCR or NAAT COVID test weekly. Those that information will be submitted through a secure portal through to the HR department and the HR will communicate very basic information to the supervisors and managers as to who has been in compliance. Additionally, those employees who have religious reasons or medical reasons can start the process with seeking an accommodation or deferral through our partnership with the DCRC office. Later on, we will then switch to the compliance component where employees that fail to provide a negative test result every Monday, and that's every Monday, every first day of

their work schedule will be subjected to a one-day suspension each week. Department heads because we acknowledge that each department has different operational needs they may not be able to allow that employee to be gone once a week if in fact they are out of compliance, so the departments will have the ability to for lack of a better term bank your suspension days, but in our communication with the department heads, all suspensions have to be done before the end of 2021. Employees that are suspended or out of compliance ten times within a six-month period of time could and would be subjected to dismissal and that's a conversation we're going to have a very closely with the department heads as they go through that. And all new hires will be subjected to the same criteria so we're going to treat our new hires the same as we're treating our current staff. As it relates to the unique environment that we have with elected officials offices, elected officials will be asked to opt-in to participation. And in my conversation with the majority of the elected officials we have a good number of them that will be opting-in to participate. Those elected officials that who decide not to participate we just want to communicate clearly that once we receive that communication from the elected officials which will be within the week or two weeks from the Board approving the policy and the procedure, we will then communicate to them that the employees are no longer eligible for the incentive that we just talked about -- the \$500 gift cards and the potential for the 10,000 -- to be a participant in the \$10,000 drawing as well. Commissioners, that's the rough highlight of what we are recommending to you for the County's vaccination mandate and I stand ready to answer any questions you may have."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So, could you clarify a couple of things, please. Under the compliance enforcement window, the second one-day suspension, and then the next one employee; so, you can be suspended ten times up to -- so you could be --

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER: "--out of compliance ten times, correct--"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- how did you arrive at that, I mean, either you have it or you don't have it. And you are exposing -- potentially exposing colleagues, coworkers up to six months. So, I mean, this is quite different from what I had recommended which is, okay, I mean I have to me be either you agree to be tested, show proof of a test -- not test, vaccination or you agree to show a negative test every 48 hours. So, this is quite a departure from what I had recommended, which is okay, I just want to understand. To me this seems, I want to use my favorite expression a little loosey-goosey here with that. You can be suspended ten times, or lying or whatever you want to call it, and you're exposing your coworkers, colleagues, the public to the virus. And then it says employees suspended 10 times within a six-month period could be subjected -- now what does that mean?"

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER: “We do not know all the different situations that may occur that would, may, have led to that employee being out of compliance and not being able to provide the negative exam, but again you know we want to be as flexible as possible. But they are going to be unfortunately -- there may be some instances where we would have to make no choice but to dismiss an individual if in fact, they are out of compliance that tenth time. We just didn’t feel comfortable making it any hard and fast rule of if you’re out of compliance ten times is a failure to complete, and you will be separated.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Yeah, but this is a loophole, ‘could be subjective’ and what you described it to mean makes me really believe that that’s a loophole. I mean, either we’re going to do it or we’re not going to do it. Either we’re going to be serious about it or we’re not going to be serious. It’s just my thoughts on it. We got six other opinions up here. Then new employees have 30 days – well why would you give a new employee 30 days – to me, anybody--”

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER: “—well, and let me clarify--”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “—listen to me, let me finish now; so, either you will show proof of vaccination before you’re offered a job. Why would you give them 30 days; doesn’t make any sense to me.”

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER: “Well you see, we didn’t want to go there Commissioner as to requiring proof of vaccination before you can accept the position.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Why not?”

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER: “--because again, in our current labor market where the labor market is tight, we didn’t want to present any impediments for us finding the best candidates especially if you’re looking at it from what we’re trying to do right now with orca in order to put that requirement before you can join the orca team you have to be fully vaccinated that potentially could mean that we can’t hire an ADA or public defender that we need to get the process started for at least 45 days which further throws us back. But at least if they start the process and continue to provide their weekly testing requirement because that’s—they will be responsible for providing weekly testing just like all the other employees, but we’re asking that within 30 days of employment to become a full compliance of having a full vaccination.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. That’s a loophole from my perspective. I’ll yield. Commissioner Ellis, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, Commissioner Arrington, Vice Chair Hall. Commissioner Ellis.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Yes, so. First off, just a couple of suggestions, I think. The header on the slide – you know this is not a vaccine mandate. Its you’ve either got the vaccine or testing requirements. So, I would suggest you change the—”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “—what you say change the--”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “—change the verb -- these are vaccination or testing requirements; this is not a pure vaccine mandate; so, I would suggest that we change the verbiage on that to reflect that. I think this concept of either showing the – showing the vaccination -- showing you’ve been vaccinated or having weekly negative tests submitted is not an unusual requirement. I think you know where we've seen significant implementation of this are in colleges and universities around the country. While there are some have non-mandates which have been lately tested and upheld, most have opted for you know this approach, and listening to some of the tracking data that has been published both faculty and students around 86 percent – 85-86 percent rates in many of these places, so, I do think it definitely has an impact. I was a little bit confused as well on the new employees. What are we suggesting that to get into compliance they are either going to be -- they have to show -- they have to get in compliance – do they have to be vaccinated or they’re in the vaccination or testing protocol as well?”

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER: “Commissioner, how we have that worded in the policy and the procedure is employees hired after September 6th will be required to provide proof of completed vaccination or obtain reasonable accommodation within 30 days of their start date. So that’s the compliance piece that we’re talking about Commissioner.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “You didn’t answer my question. So, a new employee within 30 days is got to demonstrate that they've been vaccinated or that they have received an exception is that what we're saying?”

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER: “That’s what it says in the procedure, correct.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Okay, so, it’s not an option for a new employee after that period of time say -- I just don't want to be vaccinated, I don't have an exception, but I’ll do the testing.”

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER: “Well, the testing would be part because we wouldn’t be able to treat new employees differently, than the current employees, Commissioner.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Okay. That's what the policy recommending, I mean as I understand it, there are some employers which have decided that with all new employees do have to show proof of vaccination or they won't be – or they won't be extended employment. Well, I mean, some of them have done just purely vaccines – so what you're recommending – I just want to understand kind of what the policy is -- is that they basically it's the same policy as other employees? There's nothing that's different about it.”

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER: “Correct Commissioner.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Okay, I got it. I was just a little bit confused about the what compliance meant. And then on the offices of elected officials who have the ability to opt-in. When we bring this back for approval -- mean this is a significant -- obviously with some of these - this is a significant portion of our workforce, right? You know that falls under this policy – when we bring this back for approval, could we obtain a list, I mean, get a list of what elected officials offices are being incorporated into it? Which of the ones have opted-in?

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER: “Yes Commissioner, we can.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Okay. Thanks. And which have opted – which ones have opted-out too this is most important. So, we've got that and it's on record--”

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER: “--and I can tell you Commissioner's there's only one office that they were opting out, they won't be opting-in.”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “All right. Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Commissioner Abdur-Rahman.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Thank you, Chairman. First of all, I believe in the vaccine. I believe everybody in my household and those that are close to me are vaccinated. The concern I have with this -- the two concerns I have are based purely on the amount of individuals that are employees that have reached out to my office. One of two things: We must -- when we're talking about someone's livelihood -- we must make sure that Fulton County has crossed its Ts and dotted its' Is, which means, if a

person submits a weekly because you're saying the Monday of the beginning week -- that we make sure we have whatever we need to track that. I have so many employees that said they are afraid they're going to lose their jobs, they're going to be suspended. I understand why it is in place, and I understand why we need it. The concern that my office has received that there will be people that will fall through the cracks. There will be people that will supply a test in a timely manner and it will not be processed in a timely manner, and they may be suspended, or they may lose their livelihood. Now, I understand we are in times where people are going to be fearful. And I have tried to allay their fears, but I would say to the County Manager's team that, please in this area make sure that Fulton County does everything in its' power to process those for whatever reasons, whether it's health reasons, whether it's religious reasons, but if they are complying that they are treated fairly, and make sure their information is in a timely manner. Secondly, please, please, please, and I only say this because I'm out in the community, I'm talking to people, and I am on social media. People seem to think it's, okay, to supply a vaccination card that may be fake, or a test that you are not going to follow up on because of the possibility of having a large amount to process. And so, can we please let our employees know do not put your job at risk. Please understand what we're putting in place. Do not be tempted to put in a card that is not true documentation, or a report as well. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I like where we're going to some extent with this. I agree with you though that ten times in a six-month period sounds more like a continuing or an ongoing violation, and so we may need to tweak our language in there so that we can account for ongoing violation versus five or six; ten probably seems excessive to me really three or four is probably all the excuses anybody gets usually. But, you know, three different, I guess, non-compliances, here again is different -- than ten days or twenty days of noncompliance. And so, I just want to, I want to make sure I understand -- I think Commissioner Ellis asked this earlier. So either you get the vaccination or you get tested? If you don't if you not, if you don't want to get the vaccination you have to get tested every week."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "That's exactly right Commissioner--"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- or provide the results."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "That's correct."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah, I think, I think that's good. I just think we need to work on -- we need to work on the violations -- the ongoing violations. Yeah,

and the elected officials I am somewhat perplexed by that. I guess maybe there are certain rules that we have just for elected officials. Because I don't know if that – if elected officials is pretty large. That's a pretty large category, so I know we have certain rules for our Board of Commissioners, but I didn't -- I guess there are certain rules for each elected official. I guess we ought to look at that and really decide and then who was the one that indicated they would not object—"

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER: "Commissioner, the newly elected official that I talked to that said that they would potentially be opting – not opting in -- was probate court."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay, you know I guess the reason I asked that is because certain departments are much larger, and have many more employees and so, I'm certainly just as worried about probate court as I am anywhere else, but I guess, over all I'm less worried about probate court, than I am one of the larger departments or elected officials."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "And Commissioner, if I may to that point, it's the reason why the recommendation is so measured because we wanted to have something in place that we could get consensus across our organization to adopt. You know I'd say three things to the Chairman's comments which I fully appreciate because having responsibility to run the operations, I would like to hear that everybody has you know opted to become vaccinated, but that unfortunately is not the case. But we also have challenges if we have a mass exodus of certain skill sets that are difficult to come by; HVAC operators, police officers, Sheriff's deputies. And so, what we did was develop an approach that we thought was measured to the extent that it could help us mitigate any kind of mass exodus of individuals who chose not to get vaccinated. The other thing that's a little bit of an unknown which Kenneth touched on a little bit is that ten times does sound unreasonable, but we don't know what kind of mode we're going to get into in terms of MAKO's ability to bring those test results back within a certain period of time. So, to have the opportunity to be able to examine those on a case-by-case basis and make accommodations for that is what we were trying to get at. So, I certainly would be open to reducing the number of times that we could do that if that's the Board's desire, but that's what we were trying to account for our unforeseen circumstances around the production of test results and the like. So again, at the end of the day, the recommendation is what it is because we believe that a 20 percent reduction in pay would have been enough of a consequence to deter somebody from failing to comply with this. And so that's sort of the totality of our thinking."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I think I also agree with the Chair -- I mean new employees, you know to me, ought to be 24 to 48 hours, 72 hours max to at least

provide a test result. I mean, you know like, maybe -- I understand you may not want to make that a requirement before they're on boarded the first day, but it seems to me that we would want some 24-to-72-hour time period in which you either need to get the vaccine or get tested. Thirty days is too long."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Yeah, I'm not sure I understood it the way we have it up out there. I completely agree with you Commissioner Arrington. If we are implementing the exact same policy as existing employees have to follow, I'm not sure any time is needed to come into compliance. That is the rule of our organization on day one you either provide a vaccination card or you provide a test result that's negative. So, I agree that we need to revisit that."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Awesome. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes Commissioner Arrington. Thank you, Chair. Commissioner Arrington you are on point with that because we you know have mandatory timing for drug testing, I think it should be the same. When it comes to the vaccine or the testing for the new employees. It needs to be shorter than 30 days. And so, let's go back to the requirement of vaccination or testing. As it relates to vaccination, does this include the third shot which we're seeing is becoming part of the discussion that people are going to have a third shot? And will this-- does this also include any additional shots or boosters that people may have to have because it sounds like we're going to be booster shooting for a long time?"

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER: "Good afternoon again, and good morning, Commissioner. Yes. And when the guidance came out yesterday, we immediately reach out to the County attorney's office and asked them to modify the procedure to include booster shots and some language to any other future recommendation from the FDA or CDC as it relates to the vaccination. So, we just had to go back and tweak it to include that into the future."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "All right. And are we still going to follow HIPPA guidelines as it relates to employee's health privacy?"

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER: "Yes, Commissioner. So, all of that information will come into HR, and HR will be the one repository and the only thing the departments will see in the new software that we're looking at to address Commissioner Rahman's concern about accuracy and reporting is a dashboard that says this person has not reported, these individuals have. That's all it would have."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "That's good. And emergency management stated that vaccinated employees can carry COVID and expose others. So, when I look at this, I'm saying okay we're having those unvaccinated employees submit a test weekly, but we're not having vaccinated employees submit any kind of testing and they can be carriers as it was stated right here. And during the last BOC meeting, I asked all three, Dr. Paxton, Matt, and who's the other person, the third person? Why they were wearing masks, and they said they didn't want to expose other people to COVID. And one person actually said something about having children or you know younger members of their family and they didn't want to expose them especially. So, I mean, how do we address the fact that vaccinated people can expose people and not even know it?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Commissioner Vice Chair Hall—

VICE CHAIR HALL: "—yes—"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "—I can take that one—"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "—thank you—"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "-- I think that's why we are grateful for the Board's support of the reinstitution of face coverings within our facilities. It's the best and perhaps the only way that we can protect the vaccinated from carrying the disease to unvaccinated. So, if everybody continues to wear their face covering indoors that that's the way we are addressing that."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. And let's be clear. You said the vaccinated carrying it to the unvaccinated, but they can carry it to each other as well."

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

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes, okay. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes, thank you. I want to echo the new employee conversation. I feel like that from the beginning when they come, they should comply with the testing requirement. They may not have had the full vaccine, but testing is a minimum. I also really don't know why, and I may guess there's some legalities here to delineate between elected official employees and the regular employees. To me it should be all or nothing. You know we're all Fulton County employees at the end of the day here, and while I am vaccinated and I fully support it, I, too have you know friends and family that have chosen not to, and I respect that. But they can get a test. That's not being invasive and goes against religious beliefs or health concerns to get a test."

So, I think that that's a reasonable thing to require especially if you're engaging the public. If you're interacting with the public, you're not only putting yourself at risk, but you're putting others at risk. So, I really think we should revisit that piece and not separate elected official employees from others if at all possible. I do want to also share that, yes, I'm vaccinated, but I was exposed, and I went and got a test and I went over to North Point and couldn't get the results in a timely manner, so I went and bought a test from the drugstore and did the over-the-counter thing just to make sure. And when I did get the test results from our County provider, I couldn't print it out with my name on it. It showed that I had gotten a negative result. So, I think if we're going to require our employees to have proof, we need to make sure that at least our providers provide a way that they can do that with their name on it and date that they've gotten a negative result. So that they can continue their employment. And I also think ten times is way too lenient."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yeah, most folks have dealt with most of the things I was going to say. I agree with all of the comments including yours Mr. Chairman about the ten times being too much. And we need to be a little tougher. I do understand the hiring problem, and I mean everybody I know is just starving for employees that don't want to work. And so, that's really, really tough. I'm curious about the question, when the employee gets the weekly test and it's positive, what happens Mr. Hermon? They go on sick leave? They go work virtually? What happens in that situation?"

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER: "Commissioner, excellent question. In those situations, what we've been operating under, if a positive -- if an employee has a positive test results, they are to isolate or quarantine whichever for the 14 or ten days. They utilize their vacation and sick time for that period of time and if they go into a situation where it has the potential to lose pay, they didn't have enough sick time before the ten-day timeframe, the County covers that gap. And would offer administrative leave to make sure that if they only had 60 hours, we would cover the twenty, to make sure they got a 80-hour check at the end of the day."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Okay. Thank you. And obviously if they're quarantining 10 to 14 days, they don't need to present a negative test the next Monday, or the Monday after that but it would presumably resume. I was thinking you know in baseball you get three strikes, and I was wondering about whether ten ought to maybe three or something less than ten. But I also wondered about maybe increasing suspension penalty for the -- I mean if we're not going to go to three strikes, maybe after two, the third one you get two days suspension or something, or the fourth one you get two

days; so it's, it becomes more of a burden for them and may be hopefully not cause them all to leave and go either not work or go work somewhere else."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "I think we've heard enough from the Board. There will be an adjustment to that provision."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "That's my thoughts. Thanks."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Other questions or comments, feedback, input? All right. Mr. Manager, Madam COO, you've heard a lot. Okay, Mr. Manager."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes Sir, so I think - thank you for your input and we'll bring back a policy and procedures I think that reflects all of this input for approval in the next meeting. And that concludes our COVID response presentation."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. All right. Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "Okay, to the next item **21-0608**, Purchasing and Contract Compliance. Request approval of a resolution to extend emergency purchasing authority of the Chairman and County Manager for COVID-19 related purchases."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Move to approve by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Vice Chair Hall. All right, any questions? Madam Clerk, let's vote, please."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "--the what?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: MIC IS OFF "—we got time—my item is only about ten minutes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "—it's 12:34; what's your pleasure? You asked for the—"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "--I asked just before lunch do either of mine [Inaudible.]"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "—I saw the Development Authority."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: MIC IS OFF [Inaudible.]

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “-yeah, let’s do the Development Authority because it’s, we’re going to be cutting pretty close—”

CLERK GRIER: “Okay. On page 10, 21-0623, I’m sorry, **21-0624** Select Fulton Development Authority of Fulton County presentation of its’ 2020 GASB 77 report.”

MICHEL TURPEAU, DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: “Thank you Commissioners for your time. We know you have a hectic schedule, so we’ll be very brief and to the point. I believe there is a PowerPoint presentation. Thank you. This is our fiscal year 20 report. Primarily, going to be folks on our GASB report. Next slide, please. We’re going to quickly go over who we are, project spotlight, the GASB report, economic impact summary and a quick update from Select Fulton. Next slide, please. As you know we’re pro-business, pro community and you know our mission. I don’t want us do death by power point and read this all through to you. So, I’ll quickly move along for times’ sake. I do want to go to the next slide, however and talk about some of our 2020 projects. As you know, we had a Microsoft data center in Fulton County our first one and we actually have another one that was approved for 2021. The data center \$420 million dollar investment, 1,050 jobs created, Royal Fresh Cuts, they’re a food manufacturing processor, an investment of 9.5 million jobs created retained 472, so they were looking at possibly having to move, but we’re able to retain those jobs. Lidl is a new affordable grocery facility, investment 14.1 million placed in a food desert in the Roswell community. Middleburg communities another new affordable housing project investment was 60 million, jobs created 324. With that, I will turn it over to Jeff Rash of EY. Jeff.”

JEFF RASH, DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, EY TEAM: “Good afternoon Board of Commissioners. Next slide, please. On this slide, we’ll quickly run through what GASB 77 is and then walk into kind of the result of our report that we turned in to Fulton County earlier this year. On behalf of my Team, it’s a pleasure to present to you today. Just as a refresher, GASB77 is a requirement under the governmental accounting standards board that state local governments disclose within their financial statements the tax revenues that were foregone during the fiscal year as a result of any tax incentive agreements that were made that impact the jurisdiction. Every year the DA FC takes on a leadership role by engaging EY to work with each of the taxing jurisdictions on behalf of the County. Those major coordination efforts involved ensure that every taxing jurisdiction is getting the information that they need to prepare and submit their annual financial statements. In addition to that, our Team works with the tax assessor’s office and DAFC for the receipt of data. We also work with the finance division for its reporting requirement, and we also work with all 15 municipalities, two

school districts, a municipal economic development agency's NCIDs. Overall, it's been a smooth process for over the last 12 months. Finally, as part of our engagement, we helped the DAFC establish enhanced approval reporting processes that include the use of an RI model tool that computes the benefits associated with a potential project incorporation of a five times hurdle rate whereby the total taxes collected from our project must be at least 5 times what would have been collected had the project not occurred. So, if we can move to the next slide, we can get into the results of the analysis. So, on this slide is a waterfall chart that shows for all of the projects that were active during calendar year 2020. On the left-hand side you'll see had the projects not incurred, Fulton County would have collected a total of \$3.6 million dollars on those properties. With the additional investment that was made, Fulton County collected an additional \$26.5 million dollars in taxes. The amount of taxes that were forgone as a result of the incentives that were given amounted to \$9.5 million. So, at the end of the day, Fulton County collected \$20.6 million dollars during calendar year 2020 for the projects that we're receiving an incentive. That's a net benefit of \$17 million roughly. In addition to that, of the \$9.5 million in incentives that we're granted, this represents approximately 1.5 percent of the total property tax base based on the 2019 CAFR that was filed. So, at this time, I'll turn over my presentation to Andrew Phillips. He'll talk about the economic benefit as a result of the projects that we're initiating."

ANDREW PHILLIPS, DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, EY TEAM: "Good day, Commissioners. And Chairman. If we can go to the next slide. So, this slide just quickly sort of presents the same information that Jeff just described on an annual basis. You can see the increase in the number of projects receiving active abatements and also the increase in the net tax benefit from \$11 million dollars in calendar year 2016 up to \$17 million dollars in the calendar year 2020. So, we can move to the next slide. So, the other thing that we do is estimate the annual economic contribution from these projects in terms of several types of economic effects in several metrics. So those economic effects are essentially the direct indirect and induced economic effects where the direct effects are those jobs and incomes you can see are directly attributed to the development project and its tenants. The indirect effects are related to the supply chains so to the extent you have Fulton County businesses that are selling to a development or its' tenants' things like utilities or office supplies, or personal services, you know those are part of the indirect economic impact and then the induced economic impact is all of the additional spending that happens in the County related to employee income. So, when you have employees of an office facility, or a hotel that go home at night, and purchase a restaurant meal or you know have a retail good that they purchase from a local retailer that supports jobs within the County. So, we estimate all of those things in terms of employment, employee incomes, gross economic output, and taxes County-wide. So, then on the next slide, so you can see this is a breakdown of

some of the direct economic impact information. On the left-hand, you can see the capital investment. That was supported by these projects over the past ten years. \$7.6 billion dollars in total which represents the amount spent essentially on new construction and renovation activities. Residential buildings accounted for about \$3 billion of that, office buildings, warehouses and hotels are the next sort of largest categories. On the right-hand side you can see the direct job commitments which total about 32,000 jobs. The office facilities which include office tenants are the largest component of that at roughly 19,000 and then once again warehouses, retail restaurants, and hotels are sort of the next largest categories. On the right-hand side, just one note, these are this is an annual number of jobs that support it, meaning these are intended to be on-going jobs. And then on the next slide, so on the next slide we look at that broader set of economic affects. So, including the 32,000 direct jobs as well as the indirect and induced jobs which total about 16,000 countywide. We estimate that these projects are receiving active abatements in 2020, support approximate 48,000 total jobs in the County. Those jobs also then pay incomes of about \$4.2 billion dollars to County residents and support economic output totaling about \$8.4 billion dollars. All of these results are contained in our 2020 report which has been provided to DAFC, and I think with that, I'll turn it back to Marty. Thank you."

MICHEL TURPEAU, DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: "Slide, please. We remain future focused, more investment than development south of I-20. Focused on true quality work force and affordable housing, community retention, our strategic initiatives committee led by Kyle Lamont exploring ways to leverage our CDE which is community development [Inaudible.] status to support efforts to bring economic development investment to our underserved communities. Discussion today has been centered around new market tax credits and establishing an impact fund. We're collaborating with the stakeholders in South Fulton region to see how we can support their established plans and goals for economic development. With that let's change one more slide I believe. Samir."

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SELECT FULTON: "Thank you, Commissioners, Samir Abdullahi, Deputy Director for Select Fulton. Typically, we've taken this GASB update as an opportunity to update you on economic development efforts. We thought today we'd just kind of talk about partnerships the Development Authority in Fulton County have continued to work on in an economic development lens. So, we're still focused on our core mission of recruitment and expansion efforts as was mentioned earlier the successful recruitment of a billion-dollar Microsoft data center portfolio in South Fulton arena both for the city of Palmetto and East Point helped us to secure the deal of the year from the Atlanta Business Chronicle, so a great headline there. The same on the retention side of things. [Inaudible.] was a project we worked

previously in 2016, 2017. They wanted to reinvest in their facility either here or on the east coast or on the west coast with the support of the Development Authority led to a hundred million expansion in that facility to bring automation. I think the most important part of that was they were retaining all of the jobs as part of that first initial investment. Great success there. We've done special projects in partnership with the South Fulton Chamber of Commerce, and going to secure an SBA or pursuing an SBA grant that will provide technical assistance to small businesses so that they could be sustainable in their business operations. We've brought the development authority and thanks to David Clark of Public Works and the Department of Aviation to bring in authority members over to the Fulton County executive airport to get an update on the master-plan, the investments happening there and a broader update on the renew the district efforts. And then lastly again promoting development across the County just to focus there around the South Metro Development Outlook series where the Development Authority was kind of the marquee sponsor for the event and we really on the Select Fulton County side of things led the messaging around South Fulton evolving away from trade distribution on logistics and then to a newer economy is such as data centers, events, manufacturing, and the like. I just wanted to highlight some of those efforts. Thank you."

MICHEL TURPEAU, DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: "Thank you, Samir. I know your time was limited. We have the EY team here. I'm here as well if there are any questions, we'd love to entertain them."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "All right. We have Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Thank you, Vice Chair Hall. Great to see y'all. I'm glad we squeezed you in in time. We tried real hard to do that. Great to see the EY team. It's hard to believe it's five years ago that we started this GASB process and I remember back then you know trying to figure out how to present it and what it meant to us the burning question we hear the but for question all the time but the burning question is really in my mind was why are we doing this? Because if we really are just giving away taxes, what is the benefit? Why in the world would we be doing that? So, I think this really shows that there is a benefit – a clear and strong benefit in doing these projects. So, I thank you for your work. I know you're under the gun right now with a lot of arrows pointed your way, and a lot of negative conversations and you don't really deserve all of that. And you're working hard to straighten those things out so I appreciate that. Some questions I have. I don't see included here today the school impact. Do you have that information for us?"

ANDREW PHILLIPS, DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, EY TEAM: “Yes Commissioner, for Fulton County schools we’re estimating a net impact of just under eleven million dollars.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “—into the positive.”

ANDREW PHILLIPS, DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, EY TEAM: “Positive.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Okay.”

ANDREW PHILLIPS, DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, EY TEAM: “—and then for APS, and that positive impact of just under 23 million dollars.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “—say that again please.”

ANDREW PHILLIPS, DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, EY TEAM: “For APS, a net impact of \$23 million dollars.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Do you measure at all what you also associate student impact to be with those numbers?”

ANDREW PHILLIPS, DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, EY TEAM: “I don't have that information Ma'am.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “I think that'd be important for us to try and estimate, I know you can't do it you know exactly, but I just think it would be important for us to be able to share with them for that \$11 million dollars, for example Fulton County schools we estimated to be X number of students so that they could see really what the benefit would be to them as well. I also like your indirect impacts information that you had here. I'm curious if you go beyond just the suppliers and the construction and everything, and the project. Do you look at development that surrounds the project that come because of the kind of projects that you do?”

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: “We do not in that sense it's sort of a conservative estimate, but you know for certain projects we have just on the side looked at that sort of this halo effect of property appreciation surrounding we do see some positive effects, but it's not something we include in our analysis.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Well again perhaps that would be another positive thing that over time you know you might consider Mr. Chairman using some of your resources to try and figure that out as we you know work to communicate to the community the importance of what you're doing and the reasons that you do it. Okay. So, I notice you're focused on South of I-20, and I know we all recognize there's so

much opportunity South of I-20 that is unrealized but we're a big County and I think we always have to remember that not every city in Fulton County has a development authority. Some of the ones in North County do, and some do not as in South. So I hope that we're not trying to drive the market, and we all know sometimes you know we can and sometimes we can't, but I can tell you one city in North Fulton that's trying to come up with a city center, it's very expensive in that part of the county, so I would anticipate that there will be some projects that would become forward um in that area as they try you know do that work and I certainly know and I hope that you would be open to working with anybody from anywhere in Fulton County."

MICHEL TURPEAU, DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: "We are here for all of Fulton County. The Development Authority is here to service all of Fulton County. We've been focusing our messages primarily on I-20 and below because there's been a lot of criticism in the past about not tailoring certain opportunities and so we're putting forth efforts to do that, but we will not slight north – it's one Fulton. I've heard that. I understand that –"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "—absolutely—"

MICHEL TURPEAU, DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: "--so we're here for all Fulton because it's going to take North Fulton and South Fulton for all of Fulton."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Couldn't agree more and I appreciate you saying that and I know you mean it. And I know you're sensitive to criticism. I think you're human and we all are to some extent. But some of it is unwarranted, okay? And I think we have to be realistic about how sensitive we are because we know where the opportunities is in our County and I know you're focused on it. So, I just want to make everyone aware that we're all on the same page there. Criticism or not. But speaking of criticism and the AJC's here in the room, and I always appreciate our partners that pay such close attention to us on what you're doing. I hope that they're giving that same level of scrutiny to other development authorities in Fulton County such as Invest Atlanta. I look at the numbers, the projects and the impact to APS and others in the city of Atlanta, and I'd be hard-pressed to think that the projects that we've invested in that Invest Atlanta wouldn't do them as well should they have the opportunity. I'd kind of like to see an analysis done of Invest Atlanta similar to what you've gone through. So, I welcome the AJC to take a look in to that and just make sure that we're all being treated equitably and that we're all on the same page as we work towards making our economic situation as solid as possible. And finally, I just want to say that the 17 million I think for this year, I'm just putting the numbers up, I hope I got that right, to me that helps offset the tax burden on our homeowners. The tax base that comes out of the commercial

area, means that we might not have to change the millage rate and a higher rate towards our taxpayers at the residential level. So, thanks again for all you do."

MICHEL TURPEAU, DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. So glad to see you all here in a very positive light. I wish the media was here like they were you know previously, but that's, okay. Want to commend Samir -- Samir made a point of meeting with me and showing me the collaborations and however, I would be remiss if I did not say there has to be some level of priority for South Fulton. South Fulton has been underserved. And I stand by that statement. I'm not saying it's intentional. I'm not saying it's with malice. But because I say that there must be some type -- and Chairman you know you and I have had this conversation at length -- Pro South Fulton development does not mean I am anti- North Fulton. I want to go on record, but we must be clear that South Fulton needs some priority right now. South Fulton by virtue of the fact that it has been underserved needs to -- we need to do a better job of making sure when we're talking about being equitable that we do a better job. I also want to say that I have had an opportunity to speak with individuals with Invest Atlanta. Commissioner Morris, you and I have talked. I do not -- and I'm not saying that it is, but I want to go on record -- I do not want the roles to be adversarial. Because I think Invest Atlanta brings something to the table for the community as well as the Development Authority. I think it's unfair sometimes to pit the two against each other or say when Invest Atlanta does this and Development Authority does this because the scope is a little bit different. But I will say this that I am open to anything that I can do as a sitting Commissioner to make sure that the bumps and the bruises that you all took that in a lot of cases was very unfair. I have seen you all do what you need to do, but this is impressive. Some of this I already knew about; some of it I didn't. But I look forward to you all to continuing the great job that you all are doing in spite of the black-eye. I also look forward to the South getting the attention that it needs. And I also look towards any collaborations as Fulton County members of this great County that we work altogether, but we also understand that we do have a underserved part and we are fair in that assessment. And make sure as the Development Authority that you all do everything in your power to make sure that that becomes equitable. Thank you."

MICHEL TURPEAU, DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yeah, I'll be brief and to the point here. GASB77 just for purposes for the listening public, could you comment on the requirement and are all development authorities required to do some sort of reporting update -- where might the public find it if they were looking for it?"

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: "Yes, all development authorities are required to disclose the amount of incentives that they grant on an annual basis and it can be found in their annual report which I believe should be listed on each jurisdiction's website."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. All right, thank you for that. And then question for our Chair or just really kind of a statement. You know on the page, I think it's page 9, where it lists out sort of the capital investments by different incentive projects, this slide here you know I mean I guess sort of the one-piece that sort of stands out is the one on the top on the residential buildings and the dollar amount associated there. You know I think the one probably you sort of derived you know maybe the highest degree of frustration in question mark -- I just would encourage the authority and your board you know to potentially look at you know having a real more defined policy around what you want to do with residential development, and what should be the focus for abatement. I think you highlighted a project on the front page—I don't know what slide it was-- you were highlighting four projects' spotlights and there was one by Middleburg communities which I think is clearly sort of falls in the category of something that's not probably much debate around that this was probably a good you know -- a good decision you know. You know this one you know but blowing out sort of the reporting around residential I think going forward would be useful for everybody to see and having a more you know kind of defined sort of target for what you want to do there. I'm not asking you to necessarily to opine on that just for my own edification I think it would be useful to see that in something that may be your board wants to kind of band around a little bit."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yeah, I'll try to be brief. Again, I'm hoping that we're all moving to a new day with all of this and I hope that we're going to be able to work very closely together, I'm confident that we will. I think we can debate about whether the criticism was justified or not. I believe that the news accounts are pretty accurate on the cross incentives that were just, I don't know how we ended up there and I found in the last article for the first time that the former director had a bonus provision for how much in the way of fees he would generate every year that sure caused some incentives to arguably to push some deals that may be for the but-for test might not have happened. We'll never know that, and we don't need to know that. I do think we need to concentrate on moving forward. And again, Commissioner Hausmann on the question of the 17 million relieving the taxpayers if arguably if all those projects would have

happened anyway, then the net was not relief for the taxpayers, it was quite the contrary, and again we'll never know that, there's no way to know that, and there's no way for this hard-working board to really know whether a project would happen without the incentive. So, I think we all recognize that. Just one comment on the Invest Atlanta board. I think we would welcome that kind of analysis. The Invest Atlanta bonds for title programs really have been to do affordable housing and just about every single one of them since I've been on that board, has done an incentive to create affordable housing which cost the developer money to do affordable housing and arguably needs that incentive. And again, Invest Atlanta has lots of other tools and we need to figure out a way Mr. Turpeau to get the DAFC some more tools like general fund -- funding as Invest Atlanta gets from the city of Atlanta to do grants and loans to smaller developments and small businesses. And so, I'd love to figure out a way to do that and maybe some kind of intergovernmental agreement to create some funding may be to take away some of the incentives that seem to be a cause of the past problems to provide some funding from the general fund and the fees go to some other kinds of programs. Some art funding Commissioner Arrington and some other kinds of things. I'm looking forward to working with you on those kinds of things. And again, I would love the idea of some more accounting for the halo effect you described. We saw that with TADs, that the TADs tend to create some of other development around some sales taxes and all kinds of things that are difficult to measure, but if we can measure those, that would be great. I do quibble a little bit with the counting of jobs created. We've dealt with this on the Invest Atlanta board when we do an office building and Smith, Gambrell Russell moves from one office building to the new office building, there aren't any jobs created by this the creation of that new office building; so, when we count the jobs for the tenants in the new office building, if any of those are moving and so many of them are maybe we're over counting the jobs creating but you all smart enough to figure out how to figure that out too. So, I'm looking forward Mr. Turpeau to working together and I hope we're going to have some great success in the future. Thanks."

MICHEL TURPEAU, DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: "Thank you Commissioner Morris."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you to the EY team as Marty affectionately calls you. And thank you to the Development Authority of Fulton County and Samir this is an awesome presentation and collaboration. A few questions. Because I keep hearing all the time about the underserved areas and I know what that feels like to have underserved areas because if you look northwest of the Mercedes-Benz Stadium in my District, all the way to Fulton Industrial Boulevard, there are many

underserved neighborhoods and they are legacy neighborhoods. So how does the Development Authority of Fulton County determine whether or not an area is underserved?”

MICHEL TURPEAU, DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: “Good question. What we're looking at is two things: distressed census tracts and what I really been diving into over this last year is the DCA poverty, a low to moderate income map. When you look at that shading, you'll notice in South Fulton there's a lot of shading, but there's hardly any shading as you go northward. Now there are pockets their distressed census tracts, some people don't believe it, it's a distressed census tract in Roswell. When someone said that being from south Atlanta, I was like 'what, really?'. I didn't believe it, but they showed it to me. It was there. It's a food desert. So, we can't like Commissioner Hausmann says, there's areas that are underserved throughout the whole County. So we need to take care and look at both. And besides just the underserved counties what we have to do is make sure that the cities and the communities are there are retained and services as well. So, we don't want to wait to something goes wrong, before we step in. It's easier to retain than to create or get, so; but we're using the census tract information as well as DCA's maps.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “All right. And do you currently have a strategic plan or approach in place to address the areas that are considered underserved or are you working on that?”

MICHEL TURPEAU, DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: “We're working on that. I'm really excited about the new board members we have now. Close to half of our board members are new very strong backgrounds. And they're really just getting settled in, but we have a strategic initiatives committee. We have -- we're looking at creating new tools, new possible incentives. We have a CDE that isn't being used that is something that we're dusting off because we can use that to go after tax credits--”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “—and can you – When you use acronyms, can you explain what they are.”

MICHEL TURPEAU, DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: “I'm sorry—”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “—the listening public's not going to know”

MICHEL TURPEAU, DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: “--I apologize—”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “—that's okay.”

MICHEL TURPEAU, DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: “Community development entity that is something that the development authority can use to do a direct investment or

create impact fund with others to help drive development and help with workforce and things of that nature. Also, we can use that and market tax credits to help bridge the gap for when the incentive or the valued incentive isn't enough to make sense for the developer. New market tax credit is a tool that we can use, but it hasn't been given the care. So, there are a lot of things – we need a lot -- we have an open toolbox. There are a lot of commonsense tools that we need to put in place. We have a new board that is anxious -- we're doing a little bit of housekeeping as you guys can imagine, but we are focused on coming up with strategic plans so that we can be focused around that and let that drive the decisions. I don't like the thought of the economic opportunity or 'the deal' driving the decisions. We need to have a strategic plan to drive the decisions."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Exactly. So, when do you think that you'll have this strategic plan or strategic approach that you can present that to us."

MICHEL TURPEAU, DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: "I would imagine that we'll, this is speculative because I've learned as being Chairman of the board that I am not the owner of my board. And so, I can't just make the decisions of when things are going to happen or but we're looking at revising some of the in-house -- and we're also, I would have to say from a timeline perspective I think we'll probably pick that up in October quite honestly. That's speculation without consulting my board and hopefully no later than end of the year going into 2022 the comprehensive plan would be my goal."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. And I would definitely not want you to make a decision without your board that will be absolutely ludicrous. So, when you do have an opportunity to address this with your board, will you please let us know what the date or time that you determine it would be ready? And I always see these wonderful spotlights, but I'd like to see a report that literally shows us all of the work that has been done. I saw also on the -- is there a page number 10, you know the summary of the 2020 total economic contributions of active incentive projects, but it doesn't -- it also doesn't break down by North Fulton, South Fulton. And so often we speak of it of development in terms of North Fulton, South Fulton. And central Fulton when there's an argument about whether or not the Development Authority of Fulton County should have done something inside of the confines of where Invest Atlanta does their work. So, I'd like to see a report on you know breakdown of these economic contributions, and where they are in the county."

MICHEL TURPEAU, DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: "Okay. We can look at doing that. I just want to point out that in January, I believe, we gave each Commissioner a report of the various projects that were done in 2019 and 2020 because I think on an annual basis each Commissioner needs to have a briefing --"

VICE CHAIR HALL: “– yes --”

MICHEL TURPEAU, DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: “--of what's going on. And so, we can look at that information and maybe look at it more geographically in terms of north-south as well.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “That would be great. Thank you so much. Great job.”

MICHEL TURPEAU, DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: “Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Commissioner Hausmann.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Yes, and I'll be quick. Couple of things that were mentioned that I just want to clarify. When I said you get unwarranted criticism, I think I hope you understand I was talking about project-based criticism and locations. Certainly, we're all on the same page that what we've just been through with the financial situation and that's being corrected, is not something that any of us thinks should have been done that way. So that was not the criticism that I was targeting when I made that comment. The residential question you were just asked ties in to what I was asking about the student impact out of those buildings. I know there's so much of what residential components you do are high-rise, small loft, and one-bedroom apartments that probably don't generate a lot of children in those locations, so I agree with you know it looks out-of-wack, the focus is on residential but I think in context will be helpful to explain what those residential units were. And where they owned Brownfields or what kind of remediation had to be done to put those buildings in those places that we all know as part of the reason that they come to you. I'm very pleased to hear support for increasing the funding for work in the economic development space. We've long identified that that's always a high priority for our community, and where funding has not reflected that, I think I've said that a million times if I've said it once. So, I'm really glad to hear that and I look forward to seeing an increased financial investment from the County in that area going forward. So thanks again.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Other questions or comments? Thank you, gentlemen--”

MICHEL TURPEAU, DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: “—thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “--ladies and gentlemen. All right. I'll entertain a motion to recess for lunch and executive session. Items of litigation, personnel, and real estate. All right, motion to recess by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Cast your vote, please.”

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. It's 1:12 now, it's going to -- we should probably shoot to reconvene around 3 o'clock. It's probably going to take that long."

(Executive Session at 1:12 p.m.)

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Call the meeting to order. We have four. All right, without any objection Madam County, Madam Clerk, please sound the next item on the agenda."

CLERK GRIER: "Yes, Vice Chair Hall, do we have any -- do you want to do executive session first?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes, Ma'am. Madam County Attorney."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Right here." Let's, Madam Clerk, let's take executive session upon the return of the Chair, please. Go ahead and move to without any objection. Hearing none, please sound the next item on our regular agenda, please."

CLERK GRIER: "Okay, on the regular agenda, the next item that was moved up would be on page 10, **21-0584**, Real Estate and Asset Management. Request discussion of options and approval to complete lease negotiation."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Now, 584?"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "All right, a discussion any questions? Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: Thank you, Vice Chair. This is dealing with the - - okay, this is dealing with the District Attorney and the Fulton County Sheriff. The question I had was the information that I received was that there was an actual salary -- I don't know -- I may be missed -- trying to look at my notes here. But there was actually a savings of it, and so what I was trying to figure out if we move forward today, we're only -- just for clarification -- if we move forward with this today, we're only voting on the consolidation for both of them to be in the same warehouse, correct?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "So Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, I think that we're on 048, I'm sorry 0584, Tonya, you can correct me if I'm wrong. So, for that one Commissioner this is the item from the previous meeting that is coming back before the Board and it is an option for the Board to provide direction on whether we're

going forward with the consolidated warehouse facility alone, or whether we're going to go with the consolidated warehouse facility as well as an additional warehouse for the District Attorney and Sheriff."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "And Madam COO is that the option B. I just want to make sure."

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

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay, so option B would be into a single location and excludes the evidence storage warehouse needs for the office of the Fulton County District Attorney and the Fulton County Sheriff and thereby establish an additional warehouse for that purpose?"

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

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay, I just wanted to make sure I was voting on right thing. Thank you."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I guess I could be wrong and I guess it failed last time –it didn't get four votes. What about the direction wasn't clear the District Attorney's attorney a constitutional officer says she's not gonna be able to use a consolidated building. So, my assumption was that based on that that we would get have or you all would have a recommendation today. But I guess we can vote on it, but you can get the big warehouse if you want to she's not going use it and she's going to have her stuff somewhere else. And she's already in an upside down position, gotta have these cases indicted by September 15th. Like, it seems like a waste of time energy and effort for us to do anything other than to comply with the wishes of the constitutional officer."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Are you finished Commissioner Arrington?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay, thank you. Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Okay, so I guess I'm a little confused of how we got to this item that was at the end of the agenda and how I thought we were getting ready to do the soundings item, but so anyway is there no presentation, comments, recommendation – we've got three different things on here. I'm just curious, you know,

if there's been any reassessment, any new information, any other things we should be considering?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "So, I'd ask Tim to come up -- what the Board was provided -- by the way so both options would be on the table. In other words, there is a lease on here for the FIB location that would satisfy the needs of the District Attorney and the Sheriff. So, that's an action item. This preceded that which was in the last meeting, but as was pointed out did not pass. What's been provided I guess is additional information was the memo that came forward yesterday that essentially lays out if the DA and the Sheriff were to go into the consolidated warehouse what that space would look like. And so there is, Tim can explain it further but there's two corners of that building whereby dedicated facilities with separate entrances is with separate security systems could be aligned and in fact and would actually provide more space than would be on the location on FIB. And for the Board's consideration it does present a savings over creating a second warehouse, but then to Commissioner Arrington's point which I said in the last meeting I think philosophically and for reasons that I do think she's the holder of the risk, she feels represents an unacceptable risk to be in a consolidated warehouse. We can't speak to that as management because we're not trying to judge that, per se. We're just giving you the option that has everything that we know of in terms of securing a space albeit in an integrated location. And it does represent over a ten-year period 4 million in savings."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Okay, and then the issue and timing --"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "—right—"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "--and how long all of these takes to come online is there a difference there."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "So there isn't a difference. There I asked Joe that this morning. Both of them require a build out. And both are ready to begin that build out, but they would both require about 120 days of build out to effectuate."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "So, they're pretty equal in that regard."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Right."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "And then the item that was on the consent agenda that was removed, is that have any bearing on what we're doing—"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "—yes, so that is the lease for the location that the DA and the Sheriff--"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “—item B or A—”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “Well, B or A is just a directional choice. You know A is doing everything in one warehouse; B is create one warehouse plus. And then the item that was on consent 0595, is the lease for the separate warehouse on FIB that would serve the needs of the DA and Sheriff.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Which would still take 120 days --”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “Yes, Ma'am.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “So, the timing is the same regardless?”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “Yes.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Okay, all right, thank you.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Thank you Commissioner Hausmann. Commissioner Ellis.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “So from a just a space requirement needs both these options meet the space requirement needs and would meet the security needs associated with what would be required for the DA or the Sheriff's office.”

TIM DIAMOND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DREAM: “From the requirements that they provided to us, yes, Sir.”

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: “And I think the Oakley Industrial warehouse provides even more space to the DA and the Sheriff. Is that correct Tim?”

TIM DIAMOND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DREAM: “Yes, it would allow expansion. The Oakley Drive Industrial Drive would allow for them to have a bigger area to work with. They would not be restricted as they would be at 6215--”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “--so significant room for expansion at the consolidated facility? And at the consolidated facility, can you describe all the operations that would be there? I do think this is an important discussion in terms of you know just consistency of operations being able to secure our buildings, maintain them, and et cetera. So, what all types of operations would be consolidated?”

TIM DIAMOND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DREAM: “It would be elections, it would be information technology, it would be Clerk of the courts, it would be the Sheriff, it would be the department of real estate and asset management, it would be the Marshall's office, and assuming it's the Board's will it would include the Sheriff as well as the

District Attorney. It would consolidate a -- we have about seven separate locations those agencies occupy.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Okay. And so those, those other locations are occupied right now are they on sort of different lease terms, or are they all roll off right now, or will there be more of a staggered roll off?”

TIM DIAMOND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DREAM: “--some of them we would terminate and some of them one of them the landlord’s actually approached us and asked if we would be willing to get out early because he wants to recapture the space.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Okay. And this would be a lease – not a lease-purchase or how would this be structured?”

TIM DIAMOND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DREAM: “We do have -- so far we have negotiated the opportunity to purchase the facility if it were to be put onto the market.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Okay. Okay. And so the cost -- the cost implications of both -- sounds like they both meet terms of space requirements and other needs, one offers more space than the other you know recognizing that, you know, one party -- one party feels like they would rather have a stand-alone facility, but the cost implications of this are -- A would -- would have a -- would be \$4 million dollars, you know less expensive over a ten-year period than B. That’s essentially what we’re looking at, right?”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “Yes Sir, that's correct.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Okay. In terms of – just so seven facilities -- what is our total -- I guess you're factoring in that lease cost to stagger off, right? What are we paying to lease seven facilities in the aggregate right now? These are all the seven facilities are all over the County?”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “Yes Sir.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Okay.”

TIM DIAMOND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DREAM: “I think it’s somewhere -- I don’t have that exact number in front of me, but I think it’s somewhere between two and a half and three and a half now.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Okay. So, other justice related facilities I guess you referenced some of the other stuff – that would be consolidated you mentioned justice related stuff that is consolidated into this as well, right? So, it’s not just an elections warehouse?”

TIM DIAMOND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DREAM: “No.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Okay. So, put everything there, four million dollars savings over a ten-year period of time. Okay. Thanks.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Thank you Commissioner Ellis. Commissioner Morris.”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “Yeah, there’s been a lot of discussion over the past couple of meetings about difference to constitutional officers, and we certainly have to respect their opinions and their thoughts on all this but, I remember a former Sheriff who was insistent that we needed a new jail and maybe by now we do. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, you know if the judges all decided they needed a new court room building somewhere if the Tax Commissioner felt like he needed another 5000 employees, I mean, these folks have jobs, they’ve been elected to do. They have their passions about it, but it falls on us really to deal with the cost issues, the taxing of our constituents, and some tough decisions where we have to often say no. And in my seven years here, we certainly said ‘no’ and the budget process almost everybody at one point or the other. And so, you know, I recognize the difference. I have the utmost respect for the District Attorney and the Sheriff. They ran great campaigns and they appeal to the public and got elected and they’re doing their very best to do the best job that they can do that they’ve been elected to do; but I just -- I just have a real tough time with the idea of a separate facility when it seems to me either we can have that separate entrance all the security that we could possibly do to make sure their storage portions of the facility are secure. So, I really would love to see us do the big one and do whatever we have to do to make sure that the security is there and save the taxpayers money and still get the job done. So that’s my thought and where I’m coming from on this.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Thank you Commissioner Morris. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “I think, I still think we’re missing a key point in that last meeting. I did ask our County Manager the difference. He said it was alternative. And so, alternatively I will add that when you have a constitutional officer that has went through the steps to save the county money by reducing the number of DAs in the building, the new facilities price would be offset by the reductions. And we already know with the state takeover that there are complications or implications when we don’t do what we need to do to safeguard liability from a legal perspective. I trust that DA Willis – in my meetings with her, and also with the Sheriff as well -- that here again, they inherited a situation that was out of their control. To my understanding they are coming in with the best intention of not only saving money, but also trying to move

us in a direction of doing things correctly. Now, is that to say that the previous administration didn't do things correctly? No, but I have to, I have to just really belabor the point that if we go with the alternative -- because like the County Manager said -- and I got the impression from him that it was an alternative. But the impression that I got from the DA is that it is a need and it is not one she entered into lightly. And I know we want to save the taxpayers' money, but when we make incorrect decisions that's why we have a billion dollars on a jail that has become obsolete because we keep saying save the taxpayers money, save the taxpayers money. And so, I would just say to my colleagues here, I understand being frugal; I understand taxpayers needing to get the bang for their buck, but I also understand when we have a constitutional officer that her job -- and I have to say from my personal opinion she's done a great job so far coming into something that she was not able to transition; and she's trying to make us aware of the liability, and make us aware of situations that may come back to haunt us. And so, I would say if we can look past it being someone who is just shaking a rattle and just want something extra because they want something extra. I take issue with that -- that analysis and I'm not saying Commissioner Morris that you were giving that analysis; but in the final analysis, what we're talking about taxpayers, we need to talk about the safety of us being sued; or us having a legal issue with this. And so, I have to look at the coin not only from a perspective of saving money, clearly, they're already going to take the same amount of time. So, the time is not the issue. The issue is what do we need right now for an office that pretty much wasn't run and these are not my words -- these are other individuals who have said to me that the office pretty much shut down. The office didn't do anything. And so, if we're going to do it right, and we're gonna move forward in making sure we're protected, I think the best choice is to make the choice that will make sure that we're not liable; and the best choice when you have departments or individuals or whoever that may be investigated, we don't know. But I do know that we need to take this very seriously and not just make this decision based on monetary only. I would say it's an alternative and alternatively in the long run will it benefit in the long run, not today. I know we're looking at a \$4 million savings, but if we make the wrong decision on something that's alternative; in the long run will we end up paying for it? I believe we do. I believe we will. And I believe the evidence out there shows it. Thank you."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "So these seven departments that you're considering moving into this facility, are any of those buildings -- our buildings or are they all leased?"

TIM DIAMOND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DREAM: “The only building that we're in and we're going to relocate is emergency management up at 4700. At some point when they finish their mission there, it's to put their storage into this warehouse, but everything else is leased.”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “Well, what about Milton, Milton Avenue.”

TIM DIAMOND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DREAM: “—oh I'm sorry, Milton Avenue, yes thank you.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Okay, so, we would surplus that potentially?”

TIM DIAMOND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DREAM: “Yes—”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “—that's on the beltline.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “—I know that it's good news.”

TIM DIAMOND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DREAM: “Right. We have a memorandum of agreement as you may recall that the Board put in place with them so that when we vacate that facility, we would sell that to them.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Okay, and then, so whether or not we put the Sheriff and the DA into option B here, we still need to house the other five departments—”

TIM DIAMOND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DREAM: “--yes, Ma'am.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “—correct; so, we would forward with that building anyway, right? We don't have another option for the rest of it?”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “That's correct.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “So we need to make a decision on at least five of the seven today, correct?”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “Yes.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Okay, all right, in light of that, I will make a motion that we at a minimum go with finalizing option B, because we've got five other departments depending on that. I'm very sympathetic to the District Attorney's needs, and I certainly appreciate the work that she's doing. I hope that we could figure it out and all have it in one. We've got five other departments also that have need. So, I would like to go ahead and make the motion for option B and continue the conversation with the District Attorney on how we can help her with her needs.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I'm going to need clarity; what is option B?"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Well I guess, whatever is on the form for the large warehouse up here. Is it not on there? What, am I looking at something different? I thought there were two options on here."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "There are and I think I can clarify: A is you can consolidate everything into the central warehouse that we're talking about that's option A. Option B is to your very point. We would go ahead and procure the central warehouse since we need it for all the other reasons and then you would lease an additional warehouse for the DA and the Sheriff. So that's B."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "All right, so no then I'm confused. I'm gonna reconsider that motion because I do think we need the bigger building. Is B the location enough for everything else?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "—well, let me clarify it because it is confusing. So under no scenario do you not procure the warehouse on Oakley Avenue because that's the one that satisfies all of our needs, the either the five or the seven. So, it has to be procured under any scenario. So, it's in both scenario A and B. B you're saying to the Staff and then ultimately you'll say by your next action I think that you'll take up is go-ahead and do that plus then go ahead and secure the additional warehouse on Fulton Industrial for the needs of the DA and the Sheriff. So A is everything goes--"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "—at a cost, an additional \$4 million dollars—"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "--yes, Ma'am."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "—I mean we're spending money up here like it's water, like it's our money, and it doesn't matter it's not our money. I just can't see the need for the additional expense, so. I want to revise my motion to go with option A. That's my motion."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, is there a second? All right, seconded by Commissioner Morris."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, what's your point of order?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Option B, there needs to be a vote on option B as it came up last time and failed; so, I think shouldn’t it automatically come back, it’s automatically back on the motion that failed.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Well, when we set the agenda earlier if I remember correctly, the we were to take, where was that--”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “All I’m saying is that option B failed at the last meeting, so the first thing that should come up is the opportunity to see if it passes or fails again now, that’s why you’re bringing it back—”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “--well not necessarily, because if A passes, then there's no need for B. We can take it either way, it doesn’t matter to me. But, the motion before us now is to approve A. Now Commissioner who--”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “--there was no motion Mr. Chair. Again, point of order. There was no previous motion on A. So, A didn’t come back; B did.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "But A, A is on the printed agenda, correct?"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: MIC IS OFF “[Inaudible.] choosing an option is coming back to us.

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Madam parliamentarian.”

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I believe that the item itself returns to the agenda, and you can vote on the motion that’s put before you now on item A because the entire even though item A wasn't voted on last time, the entire item returned to the agenda.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “That's what I said.”

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: “Yes.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Okay, all right, Commissioner Hausmann you still want to be heard? You’re done, all right, Commissioner Arrington. So, A has been done. The motion before us now is to approve option A. And Commissioner Arrington has the floor.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. Thank you. I would love to save the taxpayers \$4 million, but the District Attorney who’s a constitutional officer – so when I look at these things, I look at the pecking order. We are not, even Commissioners aren’t constitutional officers. We are creatures of the statute. We are creatures of the official code of Georgia not of the Constitution. We are not as high as them. They are

higher in the pecking order than our County Manager, than our Board of Commissioners, our Chair of the Board of Commissioners, and anybody else in this room. Constitutional -- the Georgia Constitution outlines their duties and their roles. So, y'all can do whatever y'all want in here, and I guess we'll find out in court later. Whether what y'all want to do prevails or what the Constitution wants to do prevails, but I'm telling you she's not gonna do it. She's not going to be in the same building in potentially having to investigate the other people in that same building. How can you investigate other people in that same building? So, y'all can do what you want. I'm going to make the substitute, I'm going to do what I want, and I'm going to make a substitute motion for option B."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, substitute motion is to approve option B. Is there a second?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Properly made and seconded to approve B. Let's vote."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Wait, I'm in the queue."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You're saying you want to be heard on B?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes, I want to be heard, yes Sir."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "All right. Okay, so, I like to let the experts be the experts and tell us what they need and why, and the District Attorney sent a letter to all of us on this Board of Commissioners dated August 17th. And the subject matter says Fulton County Board of Commission meeting August 18th, there is page -- what page is this, I don't see a page number, let's see one, let's say one-two, three, four -- okay. So on page 4, number 2, she's speaking to the warehouse situation. And it says: I do not believe the same appearance exists when sharing an evidence facility with the Sheriff and this was raised because it was said that there was a conflict with having the Sheriff in the same warehouse with the DA. And she's addressing that. She says, both agencies are sworn by the Georgia peace Officer standards and training protocols, both are sworn by the same duties protocols and moral obligations, and Number 2 the Sheriff's department like any other agency with arrest powers intends to use this evidence facility to house material during an investigation. If upon the completion of the investigation a felony charge is warranted, then the evidence will be turned over to the District Attorney. Then she addresses in number 3 the costs and she clearly says to date I have relieved -- I'm moving on to the next page -- the County of over \$7500 per

month in monthly expenses. Currently, I have one lease for \$13,000 per month that I intend to dissolve by year's end. By ending all of known previous leases and working to end the \$13,000 monthly lease, this office is not costing the County any more money with this adoption of lease from the evidence facility. At worst, the county's cost will stay the same. At best the County will save money. Number 4 addresses the security and integrity of evidence in ongoing cases. As mentioned earlier, this facility will be used to store evidence in active cases for both the Sheriff and the District Attorney. This evidence includes an arsenal of guns, and semiautomatic rifles, pounds of heroin, marijuana, and other opioids, explosive chemicals used to make narcotics, rape kits, fecal matter, saliva, and blood tests. With over half million pieces of evidence from the District Attorney's office alone, ensuring that the evidence is secure, and its integrity is not compromised is essential to successful prosecution. Evidence warehouses are often prime targets for theft by organized crime requiring strict security protocols and training. Any accident of doors left unlocked, even with separate bays and entrances, or civilian Staff improprieties, bringing a family member in the office, is immediate grounds for a defense attorney to allege that the integrity of the evidence was compromised and the case should be dismissed. I think that's pretty serious. And then contrasts of two facilities: 6215 Fulton Industrial Boulevard the desired facility that I'm requesting is better practically for several reasons: the desired facility is 15 minutes away from the courthouse. The other facility is approximately 37 minutes away. The time it takes to get to the facility is concerning as our officers are required to drive this distance on a day-to-day basis in-between trials. B - the desired facility is 12.8 miles away from the courthouse. The other facility is 22 miles away. This distance should be taken into consideration. The desired facility will be manned and occupied by post-certified officers from the DAs office and the Sheriff's department. In this facility, only evidence will be stored. In the other facility, civilians who are not sworn officers will work at the facilities. These other occupants will store more than evidence. Their day-to-day operations may take place out of this facility. This is a potential appearance of impropriety that may compromise the safety and integrity of evidence. The desired facility has only six bay doors, the other facility has 143 bay doors. With so many doors it becomes hard to secure the facility. The desired facility can be occupied on or before December 1st, 2021. There's no anticipated move-in date for the other facility. So, I think with all of just that and I'm not going to read, it's thick, thick. So, I'm not going to read the whole thing, but that's enough for me to say that there are specific needs that need to be addressed for both of those. The Sheriff and the District Attorney and these are things that we would not know because we're not the District Attorney or the Sheriff. So, we need to allow the experts to tell us why they need what they needed and what they need. And I'd like for Mr. County Attorney or Madam COO or CFO to address some of this because she's saying that she's giving up leases and she's giving back

money. And also, I want to address the fact that we also have a memo from you to this Board of Commissioners dated August 17th that say mid-year review fiscal year 2020 budget outlook and funding recommendation for outstanding budget requests. And you're saying that we literally ending fiscal year 2021 fund balance is projected at 229 million or \$96 million higher than budgeted. So, we have money. And then we have another report called the general fund expenditure analysis report which shows under runs of money that you know we didn't use all the money. And I'd like to see this report in a little more detailed because it only gives percentages. It doesn't show by project or account those under runs so it really doesn't give a very clear picture. So, as we can see from the facts and information, we really do have the money for it. And they need what they need because of the law, and because of how they have to handle their cases and the evidence, the type of evidence and those are things that we as civilians don't understand or know. But thank God they do. And like Commissioner Arrington said constitutional officers. If you attend your Association of County Commissioners of Georgia classes, there is a law class that will tell you that constitutional officers when you obstruct them from being able to carry out their duties and responsibilities as required by law, they can sue us and they will win. And that's exactly how they say it in the class. So, I offer that information to you to help you make the right decision. Thank you all."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, the substitute motion before us is to approve B. You still want to be heard Commissioner Abdur-Rahman?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Just quickly, Chairman. One moment. We're talking about election integrity among other things. And so, I would just say I know that you all are looking at that \$4 million tag, but understand we can't have it both ways. You know, who's to say that our DA may not have to investigate us for election integrity. So, you can't have it both ways. You can't say, you want us to do everything right, and then we have a County Manager that says it's just an alternative. That's why I asked him at the last meeting. He said it is an alternative. He's waiting on Board direction. So, not to belabor the point Chairman and thank you for allowing me to speak. We must understand that when you have a constitutional officer that has put out there the possible scenarios, our Vice Chair could not articulate it any better. We have the money. We need to do what's right. If we truly want to make sure that her office does the best at prosecuting not only any issues that may be of a criminal nature, but what about if there's an issue of an election integrity nature? I mean we spend so much time talking about that and now the rubber hits the road you don't want to pay the money. So, I would say either do what we need to do to make sure that Fulton County is on the right track where ever it leads us, or we're just in a maze still running at after that same cheese. Thank you, Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion again before us is to approve, the substitute motion rather is to approve."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Mr. Chairman, I'm in the queue."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a minute, you still want to be heard."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "You know I appreciate this conversation and I appreciate the details that was just read about the needs. I look at the outline of this 907,000 square-foot building that we're just considering leasing, and you know the one that the DA is asking to add to it is only 33,000 and I look at the design and you know it's easy to see that they could be totally separate with no access. I still don't see why it could not be totally secured. It looks like a very well thought out plan with room for growth potentially. The only thing that does strike me as a reasonable consideration that can't be done in one building is the distance that would have to be between the courthouse and the evidence facility. And then I understand that that can be a hardship. We all understand how difficult it is to get around this County. I guess the question is, is it worth \$4 million dollars or not? And, yeah, we've got plenty of money, but you know we make decisions all day long about how to spend all that money we've got. And you know the constitutional officers have a definite role and I certainly respect it. I've gotta record of respecting it, but we have a role to. And our role is the fiduciary of this County and making sure that you know we don't keep on spending \$4 million here and there and everywhere so that we have enough money to do the basic services that we've got to do. So, I am in no way shape or form questioning the validity of our District Attorney's intent effort to do her job as well as possible, but if we keep spending four million dollars every time we turn around on things that are wants rather the true needs, I don't know if we can afford to continue to operate this County. And so that's my concern. I think we have to do B whether or not I mean A whether or not we do B. We can still talk about that I guess you know going forward if she really makes the case that that time consideration is worth \$4 million. But, you know, I'm not sure I'm there yet. I'm just not sure I'm there. And I'm definitely not trying to be unsupportive of our District Attorney because I do appreciate what she's trying to do."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Anyone else? Again the motion before us is to approve the substitute which would be for B. Let's vote, please."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, back to the main motion which was to approve A. Let's vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion for A passes; four yeas, three nays."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item continue."

CLERK GRIER: "The next item moved up from the consent agenda on page 2, **21-0595**, Real estate and asset management. Request approval of a resolution approving a new lease agreement for the purpose of providing warehouse storage and office space for the operations of the Fulton County District Attorney."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What's your pleasure?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Move approval."

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

VICE CHAIR HALL: "No, it was actually me."

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

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Based upon what we just approved and the prior thing would seem to negate subsidy for this particular item before us. So, I'm going to put a substitute motion to deny it this particular item."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, the motion before us is to approve 0595, isn't it Commissioner Ellis your motion."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "It's to deny it. We've already provided instruction."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, substitute motion to deny, that's seconded by Commissioner Morris. Now, Commissioner Hall you want to be heard—"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "—yes—"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "So, let's be clear what 595 is. Madam COO, can you explain 595, please."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: “Yes, Vice Chair Hall. Commissioner Ellis is correct this item was placed on the agenda at the request and direction of the District Attorney and to honor that request we did have the lease that was previously negotiated for her separate warehouse space on the agenda. It did correlate to the previous action item.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Okay. So, and whose budget would it come out of?”

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: “This item does not have a funding source identified on it.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Madam CFO, could you offer that information? Whose budget will this actually come out of?”

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: “Madam Vice Chair, the lease payments themselves would come out of the District Attorney's budget. The costs for the build out is included in the list of items -- was included in the list of items for consideration for midyear adjustments. And I believe that total was \$1.6 million for 2021. So, that would require a soundings action by the Board.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Okay. And so, based on the savings of the leases that the DA indicated in her letter, does she have funding enough with those savings to -- how much money would she be putting forward to pay for this lease out of her department budget, or should I say office budget?”

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: “I believe she has about \$203,000 included in her 2021 budget for leases. Some of those she has canceled this year and they would not carry forward into a future fiscal year.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “So she has \$203,000 to put towards what you say 1.6 million dollars?”

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: “Well, she had a \$203,000-dollar budget; a portion of that has been expended this year, so she does not have \$203,000 remaining. I was simply saying that what's built into her budget for leases is \$203,000. She indicated in her letter to the Board that she has canceled all I believe but one of those leases.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Yeah, which she intends to cancel.”

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: “Yes, Ma'am; so, there would be \$203,000 in her base budget in future years.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay, which means that we would have the find how much money to do this lease?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "For the portion of the costs that would be incurred in this fiscal year was \$1.6 million is what was identified to include the build out costs as well."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "—and that money would come from where?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "That money would have to be approved by the Board through budget soundings as part of the mid-year adjustments--"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "So, we're not talking about \$4 million dollars, we're talking about \$1.6 million dollars—"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "--in 2021 for the build out costs, yes."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. So, it was said several times before during the last item that it was \$4 million dollars, so I want to be clear that it's actually what this is actually 1.6. If we can't find \$1.6 million to secure heroine and semiautomatic rifles, and things of that nature, I don't know what we're doing especially when we have \$96 million dollars that's documented right here in this memo. I'm sure we can find \$1.6 million to make sure that we have evidence that's secure for both for the Sheriff and the DA. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington. The motion before us substitute motion is denied."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I'm fine. I don't want to waste any more time on this. We can go ahead on the substitute motion. I just want -- I was really caught -- raised my hand to just make the point of order that this is a separate item and this has nothing to do with the last item. Maybe it does have something to do with the last item, but this is a separate item on the printed agenda that needs to be dealt with."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Let's vote. The motion before us is to deny."

CLERK GRIER: "The vote is open on the motion to deny. And the motion passes; four yeas, three nays."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue."

CLERK GRIER: “Back on the bottom of page 5, Finance, **21-0609**. Presentation, review and approval of the August 18th, 2021 budget soundings.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Madam CFO.”

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: “Mr. Chairman, the item that is before you today includes three items for action by the Board of Commissioners. An increase in funding for the registration and elections department to support the proposed contract for the comprehensive business review that’s \$570,000. An increase of funding for the police department in the total of \$1,050,000 to support additional security needs across a number of locations throughout the County that have reopened during the course of the year; library, senior centers, behavior health locations as well as additional safety measures at the public safety entrance of the government center. And then lastly, there were a number of small adjustments – or one small adjustment made to the annual hardware software maintenance list for the Police Department. An increase in spending authority for the Eagle advantage solutions live scan fingerprinting technology in a total amount of \$12,323 dollars.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “So there are three items contained in this sounding?”

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: “Yes, Sir.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Is that correct?”

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: “Yes Sir.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “The 570,000, one million five, and 12,323.”

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: “Yes Sir.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right I’d like division here please. That means we’ll take them separately. The first, would you sound the first one.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Mr. Chairman, I had a comment, if you don’t mind.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “I’m getting division –”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “—right, I was going to ask for a division, but I was going to go a little bit further. The elections item we’re getting ready to hear the audit and then hear that item, right. I would rather us wait until we hear all of the facts with regards to the 570; and if we approve the consulting agreement that would include the funding at that point after we’ve thoroughly discussed that. So, I was gonna make a motion that we approve the other items and hold the 570 and vote on it when we vote on the consulting contract.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We can do that.

VICE CHAIR HALL: MIC IS OFF/INAUDIBLE

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You have any questions?

VICE CHAIR HALL: "MIC IS OFF/INAUDIBLE

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What?

VICE CHAIR HALL: Oh, Commissioner Ellis is next."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "MIC IS OFF/INAUDIBLE "

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, I've called for a division. All right Commissioner Hausmann has made a good point. Vice Chair."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I just have two questions. The first is about the 570 for registrations and elections. If you look at in the budget sounding book -- no let me ask my question, please. This says 570 on this page 2 of 3, but inside of the budget soundings, I don't know what this is called -- this says the total is \$845,185. So, I couldn't find any documentation of the difference of why it says 570 here, but then in the table it says \$845,185 dollars."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "So Vice Chair I believe that the \$800,000 number that you're referring to is where we have added the two items in the soundings that are before you today that are being pulled from the soundings' contingency. So that's the 570 for the elections contract, and then as a portion of the funding for the building security is being taken from soundings contingency and that zeroed out the soundings' contingency. So, then we pulled the balance of what was needed for the police security item from the professional services line item within no agency. So that, if you add the 570 for the police contract and the 275,185 of the 1,050,000 for the building security that's where the 800,000 dollars come from."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. And then, are we still utilizing the security contract because this says that this is for to set aside additional security needs including additional guard services at the following locations that were reopened; the library, senior centers, Fulton County clubhouse, behavior health. In actuality, are these really reopened because I got a lot of messages about COVID outbreaks and some of my libraries are being closed and everything and senior centers being kind of you know tapped down on being open. So, I'm trying to understand how that works."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: “Thank you for the question Vice Chair Hall. You are correct. We have had two libraries that have had to have extended closures because of COVID positive employees. And accommodating the quarantine, but for all intense and purposes of 30 some odd libraries are open and functioning. And so, while we do have some extended closures in some cases we do have open libraries that do need to be secured. And the Chief can explain if you're interested but we've had an increase number of incidences at our libraries and he's been called on on a daily basis to provide additional security.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “And so, we are going to continue utilizing the security contract.”

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: “Yes, ma'am. The security contract is utilized as a part of a holistic approach where we do have patrol by police officers as well as full-time security guards at these locations.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Okay. Got you. And I've just never -- I grew up in a family where my uncle was the President of Cook County Board of Commissioners. Which is the second largest County in the United States and I've never seen police officers. I've always seen Sheriff's securing the building. So it's just a new thought for me. Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Okay. The, now we're -- what is this --0609 I asked for a division Commissioner Hausmann wants us to take the 570 separately which is fine; so, it means we'll take the second part two and part three -- part two is 1,050 and part -- 1,000,050 rather, and part three is 12,320 approximately; so, there's a motion to approve those two. And I'll second. So, let's vote, please. Commissioner Hall, you're that concerned—”

VICE CHAIR HALL: MIC IS OFF. [Inaudible.] you want me to withdraw--”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “No, that's all right.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: MIC IS OFF/INAUDIBLE

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “On the soundings? The soundings, the three components of the sounding I asked for a division. The first component is the 570,000 for the election's consultant, and so we'll take that later. The second two, we just made a motion to approve as for \$1,050,000, and the second part is for \$12,320, so when we approve it, my motion is to approve those two rather motion by Commissioner Morris seconded by Vice Chair Hall.

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: “Commissioner Arrington, the \$1,050,000 is additional funding to support our building security; and the 12,000 is some

additional spending to cover some additional spending authority needed for the fingerprint technology that's in use by the police department.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Let's vote.”

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

CLERK GRIER: “Page 7, **21-0571**, Real estate and asset management. Request approval of a resolution to amend Fulton County policy and procedures regarding dedication plaques for County facilities.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Mr. Manager”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “Yes, Mr. Collins is here taking the input from the last meeting that I think you'll find to be acceptable which both captures on the plaque the Board that was seated at the award as well as the Board that's seated at the dedication. So Al, if you'll--”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Just a minute. Commissioner Arrington—”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Point of order, Mr. Chair, the last item was divided; where's the vote on the second half?”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “What?”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “You called for division on the last item correct.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Correct.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Okay, so, where is the vote on the second half of the division?”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “We're going to take that up when we get to the election's report.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Okay.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Alright Mr. Collins be brief please.”

AL COLLINS, ADMINISTRATOR, LIBRARY BOND PROGRAM: “Yes, at our last meeting when we discussed the dedication plaques, the Board gave direction and requested that we take another look at the dedication plaques and we did. We've come back with what you're seeing now, a way to both show the Commission, as well as the Board of Trustees -- that was present during the award as well as the dedication. And

this is an example of names. It does not obviously represent those names that would be used for the central library, but it shows the layout. And it represents both the award and the dedication.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Everybody happy? Commissioner Vice Chair Hall. There's a motion to approve.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “You did a good job.”

AL COLLINS, ADMINISTRATOR, LIBRARY BOND PROGRAM: “—well thank you.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “-yeah, that’s a pleasant surprise. I commend you on that.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, the motion is to approve by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Arrington, you want to be heard?”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Yes. So, is this going forward or is this going backwards or what? What are we doing?”

AL COLLINS, ADMINISTRATOR, LIBRARY BOND PROGRAM: “It would certainly be placed on all of the phase two libraries. We’ll also go back to the phase I libraries and redo the dedication plaques in the same fashion, so for the libraries we’ll have a consistent approach throughout all of the libraries. That would be our goal.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “So then that means there will be comprehensive in every plaque in every library would look like that.”

AL COLLINS, ADMINISTRATOR, LIBRARY BOND PROGRAM: “Correct.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Okay.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Commissioner Hausmann.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “And this document that’s got two dates that are the same with different breakdowns; that’s just an example, that’s not a final draft or anything correct”

AL COLLINS, ADMINISTRATOR, LIBRARY BOND PROGRAM: “It's not a final draft, it’s just a representational.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Everybody seems to be happy who has a concern. Let's vote please.”

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

CLERK GRIER: “Next item, moved up on the bottom of page 10, **21-0626**, Discussion, Registration and Elections financial review sponsored by Commissioner Hausmann.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “0621 - What?”

VICE CHAIR HALL: MIC IS OFF/INAUDIBLE

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Right. Okay. Yeah, Mr. Nick's. Okay. Before we get to the heart of your discussion, I have one question perhaps, may be 2: you do a great job for us.”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “Thank you, Sir.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “But please explain to me and the Board, more importantly the public, how in the world did the media get a copy of this audit, and the Secretary of State before the Board got it? That is not our policy. Not our procedure. And that's not your work.”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “Mr. Chairman, I can't answer that question.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Well, you're going to have to answer it.”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “What I can tell you is we followed our process that we have always had in place. And our process allows for two to three days for the Board to examine every audit that leaves our office. So, I can't speak to how those other entities got the audit report; because they surely didn't get it from my office and they surely didn't get it from me.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Well the process, as I remember the process, and I've been through quite a few is that when you do a draft it goes to the user department if you will for review to make any corrections to clarify—

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “--correct.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “--it goes back to you and then it comes to the Board.”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “That's correct.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “How did it get to the media and to the Secretary of State?”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “Again, Sir, I can't answer that question. Our process is exactly the way you just described it, and that is the process that we went through on this audit, so I can't answer how that happened.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Well, I don't know how we're going to tighten this up in the future, because, that should not have happened. Commissioner Arrington.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “I don't know how we can -- to me that now have to question the integrity of the entire audit. Now I have to question the integrity of the entire document. I don't know what was leaked out at what time, and no attack on you, Sir, but if you don't know who did this, or when it was done, it may not have even come from your side, that means the entire process lacked integrity and was flawed.”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “No, Sir. There was nothing flawed about the integrity of our process.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “So who leaked it then?”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “Sir.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “If you don't know who leaked it, then you don't even know when it was leaked. When was it leaked?”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “Let me take you through the timeline.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “When was it leaked?”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “Let me take you through the timeline Commissioner.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Okay, do you know when it was leaked; yes or no?”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “I think it was leaked on Wednesday morning.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “You think it was leaked--”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “—because I got a phone call from communications saying that the AJC had the report.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “So you're not sure when it was leaked?”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “I got a phone call from communications that said the AJC had the report on Wednesday morning.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “So that means you do not know when it was leaked is that correct?”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “I, I do not know.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “At this point, I have to question the integrity of the entire document.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Okay. 0626 is before us. Commissioner Hausmann.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Hello Mr. Nicks.—

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “How are you?”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “I’m good. And I just want to first of all I want to thank you for rearranging your schedule to be here today. I know you had some other things planned, so thank you for that. You were just talking about the timeline of releasing the report; would you please give us that information.”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “Yes. The timeline is based on when the report is finished. Generally speaking, if a Commissioner asks for an audit, then I give that Commissioner the courtesy of going over the report with them prior to sending it to the full Board. I did that with Commissioner Hausmann because she asked for the report. On the next morning, I sent the report to the Board. So again, I sent the report out to the full Board on the morning of Wednesday, the last board meeting and I got a phone call from communications, Jessica, saying that the AJC had the report and could she get a copy. So, I was just as surprised as you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “So we still don’t know who leaked it?”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “If you recall, in our meeting last Wednesday morning, or two weeks ago, there was an elections item. I asked a question if that had anything to do with the audit that we had all just received. The answer to my question was no, but the AJC was in the room and heard the conversation, asked for a report, the Board had already received the report, and so I gave it to them because they asked after we had that discussion. I’m not hiding anything that’s what happened, but it was after you had sent it to the full Board. So does that clear it up?”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Yes. Sounds like your decorum resolution might be real ripe.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "That's a good comment. All right, so, Mr. Nicks, I guess it would be prudent for you to kind of go through what you went through. I guess what I asked you for in this audit was a typical request of the department audit with the finances, correct."

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: "That is correct."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "I made that request in February, I believe."

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: "February 11th."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Okay. And you began the audit when?"

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: "We began in March."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "In March, okay. And so, you began your work to ask for documents and various things. Did you receive what you were looking for as required in our policy?"

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: "We received documents sporadically, but we did receive all of the information we requested."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "So the policy states that when you get a request from your office for information, it's to be done in five days, I believe."

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: "That is correct; however, the department has the ability to say that they are unable to provide that information and they only need to provide me with a date that they are going to provide it."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Okay. So, I guess my follow-up question to that is, was the experience in getting information from the elections department typical when you asked for information from other departments to do the work that you've been asked to do?"

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: "No it wasn't."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "No it wasn't. Okay. All right. So can you just give us an outline briefly of what you found please, and then I may have another question or two."

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: "Absolutely. First of all, let me say that the audit was conducted under general accepting auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit"

objectives. To achieve those objectives, we conducted interviews with key Staff, performed walk-throughs to observe key processes, reviewed the elections budget process, reviewed various standard operating procedural manuals, reviewed the grant process, reviewed all emergency procurements and assessed the department's spending authority and ensured that the clients with all grant funds were received. The objective of the audit was to ensure that funds provided by this Board were expended as intended. And additionally, the funds that were awarded to the department were spent in accordance with grant requirements. Moving forward to the recommendations, the findings and recommendations. The first finding was the lack of departmental standard operating procedures. Upon requesting the department SOPs, we were provided with SOPs for poll workers, supply and logistics, and advance voting and the budget process; however, the department did not have SOPs that outline the routine tasks for their employees. We also noted that the aforementioned procedures submitted by the department were not complete. More specifically, the procedures were not dated and the purpose were not clearly defined. As a result, we were unable to determine the relevancy of some of the procedures submitted, or if the procedures were current. Finding 2, inconsistent procurement procedures. Upon reviewing expenditure documentation from the department, it was noticed that purchase orders were generated after receipt of invoices for 2.4 million dollars of our about 4.1 million dollars sampling. Many of the purchase orders were generated to pay for late invoices as a result of inadequate budgeting. Finding number 3, untimely payment of invoices. During our review, we noted that of the 12 invoices we looked at for this particular item, ten of the items were not paid in a timely manner. We also looked at 51 items related to the grants, and of that 51, we found six more that were not paid in a timely manner. Finding number 4, lack of supporting documentation. We sampled invoice files for transactions that occurred during the scope of our audit, and noted that the department did not maintain records for professional services including overtime totaling \$1,965,000. This is the result of management not keeping timesheets, or not requiring timesheets for workers who were working for outside vendors. Management informed us that there was a verbal agreement between Fulton County, and the vendor for these services which was about 450,000; however, Fulton County was billed four times that amount. The department possessed no verifiable means i.e., timesheets of on-site support that could have been used to validate the invoices submitted for payment. Finding number 5, improper payment of services. We found seven invoices that was billed to the Atlanta public schools from a company called American facility services that was paid by Fulton County. These invoices were not Fulton County invoices. They were actually billed to Atlanta public schools. Management informed us that Fulton County had an arrangement with the Atlanta public schools to provide polling site disinfecting services; however, the department was unable to provide a written copy of

an agreement to verify that an agreement was in place. Inadequate safeguarding of assets: We reviewed inventory, specifically we looked to determine if all of the inventory had been secured and was safe. We looked at 260 cradle point routers at a cost of \$365 each. We noted that 15 of those routers could not be found. Finding number 7, failure to comply with grant requirements. During our review, we identified that 25 drop boxes were purchased on September 10th for a total of \$40,000. We also noted that there was an amount of \$44,000 and I'm sorry let me go back to give you a little bit of background on this one. Fulton County was awarded \$85,000 from the Southern Poverty Law Center for the sole purpose for purchasing absentee ballot boxes. The grant specified that any unused funds which were to be returned by December 31st, 2020. During our review, we identified that 21 ballot drop boxes were purchased for a total of \$40,614. We also noted that as of the date of our review, the remaining \$44,000 had not been returned to the Southern Poverty Law Center. Finding number 8, also related to the Southern Poverty Law Center. The grant specified that the County provide a direct link to the Fulton County website displaying the amount of absentee ballots that were returned to the registration and elections board for the 2020 elections using the absentee ballot drop boxes. This link should also have indicated how many ballots were accepted and counted. We did not locate the information on the County's website, and the department did not provide documentation to support any public disclosure. According to the department, they indicated that there was a verbal request to put it on the website; however, they could not produce any documentation related to that. And finally, number 9, our audit revealed that there were inadequate department accountability, and oversight of the financial operations within the department during the scope of our audit. There were errors reflected in the department's accounting records, invoices that precede the purchase order, untimely payment of invoices, insufficient supporting documentation, overpayment of services, and delayed responses to our requests. That is the end of the findings."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "All right. Thank you, Mr. Nicks. I believe you also -- when you went over this with me you indicated that there were some invoices that you had trouble finding backup documentation to support those invoices?"

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: "That is correct."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Can you tell us about that, please."

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: "Yes, that is actually finding number 4. What happened was there were -- there were invoices that were for items that were purchased that were not available for review. And I don't have the name of those invoices in front of me, but we did have invoices that we requested that they did not have available for us to review."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “If I recall, it was technicians for the election process, and you could not find any records of how often they worked, where they worked, the hours they worked—”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “—yes Ma’am—”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “-- and there was a significant amount of overtime on it is that correct?”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “Yes, again, that is finding number 4 it had to do with the lack of any invoices being available for technicians who were being paid to perform work. No timesheets, no documentations had anything.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “--but that invoice was paid, correct?”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “Correct.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “So it was paid without any supporting information—”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “Yes.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “-- 1.2 million I believe was the total.”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “Yes. I don't have a number in front of me.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Okay. Alright, so typically, when you have an audit, the department of course is given the opportunity to respond. Did you receive a response?”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “Yes, I did.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Tell us about that, please.”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “We received a response from them. My preference Commissioner would be to let them speak to their response. I generally receive the response and accept it for whatever it is they say. This is their response to whatever. I can go through this, but I think they are--”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “—well that's fine if you'd rather them do that that's fine. Typically, when you do your audit, you finish your work, what happens you go meet with the department?”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “That is correct. We meet with the department. We're having conversations with the department all the while that we're doing the audit. At the end of the audit, we have an exit conference and where we

discuss everything that we find. We explain to them and answer any questions that they may have, and at that point, we indicate to them that they will have ten days to respond to the audit.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Okay. And did that happen in the ten-day time period?”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “Yes, they did respond--”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Okay, good. All right. You have anything want to share with us? I want to let other Commissioners have an opportunity to speak to ask you any questions.”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “If I can answer any questions, I’ll be more than happy.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “All right. Thank you very much for your report.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Commissioner Ellis.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Thank you, Mr. Chair. And thank you Mr. Nicks for providing the context of the report. You know, will say you know really, you know, might be unfortunate that you know some folks may have gotten a copy of this, but they were going to get it anyway – it doesn’t change the nature of what’s here. You didn’t have anything unusual with the scope of the procedure that you went through, standard procedures, and the report was going to be the report, and the response is going to be the response, right? So, that’s what’s here so, there’s nothing that’s, there’s nothing that’s invalid about it you know it’s clear and transparent. And that’s what we should be all about at the end of the day. And you’re just calling it as you see it with what you find within the scope of your audit, correct?”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “That is correct.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Okay. We’ve been doing audits throughout the pandemic correct.”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “Yes.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “And specifically looking at financial transactions and given that we’ve been doing emergency purchase you know orders and that sort of stuff to make sure that things are documented. And then if we’re not veering off in directions we shouldn’t be, correct.”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “Yes.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. So, you've been looking at several different transactions. From what you've seen contrasted with sort of the other looks at things versus the purchases, you know that were analyzed here, do you see definitely distinctions in procedure?"

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: "We have not seen a lot of purchases made on the management side that would violate our purchasing policies. A lot of these purchases were outside of our purchasing policies which was a tad bit unusual. The department has indicated that it was because of the fact that they were in COVID and under pressure -- they were under some pressure -- some pressure to complete the elections in a timely manner."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Right. So, I think one of the things here is you know just because there's pressure doesn't mean that policies get neglected. We knew -- we all knew going into this that we were going to expend a significant amount of funds on the elections process, and, you know, this review doesn't have anything to do with the outcome of the elections this is just what our responsibility is financial oversight so you know I think the scope of this audit specifically around financial oversight and financial management you know is a key part of what our role is. It's really kind of our main role with respect engagement with this area. And given the significant amount of funds that were allotted and then looking at the findings, it's you know it's pretty concerning relative certainly to a lot of other audits on financial controls and procedures that we've seen you know, come to this body over the course of the past at least time I've been on this Board. So, you know to me, I mean from looking at this to me they're sort of there're five key items really in the lack of any sort of real material standard operating procedures around many of these routine tasks is definitely disturbing. And we know what we get when we don't have standardized operating procedures. We get opportunities for errors, and the second piece that you know in this sampling of purchasing documentation the fact that if I'm reading this right, purchase orders generated after the receipt of invoices from the vendor for approximately 2.4 million, of 4.1 million sample. Also, 50 percent of the sample -- and this is not even looking at the whole bucket. So, decent sum of money, and then you went and got purchase orders generated after the receipt of the invoices from the vendor. You know this maybe doesn't quite level to rise to the level of what we saw with the health department back five or six years ago when they were shredding cash receipts but you know certainly the appearance that varied, very limited financial controls and financial management may have been going on within the elections arena. Lack of documentation this finding number 4, and the fact that if I read your report right that we paid 1.9 million on a purchase order of 450,000 with no documentation. That's what your report says correct."

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “No, let me clarify that. I don’t know that there was a purchase order -- I think there was an agreement -- a verbal agreement that we would be charged around 450,000.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “—a verbal agreement of 450—”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “Correct.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Okay, so we couldn't even -- we couldn't even show that there was any sort of agreement around the 450?”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “We only received from the department that there was a verbal agreement. They may have had a contract, but it does not indicate that my Staff saw one.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “So, no contract was produced at all?”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “So what I think what happened – and my understanding is that this is surrounding the situation where the warehouse personnel had a bunch of people go out on COVID, and there was a contract in place, but rather than trying to do fulfill this any other way they used a contract that was already in place to fulfill the workers that they needed at the warehouse.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “So, I mean, is it -- so we have no way to verify that we actually had services rendered for this 1.965,000,000?”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “What we and we’ve had this situation before with outside vendors. When they are providing personnel, it is pretty important on Fulton County to keep up with how much work these people are doing, what hours they are charging us, whether or not the work that they are required to do, they’re actually being done. And they did not -- the department did not keep any records associated with those employees. When the \$1.9 million dollars came back, I think there was some alarm from management that they were being overcharged. They went back to the vendor to try to get documentation; however, we had no documentation to sustain our argument that we were being overcharged.”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “Okay. So, your last statement that failure to maintain supporting documentation may cause over payment of expenses unauthorized charges lack of County oversight in incorrect financial reporting.”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “Correct.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "This kind of sums up that finding. And then this finding number 9 and I think to me this sort of last statement under finding number 9 sort of summarizes you know your whole report. And that's lack of financial accountability and oversight leads to inadequate financial reporting that ultimately will not give a true and fair review of the department operations and it increases the risk of financial mismanagement. You know which financial mismanagement could include a lot of things. I could just mean we're overpaying, it could mean you know that we've been ripped off, it could mean that there's fraud, it could mean that there are a lot of things, right? And you know, we didn't task you with finding whether there was you know this audit the scope of it wasn't it, you know you weren't out there looking for was their you know employee theft of funds and that sort of stuff. You're looking at these specific things. But you know the fact that what you found it opens up you know when you've got a poorly controlled environment, it opens up the opportunity for it. So, you know, given the significant amount of funds that we've expended and the fact that this wasn't -- these weren't new people we had in many of these management positions they had been there for a while and that this is what we got in the report back we should all be very concerned about it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I want to go back to my point of order. It was a division of the last matter we skipped. The matter was no vote to redo the agenda so we need to have a vote on the 579,000 that was divided Mr. Chair. It was divided. There have been no -- there was no motion, there was no vote on redoing the agenda so we need to vote on that matter that was divided."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "At the time though Commissioner Arrington when I asked for the division and it was requested by Commissioner Hausmann that that matter be taken up after the discussion on the matter with we're discussing now that there was no objection to that."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes, but there was no motion and there was no vote."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, didn't have to be one. Madam parliamentarian."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "There has to be a motion to redo the agenda. If the agenda is going to be changed, there has to be a motion and a vote to redo the agenda."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "My recollection is that 0626 was moved at the beginning of the meeting when the agenda was first approved."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Well then, there would be no reason to have us to have held after if that’s the case. Why was she ever asked to have it moved? It was after, it wasn’t -- it was the division -- the matter was divided when we came to that Item, the Chairman called for a division of those Items under budget soundings, and now we are all off into something else. We need to have a vote pursuant to the written, printed, and advertised agenda.”

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: “I believe it’s proper as is.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Believe what is proper as is?”

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: “The taking up the matters in the order that they are currently slated to be taken up.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “What order is that, the written printed advertised order? Which order are you referencing?”

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: “I’m referencing the order that was approved by the Board of Commissioners when the agenda was approved this morning.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Yeah, but there was no division when the Board Agenda when the division was presented. This is regarding the soundings. That Item was under soundings. There was no agreement or vote to change this item to put this Item under soundings. The division didn’t come up until the budget soundings item was announced. That’s when the division arose. And that’s when they tried to amend the agenda without following the formal process for amending the agenda. And that’s what they’re still trying to do. Do you have to amend the agenda? Is it, is it - Can the agenda be amended without a vote; a motion and a vote?”

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: “The question of whether during a meeting an Item can be moved doesn’t mean it’s an amendment to the agenda.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Well then, what is it then? A change?”

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: “Correct this is your--”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “—what’s the difference between a change and an amendment?”

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: “This is the meeting of the Board of Commissioners and you all can decide the process that you’re going to use. And in

this instance, you all agreed the process you're going to use was to take items in a certain order."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "We did not agree. He called for a division on the budget soundings item. When was there an agreement? He called for a division on a budget soundings item."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "The fact that you all have continued this meeting in the order that you have continued it in is an agreement to the order."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Madam Attorney, this just arose two Items ago when he called for the agenda. There is no agreement to do anything. And I brought it up at that time. I said point of order. They're trying to amend the agenda that's why I'm bringing it up again, because in order to change the agenda you have to have a motion and a vote. And you can call it a change the agenda, or you can call in amend the agenda, you can call it Lucy. The agenda I don't care what you call it. They're has to be a motion and a vote."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Well, Mr. Chairman, you can overrule me if you choose, but it is my opinion that the order that the commission is taking these items in is appropriate."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well that's what I ruled earlier, and we're going to try to move this along. I felt that the early in the meeting when we set the agenda, it was agreed that well actually it was I writing that these two items would be taken up. Then when I made the motion to divide, we took two and three and at the time we said it would take number 1 which is the subject of the 570,000; after the discussion and the presentation by Mr. Nicks so, that's what's before us now. And I'm gonna rule again that it's in order unless the Board wants to overrule me. Is there a motion to overrule my ruling?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes, motion to overrule. I object the procedure is not proper. There has not been a motion and/or a vote to amend the agenda. There was a division of one Item. There was no agreement nor vote or motion by this Board to hear the budget sounding items with this. It didn't happen. If it had happened, there wouldn't have been a reason to divide it. If it had happened there would not have been a reason for Commissioner Hausmann to say, hey, let's hear it after that Item. After you did your division. I mean, it's just logic."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, so your motion is to overrule my ruling."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “My motion is to follow the rules. Follow Roberts rules of order. Follow the rules of this commission.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, Commissioner--”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “—and not change or amend the agenda without a formal motion and vote.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Now, Commissioner Arrington has made a motion to overrule the ruling of the Chair, is there a second? Is there a second? All right, so it dies for lack of a second. Continue.”

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: “Are there any other questions?”

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

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Thank you, Chair. I have a couple of concerns. One of my concerns is I hear your report that you’re giving. But I want to hear from the person that is responsible for giving you that information or responding to that information. I think that's only fair that we hear from that department. But I would be remiss if I didn't say Chairman, it concerns me about information whether it was leaked, handed, carrier pigeon, braille, given out. That's a serious, serious issue because I promise you if Commissioner Khadijah Abdur-Rahman name was tied to it being given out, this will be handled so differently. So, are we gonna talk about the elephant in the room of privilege? You can't have it both ways. Now, I'm not saying that my colleague, Commissioner Hausmann, did anything wrong. What I'm saying is there is an issue here. A serious issue and I want to go on record saying openly to the public I have a problem with that. Because it undermines your ability to give information to me; it undermines my ability to do what I need to do as a follow-up. And so, equally that, I am concerned about what you have alleged in this auditors' report. I am equally concerned as the fact that it got to the press before it got to a sitting Commissioner. I got real big problems with that. Because now you are rotting from the inside. There is not a sense of fair play because I promise you auditor you and I have talked -- there are departments that I have had a conversation with you about. There are departments right now if I ask you for an audit of, based on my almost nine months here, I'd be just as shocked. Now that doesn't excuse anything. What I'm saying is we can't say we're gonna go by protocol for certain things, and we don't go by protocol for others. That is unfair; that is privilege, and it has no place in Fulton County Commission and all. And I want to go on record saying I don't appreciate it as a sitting Commissioner. So, Chairman, are we going to hear a rebuttal, a report because as serious as this is, I take

my representation of Fulton County very seriously. And if we're going to be fair, we need to be fair across the board. And so, are we going to hear from Mr. Barron?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is Mr. Barron here today?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes, I see him up there."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Come on down Mr. Barron."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Run, don't walk."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "Good afternoon Commissioners."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Do you understand the request by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman?"

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "This is to go over the - all of our responses."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes, please."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "Okay, so with regard to the lack of departmental standard operating procedures, we have standard operating procedures not only throughout the registration division for individuals, but we have them through also through in the elections division -- my elections chief Nadine submitted all of those to I pointed one Staff member to submit all of these -- she submitted all of those to that individual to submit those to Mr. Nicks. Why those aren't in there, I'm not sure. Some of those we were revising, but we do have standard operating procedures for almost every single daily duty that is listed or all of our individual staff members in elections and registrations. Some were being updated. On the registration side and that may be why they weren't submitted. But we do have those. One of the other things that I noted in here is one of the reasons we're doing the RFP or the request for proposal is so that we can go out and find a, or have a consultant -- I began after the July and August election to ask for us to get consultants in here to go through all of our procedures, all of our processes this was prior to the September November January elections in order to make sure that going forward we would have good processes and procedures in place so that we would be -- the model for the state. When it comes to the inconsistent procurement procedures, our budget increased in Finding number 2, our budget increased by 250 percent last year. We still have the same two individuals that were processing all of those. There were many times that we would get invoices -- some invoices would be generated from external departments; a lot of emergency procurements were going on through last year. Much of it that had to

do with the COVID pandemic. We also had -- we got CARES funding, additional general funding, we had different grants also that where we received funding. I think a lot of it had to do with the quantity of work that was put upon the two individuals that use to manage a budget of at the most 17 million. They got up to 44.5 million. And most of that money was put onto the department in the second half of the year rather than spread out through the year. The department was required to purchase and acquire many items to ensure the success that we achieved in 2021, and I think, you know, this report even in findings one and two, is an opportunity for us to learn. I don't think if you went back through other years prior to last year, you would have these same findings. And we would be open to looking at that. I think last year presented us with a number of problems. When we had -- for example in finding number four, a lack of supporting documentation. When we had the COVID outbreak in the warehouse, we lost 26 Staff. The management Staff over there. We hired -- we had a P.O. in place for \$450,000 dollars with Dominion voting systems to come in and manage that logic and accuracy process out at Georgia World Congress Center. They were the ones that brought in the Staff, they kept track of all of the hours that was almost around-the-clock operation out there, and they managed it basically from the time the Staff went down and the management Staff went down throughout that entire process. When we received the final bill, I guess it was for like 1. I think 965 million dollars. We went straight to the purchasing director, and we said we told her we had grave concerns about how much we were billed because the original PO was for \$450,000. We received no communication from the vendor during that time to indicate that we had gone over that P.O. So, when that happened, we got together with County Attorney's office, we got together with the purchasing director, we met with the company; they have documentation of the time sheets that they kept during that time. But we were not keeping it as we do with the other staffing vendors that we do say for Happy Faces, Halo, Innovations or Corporate Temps. They were brought in in an emergency situation to handle a very important and long process right before the November election because we lost half of our staff out there. Finding number -- finding number 5, which Mr. Nicks noted we - during the 2020 election cycle, and Nadine Williams can probably provide more detail on this, but APS -- we were providing COVID cleaning services to lots of our polling places, and she has e-mail documentation of an agreement between APS and our department that indicated that APS had vendors that would do the cleaning and then we would, we would pay those. And which, we did pay those vendors for the COVID cleaning services post-election. Finding 7 has to do with -- or Finding 6 has to do with 15 cradle point routers with regard to those, Nadine she can provide more detail on this, but the Audit Team did not discover the cradle points had been displaced. Election Staff informed the Audit Team of the number missing-- elections' was aware and we have a record of those serial numbers of all the displaced

cradle points. Elections advised no link to disable the net cloud, deactivate the sims card for each of those displaced cradle points these devices were rendered unusable until such a time where they were either located or so that we could figure out where they were. We believe the cradle points were damaged and were therefore discarded and utilized for parts. And that our Staff out there did not properly document those in our inventory, but they are currently listed in our inventory as disabled and no [Inaudible.] confirmed they're disabled and they are unable to be used. One of the things that we've done, we created a few weeks ago an IT Sims Manager who are we are going to, we are going to hire. We've already posted that position. We're evaluating all of the applications for that to hire that person who will also then take over the WDS inventory system that we have purchased already this summer, too. And the training for the inventory system is also underway. Finding number 7, failure to return the unused grant funds. We have, we have returned all those unused grant funds. We received and managed the grant funds for the first time in 2020, 2021; the Staff worked through a learning curve in our first attempt to execute grant guidelines. At the closing of the Southern Poverty Law Center grant, our department notified the Grants Division to inquire how to issue the refund to the Southern Poverty Law Center. We received a response and Staff believed the next steps would be taken by the Grants Division. When we followed up responses, and the explanations were delayed due to turnover within the Grants Division. In recent inquiries, we discovered that that the grantor has to be listed as a vendor before issuing the refund. Within that time, Southern Poverty Law Center has registered as a vendor and we created the payment voucher and submitted it to Accounts Payable. Finding 8, the, which is, that we didn't report the grant requirements on the website. Southern Poverty Law Center had a requirement that requested us to provide absentee ballot return information through the drop boxes to be posted to our website which was an oversight during the 2020 election cycle. We will have the County Attorney to review any grant funding contracts in the future to alert us to any of those requirements. All future requirements to post information on the departmental website will be submitted in writing to all of the appropriate parties. I think Finding number 9, inadequate departmental accountability and oversight of financial transactions. Circumstances required from the County Manager's office required assistance from the County Manager's office in areas of procurement, staffing due to COVID-19 losses, and budgeting, emergency purchases from, various funds, CARES Act – CARES Act funds all of our grant funds. They've created various situations where tasks were being handled and processed from parties other than within our own internal Staff this created irregularities within our scope and ability to manage or oversee certain processes and procedures. The business process review that we brought today as well will address every finding and concern. The development and rewrite SOP's to prevent future oversight, establish and reaffirm personnel's responsibilities which in turn will

increase accountability throughout the department. Another one of the positions that we created that has already been posted and we are evaluating the applications is for financial systems manager to add to the Staff since our budget increased 250 percent and it seems as though it is going to remain at close to that level. We need someone else on board to help manage that. We have written some standard operating procedures on some of these items that Mr. Nicks found in here. Since that time to correct these items and Mr. Nicks has indicated that at some point in the future, probably within I don't know the next six to 12 months he will be revisiting this, and we hope that we will not see any of these findings repeat themselves. And I think a lot -- we had a lot of -- a lot of responsibilities placed on certain people in the department last year, and I think there were sometimes where they felt overwhelmed by the amount of work that was generated by the massive increase in our budget. Again, it was only supposed to be 17 million, it increased to 44.5 million dollars."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Mr. Barron, are you able to supply that report, that rebuttal to my office?"

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

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Let me say this and Chairman, I'm going to try to be as quick as possible. Because I know we're getting late into the evening. Did any of these things that are alleged in the report affect the outcome of who won the presidential election and who lost?"

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "No they didn't so -- I think two of the important things are that there was no finding of misappropriation of funds or and that they didn't affect the election results."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "This is the problem I have Mr. Barron. And I think from an operational standpoint, there's definitely some room for improvement. You and I talk constantly. I tell you when I feel like there's some things that you need to work on, and I tell you when I think you're doing good. This, this is the problem that I have with this entire issue. We've had a Chairman, who is receiving threats. We've had a person who's had to pretty much quit because everyone who disagrees with the outcome of the election has decided to make that person's life a living hell. I have talked to people in the elections department under the cloak of anonymity, and they have told me what happened during the election. They have told me how they have been threatened. They have told me all these things that were interjected. I want you to do a good job. I do, because that's what we pay you for. But what I don't want is you burned on the cross because Trump is not the president. And I want to say that openly. If we're going to look for issues, if we're going to look for something for impropriety, we

gotta understand it was an election, pandemic -- we had the highest voter turnout. And so, were we going to have some problems, yes. Is there some things that you need to work on, I've told you that to your face. And so, I'm not throwing you under the bus. I'm saying, in my quest to be fair, I have to call a thing a thing. And so, if we can't get Fulton County by state takeover, we could get Fulton County by making sure that we publicly show that we have the worst elections Director -- and I do not believe that. Had somebody asked me that maybe back in May, when you and I was having some conversations, but when you turned it around, when you brought in additional Staff, when you tried to do what you needed to do in order for us to have a fair election, and individuals still looking -- individuals still looking for something based on a big lie. I am sitting here as an elected official for Fulton County saying there was no fraud in the election. Were there operational issues? Were there things that I think that you personally need to make sure need to be taken care of, yes. But let's be realistic about the number of people that voted. Let's be realistic about the fact that the COVID was here, and now we want to some kind of way smear in public and give the idea that something fraudulent happened. And so, I do want that report. I do want you to understand that if they're coming after the Chairman, they're coming after you. Please take this very seriously, Sir, thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you Mr. Chair. When I read this initially, I was alarmed, but then I have to admit I forgot all about 2020, and all the challenges that happened during 2020, because I still feel like we're experiencing 2020. Now when I look at the numbers of cases and everything. And so, but I do have to address some of these things and ask a few questions. Now, as it relates to -- and I'm going to go one-by-one -- as it relates to finding number 1 which addresses standard operating procedures, I think that we need to tread lightly on trying to find you guilty enough to try to get rid of you just because you don't have any standard operating procedures. Because if we really look into the County as a whole and all departments and officers, how many actually have standard operating procedures? And as a matter of point, how many Commissioner's offices have standard operating procedures? I'm a very process driven person, and I credit that because I have a IT background and I started off with the flowcharts and my mind even works like that if then else. And if you don't meet that then I think something is wrong because if then else doesn't lead me to a conclusion. So, I have standard operating procedures and my Team will tell you we've been working on them over a year. So, laughing at me Jerolyn. No, but seriously, I have to have standard operating procedures. But when it comes to trying to, you know, as Commissioner Abdur-Rahman said hang you on the cross; for some of these things we need to tread lightly because there are a lot of departments in Fulton County that don't have standard

operating procedures or need to update them. So, let's move on to number 2. So, when we talk about the finance and procurement process, and invoices, and things like that, I have to ask where's the purchasing department in the process? Where is finance in the process? Where are the checks and balances along the way? How do things get through those departments and they're not stopped at some point? So, I can't always contribute the problem to the department director. I think that it goes hand-in-hand that these departments should be working with the department directors. There are times when I get phone calls from contractors because the biggest joke in all government is net 30. And the fact that they really don't get paid all the time on net 30. So, when I see late invoices and things like that, you know, that's an issue that we need to address everywhere. And I can't just attribute that to you. But the process does need to be cleaned up, Mr. Barron. Let me see here. So, I would like to know in like Finding number 2, where was the procurement? Where was the purchasing department in that? And what was the process? How did it get past them? And then when you go to Finding number 3 about payment of invoices, like I said, the overall process needs to be looked at. When we go to number 4, you said that Dominion Voting Systems was contracted to do this job, and they kept all the timesheets; however, I don't see where those timesheets were supplied to the auditor. Did you ever receive those, Mr. Nicks?"

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: MIC IS OFF/INAUDIBLE

VICE CHAIR HALL: "—after this?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "—come up to the mic."

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: "Commissioner—

VICE CHAIR HALL: "—yes."

ANTHONY NICKS, COUNTY AUDITOR: "--those practices indicate that we as the owner of the contract, keep our own records. We can't depend on a vendor to provide us with what he did and then just pay it because we don't have documentation which indicates clearly that we have managed this -- that we saw this work being done, these individuals were in place. So, what Dominion provided would not be of any use to me because all that does is -- that's Dominions' word. What we're looking for on any contract is we're looking for the department to manage the contract and ensure that whatever the contract is supposed to provide that it was provided."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "All right. Thank you, Mr. Nicks. And if we recall, there was an IT audit; not too long ago, and these same findings were issued that invoices were not found, timesheets were not found, people were paid for time that and Mr. Nicks, am I correct? Okay. And so, these are issues that are not uncommon, but they need to be

addressed. And then as far as number 5, improper payment of services: I always ask this question about onboarding not only on the Board of Commissioners floor, but also just across the board and I just really feel like there is there needs to be a tightening of the onboarding process for management meaning that you know they need to have some direct training on purchasing, contract compliance, finance, HR policy, hiring and termination, and labor relation codes and I haven't seen that. And I think that that contributes to a lot of times some of these errors that are being made. And Mr. Barron, on number 6 you actually mentioned that you were hiring an IT person to address the safeguarding of assets that that particular finding. And it made me think about the fact that just a few years ago we were supposed to be consolidating IT, Finance, and HR Staff into their respective departments. And so, I'm trying to understand like why am I hearing about departments hiring Staff -- and I'm hearing -- this is you're not the first department head to say that. I've had elected officials speak about that over their offices. If we have consolidated the IT, Finance, and HR Staff into the respective departments then there shouldn't be this new rehiring of this type of Staff out in the individual departments. And so, I want to ask Mr. County Manager, Madam CFO, and CFO to look in to that because I'm hearing a lot of that. So, if we're not going to follow that process that we put in place which removed Chad from the Board of Commissioners floor and we need him back -- can we get him back? Because he really knew how to support us and especially my office where you know I've been told that I get more e-mails than the entire tenth floor. So, if we are not adhering to that consolidation, and it had a special name, I can't remember right now off the top of my head—"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "—yes, shared services."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "--shared services that's right. So, if we're not adhering to shared services and we're going to allow departments to start having to hire their own IT, Finance, and HR staff then we need to know that and they need to know that that's something they can do so that we can ensure that we don't have issues like this that happen. And then, I mean everything I've said just kind of rolls up in to this entire report. I think that you know after hearing Mr. Nicks and Mr. Barron, I see why we need the Item for \$570,000. We really gotta clean this mess up. And I think that, you know, you have it -- this when I think about COVID-19 in 2020, you had a lot to deal with. And I think we have to be careful because we set a precedent based off of what we do as it relates to the findings in this audit for what the County Manager would have to do with some of his department heads because some of these same issues reside in some of the other departments. So, let's be very careful. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Hello Rick. All right. So, I want to go back through some of these things also. Starting with the standard operating procedures. You've been head of our elections director since 2013 I believe.”

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

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Okay. And we've relied heavily on temporary staff to help us. So, when a temporary staff person or group of people come in, how do they know what they do if we don't have any standard operating procedures or job descriptions?”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “A lot of what we do we -- we have -- a lot of the temporary staff that comes in does the same type of work for example in registrations, we bring them in as registration officers so those same duties are then transferred to the supplemental staff that comes in. A lot of the warehouse staff, they're assigned specific duties. They do watch and accuracy testing, and that's basically what they do for the entire period that they come in. And then they breakdown the equipment afterwards. They basically prepare it, they turn it over.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “I guess I'm just confused because you know it would stand to reason if you've got revolving people coming in, that they have to know what to do; they have to be trained. They have to be job descriptions or whatever so, I'm confused if you're saying you've got that, why wasn't it given to the auditor when he made the request? I'm not sure how that breakdown could have happened.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “What I know is that my elections chief and registration chief did turn those in to the person that was appointed to submit those. Those did not get submitted. And that there's a personnel matters that I don't want to get into at the moment about that.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Okay, I guess I'm just going to back up to the beginning here. I mean when the auditors come calling, I would think it gets everybody's attention. Nobody wants the auditor to start reviewing what they're doing. I get that, okay? So, the auditor comes calling and he has specific requests—”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “—right—”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “-- seems like y'all want to pay a lot of attention to that and that as the director, you would have made sure that the requests were provided -- the information was provided. So, try and help me understand where the breakdown happened.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “I think that it happened – we, for example, there was a two-week period in there where they I think the Staff that was assigned to do that work got overwhelmed by it when you also put in all the open records requests’ we’ve been receiving, the discovery request for litigation, and I believe that there was a feeling amongst a lot of the Staff that they don’t have enough time to pay attention to all of these things. The audit should have been at the top of everyone’s list because if Mr. Nicks comes in, and needs information that’s gotta take precedence over any of our open records request or our litigation, and that’s something that has to be addressed, and it needs to be addressed when Mr. Nicks comes back for review.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Okay, again I’m just going to say as someone that manages people; now I’ve managed a lot of people in my career in various capacities, you know, something that is this important, it’s managed from the top. And I still am not getting a clear answer from you on how it was not managed properly because it’s ultimately your responsibility. Would you not say so?”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “No I would, I would agree with that, yes.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “All right. So, you know, you know, you got Mr. Nicks was standing behind you when you were saying he got that you provided the SOP’s, I could tell the look on his face that he was surprised by that answer, so again I don’t know where the breakdown happened--”

PATRICK ESKRIDGE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “—Commissioner—”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “—there obviously was a breakdown.”

PATRICK ESKRIDGE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “—Commissioner Hausmann, let me give you some context. So, a lot of the SOP’s were out of date; and so because they were not updated properly Staff kind of withheld submitting them at that time. So, we have SOP’s but a lot of them again were out of date and not up-to-date which kept them from submitting them.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Okay, again, we’re going through a major election. We don’t have updated standard operating procedures or job descriptions and we have temporary folks in there that don’t know what they’re doing. It’s a recipe for disaster. People are pointing a lot of fingers at you know the results. This is not about the results. But the questions are legitimate when you can’t follow the process. And when y’all can’t even explain the process. So, you know, this is an effort to correct the

problems, okay? But we have to identify and we have to take responsibility for the problems and that's what I kind of see lacking here. This issue of verbal agreement for you know hundreds of thousands of dollars, Sharon, is that common practice in Fulton County?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "No, Ma'am. As I recall in this case, Mr. Barron was the one who negotiated with Dominion, and we followed that up with the emergency purchase order that was presented to the Board on our EPO report."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Okay. So, it was, there was paperwork that followed that."

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

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Okay. So, did Mr. Nicks get that paperwork?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "I'm not sure Commissioner. I would have to research that, but I thought that Purchasing supplied the documentation that they had to the auditor."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "All right. Because I submit to you that Mr. Nicks does not want to provide a report like this to us, okay? So again, if the auditor comes calling, I would hope that he would get the information he needs, so that we're not talking about this kind of situation. Because, it doesn't make any of us look good Rick?"

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "Yeah, and I know. We did have a purchase order in place for Dominion for that specific purpose."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Okay. And then, you know, to have that cat guarding the henhouse or whatever you call that phrase is what you've got the Dominion contractor, you know, on their word, submitting, you know, million-dollar invoices and we have no way to know if it's legitimate or not, I don't know how you can come up and ask us for anything if that's the way that those kinds of things are managed?"

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "I think in this case when we had Dominion come in to help us with this particular duty, it was at a time where I mean I can only say it again, we lost half of the warehouse Staff and that management staff over there and we already are limited in our management staff. We had asked Dominion to manage that process for us, and they kept records of -- and we knew how much they were going to charge per day, and we knew how much that they were going to -- what their overtime rates were. But when they get to that purchase order amount, we were never instructed that we were either reaching that limit; and we

should have kept -- I mean, that's something where we have procedures in place for Happy Faces and for our other staffing vendors. They weren't a staffing agency really. We brought them in for a specific purpose--"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "I don't know why you would have handled it differently, I don't now and I don't understand when the invoice comes to you, don't you verify the invoice before you submit it for payment?"

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "Yes. With all of those other, with all those other vendors, we did; but that invoice came to us, if I remember right, maybe Felicia can tell me, but I don't believe we even got that invoice until February maybe of this year. It may have been even March."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "—and I can continue to go through – I could ask you how in the world you you know can't keep up with equipment and you know you think it might have been disabled used for parts but you're not sure you know. I guess, you know, we did provide you with \$44 million dollars and my expectation is that that is spent wisely, and that it's guarded like it's your own money. And that, you know, that we can go to the community and say, okay, you know, we know we had COVID, but we still did our job, and you know in an ethical and procedurally proper way. I look at this and I'm embarrassed by it. I this is just unacceptable. And I know you've got a lot of you know, extenuating circumstances, but if we had good policies and procedures in place, that could have been followed and we wouldn't be having this conversation right now."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "And I understand that. I think that we did have some procedural challenges and we will take responsibility for that. As far as ethics goes, I mean I know speaking for myself and my Staff, I don't think we crossed any or even got close to any ethical lines."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "You know I want to believe that but when you've got this lax of controls, it's hard, it's hard to not question that. So again, you've heard what I have to say. This is unacceptable. It's incumbent upon us to have no hint of any sort of problems in our elections department because everyone of us sitting up here, every person in Fulton County that selected is depending upon the results that you provide and they need to have confidence in it; and we see things like this, it just raises all sorts of questions and I can't answer those questions. And it's just very, very disappointing when you've had \$44 million dollars and this is the kind of results that we see out of where the money went. Not how the outcome of the election went, per se, but where the money went. I'm going to let someone else talk."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yeah, I'll try not to revisit too many of these points. But, just a couple of things. Number 1, at sort of a macro level, the operation that you run, everybody expects it to be one that is really ground in process, right? That's what elections is all about, right? It's a very step-by-step oriented thing. Okay. Certainly, there have been questions about nonfinancial things then when we have the financial stuff and it does show that they're not clear procedures. I think you indicated that stuff hadn't been turned in, but it hadn't been updated, so it was out of date; so, it wasn't turned in. If it was out-of-date, we don't have any. I mean we knew we were having new equipment coming in here. We knew this was a pivotal election year; well before even the pandemic started. So, in, what is today's date? August 18th, okay? It's one thing I guess you say well we didn't have some of this stuff updated and because you don't have the craziness to carry on an election – we're in August. It still hasn't been done. It doesn't look like. So, you know, that's where -- that's where sort of the response breaks down from me that oh, we were in sort of a crunch time, and we didn't have a chance to do this stuff –we're in August now. You know a lot of our departments have been challenged with the pandemic. I mean, if Dr. Paxton came down here and I'm sorry kind of responded in the way that you did to some of these findings, I'd be [Inaudible.] her too. It didn't excuse it. I mean there was significant -- it's a double, double thing, right? You got to carry out your operations successfully and you got to manage the money. I mean, you know, I'm - I really hated that we have placed County employees, County government, other elected officials in places where, you know, they've been subject to some undue criticism and threats. But where it stems from is this inconsistency in all these questions that get raised by ultimately you know one's going to look at and many goings to look at and say it's poor management. It just creates doubt. So, when we have this level of doubt on just the financial side, I think you understand after being in the elections business for a long time, that when you have close elections, there is going to be questions around that, right? Anytime there's a close election. So, when we have all this stuff out and it's just sloppiness and lack of procedure, we put everybody at risk, and we just got to double down on this. And it has to come from -- starting with you and your management team. We can't do this. Some outside consultant can't do this. Somebody's got to start doing this now, and they needed to have been doing it a year ago. I mean, I just am baffled by the fact of where we sat in June, and after that debacle and then to come back and look at this. That that wouldn't have caused us at that point in time to double down on this and get set procedures in place on everything. But you know so I mean, you provided a few responses of about the nine things in here. There were about three that I think your response did an adequate job of, kind of clarifying. But to me, there are about six others that didn't. And they're more of the major ones to me. And, you know, we've got to have – we're going

to dedicate this amount of money to something, and then trust you with it –when this Board came to you with it and said whatever you need, you didn’t come back and say I need a financial manager. I need people to come help me in finance. I need this. That’s your job to come back and tell us that. Not for us to come back and well, we were just sort of flying along, so we just kind of spent whatever came in and what bills were you know kind of showed up that we did have documentation for it, but we had to pay for it. Missed, you know, it is what it is, right? I mean I think the stuff here speaks for itself. You provided your response. People can read that and they can reach their own conclusion. You know the auditor provided his report. They can read it, and they can reach their own conclusions. But having sort of these basics in place has to come from your Staff and your department. It starts with you. You know it can't come from a consultant. It can't come from the County management staff. You've got to do it. It's your responsibility. And that piece of it -- when you come up here and it's a repeated refrain of blame other people, it does reach -- I tell you what that's how a lot of people hear it. Is this always somebody else's fault? It's always some crisis that created this. Well, when you don't have procedures in place, or they haven't been updated, or nobody's following them, guess what? The crisis gets manufactured by us. And in this case, you know, we got it laid out in the financial terms. So, I'm very sadden to see what the findings are, but I can't necessarily say that I'm fully surprised by them. So, anyway I appreciate you standing up here. I appreciate your responding you know, responding to this. And I hope you'll take my comments in you know the spirit in which they are intended. I want us to have you know just the best election you know set up possible so that there is no doubt from anybody. I mean, look we're going to be a very partisan and divided sort of country and county. We got to get the politics out of election so some of this other nonsense about it gets spouted up her, I'm tired of hearing it. Tired of hearing some of the stuff from public comment. All of this stuff needs to be off the table. We need to be focused on running efficient, effective elections. That have no questions around it. Very clear procedures. And if we continue to have this, were always going to have doubts.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Were you next? Commissioner Abdur-Rahman.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Thank you Chairman, just one thing I do want to say in agreeance with Commissioner Ellis, I'm tired as well. I'm tired as well. Because something that we should really understand that conjecture and a whole bunch of other stuff have made its way in that. And the reasons I say that when I continue to get e-mails saying that Fulton County elections is the epicenter of fraud that is a boldface lie. Now, you've got some work to do. One thing about you and I; I've always told you how I felt. Whether we agreed to disagree, so you've got some work to do. But we've got a stop hijacking some deficiencies, or somethings in your department to use it to further

an agenda like Vice Chair Hall said there are other departments that if we had an audit of maybe would come back the same or worse. And so, what I'm saying to you is in one part I'm telling you that you need to tighten up. I don't know any other way to tell you. Other than to – you just need to tighten up. But on the other hand, there is no fraud in Fulton County. Fulton County is not the epicenter of fraud elections and you're not the reason. In Fulton County, elections is not the reason that Trump lost. Please, I want to see a copy of that and I want you to take this extremely, extremely serious because it is. I really should say all of the Commissioners need a copy of that, okay? Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Any further comments? What’s your pleasure?”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Mr. Chairman, this is just a discussion—”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “—where are we now?”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “--it was just a discussion of the audit.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “—y’all got me confused here. Which one is it? Yeah, okay. All right. Let’s take up the executive session Items.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: MIC IS OFF/INAUDIBLE.

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “--what?”

VICE CHAIR HALL: MIC IS OFF/INAUDIBLE.

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “—no, let’s wait; cause I need, I got some questions about that myself.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “—we can move to table it.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “—we’re going to hold it.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: MIC IS OFF/INAUDIBLE.

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “—not table it, hold it.

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “—I move to table it.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “—we’re going to hold it.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “--are we holding the Item for 500—

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “—yes

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “—I agree Chairman, we need to hold that.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Madam County Attorney executive session items.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “So, Mr. Chair, we do need, if we’re going to hold it, I do think we do need to take an official action on it. We do need to take an official action on this. And I do have one comment on it before, if we’re going to hold it that’s fine, but I got a remark I want to make.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “—you’re talking about the 570 on the—”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “—yes, I know we’re not going to vote on it, this doesn’t sound like, but I do have a comment—

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “—all right--

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “—well you want to sound the Item or vote to hold it it sounds like, put some sort of vote on it.”

CLERK GRIER: “Are we on 611?”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Yes.”

CLERK GRIER: “Okay, on page 6, Registration and Elections, 21-0611. Request approval of a recommended proposal to conduct a comprehensive business process review and assessment of voter registration and elections operations and for operational improvement inefficiencies.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “You can make your motion, if you want to—

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “—to hold correct.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: MIC IS OFF/INAUDIBLE.

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “I guess I won’t make my motion to file some of this I guess will get four votes, but I want to say this too, yeah I put my name in the queue, I want to say this to our election’s Staff, if this comes back down here – two, I got two asks -- one fully brief your board of elections on this and what you intend to do with it and bring your chair down here to talk to us about why it’s needed and why this makes sense. If that ain’t going to happen, well, I ain’t gonna vote for this particular group number one to begin with, but your board of elections needs to be fully briefed on it because I’ve talked to some of them and they were unaware of this particular group. They gave me a different name. So, I don’t even know what was going on with that. So, I want them to be fully briefed and I would like to hear your board chair down here along with you if you want to come back and indeed ask for this particular funding. The board chair of the board of elections—

VICE CHAIR HALL: MIC IS OFF/INAUDIBLE.

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “--so, that's my request, you can do what you want to do with it.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. The motion before us is to hold. You want to be heard, Vice Chair.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “I just want to address what Commissioner Ellis said about the board chair. The board chair just qualified today to run for Atlanta city Council seat and does that, does that impact his ability to continue to sit on the board of registrations and elections as Chair?”

SPEAKERS: OFF MIC/INAUDIBLE

VICE CHAIR HALL: “yes, for city Council.”

SPEAKER: “—but he told us he wasn’t going to run for anything.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “--that's why I'm asking the question, because when you just said it, I just got word about that when we took our lunch break. So, I just want to get some clarity on it so we know how to move forward.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “I did receive a call just a little bit ago from him that said he had qualified to run for that office so he was going to have to resign.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “—well, there it is. Okay.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, the motion before us is to hold. Commissioner Hausmann, you want to be heard? No, yes--”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Yes, I’m sorry, I pushed the wrong button. Yeah, I have some serious reservations about the recommendation too, so, Mr. Barron if you’re going to bring that back, I hope you’re prepared to really make sure that your sure that's the direction you want to go in. I’ve had some legislators asked me about you know you being a part of the selection process and they didn’t think that was a good process either so I just ask that you revisit that whole thing before you come back down here. We have to have another conversation that we don’t want to have.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Let's vote, please—”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “—on what?”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- on the motion to hold."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Madam County Attorney, on the executive session items."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Thank you, Chairman. Is there a motion to approve the request for representation that was set forth in item one on the executive session agenda?"

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

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

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Is there a motion to approve the request for settlement authority that as set forth in item number 3 on the executive session agenda?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Vice Chair Hall. Cast your vote."

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

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Is there a motion to approve settlement in the amount of \$300,000 in the case of SoCo Contracting Company v. Fulton County, Georgia which is pending in Fulton County Superior Court as civil action file number 2015 CV 260616 along with authorization for the Chairman to execute the settlement documentation."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, the motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Let's vote."

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

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Is there a motion to approve a new set rate salary range of 250,000 to 290,000 for the associate medical examiner classification. And a new set rate annual range of 270,000 to 330,000 for the deputy medical examiner classification. And a new set rate salary range of 290,000 to 350,000 for the chief medical examiner classification; and authorize the County Manager to modify the annual salary for the current chief medical examiner using this new salary range and the HR salary matrix effective today."

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

CLERK GRIER: "The vote is open. Motion passes; six yeas, zero nays."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "That was it. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Continue."

CLERK GRIER: "Okay. Back on page 6, under Health and Human Services, **21-0573**, Public Works. Request approval of the lowest responsibility bidder for the replacement of the UV system at the Camp Creek reclamation facility."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hausmann, seconded by Vice Chair Hall. Any questions? All right. Let's vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**21-0612**, Public Works. Request approval of a memorandum of understanding between Fulton County and the Georgia Department of Transportation for the widening, milling, and resurfacing project of State Route 372 Birmingham Highway at Birmingham Road and Hickory Flat Road in North Fulton."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "21-0613, Senior Services. Request approval of a contract with Atlanta Regional Commission for senior services to serve as the sub guarantee and provider of alternative senior transportation service areas."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Vice Chair Hall, seconded by Commissioner Ellis."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I have a question."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Vice Chair you have the floor."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Okay. I have heard from a few seniors about the transportation services. Oh, hey, Ladisa. And so, the questions that were ask of me were they call the Star Line, and they were told that because they had used previous -- just regular van transportation, I think -- is it Cooper Global, who does, or whoever provides the transportation. They were told because they used that previously that they could not use Uber and Lyft; is that correct?"

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "We do through our most model -- Good afternoon, Commissioners; Ladisa Onyiliogwu, Director Senior Services. In order to manage our transportation services in the best way possible we make sure that seniors are either appropriate for the traditional service provided through the Common Courtesy contractor, and the administer, Uber/Lyft contractor, or the more traditional service which is administered through Trans Dev. So, we do not really permit seniors to transfer between Trans Dev buses and the Uber/Lyft alternative system."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "So once they have used the regular van transportation, they cannot use -- they're restricted from using Uber and Lyft?"

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "Once they are approved for the bus, Trans Dev then they can call back in to schedule their trips using Trans Dev."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. Because the seniors were saying that they were waiting list because of COVID, and because they weren't allowed to all just pile on to into one vehicle. And so, they were trying to go ahead and use Uber and Lyft because of the wait keeping them from being able to, you know, use the transportation. So do we need to pass something to make it an option that they can use either/or?"

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "Commissioner, I'll definitely look into that because when I last checked yesterday, there's still no waitlist for Trans Dev. You are correct; we did have to practice social distancing on the buses, so

we reduced the number of seniors that can ride the bus. But we'll definitely look in to that."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you so much. Let me make sure I've got all the questions answered. Yes, that's it. Thank you so much."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion is to approve by Vice Chair Hall, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Let's vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 7, **21-0614**, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. Request approval of a memorandum of understanding and sub recipient agreements to implement evidence-based culturally tailored health literacy strategies, and to provide quality improvement activities and program evaluation."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion to approve by Vice Chair Hall, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Let's vote, please."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**21-0615**, Community Development. Request approval of a Resolution amending the award year on certain United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant contracts."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion is to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Vice Chair Hall. Let's vote. I'm sorry. Vice Chair, you have a question?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. This is showing an amount of \$197,408.71 of unobligated balance in fiscal year 2014 of CDBG funds. And so, I was trying to see what are we going to -- are there projects in the pipeline that we can allocate these funds to before they expire on September 11th?"

STAN WILSON, DIRECTOR, DEPT. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: "Good afternoon, Commissioners. Stan Wilson, Community Development Director. We are -- those 197,000; there are two projects that we list there, Fairburn and College Park. Those are the projects that are ahead of schedule. And you'll see there for Fairburn, we have the 2014 funds, 197,000 that's where we're going to spend those dollars."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "And you're going to extend the time for the project?"

STAN WILSON, DIRECTOR, DEPT. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: "Yes. They were originally going to be planned for 2018, and 2019 dollars because they're so far ahead we're going to use the 197 for that."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "That's great news. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Vice Chair Hall. Let's vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**21-0616**, Community Development. Request approval to amend an existing contract for an increase in spending authority to manage and provide student incentives for the pilot, Fulton County Youth Leadership Program."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Is there motion? All right. Motion to approve by Vice Chair Hall, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Vice Chair, you have a question?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes, thank you. So, Mr. Wilson, this is an absolutely great program. When I looked at the documentation of all the great incentives and rewards, I just had a question about a couple of these. Because it says we're going to spend \$21,800 on gift cards, but it doesn't say how many, and technology prizes; I was just curious about what type of technology prizes would they actually receive?"

STAN WILSON, DIRECTOR, DEPT. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: "There'll be nine opportunities throughout the programs for additional incentives. The youth will receive \$50 at the beginning and the outset of the program, and then mid-point another \$50 there. If you look at the incentives in relation to the technology that's ear-buds, iPads, and thing like that."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Oh, really?"

STAN WILSON, DIRECTOR, DEPT. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: "They are going to be rewarded as grand prizes."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Did you say iPads and --"

STAN WILSON, DIRECTOR, DEPT. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: "Ear-buds."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Nice. Ear-buds. Great. Okay. Thank you so much."

STAN WILSON, DIRECTOR, DEPT. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: "You're welcome."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve. Let's vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "Bottom of page 7, under Infrastructure and Economic Development, **21-0617**, Public Works. Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder for construction and renovation of the existing aircraft rescue firefighting facility."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Vice Chair Hall, seconded by Commissioner Hausmann. Commissioner Morris has a question."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Quick question, I guess to Mr. Clark or Felicia Strong-Whitaker. This was not the lowest bidder; there was a low bidder. And it says that he was unable to hold the prices. And I guess these bids were open six months ago. Did the bid say these were good for 90 days, or when you went back to him at some point; these are not good anymore? How does that work?"

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC: "Commissioner, I can answer that question. Good evening, Commissioners, Felicia Strong-Whitaker. By state law we are required to only hold the bids for 60 days. After that we have to ask them to extend their bids. They declined to extend their bids for us an additional time. We did open the bids in February; however, the funding was not available at that time. And so, we had to hold it until the funding was available to present it to the Board of Commissioners."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "So in all of our bidders we have to go back after 60 days and check in with them?"

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC: "Yes. For construction -- under the public works construction law, we have to go back them."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "And I was curious about the six months. It seemed like a long time, but I think you've answered that, so thank you."

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC: "You're welcome."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion is to approve. Let's vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 8, the next two items are Commissioner Arrington's. Did you want to do those?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a minute. We're holding -- what?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes, he asked because he had to leave if it can be held."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. All right."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Both items."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "The sponsor, Commissioner Arrington has asked that both 0579 and 0580 be held. Without objection, we'll hold both."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "So do we vote on that or --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What? I said without objection. We can vote to hold both. I'll entertain a motion to hold both."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: [Commissioner is speaking and his mic is off.]

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Where is his discussion item?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: [Commissioner is speaking and his mic is off.]

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And 0587. All right. All right. 0579, 0580, and 0587 all sponsored by Commissioner Arrington. I'll entertain a motion to hold in his absence. Is there a motion to hold? Motion to hold by -- it says approve -- to hold by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Hausmann. Let's vote on the three."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion -- the vote is open on the motion to hold."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "It says to approve, but we're holding."

CLERK GRIER: "To approve the hold. And the motion passes; six yeas, zero nays."

CLERK GRIER: "Next item **21-0582**. Request approval of a Resolution to amend the Fulton County code of ordinances to make certain provisions therein regarding decorum mandatory, and to provide penalties for any violation, and for other purposes sponsored by Commissioners Hausmann, Hall, Ellis, and Morris."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes, Commissioners, we discussed --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- all right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hausmann, seconded by Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "This item was amended slightly based on the conversation we had at the last meeting to include staff into the Resolution. So, if any [Inaudible] behavior happens during the meeting from Commissioners or staff then the penalties will be the same -- potentially the same process as outlined would go to both. I'm sorry. It's really late and I'm tired. But that's the only change to what we had before, and I think we've had conversations about a potential social media policy that would be done separately."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Vice Chair."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I have a lot of questions that I never did get answered. On my little stickies -- so let me get this in order. So, I saw where there is a fine in here for one thousand I think it is. If you give me a moment, I'll find the one thousand."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "That would be at the discretion of the hearing if that was the ruling of at hearing, it's up to."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. Yes, I see the not to exceed one thousand, but then it's not clear on who actually does the hearing? I only assumed that by what I read, so I want to be a little more clear on exactly who is doing the hearing? Is it a hearing? Are we, as Commissioners, going to be the hearing officers to hear the Commissioner who's out of order? Who is? It says that the Chair has to basically identify immediately when a Commissioner is out of order. And then there has to be a vote -- hold on. I got a lot of notes that I made. Okay. Because what this process is not clear because it makes it appear like Commissioners report to each other. And so, the hearing parts stuck out to me, but it doesn't say it's a hearing. But the way that it reads makes it seem like, literally, the Commissioners are going to be the hearing officers to subject the Commissioner in question to a hearing for them to have to defend themselves; is that correct?"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "So, I'll answer the question, but then ask for assistance from the County Attorney should I get it wrong. Basically, if something happens during a meeting, and it is called out during the meeting, the Chair rules on whether or not it should go forward for further discussion which would potentially be called a hearing, it would also allow for a Commissioner to bring it up in the meeting

following whatever occurred if it was not addressed during the meeting when it did occur in the same process. So, it would be up to a ruling by the Chair if it warranted further consideration or discussion."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. That hearing would take place immediately right here?"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "I guess that would be at the discretion of the Chairman as well is to call for whatever should be on the agenda item at the following meeting, or happen immediately when it was called."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "You're saying, yes?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No, I'm saying fine with me."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. And then, how's the fine determined because I couldn't find that in here? Because it only says not to exceed, but it doesn't --"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "-- and the fine is not necessarily necessary. It could just be a reprimand. It doesn't necessarily have to be a financial penalty. It could be up, but that's at the discretion of the Body after they deliberate whatever the incident was."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "But then it doesn't indicate what the reprimand is. It just says public reprimand. It doesn't really give any details in to what that means."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "No. That's up to the discretion of the Commission. It could be a sanction; it could be, you know, just a statement that we make. It could be whatever we decide."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "A sanction or a statement. So, Madam County Attorney, you hear what is being stated here. Can I offer a friendly amendment that we literally add that language because I don't like -- this is a serious situation that we're addressing. This is a serious policy change; and so, I think being clear is necessary, and to leave no room for, you know, subjectivity. And so, can I make a friendly amendment that you add that language in, Commissioner, what the public reprimanded actually is."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "So you are a sponsor, so you're welcome to offer up any language."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. I just want to make sure because it started with you. So, I just want to make sure. And I want to make sure that everyone else who is cosponsoring is in agreeance with that. That language about what the public reprimand would be needs to be in there. And the fine -- how the fine is determined. If it's

determined by this Board, how is that determine? Because I don't want to be willy-nilly about and come into a situation where one person -- somebody might do something, and they get fined, and then somebody else may do something else and they get fined a bigger amount, and it be said, well how did you come to that conclusion? I want it to be very clear how that conclusion is reached as far as the fine."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "We can come up with some options for you all to look at."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So. Just a minute now. So, are you proposing something today, or you said, to look at. Does that mean at another meeting?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes. It would have to be another meeting."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Oh."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Because I don't know how you could pass it without knowing specifically what the language would be."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. So, you can't think of any right, right now? No?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "No. I would prefer not to do that."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Would it be similar within our ethics policies that we could adopt similar language? Because I believe there's a fine associated with our ethics policies as well."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes, that's where we got the language for the thousand dollars was out of the ethics code."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Correct. So, is it more clearly defined in the ethics policy than this?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "No, it is not."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "It is not. So how did they come to the calculation or conclusion on how much to fine people?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Well, under the ethics code, I believe that the fine is \$1000."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Oh, it is one thousand."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes, up to one thousand."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Oh, it's not up to. So --"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Well, the reason that that was in there after our discussion is because it's not mandatory that there's a fine. That will be our discretion whether or not to impose a fine."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "The way its defined, the fine could be a dollar. It could be a thousand dollars, but I understand you want more language to determine."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yeah, because like you said, the ethics policy is very clear; it is one thousand. There's no up to. So there needs -- it needs to be clear. If we're going to do an up to, we need to identify how do we calculate that to get to whatever that fine is going to be within that 1 dollar to \$1000."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Well, then perhaps it should just say a thousand dollars and not up to."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "A thousand dollars flat. So, it should just say exactly like the ethics policy that it's one thousand."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Or a public reprimand."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Or a public reprimand which is what you said. You said either right here on the spot or --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So which is it?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "No. That's it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "One thousand?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "One thousand flat."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "The same as the ethics policy."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Do you have another one?"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Just remove the up to language."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes, just removing the up to."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "A flat \$1,000 fine? Okay. All right."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "And then -- and then the other thing is I didn't find -- we had a brief discussion about this the last time, but I didn't find any language that reflects the difference between what a person does in public versus what is done in private. But commissioner Hausmann, you did state at the last meeting that there is a difference between what a person does in public, and what they do in private especially when they are representing the County, so I didn't find that. And then it's a little bit ambiguous where it says 1-D, what happens after a point of order is made? Is the issue identified after the point of order and before the vote? And how was the issue identified? It's not clear in here on page 3."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Right. For 1-D."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "That's where 1-D is."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "So, what is it you want to be more clear?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "So it doesn't say what happens after the point of order is made. It says the Chair shall enforce the rules of decorum, and if a Commissioner believes that a particular rule is being broken, he or she or they shall raise a point of order when recognized by the Chair. A second on the point of order issue is not required. And the Chair may either rule on the question, or allow the Board to decide the issue by majority vote. So, I'm trying to figure out where in there -- who identifies the issue? Is it the entire Board or is it the Chair? Because I -- when you read it initially, it makes it seem like the Chair identifies the issue immediately, and I'm assuming not by what's written, but I'm assuming that he is going to bang the gavel, and identify that there is a point of order. So, I'm trying to understand where in the process is the actual issue raised? Does the Chair raise that when he does the point of order and he says this is what the issue is?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "A Commissioner can raise the point of order if they believe that another Commissioner is out of order."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Any Commissioner can raise the point of order. The Chair rules whether or not it's strong enough to need to be further talked about, but if it's not done at the time that it occurs during that meeting, this allows it to come back at the next meeting. But only at the next meeting to be discussed."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "So, a Commissioner can raise something at the following meeting; the Chair would rule on whether or not it was enough to instigate this policy."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. So, it needs to be clearly stated like you just said. It's not that way -- it's not that way in here. I could easily fight that these words are not completely what -- okay."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Okay. All right. We'll do that Commissioner."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "I don't know how it could be any clearer."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "It could be more clearer just like she said, okay? If you want, you could pass it like this. You can pass it like this and I'll have holes to punch in it, or we can address the holes and do it right, right now. Okay. I just want to make sure that it's a hundred percent iron clad. You know I don't support anything that the County Attorney and everybody hasn't vetted and made sure it's very clear because this is a serious matter when you start banging gavels and pointing fingers, so we need to make sure. Okay; and the last thing. We didn't -- I don't see anything address as far as the subjectivity of some of these -- let's see; D -- hold on. 2-D and then it lists out the violations: verbal or nonverbal, abusive, abrasive, hostile, and/or disrespectful conduct; conduct that constitutes unlawful harassment or discrimination; I mean, we just had an incident just, you know -- what was it; two Board meetings ago, where one Commissioner calls another Commissioner racist. So that was clear that you can have incidents that are kind of iffy in discrimination. What one person considers discrimination another person may not. So, I want to make sure were not subjective in the language. And then conduct that is vulgar or profane or obscene. I've heard jokes that some people would think were obscene or vulgar, but other people don't. So, I don't want any subjectivity to be in place. I think we need to be more clear in that language. Now, I think it's very clear when somebody incites violence. There's no question about that. And conduct -- conduct that falsely disparages the reputation of another Commissioner or County employee that public conduct is very clear. And I don't think you can really -- that another person can say what you intentionally did. The intent of another person is not something that you can just clearly and automatically identify; however, disrupting and undermining the order of a meeting, or formal proceeding before the Commission is never obvious. But intention I think you need to take out this word intentionally, and just say any other conduct done for the purpose of disrupting or undermining, and just remove the word intentionally. And that's it."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Okay. I don't know what's unclear about vulgar, profane, or obscene. I think that we're all adults, and everybody has a pretty clear idea of what that means."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Well, you know, there was a little bit of a conversation that was had today, and it could've been considered vulgar. I was sitting there and I was like, this is interesting because this is one of the reasons why I think that we have to be very clear, and about what and not and ensure that we're being subjective. And so, I think we should address it because you don't want to start pointing the fingers in areas of subjectivity. And if you'd like me to tell you what it was, we can go in the back room and I'll tell you. I don't think you want me to tell you on this microphone in front of the camera."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "I think that when something vulgar happens in a meeting, and it's publicly displayed everybody's going to recognize what that is. You know."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I think you're still going to have some people that say it's subject to opinion."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "I think this Body can deliberate that."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Well, let me tell you a good example. I got a lot of phone calls and a lot of people who walked up to me and said that Commissioner Arrington was right about what he said about Commissioner Morris. Now whether or not I agree with that or not is my own opinion. But there were a lot of constituents who felt like he was right in what he said. But that doesn't make it right, right? So, there are things that are subject to that individual, whether it is because of their own personal experiences, their racist experience, the history of their race and they're people. I mean, there are things that are going to be subjective, that you're not going to see that I see. You're not going to feel the same way that I feel about. And I just want to make sure that we don't have that situation because we'll be going back and forth like we're doing right now; and like they did."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "I mean to me that's a conversation that would happen as we deliberate, but if someone drops vulgar language, and I think we all know what we're talking about here."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yeah."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "I think everybody recognizes that that's inappropriate. And that's the intent of this is just to reemphasize the decorum policy that already has

those rules, and just put in some sort of way that we can express that it's unacceptable behavior for public officials representing Fulton County. That's the only thing this is trying to do."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Well, I understand that."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Not redefine what's vulgar and what's not vulgar."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. I understand that. But I want to make sure that we still do not do anything that's subjective. That's all. So, like I said, I'm done with my notes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Commissioner Ellis -- No, I'm sorry. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman at almost 7:30. I agree with Vice Chair Hall. And I also agree with Commissioner Hausmann. This is too serious of an issue to turn it into a work session right now. And I also agree that our County Attorney does not want to be put in the position of trying to throw some stuff in. I support this. I already told you. I support this. However, I think when you're talking about something nonverbal abusive, I'm sorry, I don't know what nonverbal abusive is. You know, Commissioner Hausmann may say something, and I may not knowing what I'm doing, roll my eyes; is that considered nonverbal abusive? It says, nonverbal abusive; and if I accidentally roll my eyes, I'm not going to intentionally do it, but if I accidentally do it, I don't want to pay a thousand dollar fine. And so, I think the fines should be 250 and higher. And also, we need to be very crystal-clear like Vice Chair Hall said; this is a very serious issue. And I remember before when we got into debating about the public comments, we really should -- and I know you all want to go ahead and pass this, but I think it warrants us holding it making sure one, that the County Attorney has the correct verbiage; that we look at the fines being from 250 up to a thousand. And here again, the nonverbal abusive; I'm sorry, I don't know what that means County Attorney. If you want to enlighten me and tell me what could be considered nonverbal abusive."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "So you're looking for examples?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Please."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Well, since this is a policy that you all are crafting to govern yourselves, I mean we can come up with some examples of what that would be; but ultimately, you all will be the arbiters of whether or not there's a violation. So, maybe we can certainly come up with some things, and disseminate

them to the group, and you all can decide whether or not those are the things you're interested in putting in, but --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "So, Commissioner Hausmann would you -- I'm going to support this; I already had this conversation with you. Just to elaborate on the racist comment, I do not agree with it. I think it was out of order, but more importantly, I think we need to be crystal clear in what this documentation has, so all of the Commissioners up here: one, know what's expected of them when it comes to decorum at meetings; and two, what the fine is. I think a thousand dollars off the bat for something that in some areas are ambiguous, or kind of vary; I think we should revisit that. So, if you all don't mind, I would like to make a motion to hold it, and all the Commissioners up here give the information like the Chair had us to do with the public comment section, and bring a -- something here, so it can pass and we can get it on the books. That's just my suggestion."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, there's a substitute motion to hold. Is there a second."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "I'll second that. I just want to say that the only reason this is brought forward is in the hopes that we'll never have to deal with this situation. So, I'd rather put something in place that makes it a case that someone will be extra careful in how they conduct themselves."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Exactly."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yeah, I want to thank Commissioner Hausmann for working on this and bringing it forward. I just, I wanted to say two things on it. Number 1, I hope we never have to employ and use this for goodness' sake. I think we're all adults up here. And I think we all generally know what's appropriate behavior and what's, and when it crosses the line. And you know just like an employment policy when you're talking about what's harassment or not, you can't put it, and define it in all terms you know it's going to manifest itself in different ways. It's going to have to be arbitrated in one way or the other. You know so I think that generic language is fine on its face. I have just one suggestion you know as I do think that this is something that should be employed with very infrequently and only when there are times when you know it's clear and egregious behavior; it should not be a political tool. And so, my I'm fine with the verbiage here. I would make one suggestion and that in order for it to be in vote that it's a supermajority vote. And I think that that you know allows for everybody you know pretty much everybody up here, okay, except maybe the party you know to sort of say,

hey, yeah, you know , we're not singling you out on a single issue but we as a majority of this Body feels like this occurred. So, I think that may have solved some of this."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yeah, that is a terrific suggestion Commissioner Ellis. It seems to me that most governing bodies have something like this. I think the U.S. Senate has something like this. I think the Congress has it. And there is subjectivity obviously and so I don't have any problems with the subjective language. The supermajority makes it such that if supermajority decides that something that was done was vulgar or profane or that something that was done with intent to incite violence not everybody would agree with that necessarily so there's subjectivity in all of this. But again, the Body will use it very sparingly hopefully never. But the Body as a group decides whatever was done or said meets the level to which it ought to be sanctioned whether by a fine or censure or reprimand or whatever we do. I do think in that connection that there could be something where especially a first time if we someday have somebody on the Body that just is going to do this all the time, maybe the first time you do a reprimand, maybe the second time you do a \$250 fine, maybe the next time you do the thousand dollar fine, so, having a flat thousand dollars, I think is a little harsh. So I would rather see it like it was originally written that it could be up to a thousand dollars and the Body, the supermajority decides what that fine ought to be. And/or the reprimand because it doesn't have to be either or the way the way it was written you could be a fined and a reprimand. It could be a fine or a reprimand. So, again, the subjectivity doesn't bother me because there's no way the English language can be precise enough to define every single term. It's a problem we had with the Internal Revenue Code, how do you define income – it was let's do a simple tax code. But you're going to take about 5,000 pages to define income and here you can take 5,000 pages to try to define something that's harassment or vulgar or insight or might intend to incite violence. So. I'm okay with holding it. I do think it's a good effort Commissioner Hausmann and hopefully we'll get something that we can live with and hopefully never use it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Any other comments? The motion before us is to hold. Let's vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: “21-0618, request approval of Resolution for the development and execution of a feasibility study for the location and construction of a new Fulton County jail sponsored by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman.”

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

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Thank you, Chairman this was also cosponsored by Commissioner Arrington as well. And if there's anybody else that would like to join. Basically, what this does is allow as a policy directive only to provide the individuals -- to conduct a feasibility study in building and paying for a new jail. I think at this point we've reached a point that we really do need to look at that--”

VICE CHAIR HALL: MIC IS OFF/INAUDIBLE.

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “-- pretty much -- I know it's late in the evening, Alton, but this policy directive is via this resolution only and it helps your Team to have a clear understanding of the Board's desire as policymakers to conduct a feasibility study. I know that you're moving in that direction, but me and Commissioner Arrington's sole premise is to as policy having in place so you can go ahead and do what you need to do. Under the resolution as it is before us, the basic recommendations are that the Sheriff and your Team are able to provide the Board in 30 days since that would probably be by the recess meeting in September -- will that be enough time for you to be able to provide the information in the resolution.”

ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, PSS: “Commissioner, our plan was to come back with we were planning on, we'll, actually I've started working on the RFP requests and so our plan was to come back and just kind of brief you on the scope of that RFP and then move forward with the RFP request with the expectation that would take probably 60 to 90 days and then come back obviously and make a recommendation on which company we'd recommend moving forward with.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “And so, that's going to be in the 30-day mark? But I just wanted to go on record saying basic because I know there's work involved in it. So, I don't expect a full report just a basic recommendation of where we need to move and how we need to move which you just did that.”

ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, PSS: “Okay, no we plan on doing that in the first meeting in September.”

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “So what does that mean?”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “That’s what I was going to ask. Because at the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, we gave a directive for Alton to move forward with a feasibility study of building a new jail and everybody was in favor of that—”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: ‘—no, no, now, not everybody—”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “--well not everybody, but the majority – was it not a majority? Because he had responded and Mr. County Manager responded and said that Alton was going to do that and he just said that he is already doing that. And so, I’m trying -- I don't have a resolution in front of me did I miss something? Because I was trying to ask did anybody else get it? I don't have an actual resolution like this to look at. So, I was trying to see what was the difference.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Can we give her a copy of the resolution.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Yeah, I was trying to see what’s the difference because it wasn't in the system.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “The basic -- the basic tenets of the resolution is as policymakers, and I know that we have started – in my conversations with Alton, we have started, but what this does and the only thing this does because in my conversation with Hausmann I take it very seriously about the behavior -- health behavior component and those are further conversations I want to have down the road, but what this does is basically as policymakers and that's what we are policymakers is just to have a resolution that will set the policy in place for the implementation of what is being done, and that's the only thing that it does.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: Alright Commissioner Hall – Vice Chair Hall.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “I’m sorry. So, I haven't had an opportunity to read it. I noticed that each one of you asked for a copy of it. I would like to read this and just to make sure I know what it is that I’m voting on. But I'm really glad to hear that Alton is already working in that direction to do what we're basically talking about right now. So, if you could allow me some time to read this I'm not going to read it right now and take up any more time because as it was stated it is late 7:38 so, maybe we could hold it. I don't know, Commissioner Ellis, you’re in the queue. I’m going to hand it to you.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Yeah, I thought we had sort of given we’d sort of spoken on this strategic piece and given direction. But just, so that I don't think there's any real question about what the direction was to our Staff on this, but just as a matter of just protocol Commissioner this is not in our management system, and this resolution you passed out this was not drafted by our County Attorney's office.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Our County Attorney did look at this resolution and so if there's a need to hold it in order for you all to look at this one-page resolution that is for a policy directive that we're already working on, I don't have a problem with that.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “—so just let me finish my statement on this. I guess, just as a matter of protocol, just as whenever we are getting any of these things before us, I mean, certainly I'd my understanding is that they're going through some sort of review by our County Attorney's office before they're being placed on the agenda you know so just as a matter of course and I thought that's what we were all doing. But you know it is late and I don't have a chance to read the words on the page, they all may be fine, but--”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “--I understand.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “—I don't have a chance to read them, it's 7:40 —”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “--I got you so, I acquiesced to it being held. I'll make a motion to hold it.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right the motion to hold is there a second?”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Second.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, properly moved and seconded. Motion to hold by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Vice Chair Hall. Let's vote on the motion to hold.”

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

CLERK GRIER: “Commissioner's Full Board appointments, **21-0619**, Region 3, EMS Council. Commissioner Hausmann has nominated Chris Coons for a Full Board appointment to an unexpired term ending June 30th, 2023.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “So, how do you want to speak on this? All right, I had asked well actually Commissioner Hausmann spoke to me this morning about this, and for your information colleagues this says Commissioner's full board appointment. It's not even clear in the legislation that we found. I, along with the County Attorney, and the chief operating officer whether because one school of thought says that I, as Chair, I have the authority to appoint all of these members. So that's not clear. Number 2, so that that

needs to be reconciled and the County Attorney is working on that with me and I have a draft resolution that I'd like to get to you, if we can hold this until our next meeting. The other problem with it, with- it's not a problem, but just to give some clarity to it, what I'll be recommending to you is that first of all the County, Fulton County has I think 36 – there are 36 slots Madam COO --"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "The entire region three council has 30 slots --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: " -- 30?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: " -- I'm sorry 36; but that is divided between eight counties. Fulton County as the largest County with a population of more than a million, does have the highest number of individual seats and that's six."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right so, we have six slots on this, but it's not related to commission districts, it's just six slots. And we're all over the board and again who makes the appointments that's really not clear. I'm not asking for any more work, believe me, but I do think we can clarify and have it make some sense. So, what I'll be recommending to you if we hold it is that one slot be for the chief of the fire department from one of the municipalities in the northern portion of the County that's recommended by the majority of the fire Chiefs and that's what I think what Commissioner Hausmann has already done. But I'm just asking her respectfully to let us pass the legislation then come back with the name. The second slot will be for same thing, but accept it would be for municipalities in the southern portion of the County recommended by the fire Chiefs in the southern portion of the County. The third slot would be for the Fire Chief of the city of Atlanta. The fourth would be for the Board of Health District Director or his or her designee. The fifth, and these are all people who are involved in emergency services; the fifth would be the director of Atlanta Fulton County emergency management agency, and the sixth would be the director of the Fulton County 911 – E911 department. So, I think this would give some structure to it, and to me it's just common sense to do it this way. And I would like to ask that we hold not only this, but I think Commissioner Ellis has one as well. And approve the process at the next meeting and then proceed to fill the slots. And Commissioner Hausmann already has one that would meet this requirement. So, I would like to make a substitute motion to hold. Can I get a second? Yeah. All right. Commissioner Hausmann you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yeah, I'd like to respectfully suggest that since this has gone through exactly what you just outlined this nominee was made at the request of the Fire Chiefs of North Fulton. They met and they nominated Chief Coons for this position that this one go ahead and be field because they think that it's critical that it

gets filled. It has been empty for some time. So, I don't see any reason to hold this when it actually complies with what you just outlined as the process going forward. And I also want to say that while you know we are examining all of these positions and who nominates who, I made the nomination of the current person or the person that was in there before was the Fire Chief of Roswell. So, this situation you know in me is consistent with what we've done in the past bringing this forward when we got a notice from the EMS Council that we had two vacancies. So the Fire Chiefs were already very much aware of it, and they were working on it. When I reached out to Chief Coons and he indicated that you now just the day before I called him that they had met and he was going to call me and ask me to carry it forward. So, I would ask this important board it's an un-filled seat. And with all respect of the Fire Chiefs of North Fulton County that have made this request that we're going to go ahead and approve it today."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yeah, I'm supportive certainly of carrying this nominee forward with having a vote on it. I see no reason to hold it regardless of you know kind of what you just described Mr. Chair. I am one that's following that which I don't have a problem necessarily holding. Do you think they do have slightly different circumstances, so it would be my recommendation that we approve Commissioner Hausmann's nominee, and we can hold the second. We can look at whatever it is that you want to bring forward. I do think I because it was my understanding that there were some changes made to this where these folks were bringing forward their recommendations for nominees and we were to put them in the queue to be nominated ratified, so to speak. But I'm open to listen to more information about the other ones, but I see no reason to delay the approval of Mr. Coon for this slot."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. All right, Mr. Coons is a fine fellow, and I suspect that he will be confirmed, but I think it makes more sense for us to put the policy in place first which we'll do at the next meeting. That's Number 1. Number 2 is really still not clear as to who makes the nominations - one interpretation is the Chair makes the nomination. If that's the case then this one wouldn't even need to be properly before us, but I will certainly be willing to nominate if I'm the person to make the nomination to nominate Mr. Coons. He is a fine fellow and would do a great job for us. So, the motion before us is to hold. Let's vote it up or vote it down."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What's your pleasure?"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Main motion.”

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Next item.”

CLERK GRIER: “The next item is Commissioner Ellis’ nomination for region three EMS council. Commissioner Ellis has nominated Steven L. Moyers for Full Board reappointment to a term ending June 30, 2022.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: I’ll second. Motion is to hold by Commissioner Ellis, I’ll second it. Let’s vote. Madam Clerk what are we doing.”

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

CLERK GRIER: “**21-0621**, Fulton Atlanta Land Bank Authority. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman has nominated Calvin Brock for a full board appointment to an unexpired term ending August 7th, 2023.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Motion is to approve by Vice Chair Hall, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Let’s vote, please.”

CLERK GRIER: “And the vote is —“

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “-- what?”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Hausmann is in the queue.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “— what --”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “-- Commissioner Hausmann is in the queue.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “-- oh, Commissioner Hausmann.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “This is also a full board appointment. We are not suggesting that that one be held either. So, I’m just pointing out some inconsistencies Mr. Chairman.”

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

CLERK GRIER: “**21-0622** Fulton County Board of Tax Assessors. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman has nominated Edward C. London for a Full Board reappointment to a term ending June 30th, 2025.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right motion is to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Vice Chair Hall. Let's vote.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Excuse me --”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “I'm sorry --”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “-- I'm in the queue. This is also a full board appointment. I just want to make that note for the record.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “what is your point? No, no, no, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman is nominating him --”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “-- as a full board appointment. You just said all the full board appointments should be made by the Chairman, okay.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “No, no, no that is not what I said. On the specific one, I'm dealing with EMS, that's what I'm dealing with. It's the language I'm reading it. It's a lot of difference. It's the language, read it, read, read. That's always my recommendation. Read, read. Two things that make you successful up here. Reading the legislation and Roberts Rules of Order. Trust me. All right.”

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

CLERK GRIER: “On page 10, County manager's presentations, **21-0623**, Strategy and Performance Management. Request approval of the Fulton County 2021 through 2025 strategic plan.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Mr. Manager.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “You got two hours.”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “I don't think we have a presentation. This is simply approving what you already seen in the strategic review that we did last week. Do I need to say more?”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “No.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, what’s your pleasure? Motion is to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Let’s vote.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Hey, Mr. Chair --”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “-- yes Sir --”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “-- just one remark that we did spend a lot of time on this – the thing was very well put together and I want thank our management team for the work on that in creating this blueprint. So, I don't want to give a short trip to that because it was a lot of work put into it.”

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Continue Madam Clerk.”

CLERK GRIER: “**21-0625**, discussion Atlanta Beltline August 11th, 2021 CEO report sponsored by Commissioner Morris.”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “I got two hours on this Commissioner Ellis. This is the usual CEO report from the Beltline presented at the last board meeting if anybody has any questions about any of it I’d be delighted to get more formation for you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Madam Clerk.”

CLERK GRIER: “Next item is on the Consent Agenda removed for separate consideration by Vice Chair Hall, page 2, **21-0594**, Finance. Ratification of the July 2021 grants activity report.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Really quick. Very, very quick. Alrighty. Okay. So, I see we need to find out who the DA’s grant writer is because they are writing up some grants for millions of dollars. It’s amazing. It’s got to be almost like \$8 million dollars. What, what’s the funding for Charlie Brown airport going to be used, that’s my only question. Because it doesn't say it. It’s grants funding in the amount of 91,162 but it doesn’t say what we’re going to use it for.”

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINFANCE: “Commissioner, oh Vice Chair. Good evening. I think It’s just going to be used for part of the development going on at the airport.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. Great. Thank you."

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINFANCE: "Yes, you're welcome."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "I think we're going to use it for the light project that we're currently working on, but I can confirm with Tim at the airport and provide you a follow-up, Commissioner."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. It's a motion to approve by Vice Chair Hall, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Let's vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "And we have public comment – did you want to do the public comment, the e-mail--"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, wait a minute. One other -- the first part of the what's that called, when I asked for division, what is that called?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: MIC IS OFF/INAUDIBLE.

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "—that 570, the soundings, yeah, we need to take that up. So, I move that we hold that—"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, properly moved and—"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "—I seconded it —"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "—this one here, okay; all right, the motion before us now is to hold that item from soundings. Let's vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "And now we have the last of the public comment."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "How many do you know?"

CLERK GRIER: "I'm not sure, Mr. Carver?"

DARRYL CARVER: “Yes, we have a total of five people that have submitted written public comment. The first of these is from **J. Smithwick**. No why do you insist on spending Georgia taxpayer money on companies based outside of Georgia. Vote no to The Elections Group. Keep Georgia money in Georgia. The second of these comments is from **Jeffrey and Julie Allen**. Please vote no to Item 21-0611 from registration and elections. Next is public comment from **Betsy Kramer**. In regards to your discussion on the hiring of The Election Group for \$570,000 to tell Richard Barron how to do his job it's time to remove Richard Barron from his duties. The money will be better spent recruiting a non-partisan election director. Public comment from **Sheila Hamilton**. Greetings Commissioners. A forty-year resident of the mighty sixth district I send comments today about several concerns. Having been in the trenches as an advocate of Fulton County since the days of Commissioner Bruce Bannister and serving as President of my homeowners association during these 40 years I continue to voice my concern about partisan politics role in decision-making of our elected officials locally and nationally. It disturbs me that we have not overcome the racial biases that continue blatantly and suddenly in the way business is transacted in voting, education, economics, housing, gerrymandering, and the list goes on. Although most elected officials start out with good intentions somehow somehow their personal biases take over. A few on the straight and narrow path of being servant leaders to serve those who elect them. But those can be counted on one hand. I've watched these 2021 -- 20 and 21 meetings where North Fulton residents versus South Fulton residents speak. North Fulton residents speaking mainly about the big lie of voter fraud and South Fulton residents speaking 99 percent about the disparities of livable and fair and equal conditions in their communities. That being said, a new jail that houses 99 percent of black people is long overdue. That being said, reparations for people of color in Fulton County in the United States is also long overdue. Commissioners just do the right thing. The final public comment is from **Janice Johnston**. A famous politician Margaret Thatcher once said it's easier to spend other peoples' money. Well, this is County taxpayers' money, not Richard Barron's. The Fulton County elections' department was recently audited and found to have multiple problems and deficiencies. Within the hour, the state elections' board voted to appoint a performance review panel of Fulton County elections. The Director of Fulton County elections, Richard Barron is responsible for these problems. Barron's fiscal responsibility, procedural inadequacies, and insecure, chaotic, election conduct must stop. He has had eight years to lead Fulton County elections and he has failed. Barron's request to hire The Elections Group, a consulting company from Chicago that has activist conflict of interest connections is neither appropriate nor acceptable. The Elections Group was accused of suspicious possibly illegal ballot printing during the dark night of our own Fulton County election warehouse in 2020. We don't need a consultant with a starting cost of \$570,000 to turn in to a 2

million dollar plus price tag to distract us from the real issue. Fulton County elections department has serious problems. We need a Director of elections that can conduct our Fulton County elections with competence and not crisis. We especially do not need The Elections Group. It's founder, Jennifer Morale, is involved in any part of our Fulton County elections. As reporter Joe Hall said, if Morale is there you better guard the ballots. Barron's fiscal irresponsibility, procedural inadequacies, insecure chaotic election conduct must stop. He has had eight years lead Fulton County, and he has failed. Stop the money hemorrhage. That is the final of the public comments."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Mr. Carver. Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes, I'd just like to say Edward Leidelmeijer, in Your Honor, we hate to see you go so bad that this is the longest meeting on the record just for you. Godspeed."

EDWARD LEIDELMEIJER: "Thank you all, thank you!"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, any other matters to come before us? If not, we are adjourned. Thank you."

(Whereupon the meeting concluded at 8:02 p.m.)