

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING**

December 01, 2021  
10:00 AM



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

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**Ratification Date: January 5, 2022**

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

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

Robert L. Pitts, Chairman (At-Large)	<b>PRESENT</b>
Liz Hausmann, Commissioner (District 1)	<b>PRESENT</b>
Bob Ellis, Commissioner (District 2)	<b>PRESENT</b>
Lee Morris, Commissioner (District 3)	<b>PRESENT</b>
Natalie Hall, Vice Chair (District 4)	<b>PRESENT</b>
Marvin S. Arrington, Jr., Commissioner (District 5)	<b>PRESENT</b>
Khadijah Abdur-Rahman, Commissioner (District 6)	<b>PRESENT</b>

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recite in unison

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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**CONSENT AGENDA****21-0924 Board of Commissioners**

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

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

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

**Did Not Vote:** Arrington

**21-0925 Board of Commissioners**

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

Proclamation recognizing "Small Business Saturday Appreciation Day." **(Pitts)**  
November 27, 2021

Proclamation recognizing "The Collaborative Firm Appreciation Day." **(Pitts)**  
November 17, 2021

Proclamation recognizing "After 7 Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**  
November 28, 2021

**Open & Responsible Government****21-0926 Finance**

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Finance Department, 20RFP11091208C-MH, Annual Cost Allocation Plan in the amount of \$55,000.00 with MAXIMUS US SERVICES, Inc., (Reston, VA) to prepare the Fulton County annual Cost Allocation Plan to comply with the requirements of 2 CFR 200. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**21-0927 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval to amend an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, City of Atlanta FC-9696, Solar Energy Program with Cherry Street Capital Fund VI, LLC, (Solar Financing Agent), by removing the Benson Senior Center from the scope of work in existing agreement and replacing it with College Park Regional Health Center, as one of seven solar installation sites. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**21-0928 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a change order less than 10% - Fulton County Library System, 18ITB110986K-JAJ, Moving Services for the Central Library for the Library Capital Improvement Program, Phase II (FCLS-CIP) with Allied Logistics, Inc., (Atlanta, GA), in the amount of \$20,605.90, to provide additional storage time and moving services, logistical changes requiring additional handling of books and media materials during the post renovation move back to Central Library. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**21-0929 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a Water Vault Easement Dedication of 847 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from the City of Roswell, for the purpose of constructing the Roswell Transfer Station Project at 1810 Hembree Road, Roswell, Georgia 30009. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**21-0930 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 5,173 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia from White Brookwood Limited Liability Company, for the purpose of constructing the Tractor Supply Project at 0 Meadow Glen Circle, Fairburn, Georgia 30213. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**21-0931 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Bid#20ITB126371C-CG Towing and Wrecker Services for County Fleet, in the total amount of \$40,000.00 with S&W Services of Atlanta Inc. (Atlanta, GA), to provide towing and wrecker services on an "as-needed" basis for Fulton County fleet. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**21-0932 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Bid#21ITB129107C-GS, Uniforms and Related Accessories in the total amount of \$80,000.00 with North America Fire Equipment Company, Inc. (NAFECO) (Norcross, GA), to provide uniforms and related accessories for the Department of Real Estate and Asset Management. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remaining. Effective dates: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**21-0933 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a Statewide Contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, SWC #99999-SPD-S2021412-001, Expedited Mail & Package Delivery Services, in the total amount of \$40,000.00 with United Parcel Service, Inc. (UPS), to provide expedited mail and package delivery services for Fulton County agencies. Effective dates: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

**(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**Arts and Libraries****21-0934 Library**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Fulton County Library Systems, 21ITBC129236B-YJ, Library Non-book Materials (CD's, DVD's and Spoken Words Audio Materials) in the amount of \$88,000.00 with Baker and Taylor LLC (Charlotte, NC) to provide Non-book Materials. Effective January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**21-0935 Library**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Library, 21ITB129242B-YJ, Newspapers, Magazine and Serial Subscriptions (Books-Periodicals, Newspaper, and Serials - Multi Languages) in the amount of \$109,000.00 with EBSCO Information Services, Inc., (Birmingham, AL) to provide Newspapers, Magazine and Serial Subscriptions. This is the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**21-0936 Library**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Library, 21ITBC0407B-EC books for the Auburn Ave Research Library in the amount not to exceed \$49,999.00 with Yankee Book Peddler Inc., dba Gobi Library Solutions (Contoocook, NH) to provide research material for Auburn Avenue Research Library patrons. Effective January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. This is the first of two renewal options one renewal option remains. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**Health and Human Services****21-0937 Public Works**

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Public Works, SPD# 99999-SPD0000156, Contract No. 99999-001-SPD0000156-0003, Biological Supplies and Lab Equipment & Supplies in the amount \$95,883.31 with Fisher Scientific, LLC (Suwanee, GA), to provide laboratory supplies. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**21-0938 Public Works**

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Public Works, 21ITB000003A-CJC, Water Quality Monitoring in the amount of \$100,512.00 with Integrated Science Engineering, Inc. (Newman, GA), to provide water quality monitoring services. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**21-0939 Public Works**

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Public Works, 19ITB119969A-FB, Soft Dig Services in the amount of \$141,425.00 with Southern Hydro Vac., Inc. (Roswell, GA), to provide soft dig services. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**21-0940 Public Works**

Request approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Fulton County and Georgia Department of Transportation for the Widening, Milling and Resurfacing Project (PI-0016615) of Holcomb Bridge Road (SR140) at Spalding Drive in Sandy Springs. The project involves an adjustment of existing sewer manholes with appurtenances within Fulton County in an estimated cost of \$43,375.00. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**21-0941 Public Works**

Request approval to award a contract without competition - Department of Public Works, 21SS00046A-KM, Colilert Reagent & Colilert 18 Reagent in the amount of \$45,000.00 with IDEXX Distribution, Inc., (Westbrook, ME) to provide chemicals for drinking water analysis for existing County owned lab equipment. Effective upon BOC approval for a 12 month period. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**Justice and Safety****21-0942 Superior Court Administration**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Superior Court Administration, Solicitation# 20SS072220A-CJC, Fulton County's Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Project (GMHCP) in the amount of \$31,617.00 with Applied Research Services, Inc. to provide data analysis, evaluation services and expertise. This agreement is funded through the Bureau of Justice Assistance ("BJA") Grant (Award#2018-MO-BX-0041). Effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. This is 100% grant funded. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA****21-0943 Board of Commissioners**

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

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

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

**Did Not Vote:** Morris

**21-0944 Clerk to the Commission**

Ratification of Minutes. **(RATIFIED)**

Regular Meeting Minutes, November 3, 2021

Recess Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, November 17, 2021

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

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

**21-0945 Board of Commissioners**

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

Proclamation recognizing "World AIDS Day." **(Pitts)**

Proclamation recognizing "Scars of Survival Appreciation Day." **(Arrington)**

Proclamation recognizing "Lung Cancer Awareness Month." **(Hall)**

Proclamation recognizing "Team Draft Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**

Proclamation recognizing "Quest Community Development Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS****21-0946 Board of Commissioners**

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

**Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each. Members of the public will not be allowed to yield or donate time to other speakers. The Public Comment portion of the meeting will not exceed 30 minutes at the Regular Meeting, nor will this portion exceed thirty minutes at the Recess Meeting.** In the event the 30 minute time limit is reached prior to public comments being completed, public comment will be suspended and the business portion of the BOC meeting will commence. Public comment will resume at the end of the meeting. Similarly, written comments (that were timely submitted) not previously read, may be read at the end of the meeting. For more information or to arrange a speaking date, contact the Clerk's Office. **(CONDUCTED)**

**17 Speakers: Judge Cassandra Kirk (ORCA); Atlanta Council President Elect Doug Shipman (BOC Greetings); Sandra Burchardt (Item #21-0960); Sari Earl (Arts & Culture); LaRonda Sutton (Arts & Culture); Stephanie Owens (Arts & Culture); Judy Hanenkrat (Arts Funding); Charmaine Minniefield (Arts & Culture); Jasmine Martinez (Arts & Culture); Aimee Uphues (Elections); Lucia Frazier (Elections); Lyndon Burch (BOC Greetings); Rodney Simpson (Arts & Culture); Matt Rowenczak (Item #21-0960); Curtis King (Arts & Culture); Myrna Clayton (Arts Funding); Maggie Goldman (Animal Shelter) and Natalie Holly-Purviance (Arts & Culture)**

**3 Zoom Speakers: Bridget Thorne (Elections); Ben Howard (Elections) and Ravi Windom (Arts & Culture)**

**21-0947 Finance**

Public Hearing for the FY2022 Proposed Budget **(CONDUCTED)**

**9 Speakers: Eden Mew (Item #21-0958); Maggie Goldman (Item #21-0958); Anne Dennington (Item #21-0958); Chris Draft (Item #21-0958); Ash Nash (Item #21-0958); Chandra Stephens - Albright (Item #21-0958); Donna Watts - Nunn (Item #21-0958); Leonard Adams (Item #21-0958) and Sue Ross (Item #21-0958)**

**21-0948 Public Works**

Request approval from the Board of Commissioners to hold a Public Hearing on December 1, 2021 at 10:00 AM, to receive comments on the Manning Drive, Pinetree Circle and Cold Creek Drive Petition Sanitary Sewer, located within the City of Alpharetta; and for the Board of Commissioners to approve the petition request. **(CONDUCTED/APPROVED)**

**1 Speaker: Steve Beechum (In Support of Item #21-0948)**

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

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

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

**COUNTY MANAGER'S RENEWAL ACTION ITEMS****Open & Responsible Government****21-0949 Finance**

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Finance, 20RFP112320C-MH, Annual Audit Services in the amount of \$315,400.00 with PJC Group, LLC (Atlanta, GA) to provide Annual Audit services including OMB Uniform Guidance (Single Audit), T-Splost annual audit, and defined benefit pension plan audits. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

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

**21-0950 Finance**

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Finance Department, #20RFP0827C-MH, Printing & Mailing Water and Sewer Bills in the amount of \$279,000.00 with Dove Mailing Inc. (Atlanta, GA) to provide printing and mailing of the County's water and sewer bills. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Did Not Vote:** Pitts, Ellis, and Abdur-Rahman



**21-0951 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 21RFP127274K-BKJ, Comprehensive Operation and Preventive and Predictive Maintenance Services for the Fulton County Jail and the South Fulton Municipal Regional Jail in an amount not to exceed \$5,192,445.00 with Johnson Controls, Inc., (Atlanta, GA), to provide comprehensive operation, preventive and corrective maintenance services for the Fulton County Jail and the Jail South Annex in Union City. This action exercises the first of four renewal options. Three renewal options remain. Effective Dates: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Absent:** Abdur-Rahman

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

**Arts and Libraries**

**21-0952 Library**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Library, 21RFP0210B-EC, Shelf-Ready Books for Adults, Teens and Children and Lease Books for Adults in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.00 with Baker and Taylor Inc. (Charlotte, NC) to provide adult, young adult, and children’s books, and adult best-selling lease books. This action exercises the first of four renewal options. Three renewal options remain. Effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Absent:** Abdur-Rahman

**Did Not Vote:** Pitts

**Health and Human Services****21-0953 Public Works**

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Public Works, 19ITBC120482A-FB, Manholes, Frames, Grates and Accessories in the amount of \$362,575.58 with: (A) Ferguson Waterworks (College Park, GA) in the amount of \$221,845.58 and (B) Fiberglass Tank Solutions, LLC (Montreal, MO) in the amount of \$140,730.00, to provide manholes, frames, grates and accessories. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Absent:** Abdur-Rahman

**Did Not Vote:** Pitts

**Justice and Safety****21-0954 Medical Examiner**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Medical Examiner, for Forensic Pathology Staffing Services on an as needed basis in an amount not to exceed \$252,000.00 (\$3,000.00 per day) with Forensic Pathology Staffing to provide part-time or intermittent forensic autopsy services for the Fulton County Medical Examiner's Office on an as needed basis. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**Did Not Vote:** Pitts

**21-0955 Sheriff**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Sheriff's Office, 17RFP07012016B-BR, Inmate Medical Services with NaphCare, Inc. (Birmingham, AL) in an amount not to exceed \$26,118,961.49 to provide physical and mental health services to inmates at the Fulton County Jail and other locations. This action exercises the fourth of nine renewal options. Five renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**Did Not Vote:** Hausmann

**COUNTY MANAGER'S ACTION ITEMS****Open & Responsible Government****21-0956 County Manager**

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

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hall and seconded by Chairman Pitts, to approve a Resolution authorizing Fulton County, Georgia to use American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 state and local fiscal recovery fund moneys to provide rental assistance to residents and stakeholders on an as needed and when needed basis through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$4 million; and for other purposes, sponsored by Chairman Pitts and Vice Chair Hall. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**Did Not Vote:** Morris

**21-0957 Purchasing and Contract Compliance**

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

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

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

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**21-0958 Finance**

Discussion of FY2022 Proposed Budget. **(DISCUSSED)**

**21-0959 Human Resources Management**

Request approval to modify the classification section of the Classification and Compensation plan by adding three (3) new titles: Senior Investigator, Public Defender (grade 19); Senior Investigator, Solicitor General (grade 19); and Human Resources Manager, Court Case Reduction Project (grade 19); and by changing the salary range from grade 19 to grade 20 for the classifications of Assistant Chief Investigator, Public Defender and Assistant Chief Investigator, Solicitor General. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**21-0960 Registration & Elections**

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Registration and Elections, 21ITBCRE090820C-MH, Printing Ballots for Absentee Voting in an amount not to exceed \$89,320.00 with Tattnell Ballot Solutions (Reidsville, GA) to provide ballot printing services for Registrations and Elections. Effective upon BOC approval through December 31, 2021 with two renewal options. **(HELD)**

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

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

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

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**21-0961 External Affairs**

Request approval of a recommended proposal - Department of External Affairs, 21RFP0915B-EC, Federal Intergovernmental & Interagency Affairs Services in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00 with McGuireWoods Consulting LLC (Atlanta, GA) to provide Federal Intergovernmental Affairs Services. Effective January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 with two renewal options. **(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, and Hall

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**21-0962 External Affairs**

Request approval of a recommended proposal - Department of External Affairs, 21RFP0914B-EC, State Intergovernmental & Interagency Affairs Services in the amount not to exceed \$119,976.00 with Georgia Public Affairs, LLC (Atlanta, GA) to provide State Intergovernmental Affairs Services. Effective January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 with two renewal options. **(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, and Hall

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**21-0963 Information Technology**

Request approval of a statewide contract - Fulton County Information Technology (FCIT), SWC98000-MNS1-0000001102 GTA, Telecommunication Services in the amount of \$7,500,000.00 with AT&T Corporation, (Atlanta, GA) to provide telecommunication services and products countywide. Effective dates: January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**21-0964 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Fulton County Library System, #20ITB093020K-CRB, Furniture and Equipment for the Central and Hapeville Libraries Renovations, part of the Library Capital Improvement Program, Phase II (FCLS-CIP), in the amount of \$144,737.09 with Furniture by William Webb (Carrollton, TX) to provide interior and exterior furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) for the Central and Hapeville Library. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**21-0965 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a recommended proposal - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, RFP#21RFP130049C-CG, Landfill Post Closure Services in the amount of \$646,700.00 with Atlantic Coast Consulting, Inc. (Roswell, GA), to provide landfill post closure services at Landfill Maintenance at Merk/Miles and Morgan Falls Landfills for Fulton County. Effective dates: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, with two renewal options. **(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, and Hall

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**21-0966 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval to utilize a statewide contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, SWC99999-001-SPD0000154-0001, Facility Maintenance Services for the State of Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS), in the amount of \$205,000.00 with CGL Facility Management, LLC (Fayetteville, GA), to provide preventive and corrective maintenance services for the County-owned facility currently leased to the State of Georgia Department of Human Services located at 5710 Stonewall Tell Road, College Park, GA 30349. Effective dates: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. **(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, and Hall

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**21-0967 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidders - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Bid#21ITBC130948C-GS, Janitorial Supplies and Equipment in the total amount of \$45,000.00 with (A) Office Depot, LLC (Boca Raton, FL) in the amount of \$7,500.00; (B) W.W. Grainger, Inc.(Fairburn, GA) in the amount of \$7,500.00; (C) The Home Depot Pro (Jacksonville, FL) in the amount of \$5,000.00; (D) Pyramid School Products (Tampa, FL) in the amount of \$5,000.00; (E) Variance Synergies LLC (McDonough, GA) in the amount of \$5,000.00; (F) EVF Procurement, LLC (Highland Park, NJ) in the amount of \$5,000.00; (G) SIAK Enterprise, LLC (Lawrenceville, GA) in the amount of \$5,000.00, and (H) Acuity Specialty Products, Inc. d/b/a Zep Sales and Service (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$5,000.00 to provide janitorial supplies & equipment on an "as needed" basis for Fulton County facilities. Effective dates: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**21-0968 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval to utilize cooperative purchasing- Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Sourcewell Contract #042821-ORK, Pest Control Services Countywide in the amount of \$180,000.00 with Orkin, LLC (Atlanta, GA), to provide comprehensive pest control services on an as-needed basis for Countywide facilities. Effective dates: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**21-0969 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval to utilize cooperative purchasing - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Office Supply Contract #R190303 (TCPN), Copy Paper and Related Supplies in the total amount of \$300,000.00 with Office Depot, Inc. (Norcross, GA) through The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN) contract, to provide copy paper and related supplies county wide. Effective dates: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**21-0970 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval to award a contract without competition - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, #21SS131764C-MH, Countywide Postage Services in the amount of \$1,220,000.00 with the United States Postal Services (Atlanta, GA), to provide postage services for Fulton County agencies. Effective dates: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**Health and Human Services**

**21-0971 Finance**

Request approval of a contract extension agreement by and between Fulton County, Georgia, DeKalb County, and the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority for two years. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**21-0972 Public Works**

Request approval to increase spending authority - Department of Public Works, #18ITB112052K-DB, 2018 Standby Miscellaneous Construction - Wastewater System Services in the additional amount of \$477,066.00 with Wade Coots Company, Inc. (Austell, GA), to provide standby miscellaneous construction - wastewater system services. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman



**21-0973** Public Works

Request approval to extend an existing contract - Department of Public Works, FAA Contract #DTFAWA-15-C000018, Air Traffic Control Services - Night Coverage at Fulton County Executive Airport Brown-Field in the amount not to exceed \$252,936.00 with Robinson Aviation, Inc. (RVA) (Oklahoma, OK), to provide air traffic control night coverage services at Fulton County Executive Airport - Charlie Brown Field for an additional 12 month period. Effective dates: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**21-0974** Public Works

Request approval to utilize cooperative purchasing - Department of Public Works, City of East Point Contract 2016-1585, Water Valve Condition Assessment and Evaluation and Minor Repair Contract in the amount of \$600,000.00 with Pure Technologies, U.S. Inc., d/b/a Wachs Water Services (Buffalo Grove, IL), to provide valve condition assessment services, data documentation and GPS data collection for approximately 5,000 water valves and fire hydrants. Effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**21-0975** Public Works

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Department of Public Works, 21ITB000014A-CJC, Sanitary Sewer Easement Maintenance in the amount of \$871,732.29 with NaturChem, Inc. (Conyers, GA), to provide sanitary sewer easement maintenance in both the North and South Fulton service areas. Effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

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, Morris, and Hall

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**Did Not Vote:** Pitts

**21-0976 Public Works**

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Department of Public Works, 21ITB000019A-CJC, Water Meter Reading in the amount of \$442,550.00 with Bermex, Inc. (Stow, OH), to provide water meter reading services. Effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 with two renewal options.

**(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, and Hall

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**21-0977 Public Works**

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Department of Public Works, 21ITBC000022A-CJC, Jetter Parts in the amount of \$57,777.12 with Municipal Equipment Exporters, Inc. d/b/a Max-Life Manufacturing Corporation (Buena Park, CA) to provide jetter parts. Effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 with two renewal options. **(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, Ellis, Morris, and Hall

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**Did Not Vote:** Hausmann

**21-0978 Public Works**

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Department of Public Works, 21ITBC000023A-CJC, Water Meter Vaults in the amount of \$200,000.00 with Bartow Precast, Inc. (Cartersville, GA), to provide water meter vaults. Effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, with two renewal options.

**(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**Did Not Vote:** Pitts

**21-0979 Public Works**

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Department of Public Works, 21ITB081321K-CRB - Standby Miscellaneous Construction Wastewater System Services in the total amount of \$12,700,000.00 with (A) Site Engineering, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$3,300,000.00; (B) Wade Coats Company, Inc. (Austell, GA) in the amount of \$3,200,000.00; (C) Sol Construction, LLC (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$3,100,000.00; and, (D) Kemi Construction Company, Inc. (College Park, GA) in the amount of \$3,100,000.00, to provide standby miscellaneous construction wastewater system services. Effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**21-0980 Public Works**

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Department of Public Works, 21ITBC000025A-CJC - Water Valves in the amount of \$300,000.00 with Ferguson Waterworks (College Park, GA), to provide water valves. Effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 with two renewal options. **(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, and Hall

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**Justice and Safety****21-0981 Sheriff**

Request approval to extend an existing contract - Sheriff's Office #17RFP33017B-BR in the amount of \$1,245,261.00 with Aramark Correctional Services, LLC (Conyers, Georgia) to provide inmate food services to inmates housed at the Fulton County Jail, Marietta Annex, and South Fulton Municipal Regional Jail. Effective dates: January 1, 2022 through April 30, 2022. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**21-0982 Medical Examiner**

Request approval of a contract - Medical Examiner, Part-time or Intermittent Forensic Pathology Autopsy Services with three (3) Forensic Pathologists: (A) Dr. Stacey Desamours (Mableton, GA); (B) Dr. Melissa Sims-Stanley (Macon, GA), and (C) Dr. Fredric Hellman (Swarthmore, PA) to provide Board Certified Forensic Pathology Autopsy Services to assist the Medical Examiner's office with clearing case backlog due to staffing shortage, and to assist the office with attaining full accreditation from the National Association of Medical Examiners in a total amount not to exceed \$400,000.00. Effective dates: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**21-0983 Emergency Management**

Request approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of South Fulton, Georgia and Fulton County, Georgia, by which the City and the County would agree to fire protection, fire suppression, emergency medical response, community risk reduction, rescue, hazardous material response, technical rescue, ancillary fire services and support assistance, and first response non-transport emergency medical services within the specific boundaries of the unincorporated portion of Fulton County, Georgia. The IGA is effective retroactively beginning April 1, 2021 and ending on December 31, 2021. This Agreement may renew on January 1st of each successive year for up to two (2) years only by written consent of the parties. This Agreement may not be renewed or enforced beyond December 31, 2023. Renewal of this Agreement shall require written notice by both the County and the City and shall not be automatic. The County's funding obligation annually is the amount of Three Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$325,000.00) which shall be remitted to the City in monthly payments of Twenty-Seven Thousand Eighty Three Dollars and Thirty Three Cents (\$27,08.33). The County Attorney is authorized to approve the IGA as to form and make necessary modifications thereof prior to execution by the Chairman.

**(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, and Hall

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**EXECUTIVE SESSION****21-0984 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; County Manager Dick Anderson; County Attorney Y. Soo. Jo; and Clerk to the Commission Tonya R. Grier. Commissioners Arrington and Abdur-Rahman were absent.**

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

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

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve the requests for representation of items #1 and #2 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Hausmann and seconded by Commissioner Ellis, to approve the proposed settlement with McKesson, Cardinal Health, AmerisourceBergen, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Johnson and Johnson in the matter before the United States Judicial Panel on Multi-District Litigation, In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, MDL No. 2804. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

d. A motion was made by Vice Chair Hall and seconded by Commissioner Ellis, to approve an increase in salary of County Auditor, Anthony Nicks, to a base salary of \$200,000.00 annually effective December 22, 2021, and to amend Auditor Nicks employment agreement to reflect this increase. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 1, 2021  
10:00 A.M.

Alexander Solutions, LLC

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

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "Good morning, everyone. And welcome to the regular meeting of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. Today is December 1st, 2021. It is 10:00 a.m. Madam Clerk, please call the roll."

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

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "Present."

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

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Present."

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

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Present."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Present."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** Thank you. Please rise for the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 2, Consent Agenda-**21-0924**, Adoption of the Consent Agenda - All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the County Commission and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion will take place on these items. If discussion of any Consent Agenda item is desired, the item will be moved to the Regular Meeting Agenda for separate consideration."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "Nothing from you? Commissioners, anything on the Consent Agenda to be removed for -- nothing? All right. I'll entertain a motion to -- actually, there's a motion to approve by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Hausmann. Let's vote, please."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "Bottom of page 5, Regular Meeting Agenda, **21-0943**, Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "All right. Anything on the changes? All right. None? Is there a motion? Motion to approve by Commissioner Ellis. Is there a second to approve the Agenda? Seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Please vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**21-0944**, Ratification of Minutes. Regular Meeting Minutes November 3rd. Recess Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, November 17th, 2021."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "Any additions or corrections to the minutes? None? Motion to approve by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Vice Chair Natalie Hall. Please vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 6, **21-0945**, Presentation of Proclamations and Certificates. The first proclamation is recognizing World AIDS Day sponsored by Chairman Pitts."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "All right. Welcome, Jeff. It's an honor to present you with this proclamation, because you do great work in our HIV Elimination Department. And the proclamation reads: WHEREAS, World AIDS Day was founded on December 1st, 1988, and was established to provide an opportunity for people around the world to unite in the fight against HIV, and to show support for people living with HIV. And

WHEREAS, more than 35 million people have died of HIV or AIDS related illnesses since the virus was identified in 1984; making it one of the most destructive pandemics in history. And WHEREAS, 40 years have passed since the first reported cases of HIV related illnesses and deaths. And today, scientific advances have been made in HIV treatment, and there are laws to protect people living with HIV. And WHEREAS, Fulton County supports the vision that the United States will be a place where new HIV infections are rare; and that those citizens living with the disease will have access to high-quality, life extending care; free from stigma and discrimination. And now, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners encourages citizens to take action by getting tested, and supports those citizens currently living with the disease, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, December 1st, 2021 as World AIDS Day in Fulton County, Georgia. Congratulations."

**JEFF CHEEK, DIRECTOR, RYAN WHITE DEPARTMENT:** "Thank you very much. World AIDS Day takes place on December the 1<sup>st</sup> every year to remind people that people are still living with HIV disease, and the epidemic has not gone away. I want to thank the Board of Commissioners for their ongoing support for people within Fulton County and beyond, who each day are struggling to make sure that they get access to services and to care and treatment for everything the Fulton County does to help people who are not living with HIV stay that way by providing medications and supportive services. Thank you."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Next proclamation is recognizing Scars of Survival Appreciation Day sponsored by Commissioner Arrington."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Good morning. Do we have anyone from Scars of Survival to join us? Please come on down. Thank you. Good morning. Thank you for joining us. Okay. Welcome. We'll go right ahead. The Proclamation reads as follows: WHEREAS, Scars of Survival Magazine LLC was founded by Sathya Callender as part of Scars of Survival Inc., and is a nationally recognized resource for survivors of domestic violence. Sathya is a survivor of domestic violence and founded the magazine to share stories of victory in an effort to encourage other victims to overcome the perils of domestic violence. And WHEREAS, Scars of Survival Magazine is committed to inspiring men and women around the world to share their stories, and help them survive, heal, and thrive after domestic violence. And WHEREAS, Scars of Survival Magazine is a monthly publication and is distributed monthly with Books-A-Million and Barnes & Noble's bookstores, and has subscribers all over the world. Now, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Sathya Callender for her tireless advocacy for survivors of domestic violence

and does hereby proclaim today, Wednesday, December 1st, 2021, as Scars of Survival Appreciation Day in Fulton County."

**SHAMEEKA SHAPPELL, RECIPIENT:** "Thank you very much. Sathya is on her way in. I'm Shameeka Shappell [Phonetic.], her assistant. Also, I'm one of the contributing writers for Scars of Survival Magazine because myself – I'm a survivor of domestic violence. I don't consider myself a victim. Victims are no longer here to tell the story; but we have survived to tell it. When she started on last year, I wrote for the first five articles stories of inspiration, encouragement. We're giving hope. I'm thankful inside the magazine that there is an action plan for anyone that's trying to come out of domestic violence situations. It was not only founded for us as women, but men have been on the cover and told their stories as well. We have also had children that have told their stories. So, it's just not aimed at one particular person, but for us as a whole because it just don't stop with us as women. Others go through it as well. So, I'm happy to be here today to accept this on her behalf. And we'll be giving it to her when she comes in. So, I truly thank everyone for this opportunity."

**CLERK GRIER:** "The next proclamation is recognizing Lung Cancer Awareness month sponsored by Vice Chair Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Is he coming? Oh, okay. It is an honor to present this proclamation to Chris. If you don't know his story, Chris started an organization that helps the people that are diagnosed with lung cancer, or who have family members who are diagnosed with cancer, loved ones - because his wife had lung cancer and together, they made a pledge to help those who are diagnosed with lung cancer. So, he wanted to make sure, him and the other -- the other people who have lung cancer -- wanted to make sure that we honored lung cancer awareness month. And the proclamation reads: WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in Georgia. And in 2020, one-in-four cancer deaths in men, and one in five cancer deaths in women were due to lung cancer. And according to the American Cancer Society nearly 237,000 Americans will be newly diagnosed with lung cancer in 2021. And an estimated 7,250 Georgians will be diagnosed with the disease. And WHEREAS lung cancer remains the least federally funded of the top cancers with an estimated 132,000 lung cancer deaths expected in 2021 in the United States accounting for nearly 27 percent of all cancer deaths nationwide. And WHEREAS lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States where more people will die from lung cancer than breast, colon, prostate, kidney and melanoma combined. And WHEREAS, the lung cancer community, made up of thoracic oncologists and the multidisciplinary teams of medical professionals, patient survivors, researchers, care partners, and advocates are working towards enhanced early screening, more clinical trials, and

treatment options. And the goal is to make lung cancer a curable chronic disease by providing enhanced screening, prevention, education, increased research funding, access to clinical trials and the eradication of this disease. Now, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners support the efforts of the American Cancer Society and the healthcare community in their efforts to find a cure for lung cancer. And does hereby proclaim the month of November 2021, as Lung Cancer Awareness month in Fulton County, Georgia. Thank you, Chris, for all your work."

**CHRIS DRAFT, RECIPIENT:** "Thank you. It's okay if I take this mask off?"

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

**CHRIS DRAFT, RECIPIENT:** "I'm going to try to stay brief. If you guys know me, you know that can be a little bit hard at times, but I, I want to make sure that I'm extremely appreciative. So, thank you so much for this acknowledgment of Lung Cancer Awareness Month. Like, Ms. Natalie said, I didn't know about Lung Cancer Awareness Month until my wife was diagnosed with lung cancer. And my wife 37 years old, in amazing shape, had just a little shortness of breath; went to her primary care doc and he did a chest x-ray and it came back that she had a mass in her left lung. Two days after Christmas, December 27th, 2010, we confirmed that it was lung cancer. On that day, we found out the most important fact that anyone can get lung cancer. If I were to say that, you know, before that time – if someone would have said that to me, there's no way I would have accepted that as truth because of how we've - the messaging has always been about just the connection with smoking. On that day when I looked at her, when we got the confirmation, I knew that anyone could get it. A few weeks later, we found out the second most important fact and too often, it is diagnosed late stage. So, she went from challenging me to do P90X to run a 10K race to stage four lung cancer. And then, as - again as Ms. Hall said, the numbers are so dire, and it's so serious that she passed after a year. December 27th, 2010; but not before we were able to get married November 27, 2011—Like I just said she passed in 2011. November 27th, 2011, we got married on the day we made two commitments: one to each other and the other one to the lung cancer community. That commitment is what we keep going right now. To change the face of lung cancer and acknowledge that prevention is not enough so as I'm standing here and receiving this proclamation, I receive it for the lung cancer community and hopefully in being here, that we acknowledge that prevention is not enough. And I understand that that message is so important and that Atlanta has the ability to make that message loud and clear because the two biggest voices in lung cancer are right here: American Cancer Society and CDC. Atlanta affects the world. We have to be able to say that lung cancer screening matters and we can save lives if we could detect it early. There's a place called WellStar here. Part of it is in Cobb - part

of it's in Fulton, but they are leading the way in lung cancer screening in the world. We have an amazing place called Emory Winship Cancer Center you guys know it. It is here. Their director is a lung cancer doc, and they are leading research in lung cancer that is changing the game. There are survivors that got diagnosed the same time my wife – they are living right now you couldn't tell they had lung cancer because treatment is working. Research that is happening in the Atlanta we have the best chance to change clinical trials and have access to our minority communities because Grady is connected with Emory and Morehouse and we have a place that can lead the way in changing how black people's access to healthcare. And then survivorship and making it clear right here in this city, in this County and I know it's about time for me to get up but here we can make it clear to the world that prevention is not enough and the survivorship has to be the goal. Just like every other cancer prevention is not enough. So, with this proclamation I want to be able to say it and hopefully there's an agreement from our community that is accepted by the rest of the community and because it said in Fulton County and Atlanta that this message is going to the world that prevention is not enough. That we do have early detection; it's necessary. That treatments have dramatically changed, and we need to make sure people have access to it. That research matters, and that's how we save lives, and the reason why we fight is because of our survivors because of people that are impacted by this disease. And I say this message to all of you; because unfortunately my wife, Keisha, 37 years old was diagnosed with lung cancer. And too many people will think that I don't really have to worry about it because I didn't smoke even though our people who have a smoking history we have to love on them and care about them up on them because it was already proven that there were victims. But I want you to know that if anyone can get it, this message is for all of you. Not because I'm wishing anything bad on you, but because I care about you. Anyone can get it. Thank you. Thank you."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Inaudible. Mic is not working. All right. I guess I'll use this one. It's called improvising. So, this is about Chris's foundation and it reads: WHEREAS Team Draft is an initiative of the Chris Draft Family Foundation created by Chris Draft and Lakeisha Rutledge Draft on their wedding day, November 27th, 2011, as a national campaign to change the face of lung cancer. And Team Draft is dedicated to raising awareness that anyone can develop lung cancer and acknowledging that more than 60 percent of lung cancers are diagnosed in people who never smoked, or have quit smoking with approximately 20,000 to 30,000 people who never smoked being diagnosed each year. And WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States where more people will die from lung cancer than breast, colon, prostate, kidney and melanoma combined. And WHEREAS Team Drafts annual Lung Cancer Survivor's Super Bowl challenge has built a committed group of survivor advocates willing to share their stories and raise funding for lung cancer organizations

and treatment centers across North America. And WHEREAS Team Draft's survivor at every stadium initiative identifies survivor advocates who choose to stand up for millions of people living or will be diagnosed with lung cancer and provides them with the opportunity to share their stories at NFL, NBA, MLS, NHL, and college football games. And WHEREAS Team Draft now partners with hundreds of cancer centers and cancer survivors to support patients, raise money, and bring awareness to lung cancer understanding that early detection, treatment, research, and survivorship matter. And WHEREAS, Team Draft will continue the commitment made 10 years ago to change the face of lung cancer by fighting for other survivors leading with love and addressing the stigma of lung cancer as a smoking disease that negatively impacts research funding. Now, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners commends Team Draft for their commitment to the fight against lung cancer and supports their continued efforts in changing the face of lung cancer and does hereby proclaim Saturday, November 27th, 2021, as Team Draft Appreciation Day in Fulton County, Georgia. Thank you so much, Chris."

**CLERK GRIER:** "The last proclamation is recognizing Quest Community Development Appreciation Day sponsored by Vice Chair Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Is the mic still broken? All right. We're back in business. Leonard Adams, you have developed some affordable housing for years across Atlanta. And so, it is an honor to present you with this proclamation today for your 20th anniversary for Quest. And the proclamation reads: WHEREAS Quest Community Development Organization Inc., is a 501C3 organization founded in 2001 by CEO Leonard L. Adams, Jr., as a grassroots organization that started with \$30,000 and increased to an annual operating budget of 4.5 million. And WHEREAS Quest Communities has earned assets in excess of 39 million and has secured over 100 million in government grants and subsidies support for affordable housing. And WHEREAS Quest Communities, owns and/or manages over 200 housing units, 11 single-family homes, and four commercial properties on the westside of Atlanta and manages the personal finances of over 500 clients throughout the state of Georgia for whom Social Security has deemed them unable to manage their own finances. And WHEREAS, for 20 years, Quest Communities has created intentional communities to demonstrate that everyone deserves an opportunity to achieve their goals and dreams. And has strived to build stable and vibrant communities for those who have been disenfranchised. Now, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Quest Communities for their transformative services that have supported marginally housed persons on Atlanta's westside and celebrates with them on the occasion of their 20th anniversary and does hereby proclaim Wednesday

December 1st, 2021, as Quest Development Community Appreciation Day in Fulton County, Georgia. Congratulations Leonard."

**LEONARD ADAMS, RECIPIENT:** "Thank you, Commissioner Hall. And I want to thank Fulton County, in large, for a long-term partnership. We received our first grant from Fulton County I believe in 2002; so, we've had a long-term relationship--"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "--you can take your mask off if you want--"

**LEONARD ADAMS, RECIPIENT:** "--okay; we've had a long-term relationship with Fulton County. So, I just want to thank Fulton County for being committed to serving and supporting nonprofits; particularly those who serve vulnerable populations. Quest's mission is to build resilient communities, and we use affordable housing and support services to leverage that resiliency. So, I want to thank you all again."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Madam Clerk."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Continuing on page 6, Public Hearings, **21-0946**, 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 comment in writing online by registering on the County website at [www.fultoncountyga.gov](http://www.fultoncountyga.gov). Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each. The public will not be allowed to yield or donate time to other speakers. The public comment portion of the meeting will not exceed 30 minutes. In the event the 30-minute time limit is reached prior to public comments being completed, public comment will be suspended and the business portion of the BOC meeting will commence. Public comment will resume at the end of the meeting. Madam Vice Chair and Members of the Board, we will start with the speakers here in Assembly Hall. We have received 18 speaker cards. Will the first six speakers, please come down: Judge Cassandra Kirk, Atlanta Council President- Elect Doug Shipman, Sandra Burchardt, Sari Earl, Stephanie Owens, and LaRonda Sutton."

**JUDGE CASSANDRA KIRK, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Good morning, Madam Vice Chair and Members of the Board of Commission. This morning, I simply come to say thank you. I know it's an odd one, right? Thank you for your approval of the raises for our judges under option one. Thank you for extending the rental assistance program to outside of our landlord-tenant court rooms. Thank you for the team assembled and approved to distribute the ORCA funds. Yesterday I shared with you all a memo to status your magistrate court, so that you can see the progress that we are making, thanks to your generosity. And as you know, magistrate court began 2020 with the statewide recognition of our three-year case closure rate and then COVID hit, and we

were all in the same boat. But as a result of your generosity, we have six JAs to support our 30 judges. We have two staff attorneys, and we have two case specialists to help us monitor and manage our 80,000 case filings. I shared with you all our 2019, 2020, and 2021 case filings, case closure rate as of November 29th, 2021. In most case types we, the magistrate court, are actually presiding over 2021 cases; that's in large part thanks to you all. To assist our case management and efficiency -- and again thanks to you -- we have dedicated one staff attorney to assist and provide support to our external customers. She is going to guide and manage a team of law students from Emory University and John Marshall and what they are going to do is help us manage our high-volume garnishment cases, our small claims cases, and our warrant application cases. So, thanks to Dean Sheffi and Dean Bridget Ortega as well as our team of judges and interns who make our reach clinic a reality. It is really thanks to you all who provided the financial support for us to continue to support our community. And as I said this morning, I simply wanted to come and say thank you. Thank you again for supporting your magistrate court. Thank you."

**DOUG SHIPMAN, PRESIDENT-ELECT, ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL, PUBLIC**

**SPEAKER:** "Good morning. I'm Doug Shipman, and as of last night I have Chairman Pitts' old job at the City of Atlanta. I am a little sleep deprived, but I wanted to make a point to come to this meeting this morning. I knocked on a lot of doors in the city of Atlanta; many of them in Fulton County. And so many citizens said to me I want to see great relationships between the city and the County. I want to see more collaboration. I want to see everybody work together. And so, I simply wanted to come here this morning and say, I am personally committing to you over the next four years to build great relationships before we need them, and to work with all of the Atlanta City Council Members, many of whom will be new to build even better relationships between the city and the county and all the ways that we could collaborate around the arts, and health, and housing and making sure that we have an incredible community. I look forward to working with each and every one of you. And thank you so much for building a great future together. Good morning."

**SANDRA BURCHARDT, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Good morning, Commissioners. I'm Sandra Burchardt, and I'm a concerned citizen. I've looked over the Agenda, and item number 21-0960 concerns me. It's about registration and elections. It's about printing ballots. Is this a request to approve a contract for ballots that have already been purchased? Is this item in regard to absentee ballots for the most recent 2021 municipal elections? If the ballots were already purchased and printed, where is the supporting invoice or further documentation? Why does the supporting documentation use 820,000 registered Fulton County voters to estimate the costs when the Secretary of State's office report 793,198? Where is the line item for pre-filed, excuse me, pre-



filed test ballots that amounts to \$41,000 ballots. The same line item amounts for the lack of the actual early voting balance. 41,000 sample ballots seems like an odd number. Why does the Agenda item also request or allow for two additional renewal options for the contract? There's a long list of questions that need to be addressed before the item is approved. I pray that you will concern yourself with these items. Thank you for your time."

**SARI EARL, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Good morning, Board of Commissioners. Thank you for letting us speak. We are here on behalf of the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival. My name is Sari Earl. I have the privilege of being the president of the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival. Begun here, we're a 501C3 and our mission is to inspire diverse communities to new levels of social and cultural understanding through film. We have a diverse group of people who are interested in the film industry here as well as interested in building bridges of understanding between different communities and being a convener of safe place to have honest, authentic dialogue and relationships. We want to thank you so much for the Fulton County arts and culture support that we've had over the years. The staff has been phenomenal and it has made a big difference to our ability to do well to have the stamp of approval of Fulton County when we go out seeking dollars. The money that we get helps us keep the prices of our tickets low so that there is no barrier for anyone to attend the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival. As one person in our community engagement committee told me last year via zoom, LaRhonda's on Community engagement with me, he said I never knew it wasn't a festival that was just for Jewish people. And that is the message that we are trying to share with everyone that it is an Atlanta treasure, and we are so grateful to you for helping us to be here."

**LARONDA SUTTON, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Good morning, Commissioners. My name is LaRonda Sutton, and I am a board member for the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival and I just wanted to thank you all for your continued support of the festival. And also, you know the HAFF is one of the largest film festivals in the world right here happening in Fulton County. And your support helps make all of this possible and makes this a world-class destination for arts, culture, and entertainment. And I'd just like to urge you to expand your budget for fiscal year 22 and just thank you so much for everything that you do for arts, culture, and entertainment. Go Fulton County."

**STEPHANIE OWENS, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Good morning. My name is Stephanie Owens, and I serve as the Executive Director for NBAF and on behalf of NBAFs Board of Directors and staff, I'm here today to just also express our sincere gratitude for all of you, and for your support of our programming over the past three decades and your continuous commitment to the arts community. The past couple of years have been challenging for us all, and without your support, we would not have been able to

continue to offer quality youth arts education programs for over a thousand students to date. As well as public programs in-person and virtual for Fulton County citizens for over 2700 of them this year alone. As well as providing artistic development opportunities for emerging artists at least 80 this year. So, we're very grateful for your support and your partnership. Thank you for all that you do in the community and we look forward to continuing this important work together."

**JUDY HANENKRAT, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Good morning. My name is Judy Hanenkrat, and it's been my honor to work with the National Black Arts Festival. Now, I'm in my 24<sup>th</sup> year. I want to thank you as our founding organization, and everything that you do for NBAF and all of the other organizations in the city. It really takes a strong arts community to have a truly vibrant County and a truly vibrant city within that county. So we encourage you to continue to support the arts. It's not only for our pleasure and enjoyment, healing, bringing a community together but it's a huge economic generator. So, we thank you for everything that you do for all of us."

**STEPHANIE OWENS, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Thank you."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Will the next six speakers come down: Charmaine Minniefield, Calandra Smith, Jasmine Martinez, Aimee Uphues, Lucia Frazier, and Lyndon Birch."

**CHARMAINE MINNIEFIELD, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Good morning. My name is Charmaine Minniefield. I am a visual artist activist in the city. I have worked for the County in the arts department for many years. I recently was a curator of the city of Atlanta's elevate festival that stretched over eight weeks and eight zones around the city. And I stand here today to encourage the continued support in the arts as an investment in what can be the driver of economic stimulation in our city, in our County. As an example of what we've seen through a partnership with Invest Atlanta, we were able to support smaller individual artists and arts organizations -- emerging arts organizations -- and reactivate the city in a way that we've never seen. And in many, many years and we know even through so many different examples through our time working with many of the arts organizations all through these years how the arts can activate and thrive in a city. We export our artistic content around the world. We do influence everything you know that. So your investment is the example that we want to continue to set worldwide -- nationwide. And I stand with all of my colleagues as arts leaders to encourage you to continue to do the same. Thank you so much."

**JASMINE MARTINEZ, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Hi everyone. My name is Jasmine Martinez and I'm excited to be here on behalf of Horizon Theater to speak about the impact the arts have had on me personally as well as the community at large. As a performing artist myself I could speak for hours on how the arts have shaped my life

and overall purpose, but lucky for you all, I only have two minutes; so, here goes nothing. Creativity continues to be a huge part of my life. I've always loved the possibilities of making something out of nothing or even creating my own parameters when writing a new song or story that can resonate with others who have had similar experiences. I appreciate art in all forms. And I've always known that in order for me to make my greatest impact, I would have to work with an arts organization that aligns with my passions and that has led me to my new role in development at Horizon Theater. Our mission at Horizon has always been to connect people, inspire hope, and promote positive change through the stories of our times. And although this last year and a half has devastated our industry, our organization has responded to the urgency of 2020, and 2021 with the new initiative that centers on the voices of Atlanta by creating more opportunities for Black artists within our community. The new Georgia woman project, Black Women Speak developed by our Associate Producer, Marguerite Hanna has responded to this need as this program amplifies the voices of African-American women. Horizon's Black Women Speak project is increasing the cannon of plays by Black women by developing nine news plays written by nine Black female playwrights based on virtual interviews with over 100 African-American Women of Atlanta. The arts are an important part of Fulton County's brand attracting residents, businesses, and investors. The arts are also a major employer and economic engine for the County and it's important to understand that in investment in the arts is an investment in small businesses, our youth, artist and community--"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "-- 20 seconds --"

**JASMINE MARTINEZ, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "--one more time, that time--"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "--not seven seconds--"

**JASMINE MARTINEZ, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "--huh, I'm sorry, I can't hear you --"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "--when the time gets to 15 seconds, I'll let you know so that you know that you only have 15 more seconds to go."

**JASMINE MARTINEZ, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "--okay. My last sentence was just thank you, though."

**AIMEE UPHUES, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Good morning. My name is Aimee Uphues and I would like to address the many months that I have been coming down to these meetings to voice my concerns regarding the many failures of the 2020 election and your obligation to the people of Fulton County to audit the election and prove that there was no fraud. Chairman Pitts, saying that there is no fraud just won't do it especially when he makes public statements such as this: (Public speaker plays recording of

Chairman Pitts: 'Not from any wrong-doing on his part but there are the naysayers out there who are going to continue to criticize Fulton County no matter what we do. Because you heard me say this before, why? We delivered President Biden. We delivered Senator Warnock. We delivered Senator Ossoff and we, in all probability, will deliver Senator Warnock again in 2022. So, we'll see what happens in 2024.')

What exactly do you mean by 'we delivered President Biden and Senator Warnock, and Senator Ossoff? And we will likely deliver Warnock in 2022? News flash Mr. Pitts, that's not your job description or that of the election board. How exactly are you able to foresee the outcome of a future election? How exactly do you deliver a candidate? Statements like that are exact reasons why we demand a full forensic audit of the 2020 election and the reason we keep showing up to remind you that you work for us. You say trust me it was fair. I say trust but verify. Show us the evidence. Truthful people have nothing to hide, plain and simple. Support a full forensic audit of the 2020 election of the entire ballot. This is about election integrity of which Fulton County has demonstrated that it has none which is why Georgia cities no longer wish to be associated with Fulton County elections and looking forward to running their own elections in the future. Fulton County has lost the trust of the people it serves."

**LUCIA FRAZIER, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Good morning my name is Lucia Frazier. And I want to address the election's agenda item as well. I don't support that you guys vote on that today. This year has been just municipal elections and even as a poll watcher, I've watched tons of money being wasted. There's like 12 BMDs at every location, 8 to 12 people -- we don't need all that. We could've gotten away with like four BMDs and four people. And so, the financial practice is also of The Elections Group. We all have seen what the audit are not good. So, allocating more money is not responsible. And so, I guess, I advise you to just not vote on this item today, or get more information on it all the questions that were posed to you earlier and find out what is it really about. Well, just -- I think that there's a lot of money being spent that we don't really know how it's being spent, so that's it. Thank you."

**LYNDON BURCH, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Good Morning. My name is Lyndon Burch. I'm a former Fulton County employee. I am honored to have the support of Fulton films and the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. The American youth film festival gives filmmakers from around the world a platform to showcase their cinematic talents. To date, we've received submissions from aspiring student filmmakers in 44 states and 12 foreign countries. During the seven years of our festival, we've hosted filmmakers and their families from 17 states. Many of them are first-time visitors to the city. Again, we want to say thank you for your continued support of the American Youth Film Festival, and we welcome your support in our new youth initiative, 'Shoot Film, Not Guns' Anti-bullying, Stop-the-Violence, Youth Initiative. Thank you. And I have an award for

Fulton Films and each one of the Commissioners will get a thank you plaque for your continued support. It will be delivered to you by the Fulton Films office. Thank you"

**CLERK GRIER:** "The next six speakers, please come down: Rodney Simpson, Matt Rowenczak, Curtis King, Myrna Clayton, Maggie Goldman, and Natalie Holly-Purviance."

**RODNEY SIMPSON, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Oh, good. Good morning, Commissioners; how are you today? My name is Rodney Simpson. I am the publisher of Fame Live Magazine. We are a fashion, arts, music, and educational magazine. I think thereby you guys continuing to increase funding for the Fulton County arts grants and revitalizing the westside arts center, you effectively position the kids in our community to look outside of their hood and understand the world is truly theirs. They can have anything they want as long as they are creative and they apply themselves. That's all. Thank you."

**MATT ROWENCZAK, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Hey, good morning, Commissioners. I just want to address today there's an Agenda item that's 21-0960, Registration and Elections. I would assume that your expectations when an agenda item is added to the agenda that you are provided all the information that you need to make a decision or to vote. I would assume that there's an expectation of excellence within Fulton County. And when I look at this agenda item, it is -- it appears the request is for \$89,000 for absentee ballots to expire December 31<sup>st</sup>, and it's in regards to the November 2nd election. So, as far as purchasing goes, I thought that you were supposed to request a contract or a bid for funds prior to actually purchasing them because I'm assumed that these are already purchased. So, the financial, the internal financial audit that was done you know for of last year, those findings and those recommendations from your own auditors appear to not have been observed at all. There is a lot of issues in the content. It's an estimate first of all. I assume again that these have already been purchased. There should actually be an invoice or supporting documentation. It also asked for two renewal options. Why would you need renewal options, if you're paying for something you already bought? It mentions \$89,000; but when you look at the supporting documentation that was provided to you, it mentions \$76,000 and that's with an estimate of 820,000 voters which is not accurate is more like 793,000 voters --"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "-- 15 seconds --"

**MATT ROWENCZAK, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "-- there's 41,000 sample ballots needed for pre-field testing with LNA. Why do you need 41,000 ballots? That's probably \$10,000 of excess cost. So, in all, this should be tabled to say the least or moved to another meeting; so, you have sufficient information. Thank you."

**CURTIS KING, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Good morning. I'm Curtis King. I'm an arts professional and consumer. I want to commend the Fulton County Commissioners for your consistency of support of the arts. I heard about you actually 30 years ago before I moved to the area, and I was impressed and I didn't know that I'd get a chance to be a part of the community that you support. And so, I'm excited to be here and very thankful for your, for your consistency. I've worked at several of the theater companies here as community relations director. So, I've been all around the community to get a chance to meet people who are benefiting from what you are offering. So, I want to commend you on that. I'm in the process of starting a nonprofit organization that will connect the former incarcerated and others are affected by the justice system with the arts, and it is a natural fit that I look for a place here in Fulton County. So, I'm excited to move forward on that. I want to encourage you just continue as you have and look at other opportunities. I want to encourage the renovation of the West End Performing Arts Center as well as just know that you are making a difference. That there are people who would never get a chance to stand in front of you and say thank you. And so, I won't be bold enough to say I'm thanking you on behalf of all those people, but just know that I represent more than myself when I say thank you."

**MYRNA CLAYTON, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Good morning. My name is Myrna Clayton. It is an honor to stand before you. I am a performing artist, a cultural ambassador to the US State Department where I perform and represent American music abroad, around the world, at embassies around the world. I'm also Founder and Executive Director for Insurability formerly able to – we represent performing artists on the disability spectrum that's those who are visible, invisible, born and acquired disabilities. We recognize that everybody deserves a stage. And we want to thank you so very much for your support over the years for artist and audiences with disabilities. I also want to thank you so very much for collaborating with the National Endowment of the Arts, NEA for the feasibility study that you've just improved. This is the first feasibility study that's being done in the country focusing on artists with disabilities. We want access to theaters and most theaters do not have accessible stages, accessible green rooms, or accessible tech areas and so you guys are leading the country in this initiative. It's never been done. And so, I want to thank you so very much for that. And then additionally, we want so much because we're based in the West End, for you to support the West End Performing Arts Center. That Center, actually gave my daughter who's a graduate of Howard University, who is just coming back from Costa Rica producing a film project there. Who got her started? The West End Performing Arts Center exposure to film. And so, because of that, we're so very grateful for the West End Performing Arts Center. We need it expanded. We need parking. And we need the footprint to be enlarged. So, whatever you need to do to support that and expand that, we greatly appreciate that. And we need more accessible space there --"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "-- 15 seconds --"

**MYRNA CLAYTON, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "-- we appreciate you. Thank you."

**MAGGIE GOLDMAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "My name is Maggie Goldman. I'm a resident in Johns Creek, District 1. I've been trying to figure out how much, and in which ways we spend money funding to alleviate homelessness in Fulton. I did discover the homelessness is under the community development department. On the 2022 proposed budget, there is zero indication of any money spent on homelessness; just upon the community development category. So, I want to go look at the 2021 adopted budget book for reference. I'm searching homelessness trying to find items pertaining to it. The first is a vague paragraph about allocating a-hundred-million nonrecurring funds for case management and new housing units. Seems like may be there's some funding to help get some federal matching funds, about 325,000 looks like there's a couple of grants coming to Fulton for homeless services but the amount is not listed. When I see a Community Development line item for \$9 million but zero details. Looking for more details, I find homelessness services, permanent housing for 669,000 in some other Community Development categories for each of these listed there is simply an operating amount and personnel, but it does not have any line item describing how the funds were spent. That's it. Nothing else. Nothing that separates what Fulton spends on homelessness of the general fund and what comes in as pass-through grant. Is Fulton administrating any of these homelessness programs, or contracting with nonprofits? If so, which nonprofits and how much funding does each receive? There are a few behavioral health key performance indicators, but none about homelessness services. How we are evaluating our homelessness programming with no key performance indicators --"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "-- 15 seconds --"

**MAGGIE GOLDMAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "--why doesn't the budget include all of the contracted outside groups and nonprofits. The 2021 adopted budget book is 439 pages, and has a lot of repetition; yet no line-item budget. We want to know exactly what the funds are going to the various programs and we want to know how much of that funding is a pass through."

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

**NATALIE HOLLY-PURVIANCE, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "My name is Natalie Holly-Purviance and I'm here this morning on behalf of Actors Express Theater in West Midtown. We are a theater that challenges and reflects contemporary human experiences in an inclusive environment. We seek to jumpstart individual

transformations through the shared adventures of our live performances which range from daringly provocative to audaciously hilarious. Driven by this mission, we consistently develop new talent, we push boundaries, and we encourage people to question their place in the world. Thank you, thank you, thank you, so much for the funding that we've received which has gone to support programs like our world class intern program which provides for the first time a stipend for early career artists; therefore, removing the financial barrier that too often prevents artist in our community from progressing in their career trajectory. Funding like this helps us to nurture the careers of emerging writers through our new play development program. Playwrights who have workshopped and premiered plays Actors Express have gone onto work not only other theaters, but in film, and on television shows, some of which have been produced right here in Atlanta. So, thank you so much for your investment which allows us to develop the talent and the artistry of Atlanta artists who are helping our city to become an artistic hub across disciplines. Thank you."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Madam Vice Chair, Members of the Board, we have three zoom speakers."

**RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Good morning, Commissioners. The first person to speak is Bridget Thorne."

**BRIDGET THORNE, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Hello, Commissioners. Thanks for taking my call. Transparency is based on revealing truth which then engenders trust. Because of your lack of transparency, we have reason not to trust Fulton election. When are you going to reveal the truth about the investigation of The Elections Group, Mike Pendergrass and Dominique [Inaudible.] printing ballots in the warehouse before the November election? When are you going to reveal the truth about the warehouse break-in before Memorial Day weekend? When are you going to reveal the truth about the two former Happy Face employees that were fired for shredding voter registrations? Do you not want to reveal truth? Do you not want us to trust you? Yesterday, I went to visit a student-run precinct at Georgia Tech. It was so encouraging to see young people take ownership of their precinct. They said they required that everyone who worked there be students. That is exactly how it should be. It was so refreshing, but sadly that isn't the case for the rest of Fulton County elections. Real control and behind-the-scenes in the warehouse has absolutely no diversity. Who uploads and tabulates our results; Dominique? He is a Nigerian citizen. Who really counts our votes, who processes absentee ballots, and military ballots? Who are all the compliance officers; Happy Faces employees? There is no diversity. There is no reflection of what or who Fulton County really is. We know that most behind-the-scene workers are current or former Happy Face employees. The fact that Happy Faces has financial ties to Stacey



Abrams cast doubt and integrity on our vote. Mr. Pitts, we don't need you to tell us that Barron was successful in handling a low turnout election--"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "--15 seconds --"

**BRIDGET THORNE, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "--we don't need Barron to tell us that the only reason the state is reviewing them because of Raffensperger is up for re-election. It's so far from the truth. Last week, Kemp called to the state to look into the evidence of double counting errors, double batches --"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "--thank you --"

**BRIDGET THORNE, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "--incorrectly marked, a hundred percent Biden --"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "--thank you, ma'am; thank you."

**BRIDGET THORNE, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "--thank you."

**RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "The next person to speak is Ben Howard."

**BEN HOWARD, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Greetings, thank you. Greetings County Commissioners and Staff. And special greetings to you citizens and voters of Fulton County watching and/or listening to our government at work. Ben Howard, Senior Advocate, Public Policy Analyst. Kudos to all who threw their hats into political races understanding full well the ramifications. And kudos to all who are November 2<sup>nd</sup> and on November 30<sup>th</sup>, conducted our elections so well that all the pungents, media, and naysayers could say was nothing went wrong. No, it's not that nothing went wrong; all went well. So, thank you poll workers, poll managers, and poll watchers. And thank you trainers, monitors, technicians and telephone attendants. And thank you supervisors, administrators, and managers. And thank you, Mr. Richard Barron for having come our way. I surmise that not many years hence, someone may step to a library counter and ask where they might find the manual on how to conduct a municipal election. The librarian will say, in our reference section under Fulton County."

**RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "The next person to speak will be Ravi Windom. Ravi Windom, you have permission to speak."

**RAVI WINDOM, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Good morning. I am Ravi Windom as he said. And I am the programs consultant --"

**RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "--I'm sorry. Ms. Windham, you're able to speak --"

**RAVI WINDOM, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "--okay. Can you hear me? Okay --"

**RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "--yes we can. Thank you."

**RAVI WINDOM, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Okay. Thank you. I just wanted to thank you all for the continued support in funding; and also support in attending our events and just being a part of our overall mission. At the Hammond's House Museum, we are able to offer programming both online as well as in-person. And as we have been continued to push through the pandemic and are opening more and more to programming, we have been able to collaborate with a lot of our also community partners; and we just really appreciate your support. So, I just wanted to come on and say again thank you and we hope that we can continue to be supported by you all as well as both in-person and through your generous funding. So, thank you, so much."

**RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "And that concludes our Zoom portion of the public comment."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Madam Clerk, please read the next item - sound the next item."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "Next item, (MIC IS OFF) the next item continues on page -- **21-0947**, Finance. Public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2022 proposed budget. We have received nine speakers here in Assembly Hall to speak on the budget. The first five speakers, please come down: Eden Mew, Maggie Goldman, Ash Nash, Anne Dennington, and Chris Draft."

**EDEN MEW, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Hi, Board of Commissioners. My name is Eden Mew and I'm a 13-year-old professional actress living here in the great city of Atlanta which in 2016 was hailed as the best place for artists to live. I have also had the great privilege of getting to perform on many of the incredible stages at many of the incredible theaters that we have around town. I cannot imagine my life without the arts. I think that's why this past one and half years was so hard for me. Without theater, I felt like I had no purpose. I didn't know what to do with myself. I still remember the feeling when I stepped up on stage for my first live show since the pandemic, Sunday in the park, with [Inaudible.] theater. I felt elated. I felt a true sense of belonging. I knew that I was home. Throughout the pandemic, Atlanta artists have continued to create thought-provoking work. Artist like Mr. Kevin Harry and the Team for Black Women Speak at the Horizon Theater which included Ms. [Phonetic.] Keena Redding, Ms. Marguerite Hanna, and Ms. Lawanda Green, an insanely talented group of playwrights. We're finding ways to bridge gaps and evoke empathy. Photographers and all-around superstar people like Ms. Casey Gardner, for finding ways to keep artists connected."

And some of my favorite humans in the world, Mr. and Mrs. Heidi and Jeff McCurley we're finding ways to keep the arts community connected because that's what the arts are truly about; connection. And through the arts, we bridge gaps. We find ways through hard times, and we foster communities of empathy. The arts are an invaluable tool in this journey, and they've created an incredible culture in Atlanta. That's why I am asking you to reallocate a portion of the funds that Fulton County was granted through the federal stimulus packages you have been receiving to help the arts reemerge from the pandemic. Not only are the arts so important to people like me –"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "--15 seconds –"

**EDEN MEW, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "--thank you, but they are also an irreplaceable and valuable tools in the fight for unity in the journey to foster a culture of empathy. I'd like to really quick end on a rich version of one of my favorite quotes about theater from none other than Ms. Laura Gunderson, the most produced playwright in the nation who is happens to be homegrown right here in Atlanta. If you take a child to a theater, not only will they practice empathy –"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "-- thank you--"

**EDEN MEW, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "-- thank you."

**MAGGIE GOLDMAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "My name is Maggie Goldman. I'm a resident in Johns Creek, District One. I was looking to see what we spend on the animal shelter. I found a line, I think, in a revenue section of the 2021 adopted budget book of 33.8 million for animal services. Do we really bring in that much through pet adoptions? Or do we have grants? How is that revenue line? Then I saw in the 2022 proposed budget for animal control which I assume is the animal shelter a 4.1 million which I assume is an expenditure. Yet, when I refer back to the adopted budget book for 2021, I see animal control must be under emergency management which is a total of \$5.4 million. Looking further in that category, it appears the emergency management budget is split into 1.3 for emergency management and 4.1 for animal control. Then, all it says is for spending that 4.1 million is 4 million for operating and 89,000 for 98,000 for personnel. There literally are no other details. What expenses come with operating the shelter? I know Lifeland – Lifeline manages the shelter and they also fund raise. Do we pay them to manage it? Do they spend any of their money on the shelter? And, why is Lifeline being forced to fundraise on the Fulton County animal services Facebook page for \$15,000 to buy a new commercial washer/dryer for the pet laundry? I've seen posts as far back as June 28th asking folks to come pickup dirty pet laundry, clean it at home and return it to the shelter. It seems from other posts they have been having their washer/dryer service since at least October. And on November 24<sup>th</sup>, posted that they're

finally going to have to buy a new industrial machine. Who is responsible for buying this machine; Fulton County or Lifeline? If it is Fulton County, why can't we move faster on this? I bet, none of you have gone by the shelter, taken home pet laundry to clean and brought it back; have you?"

**ANNE ARCHERY DENNINGTON, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Hello. I'm Anne Archery Dennington. I'm the Executive Director of Flux projects. I live in District Five and Flux Projects is operated out of District Five in an office there. Our mission is to produce temporary public art projects that invite people to explore the sites and stories of Atlanta as a way of reimagining our future potential. And in the 11 years we've been operating for 11 years -- and our projects are for all people. Everything we do is free, open to the public, and accessible to people of all ages. And our audiences responded with my 2-year-old still talks about the performance more than six months ago that is how moving and relatable it was. The video brought me light during the darkest days of the pandemic. It feels good to be united with the diverse group of people through a common collective experience. In this age of divisiveness, we need more opportunities for things that lift the human spirit. Fulton County arts and culture has been in a real tool in our ability to operate over the last 11 years; and I am so thrilled to have seen so many of my peers speaking to you today because Flux Projects is a vibrant nonprofit arts organization, but we are sustained not only by our funding, but by the other organizations with whom we get to collaborate and partner and support. But as you know, the arts were hit hard over the pandemic. Fulton County, I know dug really deep, and the extra funds you allocated during 2020 helped so many of us come through the pandemic sustainable, but we're looking at really interesting times ahead. As you know, the arts are losing some major funding --"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "-- 15 seconds --"

**ANNE ARCHERY DENNINGTON, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "-- other funders are turning their support towards voter equality. Our government funding is something that can increase and can really sustain us to keep going. So, as you look at your budget, I please hope that you will consider raising your support for the arts. Thank you."

**CHRIS DRAFT, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "I'm Chris Draft, Founder of the Chris Draft Family Foundation, co-Founder of Team Drive. And I want to say, thank you, again today, Commissioners for the proclamations earlier. Thank you, Commissioner Hall, for leading that effort. And I wanted to talk about the importance of supporting nonprofits that are involved with healthcare. And how critical the funding is on being able to do that. But also, the importance of leadership. So that we support those groups, so they don't have to do as much work. So, as I talked about when you guys when I accepted the proclamation, that it's important that we acknowledge the, the amazing

organizations that are here in Fulton County that really lead the way, not just here in Georgia, but really across the world. And so, as we support our other nonprofits, we also have to challenge the leadership. So, I made a big white ribbon, Commissioner Hall, was out at Centennial Olympic Park and I want to say thank you to Centennial Olympic Park for allowing us to put a big white ribbon made from our White Ribbon Project ribbons and made that ribbon, 32 of those ribbons, were for the NFL Teams that have been supportive. One for the Commissioner of the NFL that's been tremendously supportive, one for the NFL that has been tremendously supportive -- five for the local from CNN to the local news in and our wedding party, and the PCPs, and Mayor [Inaudible.] COC, CDC, cancer director, the five directors of cancer centers from Grady, Northside, Winship, WellStar, and Piedmont. And then the survivors. And so, I say that's important that we have more funding, and I challenge you guys to be able to allocate more funding. But, at the same time, challenge your leadership --"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "-- 15 seconds --"

**CHRIS DRAFT, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** " --because leadership matters. And that was what allows us to be more efficient in our way that we use it. So, thank you."

**ASH NASH, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Greetings and good morning, Commissioners. My name is Ash Nash. I'm the Founder of Powerhouse Creative. I serve the community as a fine arts organizer, Black artists community activist, and consultant. I'm an executive board member of the African Diaspora Art Museum of Atlanta, and also, a board member of -- I'm sorry, executive board member of Mink Gallery, both located in the West End. I'm here to express my gratitude to the Commissioners and new leadership of Fulton in public arts for raising the stakes and momentum and funding for the arts not just in Atlanta but all over Fulton County. In a city where cost-of-living and gentrification are steadily on the rise, I've created a holistic artist development residency program which we've implemented at Mink Gallery with a focus on financial literacy and the goal is to spread that program throughout Fulton County. Atlanta benefits greatly from our creative culture and is internationally recognized yet arts and gig-workers are usually the last to receive funding in funding supporting budgets. While many will accept the notion that starving artists is just how it is. I challenge that. And the support of our Commissioners, and funding, gives us hope that there is change there. So, thank you and we appreciate your funding support. And while I have yet to see to receive funding for any of my programming --"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "-- 15 seconds --"

**ASH NASH, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "--many of my fellow colleagues have received some as well and we're looking to transition from an LLC to a social enterprise model, and are looking forward to the next round of funding. Thank you."

**CLERK GRIER:** "The next four speakers, please come down: Chandra Stephens-Albright, Donna Watts-Nunn, Leonard Adams, and Sue Ross."

**CHANDRA STEPHENS-ALBRIGHT, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Good morning. My name is Chandra Stephens-Albright. I'm the Managing Director of Kenny Leon's True Colors Theater Company, where we celebrate the rich tradition of Black storytelling while giving voice to both artists of all cultures and the mission of our Artistic Director, [Phonetic.] Jameel Jude is the thrive with intersection of our artistic excellence in civic engagement. I'm here today to thank you so much for Fulton County support. Over the last 18 months, we've been very pressed to try to get on stage with artistic excellence, and your funding has helped us provide virtual programming that has helped us continue to provide our artistic excellence and expand our civic activities to create valuable opportunities for open dialogue and forums on timely topics such as housing and voting. We appreciate all that you do, have done, and we'll continue to do to make our work possible. Thank you so much."

**DONNA WATTS NUNN, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Good morning. I'm Donna Watts Nunn and I am happy to say that I am the new Senior Manager of Operations at the Hammonds House Museum. As a direct result at - of the support that we received from you all recently, and we hope to continue receiving that support from you. I have been at that institution for six years, and as you know, it's 33 years old; and in the six years I've been there, this is the first time in a while we've been able to just breathe and be prepared for the next year and not worry about how our funding is going to come in and how we're going to be able to do our programming. So, I just want to say thank you. Thank you for having the spirit of equality. Thank you for being new leaders of arts funding in this town and in this County and I just want to ask you to continue to do so and I look forward to working with you, you know, in the future. Thank you."

**LEONARD ADAMS, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Thank you. I'm Leonard Adams. Good to see you all again. I come to you all as a board member of housing ATL. up for it back the redevelopment authority, board member for enterprise community partners just to say that I'm committed to affordable housing. And I would like for the Board of Commissioners to look at the budget to potentially or understand that there is a need for increased funding for affordable housing and particularly for those that are vulnerable. When I speak of those that are vulnerable, I'm speaking of supportive housing. That is housing with the necessary services connected to the housing, so that individuals could be stable. The funding tools that are out here now don't allow for a hundred percent

affordable housing and/or a small percentage of supportive housing that is inside of the tax credit program. So, I ask that Fulton County re-look at the affordable housing portion which you guys have funded in the past for potentially increase there to vulnerable populations. And if we didn't learn anything from COVID, it is that our house has been asked to be everything to us. It has been asked to be our school, our workplace, our home, and even our hospitals in the beginning of COVID when they asked us to stay home. So, I just wanted to champion the need for affordable housing with the caveat for supportive housing. Thank you."

**SUSAN ROSS, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Well, good morning, everyone. I'm Susan Ross. A resident of the mighty six. I'm pleased to greet many of my friends on the Commission and colleagues that I've known through working in city government and for many years. I came today to thank the Fulton County Commission for your tremendous support of arts and culture in our city. I'm particularly want to commend the incredible job being done by David Manuel and the Fulton County arts and culture department. They are really doing major things to reinvigorate the arts in our community and our region. Fulton County is a role model for other governments in its support for the arts over the years and I strongly want to urge you all to continue that within – again within this current budget. You are -- you are again a role model for the governments in our state and in our nation. As a board member of the Hammonds House Museum, I want to thank you particularly for our past partnership, and all of your support over the years for the Hammonds House Museum. Dr. O. T. Hammonds was a friend of my parents, and we are pleased to carry on the mission of promoting African-American art in his name and with the partnership and the assistance of the County. And your support has been critical to our ability to sustain and expand our mission of showing African-American art in the community. And finally, I just wanted to add that I wanted to commend the County for a well-run election. I know it, I'm not supposed to be commenting on the budget; but I just wanted to say that the election last night ran very smoothly and we're very pleased with all of the results. Thank you."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Madam Vice Chair, Members of the Board, we'll check to see if we have any Zoom speakers regarding the budget for public hearing. No further speakers."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Thank you, Madam Clerk. Please sound the next item."

**RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Excuse me. There is one that's had her hand raised; her name is Sheila Hamilton. Give me a second. Ms. Hamilton."

**SHEILA HAMILTON, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Hi. Can you hear me?"

**RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Yes, we can."

**SHEILA HAMILTON, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Greetings, Commissioners and those attending this meeting. I just wanted to speak on the budget. I have a concern with 21-0981, the Sheriff's food service contract; and 21-0955, the Sheriff's medical services contract. I have a concern that the Aramark contract does not need to be renewed. Having had someone who was a detainee there at the Fulton County jail, the meals are not nutritious. The meals lack all of the required dietary requirements and even though they are detainees they do need to have nutritional meals. There's no fresh fruit; there is no proteins; and they have one vegetable per day. As it relates to the medical contract, I'd like to know how is the funding dispensed as far as the mental health services that are provided? I'd like to know to whom are the services provided and how much is spent per detainee on mental health services? That's something that seems to be lacking. And I like the other few speakers, I like to commend Richard Barron on a well-run election. I appreciate what he's done, and as the naysayers go, these people's lives have been threatened and I appreciate what Richard Barron and the Fulton County Staff has done as far as our elections. Thank you for allowing me to speak."

**RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "And the next one, we have one more, I believe is Bridget Thorne. Ms. Thorne?"

**BRIDGET THORNE, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "I already spoke."

**RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Okay, great. All right. That concludes the Zoom comments."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Thank you. Madam Clerk, please sound the next item."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "Bottom of page 6, **21-0948**, Public Works. Public hearings on the Manning Drive, Pinetree Circling, Cold Creek petition sanitary sewer located within city of Alpharetta and to approve the petition request. And we have one speaker, Steve Beechem."

**STEVE BEECHUM, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Thank you. I'll be very short. I just want to come down as a homeowner on Manning and tell you we're excited about the possibility of sewer; so, we hope you will pass that and give us the opportunity to have sewer on our street. Most of the other neighborhoods around us have sewer. We're an older neighborhood and so it would be very nice to have sewer. Thank you."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "All right, thank you. Any other speakers, Madam Clerk?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "No further speakers."



**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "All right. All right. Commissioner Morris, you'd like to ask a question."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Well, I believe this may be in Mr. Ellis' district, so I'll yield to him."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Oh, he's going to yield to you --"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "-- well, I was maybe you were going to ask the same question. Do we need to vote on this?"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "--yeah --"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "--okay, that was the same question --"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "-- it says that request to approve the petition --"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "--yeah--"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "--that's before us now, Madam Clerk--"

**CLERK GRIER:** "--yes--"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "And so, well, I'll just moved, I'll second it."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "All right. Move approval by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by -- it doesn't say --"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** [INAUDIBLE.]

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "-- Commissioner Hausmann. All right. Seconded by Commissioner Hausmann, there we go. Please open the vote."

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

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Next item, Madam Clerk."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 7, under Open and Responsible Government, **21-0949**, Finance. Request approval to renew existing contracts, provide annual audit services."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Is there a motion? All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Hausmann. Please open the vote."

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



**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Next item, please."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**21-0950**, Finance. Request approval to renew existing contracts to provide printing and mailing of County's water and sewer bills."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Is there a motion to -- approve by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Please open the vote."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the vote is open--"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "--Madam Clerk--"

**CLERK GRIER:** "--and the motion passes; four yeas, zero nays."

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**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Next."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Under Arts --"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "--go ahead--"

**CLERK GRIER:** "--under Arts and Libraries, **21-0951**, Real Estate and Asset Management. Request approval to renew an existing contract to provide comprehensive operation preventative and corrective maintenance services for the Fulton County jail in the jail South Annex in Union City."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Motion to approve by Commissioner Ellis. Is there a second? Seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Please open the vote--"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** [INAUDIBLE.]

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "--oh, Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yeah, this is an awful lot of money and a very significant increase. I think, is someone available to tell us --"

**ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY COO, FC PSS:** "--Mr. Davis --"

**JOSEPH DAVIS, DIRECTOR, DREAM:** "Good morning, Commissioners. Joe Davis, Director of DREAM. Actually, Commissioner Morris, we have changed the format of the contract for the preventive jail maintenance. Sir, there's no jail maintenance services now; a cost-plus contract. What you see before you in the amount of 5.2 million actually covers both facilities. Not only the main jail at 901 Rice Street, but also the jail at Union

City which was previously under a different vendor. The actual expenditure is for the six-month term of the original contract came in at about \$400,000 less than what we were tracking with the same time period last year so we've actually seen some significant cost savings as a result of this new format."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Okay. I just noted this is under the Arts and Library. I'm not sure why that is; but that really doesn't matter."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "I think in the formatting, Commissioner, it just got pushed down. We did notice that as well. Thank you."

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

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "All right. Any other questions? All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Arrington. And the vote is open."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**21-0952**, Library. Request approval to renew existing contracts to provide adult, young adult, and children's books and adult best-selling lease books."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Commissioner Hausmann has a question."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Turn the mic on thank you. Gayle, I don't expect you to have an answer on this right now, but I do know that, that is you behind that mask isn't it--"

**GAYLE HUNTER-HOLLMAN, DIRECTOR, LIBRARY:** "--it's me --"

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "-- good to see ya. I know you made some requests in the budget process for additional books and whatnot. I don't think it made it in. I'm very interested in seeing that, so if you could get me that or get all of us that, so we understand. I know that the demand is very high right now for our services. So, if you could just provide that so that when we do actually make a decision on the budget that we understand what it is you've asked for. I'd like to know your waitlist and those kind of details; how we're currently doing. I hear a lot from the community about waiting a long time to get certain things, so I want to make sure that with our beautiful buildings that we have the right resources inside the buildings for the community so that question is really about that and not about this agenda item."

**GAYLE HUNTER-HOLLMAN, DIRECTOR, LIBRARY:** "Okay. Thank you so much. Good morning, everyone. Gayle Holloman, Library Director. That's very true,

Commissioner Hausmann, we're seeing a very large up-tic now in print resources being requested. So, I will get that to you all."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "To the entire Commission, please."

**GAYLE HUNTER-HOLLMAN, DIRECTOR, LIBRARY:** "Yes, all of you."

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

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Thank you, Gayle. I do want to just say that from my office, I did request to know how many books are leased per month and over a year's time and some other things, so. But I think your Staff did respond; if I'm not mistaken. So that might also be something that will be helpful to Commissioner Hausmann."

**GAYLE HUNTER-HOLLMAN, DIRECTOR, LIBRARY:** "Okay."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Okay."

**GAYLE HUNTER-HOLLMAN, DIRECTOR, LIBRARY:** "Will do."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Thank you. And the motion is to approve by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Please open the vote."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the vote is open --"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "--thank you --"

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 8, **21-0953**, Public Works. Request approval to renew existing contracts to provide manholes, frames, grates, and accessories."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Motion to approve by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Hausmann. Please open the vote."

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

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Just a second. Madam Clerk, we have lost Commissioner Arrington and Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. They are leaving to attend the funeral of Michael Lankford. He was a significant public servant in Atlanta, and his funeral is today. So, I just wanted to acknowledge that. Thank you."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "Okay, continuing on page 8, under Justice and Safety, **21-0954**, Medical Examiner. Request approval to renew an existing contract to provide part-time and intermittent forensic autopsy services."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "The motion is to approve by Commissioner Hausmann, and seconded by Commissioner Morris. Please open the vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**21-0955**, Sheriff. Request approval to renew an existing contract to provide physical and mental health services to inmates at the Fulton County Jail and other locations."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "The motion is to -- oh, Commissioner Morris, you had a question?"

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** [INAUDIBLE.]

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** MIC IS OFF "This is a huge \$26 million plus contract. This is a huge \$26 million plus contract one of the largest contracts we do other than big waste water construction projects. So, I thought it might be appropriate -- I know the sense, Mr. Manager is they're doing a pretty good job over there. I don't know if someone wants to comment a little bit about it?"

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Yes, sir. We'll ask Alton Adams to provide a brief overview."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Okay."

**ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY COO, FC PSS:** "I know the Sheriff is travelling, so I'm not sure he'll be able to talk to it. But in short Commissioner, NaphCare has done well given the tough environment over the last couple of years. We had a discussion a couple days ago, and they're struggling with a lot of the same things that we are in terms of retaining people particularly in healthcare. Just to give you a sense of the magnitude, they had a 28 percent turnover in 2020 and 40 percent turnover in 2021. So, they are challenged a bit in terms of dealing with -- with retaining nurses. That having been said, we had a detailed review with them three months ago. We continue to focus on the outcomes which are specifically the health of the detainees, and for the most part we continue to make progress in terms of the health and treating them even though those detainees because the court system have been jail longer than they typically have; so, long answer to your question. They're doing as well as we can expect in the environment we're in. The cost is a renewal. We have signed a -- we

have signed a nine year agreement, and I think for the most part, we feel comfortable in recommending there continuing to be our healthcare provider."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Which year of the nine years is this?"

**ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY COO, FC PSS:** "I believe it's the fourth year; it is the fourth year, that's correct."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "All right. Motion is to -- Commissioner Hausmann, you want to be heard?"

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes, I do, and Commissioner Morris is exactly right. This is one of the largest contracts and one of the ones that we hear a lot about from constituents and the public. You know I see a two-paragraph memo from the Sheriff in this packet. That says he's okay with it. I know he's had concerns over the years. I've got to say that I recognize he's traveling. Is this time sensitive? Because I kind of feel like the Sheriff should be here to make some sort of comments, a presentation to us on the contract that has such an impact."

**ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY COO, FC PSS:** "It is time sensitive because as of January the current contract expires. And so, yes, it is. I guess that's the end. And I will say that in terms of the quarterly reviews that we have with NaphCare the Sheriff and his Team are part of those reviews. So, it's not that we do have in fact a detailed process in terms of reviewing their progress."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Have any of that been provided to the Commission?"

**ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY COO, FC PSS:** "We typically will invite a couple of the Commissioners specifically -- our liaisons to those meetings to be part of the discussions in the past over the last three years, we've extended invitations to the Commissioners to attend those sessions and sent follow-up meeting materials as well."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "All right. I don't recall seeing that nor getting any information on it. Again, I'm not disputing that the recommendation is there's anything wrong with it. I'm just suggesting that an item this large, we should make sure we understand exactly the current situation as we renew it. So, I'm not sure that I have that in front of me right now to make that decision or not."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Hall, please."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes. I received a text from Sheriff Labat stating that he is fine with this medical piece, and that he would like support of it."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Any other comments or questions? If not, the motion before us is to approve. Motion to approve by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Please vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**21-0956**, County Manager, presentation of COVID-19 operational response update."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "Mr. Manager."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. As we have done before, we submitted to you a deck that summarizes the COVID response. Let me hit a few of the highlights and then we'll be available for questions. Unfortunately, the trends have turned in the wrong direction with cases slightly over a hundred which is a 25 percent increase positivity rated at 3.5 percent which also is a 25 percent increase. And hospitalizations and deaths still remaining down. So, that places us however still in the moderate transmission category. Defined by the CDC which is supportive of our positions on masks being recommended, not mandated. And as you can see, most of our scorecard is in the green category with the exception of morgue census; which we are watching closely, but do have a continued capacity there. The focus remains on vaccines with the new Omicron variant and we've administered over 530,000 vaccines at this point with our same four mobile and four fixed-site approach, as well as with a hundred dollar incentives. We'll talk today if you have questions about, but we're looking at all of those elements: fixed, mobile, and incentives, as we go into 2022, to optimize vaccination take rates. Again, we have 637,000 citizens that have been vaccinated; which is 62 percent of our population, placing us ahead of the state. We also, as you'll see in your report, have vaccinated 783 five- to-eleven year olds, and now the booster shots obviously are available for all adults, so demand could very well uptick going forward. On reopening as you'll notice, we're still green on all of our indicators and only two instances in the cases the last reporting period. And we have 79.5 percent of our employees vaccinated. We have 14 noncompliant that are in danger of termination and we're working to ensure that we don't have any misfires in terms of that in terms of folks not understanding the program or their responsibility. Ken Hermon can certainly answer any questions relative to that. The significant news today is on the emergency rental assistance program. We have fully distributed our ERAP funds. Now, being one of the - certainly one of the first in Georgia, and I believe one of the first in the US to do so. The good news is we have very positive signals from the Governor's office and DCA on the potential of a \$25

million reallocation from their overall program to Fulton County. That does have to be approved by U.S. Treasury and we anticipate that approval occurring by the end of December. So, in the interim what we're proposing to you today is really a modest reallocation of our ARPA funds. So, one-to-two percent, about 4 million to keep our program running because it's important that citizens aren't disrupted in terms of coming to our portal, then having to go to perhaps another portal or the states portal; and then attempting to come back to ours. So, with that approval today and Anna Roach, our Chief Operating Officer, will talk with you about that in specifics. We will be able to continue operating our program and then again expect to receive \$25 million reallocated which again will be a first I think certainly in Georgia, but may be across the nation. It's a great testament to how well this program has been run by, Dr. Roshell, who by the way, is out today not feeling well, and Anna Roach. We remain in very good shape as it relates to the management of the funds, the total funds that you entrusted us with in terms of ARPA, as well as the others that contribute to this effort. Having expended 94.5 million of the 313 million total so just a reminder this is a four-year program. So, already in the first year, we've expended about a third of the four-year program. And we have a \$31.3 million reserve or 10 percent reserve, so. We're aggressive in deployment of these funds to support our communities and citizens, but while keeping a 10 percent reserve which I think is exactly where we want to be. Remind you that the two truisms that we followed along which is we do try to act and adjust when confronted with something new, but we also don't know what we don't know; and this new variant is got a clear case and point. So, Mr. Chairman, I think we're ready with Doug and Matt to answer any questions about and also Dr. Paxton is available assuming that there would be questions about the new variant specifically; and then we'll go into the ERAP section."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you, Mr. Manager. Gentlemen."

**MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL:** "Good morning, sir—"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "—and lady

**MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL:** "Good morning, Commissioners. Just draw your attention as we always do just to a couple ceiling points to make sure everyone is aware of this on page 10 of your packet. We just want to remind everyone that through December 4<sup>th</sup>, which will be this Saturday, we actually are still offering the hundred dollars incentives, and boosters are now recommended for all adults over the age of 18. So please make sure that all of our constituents are aware that they can receive, once again, first and second dose with an incentive as well as booster shots at our locations. We currently have the capacity to vaccinate about 350 people at our four sites. Yesterday, we vaccinated over 362 people at our locations. So,



we are definitely taking advantage of all the opportunities that we have. Page 13. I know that it's always a question of how is our mobile vaccination teams doing. We're still reaching over 80 percent of people of color. As we go out into the communities to make sure that we target populations that have low uptake on vaccine amounts, and on page 15, we have had a lot of success; and the week before Thanksgiving. When it comes to nighttime operations for some of our fixed sites, So, what we did, we extended that to be able to go ahead and have two at each location. You'll see the time there, 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. at North Point, Aviation and South Fulton Service Center. If we asked you all to help us to amplify that and get that message out to the community that we will have night shifts to be able to go ahead and help individuals. With that being said, I will pause here. I know Dr. Paxton was joining on line. Like the County Manager said to answer any questions or concerns regarding the new variant."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "Are there questions at this time? Any questions? None?"

**MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL:** "Thank you, folks."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "We'd like to ask Anna Roach to again talk about the emergency rental assistance program and the excitement that we have having reached this milestone. So, Ms. Roach."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board. If you could go to slide 27. Slide 26 has some quick facts that the Board could take a look at, at its leisure. But, did want to spend a little bit of time on slide 27 which basically announces a couple of things. First that we are little bit of a victim of our own success in that we have at this point fully expended all of the funding that we received from both ERA1 and ERA2. And to put that in some context, the majority of jurisdictions have not yet even applied to receive their ERA2 funding. And so, huge amount of success with that program. To the point that we ran out of funding prior to Treasury executing its recapture and reallocation process. And so, in response to that, we've tried to work closely with the state around this notion of voluntary reallocation which they have indicated a great deal of support for and so they have now contacted Treasury to support our request as well as indicate to Treasury that they are willing to do a voluntary reallocation to us rather than wait for Treasury's recapturing and reallocation process. So, great news there. But when I say victim of our own success, it does leave us in a position where we now have no funding to execute the program. And so, there are two risk posed with that. The first and most significant is that those applications that we have, that have a risk of eviction. Obviously, we'd like to address those particularly as we approach the holidays. And the second risk is that without funding, we would have to ramp down our program and then figure out how to ramp it back up in the event that that 25 million is received; which we

have all indications that it will be. In response to that as the Manager stated, we took a look at all of the allocations that we made earlier this year to programs for the execution of our ARPA funds. And we have identified \$4 million across three of our previously funded programs that we will dedicate now to keep the emergency rental assistance program afloat while we await confirmation from Treasury or DCA that the \$25 million reallocation will in fact come to Fulton County. What that will allow us to do is to establish the \$25 million as a grant in our system, and expend the way we do with other grants with full anticipation of reimbursement until we actually get the funds in our account. So, this is the plan that we're recommending for the Boards approval, and we have worked with the law department, who very thankful for Soo Jo and her Team, that expeditiously got us a resolution to this effect. It has been distributed to the Board and is a part of this package; so, if the Board is amendable to these recommendations to bridge the emergency rental assistance program, we ask for a motion and adoption of that resolution, so we can move forward with that plan. Mr. Chairman, I don't have any other news on rental assistance, but just wanted to throw in there that we're in the same position as the last meeting on mortgage assistance, but we are in communication with the state and they anticipate a decision on their application for their spend plan any day now from Treasury."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "Okay. You're asking for approval of the Resolution?"

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Yes, sir."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "Today? Vice Chair Hall is a co-sponsor of that with me. So, Commissioner Morris, you want to be heard?"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yeah -- "

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "--did you get that --"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "--you indicated that you've identified three sources; what are those sources?"

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "So, the first is day porters. We initially allocated an amount for day porters. We are receiving less than anticipated request for the enhanced cleaning that we had set aside given our improvements in our COVID numbers. So, we identified that as a potential source and we haven't put a number to any of these three yet, Mr. Commissioner Morris, but these are the three sources; so, day porters is one of them; the small business loan program as well has not been fully executed yet in other words we haven't transferred the funds on that program yet, and the third is the job training program."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Okay."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "Any other questions? So, let's take up the Resolution now. You want to – do you have a, you have a copy of it—"

**CLERK GRIER:** "—I do—"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "--okay, would you sound the caption. Again, that's co-sponsored by Vice Chair Hall --"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** [INAUDIBLE.]

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "-- yes, everyone should have a copy of it--"

**CLERK GRIER:** "--it should be one on there in the folder--"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "--in the folders--"

**CLERK GRIER:** "-- okay. Resolution authorizing Fulton County Georgia to use American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, state and local fiscal recovery fund monies to provide rental assistance to residents and stakeholders on an as needed and when needed basis through December 31st, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$4 million and for other purposes."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "All right. There's a motion to approve by Vice Chair Hall. Is there a second? I'll second. Any other explanation needed? If not, let's vote, please."

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

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**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "Thank you, Commissioners. Madame COO, anything else?"

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "No, Mr. Chairman. Thank you."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "And that concludes our report, Mr. Chairman."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "Nothing from the CFO?"

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Not unless there are questions about the --"

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yeah, my question relates to the amount of expenditures for project ORCA."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "Where are you Commissioner?"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "I guess I'm on slide 32. Is that where we are, 2.9 million? Alton."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Okay, that doesn't sound like a lot so far—"

**ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY COO, FC PSS:** "--it's a reflection of the ramp-up that we had initially anticipated starting in May and really being ramped up by late summer. We started in July and as a result, it has, it's just taken us a while. I think it's 80 percent of the expenditures of people. So, that really reflects the pace at which we've been able to spend--"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "--I figured a lot of it was salaries."

**ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY COO, FC PSS:** "That's correct--"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "--and would slowed things down. But I thought we might have, you know, the fixing up of the court rooms and things like that; we--"

**ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY COO, FC PSS:** "--we've completed those, those are completed this week. I'm not sure the final invoices have been included in these numbers, so those are approximately 40,000 each. Seven of the courtrooms. So, that's an additional \$300,000 but the primary reason why we're not spending at the run rate we anticipated has been the hiring rate."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Right. And the court rooms we talked about not only taking the ones across the street out of mothballs, but maybe central library maybe--"

**ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY COO, FC PSS:** "--Sloppy Floyd, that's correct --"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "--where are we with those?"

**ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY COO, FC PSS:** "So we have three phases. The first phase is composed of two things: One, standing up the seven that were in mothballs which was completed this week. And the second or second part of that is utilizing the capacity that we have in the existing court rooms as well. So, for example on any given day we might only be using 30 percent of the courtrooms that we have. And so we, part of the software we purchased is going to allow us to actually use those additional -- to use

those courtrooms on the days where they would typically be vacant. Additionally, we are looking at the Sloppy Floyd Building and one of the floors over there. DREAM is in the process of helping us come up with an estimate for not only construction, but we need the IT estimate and so on. So, we are talking to them about what that would look like and what the terms would be. And we have had a couple of rooms identified at the central library and we're in the process of nailing down the specs and what it would take to get those up to speed."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "But we haven't done any design or construction--"

**ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY COO, FC PSS:** "--not at this point. Our primary focus has been ramping up the ones in the courthouse and also getting the additional capacity in part because those are the ones that are going to allow us to get after the criminal charges and ramp up our jury capability -- jury trial capability."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "And how are we – how are we doing, on whittling down the backlog."

**ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY COO, FC PSS:** "We well, the actual d-day starts on Monday and Monday we are going to – that's when we actually have identified and confirmed the starting point in terms of the backlog. What I will tell you is that in terms of the numbers you'll see as we get there we've done -- we made considerable progress in the, in the cases in the magistrate court. We've had some additional cases in that have been added to the overall number in state court, and on balance, we're about where we expected to be in terms of Superior Court."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "But, I mean, couple of numbers; correct me if I get it wrong Alton. You know, we've - remember we talked about almost 200,000 cases. I think we'll start with 165 or something like that. So, there really has been significant progress made. All the hiring is mainly in the deputies and Marshall's--"

**ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY COO, FC PSS:** "The challenges, that's correct."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "85 percent of all the hiring has been done for all the other positions and then again I think based on our review this week we're ready to go in terms of report cards and the like. Which, we'll present in the next meeting. That's kind of the schedule as we bring this forward in the recess meeting. So, I think in general we all feel along with our justice partners good."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "Other questions or comments at this time? Thank you, Mr. Manager. Continue, Madam Clerk."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "Bottom on page 8, **21-0957**, Purchasing and Contract Compliance. Request ratification of countywide emergency procurements."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "All right. Motion to approve by Vice Chair Hall, is there a second? Seconded by Commissioner Morris." Are there questions? None? Cast your vote, please."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**21-0958**, Finance. Discussion of fiscal year 2022 proposed budget."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Mr. Chairman, we don't have a formal presentation for the Board. This is just an opportunity for the Board to ask any further questions or request additional information from us regarding the 2022 proposed budget."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "Okay, we're on schedule, correct with-- "

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Yes, sir, today we held the legally required public hearings; so at this point we are ready in January to be able to approve the budget in its formal final stage."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Any questions? All right, continue please. Oh, I'm sorry Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Just a process question. I know that there's probably several initiatives that Commissioners might want to bring forward. And I'm just curious when would be the appropriate time to do that?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Commissioner Hall, you can bring an item forward during any of these discussion opportunities today. We have, we'll have one at the next Board Meeting as well and then in January."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Well, I see Commissioner Hall is on here. I know she's got some items. There's just really one item at this point that I wanted to make sure that the Commissioners were aware of. I'd be happy to provide you with some backup information on it. But in general, I think you're all aware that we have initiated a rebuilding of the last structure across the Chattahoochee River -- the last historical bridge has been taken down. The project is a partnership to replace it with Fulton County, Gwinnett County, Duluth and Johns Creek. The steel that is from the former bridge that's 120 years old, has been dismantled, and Duluth and Johns Creek both are

looking at some sort of public art to be done with that steel. Our art department has been collaborating with Johns Creek to help guide them as they obviously do not have that expertise in-house. So, I want to commend David and our arts division for their work in helping Johns Creek to determine a path forward with what they want to do, but also just want to say it's really a generational opportunity here for some sort of public recognition, public art with that steel. And David and his shop also recognizes it as a big opportunity for the community. So, I would just like to let you know that I think it's an appropriate investment for us through our arts division. It's probably in the neighborhood of \$150,000 would be more than sufficient to support that and so I do plan to at the appropriate time make that request to include that in our budget."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "I don't disagree with you Commissioner Hausmann. But would it make sense so for those of us who have – those of you rather who have adjustments, enhancements for us to you know to take those at a meeting so we can look at the picture, and so we'll know exactly what we're talking about and you know vote them up or down--"

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "--which is why when I opened my comment with—"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** [INAUDIBLE.]

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "--when is the appropriate time? So, I'm happy to do it at a later date, but I did want to make sure you were aware of it."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "Thank you. Will that be December or January? Will it give you more time if it's at the next meeting?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "In order for us to identify any additional resources, that would need to be January. At this point what we've presented is a balanced proposed budget, so any incremental expenditure would have to be supported by either incremental revenues--"

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "--I understand that--"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "--right--"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "- but on the timing – I mean, should we, those who have requests, should we do it at the collectively at the next meeting or the first meeting in January in anticipation of approval no later than that second meeting in January? What's your preference?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** “If you, if your intent is to present the information and allow an opportunity for it to be vetted, then probably earlier would be better. If your intent is to present it and—”

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** “—so--”

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** “--and ask for a vote--”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “--that’s all right--”

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** “--then I would say in January--”

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** “--when’s our next meeting; December what?”

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** “December 15<sup>th</sup>.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “December 15<sup>th</sup>.”

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** “Yes.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “Okay, December 15<sup>th</sup>.”

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** “Okay.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “-- And those -- and I think that what Commissioner Hausmann did was proper and fair to give us what you have and we could, so we’ll be familiar with it before the 15th and we can make a decision at the time.”

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** “And I also, I did, I asked Ms. Holloman to provide us with information about resources that she you know would like to have in the library program as well so which we don't have today either—”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “—okay—”

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** “-- but that's the reason I wanted to bring this forward so that we can have enough time to make thoughtful decisions.”

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** “All right. Vice Chair.”

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** “Thank you, Commissioner Hausmann. That is exactly what I was going to do so I appreciate that you took care of that. There are a couple of things -- because I also asked for additional information and unfortunately when I use the spreadsheet that indicates the funded and not funded items by department, many people that I request – I ask them, why did you need this on the items that were not funded because I want to understand why they put the request in and know the



importance of it as it relates to what their trying to do in their departments and offices; and many of them said they didn't even know that certain things were not funded so I found that a little bit concerning because if these departments and these offices -- when I say offices I mean like the office of the Sheriff and those elected officials who have offices of their own. Just the fact that they didn't know that many of the items they requested in their budget were not funded. Was concerning because as I began to ask questions of them as to why they requested the items, and found that many of these things were very important to them being able to serve the community. They should know that whatever they've asked is funded or not funded. So, I would recommend to County executives that you share this same document with all of the departments because they really don't even know. They have no idea; such as the Sheriff. We did discuss some of these things at the last meeting like the fact that the Clerk needs the Muni code. But it's not funded and the Clerk needs the IT person which I specifically said is Chad because he has been our IT support on the BOC side for many years, and it would be really beneficial to get him back, serving us, because right now the service is not good and has not been good since he left; just to be honest with you. So, if you could, please send this document -- I think Hakeem may have it or his Team and if you could send it to the department so they know. The other thing is when I was reviewing the budget book, with Anita, we were looking through this thing and looking at the funded not funded document and realized that some things -- there was some oversight and I did speak with Hakeem about the oversight. There was something that was on this list as funded is not accurately documented in the draft proposed budget book. And so, I would ask that you all please review the documents again and maybe take your own document of the spreadsheet and just double check against it because there was specifically a Commissioner's office that is on the funded spreadsheet, but it was not completely documented what their funding needed to be used for in the actual proposed budget. And as we know from all these years of doing the budget, if you are increasing your personnel in order for HR to make those changes, they need to know where those changes are being made. Just allocating funding is not enough and the book should reflect that additional information. And so, I just want to make sure that -- so we're going to do our budget enhancements as one --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "--15th, yeah--"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "-- on December 15th, okay. Thank you, and I think that -- oh, no, one last thing. And so, I did ask the question also because I did not get an opportunity to attend all the budget hearings. And so, I asked the question, you know, could someone send me the video recording, and the response that I got -- that I received was due to the nature, we are not planning on recording the meetings; and I don't understand that. Due to the nature, we're not recording the meetings, the budget

hearings. And so, I'd like somebody to explain that a little further why they weren't recorded? Can somebody explain that? The presentations, the department presentations."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Vice Chair Hall, they were not public hearings. They were meetings with the County Manager and the executive team and we decided not to record each individual session because we don't record many of our internal meetings like that in the form and format. When we hold them – when we have held them in the past in, out at Aviation or even back when we had the official budget commission and we held departmental budget hearings, they were never recorded at that point in time either."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "They were not recorded, but weren't there people who attended those meetings that were not County employees?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "There were at times special guests who were brought in by some of our elected officials, but typically the participants were County employees, members of the budget staff, County Manager's office, and the department and their representatives."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Right. But like you just said, there were people who were non-County employees who used to attend the meetings and they would be considered from the public because they are not County employees and they had nothing -- they were not directly involved in the budget hearing. So, I don't understand what the difference is. So, you're saying that if someone wanted to attend the Zoom that you did that this time they would not have been allowed to come in and attend the Zoom?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "The Zoom invitations were sent directly to the department head for their use and their staffs use. So, these were not public -- these were not public meetings. These were discussions that were held with the County Manager and the departments regarding their budget submittals."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "So, I don't see what the difference is between a Zoom and an in-person meeting. If a, if a - as you stated it, if a Commissioner brought in a guest from outside which would be public in the previous in-person meetings, then what would stop them from allowing someone to be on the Zoom listening and watching -- watching from the public?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Again, Vice Chair, the sessions were intended to be individual sessions with the department and the County Manager, not, not public meetings. In the past, there have been some elected officials who have

brought in members of the public during their sessions, and, you know, those were allowed as I guess as a courtesy, but these were not planned as public meetings.”

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** “Okay. So, Madam County Attorney, is there a legal reason why we should not record our Zoom budget hearings by departments?”

**Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** MIC IS OFF/INAUDIBLE “Well, I don’t...while I’m not familiar with, I don’t think I attended a meeting which would not fall in the open meetings act and would not require recording under the act.”

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** “Okay. So, in the past when guests were invited from the public, were we breaking the law in some way for the open records meeting because I’m trying to understand what’s different between a Zoom and an in-person other than the fact that your virtual with the Zoom, and--”

**Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** “Perhaps I misunderstood your question. Was your question whether those, the nature of those meetings required converted them to open meetings or is it that whether the public, the non-departmental employees in attendance made it into an open meeting.”

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** “My question was specifically was there, is there a legal reason why the meetings could not have been recorded in this instance with Zoom when in the past, the in-person meetings allowed public people to come in and observe those budget hearings. So, is there a legal reason now because it’s virtual for not recording it so that public people could watch it?”

**Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** “So, based on the facts as I understand them, there is no legal reason requirement to record or not record. It, it’s not an open meeting because business of the County is not being conducted by the governing body. So, there would not be a requirement to record.”

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** “Okay, so the courtesy could have been extended for people to watch it regardless the way they watched it in the past in-person.”

**Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** “I don't think I'm understanding your question. Is your question whether or not there is a prohibition against - there's a legal reason why it could not have been made a public meeting.”

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** “I’m just trying to understand what’s the difference between the public attended in the past in-person and the public being able to view it this time because of zoom. What’s the difference?”

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "Excuse me, yeah, let's do this. Y'all want to take some time and get a written opinion on that because it maybe the inviting, even inviting the public to these what are inter department -- well not inter departmental, but basically working sessions of the department maybe we shouldn't even have the public. So, my recommendation would be y'all take some time and look at it and give us some direction."

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

**Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Chairman Pitts, we will get clarification on the questions and provide an opinion."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Thank you. I appreciate that. And that's my last question."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yeah, I look forward to seeing what y'all come back with. But, obviously, we changed the process as a Board several years ago. We eliminated budget hearings and basically delegated this to our management team to present a budget and there is no longer a Member of this Body on the budget commission. I don't think there is a formal budget commission any more, right? We just delegate it to you to present that so; sounds like everything you've done is proper and you know within bounds and basically what we instructed you to do. I guess if we're going to do something different, we shouldn't instruct you to do something different. But I'll just go back and just make a remark what I said at the last meeting. I do think that what's presented is very structurally sound. I do think, you know, one of the things that we have historically underrun our budgets and I'm sure we will under run again next year. I do think the one thing that is very different about this year is we do have this substantive sum of funds in the American Rescue Plan fund funds money some of which we allocated delegated and sort of spoken for but much of which we haven't. And, you know, I do think as we consider those enhancements that may come up, that we really think about, you know, that may be an appropriate opportunity for use of certain, certain of those things and hopefully we've also, you know, looked at the types of things they got requested to us in this budget and if there are things in there, that we are to potentially assign to that I would encourage us to do that, you know, now rather than wait midstream. So, but it sounds like y'all tried to factor that in. In terms of what might be eligible and may be pull some stuff out and bring it to us or was there still some sort of give and play in terms of those types of items?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Commissioner Ellis those things that we did feel like on their face could be funded out of the ARPA funds. We did

and you'll see that in the information we did make an indication that we would move that over to ARPA. There may be others that we could go back through the list and look at to see if we could fashion them in a way where they would fit clearly within you know within the ARPA guidelines. So, you know, we can certainly take that exercise on.”

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** “And these other enhancements, are types of things brought up or raised by us at the next meeting you would also be able - that will give you ample time to evaluate those to see whether or not some of those might qualify.”

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** “Yes, sir.”

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** “Okay. Thanks.”

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** “Vice Chair Hall.”

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** “Yes. Let me just be clear about my previous question. There are residents who feel like this is their money. They’re the taxpayers and they want to know what’s being presented and discussed as it relates to their taxpayers’ dollars and they asked me to ask the question. Now, I can have them just fill up this whole place and ask you the question themselves, but I thought it would be a lot easier for me to just ask it myself, but I hope we get an answer before that. As it relates to the overruns, there was actually a memo that we received -- well, yeah, we received it on November 29<sup>th</sup>, and the subject was requested information on fiscal year 2022 proposed budget; and it shows the projected underruns at over \$80 million. And this says midyear projection; do you expect that by the end of the year that it will be more or less than 80 million? What, what’s the expected amount?”

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** “That’s still the number that we’re working with currently Vice Chair. But truthfully, through the month of December, we’re going to continue to look at this as departments continue to spend down their encumbrances and we continue to see what our payroll expenditures look like through you know through the end of the year and then you know quite honestly how tax collections come in this year. So, we’ll be evaluating all of that through the end-of-the-year. But right now, these are still the numbers.”

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** “All right. Thank you. And then, we approved at the last meeting to move forward with the COLA and that COLA that was presented was 3 percent, but we all know that inflation is extremely high; and across the United States, it’s actually at 6 percent. And I would ask that we try to move that COLA percentage up closer to the 6 percent that the rest of America is dealing with because as we know Social Security has been increased to the highest level in history because of this inflation. So I want to put that on the table as well. Thank you.”

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** “Other comments? Now, I just would like to add though with the enhancements it will be helpful and instructive to CFO and her people if when we have enhancements that we identify because if you've been presenting a balanced budget – so if you have enhancements, it will be very helpful if you would identify the source of funding for those enhancements that you will be proposing. All right. Anything else? Continue Madam Clerk.”

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**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 9, **21-0959**, Human Resources Management. Request approval to modify the classification and compensation plan by adding three new titles."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** “All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Vice Chair Hall. Please vote.”

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** “**21-0960**, Registration and Elections. Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder to provide ballot printing services.”

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** “All right. Motion to approve by Vice Chair Hall, I'll second. Commissioner Ellis followed by Commissioner Hausmann, followed by Vice Chair Hall.”

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** “Does it say retroactive approval or a forward-looking approval?”

**FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC:** “Good morning, Commissioners. Felicia Strong-Whitaker. Commissioner Ellis, you are correct in that we didn't have to because of the legislative cycle, we did have to issue a solicitation -- a quote for the November 2nd election, so that they could get ballots printed. So, that amount would need to be backed out for this year, and only include the November 30<sup>th</sup> runoff election. So, if you don't mind, we will bring this back; and the amount for this year will be reduced because we had to issue a quote so that they could get things going for the November 2<sup>nd</sup> election. And we issued this as a solicitation because their estimated budget exceeded our \$49,999 quote limit. So, and it also would hold the price if the – with the two renewal options. So, we we'll bring it back and clarify what they actually spent for the November 30<sup>th</sup> runoff. It gets a little complicated--”

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** “--so you requested it to be held?”

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** “--so, you would like to hold this?”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "So, you're requesting that it be held?"

**FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC:** "Yes, sir --"

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Is that, okay?"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. We'll make a substitute motion."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yeah. That'll be great. Substitute motion to hold."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "I'll second it."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Substitute motion to hold by, yes--"

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Felicia, thank you for that, and I thank you for coming back to us. You heard a lot of comments about it today--"

**FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC:** "I did."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "I think that as a normal course of business, we need to do a really good job of being transparent with any election item that's on the Agenda, okay?"

**FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC:** "Absolutely."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "And so, if some of this is new requirements because of 202, a little executive blurb in your write up explaining why we have to do it this way when we might not have done it this way before, would also be very helpful."

**FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC:** "Thank you. I'll do that."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "So, if you just go back and look at the comments and make sure that whatever you provide for us as much as possible addresses those concerns that were raised, I would also appreciate that."

**FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC:** "Yes, I can do that."

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

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "All right. Substitute motion to hold. Let's vote, please. To hold, Madam Clerk."

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

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "All right. Continue, please."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**21-0961**, External Affairs. Request approval of a recommended proposal to provide federal intergovernmental affairs services."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "All right. Motion to approve by Vice Chair Hall. Is there a second? All right. I'll second it -- seconded by Commissioner Hausmann. Questions or comments? None? Let's vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**21-0962**, External Affairs. Request approval of a recommended proposal to provide state intergovernmental affairs."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hausmann, seconded by Vice Chair Hall. Let's vote, please."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; four yeas--"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "--excuse me. I wanted to vote yes--"

**CLERK GRIER:** "-- five yeas with Chairman Pitts. 21--"

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "--just a minute; it says no MFB -- I thought there was on that particular contract. Maybe I'm not reading this correctly. That's fine. Continue."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**21-0963**, Information Technology. Request approval of a statewide contract to provide telecommunication services and products countywide."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Vice Chair Hall. Any questions? Let's vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**21-0964**, Real Estate and Asset Management. Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder to provide interior and exterior furniture fixtures and equipment for the Central and Hapeville Library."





**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Let's vote, please."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 10, **21-0965**. Request approval of a recommended proposal to provide landfill post closure services."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hausmann, seconded by Vice Chair Hall. Any questions? None? Let's vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**21-0966**, Real Estate and Asset Management. Request approval to utilize a statewide contract to provide preventive and corrective maintenance services for the County owned facility currently leased to the state of Georgia Department of human services."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Vice Chair Hall. Please vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**21-0967**. Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder to provide janitorial supplies and equipment on an as-needed basis for Fulton County facilities."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "Motion to approve by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Vice Chair Hall. Please vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**21-0968**. Request approval to utilize corporative purchasing to provide comprehensive pest control services on an as-needed basis."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Please vote."



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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 11, **21-0969**, Real Estate and Asset Management. Request approval to utilize corporative purchasing to provide copy paper and related supplies countywide."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "Motion to approve by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Vice Chair Hall. Please vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**21-0970**. Request approval to award a contract without competition to provide postage services for Fulton County agencies."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Ellis. Is there a second? Seconded by Vice Chair Hall. Please vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "Under Health and Human Services, **21-0971**, Finance. Request approval of a contract extension agreement by and between Fulton County, DeKalb County and the Fulton-DeKalb hospital authority for two years."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "Motion to approve by Commissioner Hausmann, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Vice Chair Hall has a question."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "I just had a question about why we're only doing this every two years, when the initial contract was actually for 30 years; and now we're doing it, appears in two-year increments. Is there a reason for that?"

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "I can answer that."

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

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "We keep expecting that there's going to be some level of Medicaid expansion in Georgia. And if so, and when that happens, it could very well change this contract because many more indigent folks might be served effectively and we could have higher expectations as well as may be different financial commitments. And again, I can defer to Tim and company as well, but what has

happened is either proposals from Georgia which were approved in the previous administration have now been disapproved and yet in the Build Back Better Bill, I think there is a Medicaid expansion – I’m not and Tim maybe more familiar with it than I, but there's an element of that in there so we're really just in a holding pattern to see what kind of federal action occurs that then would inform this contract between us and Grady as well as between Dekalb and Grady. So that's why it's been this kind of two-year rolling process.”

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** “All right, thank you so much.”

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** “Tim, I may have misstated anything.”

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** “Okay, he's right. Thank you.”

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** “All right, thank you.”

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** “All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hausmann, and seconded by Commissioner Morris. Let's vote, please. I'm sorry Commissioner Ellis.”

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** “We can vote about it. I just have one question on this. So, understanding what just happened, this is a two-year extension, but in the event that whenever we had a few lunar eclipses, or that sort of stuff happens, we could redo this agreement within the span of this two years, correct.”

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

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** “Okay.”

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** “Thank you. Twelve thirty-two. Anybody starving? Okay, yes? Let's go. Let's keep going then until one. All right. Continue Madam Clerk, quickly.”

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**21-0972**, Public Works. Request approval to increase spending authority to provide standby miscellaneous construction --"

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "--just a minute."

**Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** INAUDIBLE/MIC IS OFF “I believe we need to take a vote on it—”

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** INAUDIBLE/MIC IS OFF “--we voted--”

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** INAUDIBLE/MIC IS OFF “—we voted—”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “We did?”

**CLERK GRIER:** "We did vote; it was 5 yeas, 0 nays." "I didn't sound it."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "You didn't sound it—"

**CLERK GRIER:** "—I didn't sound it—"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "--okay. Thank you, Madam County Attorney. Clerk failed to sound it."

**CLERK GRIER:** "You went to the next item."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "I understand."

**CLERK GRIER:** "So, we're on 21-0972."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "Correct."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Request approval to increase spending authority to provide standby miscellaneous construction waste water system services."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "All right, here a motion to approve by Commissioner Morris, seconded by, by Commissioner Hausmann. Please vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**21-0973**, Public Works. Request approval to extend an existing contract to provide air traffic control night coverage services."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hausmann seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Please vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**21-0974**, Public Works. Request approval to utilize corporative purchasing to provide valve-conditioned assessment services data and GPS data collection."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "Motion to approve by Commissioner Ellis. Is there a second? Seconded by Vice Chair Hall. Please vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 12, **21-0975**, Public Works. Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder to provide sanitary sewer easement maintenance in both the North and South Fulton service areas."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hausmann, seconded by Vice Chair Hall. Please vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**21-0976**. Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder to provide water meter reading services."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hausmann, seconded by Vice Chair Hall. Please vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**21-0977**. Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder to provide Jetter Parts."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "I hear a motion to approve by Vice Chair Hall, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Please vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**21-0978**. Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder to provide water meter vaults."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "Motion to approve by Vice Chair Hall, seconded by Commissioner Ellis."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**21-0979**, Public Works. Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder to provide standby miscellaneous construction wastewater system services."



**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "Motion to approve by Commissioner Hausmann, seconded by Commissioner Ellis."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; five yeas, zero nays."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**21-0980**. Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder to provide water valves."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "Motion to approve by Vice Chair Hall, seconded by Commissioner Ellis."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 13, under Justice and Safety, **21-0981**, Sheriff. Request approval to extend an existing contract to provide inmate food services."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "Motion to approve by Vice Chair Hall, seconded by Commissioner Ellis."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**21-0982**, Medical Examiner. Request approval of a contract to provide board-certified forensic pathology autopsy services."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hausmann, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Please vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**21-0983**, Emergency Management. Request approval of an IGA between the City of South Fulton and Fulton County for fire protection, fire suppression, first response, non-transport emergency medical services within the specific boundaries of the unincorporated portion of Fulton County."

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "All right. Motion to approve by Vice Chair Hall, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Vice Chair Hall would like to be heard?"



**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "I just have a question. Is there anyone that can answer a question based on this says within the specific boundaries of the unincorporated portion of Fulton County. I'm just curious what that area looks like."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Yes, ma'am, you may not have checked your e-mail, because you were presiding over the meeting earlier this morning. But essentially if you can recall we had the majority of Fulton Industrial Boulevard as the County previously last February the area South of I-20 was annexed into the city of South Fulton so essentially what we have is the remaining area north of I-20. Also, including the airport which was supported by the second Bill to remain unincorporated so there is a small cheese slice north of I-20 before you get to the airport so that portion as well as all of the airport property and the two parcels that are also owned by the airport."

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

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "We have a motion to approve by Vice Chair Hall, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Please vote."

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

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**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "And there are no items from the Consent Agenda or the Regular Agenda, correct; removed--"

**CLERK GRIER:** "--that is correct, yes sir--"

**CHARIMAN PITTS:** "--all right. I'll entertain a motion to recess for lunch and executive session. We'll be taking up issues dealing with personnel, real estate and litigation. Let's vote. Motion to approve that by Vice Chair Hall seconded by Commissioner Hausmann."

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

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

**(Executive Session begins at 12:41 p.m.)**

**CALL TO ORDER 1:28 P.M.**

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Madam County Attorney, items from Executive Session—"

**Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** INAUDIBLE

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes."

**Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Can you hear me?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes."

**Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Is there a motion to approve the request for a presentation set forth in items 1 and 2 on the Executive Session Agenda?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Motion to approve by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Cast your vote, please."

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

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**Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "And is there a motion to approve the proposed settlement with McKesson, Cardinal Health, AmerisourceBergen, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Incorporated and Johnson & Johnson in the matter before the United States Judicial Panel on Multi-District Litigation, in the case of In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, MDL No. 2804?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hausmann, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Please vote."

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

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**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** INAUDIBLE

**Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "OH, excuse me. Is there a motion to approve an increase to the salary of County Auditor Anthony Nicks, to a base salary of \$200,000 annually, effective December 22nd, 2021, and to amend Auditor Nicks' employment agreement to reflect this increase?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Motion to approve by Vice Chair Hall, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Please vote."

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

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**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "That's it? Any other items, Madam Clerk?"



**CLERK GRIER:** "We have some public comment, email comments that need to be read into the record."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. We don't need a quorum for that, so if anybody has to leave. Read, you can go ahead and continue. You ready? All right."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Ms. Waller?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Well listen --"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** INAUDIBLE

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "-- are we even being recorded--"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "--we can continue recording, but any other matters that come before us that require action today? If not, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn and we'll receive these whenever we're ready, these three comments. So, motion to adjourn?"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "--second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Properly moved and seconded. Those in favor, say, aye. Opposed, no. We're officially adjourned. Thank you, everybody. Feel better sir."

(Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.)