

## FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### RECESS MEETING

December 16, 2020

10:00 AM



Fulton County Government Center  
**TELECONFERENCE**  
141 Pryor Street SW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303



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### MINUTES-RATIFIED

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**Ratification date: January 20, 2021**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Robert L. Pitts

**10:00 a.m.**

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

Robert L. Pitts, Chairman (At-Large)  
Liz Hausmann, Commissioner (District 1)  
Bob Ellis, Commissioner (District 2)  
Lee Morris, Commissioner (District 3)  
Natalie Hall, Commissioner (District 4)  
Marvin S. Arrington, Jr., Vice-Chairman (District 5)  
Joe Carn, Commissioner (District 6)

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited in unison.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dick Anderson, County Manager; Patrise Perkins-Hooker, County Attorney; Anna Roach, Chief Operating Officer; Sharon Whitmore, Chief Financial Officer; Ellis Kirby, Deputy COO; Pamela Roshell, Deputy COO; Alton Adams, Deputy COO; Harriet Thomas (Office of Chairman Pitts); Hakeem Oshikoya, Finance Director; Felicia Strong-Whitaker, Purchasing Director; Jessica Corbitt, Director of External Affairs; and Nikki Peterson (Office of the Clerk to the Commission)

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- 20-0979 Request approval of a statewide contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, SWC90816, Motor Vehicle Maintenance & Inventory Management Services, in the amount not to exceed \$475,000.00 with Automotive Rental Inc. (Mt Laurel, NJ), to provide repairs and maintenance for specialized heavy equipment and other vehicles for Fulton County. Effective dates: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. **(APPROVED)** ..... 111
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- 20-0985 Requesting approval of cooperative purchasing - Police Department, Tasers and Body Worn Camera Technology Solution in the amount of \$579,686.00 with Axon Enterprise, Inc. (Scottsdale, AZ) to provide tasers and body worn cameras and maintenance services for the Police Department. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**..... 122
- 20-0986 Request approval to increase spending authority – Police Department, 20RFP125037A-CJC, Armed and Unarmed Security Services in an amount not to exceed \$689,571.00 with Universal Protection Services dba Allied Security Services (Atlanta, GA) to provide armed and unarmed security services for various County departments effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**..... 123
- 20-0987 Request approval to award a contract without competition - Sheriff's Office, Body Worn Camera Technology Solution in the amount of \$343,583.08 with Axon Enterprise, Inc. (Scottsdale, Arizona) to provide body worn cameras and maintenance services. This procurement will require ongoing maintenance starting January 2022 in the amount of \$343,583.08. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)** ..... 124
- 20-0988 Request approval to utilize cooperative purchasing - State Court, Behavioral Health DUI Treatment Court, State of Texas Contract DIR-TSO-3757, Contract for products and Related Services with Avertest, LLC in the amount of \$200,000.00 to provide testing services for the Fulton County DUI Treatment Court. Effective upon BOC approval from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. **(APPROVED)**..... 125
- 20-0989 Request approval of a recommended proposal – Department of Senior Services RFP# 20RFQ091420A-FB, Senior Home Repair Program in the total amount not to exceed \$626,645.00 with Greenhart Construction, Inc. (Atlanta, GA), to provide minor home repair as part of the Senior Home Repair Program. Effective dates, January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. **(APPROVED)** ..... 126
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- 20-0991 Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Public Works, Bid# 20ITBC072920A-FB, Mechanical and Flanged Fittings for Ductile Iron Pipes and Discount to Catalog Items not listed in the amount of \$35,330.15 with Fortiline, Inc. dba Fortiline Waterworks (Suwanee, GA), to provide mechanical and flanged fittings for ductile iron pipes and discount to catalog items not listed. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. **(APPROVED)**..... 128
- 20-0992 Request approval of recommended proposal - Department of Public Works, RFP# 20RFP126602K-BKJ, Building Code Administration Services, Construction Management Services and Planning Services in the amount of \$390,000.00 with NOVA Engineering and Environmental, LLC (Kennesaw, GA), to provide Building Code Administration Services, Construction Management Services and Planning Services. Effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)** ..... 130
- 20-0993 Request approval of 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 \$750,000 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 additional approximately 6,500 water valves and Fire Hydrants effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. **(APPROVED)** ..... 131
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## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Board of Commissioners**

#### **20-0910 Board of Commissioners**

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Hausmann to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended by removing item #20-0922 for separate consideration as requested by the County Manager; and withdrawing item #20-0941 as requested by the County Manager.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn**

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

**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 2, Consent Agenda, **20-0910**. Adoption of the Consent Agenda. All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the County Commission and will be acted on one motion. No separate discussion will take place on these items. If discussion of any Consent Agenda item is desired, the item will be moved to the Recess Meeting Agenda for separate consideration. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have two items to be removed for separate consideration today -- well, one for separate consideration, on page 6, 20-0922, Medical Examiner. This item has been removed to be revised. It should read request approval of a 14-month extension instead of eight of contracts between Fulton County and the Emory University School of Medicine. Second item is on page 9. This item is to be removed completely. 20-0941, Real Estate and Assessment Management. Request approval of a sewer relocation easement dedication. This easement is no longer required."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "That's it?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Any other items on the Consent Agenda, Commissioners?"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Move approval of the Consent Agenda with those amendments."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Properly moved and seconded to amend the Consent -- rather, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Continue, Madam Clerk."

**20-0911 Board of Commissioners**

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

Proclamation recognizing "Eagle Scout Joss B. Hufnagel Appreciation Day." **(Hausmann)**

December 5, 2020

Proclamation recognizing "Eagle Scout Joshua Ryan Berman Appreciation Day." **(Hausmann)**

December 5, 2020

Proclamation recognizing "Eagle Scout Jacob Alexander Sulka Appreciation Day." **(Hausmann)**

December 5, 2020

Proclamation recognizing "Sandra Broughton Remembrance Day." **(Carn)**

December 5, 2020

Proclamation recognizing "Acar Nazli Appreciation Day." **(BOC)**

December 8, 2020

Proclamation recognizing "Linda Bryant Appreciation Day." **(Pitts)**

December 16, 2020

**20-0912 Board of Commissioners**

**REGION III EMS COUNCIL (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Term =4 years

Term below expires: 12/31/2020

Michael Charles **(citizen position)** - BOC/Arrington

**Appointment of Michael Charles for a Full Board reappointment withdrawn.**

(reference item #20-0903)

## **Commissioners' District Board Appointments**

**20-0913 Board of Commissioners**  
**[BELTLINE TAX ALLOCATION DISTRICT \(TAD\) ADVISORY COMMITTEE](#)**  
**[\(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA\)](#)**

Term = 2 years, with such term commencing upon approval of the Atlanta City Council.

Term below expires: 12/31/2020  
Gabriel Sterling **(Ellis)**

**Commissioner Ellis nominated Gabriel Sterling for a District reappointment to a two-year term, commencing upon approval of the Atlanta City Council.**

**20-0914 Board of Commissioners**  
**[FULTON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL \(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF](#)**  
**[THE CONSENT AGENDA\)](#)**

Term = 2 years

Terms below expire: 12/31/2020  
Jan Collins **(Ellis)**  
Sandy Barth **(Ellis)**

**Commissioner Ellis nominated Jan Collins and Sandy Barth for District reappointments to terms ending December 31, 2022.**

**20-0915 Board of Commissioners**  
**[COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT \(CDBG\) ALLOCATION](#)**  
**[PROCESS CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL \(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION](#)**  
**[OF THE CONSENT AGENDA\)](#)**

Term = 2 years

Terms below expire: 12/31/2020  
Bob Regus **(Ellis)**  
Karen Segar **(Ellis)**

**Commissioner Ellis nominated Bob Regus and Karen Segar for District reappointments to terms ending December 31, 2022.**

**20-0916 Board of Commissioners**  
**FULTON COUNTY COMMUNITY ZONING BOARD (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Term = The members shall serve a term consistent with that of the member of the Board of Commissioners making the nomination. Members shall serve no more than two (2) terms, either consecutive or non-consecutive.

Term below expires: 12/31/2020  
Chris Copenhaver **(Ellis)**

**Commissioner Ellis nominated Chris Copenhaver for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2024.**

**20-0917 Board of Commissioners**  
**FULTON COUNTY CITIZENS COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Term = 4 Years

Terms below expire: 12/31/2020  
Allison Keefer **(Ellis)**  
Megan Sweatt **(Ellis)**

**Commissioner Ellis nominated Allison Keefer and Megan Sweatt for District reappointments to terms ending December 31, 2024.**

**20-0918 Board of Commissioners**  
**FULTON COUNTY HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Term = 2 years

Term below expires: 12/31/2020  
Bruce Gunning **(Ellis)**

**Commissioner Ellis nominated Bruce Gunning for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2022.**

**20-0919 Board of Commissioners**  
**[LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES \(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA\)](#)**

Term = Each member of the board of trustees appointed by a member of the board of commissioners shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing member of the Board of Commissioners and for the same term as the Commissioner making such appointment.

Term below expires: 12/31/2020  
Paul Kaplan **(Ellis)**

**Commissioner Ellis nominated Paul Kaplan for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2024.**

**20-0920 Board of Commissioners**  
**[FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS \(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA\)](#)**

Term = Coincides with that of the District Commissioner who appoints them.

Term below expires: 12/31/2020  
Kent Walker **(Ellis)**

**Commissioner Ellis nominated Kent Walker for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2024.**

**Justice and Safety**

**20-0921 Sheriff**  
**[Request approval of a recommended proposal – Fulton County Sheriff's Office, RFP #20RFP126238B-YJ, Behavioral Health and Addictive Disease Counseling in the amount of \\$413,342.00 with Chris 180, Inc. \(Atlanta, Georgia\) to provide behavioral health and addictive disease counseling to inmates at the Fulton County Jail for the Co-Occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Illness \(CSAMI\). The initial term of contract shall be for a four \(4\) year term, with no renewal options. The cost of the contract shall not exceed \\$413,342.00 for grant periods 1 through 4, Effective October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2023. The contract is 100% grant funded. No County funding is required. \(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA\)](#)**

**20-0922 Medical Examiner**

Request approval of ~~an eight (8)~~ a **fourteen (14)** month extension of the following contracts between Fulton County and the Emory University School of Medicine: (1) Agreement Concerning Affiliation for Clinical Training of Medical Students Between Emory University School of Medicine and Fulton County, Georgia; and (2) Master Affiliation Agreement Concerning Residency Training Program Between Emory University School of Medicine and Fulton County, Georgia. **Approval of both extensions will be retroactive to April 1, 2020** Effective dates: April 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. **(APPROVED AS AMENDED)**

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve as amended.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

<b>Yeas:</b>	<b>5 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Carn</b>
<b>Did not vote:</b>	<b>2 - Hausmann, Arrington</b>

**CLERK GRIER:** "Yes, sir. On consent, on page 6. Item to be amended. **20-0922**, Medical Examiner. Request approval of a 14-month extension of contracts between Fulton County and Emory University School of Medicine and approval of both extensions will be retroactive to April 1, 2020."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. So that the revision will be from eight months to 14 months?"

**PATRICE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "That's correct."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Mr. Adams, are you there?"

**ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY COO, PUBLIC SAFETY SVS:** "Yes, I am. Can you hear me?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes, sir. We can hear you."

**ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY COO, PUBLIC SAFETY SVS:** "Can you hear me, yes. So this -- can you hear me, Mr. Chairman?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "We can. You have the floor, sir."

**ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY COO, PUBLIC SAFETY SVS:** "This item is retroactive to April of this year. And as such, that's the reason why it covers 14 months because it

goes through June of 2021. This particular agenda item covers two specific agreements or contracts. One of them pertains to the actual residency program where a graduate from Emory comes and accesses it as a fellow or resident at the medical examiner's office. The second contract covers our actual agreement to teach and train medical students at Emory. And so these are two components that are part of our overall agreement with Emory University. The reason why we have to go back proactively is that we missed the renewal in part because we were bringing on a new management team or leadership team at the medical examiner's office and the renewal in April was really read in the midst of the explosion of COVID. And so it's an item that we've missed. We would typically catch it anyway, but this one was a nonrevenue nonfinancial item. And as a result, that's the reason why we now have to go back and cover the contract for the previous eight months."

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "And it was removed from the consent agenda just because we changed the time periods to reflect the actual period of the extension."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "I have one quick question."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Hi Alton, I'm just curious. Are we exclusive only to Emory? Have we offered some internships or residencies with some of the other medical schools?"

**ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY COO, PUBLIC SAFETY SVS:** "Good question, Commissioner Carn. They actually, I believe, only two universities in the state that have a pathology program and that's the reason why we have -- traditionally had a relationship with Emory. One, because there are a limited number of schools. Secondly, obviously, because it's well regarded. And three, because of its proximity. But in terms of it being in the Atlanta Region, it's the only university that actually has a pathology program. And as a result, that describes our relationship with Emory."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Understood. Okay, thank you."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "I have a quick question, Mr. Chairman."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes, Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Some of the information talks about rescinding the prior piece of legislation, 1902.43, which I think is actually 1909.43. I couldn't figure out why that was being rescinded."

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "That was being rescinded because of the fact when it was approved by the Board, but the time period for that contract would have expired in June of last year. And since we're already over here, at



this point in time, they hadn't kind of geared up for it, of course, because of the impact of COVID. So we are rescinding what was previously adopted for a very short period of time and just covering the gap from the end of the other agreement which ended in March of 2020 and carrying it forward to June of 2021."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Okay. So the recession was for a period that includes this period?"

**PATRICE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "That's correct."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Makes sense, thank you. I move approval, Mr. Chairman, if it's necessary."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Approval as amended. Is there a second?"

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Properly moved and seconded. Cast your votes, please. Commissioner Hausmann. Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington. Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

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

## Health and Human Services

### **20-0923      Public Works**

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Public Works, Bid# 20ITBC125292A-FB, Ductile Iron Pipe Restraining Gaskets and Tapping Saddles in the total award amount of \$105,126.30 with: (A) Ferguson Waterworks (Braselton, GA) in the amount of \$92,779.16 (Groups A & B) and (B) Fortiline, Inc. dba Fortiline Waterworks (Suwanee, GA) in the amount of \$12,347.14 (Group C), to provide ductile iron pipe restraining gaskets and tapping saddles. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

## Infrastructure and Economic Development

### **20-0924      Public Works**

Request approval of a Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Fulton County, Georgia and the City of South Fulton, Georgia for Inspection and Permitting Services for the Crow Holdings Industrial Fulton Industrial Park Phase II Project. The initial term of the IGA shall be for a one (1) year period commencing upon the date of this IGA's approval by the City and County governing authorities, whichever party approves last. The IGA will automatically renew for an additional one (1) year term, but will automatically terminate upon the earlier occurrence of either of the following: (i) the Project is completed, or (ii) the unincorporated area in which portions of the Project is located is annexed into the City. There are no financial charges by either party against the other party for the services under this IGA. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

### **20-0925      Public Works**

Request approval of the Memorandum of Agreement – Fulton County, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, with the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) to authorize ARC staff to assist Fulton County on its 2021 Comprehensive Plan Update for the unincorporated area of Fulton County. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

## **Open and Responsible Government**

### **20-0926 Diversity and Civil Rights Compliance**

Request approval of a recommended proposal – Department of Diversity and Civil Rights Compliance, 20RFP127237B-YJ, Sign Language Interpreting Services in the amount of \$60,000.00 with Latin American Translators Network (LATN) Inc. (Atlanta, GA) to provide qualified sign language interpreter and effective communication services. Effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 with two renewal options. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

### **20-0927 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a Water Vault Easement Dedication of 250 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Lidl US Operations, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the Lidl Grocery Store Project at 690 Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell, Georgia 30076. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

### **20-0928 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a Second Amendment to Lease Agreement between Fulton County, Georgia (Lessor) and ALM Media, LLC, (Lessee) for the lease of 743 square feet of office space in the basement of the Fulton County Courthouse at 136 Pryor Street, SW in Atlanta, Georgia; Authorizing the Chairman to execute to the Second Amendment; Authorizing the County Attorney to approve the Second Amendment as to form and to make modifications thereto prior to execution. The term of the Second Amendment commences January 1, 2021 and expires on December 31, 2021, with two renewal options at the annual rate of \$3,000.00. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

### **20-0929 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of an Indemnification, Maintenance, and Land Use Agreement for Private Improvement (Indemnification Agreement) between Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, and Habitat for Humanity in Atlanta, Inc., for the purpose granting conditional approval to allow paved areas and curbing to be placed within the County's existing sanitary sewer easement at 5626 Old National Hwy in South Fulton, Georgia 30349. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

- 20-0930 Real Estate and Asset Management**  
Request approval of two (2) Indemnification, Maintenance, and Land Use Agreements for Private Improvement (Indemnification Agreements) between Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, and Habitat for Humanity in Atlanta, Inc., for the purpose granting conditional approval to allow paved areas and curbing to be placed within the County's existing sanitary sewer easement at 5620 and 5626 Old National Hwy in South Fulton, Georgia 30349. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)
- 20-0931 Real Estate and Asset Management**  
Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 20,518 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from LWV TPA GA 400, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the 360 Tech Village BTS Office Building Project at 0 Lakeview Pkwy, Alpharetta, Georgia 30009. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)
- 20-0932 Real Estate and Asset Management**  
Request approval of a Water Line Easement Dedication of 13,249 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from LWV TPA GA 400, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the 360 Tech Village BTS Office Building Project at 0 Lakeview Pkwy, Alpharetta, Georgia 30009. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)
- 20-0933 Real Estate and Asset Management**  
Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 1,153 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia from Colonial HQ BTS, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the 360 Tech Village BTS Office Building Project at 0 Lakeview Pkwy, Alpharetta, Georgia 30009. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)
- 20-0934 Real Estate and Asset Management**  
Request approval of a Water Line Easement Dedication of 1,369 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Colonial HQ BTS, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the 360 Tech Village BTS Office Building Project at 0 Lakeview Pkwy, Alpharetta, Georgia 30009. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)
- 20-0935 Real Estate and Asset Management**  
Request approval of a Water Vault Easement Dedication of 400 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Colonial HQ BTS, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the 360 Tech Village BTS Office Building Project at 0 Lakeview Pkwy, Alpharetta, Georgia 30009. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

- 20-0936 Real Estate and Asset Management**  
Request approval of a Water Vault Easement Dedication of 109 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from HC Realty Brothers, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the Pediatric Dentistry of Johns Creek Project at 10740 Medlock Bridge Road, Johns Creek, Georgia 30097. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)
- 20-0937 Real Estate and Asset Management**  
Request approval of a Water Vault Easement Dedication of 230 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Halle Properties, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the Discount Tire Store GAA 11157 Project at 5845 State Bridge Road, Johns Creek, Georgia 30097. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)
- 20-0938 Real Estate and Asset Management**  
Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 45,776 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from the Development Authority of Fulton County on behalf of Chattahoochee Logistics Center, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the Chattahoochee Logistics Center Project at 7055 Campbellton Road, Fulton County, Georgia 30336. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)
- 20-0939 Real Estate and Asset Management**  
Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 31,513 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Muscogee Trails, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the Chattahoochee Logistics Center Project at 7055 Campbellton Road, Fulton County, Georgia 30336. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)
- 20-0940 Real Estate and Asset Management**  
Request approval of a Water Vault Easement Dedication of 169 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from C&G Land, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the North Fulton Compounding Pharmacy Project at 305 Main Street, Alpharetta, Georgia 30009. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

**20-0941 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a Sewer Relocation Easement Dedication of 231 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Renewed Medical Concepts, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the Renewed Medical Project at 0 Old National Hwy, South Fulton, Georgia 30349. (REMOVED)

**ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AS REQUESTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER**

**20-0942 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 13,427 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Clifton and Clifton, Inc., for the purpose of constructing the Retail Center at Campbellton Road Project at 0 Campbellton Road, South Fulton, Georgia 30331. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

**20-0943 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of Indemnification, Maintenance, and Land Use Agreement for Private Improvement (Indemnification Agreement) between Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, and C&G Land, LLC, for the purpose of granting conditional approval to allow flat work and landscaping within the County's existing water vault easement at 305 Main Street, Alpharetta, Georgia 30009. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

**20-0944 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a Water Line Easement Dedication of 16,434 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Taylor Morrison of Georgia, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the Manning on the Square Project at 136 Manning Drive, Alpharetta, Georgia 30009. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

**20-0945 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a Waterline and Drainage Utility Easement Dedication of 564.5 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia from Jaswir Singh and Gurjeet Kaur Singh, for the purpose of installing a backflow preventer on private property. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

- 20-0946 Real Estate and Asset Management**  
Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 7,167 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Weingarten/Investments, Inc., for the purpose of constructing the Autozone Project at 0 Campbellton Fairburn Road, Union City, Georgia 30213. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)
- 20-0947 Real Estate and Asset Management**  
Request approval of a Neighborhood Service Center Lease between The City of Atlanta (Lessor) and Fulton County (Lessee) for the use of approximately 5,237 rentable square feet of office space at 215 Lakewood Way, S.E., Atlanta, Georgia; Authorizing the Chairman to execute the Lease; Authorizing the County Attorney to approve the Lease as to form prior to execution by the Chairman. The Lease is at the monthly rental rate of \$4,800.58 for the term commencing January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, with two (2) consecutive one-year automatic renewal options for continued use as a replacement facility for senior services previously provided at the Bethlehem Senior Center. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)
- 20-0948 Real Estate and Asset Management**  
Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Bid# 20ITB1008C-MH, Boiler Inspection and Preventive Maintenance Services in the amount of \$100,000, with Daikin Applied Americas, Inc. (Marietta, GA), to provide standby on-site boiler inspection and preventive maintenance services for 27 boilers for County facilities. Effective dates: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, with two renewal options. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)
- 20-0949 Board of Registration and Elections**  
Requesting the Board of Commissioners to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement to conduct the Special Election for the City of Atlanta, City of Union City and City of East Point in conjunction with the General and Special Election on November 3, 2020. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)
- 20-0950 Finance**  
Ratification of November 2020 Grants Activity Report (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

**20-0951      Public Works**

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Public Works, Bid# 20ITBC124898A-YJ, Precision Fill Two-Component Structural Polyurethane Foam and Materials for Filling Voids in the amount of \$74,574.84 with Prime Resins, Inc. (Conyers, GA), to provide precision fill two component structural polyurethane foam and materials for filling voids. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

**20-0952      Public Works**

Request approval of a Temporary Construction Easement Dedication of 31,429.67 square feet to Johns Creek, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia from Fulton County, Georgia, for the purpose of constructing the Buice Road Trail in Johns Creek, Georgia and authorize Fulton County to execute all associated documents. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

**20-0953      Purchasing and Contract Compliance**

Request approval to award a contract without competition – Purchasing and Contract Compliance, SS20SC120820C-CG, Bid Board Notification System in an amount of \$26,525.00 with International Data Base Corp (dba BidNet) for additional modules for the Bid Board Notification System. Effective upon BOC approval. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)



## **RECESS MEETING AGENDA**

### **Board of Commissioners**

#### **20-0954 Board of Commissioners**

[Adoption of the Recess Meeting Agenda. \(ADOPTED AS AMENDED\)](#)

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Morris to adopt the Recess Meeting Agenda as amended by revising items #20-0956 as requested Commissioners Hausmann and Hall, #20-0986 as requested by the County Manager; moving up item #20-0622 as requested by Chairman Pitts; and by a supermajority vote adding item #20-1002 as requested by Commissioner Hall.

The motion passed by the following voice vote:

Yeas: 6 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Carn  
Did not vote: 1 - Arrington

#### **LATER IN THE MEETING:**

b. A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Commissioner Morris to reconsider the Recess Meeting Agenda to add item #20-1003.

The motion passed by the following voice vote:

Yeas: 5 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Carn  
Did not vote: 2 - Hausmann, Arrington

**CLERK GRIER:** "There is -- Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have one item to be added to today's Recess Meeting Agenda as requested by Commissioner Hall. Bottom of page two of the Add-on Memo, 20-1002, request approval of a Resolution approving a memorandum of understanding with Emory University Hospital Midtown to allow EUHM to purchase outpatient drugs at a discount authorizing the Chairman to execute the memorandum of understanding and for other purposes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "This is to be added to the Agenda?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. This requires a super majority of five affirmative votes. Motion is to approve the addition."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Can you just sound that again, please? I don't want to see it on my memo here."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Repeat it, Madam Clerk."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Okay. It was on the revised memo this morning. 20-01 -- 20-1002, sponsored by Commissioner Hall, request approval of a Resolution approving the memorandum of understanding with Emory University Hospital Midtown to purchase outpatient drugs at a discount authorizing the Chairman to execute the MOU and for other purposes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. I'm ready --"

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Could I -- could I ask Commissioner Hall just to give a brief explanation of that, please?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Sure. Commissioner Hall?"

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Absolutely. This was brought to me Emory University and they have to have this memorandum of understanding between them and a government body to be able to sell their drugs at a discount. And so they brought this to me, worked with the County Attorney's office to prepare this Resolution so that -- and the memorandum of understanding, and it is crucial to them to have it run by the -- before the end of the year so that they can start the discount drug program."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. I'll move -- move that we add it to the Agenda for discussion purposes. Is there a second?"

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** All right. Properly moved and seconded. Cast your votes, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Mr. Chairman, I'm told by staff that we're not coming through the Fulton County TV stream. So somebody might want to check that."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. We're -- [Inaudible]. Okay, they're working on it, Commissioner Carn. All right. Madam Clerk."

**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 12 --"

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

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Does that mean that the public cannot view our meeting?"

**PATRISE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "View it on YouTube."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Just a minute. Just a minute, everybody. So where are we?"

**DARREN SMITH, IT:** "At [Inaudible] as we speak, we're not streaming on Youtube because the stream is now watching the elections site, I was instructed; but we're checking on FGTV right now."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Hold on everyone, we're checking with FGTV right now. So we'll pause for a moment. Is Ms. Corbitt around?"

**PATRISE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Yes, Chairman."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Where is she? We can make sure that the public is able to view and to hear us. So she'll have an update in about a couple of minutes. Are the Commissioners able to hear Ms. Corbitt?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "Yes."

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Good morning, everyone. We have -- we were having some technical issues this morning, but the public can view the meeting from the Fulton County website. The FGTV live stream is up. It paused momentarily while we were having some audio challenges this morning. It is not on YouTube, but we have sometimes been, as we are livestreaming, the absentee ballot signature verification. But it is live and available from [fultoncountyga.gov](http://fultoncountyga.gov) and from FGTV."

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

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Thank you."

**DARREN SMITH, IT:** "All right."

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

**CLERK GRIER:** "Thank you, Jess."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Madam Clerk?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "Okay. On page 12, Recess Meeting Agenda, **20-0954**, adoption of the Recess Meeting Agenda. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have amendments to today's Recess Meeting Agenda. On page 13, Presentation of Proclamations and Certificates, 20-0956, we're removing one Proclamation recognizing Judge Constance Russell Appreciation Day. That proclamation will be presented at a later date. We're adding Proclamations recognizing Sheriff Ted Jackson Appreciation Day and Reverend Betty Holland Williams Remembrance Day. On page 20, Police, an item to be amended; 20-0986, request approval to increase spending authority to provide armed and unarmed security services, the amount not to exceed amount has changed from \$689,571 to \$1,189,571. On page 22, Chairman Pitts has requested to move up item 20-0622. This item will be heard after item 20-0973 on page 18, the COVID update."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Any other items?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "That's all I have."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And when Dr. -- not Dr. Holland, Dr. Paxton is making her report, I've asked Dr. -- not doctor -- Commissioner Hausmann to give us a report on her trip to Washington regarding the COVID and the vaccines at that same time. Any other additions or changes to the Agenda for today? If not, I'll entertain a motion to approve the Recess Meeting Agenda as amended."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "So moved."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Move approval."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Properly moved and seconded. Cast your votes, please. Commissioner Hausmann?"

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis?"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington. Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I vote yes."

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

**20-0955 Clerk to the Commission**  
[Ratification of Minutes. \(RATIFIED\)](#)

Recess Meeting Minutes, November 18, 2020  
Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, December 2, 2020

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Chairman Pitts to ratify the meeting minutes.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

<b>Yeas:</b>	<b>6 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Carn</b>
<b>Did not vote:</b>	<b>1 - Arrington</b>

**CLERK GRIER:** "20-0955, Ratification of Minutes. Regular meeting minutes February 5, 2020 and Recess Meeting minutes January 22, 2020 amended to include verbatim. Recess Meeting minutes November 18th, 2020; Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes December 2, 2020."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Is there a motion?"

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Move approval."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. I'll second. Properly moved and seconded. Cast your votes, please. Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington. Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

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

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

**20-0956 Board of Commissioners**  
Presentation of Proclamations and Certificates. (PRESENTED)

Proclamation recognizing "Judge Shawn Lagrue Appreciation Day."  
(Hausmann/BOC)

~~\*Proclamation recognizing "Judge Constance Russell Appreciation Day."  
(BOC)~~

Proclamation recognizing "Judge Pinkie Toomer Appreciation Day." (BOC)

Proclamation recognizing "Al Nash Appreciation Day." (Hausmann/BOC)

Proclamation recognizing "Vernon Pitts Appreciation Day." (BOC)

Proclamation recognizing "Dr. C. Clayton Powell, Sr. Remembrance Day."  
(Pitts)

\*\*Proclamation recognizing "Sheriff Ted Jackson Appreciation Day."  
(Hausmann/BOC)

\*\*Proclamation recognizing "Reverend Bettye Holland Williams  
Remembrance Day." (Hall/Carn/Pitts/Arrington)

*\*removed during the meeting*

*\*\*added during the meeting*

**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 13, **20-0956**. Presentation of Proclamations and Certificates. The first Proclamation is recognizing Judge Shawn LaGrue Appreciation Day sponsored by Commissioner Hausmann with Full Board support, and Commissioner Hausmann will read this Proclamation."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, there are seven of them. All right, number one, Commissioner Hausmann, you have the floor. Commissioner Hausmann. Commissioner Hausmann. Okay."

**DARREN SMITH, IT:** "She's having technical difficulties. Apparently, she's frozen."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Let's go to the second one. We'll come back to Commissioner Hausmann."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Okay. The next Proclamation is recognizing Judge Pinkie Toomer Appreciation Day sponsored by the Full Board of Commissioners."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay."

**DARRYL CARVER:** "Um --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes?"

**DARYL CARVER:** "I believe I'm the one reading this one."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Go ahead."

**DARYL CARVER:** "Okay. Whereas Judge Pinkie T. Toomer earned both her Bachelor's degree of Political Science and her Masters degree and whereas from Boston University and her jurist doctorate degree from Emory University School of Law, and whereas Judge Toomer began her career in Fulton County Court in 1977 as Law Clerk to the Honorable Judge Floyd D. -- Floyd E. Propst, III and was quickly promoted to Chief Clerk Court Administrator serving in that position for over 20 years and, in 2002, she became Probate Judge upon the retirement of her predecessor and has been elected to four consecutive terms since 2004. She also served as a part-time county magistrate judge for 11 years, and whereas Judge Toomer was inducted into the Gate City Bar Association's Judge Clarence Cooper legacy award, the Judge Thelma Bryant Wyatt Cummings Moore Legacy Award, and the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys Bensonetta Tipton Lane Commitment to Family Award. She has also served as a -- she has also served as a member of Emory University Law School Council and is currently a member of the Executive Committee of the Georgia Probate Judge's Counsel, the fiduciary law section of the State Bar of Georgia, the Atlanta Bar Association, the National College of Probate Judges, Georgia Association of Women Attorneys and the National Association of Women Judges. And whereas Judge Toomer and her husband of 43 years, Eric, are the proud parents of two daughters, and she is an active member of the Cascade United Methodist Church in Midwest Cascade Community; now therefore be it resolved that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners and all associated with the Fulton County Judicial System commend the dedication exhibited by Honorable Judge Pinkie T. Toomer during her 43-yr tenure with Fulton County and express our utmost appreciation for her service as a leader, colleague, and friend and celebrate with her and her family on the occasion of her retirement and does hereby proclaim December 31st, 2020 as the Honorable Judge Pinkie T. Toomer Appreciation Day in Fulton County."

**JUDGE TOOMER:** "That's awesome, thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Congratulations. Any words?"

**JUDGE TOOMER:** "I don't know if you can hear me. I had a little trouble with the audio earlier. But I thank you very much. I appreciate it, Mr. Chairman, and other Members of the Board. This is awesome. You know my work has been made easy by the staff of the Probate Court because they are the reason that I get up and come every day, and I thank you for allowing me to do this service here at Fulton County. Don't let anybody



kid you, Fulton County is a great place to work. Thank you very much. And I appreciate the time. And Madam County Attorney, thank you for your representation over the years for the probate court. And Dick, I appreciate seeing you and appreciate all the work with you. Thank you so much."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Thank you, Judge."

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

**JUDGE TOOMER:** "I'll miss all my buddies across the street."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** " All right."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hausmann, can you hear us now?"

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yeah. I apologize for the technical glitch a moment ago."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "No problem. Go back to number one. It says Judge Shawn LaGrua Appreciation Day. You're on, Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Thank you so much. It's my honor to read this Proclamation into the record as we send off Judge LaGrua to the Supreme Court. Whereas Fulton's Superior Court Judge, Shawn Ellen LaGrua has been appointed to the Georgia Supreme Court by Governor Brian Kemp and whereas Judge LaGrua is a graduate of the University of Georgia and received her jurist doctorate from Georgia State University College of Law, and has over 20 years of trial experience including her work as Chief District Attorney in Dekalb and Fulton Counties and as chief district attorney under the Tallapoosa Circuit. She also served as Solicitor General for Dekalb County where she expanded the domestic violence unit. And whereas Judge LaGrua was appointed to the Superior Court of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit by Governor Sonny Perdue on June 29th, 2010, and reelected in 2012, 2016, and 2020. Prior to her appointment to the bench, she served as Inspector General for the Georgia Secretary of State overseeing investigations in the elections, securities, charities and licensing divisions. And whereas Judge LaGrua serves on the Fulton County Superior Court's Executive Community and co-chaired its magistrate community; and she presides over the "My Journey Matters," a pilot probation program designed to divert young offenders from a lifetime of incarceration. She has also presided over the court's first reentry court, which worked to integrate prior offenders back into the community using close supervision, substance abuse counseling, job training, and advancing education. And whereas among her many appointments, Judge LaGrua was appointed by Governor Nathan Deal and Governor Brian Kemp to the Georgia Child Support Commission, and she serves as Chair of the Judicial Counsel's Process Servers Community, president of the counsel of superior court judges in 2019 and 2020, Chair of the Supreme Court,

Chief Justice Harold B. Melton's COVID-19 task force, Chair of the Judicial Section of the State Bar of Georgia, and she was a founding member and past chair of the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers, Judicial Application Review Committee. And whereas Judge LaGrua is married to Mr. Chris Bingland, has two stepsons, Daniel and Ben, and has one fur child, Grisly. Now, therefore be it resolved that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners and all associated with the Fulton County Judicial System commends the dedication exhibited by the Honorable Judge Shawn Ellen LaGrua during her tenure with Fulton County, and celebrates with her on her appointment to the Georgia Supreme Court, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, December 16, 2020, as Honorable Judge Shawn LaGrua Appreciation Day in Fulton County, Georgia. Congratulations."

**JUDGE LAGRUA:** "Thank you, Commissioner Hausmann."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Where is she? Do you have her with us?"

**JUDGE LAGRUA:** "I'm here."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Can't see you."

**JUDGE LAGRUA:** "You can't see me?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Not yet. We're getting there, I think."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "I can see her. I can see her."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "There you are. There you are. You're on. Let's hear from you."

**JUDGE LAGRUA:** "Thank you, Chairman Pitts, Commissioner Hausmann. Thank you so much all of the Commissioners and all of Fulton County. I'm really honored by this recognition. It's -- it -- the whole process right now is overwhelming. I've served over half of my legal career here in Fulton County. I will miss all of you, all of my colleagues and friends in Fulton County. But Fulton County will always be my home. As I said, I've been here most of my career, and while I may be crossing the street to a different office, my heart and my dedication will remain here in Fulton County both to y'all, to the programs I helped worked on, and I intend to remain involved, and I will do my very best to make Fulton County proud of this appointment. So thank you, Commissioner Hausmann, all of the Commissioners. Please don't be strangers and let me know how I can help this county and any of you. I look forward to continuing to work with you. Thanks again."

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

**JUDGE LAGRUA:** "Thanks."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Next."

**CLERK GRIER:** "The next Proclamation is recognizing Al Nash Appreciation Day sponsored by Commissioner Hausmann with Full Board support. Commissioner Hausmann will read this proclamation."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, Commissioner Hausmann. Did we lose her again? Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Can you hear me now?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Now we can. You have the floor."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Okay. Thank you. This one is really special to me. Al has been a friend for a long, long, long time. He has meant a lot to Fulton County and it's a sad day to see him leave. But I'm honored to recognize his many achievements with this Proclamation. Whereas, Alvin P. Nash is a Fulton County native and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in land development and urban affairs from Georgia State University, and has served as the CEO of the development authority of Fulton County and Select Fulton since September of 2014. And whereas under his leadership, the Development Authority of Fulton County has emerged as one of the nation's leading economic development authorities, and he has helped to lead the effort to establish Select Fulton in 2016. And whereas as CEO of the Development Authority of Fulton County, Al Nash sought to broaden and diversify the job market place in Fulton County by stimulating high quality economic development with such investments creating or retaining approximately 138,500 jobs and contributing more than 13 billion in capital investment for Fulton County. And whereas under Al Nash's leadership, the Development Authority of Fulton County helped recruit and maintained businesses such as Mercedes Benz, Mobile Payments, Amazon, Walmart.com, Alcon, Besos, PVH, Google, Invesco, Microsoft Corporation, Comcast, Coca-Cola, Avalon, and other companies across Fulton County. And whereas Al Nash has served as executive director of Progress Partners, was a founding member and partner of the Collins Group and worked with several other real estate groups, and whereas among his many involvements, Al Nash has served as chairman and currently serves on the executive committee of the Counsel of Quality Growth, serves on the Board of the Georgia Economic Development Association, the Greater North Fulton Chamber of Commerce, and Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, the Georgia Chamber of Commerce. He served under former Governor Perdue and Governor Deal on the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority and served as the chairman of the Real Service Transportation Committee. And whereas Al Nash and his wife, Judy Nash, live in Roswell, Georgia. Now, therefore, be it resolved that Fulton County Board of Commissioners and all associated with the Development Authority of Fulton County and Select Fulton commends the dedication exhibited by Al Nash during his tenure with Fulton County and expresses our utmost appreciation for his service as a leader, colleague, and friend and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, December 16, 2020 as Al Nash Appreciation Day in Fulton County, Georgia. Congratulations, Mr. Nash."

**AL NASH, DIRECTOR, SELECT FULTON:** "Thank you very much."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you, Mr. Nash. Let's hear from you, sir."

**AL NASH, DIRECTOR SELECT FULTON:** "Well, Chairman, thank you very much and thank you, Commissioner Hausmann. This has been a great, great experience for me personally, and I appreciate the opportunity to have done it. You know, any time you do something you learn a lot, and I certainly have learned a lot. But the great thing is, I had a great canvas to operate off of, and economic development is a team sport. I think the future is very bright for Fulton County. I'm very excited about what's happening in South Fulton and it's -- I think again, it all happens because of leadership, not only the elected, but also the -- the staff. And to Dick Anderson and Anna and the whole team and so forth. And I would leave you with this that one of my big takeaways was how much I learned about the employees of Fulton County, the dedication of what they do and the behind-the-scenes that make this county that we live in a great place to live. So thank you very much. As it was said in the Proclamation, I'm a Fulton County native, and so I might be moving out of the office, but I'll still be there. Call on me. I look forward to working with each of you as we help build a greater community. Thank you very much."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Continue, Madam Clerk."

**CLERK GRIER:** "The next Proclamation is recognizing Vernon Pitts Appreciation Day sponsored by the Full Board of Commissioners, and Daryl will read this proclamation."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Mr. Carver?"

**DARYL CARVER:** "Yes, sir. Whereas Vernon S. Pitts, Jr. was born and raised in Macon, Bibb County, the son of Vernon S. Pitts, Sr. and Wanda L. Pitts, and graduated from Sidney Lanier High School. And whereas after high school, Vernon Pitts worked with his father as a [Inaudible] national wreck mission at Robbins Air Force Base when he was drafted and served in the U. S. Army, and served 16 months in the Republic of Korea before being honorably discharged in 1968. And whereas Vernon Pitts earned his Bachelor's Degree in political science from the City University of New York's Hunter College and his jurist doctorate degree from Emory University School of Law. And whereas Vernon Pitts served Fulton County as an Assistant Public Defender from 1979 to 1982 and then returned in 1985 as Director of the Public Defender's Office. He has also served as the Circuit Public Defender of the State of Georgia's Atlanta's Judicial Circuit. And whereas Vernon Pitts, the founding member of the Dekalb Lawyer's Association and is a member of the State Arm Georgia, the National Legal Aide and Defender Association, the National Bar Association, and the Law Enforcement Committee of the National Associate -- of the Association of County Commissioners. He has -- he has also served on the Governor's Commission on certainty and sentencing, and the executive committee of the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. And whereas Vernon Pitts enjoys working on his six-acre farm and looking forward to spending more time there upon his retirement. Now therefore be it

resolved that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners and all associates at the Public Defender's office commence the dedication by Vernon Pitts during his tenure with Fulton County and express our utmost appreciation for his services, leader, and colleague, and friend and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, December 16, 2020 as Vernon Pitts Appreciation Day in Fulton County, Georgia."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you very much. Is Mr. Pitts available?"

**PATRISE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Yes, he's on."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "He's on?"

**PATRISE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "He was there this morning. He hung up."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes. Okay. Let's go to the next one. And if he joins us, we'll come back to him and hear some words from him. Next Proclamation."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Proclamation recognizing Dr. C. Clayton Powell, Sr., Remembrance Day sponsored by Chairman Pitts. Daryl Carver will read this one."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Mr. Carver."

**DARYL CARVER:** "Yes, sir. Whereas, Dr. C. Clayton Powell, Sr. was born in 1927 in Dothan, Alabama and moved to Atlanta in 1942 where he attended Booker T. Washington High School serving as president of the student body government and later graduating as Salutatorian of his 500-member graduating class of 1944. And whereas Dr. Powell earned a Bachelor degree in biology from Morehouse College with the first rate college record that included memberships in Beta Kappa Chi, National Scientific Society, the Morehouse College Glee Club, and Omega Psi Phi fraternity where he served as Basileus. And whereas Dr. Powell was the only black student in his class when in 1949 he entered the Illinois College of Optometry then known as Chicago College of Optometry, and whereas Dr. Powell, in 1956, was elected vice president of the Atlanta Branch of the NAACP, and held other memberships including the Metro Atlanta of Commerce, Morehouse Alumni Association, One Hundred Black Men of America, One Hundred Black Men of Atlanta, and was also a devoted member of Zion Hill Baptist Church. And whereas Dr. Powell was a charter member of the Development Authority of Fulton County when it was created in 1973 and served as chairman for over 25 years. He also served as Executive Director and Board Member and served as chairman of the Joint Development Authority of Metropolitan Atlanta from [Inaudible] through 2002 and is the recipient of the Morehouse College Presidential Citation of Merit, which is a distinguished award for his lifetime of service, and extraordinary accomplishments, and medical practice and civic leader. And whereas Dr. Powell leaves behind to forever cherish his precious memory and celebrate his remarkable life his loving wife, Deborah Small Powell, son, C. Clayton Powell, Jr., daughter, Rometa E. Powell, stepdaughter, Camille G. Stephens, and grandchildren Jordan Goodlett, Aryiah

Goodlett, Clayton Powell Lee, and Cemile Stephens and now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners recognizes Dr. C. Clayton Powell, Sr., for a life of dedicated service integrity, and advocacy for the optical health of several generations of Atlantans, and thus hereby proclaim Sunday, May 3rd, 2020 a C. Clayton Powell Remembrance Day in Fulton County, Georgia."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you very much. Is Mrs. Powell on the line? Yes? No? Is Mr. Pitts on the line? No? All right, continue, Madam Clerk."

**CLERK GRIER:** "The next Proclamation is recognizing Sheriff Ted Jackson Appreciation Day sponsored by Commissioner Hausmann with Full Board support, and she will read this Proclamation."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes. Thank you again. It's my honor to read this into the record. Sheriff Jackson is a resident of District 1, and I'm honored to read this on his retirement. "Whereas Theodore Ted Jackson is a native of Baltimore, Maryland and earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in physics from Morgan State University and earned his graduate certificate in public administration from the University of Southern California, Washington Public Affairs Branch. He is also a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute in Charlottesville, Virginia, and the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government. And whereas Mr. Jackson retired from the FBI in 2003 after an illustrious 33-year career that began in 1971 and brought him to Atlanta in 1999 when he assumed his duties as the FBI special agent in charge of the Atlanta, Georgia office. And whereas Mr. Jackson was elected sheriff of Fulton County in 2008 was reelected to a second four-year term in November 2012, a third term in November 2016. During his administration, he has overseen the establishment of initiatives with emphasis on youth development through the Helping Youth Prosper and Evolve, and the Youth Intervention Programs as well as the former nation of the bimonthly chiefs' meeting convening 14 local law enforcement agency directors, the district attorney, and state and federal law enforcement agency leaders for the purpose of exchanging information, sharing technology, and creating cohesiveness among the local enforcement agencies. And whereas Sheriff Jackson is a member of several law enforcement organizations including the Atlanta Metro Hall, Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, and National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, the FBI Alumni Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Georgia Sheriff's Association, the Joint Terrorism Task Force, and the National Executive Institute. And whereas Sheriff Jackson is married to the former Renee Mayo, and they are the proud parents of two adult daughters. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners and all associated with the Sheriff's Department commence the dedication exhibited by Sheriff Ted Jackson during his 12-year tenure with Fulton County and celebrates with him and his family on the occasion of his retirement and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, December 16, 2020, Sheriff Ted Jackson Appreciation Day in Fulton County, Georgia. Congratulations, Mr. Jackson."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Congratulations, Sheriff Jackson. Is Sheriff Jackson on the line?"

**SHERIFF TED JACKSON:** "Yes, thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Sheriff, good morning, welcome."

**SHERIFF TED JACKSON:** "Good morning. And I'd like to thank you, Commissioner Hausmann and the Board for recognizing the sheriff's office. We now have a sheriff's office we should be very proud of. Twelve years has gone really fast. Relationship with the County is outstanding, especially with the Board. Earlier this morning, we talked about the initiatives that we have in the jail that the Board is supporting us on. We have two initiatives, grants from the U. S. Department of Justice and from the Department of Health and Human Services in our jail, three-year grants for \$1 million to work with inmates that have mental health and addiction problems. And it's received national recognition and United Kingdom is talking with us. They want to bring those programs to Europe. Additionally, we try to be professional in the sheriff's office. However, it's the entire sheriff's office. We have some of the hardest working, high-quality employees in the county. And as you said before, Mr. Chair, overworked, underpaid, so hopefully in the future if things get better, but -- because the largest problem we have is retention. We're able to hire the finest, but keeping them is a real problem. But I think for the last 12 years, they've gone really fast. We made progress. We've done it as a team, not only inside the sheriff's office, but in the entire county. And I said earlier, I am not going to go into what I said at the reception, but all of you that I've thanked, I thank again. Commissioner Hausmann, I thank you. I'll be spending more time in District 1. It's been a real pleasure. And as I said earlier, it's fun. It depends on your definition of fun. But we've had a really, I think, successful proud period for the county, and the county should be proud of the sheriff's office, and we just hope that the initiatives and all that we've done working with the youth to keep them out of the system, those that are in the system, to give them alternatives through programs to not stay in the system, that they continue in the future. It's been a pleasure, and this is not my first time retiring. This is part two, so I'm going to go finish what I didn't do the last time. And thank you again."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you. Congratulations, Sheriff. And Madam Clerk."

**CLERK GRIER:** "The last Proclamation is recognizing Reverend Betty Holland Williams Remembrance Day. Sponsored by Commissioners Hall, Carn, Pitts, and Arrington; and Commissioner Carn will read this proclamation."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "All right. Thank you. Most of us were kind of shocked with the passing of Reverend Williams, but I thank the Commission for us putting together this proclamation at the last minute. Whereas Reverend Betty Holland Williams earned her Bachelor's degree in communications from Oral Roberts University, and was licensed to preach the gospel in 1995, ordained by Pastor Reverend Gregory Sutton in 1996 at Jackson Memorial Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. And whereas in 2002,

Reverend Holland Williams founded the BJ Holland Institute of Ministry where aspiring ministers attended to gain more knowledge of the Bible and gain tutelage for the ministries over 1,700 students of the ministry has passed through its doors thus far. And whereas in 2020, Reverend Holland Williams was elected the first woman president of Concerned Black Clergy of Metro Atlanta in its 36-year history. And she also served as vice president of the Women's Division of Concerned Black Clergy for several years. And whereas Reverend Williams was a member of Hunter Hill First Missionary Baptist Church and served as coordinator of the ministerial team. She was voted Woman who Rocks in Ministry, and was also a member of the Red Hat Organization and was voted Red Hatter of the year in 2018 to 2019. Whereas Reverend Holland Williams was married to Deacon Orey Williams. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Reverend Betty Holland Williams for a lifetime of dedicated service, integrity, and advocacy for the spiritual wellness of her students and all people, and does hereby proclaim Monday, December 14, 2020 as Reverend Betty Holland Williams Remembrance Day in Fulton County, Georgia."

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

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Others?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "That was the last proclamation."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Continue, Madam Clerk."



## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **Board of Commissioners**

#### **20-0957 Board of Commissioners**

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

**6 Speakers: Alice Samuels (Fulton County Board of Health Employees Transition); Donna Renfro Lawson (Library); Theodore Mikell (Board of Health Employees Transition); Moshea J. Jones (Fulton County Board of Health Employees Transition); Julian Bene (Equitable Property Taxes for Businesses); Robert Hahn (Property Taxes for Mercedes Benz Stadium)**

**CLERK GRIER:** "Continuing on page 13, Public Hearings, **20-0957**, public comment. Citizens wishing to participate in public comment registered online to join the public comment portion of the ZOOM call, or can submit public comment in by e-mail or by filling out the form located on the County website [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. Public comment portion of the meeting will not exceed 30 minutes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. How many do we have?"

**DARYL CARVER:** "We have four written public comments that were submitted to us, sir."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Do we know how many on line? One?"

**DARYL CARVER:** "Yeah, one."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. All right. Mr. Carver."

**DARYL CARVER:** "Okay. The first of these is from Alice Samuels of Atlanta. It reads: Comment: I am very disappointed that the Commissioners are still considering the Board of Health transition. We have been working every day for Fulton County. The

majority of us have been in office and not working from home during this pandemic. This is truly unfair. Respectfully, we ask for you to honor the original agreement.”

**DARYL CARVER:** “The second public comment is from Donna Renfro Lawson, also of Atlanta. Comment: Peace Elected, Selected, and Rejected FULCO Leaders, Family, and Engaged Audience. County Attorney Patrise Perkins-Hooker is said to be leaving her post and our Commissioners have approved almost 30,000 dollars to find a replacement. Both actions are troubling. I don't fully understand how CA P. P Hooker can allow herself to leave or live with a clear conscience after picking fights with me about my voting rights and expelling me from the public library. Once again, you are asked to right your wrongs. Our library management is suffering. There is confusion and chaos about who is leading that department. Dr. Pamela Roshell needs to add her voice to her role. We need our branches open. Access to communication is key to citizens success. If library employees were not good enough to work the elections, then why are they not good enough to work in a modified traditional library setting? Both entities serve people. All people are subject to COVID-19. The county manager has abused his authority, again. An independent thought leader would better understand how to manage the election period and library services if listening to and respecting others factor into a more democratic and sensitive methodology versus the strong arm and micro management techniques used.”

**DARYL CARVER:** “The next one is from Theodore Mikell. On December 2, 2020. I submitted the below e-mail to Fulton County and the e-mail address of the Commissioners. I did not receive a response from anyone. Transparency is key in public service, and if services are to be rendered in a seamless manner, employees need to know current and pending organizational structure changes. You cannot expect workers to perform at the highest level, especially the employees in the Fulton County Board of Health, when COVID-19 infection rates and deaths are soaring if they don't know their employment fate. People need to feel secure in their jobs and careers. This is not the time to make organizational changes and cut budgets. Being employee friendly is the best move, and as we end a very trying 2020 and "during the last Commission meeting, I heard that Sharon Whitmore, CFO, presented a budget that included over \$2 million for the Board of Health transition of Fulton County employees to the Board of Health. This is alarming since the Board of Commissioners said that they had not voted on this matter. It seems like there is some discussion on this matter if it is not included in the budget. We expect the Commission to be truthful, honorable, and transparent about their intentions. Someone gave direction to Ms. Whitmore to place this allocation in the budget. As COVID-19 positivity rates increase in Fulton County and we depend on Fulton County employees to work at a high level of risk, a risk that other employees even the Board of Commission would not take, we consider this proposed move of Fulton County employees to Board of Health as an adverse action against Fulton County employees and detrimental to the life-saving services being rendered. Please honor the original agreement.”

**DARYL CARVER:** “The last public comment is from Moshea J. Jones. Comment: Do not renew River Edge Behavior Health and Juvenile Services contract. I have been

receiving ADD and ADHD services from Fulton County since 2011 up until October 2019. I have overwhelmingly proven that a breach of contract has occurred, but yet the contract still lingers on against the will and against the positive right to life of the people of Fulton County. Apparently there's been some type of secret agreement made behind the backs of the people of Fulton County that actually have to pay for behavioral health services that have worse health outcomes than even the previously totally ran Fulton County Behavioral Health. And surprisingly, the same horrible medical doctors are still allowed to practice and kill United States of America citizens with prescription medications and the very same medical doctors that thousands of persons in Fulton County have complained about already. I urge anyone to take a public survey of the 1 million people in Fulton County; but the secret guaranteed five-year contract. Apparently, this is what's been said throughout the River Edge contractors' employees about it. My job is guaranteed for five years. When this is nowhere in the contract to begin with? As you will be able to review from the last 20 recordings in public, that you will be released for public reviewing is the insult to my ancient religion protected by the State of Georgia Constitution established 1776 and re-established 1983, is being severely trampled over by River Edge two medical doctors and a total of three that are all former Fulton county employees. To the people of Fulton County that have been complaining for over a decade, I think that Fulton County says we're going to be guaranteeing three doctors' jobs again, but laid off over 300 nurses and clerical support staff is insane. And I must make sure that all of the people Fulton understand this back-room deal-making that displaced hundreds of Fulton County nurses and clerical employees, making them retire or making them go to contractor where over 70 percent of the Fulton County River Edge contractor employees qualify for food stamps."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you. Thank you. Mr. Carver, thank you. Next speaker."

**DARREN SMITH, IT:** "Mr. Chairman, we have one online attending, Julian Bene or Bean."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Bene."

**JULIAN BENAY:** "Good morning, Chairman Pitts and --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Good morning."

**JULIAN BENE:** "Commissioners, how are you? I'm calling in to speak on behalf of all the concerned residents of Atlanta in terms of equitability and property taxation. Specifically, about the -- that the Board of Assessors not assessing the Mercedes Benz Stadium for property taxes. I would ask all of you to do what you can as a commission to get the Board of Assessors to tax the private interest in the stadium. It's worth apparently \$27 million a year in property taxes that we're foregoing by not taxing what is a 30-year ownership of that stadium. The city has already granted Arthur Blank that was in 2019. It was \$29 million a year in hotel tax revenues that goes to him. The idea that he doesn't have pay taxes on his leasehold interest, it is appalling and I think particularly obnoxious is that it would seem that Fulton County residents are paying to

oppose the litigation here to get that stadium taxed. That really does seem bad and one would hope that you, as a commission, would at least withdraw support and resources for fighting the attempt to get this stadium to be taxed. The broader issue, of course, is that far too many of the large buildings owned by wealthy corporations are under taxed in our city and the rest of us either suffer because services are worse, schools and so forth than they ought to be, or we're paying too much taxes as regular households. So please take all the action you can to turn this around on this stadium taxation litigation. Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "We have a speaker?"

**DARYL CARVER:** "Yes. Mr. Chairman, we have a Robert Ohn."

**ROBERT OHN:** "Good morning. Can you hear me?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes."

**ROBERT OHN:** "Good morning. Thank you for the opportunity to address you. I, like Mr. Bene, am also -- we're greatly concerned about the lack of taxation on the Mercedes Benz Stadium. I have two daughters who attended the Atlanta Public Schools. I am a willing taxpayer, and I find it highly offensive that this project, which makes millions of dollars per year pays no taxes to the city while consuming tax benefits in terms of public services provided. I do not see any reason why this institution should not pay taxes in the same way that I do when I also plead with you to do what you can to require that this institution, which is a great thing for our city, but doesn't share paying taxes as -- as do all citizens here. Thank you very much."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Any other speakers?"

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "I just wanted to see Mr. [Indiscernible] was trying to dial in and I'm just trying to see if he is -- as he was having computer problems. At this time, I think he is on the line."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Is that him?"

**PATRISE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "That's Arrington. "

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "All right. I don't think he was able to dial in, I'm sorry."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Mr. Chair?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes? Vice Chair?"

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Point of personal privilege, I was -- at the last meeting I was dealing with my uncle's death. It looks like I missed one of the -- one of the votes. And, you know, I just want to say, I'm going to come with a resolution, because it does not make sense to me that four commissioners that live in North County would be the ones to vote for the MARTA board appointee for South County. And so I did not get a chance to say it at the last meeting. I was dealing with phone calls, dealing with my uncle's death, so I -- but we have a new commissioner coming on in the south, and I don't think we want to set a precedent of having four commissioners from the south voting for the north representative on our boards. And I would -- I would appeal to my colleagues to think about the sensibility when four commissioners from the north vote for the south appointee when we have a new south appointee coming on within -- a new south commissioner coming on within less than 30 days. There was no urgency to that matter. The matter should have been held. I wish that I had not been distracted and then we could have had an opportunity to talk about this before. But that's not the way this is supposed to operate. Number one, we need to get an update from the person on what -- what is going on. We took someone that was serving as treasurer of the MARTA board and in line to be the next chair, we took them and removed them without hearing from them, talking to them, or asking for any updates from them. And we did that again through four commissioners who reside in North Fulton County selecting the appointee for South Fulton County. Now where does that make sense? Where in the world does that make sense? If it's the South County appointee, it ought to come from the South County Commissioners. And the North County Commissioners ought to support it. The fact that you have a 4-3 vote, a 4-3 vote for a South County appointee and, if y'all think that's okay and y'all can live with that, then I guess we all have to live with it. But I'm telling you, that's not the way this is supposed to be. And I think you all already know that."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Thank you, Vice Chair. Madam Clerk."

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<b>PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD</b>
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**Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority**

**20-0878 Board of Commissioners**  
**MARTA Quarterly Briefing (PRESENTED)**

**A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Carn to rescind the current MARTA Board appointment until the January 6 Regular Meeting.**

**Motion failed for a lack of four affirmative votes**

**The motion failed by the following voice vote:**

<b>Yeas:</b>	<b>3 - Hall, Arrington, Carn</b>
<b>Nays:</b>	<b>2 - Ellis, Morris</b>
<b>Did not vote:</b>	<b>2 - Pitts, Hausmann</b>

**CLERK GRIER:** "Bottom of page 13. Presentations to the Board, **20-0878**. MARTA quarterly report."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Mr. Parker."

**JEFF PARKER, CEO, MARTA:** "Good morning. Can everyone hear me all right?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes."

**JEFF PARKER, CEO, MARTA:** "All right. I'm going to share my screen real quick. I want to thank Chairman Pitts and the members of the Fulton County Board for inviting me here today. I am assuming you can see my screen now?"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**JEFF PARKER, CEO, MARTA:** "I have my quarterly presentation. Going to share some updates on the -- on our what's going on at MARTA. I want to recognize several board members I know who are on the call, soon to be outgoing chair, Freda Hartage, I know is on the call as well as current board member, Alicia Ivey, and Al Ponds. And I also want to recognize with no disrespect to the Vice Chair for his comments, I do want to recognize, and I mentioned I did speak with Stacey Blakely who has been voted to become a board member in January. So I want to thank our board members for all their support in serving Fulton County well. The agenda that I want to cover today, we're going to talk about and provide an update on our essential bus service as well as where we are with our 20/40 program, state of good repair. We have a major impact to our customers with the track renovation project that you need to be aware of. Make you aware of our outlook on the ever-revolving federal transportation programs as well as an update on some work we're doing with around the Fulton County transit master plan

and, of course, ending with some key partnerships. Our essential bus service, we're keenly aware that all of the elected officials throughout the region and particularly here in Fulton County are being contacted by your constituents about the suspension of bus routes, and we want to reiterate a few points about why we're providing this service in this manner and where we stand with it. So I think we all recognize that regrettably the COVID-19 markers in this region and around the country and in our world continue to be in the wrong direction. We all are excited about the advent of vaccinations, and we continue to see the dire need for providing safe service and, in particular, making sure that our customers can socially distance on our buses. We are now running 52 of the 100 bus routes. We've added 12 bus routes since the early days of our central bus route plan as we continually rebalance our program. The 66 and the 180 are the latest. And one of the things that we've done just to build some transparency is we have developed a list of routes and how we will restore them ranked on pre-COVID-19 ridership, how they are serving areas with essential businesses and also how they are serving populations that are lower income and many of which are black and brown neighborhoods. And so we wanted to share that with our -- with both our customers and our elected officials, so we posted that list on our "It's MARTA.com" page. One of the things that we continue to do to deal with the change in routes and, I think everyone's aware of the successful partnership, the MARTA Connects program that we've launched, and we kicked that off on Election Day to make sure that our customers who don't have access to the current -- because of the essential bus routes could get to the polling locations. We have decided to utilize this day, this service on election -- on the runoff election day on January 5th. We will be providing more information about that. The customers will be able to access on Uber, a voucher \$8 each way so that they can get to and from a poll that doesn't have current bus service. So we're excited to continue to provide this service. And it's worth noting that this MARTA Connects is an ongoing program that was not passed simply for election day, but we will be using this periodically when we have both planned and unplanned interruptions to our rail service to make sure that we're providing as best service as we can to our customers when we don't have the rail system operating as it was designed to operate. Also, I want to give you a update on our state-of-good-repair program, what we're calling our MARTA 20/40 program. We are preparing to begin work on some key stations here in Fulton County as well as around the -- you know, around the region, both airport and College Park are two stations that we will be upgrading and rehabilitating on the early side. Our phase II stations include East Point. We have awarded design contracts, and we will have College Park completed in 2022. Airport's a little more complex because we are adding an elevator, a second elevator at airport station along with the rehabilitation work and East Point in 2023. It is worth noting that North Fulton is the newest stations, and we are prioritizing the -- you know, the improvements, the station rehabilitation by needs, so clearly the newer stations have, you know, less of a need for upgrades, and so Sandy Springs Medical Center and -- and there's a typo there I believe, that should also be North Springs, are all scheduled, and North Springs should be the last one, phase 9. But we are doing other work in North Fulton, and one of -- one of those opportunities is a -- I sort of dub it, a mini connection like we were able to do with the development at State Farm at the Dunwoody station, a Peachtree-Dunwoody Pavilion at Medical Center Station is being developed. This is adjacent property, and we are working with the

adjacent property owner to provide direct access. This is a rendering of what it would look like. And as many of you probably have been at the station, this is largely a surface parking lot right now, which in development, will go on next to our station. And the area around our stations continue to grow. We need to provide better access to it. We've got a great partnership with the adjacent property owner. We continue to advance our commitment to deliver a thousand bus shelters and amenities throughout the MARTA jurisdictions over five years. This is an update on where we are. We have had some slight impacts because of COVID-19, largely because some of the sites that were either constructed or planned to be constructed in 2020 are on bus routes that were temporarily closed because of COVID-19. But we are on track. We do have a plan to catch up in 2021, and so we continue to deliver. As you can see, Fulton County will receive 63 bus amenities in 2020, and this program is going well. This is just a good example of some of the work that we've done, a before and after picture along Camp Creek Parkway, I believe, and Washington Road on the Route 69. One of the things that we need to continue to focus on is our infrastructure. We need to invest in making sure that the system is reliable and upgraded and in good working order. And a piece of that is our track and switch infrastructure, a critical part of the guideway for our rail system. We call this the Canteberry double crossover, and it is basically where the trains make the decision point to either go to North Springs or to Doraville; obviously, a key crossover in our system, and we have to rebuild it. And in order to rebuild it most efficiently and avoid many, many, many weekend single trackings that would have impacts, we have decided to do a longer duration shutdown. We plan on shutting the rail down from the 17th to the 21st between Buckhead, Lenox Station, and Lindbergh Station. We will have a complete bus bridge in effect. We will be using the MARTA Connects system to allow customers who want to use Uber instead of the bus shuttle to either make a portion of their journey, or the whole journey will be rolling out information about that. We have a significant public outreach program to make sure our customers and jurisdictional partners and municipalities are well aware of this. We will be rolling that out in the beginning of the year, and ultimately, we want to make sure that our system runs reliable and that we can provide service. So I think that the decision to do this is a wise one avoiding weekend shutdowns or weekend bussing and single tracking and doing this more expeditiously, quicker, and less expensive. We also have significant change at the federal level. We have apparent appointee to -- I don't think it's been completely announced yet, but a new secretary of transportation identified through the media that we expect president -- President Elect Biden to be appointing. We see that this administration will have an emphasis on resiliency. We also recognize that, you know, that the federal outlook with Congress and an incoming administration, I think is -- is, you know, is positive. We do need to get through a new authorization for public transportation. We are closely tracking COVID relief and how that will impact our industry, transit industry, and MARTA directly. And clearly, we have to be concerned about the ongoing problem about the solvency of the highway trust fund that not only funds highway projects and roadway projects in counties and municipalities, but also provides funding for transit. But we think that we have a, you know -- we'll continue to work on building relationships and making sure that we can access discretionary funds to continue to advance the many important projects both state of good repair as well as expansion throughout this region and Fulton County. You know, I will mention that peer



transit agencies around the country are in dire circumstances financially. I won't get into the details of this, but our peer transit agencies without additional federal relief funding are going to be cutting services, laying off staff in significant ways. New York City Transit Agencies are looking for a 40 percent cut in rail service without further relief. And I want to assure you that I think that the conservative approach that MARTA has taken over the years in managing its finances and just how the financially the COVID-19 has impacted sales tax revenue. MARTA sits in relative good shape with CARES Act funding that we received. We have a strong balanced budget through 2024 as we project out and we believe that we can make sure we continue to run a balanced budget. I also want to provide an update on how we're advancing the commitments that we made through the 15th amendment around Fulton County's transit master plan. Since we've last -- since I've last presented, we've had some kickoff meetings in South Fulton County looking at the areas around South Fulton Parkway as well as Roosevelt Highway. We have set up a technical advisory committee that will begin meeting in January. We've had kickoff meetings with the South Fulton mayors as a group and also some one-on-one. And we're beginning the outreach in the initial conceptual planning studies to formulate what those two corridors would look like in terms of transit investment, so that once we get to the point of having some local funds available to invest in these expansion projects, we will be ready to move those into preliminary design and environmental planning that will ultimately allow us to build these projects. Just a high-level overview, I won't go into details of this, but this has all been shared with County staff as well as the municipalities in South Fulton as we consider the investments that the County has laid out in terms of the transit plan. We're also continuing to work on the Georgia 400 projects. Just an update of where we are as you all are well aware this project is really tied to the construction of the managed lanes that GDOT is commencing. We continue coordinate with GDOT so we can ensure that we have a "not-to-preclude" investment that GDOT will be making. This is just a reminder of the corridor, what it looks like, what we've advanced with GDOT coordinated strongly with Fulton County and the municipalities up north. Several "not-to-preclude" stations going from Windward to North Spring station. So this is just why it really doesn't provide any new information, but just a reminder of this report and project as we advance it. And lastly, I just like to point out a couple of partnerships that we continue to invest our energy in, important ones here in Fulton County. We recognize -- we continue to recognize the impacts of homelessness and the unsheltered, particularly in the age of COVID-19 and how this is affecting people who reside in our communities. We, as I've shared before, we've established a partnership. MARTA has established a partnership with Hope Atlanta. We're helping East Point with Mayor Holliday to -- Mayor Holliday-Ingram to work on facilitating a partnership so that we can make sure that they are part of, you know, minimizing the impacts that we're trying to do to the unsheltered and the homeless in our region. And then finally, I just want to -- I'm sorry. I do want to share with you a partnership with City of Atlanta and the Public Service Commission, particularly Commissioner Tim Eckles. We worked with them to facilitate what we believe is the largest grouping of electric vehicles in the country, almost 350 Teslas rallied at Windward Park and Ride lot over the weekend. Drove on 400 and really trying to bring some recognition to the importance of electric vehicles, but also having the proceeds go to a very, very important social issue that I know is important to Chairman

Pitts and others on the commission as well as myself. Proceeds going to fighting human trafficking. And finally, I want to point out that we've got a great, but somewhat incorrect headline from the AJC. This is really the efforts of you, Fulton County, Mayor Pitts, the Commissioners, in making sure that you are allowing testing and flu shots to happen. So, you know, I wish the headline was that Fulton County offers COVID testing at two MARTA stations, but I just wanted to share this and make sure that I thank you for all the efforts that you have led around public health issues at this time of this pandemic. So thank you for your leadership around that, and we will -- you have our commitment that we will continue to support your important efforts around public health. So with that, I will conclude my presentation and turn it back to the Chair."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you very much, Mr. Parker. Commissioners, any questions for Mr. Parker?"

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Commissioner Hall."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Any questions."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "This is Commissioner Hall. Can you hear me?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes. Commissioner Hall, go ahead, please."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Well I just want to say thank you, Jeff, for your presentation. It's outstanding, all of the great things that you're doing, you and your team at MARTA, and I want to thank you for what you're doing in relation to COVID-19 testing and trying to prevent the spread of COVID-19 as well as I was pleasantly surprised to see that you're doing a lot related to election day. That is very necessary. Also, because of COVID-19 and because of the increase in individuals experiencing homelessness, I think that there needs to be a little bit more attention paid to keeping the bus and train stations clean. I noticed that you have installed a lot of trash receptacles all around the bus stations and train stations and that is really good because we did see a lot of trash that was accumulating around those areas. But now, it's a lot better. But I think because maybe -- maybe because of the increase in individuals experiencing homelessness and they have a tendency to kind of congregate or set up their home around the train stations and they fall asleep at the bus stations, the sheltered ones, that there's an increase in trash. And so I'd just like to ask you to pay a little more attention to that during this time."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you, Commissioner Hall. Other Commissioners?"

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "His microphone. He's talking, but we can't hear him."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner, Commissioner -- strike that. Mr. Parker?"

**JEFF PARKER, CEO, MARTA:** "Yeah. I think I'm unmuted now. Sorry about that."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "That's okay. What were you saying?"

**JEFF PARKER, CEO, MARTA:** "Yeah, thank you for absolutely focus on cleanliness and trash removal. We will continue to do that. It's so critical right now for a whole lot of reasons, you know -- you know, for one reason as we just really need to attract people back to and make people comfortable to come back to our system as this pandemic, you know, begins to wind down through the vaccine. So we are focused on that and I thank you for your comments."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "I had a comment."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Thank you, Mr. Parker. Great report. Great update. I want to thank you and the Board for a great job this year getting us through this pandemic. It's a partnership obviously. I do especially want to thank board member Alicia Ivey, great board member, great service. I've supported her 100 percent in her endeavors and I was sad to see her not be reappointed. I had one question also about the College Park and airport stations. I saw 2022 as terms of a completion date for College Park. Is there an approximate budgeted amount for that, those improvements at College Park and the airport by any chance?"

**JEFF PARKER, CEO, MARTA:** "I believe College Park, we can send you the exact figures, but I believe College Park is somewhere around 6 -- 6 or \$7 million. College Park is sort of the upgrades that we're making is somewhat, you know, similar to the upgrades that we're making across the system over the seven-year period. The amount at airport is -- and substantially higher. We are dealing with improvements to the canopy there. You know, we do have some water penetration issues with the roof that we're going to deal with and make -- and also make the canopy look more like what the airport has done. We're also installing a new elevator. You know, we have a huge impact to our customers with luggage when the single elevator goes out of service, so we're going to have a second elevator installed. So we can get you that number. But the investment at airport is substantially higher because it's just a -- some more things that we need to do, in particular, the elevator."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "And those were approved was it last year or earlier this year?"

**JEFF PARKER, CEO, MARTA:** "They were approved as part of the -- well, you know, the MARTA board approved our capital program that went into the 10-year capital program that went into effect in July of this year. And then, you know, both the board and our jurisdictions approved these through the -- they are commitments that we've made through the 15th amendment. These are listed projects on the 15th amendment. So we have a responsibility and commitment to deliver them for the jurisdictions."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "So that was this year, under the 15th amendment?"

**JEFF PARKER, CEO, MARTA:** "Yeah, that was -- if you can believe it, the 15th amendment was approved in January of this year."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "All right. Okay, thank you so much. We appreciate it."

**JEFF PARKER, CEO, MARTA:** "Great to see you. Thank you for all that you do."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Anyone else?"

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Parker, when is your next MARTA board meeting?"

**JEFF PARKER, CEO, MARTA:** "Our next board meeting is, I believe the second week in January. We just -- they're the first or second week of the month, and I think that the -- that it's scheduled for the second week because of the holiday. But we can send you the exact date. And it's available on it'smarta.com as well."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "All right. Well, I'm going to make a motion that we hold our current appointment until we get our new commissioner in and we can vote on our MARTA board appointee at our first meeting on January 6th. Yeah, I'm making a motion to hold that until we can vote again on January 6th at our next meeting."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Well, Vice Chair, the appointment has already been made and approved, so --"

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yeah, there's -- either way there's a motion on the floor."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "I would second it. Is it a motion for reconsideration? Basically, is that, what motion to hold is it?"

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Reconsideration is define, hold, and phrase it. We can call it whatever we want to call it. But I don't believe -- I don't believe that we should allow four commissioners from the north to make an appointee to the south. I believe we can have that vote on January 6th before the next board, MARTA board meeting the second week in January."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. I'm going to respectfully, Vice Chair, my ruling as Chair, is that that motion is out of order. Now you can appeal to the county attorney parliamentarian if you wish."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yeah, I guess I will appeal. There's a motion and there's a second."

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "There was a motion to reconsider it. Under your own rules, you can't reconsider matters outside of the meeting in which they transpire. You would have to do something to rescind or, but you can't reconsider it."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay, motion to rescind then. Motion to rescind the appointment until the January 6th meeting where we can have the input of the new south county commissioner or who the south county representative to the MARTA board will be."

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Once we get a second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Is there a second?"

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "I second it."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Let's vote. Commissioner Hausmann."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "No."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "No."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "I think that's --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "I think that's fair to do, because I do -- I'm not -- I'm central in Atlanta because I'm in downtown, but I think Chair actually raised a good point about the fact that it is for the seat that represents the south portion of Fulton County. So I would agree, yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Is that a yes?"

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Vice Chair Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "I also think that it is fair, yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. The motion fails. Continue. Madam Clerk."

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**COUNTY MANAGER'S RENEWAL ITEMS**

**Justice and Safety**

**20-0958 Emergency Management**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Fulton County Animal Services, 17RFP08092017CBKJ, Animal Control Services in the amount of \$3,600,000.00 with Lifeline Animal Project, Inc.(Avondale Estates, GA) to provide animal control services (shelter operations as well as field services). This action exercises the third of four renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. (APPROVED)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn**

**CLERK GRIER:** "Okay. On page 14, county manager's renewal item under Justice and Safety. **20-0958**, emergency management. Request approval to renew an existing contract to provide animal control services."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Move approval."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. I'll second. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "I have a question first though."

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**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "We had this topic raised at our recent meeting with the mayors, and many of them expressed concern with this contract, how it's structured, various things that I feel like we're going to hear more from them on based on that

conversation. So my question with regard to this renewal, you know, should one of our -- one or more of our cities back out, what would the impact be on this contract?"

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Commissioner Hausmann, if one of the cities who currently participates in the cooperative for this animal services contract backs out, then the cost would have to be reallocated and apportioned to the other cities. Matt Kallmyer is available. I think I see him muted, but we would have to readjust our -- our costs across the other cities."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Is the contract language currently, with our cities, does it reflect a situation like that, a potential situation like that?"

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "I believe so. I'll ask for Matt to assist with. I haven't looked at the contract today, but I'll ask Matt to assist with responding to that."

**MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CONTROL:** "It is written in there that they have to give us advanced notice that they choose to opt out. However, they did sign a five-year IGA with us to go and coincide with this contract. So far, we have not heard specifically from any one particular municipality that they would like to do that. It seems like on our call we heard from the City of South Fulton that they feel that the charges are not reflective to the amount of call that they actually feel they're having. I look forward to work with the mayor and his staff to see if there's ways to go ahead and control those costs similar to the City of Palmetto, which chose to use their police department to be the first response and then from there, call our animal services team to go ahead and collect the animals should they locate one. So I do not believe there is any threat at this particular time to this particular contract and everyone's participation with it."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Okay. I believe the City of East Point also expressed some concerns. So, you know, three cities, that's significant. And I think we should investigate and make sure that they feel like they're getting their value in contractor. If there's anything that they would like to see, I think that would be an appropriate conversation. But -- though they've signed a five-year contract, but in the -- in the contract themselves, if a city or several cities decide for whatever reason that they no longer want to participate, does it clearly state that the other cities would have to make an adjustment in the costs that they're paying?"

**MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CONTROL:** "I'll have to go back and refer to the specific language in there. I know it was socialized with that, what I want to refer to each one of their city councils that it was asked what would happen in that particular hypothetical situation, and it was shared with them that it would be redistributed based upon the program's total percent usage. So everyone would have to pay -- pick up a lion's share or a portion of this, excuse me, of their share based upon someone dropping out. So I would think it would be challenging for any city to go ahead and accomplish a program such as this. Not trying to hold anyone over the barrel by

saying that, but it is not an easy task to run an animal services program that is actually recognized -- and internationally recognized as well as nationally recognized. We have lots of individuals that try to learn from us how we're doing what we're doing. So I think it would be very difficult for them to go ahead and operate a program within a 30-day period. So I look forward to working with any city, city of East Point, city of South Fulton. Mayor Boddie, constantly working with him and his team as well as his police chief, and we have trained their officers to be able to go out and do the work that the mayor would like for them to do. It comes out to only \$306 per call, and I think that's an incredible value, because that call does take care of the total cost to the animal. So that includes the veterinary care they get, the actual feeding at the facility. The staff has to take care of the animal first at the facility for however long the animal is with us. It's -- \$306 is not a lot for that whole gambit of care."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Thank you for sharing the particulars of that. I think it's important that we got to state it publicly exactly what they get for the fees that they're charged, and I would agree that it would be very cost prohibitive for any city to undertake that individually. So I appreciate your answer, thank you."

**MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CONTROL:** "Yes, ma'am."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Also --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Just a minute. Commissioner, hold on, hold on. Were you responding, Madam COO?"

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Yes. To Commissioner Hausmann, Mr. Chairman."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Continue."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Just adding the point, Commissioner Hausmann that our planned investment of \$32 million in animal services facility is also going to be a huge benefit to our cities as well. I think the best way to manage this service is at a county level. And Matt and his team have done a terrific job with his commitment to circle back with those mayors and address their particular concern. That, in addition to the huge capital investment that we're making, I think we'll be in very good shape for our renewals going forward."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Again, I agree with you, but I do think it's important to maintain those positive lines of communication and listen to them when they express concerns."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "We will do that, ma'am."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, Commissioner Carn."



**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Piggybacking on Commissioner Hausmann, I've heard from our mayors over the years. Now that cost, the \$300 or so, that's charged whether or not they catch the animal; is that right?"

**MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CONTROL:** "So it -- there is a call for service charge, and that's the easiest way that we figure out how to distribute the cost of the program to everyone is based upon a call for service. Now, individuals that would come and surrender their animal, we don't have a charging process for that. It's based upon the call service, so there's a lot of different variables inside this equation. I'll be more than happy to share the equations included in the contract as well. It's something that people that have a much higher mathematical intellect than I have has tried to throw some things together to be able to how can we fairly distribute the cost of the program. But the one thing that I shared in the mayors' meeting that I want to go ahead and publicly share again, that people are familiar with the public safety response. If you pick up the phone and call 911 because you see an accident on the interstate, and this is from my public safety experience, everyone is going to go ahead and describe that accident slightly different. The exact location of the accident will be different, and each one of those is generated as a CAD item in the 911 system. A public safety employee, whether it be a police officer, a firefighter or someone else, has to go ahead and clear each one of those calls. The same situation like this, now if we have the description of the animal that is exactly the same, we won't go ahead and call another call item for that particular situation. But, if everyone describes it differently and it's in a different location, we have to go ahead and clear those calls because we can't go ahead and take the chance that it was the same animal and something bad happens."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Okay. So minus the long division, are you telling me the cost is charged to the city whether or not they catch the animal. I'm assuming that's a yes."

**MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CONTROL:** "The cost is based upon the call for service, sir."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "So it -- so it's charged whether or not for the call service. Now let me ask you this, and a big problem that Palmetto had and the other cities is that now when other folks call about the same animal, you said if they describe it differently, there's a -- then there are additional charges? Another \$300 for an additional call with a different description? Is that -- is that what I'm hearing?"

**MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CONTROL:** "Well, the way Palmetto does it, sir, I'm not sure if you're familiar with the way Mayor Boddie has changed the program within his jurisdiction, is that he's instructed all of his citizens, and we have also instructed the 911 center that they would dispatch a Palmetto police officer to go and evaluate the situation first. If they do have that, we have trained our officers as how to use a catch bowl, how to take that animal, they most likely -- normally

bring it back to their police headquarters, put it in a kennel, and then they call us and we come down and we collect that animal. So that is how the mayor has decided to -- I guess you could say control the costs within his program. And we shared that with the mayor of South Fulton. We'd love to work with them and their police department should they want to implement that. We have not heard anything further to that end, but once again, we stand ready. I'd be more than happy to reach out to that team again to see what we can do to go ahead and work with them to address any other concerns. But I do find it interesting to see that you have had many multiple complaints with mayors over the years. It has not made it to me. I would love to hear some of those specific complaints so we could try to address them."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Well, I met with Mayor Boddie several times about it last year, and he explained to me what the offices were doing, so I was familiar with that. It's just an expense that some of the smaller cities can't afford apparently. And the way the system is, and I'm hoping you guys would have a -- maybe a face-to-face meeting, if possible, a social distance meeting where you can kind of come up with something that's more agreeable to the mayors in South County, and I don't know what the mayors are, in terms of their opinions in North County, but apparently this, you know, it's an expense issue and obviously, it's a service that you got to have, because I don't believe you can handle animal control on your own either."

**MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CONTROL:** "It's a \$4.8 million total program. Unless the policy was set from y'all, the Board of Commissioners, to go ahead and remove this as a general fund-related expense, then we have to continue the route that we're going as a shared service for all of the municipalities, and the best way we can do that is everyone's portion of the calls is what they paid for to keep the program alive, sir."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Understood. I just think more communication directly with those cities and mayors, like Commissioner Hausmann said, would be good. So I definitely understand. All right, thank you so much."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Anyone else? Anyone?"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Mr. Chair."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yeah, just -- I just wanted to say thank you to Matt and his team for the tremendous improvements in services related to animal control, certainly a little bit of [Inaudible] you know, from people about what it costs. I mean, we're not obligated to provide the service. We're doing it by IGA for these cities. And it's one of those services that people don't like to pay for until they realize that they need it. And we've seen that play out in some communities where it was neglected. And so I do think it's one of those things that it costs money, it costs money to do it right. We significantly have enhanced this over the course of the past two to three years, and I

want to commend your team and the vendors that we're working with for a job well done in this area and particularly this year, the great work that's been doing in terms of reducing the overpopulation at our animal shelter, so thank you for your work."

**MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CONTROL:** "Thank you Commissioner Ellis, I'll pass it onto the team."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioners, anyone else at this time? If not, the motion on the floor is to approve. Commissioner Hausmann?"

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "I agree that Life Line has done an excellent job for us, especially from where we were a few short years ago. So I'll vote yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice chair Arrington. Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "I vote yes, but with a commitment for more communication with our mayors."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

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

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "I vote yes as well."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Passes unanimously."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Continue, Madam Clerk. I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Commissioners, Mr. Vernon Pitts has joined us and wanted to make a comment as a result of the proclamation that we presented him with. If there are no objections, we will hear him at this time. Mr. Pitts. Is he there?"

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "He's [Inaudible] he is on the line."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Mr. Pitts. Mr. Pitts."

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Mr. Pitts, can you speak?"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "I believe he's muted. There he is."

**VERNON PITTS, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC DEFENDER:** "Mr. Chairman."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes, go ahead, you have the floor."

**VERNON PITTS, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC DEFENDER:** "Thank you. Thanks for allowing me to speak this morning despite the problems I've had with connectivity here. But I would like to thank the Board for the commitment that you made over the years to make sure that Fulton County had one of the best public defenders' offices around. When I took over the position in 1985 as the Director of the Public Defender's Office, we were a small local public defender's office with a total staff of 21 people including myself. Currently, we are known nationally and internationally as one of the best public defender's offices. We were the first public defender's office in the U.S. to sign a memorandum of understanding with the U.S. State Department to do training of lawyers internationally, and we have been involved in doing that training with -- we had fellows from Armenia and my deputy director actually went to Armenia and spoke on restoring justice as well as on the accountability courts to the justice ministry that judges and public defenders there. We recently had a request from Trinidad who then started a new public defender's office to do training for that office. But what I think I'm most -- most happy about is our ability over the years to provide social work services, alternative essential services to our clients. Our goal has always been to provide zealous and effective representation to our clients and our other goal has been to be the best trained public defender's office around. I think we have reached both of those goals. And what we've been able to do as well as to network with the various state, county, and private organizations to provide services to our clients. So I would like to thank you for allowing us and also thank the justice partners for working with us to provide restorative justice to support the accountability courts and to make sure that we help resolve some of the issues that our clients come into the system with. A large percentage of our clients have mental health, drug, and alcohol issues, and along with the sheriff's department and other departments, we've been able to provide treatment counseling to those clients. We've also signed an MOU with United Way to get the clients out of jail into housing and to have them placed in permanent housing after they've been in the program with United Way along with treatment and counseling from ACT teams from Grady Hospital. Thank you for what you've done in the past, and I look forward to, after I leave, to supporting the new public defender whether he or she, whenever he or she comes in. So again, thank you for allowing us to grow and provide services that help all of the citizens of Fulton County."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Thank you very much. Continue, Madam Clerk."

**20-0959    Emergency Management**

Request approval to utilize a statewide contract – Emergency Management, Animal Services, SWC 99999-001-SPD0000154-0001, Facility Maintenance Solution in the amount of \$300,000.00 with CGL Facility Management, LLC (College Park, GA), to provide facility maintenance services for the Fulton County Animal Control Services facility. Effective dates: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. (APPROVED)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Hausmann to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas:                                5 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall**  
**Did not vote:                    2 - Arrington, Carn**

**CLERK GRIER:** "Continuing on page 14, **20-0959**, emergency management. Request approval to utilize the statewide contract to provide facility maintenance services for the Fulton County Animal Control services facility."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Approval."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Properly moved and seconded. Let's cast your vote, please. Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington. Carn."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** Commissioner Carn.

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes; 5 yeas, 0 nays."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. One moment here. There are how many under them?"

**PATRICE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Thirteen more."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "There are 13 more of the renewals. In the interest of time, it would save some time if we took them all unless they're -- unless they're one or two that you might want to take individually. What's your pleasure? There are 13 more renewals of existing contracts. We can sound the captions."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "That would be fine with me."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "No objections?"

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "No objection."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Actually, Mr. Chairman --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes, sir."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yeah, there's some significant dollar differences in some of these renewals."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "There are?"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "-- that I'm hoping to get a little discussion about."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. We can do that."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "I agree."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. We'll move quickly. Madam Clerk."

### **Health and Human Services**

**20-0960    Public Works**

[Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Public Works, Bid# 20ITBC124903A-FB, Corporation Stops and Brass Fittings-in the total award amount of \\$266,236.72 with: \(A\) Delta Municipal Supply Company](#)

(Lawrenceville, GA) in the amount of \$260,465.82 and, (B) Fortline Waterworks (Suwanee, GA) in the amount of \$5,770.90 to provide corporation stops and brass fittings. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal options remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. (APPROVED)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn**

**CLERK GRIER:** "Bottom of page 14 on the health and human services; **20-0960**, public works. Request approval to renew existing contracts to provide corporation stops and brass fittings."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Is there a motion?"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Move approval."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Second. Let's vote, please. Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Carn. Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

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

**20-0961 Senior Services**

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Senior Services Bid#15RFP97857A-CJC, Senior Services In-Home Services in the amount of \$1,585,383.00 with: (A) Southern Homecare Services dba Always Caring Homecare (Roswell, Georgia) in the amount \$1,189,037.25 and (B) Help At Home, LLC (Newnan, GA) in the amount of \$396,345.75, to provide In-Home Services to senior residents of Fulton County aged 60 and above. This action exercises the second of three renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. (APPROVED)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Carn to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn**

**CLERK GRIER:** On page 15, **20-0961**, senior services. Request approval to renew existing contracts to provide in-home services to senior residents of Fulton County age 60 and above."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "What's your pleasure."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Move approval."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Move approval."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Properly moved and seconded. No questions. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."



**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

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

**20-0962 Senior Services**

Request approval to renew an existing contract – Senior Services, RFP# 17RFP109210A-FB –Comprehensive Nutrition Care in the amount of \$3,157,646.13 with Open Hand Atlanta (Atlanta, GA), to provide congregate and home delivered meals, meal delivery, nutrition education and nutrition counseling for Fulton County residents aged 60 and above. This action exercises the third of four renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. (APPROVED)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

<b>Yeas:</b>	<b>6 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Carn</b>
<b>Did not vote:</b>	<b>1 - Arrington</b>

**CLERK GRIER:** "20-0962, senior services. Request approval to renew an existing contract to provide congregate and home delivered meals, meal delivery, nutrition, education, and counseling for Fulton County residents."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Move approval."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Mr. Chairman, this is one that, if I understood the materials, last year, the contract was 2.4 million, now it's 3.15. And maybe we can have a discussion about the increase in the next one and the decrease in the one after that."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "It's very significant dollars and I'm just trying to get my head around -- around all these increases and decreases. How they work, not work together, or don't work together."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Madam COO or Dr. Roshell, who?"

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Commissioner Morris, thank you for the question. Most of the increases and decreases that you see reflect adjustments that we've made to the contractor respond to COVID and how we plan to deliver those services in 2021. I'll allow Dr. Roshell to go through each of the two items that you have a specific concern about but, in general, those adjustments were made for that purpose. Dr. Roshell?"

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Thank you, Madam COO." Good after -- morning. Pamela Roshell, Deputy Chief Operating Officer. This comprehensive nutrition contract reflects additional funding that the department received to respond to the increase in requests for meals among seniors in Fulton County. And so this will help us continue to support the meal delivery service that we have provided to seniors throughout the pandemic."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "And is this -- is this enough, given the current situation?"

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "So Commissioner Morris, based on the projections that we have now, we do currently have adequate funding to cover the costs for seniors that have been added to our meal roster as well as those that were previously receiving meals from Fulton County."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "And I guess I'll ask, is this increase somewhat offset or a result of the decrease in 965, the Piccadilly Holdings contract. Of course, that's a significant decrease from last year."

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Yes, sir. Piccadilly Holdings contract --"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Because we won't have folks at these multipurpose facilities as much. Is that the point?"

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "So, until we do determine that a opening date or for the reopening date for our multipurpose facilities of this contract is put in place as a placeholder so that when the new windows services are started again, we'll have a contract in place. So, yes, sir, this does reflect the fact that we are not going to be providing the meal services, breakfast and lunch in our multipurpose facilities through the first and possibly the second quarter of the year."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Okay. And if I may, Mr. Chairman, the next two items are transportation services --"

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Yeah."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "-- one of them reflects an increase of 1.1 million and the other one represents a decrease of 1.1 million. Is this simply a shift of the mode that we're using here?"

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "So, for the TransDev contract, which is the reduction of the approximate 1.1 million, it's actually a cost shift to Uber, Lyft or common courtesy. So TransDev, we've -- that spoke of services includes transportation for our adult day clients and for multi-purpose facility clients and our senior, neighborhood senior center clients. And so since we will not be providing services for those center trips, those costs have been shifted to our common courtesy Uber/Lyft partnership since we have seen a 63 percent increase in that service. And so common courtesy, Uber/Lyft provides personal errand and medical appointments, and TransDev will continue to provide medical appointments as well."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Okay. So the overall cost of the transportation stuff is about the same total between the two."

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "It is."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Okay. Well, Mr. Chairman, that satisfies my questions about all of these, if we want to take the rest of these renewals together, I'll withdraw my concern about it."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "I do have a question, though."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Well let's just -- we can get through them fairly quickly. So what's before us now, 0962, properly moved and seconded. Cast your votes, please. Another one?"

**PATRICE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "And now a second, please."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "There was a second."

**PATRICE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "There was. It was made by Commissioner Morris."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington. Carn"

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

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

**20-0963     Senior Services**

[Request approval to renew an existing contract – Senior Services, 18RFP115491A-CJC, Alternative Senior Transportation Services in the amount of \\$1,728,640.00 with Common Courtesy \(Atlanta, GA\), to provide transportation services/ride sharing through Uber/Lyft for eligible seniors with no other means of transportation. This exercises the second of two renewals. No renewal options remain. Effective Dates: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. \(APPROVED\)](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas:                                 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn**

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** And let's take the next two; 0963 and 0964. Any objection to taking those two together?

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "That's what I have a question on, please."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Let's take 0963. Is there a motion?"

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Can I ask a question?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Sure, I'm sorry. I'm sorry, Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "I'm sorry. I didn't realize I was muted. It didn't appear on my screen."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Go ahead."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Dr. Roshell, first of all, your audio's going in and out. I don't know what might be going on in that room. But I'm very happy to see this shift. You know, I've been pushing for this for a long, long time. So, in adversity, sometimes positive things come out of it, and I think this is one of those. I am curious though that's still a lot of money going to TransDev. Tell me exactly what that's being utilized for, that \$4.8 million."

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Thank you, Commissioner Hausmann. So this service is continuing to provide our medical appointment trips for our constituents. We have a total of over 130,000 trips through November, and we are continuing to provide those trips for constituents who do not have a good fit with our Uber/Lyft service."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "So were those individual trips or were they group trips? Or what -- what exactly are we doing?"

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "These are trips for routes that are going to different medical appointments, and I can send you all of the individual details by month. But we have riders that call and schedule trips on a daily basis and we have riders that are riding monthly and daily, and so these are individual trips of the bus services for TransDev."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "So would you -- not to be critical here because it's very important that folks have transportation. It's not my concern in any way. We're committed to doing that. I do, however, question having buses taking individual folks when we have other options."

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "I'm sorry, Commissioner Hausmann. To be clear, individuals call for a trip on the bus. So they're multiple individuals that are on the bus added at one time. So it's not just one person necessarily. It is an individual who will call our transportation hub and will be scheduled for a trip on a route for that day."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Okay. Again, your audio's going in and out. I know that's not something you can control, but I just hope I'm hearing you clearly. I'm just going to express; I will support this. I see you're making adjustments as needed, at least it appears that way. I hope you continue to do that. I know that you're cognizant of getting the most out of every one of our dollars. It was asked earlier; we're putting enough towards food. If we don't need to spend all of this on transportation, it could certainly be utilized positively in another area. So I'll just ask that whatever you're doing here, you're cognizant of that, and with the cost of this particular type of transportation service being so much higher than the Uber/Lyft, I just hope you continue to massage that and, you know, spend our tax dollars wisely, which I know you do."

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Thank you for the feedback, Commissioner."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "I have a question."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Okay. What I have not heard is that, you know, because we have COVID-19 and we have to social distance, and people cannot pile into these transportation vehicles like they would normally do, I'm assuming, but I want you to clarify this Dr. Roshell, that people are spreading out so there are less -- there are less riders per vehicle because of COVID-19 because they cannot sit next to each other like they used to. And so that would increase the number of rides that we need to accommodate the number of people who need these rides. And so can you clarify that for me?"

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Thank you, Commissioner Hall, yes, absolutely. Our transportation partner is adherent to all of these measures. It does increase the number of trips that we make in some instance, depending on the number of reservations that we have for that day. And so yes, we are adhering to those safety protocols and ensuring that our riders are spaced out during those trips and adding trips if necessary so they can continue to monitor and adhere to safety measures."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "And so would that also contribute to the increase in the costs because there is more of a need for more vehicles, more trips due to the spacing out because of COVID-19?"

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Yes. We have had to add trips on certain weeks because of the number of reservations and the number of people that we cannot run on one route. So perhaps instead of having two busses one day, we might need three in order to afford that we can adhere to safety protocols."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "All right. Thank you so much, Dr. Roshell."

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "You're welcome."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "I have a followup to that."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "That was a great question, Commissioner Hall, and I would just think that an individual trip in an Uber will be better from a social distance perspective as well. So I hope that we are making sure our seniors know their options when they need transportation services."

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Yes, ma'am."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Motion is to approve 0963. Cast your votes please, Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Mr. Chair."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yeah, just one comment, and just sort of a quick question. I do want to thank Dr. Roshell for the presentation on this and then -- on these two items, and particularly just want to note on the participation with the common courtesy Uber/Lyft partnership. You know, that was something that was really brought to us and birthed out of our Dorothy Benson Senior Center with the friends group. They're really advocating for this and really kind of getting our initial pilot going and great to see that success. And it is -- my question for you is it seems like also this has been recognized as a pretty good model, and we've been able to attract significant grant money to support the program. Is that correct?"

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Yes, it is. How it is affecting [Inaudible] this particular item, but [Inaudible] not only how we're grandfathered in our deal in dollars but additional grant dollars that we receive from organizations like the Parkinson's foundation."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yeah, and -- you know, I know that this particular program doesn't work for all of our participants, that there are some situations for folks that have more severe disabilities and so forth that we would -- that we would not route them through the common courtesy or Uber/Lyft portion and they would go and be serviced through the TransDev contract, correct?"

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Yes. I'm handling it."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay. All right. All right. Thank you so much."

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Thank you, Commissioner."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Cast your votes, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Are ya'll working on clearing up the audio, that feedback? Okay, thank you. All right, next item."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Top of page 15. That concludes 63."

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "He said you could do the rest of them."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Okay."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "So the next one --"

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "So did we do 64 already?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "No. It was going to include 64 and the others is what we're saying."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "No, no, no, no, no, no. She had a question. Let's just take a minute and redo it."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Okay."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Very confusing."

**20-0964     Senior Services**



Request approval to renew an existing contract – Senior Services, RFP# 16RFP02082019A-CJC, Senior Transportation Services in the amount of \$4,800,000.00 with Transdev Services, Inc., (Lombard, Illinois), to provide Transportation Services for Senior Services and Behavioral Health Programs. This action exercises the fourth of four renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective Dates: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. (APPROVED)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn**

**CLERK GRIER:** "The bottom of page 15, **20-0964**, senior services. Request approval to renew an existing contract to provide transportation services for senior services and behavioral health program."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Move approval."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I'll second. Let's vote. Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington. Carn"  
**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

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

**20-0965 Senior Services**

Request approval to renew an existing contract – Senior Services and Behavioral Health, RFP# 19RFP117031A-FB, Food Services Management in the amount of \$515,034.61 with Piccadilly Holdings, LLC (Baton Rouge, LA) to provide food service management and purchasing of perishable and non-perishable food items for the four senior multipurpose facilities and three training centers. This action exercises the second of three renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. (APPROVED)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn**

**CLERK GRIER:** On page 16, senior services, **20-0965**. Request approval to renew existing contract to provide food service management and purchasing of perishable and nonperishable food items."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Move approval."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I'll second. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington. Commissioner Carn."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes. Okay."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I vote yes."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

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

**20-0966 Senior Services**

Request approval to renew existing contracts – Senior Services, RFP# 18RFP11228A-FB – Aging Services in the total amount of \$3,626,092.00 with (A) Senior Services North Fulton (Alpharetta, GA) in the amount of \$1,394,162.00, (B) South Fulton Senior Services (College Park, GA) in the amount of \$1,065,494.00 and (C) Visiting Nurse Health Systems (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$1,166,436.00, to provide Aging Services for Fulton County residents aged 60 and over. Effective Date: January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021, this exercises the third of four renewals, one renewal option remains. (APPROVED)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hausmann and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn**

**CLERK GRIER:** 20-0966, senior services. Request approval to renew existing contract to provide aging services for Fulton County residents."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Move approval."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Properly moved and seconded. Cast your votes, please. Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington, Carn."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON:** "Yes."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I vote yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Passes unanimously."

### **Infrastructure and Economic Development**

**20-0967    Public Works**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Public Works, Bid# 17RFP107440K-JD, Professional Services for Airport Consultant and Engineering Services with a contractual amount not to exceed \$840,000.00 with Michael Baker International, Inc. (Norcross, GA), to provide consulting and engineering services for updating, modifying and implementing the Capital Improvement Program at the Fulton County Executive Airport- Charlie Brown Field. This action exercises the third of four renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. **(APPROVED)**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Hausmann to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas:                                7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn**

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Madam Clerk?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "Under infrastructure and economic development, **20-0967**, public works. Request approval to renew an existing contract to provide consulting and engineering services for updating, modifying, and implementing the capital improvement program."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Move approval."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Properly moved and seconded. Hearing no comments or questions, let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

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

### **Open and Responsible Government**

**20-0968 External Affairs**

[Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of External Affairs, RFP# 18RFP082918K-DJ, Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs Services in the amount of \\$198,000.00 with Georgia Public Affairs \(Atlanta, GA\) to provide Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs](#)

Services. This exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. (APPROVED)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn**

**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 17 under open and responsible government, **20-0968**. Concerning affairs and principles. Renew existing contracts to provide intergovernmental and interagency affair services."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "What's your pleasure?"

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Approval."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I'll second. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I vote, yes."

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

**20-0969 Information Technology**

Request approval of a recommended proposal - Fulton County Information Technology (FCIT), 20RFP1007B-EC Wireless Communication Service and Devices, in an amount not to exceed \$1,674,240.00 with AT&T Mobility National Accounts, LLC ("AT&T") (Columbia, MD) to provide wireless communication services and equipment. Effective dates: January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 with two renewal options. (APPROVED)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn**

**CLERK GRIER:** "20-0969, information technology. Request approval of the recommended proposal to provide wireless communication services and equipment."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Quick question."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes, sir."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Move approval."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "There was only one other responder and it was ruled nonresponsive. Why was that?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "[Inaudible]."

**FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC:** "Yes, this is Felicia Strong-Whitaker. Purchasing. The [Inaudible] was deemed nonresponsive because they could not respond to the counties. I --"

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "I can't hear her. It's garbled."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Just a minute. Okay. What's the problem."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "She can come in here."

**PATRISE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "But we don't have --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Is that better to have them come in here if they keep their masks on?"

**FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC:** "All right. Well I'll try again. I'll move closer to the microphone. Can you hear me now?"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes, that's better."

**FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC:** "I apologize. Verizon was deemed nonresponsive --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "That's better. Okay. That's better. Continue."

**FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC:** "Verizon was deemed nonresponsive because they did not respond to the County's RFP that was issued. They offered us the GSA contract, which is very old and does not meet all of the County's requirements. So they did not provide a response to the County's RFP that was issued."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay."

**FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC:** "They counter offered the GSA."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Are you looking for a vote?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "No, no. I thought --"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "That answered my question. Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. All right. The motion is to approve. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington. Commissioner Carn."



**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "The motion passes unanimously."

**20-0970 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidders - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Bid# 20ITB125775C-CG, Electrical On Call Maintenance Services Countywide, in the total amount of \$170,000.00 with (A) Capital City Electrical Services, Inc. (Norcross, GA) in the amount of \$100,000.00; and (B) ALL-N-1 Security Services, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$70,000.00, to provide on-site emergency electrical on-call maintenance services on an "as needed" basis" for Countywide facilities. Effective dates: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, with two renewal options. (APPROVED)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn**

**CLERK GRIER:** "20-0970, real estate and asset management. Request approval of the lowest responsible bidders to provide onsite emergency electrical on-call maintenance services."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Move approval."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. I'll second. Let's vote. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

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

**20-0971 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of lowest responsible bidder - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Bid# 20ITB126447C-MH, Commercial Appliance Repair and Replacement Services in the amount of \$185,000.00, with Hobart Services-a division of ITW Food Equipment Group, LLC (Troy, OH), to furnish all materials, parts, labor, tools, equipment and appurtenances to provide standby on-site commercial appliance preventive maintenance and repair/replacement services for County facilities. Effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, with two renewal options. (APPROVED)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn**

**CLERK GRIER:** "20-0971, real estate and asset management. Request approval from the lowest responsible bidder to furnish all materials, parts, labor, tools, and equipment to provide standby onsite commercial appliance preventive maintenance."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Move approval."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I'll second. No questions, let's vote. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "I noted there was only bidder, but I'll vote yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I knew you were going to say that, all right. Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

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

**20-0972     Real Estate and Asset Management**

[Request approval of the lowest responsible bidders - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Bid# 20ITB125835C-GS, Carpet, Carpet Tile Installation and Repair Services Countywide in the total amount of \\$300,000.00 with \(A\) Bonitz, Inc. \(Norcross, GA\) in the amount of \\$120,000.00; \(B\) Prime Contractors, Inc. \(Powder Springs, GA\) in the amount of \\$120,000.00; and \(C\) HPI Floors, LLC \(Atlanta, GA\) in the](#)

amount of \$60,000.00, to provide carpet and carpet tile installation and repair services for all Fulton County facilities. Effective dates: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, with two renewal options. (APPROVED)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn**

**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 18, **20-0972**, real estate and asset management. Request approval of the lowest responsible bidders to provide carpet and carpet tile installation and repair services."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "I'll move approval."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Properly moved and seconded. Cast your votes, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

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

## **COUNTY MANAGER'S ITEMS**

### **Open and Responsible Government**

**20-0973 County Manager**

[Presentation of COVID-19 Operational Response Update. \(PRESENTED\)](#)

**CLERK GRIER:** "Under County Manager's items, open and responsible government --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay, so just one second now. So it is 12:15, so is your -- do you want to hear this report and then break for lunch and executive session or get through the COVID operational report. That should take us to about 1:00. Okay, let's move on then and we'll go until we're finished, all right? Go ahead, Madam Clerk."

**CLERK GRIER:** "20-0973, presentation of the COVID-19 operational response update."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Alright Mr. Manager?"

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Mr. Chairman and Board of Commissioners, we will look at the COVID-19 trends, and you'll find them to be troubling. They are worsening. We're up to close to 400 new cases a day, seven-day moving average, and a positive test rate of above nine percent. The low points for that were 65 per day and five percent. The death rates also increased significantly, but we believe our projections are still several hundred below a worse case scenario of 1560, but that is something to keep a close eye on. The bed use projections that we'll go through, you'll see are expected to peak in early February. We continue to share that information with the governor's office and with Grady through that process that we have set up. There is no plans today to reopen the Georgia World Congress Center, but we are now entering that point where we are less than 15 percent excess capacity. We're well served I think the state, of course, with internal funding with the mixed set of indicators on our dashboard, as you'll see, so we appreciate hopefully your support on that funding. Testing at now over 1.1 million is still our strong suit. It represents 24 percent of what the State testing has been and I think has served our citizens quite well. Obviously, as vaccines become available, the Board of Health will be making preparations, and Dr. Paxton will be talking about those details today. So I'm sure that will be of great interest to you, but realize that some of this information is real-time and more -- there will be much more to come as that plan is flushed out. Speaking of the Board of Health, at the request of the Board of Commissioners, we have worked with Dr. Paxton and the Board of Health closely over the last number of weeks to develop a transition plan that the Board of Health feels streaks of inability to respond to the pandemic as well as future public health events. It also protects our current employees in terms of employment and pay and protects the County in terms of financial exposure."

So we'll be talking about that subsequent to this report. As well, we continue to evaluate our current leave policy that requires 14-day quarantine period and will discuss that now that we're up to over 200 positive employee cases and, obviously, our reopening plans are on hold with a safety-first mindset. The CARES funds have been expended as we planned with \$87 million now, though 104 fully expended. The remainder will be dedicated to public safety costs as well as any trailing costs yet to be realized. And then finally, of course, we are preparing for the January 5th runoff as well as running the early elections which is off, I think, to a good start, and you'll hear more about that as we get to the end of the agenda, but we -- really with both of these things as well as everything else, must continue to rely on our leadership to stay focused and your support in terms of policy and financial resources. So with that, Mr. Chairman, we'll go to Ms. Roach, the Chief Operating officer and Ms. Whitmore, the Chief Financial Officer."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Madam, COO."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Good afternoon, Commissioners. I am going to turn it over to Matt and his --

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Speak up. Madam COO, you're going to have to speak up or come closer to the microphone."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Yes, sir. Apologies. I am going to turn it over to Matt Kallmyer and the EMS side team to go through the findings, statistics with a reminder that after Dr. Paxton's presentation on vaccination, that the chairman has invited Commissioner Hausmann to give us an update on her vaccination information from D.C. So Dr. Paxton, if you would, please, hand it over to Commissioner Hausmann upon completion of your presentation and then we'll take questions on incident response. Matt."

**MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CONTROL:** "Yes, ma'am, thank you. Good morning, folks. Good morning, Commissioners, good morning, chairman. We will go ahead and get it started. Let's just jump right to slide four, and Dough Schuster's going to come in and go ahead and show us where we are at this particular time, Doug."

**DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI:** "Good afternoon, Commissioners. I'm going to start really with kind of an interesting look from December work 1st through December 14th. You can definitely see a change in the northwest. The darker colors are the heaviest -- are the most infectious parts of the country as far as communicability. The darker colors on that December 1st slide, you can actually see the migration of the darker colors move to the south and southeast into the west coast from the really bad areas on December 1st. You can see a lot of the light yellows in the southeast that were existing December 1st, are now some of the darker orange colors in the southeastern United States. That really is kind of a good graphic to kind of show the migration of the cases for COVID-19 in the United States. Next slide. Really, the same comparison here, we were light

oranges and yellows just two weeks ago, and you can see the darker colors that have kind of crept in as far as communicability. This is per 100,000, so it's apples to apples for each county, and you can actually see, you know, what we're going to show you in some lighter slides here. Next slide. So on this slide, I'd like to just bring close attention to our seven-day average for cases from December 1st has jumped from 239 to, as of today, 398. So that number continues to climb and pay close attention to the last two columns, our seven-day averages. Like I said, 393 two days ago. You could actually see kind of the dramatic increase since Thanksgiving on the far right-hand part of the slide that goes with that row. Georgia is having a more dramatic increase with 4,380 cases for a seven-day average. And you can see that they are almost twice as high as their summertime peak. Fulton County, in contrast, is right at our summertime peak. So the Georgia case rate has really grown exponentially. The United States really has the same story, except you can tell that the United States is 3-1/2 times their summertime peak with 210,000 cases for a seven-day average. Next slide. This is the death comparison. Fulton County is 3.3. We had kind of a five-day period with 22 deaths. The good news is the last three days in Fulton County, there have been no deaths, so that's good news to report. I will say that that is a 50 percent increase over the last -- previous 14 days, that 3.3 average. Georgia deaths are actually going down just a bit. They were in the mid 30's and now they're around 30 for a seven-day average. You can see that kind of graphically displayed on the chart next to it, to the right. The United States just six weeks ago was averaging about 780 cases a day, and their growth has been very fast as well with almost 2,400 cases for a seven-day average. Next slide. Is the -- you were told already this morning that the bed rates, the COVID census continues to go up, 472, for a seven-day average for COVID patients. Those numbers have been on a steady increase and continue that way. We were at just 262 on December 1st, and we're at 472 as of yesterday. And then on the right-hand side, you can see the projection that Mr. Anderson talked about early February with a high at 869. And you can see our current bed direct trajectory in the black is still aligned very close to that most probable forecast. Next slide. The percent-positives continue to climb. Over the last 14 days, we have averaged a 10th of a point increase within Fulton County. We are now up to actually as of today, 8.4 -- I mean, excuse me, 9.4, and the County is at 3 point -- 13.4. For the State, 13.4, the County 9.4, and those numbers are continuing to grow. Next slide. The projection now goes out through April 1st. As you all well know, Fulton County has had about 6 point, 7.6 percent of the County's death total for about two months now, and that allows us to really be on the most -- I mean the best-case scenario for objective deaths, which is now projected at 972 for April 1st, and the most probable is 1,206. And it obviously could be much worse if we had a higher position of the state's total. Next slide. Likely in with the scorecard, Mr. Kallmyer's going to give you an update on testing after this slide, but those numbers are starting to rise at the rate that we saw prior to Thanksgiving, so that number is climbing. Our test results actually have gone down since we talked to you last time, and it's generally receiving test results between 24 and 48 hours. Our case rate continues to climb, as I told you, our percent positives is soon to enter what we would call the red category at over 10 percent. Our hospitalization since this is very high. That availability on the seven-day average for beds, CCU beds, have been in a shortage situation. One note to make on that is the hospitals are in diversion sending patients to other hospitals,

converting rooms, and limiting -- starting to limit their non -- their scheduled procedures to make room for patients. The hospital bed availability remains good and has been good. As I told you, the COVID death rate has gone up as has the morgue census. The morgue census is now actually up to 90 for the overnight, to pass that information. So not a lot of encouraging information to pass, but that's what I have. Next slide."

**MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CONTROL:** "Thank you, Doug. Once again, folks, just to go ahead and give you the utmost up to date number. At the time, we did submit this, we did not have the information from yesterday and Monday, so we're now at 1,122,449 for the total tests in Fulton County. If you take the next three health districts and add them together, they come out to 1,091,575. So we are still above 300 other health districts combined total testing. Doug did allude to the fact that we are getting our results back down to around a 48-hour time period. You'll see on the right where the County manager did reference of about 24 percent of the total testing. The State of Georgia is actually being accomplished in Fulton County, and a lot of work has gone into the vaccination program that Dr. Paxton will go ahead and speak to in a couple of slides. Next slide, please. Just trying to go ahead and show you all from week one to where we are now, we talked about this -- we took a little walk down memory lane a couple of BOC meetings ago, but we want to make sure that you all had the opportunity to see the trend. It is coming up to things that we had saw back during the end of summer, and we are seeing numbers yesterday of 6,932 tests. If we continue with this, we expect to be about 1,250,000 tests accomplished in Fulton County by the end of the calendar year. If it has anything to show you, we're looking at about 1,500 individuals yesterday that did testing at a northern site; 443 in the central, and 370 in the south. And well over 1,100 at some of our mobile sites as well. So a lot of incredible work is being done with our team from testing that has been handed over to Dr. Paxton and her team for contact tracing to make sure that we could go ahead and wrap our arms around this. And now the new tool that we have is the vaccine to go ahead and continue to fight this fight. Next slide, please. As always, I'd like go ahead and show you where our different partners are when it comes to testing and how that adds up to the total that we do have at this time, once again bringing us up to 1,122,000. It's always sobering when it hits at home. We have a total of six individuals that have been working tirelessly from the beginning of this time to go ahead and just handle logistics for this program, whether it be our warehouse, the PPE that goes out to municipalities, SPOC operations, the logistics of running a SPOC. These six individuals have gone above and beyond. As of today, four of our six individuals are COVID positive. We have enacted our contingency plans to go ahead and continue the level of service that we have done thus far, and we wish those individuals the best as they begin to their recovery and the challenge of dealing with COVID. So we will keep you guys abreast of that. We will go ahead and do everything we can to make sure we don't skip a beat. Timing is never the best when it comes to things like this, especially with the vaccines coming in, but we feel that we have had good individuals sitting at and ready to go in the practice squad that come in and go ahead and fill some of these spots as we move forward. So with that being said, I'd like to pass it over to Dr. Paxton that's going to discuss the vaccines and our road ahead with that. Dr. Paxton."



**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "Thank you. I love that slide. Anyway. Can we go onto the next one? There's -- I actually anticipate that after this presentation you probably have a lot of questions, so I'm, you know, perfectly willing to, you know, answer as many as possible as I can. So the main ones that I'd just like to address right now are ones that have been coming up over and over again, like how do I know the vaccine is safe. Do we still need to continue doing COVID prevention methods? Can you get COVID-19 through the vaccine and what are the expected side effects of the vaccine? So I just want to talk a little bit about the two vaccines, which are the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. And I will call this as nothing more than like a gift -- I mean I feel like this is a gift for all of our hard work over the last year in that both of these vaccines have been shown to have much greater effect than expected efficacy. They are both mRNA vaccines, which is a newer vaccine. But it is related. You know, there's been a lot of work that's been put into preparing for these types of vaccines. As some of you are probably aware, in the past few years, we've had SARS outbreaks, we've had MERS outbreaks. These are viruses that have some similarities to the current COVID vaccine. And so vaccine work had already been started on things like that, and we are able to capitalize on that in order to quickly develop these new vaccines against COVID. Now both of the vaccines have been shown to have efficacy, which is in the neighborhood of 95 percent. For the Pfizer vaccine, which is the one that we are getting first; in fact, here at the Board of Health, we expect the first shipment to be coming in tomorrow morning. There -- just to, you know, remind people, there were 162 cases in that during the trial that were in the placebo group, and only eight in the vaccine group. That's where the thing of eight of 95 percent efficacy comes from. And not only does it seem to prevent primary infection, it helps to prevent severe cases in that of the eventually, as the [Inaudible] even more cases that came in. So out 170 cases, 10 of them were severe and nine of those were in the placebo group. Similar things are for the Moderna vaccine. Again, a 94.5 percent efficacy prevents severe infection in that of all, all of the severe cases that occurred in that trial were in the placebo group. None were in the group that received the vaccine. For both of them, the side effects during the trial were very limited. In the -- the most common side effects that were reported were things that, you know, we're actually all familiar with from, are like seasonal flu vaccines. Other things like the Shingrix vaccine. So the most common side effects are mild pain at the injection site, a low-grade fever, headache, fatigue, or muscle aches and joint pains. These were almost -- these were short-lived. Generally, these were for no more than a day, maybe maximum of two days. There were no serious life-threatening adverse events reported with either of these vaccines in these studies. So, you know, that's important to know. The second question is about, do we need to social distance, wear a mask, and follow other mitigation efforts once we get the vaccine? Yes. Because getting the vaccine series does not mean that you can stop doing these. Because, number one, no vaccines are 100 percent effective. As we know, these are 95 percent effective, which means, by definition, that five percent would might still get the infection while at -- even after getting vaccinated. We also do not know what the effective of vaccination will be on a person's ability to get the infection, not be sick from it, but transmit it on to someone else. We just simply don't know that. So the recommendations are to continue to follow all the PPE protocols that, you know, I won't even go into because you've all heard it from us,

from me so many times. So that's just important. So, no, this is -- the vaccines are wonderful, but you still -- you still have to be wearing that mask and doing the like. Can you get COVID-19 from the vaccine? No, you cannot. The reason being is that this is not a live vaccine. Some of the earlier vaccines for other diseases such as one of the polio vaccines, were actually a weakened version of the regular -- of the regular virus. And that's what's called a live vaccine. This is not at all. All it does is it's a replica of a portion of the virus. And so, therefore, you absolutely cannot develop -- you cannot get COVID-19 from this vaccine and you cannot pass it on, of course, to anyone else. So that's a solid no, can you get COVID-19 from the vaccine. And I think I've already gone over one of the expected side effects of the -- of the vaccine, which are simply -- they're kind of basically like they're flu-like symptoms. What has been seen in some of -- in the trials, is that the vaccine is given in two doses. For the Pfizer vaccine, the second dose is given 21 days after the first dose. For the Moderna vaccine, it's given 28 days after the first dose. What has been seen in many of these trials is that the first dose, you know, most people don't really have much in terms of side effects. Maybe a little bit of what I described. For some people, like maybe up to like maybe 10 percent, it's at the second dose that they might have stronger reactions to this. And what I have to get across to people is if that happens to you, all it indicates is actually that the vaccine is working as expected. So my phrase now is, we're having to -- I'll be up front with people that they might expect that on the second, especially with the second dose, they might be more likely to have these side effects. However, again, they're short limited. It's an indication the vaccine is doing its a job. So in a way, not to think about that -- my catch phrase now is it's not a bug, it's just a feature of this. And so being prepared, you know, is important. What has been shown too is that it is important to get both doses. It is a highly effective vaccine. It looks like after the first dose, you have about 50 percent efficacy, which is great, but it's after the second dose, that booster dose, that it rises to the 95 percent level. So it is important to get both of the -- both doses. Can I have the next slide, please? All right. I know you can't read this, but this is basically, obviously DPH, in consultation with everyone has been sitting down to figure out how are we going to -- what are going to be the priority populations for this allocation? Because what I have to state everyone, I hope that you're aware is that, at this point, there is not -- there is simply not enough vaccine to immunize everyone, okay. And we are having to be very, very measured in how we are going to get this out to the people that most need it. And so these people have been -- the groups have been put into, I guess what we refer to, as phases and tiers. And I know you can't read this. I'll try and just briefly summarize it. Our first phase is our first tiers are mainly concentrated among healthcare workers and residents and staff of long-term care facilities, okay. So those are top, you know, priority that we're going to be working very hard to immunize in the coming weeks with our, our first shipment of the stores, okay. In fact, we're putting a big emphasis on this. Actually, Dr. Holland and I, we don't realize that probably over the Christmas holidays, he and I are going to be out there actually immunizing, you know, people like EMTs and the like as we're setting all that up. The second -- in this first phase, the second tier is going to be what we call, it's basically sort of a tier 1B. And so these are the people who are playing a key role in keeping, you know, the essential functions of our society running such as first responders like police and fire personnel. You know, we're probably going to be doing these official work facing points like the

educational faculties and staff; the schools. You know everyone knows how crucial the schools are for this. So it's in that tier that we be including like the schools, court employees, air traffic controllers, you know, grocery workers. Those sorts of -- transportation would be in this phase IB. We also are intending to include adults who are 65 or older who have got comorbidities. Whether that's diabetes or cancer or whatever. They would be considered in our phase 1B. Our phase 1C, all right, after that, would be adults who are 65 and older and their caregivers, and then adults who are below the age of 65, but who have comorbidities, okay. So that's all in our phase I. So that's -- you know, that's where we are concentrating. Right now, we're still working in the tier 1A part. So that's where we're concentrating on right now. But then we're going to -- as quickly as we can, progress to these other ones. Then you see across the top that there will be a phase II, a phase III, and a phase IV. And phase II, you know, basically encompasses people who are living in congregate settings like homeless shelters, the jails, prisons and other places. And then we're going to start, you know, interviewing -- interviewing -- vaccinating, you know, other adults who are below the age of 65, about 30. Phase III will again, will -- you know, again further expanding to workers who are in important industries and at some risk of exposure. You know, hairstylists, barbers, restaurants, and all that. And then we'll probably also be including the younger adults in that tier, you know, the people between the ages of 18 and 30. And they -- phase IV is sort of the largest tier and basically where we're going try to get everybody who's residing in Georgia, who has not been previously vaccinated to get them, you know, vaccinated. By that time, we expect that we expect that we will have more data from the trials that are enrolling children to, you know, to verify that, at that point, it is verified for pediatric use. And if it is, then we would be including children in this -- in this last vaccination phase. So can I have the next slide. There is another slide. Okay. Now what I've put up with this, is simply this is to help hopefully the Commissioners. As you get -- you probably -- you probably will get some inquiries from your constituents. As you can imagine, you should see what my inbox looks like right now. So I just wanted to provide this to you to let you know what we're currently telling people about, you know, that we're still making plans and we don't have a -- we don't know. We have no firm data with, we're going to have all of our vaccine stores, and we don't even know how much we're getting at a time as that's very variable. As I said, there's not enough vaccine around to do it, to vaccinate everyone right now. So what we want to do is we're going to be keeping information on our website and our social media accounts about how people in each phase can access vaccination through our own facilities and so then we've listed our various, you know, media sites that people can get information on. So currently, at the moment, we are -- we've got it scheduled hopefully by tomorrow, and I'm looking at our IT person tomorrow, we want to get up on the website for -- at the moment, we are still in tier 1A, so which is basically long-term care facilities who are being provided for via a system that was worked out at the highest level of HHS through a consortium with CVS to provide it to the long-term care facilities. In addition, most hospital systems will be receiving their own allocations of vaccine. It is not coming through us, okay. It's going directly to the hospitals and all the other, you know, these other providers. What the role is of us at the Board of Health is we kind of have to take care of them and everybody else. And so, for example, private practitioners who are in their own offices

and are not part of a hospital system, you know, we will be, you know, in charge of vaccinating them. We, for the most part, are in charge of, you know, vaccinating the EMTs. Some are associated with hospitals. So there will be some hospital systems that will be vaccinate a portion of these EMTs. But a great many of them will be coming to us. And then as we continue in this relatively uncharted area of going -- you know, to getting into greater parts of the population. You know, we're going to look back upon this as being the easy, the easy phase, you know. But as we get into trying to identify, you know, all patients who are over age 65 and who have comorbid conditions, we're -- you know, we realize it's going to be kind of difficult and we're going to do, you know, our best to cater to all of these people as we can. So we're going to do -- we're going try to keep people informed through our websites and through our various media outreach. So, I mean -- actually, I could again go on and on and on. So perhaps this might be the time. Is there another slide there? I don't think so. This might be the time just to open it up to questions so you guys can just ask me things, and I will answer to the best of my abilities."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, Dr. Paxton, it was recommended that we hear from, I think I'm correct on this, hear from Commissioner Hausmann about her --"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "Oh, sure. I'm sorry. I didn't know if you wanted to pass over the -- yeah, that's fine. Commissioner Hausmann, I'll pass over to her, and then we can return --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Correct."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "-- to questions. That's fine."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank you, Dr. Paxton for that thorough update on what's happening here with regard to the receipt of the vaccine. Yeah, I received a surprise invitation to attend the Operation Warp Speed event last Tuesday at the White House from William Crozer who is in the Government Affairs office. And he is from Georgia as well, from Thomasville, Georgia. Continuing the tradition really that the White House has had the entire time the President has been in office of engaging local leaders from throughout the country, at this particular event, I was one of two officials from Georgia, the other one being the Mayor of Valdosta was also there. About 20 local county, city leaders that were in attendance along with governors, you know, Dr. Bix, and the surgeon general, and representatives from UPS and FedEx and McKesson who are involved in the logistics of distributing the vaccine throughout the country. And that was really the focus of the event, was just the effort that had been made, the public/private partnerships, the military involvement with the logistics of just getting the vaccine produced and distributed in nine months. It's really quite impressive, the process that usually takes years to accomplish happened so quickly in nine months. What we were told, and emphasize more than anything else,

that Dr. Paxton has just shared similar stories that the vaccine is very safe, that it was developed just quicker, but in the same protocols that have always been used with developing important medication through the FDA process. We can expect, in Georgia, to get a significant amount, that the distribution is based on population. They are sending out 20 million vaccines in December throughout the country, 30 million in January, and 50 million in February, especially with the Moderna approval that looks like it's coming at any time. But the process involved a lot of volunteers; 17,000 went through the Pfizer vaccine lab work, and Moderna had 40,000. So it was a very significant effort to happen quickly, and I was honored to be able to be there to learn first hand exactly what all had been done, just very, very impressive. Thousands of folks were involved in the development and now in the logistics of getting it out to the American public. That's all I have. I'll be happy to take any questions."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. We'll open it up for questions for Dr. Paxton and/or Commissioner Hausman. No questions?"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "I have a couple of questions."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis?"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Just a couple of questions for Dr. Paxton. On the phase I, do we have any idea about what percentage of Georgia's population, those three groups represent A, B, and C?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "No. I can't -- we don't have a firm number. It's kind of very hard to make an estimate of how many like over 65-year-olds we have with comorbidities. We have a better handle on, you know, how many, you know, practitioners there are --"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Right."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "Access to those things. But even then, it's not even all that easy, because we don't know how many are in each, you know, for example, each practice. You know, how many nurses they might have, how many assistants they might have. So to that, we're having to rely -- we're going to have people get back to us. We're just going to link them to like a form in which they tell us how many people are in their office that will need vaccinations."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay, so our role --"

**MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CONTROL:** "Commissioner Ellis?"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yeah. Thanks. Go ahead."

**MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CONTROL:** "We're also planning for about 11,000 public safety individuals for all municipalities and county

government that is represented in our jurisdiction. So that includes police, fire, EMS, and 911 agencies. So that's included in that first tier, sir."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay. Is it presently the view that we, we being the Fulton County Board of Health, would be the ones administering to that group that Matt just referenced there?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "Well Matt can help you with this. I mean, some of these people like EMTs are covered, are included in allocations that are sent to certain hospitals. I understand that maybe Grady might be taking on some of the EMTs and all that. But he can better address that."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yeah, I understand, yeah, with Grady. But one, I guess I'm curious particularly about our municipalities, fire departments, and police department."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "Yeah. Go ahead."

**MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CONTROL:** "We been working with them over the last two or three weeks. Actually, we've been planning for the last three weeks with the Board of Health and our team, and within the last week, we've reached out to municipalities. We've asked them to gather the individuals that are EMTs within their organization to be the first here. As Dr. Paxton has explained, we'll be prepared to probably in the week of January 4th, be able to start vaccinating those individuals. And then from there, we'll go ahead and expand it to the rest of the public safety team, 911 operators, law enforcement providers, fire fighters and such. Grady is being taken care of. Grady EMS, we've confirmed that with their hospital allocation. American Medical Response was just covered. The Northern Fulton EMS zone is going to be covered by the allocation that the Board of Health has requested. And to Dr. Paxton's point, we will be vaccinating those individuals. They will be coming to one of three sites that will be disclosed, just those individuals. And then they will be given a time to actually come. They will be given a card after they get vaccinated, and those individuals will be able to know when they have to come back to get their second vaccine. It is also the hopes of the team that has been planning this that we could vaccinate these health care providers early, especially the paramedics and the advanced EMTs so they can then help us be force multipliers in the vaccination program going forward. So the Board of Health will be doing some specific training with those individuals. They'll learn how to use the documentation systems that are mandated, and then they will be able to go ahead and fold into our program and help us continue to vaccinate the public safety family so we can get that done as expeditiously as possible."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay. So, it sounds like there is a fairly good -- one of my questions is going to be on the documentation process and people being able to verify

that they've received both doses of this, so to speak. So we've got that sort of thought through and a process ready for that?"

**MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CONTROL:** "Dr. Paxton would probably be able to explain it more, but there is a system called GRIPS. Anyone that receives an immunization in the state of Georgia has to have that documented in the system. This is one of those particular vaccines that has to be documented. So they will be put into the system and you would be -- it would denote which vial you received from so that if anything did occur, they could track it all the way back to that vial, that lot, and then from there be able to have a better understanding what happens. Also, it does put a marker in the sand as to what date you've received your first vaccine and then the two vaccines that Dr. Paxton referred to, you'll have to come back in that period of time to get your second vaccine."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay. And if you don't know the answer to this, this is fine. I realize we're short of -- we're all getting into new territory here, but the -- particularly the groups in -- some of the groups in 1A and police and fire personnel in 1B, I guess. Do we know whether or not these organizations can make vaccine requirement mandatory for their employees?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "Well, I --"

**MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CONTROL:** "I'll let Dr. Paxton field that one."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "Sure, sure. At the moment, these vaccines are under what's called an emergency use authorization. Which means, exactly what it means, that this is an emergency and we're, you know, kind of [Inaudible]. Typically, anything that's under an EUA is usually not -- we don't make them mandatory, okay. So we particularly at the Board of Health, we -- as much as we are encouraging, if everyone apply for it, the Board of Health employees, let's do this. I'm reminding you again that we strongly are encouraging you to take advantage of the -- having access to this vaccine. But it is not mandatory. I cannot say that once it has gone through the full approval process, there is precedent for making things like this mandatory. So, for example, I as a healthcare professional, when I was working at the VA hospital, we all had to have the flu vaccine every year or we were not allowed to work. So it was mandatory. But at the moment, to answer your question, it is not mandatory."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay. Then it's probably more of a legal question, I guess. If an individual employer wanted to seek to make something mandatory, so I won't ask you to opine on that. So it sounds like initially, really kind of our key role, if I heard you right, will be for, in this 1A and early 1B phase, police, fire personnel, and solo health care workers, physicians, nurses, et cetera. Is that a fair assessment?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "Oh, yes. I mean, you know, we're going to -- emergency personnel, first responders, and, you know, healthcare practitioners that are not otherwise covered."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay. And based upon, you know, kind of the allotments we're going to be receiving and so forth, probably not going to be able to meet all of the initial demand on that, you know, with just initial allotments, it's going to be a series of allotments to be able to meet --"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "It's a series of allotments, true. Because, in fact, tomorrow we're getting our first one, which is I believe approximately 2,000 doses here at the Board of Health. Now, you know, we should be receiving weekly allotments from, you know, from then on. And we're going to put in an additional order to get more, particularly now that Moderna is the second vaccine, is going to be receiving -- actually has been approved. And so that will be added to the mix."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "But, yeah. I'm trying to manage everyone's expectations and it's going to take us a little while to get to the point where we are able to expand to these larger groups."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Now, you have a -- do you have a staffing plan sort of built to manage that, you know, those dosages of getting them out as quickly as possible and then the follow-up doses? I mean, because I guess it compounds upon itself, right? You're going to have a -- somebody gets an initial dose, and then you're going have a second dose and you got multiple orders coming in through, so at some point, you're doing --"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "Yeah."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "-- you know, double the work?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:**  
"Absolutely, we have a plan. And, also, part of the distribution process is that we were, at first afraid that we would have to store ourselves the second doses. So, for example, we get like an allocation of thousand and we would -- vaccinate, 500 people and would have to move onto another 500 of those pieces and all that. But that's not actually way the distribution services is going to work. There is a central location where they're going to be keeping track of this. So we can go ahead and vaccinate, you know, give the first vaccination like using that entire thousand and with the confidence that we will be receiving the second dose, you know, in the correct time period for that. So that actually helps us with our storage problem and also allows us to basically just get as many people, you know, vaccinated as possible."



**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay. And there will be other -- if I understand that correct, they'll be -- other groups can, or other entities can apply to be a point of distribution or already --"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "Yes, they can."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Or already -- they already have that ability to do so?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "Yes, in fact, one of the things that we are trying to do is we are trying to follow up with a number of the hospital systems. We were given, just recently again -- I just want -- I have to emphasize how fast all this information is coming in. But yesterday, we received an updated list of all the hospitals in Fulton County where they are in terms of getting their approvals. And so, we're going to -- we're following up, you know, that some hospitals have not completed everything that's needed. So we are, you know, reaching out to them to say, you know, remind them this is what you need to do. Because it's a new process and we can easily see that somebody might think that they had done everything, but they'd actually missed a step. And so they're not actually in the system. So that's one of the things that we, as the Board of Health, are also trying to help others with. Because the ideal is to get as many providers who are capable of giving this out to get them into the system so that they can do that."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay, so physicians' groups, et cetera, those can ultimately be points of distribution?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "They can be. Again, there are certain considerations in that the way the vaccines are shipped are in large components. Because if I remember -- if I've got this right, I believe that Pfizer sends them out in groups of like 975, okay? So, for example, so if you're a small office and you can't vaccinate the 975, then that would not work for you. However, Moderna, which is the vaccine that could actually be stored in the kind of freezer that most offices actually have a minus 20. They are sending out their allotments in allotments of about 100, and that might be more suitable for, you know, a smaller practice that can vaccinate a hundred people but would not be vaccinating 1,000 people. So we have to keep all of those considerations in mind as, you know, as people -- as who can be a vaccine provider."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Is there a -- is there going to be like a state database that's going to have sort of who's ordered what and where it is and then --"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "Yes."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "-- where supplies are and that sort of stuff so it -- you know, we have -- if there are places where somebody gets oversupplied, supplies can be shifted to meet different demand or is -- do we know that? Have we sent that?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "There's definitely a state database. There's a group tracking this at DPH. And possibly Matt will look into, and maybe, I don't know if AFCEMA's also doing this, but I know for certain that DPH is tracking this."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay. And then the Moderna is a -- it's a two-dose process as well, right?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "Yes, they both are."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay. And then [Inaudible] has not been approved for use with children. If it were to be -- has there been a discussion if it were approved for pediatric use, I guess it would most likely be some sort of different formulation and or likely the same, and that's sort of one question. And then two, if it were to be approved, let's say quicker than maybe folks anticipated or whatever, would that change the way that the current phases are oriented?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "I do not believe that there's any indication that it would -- that the formulation itself would change. Of course, because children are smaller than adults, it would be a -- it would be a dosage change."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "That's -- that's almost the way -- that's always the way that it is."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "I do not believe that there's any reason to -- that there would be change in terms of like putting children further up, in terms of the phases, simply because of the fact that although we know that these kids are a little petri -- I talked to my daughter. I call her a little petri dish. You know, that they're very -- you know, they can -- they're very capable of passing on infection absolutely. They do have lower rates of actually having a severe sequelae to COVID. And we really want to get those people who are at risk of severe illness and dying, you know, first. So my -- my suspicion, I don't control this, is that they'll still probably remain in the phase IV category even after it's approved for pediatric use."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay. And last question for you on this, on the -- I know you made the statement early on. I just want to make sure I heard it correctly, what we don't -- I guess we -- I heard you say that what we don't know is that once a person were to receive both vaccines, they could establish immunity to it. But what we don't

know -- we don't know whether or not that they could remain to be a carrier of COVID. Did I hear that incorrectly?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "You heard that correctly."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay. So, all right. I think that's an important thing for people to --"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "That's why always wear your masks. Even though I'm not wearing it right now, it's simply so you can hear me."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Right, okay. All right. Thank you for that."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Mr. Chairman, I have a question."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "I had a question."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris followed by Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Dr. Paxton, someone told me last night that they've seen a news piece about the virus having morphed. I didn't see that and I don't know if that was accurate or not. But I assume these things do morph. I think I've heard that before. I don't know whether this one has, but if it has and as it does, does that impact the efficacy of the vaccine?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "If that proves to be the case, yes. You know, I have a lot of experience with HIV. And HIV is a virus that mutates every single day. And that's one reason why we do not have an HIV vaccine is because the vaccine is smarter than we are at changing, you know, so we cannot manufacture a vaccine to it. However, one of our saving graces with this particular vaccine is it has been remarkably stable. And by targeting the vaccine to this one particular entry point that the vaccine needs, that's how it -- that's how it works. And it has been remarkably stable. So there is hope that biology will be on our side, that the vaccine will not -- that this particular virus will not all of a sudden turn into a super mutator. There is no indication that it -- that it should. And the second thing is then we have to strategically bring public health into this because let's say that it is a slow mutator that will mutate in two or three years to something quite different. Public health strategy of our getting in there and knocking out this virus by getting as many people, you know, vaccinated as soon as we can will drive down that level of virus in the community. That's -- and then basically, you've installed -- you started -- that's herd immunity. That's a conflict, you know, explanation. But that if we can achieve herd immunity, then we will have then knocked down the virus to very, very low levels. Even if it does turn out to be a virus that, you know, eventually mutates, it will put us in such a -- in a much better position to be able to deal with that, okay, so."

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

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Okay. Dr. Paxton, the assisted living centers and long-term nursing homes, I understand they're on the first tier of distribution of the vaccine, the few that we're going to get in Georgia; is that right?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "Yes. Definitely, the long-term care facilities. Absolutely."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Okay. Can we get some kind of a list, I guess, or a schedule together for them? Are they dealing directly with the Feds for their allotment?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "Yes. For the most part -- for the most part, they are, yes. These -- the vaccines stores are going directly from the Feds to, for example, there's some long-term care facilities which are large enough and have the right personnel that they can deliver it themselves. Others are going to be getting it through this collaboration with CVS. And so that -- yeah. So that's sort of not -- that's not under our purview at the Board of Health. We are --

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Well, all right. Well, being that they're our citizens, I want to figure out some kind of a mechanism where you -- you guys at the Board of Health can give us some notification and in terms of, you know, when let's say Sadie G. Mays is scheduled to get their allotment, so we can let residents and neighbors know around that area or when Arbor Terrace gets their allotment, so on and so forth. So if you could come up with something where you could notify us for all of our county assisted living and county long-term nursing homes, I want to see some kind of an approximation or notification, that way we'll know when our communities are getting served with the first batch of the vaccines. I'd appreciate that."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "Okay. I'll see what I can do."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "All right. Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Anyone else? Any other --"

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "This is Commissioner Hall."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Great presentation, Matt and Dr. Paxton. It's unfortunate that we're seeing these tremendous spikes in the number of infected people, and I have been tagged on social media by so many people who have been infected by COVID-19 and read about their -- their personal experience, having the virus. And one of my own team members had COVID-19 and I just want to thank God that she has made it past it

and she is completely healthy and has tested negative. So I'm grateful for that. But there are quite a few things that the community asked me when I'm out and about doing the feedings and making sure that they get access to the testing. And one of those things is how long has this vaccine been tested on human beings, and I'm not quite sure of that length of time. Can you let us know that?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "Sure. I mean, I also have to remind people, you know, the disease itself is new. We've only been dealing with the actual disease. The first cases were reported in Mulan, China in December of last year. So not even a year that we've even had the disease. So in terms of the vaccine, the -- so it's obviously a time of less than a year that we have experience with this. So what is happening, even as we're starting to vaccinate under this emergency use authorization, they -- the original participants are still being followed and will be followed for a -- you know, for a period of years, okay? So the people who were enrolled in the trials. In addition, what we are entering into now is what is standardly referred to by the FDA is we're entering into phase IV. So we're, in terms of, we're now vaccinating the population. Observation does not stop. We have an obligation to, you know, continue to monitor, you know, reports of any -- of adverse events and then it gets reported back to Pfizer, to Moderna, and to the FDA. So there is a continual phase for safety observations still going on. So that will still continue. So it's -- we will be continuing to gather, continuing safety debate data for a long time after this goes out. But I just want to stress that these very well-run clinical trials, which were monitored by independent data safety and monitoring boards have shown that these are really very safe vaccines."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "And the message about the live virus not being part of the vaccine that has really been getting around, so I'm glad about that, but the question that remains is what exactly is in the vaccine?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "We will probably -- you know -- we -- I did not mention this, but I'll be -- I'm sure you know for sure that we're going to be doing this. We are planning a series of town halls, PSAs, you know, basically, you know, if we have to paint this on the side of a blimp, we will do that. But we're trying to get -- we're trying to get information out to the public. So what we are -- this particular mRNA vaccine is an engineered vaccine that is designed to basically attack like one -- like consider if you look at the picture up there, it's like those little red spikes. Those are things that the vaccine uses to enter into the human cell. So this vaccine is specifically designed to basically create antibodies to that spike so that the -- once the body has then gotten this vaccine, it will be producing antibodies to that spike, so when the virus actually -- so if a person is actually infected with the virus, it essentially has no place to land. Because the antibodies are there to, you know, to get it. So that's kind of what it is. It is -- the vaccine is something that is directly against that spike and it -- you know, it induces the body to produce the antibodies to -- you know, to that spike."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Okay. I'm glad you mentioned the antibodies because there is a rumor going around and maybe it's not a rumor, you can confirm this for us, please, that once infected by COVID-19, you do have antibodies and you can test positive up to 90 days after being infected; is that true?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "Yeah. Actually, these are -- that's a good question. Let me see if I can sort of tease that out, because there's actually two questions in there. After -- I'm going to refer to natural infection. Natural infection is somebody who got COVID and got sick, okay. We have found that even -- most people get over the infection with a certain period of time and they are no longer producing virus and they are no -- they're not -- they're no longer producing viable virus that can infect somebody else. However, they can still have evidence of sort of what we call, think of dead virus that is there. So that's why their test might still be positive for like up to 90 days. But it doesn't mean that they're infectious. It's kind of we're still picking up remnants of the virus and that's turning the test positive. So that's one question. But what you're talking about in terms of the antibodies is that after a natural infection, most people do develop some level of antibodies. However, what we've found is that this vaccine is actually better at inducing antibody production than a natural infection. So it's kind of a super vaccine. It's better than a natural infection in terms of producing antibodies. So how this is factoring in to our distribution is simply this. Is that even if you have had COVID in the past, we already know that does not confer long-term everlasting protection. Because there have been incidences of people who have gotten infected for a second time, okay? But we do have a suggestion that for some period of time, and we do not know what that period is, it might be one month, it might be two months, it might be three months that people are relatively resistant to becoming infected again after they've had COVID. And the way we're factoring that in to our distribution plan, simply because we don't have enough to do everyone at this time. We will take a look. If somebody has recently had a COVID -- you know, a COVID infection, then we can wait a little bit on giving them the vaccine because there's probably some, you know, period of time that they got a little bit of natural infection. But we're still encouraging someone who has had COVID in the past to get the vaccine when it is their turn."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Okay. And I'm glad you mentioned that because a few of my constituents who've had COVID have said that they were told by doctors that there are seven strands of COVID-19 and that you can be infected multiple times. Can you confirm or explain that?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "Well there are different strains. I don't actually know the number. I'm not -- I'm not actually a virologist. But, you know, there is definitely, you know -- there are -- not every vaccine is an exact clone of the other. Sorry, not vaccine, the virus, you know. So -- and as I mentioned before, there have been documented cases of people who have been known to have one, a case of COVID and then get infected again. And what -- and what can be done is go back and you can actually look at -- if you've got samples there, you can look at the virus that they had and they had seen that is actually it is, you know, a

different strain of that particular virus. But what is common, the way -- the reason this vaccine is so good and what it works for is that all the strains have those same-like red spikes. So that target on the -- on the virus is the same across all the strains. So that's why the vaccine can work against all the strains that we know about now."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Okay. And, you know, in the black community, there are grumblings about what happened during the Tuskegee experiment in the 1930s. And so what would you say to the black community about getting this vaccine when they are apprehensive about incidents that have happened in the past that were very negative as it relates to dealing with the CDC and others in the health community?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "Yeah, absolutely. I mean, you know, Tuskegee is one -- is something that has -- it haunts public health. It has been for a while. It was the most egregious breakdown, and it was -- it was horrible, okay? And no one has ever -- and that has been acknowledged. And has damaged us with, you know, appealing to, you know, the black community and to other communities. When they see how this horrible thing was allowed to, you know, to start, that was almost 100 years ago and since then, so much has been done legally, institutionally, and the like to make sure that not only does a Tuskegee never happen again, but to ensure that we -- that public health is much more fair and inclusive than it ever was in the past. And so what we -- what I can say and so as I'll say, I'll go back -- you know, remember for years, I was a researcher. So I have dealt with issues of informed consent of research mistrust and all that. It's something that, you know, we just have -- we have to do it. What has been instituted across the board since Tuskegee is a whole series of protections. Like for example, we don't -- people don't go in do -- it used to be common to go into jails and to do all kinds of studies among prisoners. That just doesn't happen anymore. If you're going to do that and you have to show that it is a direct benefit to the people who are in that situation, there are institutional review boards that are, you know -- that have -- that independently look at every protocol that's going to be involved involving human subjects. So before you even, you know, even contemplate taking something out into research, it has to go to an institutional review board. At every single place where it's going to be done. And you do -- when you do the actual -- when you actually progress into doing the actual studies, there are independent, and I have to stress this here, independent data safety and monitoring boards. And the way that those work, is that even before you start the research, you have worked out with the data safety monitoring board when are the times -- what would be the conditions of -- what are the times that they are going to look at the unblinded data. Okay? And they don't involve the researchers in that at all. All we do is pass over all of data to them, and they look at it. And then what happens is they'll get back to us. Like, you know, I've been the PI on these things. And here's what's normally happens. There are three things that could happen. One is they could stop the trial because it is extraordinarily effective and it's therefore not ethically correct to continue to do it when you know that is so effective. The second this is they will stop the trial because you will have no chance of being able to show that it is in-effective. Like, you know, it doesn't work, okay? The most common thing, and I've been the recipient of this call many times is that the head of the chair of the [Indiscernible]

monitoring board simply calls me up and says continue. Okay? And that's all we know. We don't know what they saw and all that but we know they didn't see anything super great to stop or super great to continue, I mean to stop it for that or super bad. So, and I -- I went into that just as an example of some of the -- of the concerns that, you know, that have been put in place. In addition, most of these large trials, if not all of them, have community advisory boards that even before it goes into the field, there is a community advisory board made up of nonscientists, you know, who -- who will look at the protocol, who will give us feedback on how we should be conducting this, you know, how we should be, you know, appealing or how we should be enrolling people and all that. And sometimes we don't like what they have to say, but oftentimes we follow what they have to say. What, you know, because it helps them in the long run. So again, I'm intending to go over and over and over it again, but there are so many safeguards that have been introduced into the system as a result of Tuskegee that, you know, I could go on and on for that. And but I do want to make one like really just -- I'm just so happy to be able to say this; as one -- you know, as a black woman, as a black woman scientist, I am so thrilled that this Moderna vaccine, one of the main developers of this vaccine is at NIH. Her name is Kismekia Corbett, also known as Kizzy, who is one of these -- she's like one of these -- she's like one of these -- she's like a 34-year-old wonder kid, and she is one of the primary developers of this -- of this developer -- of this vaccine. So a black woman, you know, is really behind one of these vaccines that is really going to, I'll say it, save us in terms of this -- of this pandemic. So I just want to put that, you know, I mean -- I just want to put that out because I just think that's just great. I'm just so happy to hear about it."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "That's outstanding. Thank you for sharing that with us. And lastly, you made mention about youth carrying the -- carrying this virus and not displaying any type of symptoms, and we saw just recently how true that it is when Santa and Mrs. Claus tested positive for COVID-19 just a day or two ago after seeing about 50 kids. And so --"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "Oh, wow,"

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "So it's all in the paper here in Georgia. And so with that being said, how do we handle the fact that the youth can carry this virus and infect others but have no symptoms. And also, I'm just reminded of -- I saw yesterday where a couple was thrown off the plane because their 2-year-old refused to put a mask on. So you have these situations where the kids can infect us and -- so how do we handle that, especially with school and everything else, these battles about whether to open school or not open school and continue to have events. I went walking at one of the walking trails and there were like huge groups of teenagers and middle schoolers together meeting there to run on the trail and a lot of them didn't have masks on. So how do we address this with the youth?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "That's been the -- that's been the ongoing side of this. We've have known, of course, about



asymptomatic infections for almost since the very beginning. So yes, we're very well aware of the -- you know, maybe even the majority of cases are being are a result of somebody transmitting when they did not even know they were infected. So what is the answer? The answers are these. You know, wearing your masks all the time, social distancing, all the things that you are sick to death of hearing from me about and then also, the vaccine is the other thing that has been recently introduced. So we just need to do a better job of getting people to do the things that we know work. You know, in terms of prevention. And then -- and try to convince as many people as possible to take this highly effective vaccine. I just -- I wish I had a magic wand to wave and just, you know, take care of this. But I don't. It's just my continued harping on these things over and over and over again."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Well, thank you, Dr. Paxton. You've answered all my questions. And again, thank you, Matt, for your presentation as well and hope that things get better with this COVID-19 virus."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Anyone else at this time? Any further questions? All right. Thank you very much. Madam COO? Mrs. Roach?"

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Yes, Mr. Chairman, and I hope you can hear me. I will go through my section fairly quickly. We don't have a significant amount of slides because there isn't much to update. We are remaining as the manager's stated at a pause status as it relates to phase II reopening. So starting on the next slide, I'll just reiterate that the number of cases as our cases indicator red, and therefore, we are not in a posture of reopening. Next slide. We do have a continued focus on elections. Again, no phase II steps to reopen, but we do have a continued focus on elections and would like to congratulate the library employees for their continued support of those services. As an example, over 100 library employees are now redeployed to elections. We also have that same posture for those employees in arts and culture, developmental disabilities as well as senior services. So congratulations to those directors and employees, and I'd like to thank them for their service and adjustment in their work schedules to support elections. Next slide. Commissioners, I regret to bring you this slide. This is the first time since we have started reporting COVID employee positives that we've had this level of positives over the last two weeks. The number that is shown in the report you received yesterday indicates that since the last time we presented this report to you, there were 40 total new positives within our employee population. There are more than that. Since this report was provided to you, we've had, as Matt reported, four in his department and we've also been made aware this morning of another positive in the Alpharetta library. And so again, you know, this is consistent with the rising trends that we're seeing. But of course, as they hit closer home with the positives, you know, it's a huge impact not only to our ability to continue to deliver the service, but also our Fulton County employee family. I mean it really -- it really does hit home. So that takes again, our cumulative positives. It says 221 on here, but we know what minimum. We're up to approximately 225 and it maybe more. I haven't looked at my e-mail in several hours. And so again, we'll continue to update this report and provide the Board this information."

But as you can see, it is taking a toll on our employee community, and the only last point I'd like to make on this slide is the fact that it's hitting home in significant employee communities that are providing direct COVID-19 services. So if you look as an example at the Board of Health, they've had 10 employee positives and again, in Matt's small contingency of six logistics employees for the SPOCs, you've had four employees out of the six become positive for COVID-19. So we will be doing a lot in terms of making adjustments to continue to provide these essential services. Next slide. This is a related update, Commissioners. We have been informed by the Board of Health that the CDC have revised their quarantine guidance. It now states that quarantine can end after 10 days without testing if no symptoms are presented. Dr. Paxton had given us a heads up about this the last time we met two weeks ago, and it became official shortly after her remarks. However, if you do look at the CDC website on this guideline, it also clarifies that any option to shorten the quarantine risks becoming less effective than the 14 days that they recommend. And the Fulton County Board of Health continues to prioritize its preference for a 14-day quarantine. I believe the purpose of the reduction in the amount of days for quarantine has its basis in the burden that the CDC believes that it is imposing on employees who do not have adequate leave time to cover that period of time, and it's also for the convenience of people who grow tired of quarantine for that long period of time. Given the fact that the CDC still supports the 14-day quarantine, although they have reduced it to 10, as well on the advice of our Board of Health, we have made a decision to continue to have our quarantine requirements for close contact with employee positives. We're going to keep that at 14 days for employees. However, in an effort not to ignore concerns that may arise around a burdensome nature of the 14-day quarantine, Ken Hermon, the Chief Financial Officer, and the rest of the executive team, we are evaluating leave policies that will help support any employee who might find it burdensome for us to continue in a 14-day quarantine posture and will evaluate those cases on a case-by-case basis and also look for policies that we can put in place to again reduce that burden. So more to come on that, Commissioners, but we are staying the course with keeping our quarantine requirements at 14 days for employees and have maintained our policy that requires that. And that's all I have in the way of a reopening update. I'm happy to take questions, Mr. Chairman, related to the quarantine."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Any questions regarding reopening?"

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "I have a few questions. This is Commissioner –"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Hey, Anna. Great presentation. Unfortunate presentation though, because I'm just saddened by the number of employees that are getting infected, but do we know whether or not infected employees were wearing their masks, hand sanitizing, social distancing, or doing other required things to keep themselves safe? Because I have, of course, had many community events and had the Board of Health mobile units out there and have seen where the Board of Health employees, they have to get very close to the residents. I've seen where they have pulled down

their masks for whatever reason and, you know -- and I was thinking oh, my gosh, they're exposing themselves. But there had just been interactions and activities that I've seen that would contribute to them being more exposed because they're hands on with the people who are coming to them for help. And in addition to that, do we know what other activities the employees may have been engaging in outside of work because my team member had to attend a funeral in another state. And so we know from reading a lot of the information that's out there that funerals contribute to the virus spreading. And are we doing contact tracing with our employees as well? So those are my questions."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Yes, ma'am. And so I'll start with the first one. Are our employees following the guidelines in the execution of their duties? I will say that the Board of Commissioners when we first had our COVID-19 update, approved a resolution prepared by the County Attorney that lays out the guidelines for employee entrance in the building and what they had to do to have in place protections to avoid the spread of COVID-19. Those requirements have been communicated to employees, directors, and supervisors. Unfortunately, because of the nature of our work, we can't centralize the monitoring of whether or not employees are engaging in proper behavior. And so we do rely heavily on the management within each division to ensure that these employees are following protocols. Commissioner, I've also observed employees not following the protocols, and we call Mike Rowicki here the COVID-19 police because he has discovered a number of, as an example, elections employees who were not following it. And it -- we do rely on people like Mike and other managers to reinforce our employee protocols that are in place. So do we manage it centrally? No, but we do -- we have communicated it to employees and managers, and we are relying on managers to make sure that the guidelines that have been put in place are being followed. Your second question is an interesting one and one that we have been deliberating over the several weeks. It's a concern that is raised by the CFO many times, because as we think about ways in which to accommodate people, as an example, now we're having to look for ways, for folks who have exhausted their 14 days, how can the county compensate for that. And her concern is that, okay, well, what if people are being irresponsible? We're going to make these adjustments for people who are not being responsible outside of work and they're not contracting it at work. It's a difficult situation because we do always want to have a safety-first approach to any accommodation that we put in place. I don't know that we are going to be effective at trying to find out how exactly individuals contracted COVID-19. We do ask questions when we learn of positives to try to find out whether or not it is a work-related exposure, because that helps us determine and make adjustments within our work environments, but we're not always successful with those endeavors. So to answer your question, yes, the question is being asked. Yes, we do do contact tracing with our employees in partnership with the Board of Health. But no, it's not always an exact science as to determining exactly where the employee became positive."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "All right. Thank you so much, Anna."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Other questions regarding the reopening? Thank you. Continue, Madam COO. Next."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "I'll turn it to Ms. Whitmore, Mr. Chairman."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ms. Whitmore."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "You have two minutes, Ms. Whitmore."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Next slide. I will go quickly."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I'm only kidding. Go ahead."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "This is our State CARES Fund update. As you can see, at the bottom of this screen, of the 104.5 million that we've been allocated, through last Friday, we had expended 87.2 million. That leaves us 17.3 million to go. Of that amount, nine million is currently sitting in purchase orders that we are working to finalize or to prepare to roll into 2021 into the reserve fund in 2021. And we also have 8.1 million in other placeholders. Next, next slide, please. This slide simply shows you the changes from the last reporting period. We made no changes to the budget and we made no changes to the commitments between the primary areas. So really nothing much to report there. Next slide, please. This is the list of our outstanding purchase orders. If you look to the right-hand side of the slide down towards the bottom, you'll see the green line. A total of open and closed POs, we currently have 33.9 million in open purchase orders of which we've paid out 29.4, that's where the nine million that I mentioned previously comes from. Of that nine million, it's spread across a couple of areas, primarily some outstanding purchase orders for PPE and our testing kits and laboratory services with Bako labs, Bakonic labs, as well as about a million dollars remaining with Goodwill Industries for the job training program and a million dollars remaining in the Dominion voting system. Our finance department has been working with Dominion to reconcile the invoices that they have submitted. And so we should -- we do expect to see that one close out in the next week or so. Next slide, please. This is the list of placeholders and commitments that we have remaining. Under placeholders, we still have 0.9 million that has been set aside for the Board of Health to continue to their testing efforts through the end of the year. The amount of that that is unutilized will be rolled down into our public safety set aside and will charge our own public safety costs against it. You can see down at the bottom of the slide on the left-hand side what the commitments are, public safety being the largest, 5.5 million. We have about 365 remaining still to pay out to our municipal partners and a few other items that should be clearing out by the end of this week or early next week. On the right-hand side of the screen, it will show you the amount that we have paid out outside of the purchase order process. That amount sets at 49.8

million still with the largest two components being the payments that we've made under the community relief package as well as the payments that we've made to our municipal partners. Next slide, please. This slide gives you a quick view of where we stand at finalizing payments for the community relief package. We have about nine -- well, a little over a million dollars remaining in this area. The majority of what is outstanding is in the job training program in the funds that are still the -- still encumbered with Goodwill for the job training program. Next slide, please. This is a quick view of where we're at with our municipal partners. Very similar to the report from the previous cycle, down at the bottom of the slide you can see we have two cities that have balances remaining to be distributed Union City and Mountain Park. We have received the documentation from Union City earlier this week and plan to have a reimbursement process for them at week's end. We have not received any documentation from the City of Mountain Park. The deadline to receive that is the 21st. Should we not receive the documentation or any additional requests for reimbursement then, those funds will be -- whatever remains -- the balance that remains will be rolled back over to our commitments page. And then we will have to seek a reimbursement of the advance that was paid to the City of Mountain Park. Next slide, please. Just an update on our next steps. We'll be working this week and next week to make sure that we pay out all -- receive a payout all outstanding invoices associated with the CARES Act fund. And then we will begin the process of identifying any remaining funds that can be charged to our own internal public safety costs to ensure that we fully utilize the allocation provided to the County. If we have invoices that we do not receive by the end of this year for goods and services that have actually been delivered, this year our plan is to roll those to the 2021 budget and pay for them out of the emergency response reserve. Next slide, please. We wanted to share with you a quick view of how that 2021 emergency response reserve is allocated. It's split between two -- two areas of being the health response and our operational stability. We have about 16.9 million set aside in health response and 9.6 for operational stability, and 5.5 million dollar contingency. So this allows us -- this allocation will allow us to continue our testing program and provide support for the vaccination program as it spins up and rolls out. We will be able to continue to operate our mobile testing sites as well, continue the acquisition of PPE, provide for the continuation and expansion of our virtual environment that we're using to support our courts and other work activities, provide for sufficient janitorial and cleaning services, as well as some professional service support for EMA and be able to continue the childcare benefit that we have extended to our employees that have to physically report into work to ensure that they have childcare available. So we will -- as we roll into 2021, we will be looking at the use of these funds particularly in the testing area on a month-by-month basis as we see how the vaccination program is really spinning up and rolling out as well as whether or not there will be any additional federal or state assistance coming forward in 2021. Next slide. Mr. Chairman, that completes the CARES fund update, and I'll be happy to take any questions."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "I've got a question, Mr. Chair."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Thank you, Sharon. Great update. Glad to see we're dwindling this money down. Now I heard what the emergency response reserve, we had 16 million left and four in reserve? Is that what I heard?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Are you talking about the emergency response reserve for 20 --"

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "It's a total of 42 million."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "And we have 16 million left plus four million in reserve? Is that what I heard?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "No, sir. The way that the --"

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "I'm sorry. I'm looking at it wrong."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Okay. It's 16.9 in the health response, 9.6 that's operational."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Okay."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "5.5 in contingency."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Okay. So out of the 42 million, what do we have remaining? I guess that's my question."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "In 2021? In the 2021 budget?"

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Well, yeah. My understanding, this is part of the 104 million. Is that right or no?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "This is the --"

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Okay, okay."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "40 million is to share with you the initial plans, that 42 million."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Got it, got it. This is for 2021. So we've spent all of our office reserve and all of that. That's already been done spent out of the CARES Act fund, right?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Yes. If it isn't actually expended, then our plan is to use our own public safety costs to offset whatever amount

might not actually be expended out of the CARES fund so that we will fully utilize the 104.5 million."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Okay. So we won't be returning any of that back to the feds?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "No, sir."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Okay. All right. Great job. Glad to hear it."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Any other questions at this time? Okay. Thank you very much, Mr. Manager. At this time, it is approaching 2:00. I'll entertain a motion to recess for lunch and executive session. There are a couple of personnel items, litigation, and real estate that we'll need to discuss."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "So moved, Mr. Chairman."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I'll second. Properly moved and seconded. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington. Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes. Six yeas zero nays."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right now [Inaudible]. Does everyone have the number for executive session?"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. So what's a good time, Madam County Attorney? You're good at this."

**PATRISE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "I think we go into executive session at 2:00."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. And get out?"

**PATRISE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "We get out about 2:15. Because you make us eat in a hurry."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "2:20."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Now we call in at 2:00?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes?"

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

**20-0974 County Manager**  
[Request ratification of emergency procurement – County Manager, Countywide Emergency Procurements. \(APPROVED\)](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.**



**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas:** 6 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn  
**Did not vote:** 1 - Hausmann

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I'll entertain a motion to resume the regular order of business without any objection. Madam -- call the roll, Madam Clerk. Madam Clerk?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "Welcome back, Commissioners. We're going to call the roll, please. Chairman Pitts."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Present."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Commissioner Hausmann. Commissioner Ellis. Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "I'm here."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Present."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Vice Chair Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Here."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Here."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "We have a quorum. Thank you, Commissioners. So we're missing two? All right. Madam Clerk, continue."

**CLERK GRIER:** "All right, do you want to go into the --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "-- actually, let's go into the -- let's take the, uh -- let's take the County Manager item, then we'll go to the other item."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Okay. And page 18, **20-0974**, County Manager request ratification of County-wide emergency procurement."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "I'll move approval for ratification."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, ratification. I'll second. Any questions or comments? All right. Let's vote please. Commissioner Hausmann. Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. One thing here Commissioners -- I should have mentioned this earlier. This COVID situation has gone on a lot further than any of us thought it would; and we're still dealing with a lot of issues. And the power that we granted the Manager, I believe has expired. Is that not correct -- is that, correct, Madam County Attorney?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Yes it has."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay."

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "And it will as of -- excuse me, the end of this month. I'm sorry."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "At the end of this month. So what we need to do based upon your support is to extend the powers of the Manager consistent with the State of Emergency that has been declared by the Governor, which runs through when?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Well, he actually keeps renewing it every 30 days, until we actually get a grip on the COVID-19 virus."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “So we would need to extend the powers of the Manager -- excuse me -- until a new State of Emergency is declared by the Governor. We need a motion for that?”

**PATRISE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** “Yes you do need it.”

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** “Excuse me. But I’m not opposed to this, but this seems to me like that should be an Agenda item. And the Agenda should be amended to add that. And we should have some sort of language associated with it.”

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** “I agree with that.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “Okay. Let’s draft something here before we -- before we, um -- adjourn when we can take that up because at the end of the year, the Manager will have no authority to do so, and we don’t meet again until the 6<sup>th</sup> of January. So let’s get something prepared.”

**PATRISE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** “Yes, sir.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “Okay. Thank you. All right. Next item.”

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR:** “Mr. Chair, I would suggest that we do as the Governor and the Supreme Court are doing, and make it, you know a 30 day renewal; so that we, you know, continue to renew it every 30 days.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “Okay. Can you incorporate that Madam County Attorney?”

**PATRISE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** “Every 30 days?”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “Yes. Okay. Thank you, Vice Chair.”

**20-0975     Finance**  
[Approval of the FY2021 Water and Sewer Budget \(APPROVED\)](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 5 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Carn**  
**Did not vote: 2 - Hausmann, Arrington**

**CLERK GRIER:** "Continuing on page 18, **20-0975**, finance. Approval of the fiscal 2021 water and sewer budget."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "I move approval."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I second. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann. Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington. Commissioner Carn."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I vote, yes."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Next item."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Four yeas, zero nays."

**20-0976 Finance**  
[Discussion of FY2021 Proposed Budget \(DISCUSSED\)](#)

**CLERK GRIER:** "20-0976, Finance. Discussion of the fiscal year 2021 proposed budget."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ms. Whitmore."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is just another opportunity for the Board to ask any questions about the budget proposal. If not, we are prepared to bring forward any final changes as a result of year-end results as part of the January 6th meeting with Board, and we'll update you at that point in time. If we have any adjustments to the proposed 2021 Budget."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Any questions for Ms. Whitmore? Any questions or comments? If not, continue, Madam Clerk."

**20-0977 Finance**

[Request approval of recommended proposal - Finance Department, #20RFP0827C-MH, Printing & Mailing Water and Sewer Bills in the amount of \\$254,121.00 with Dove Mailing Inc. \(Atlanta, GA\) to provide printing and mailing of the County's water and sewer bills effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 with two renewal options. \(APPROVED\)](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

<b>Yeas:</b>	<b>5 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Carn</b>
<b>Did not vote:</b>	<b>2 - Hausmann, Arrington</b>

**CLERK GRIER:** "20-0977. Finance. Request approval of a recommended proposal to provide printing and mailing of the County's water and sewer bills."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Move approval."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Second. Let's vote, please. Hausmann. Ellis"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington. Carn. I vote, yes."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

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

**20-0978 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of statewide contracts - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, SWC#99999-001-SPD-0000164-0002 and SWC #99999-001-SPD-0000099-0002, Natural Gas Services Provider for Firm Accounts and Interruptible Account in the amount of \$660,000.00 with Scana Energy Marketing, Inc. (Atlanta, GA), to provide natural gas services to County facilities and the Fulton County Jail Complex. Effective dates: January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. (APPROVED)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

<b>Yeas:</b>	<b>5 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Carn</b>
<b>Did not vote:</b>	<b>2 - Hausmann, Arrington</b>

**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 19, **20-0978**. Real estate and asset management. Request approval statewide contracts to provide natural gas services to County facilities and Fulton County Jail Complex."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Is there a motion?"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Move approval."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Second."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann. Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington. Commissioner Carn. I vote yes."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

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

**20-0979 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a statewide contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, SWC90816, Motor Vehicle Maintenance & Inventory Management Services, in the amount not to exceed \$475,000.00 with Automotive Rental Inc. (Mt Laurel, NJ), to provide repairs and maintenance for specialized heavy equipment and other vehicles for Fulton County. Effective dates: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.  
**(APPROVED)**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

<b>Yeas:</b>	<b>6 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn</b>
<b>Did not vote:</b>	<b>1 - Hausmann</b>

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Continue, please."

**CLERK GRIER:** "20-0979. Real estate and asset management. Request approval of a statewide contract to provide repairs and maintenance for specialized heavy equipment and other vehicles."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Move approval."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Second. Let's vote. Commissioner Hausmann. Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington. Commissioner Carn."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I vote yes."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Continue."

**20-0980 Real Estate and Asset Management**

[Request approval of the statewide contract – Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, SWC#99999-SPD-SPD0000127-001, Auto and Light Truck Parts in the amount of \\$90,000.00 with Parts Authority Georgia, LLC. \(Norcross, GA\), to provide auto and light truck parts for Fulton County fleet vehicles. Effective date: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. \(APPROVED\)](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

<b>Yeas:</b>	<b>6 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn</b>
<b>Did not vote:</b>	<b>1 - Hausmann</b>

**CLERK GRIER:** "20-0980, real estate and asset management. Request approval of the statewide contract to provide auto and light truck parts for Fulton County fleet vehicles."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Move approval."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Second. Cast your votes, please. Hausmann. Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."



**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

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

**20-0981     Information Technology**

[Request approval to extend existing contracts -Department of Information Technology, Bid #17ITB107904B-BR, Audio Visual Services & Systems in the amount of \\$200,000.00 with \(A\) Audiovisual Innovations, Inc. \(Duluth, GA\) in the amount of \\$100,000.00 and \(B\) Onepath Systems LLC. \(Kennesaw, GA\) in the amount of \\$100,000.00 to provide countywide audio visual systems, equipment, support & services. Effective dates: January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021. \(APPROVED\)](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

<b>Yeas:</b>	<b>6 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn</b>
<b>Did not vote:</b>	<b>1 - Hausmann</b>

**CLERK GRIER:** "20-0981, information technology. Request approval to extend existing contracts to provide County-wide audio/visual systems equipment support and services."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Approval."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Move approval."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Second. Let's vote. Hausmann. Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

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

**20-0982    Human Resources Management**

[Request approval to extend existing contracts - Department of Human Resources Management, Bid/RFP# 17RFP215152B-TR - Family and Medical Leave Act \(FMLA\) Administration Services in an amount not to exceed \\$40,000.00 with Sedgwick Claims Management, Inc. to provide/perform comprehensive FMLA administration for the County workforce for an additional one hundred twenty \(120\) calendar days. Effective dates: January 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021. \(APPROVED\)](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

<b>Yeas:</b>	<b>6 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn</b>
<b>Did not vote:</b>	<b>1 - Hausmann</b>

**CLERK GRIER:** "20-0982. Human resource management. Request approval to extend existing contracts to provide/perform comprehensive FMLA administration."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Quick question, Mr. Chairman."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes, sir. You have the floor, Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "My recollection is that at least the sheriff's department did not participate in this last time. Is that still the case?"

**KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER:** "Good afternoon, Commissioner. Ken Hermon, Chief HR Officer. Last year -- the current Sheriff is not participating in the FMLA. We had a conversation with the incoming Sheriff. He has indicated that he wants us to manage his FMLA on his behalf."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "And this is enough money to add that department?"

**KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER:** "Well what you're approving here is just an extension. We are currently in the final stages of our peak process. Does need this bridge allow us to finalize --"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Gotcha. I'd forgotten that. Yes, thank you. That's it, Mr. Chairman. I'll move approval."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Second. Cast your vote, please. Hausmann. Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington. Carn."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "But I didn't hear a second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Madam Clerk, let's go."

**20-0983     Human Resources Management**  
[Request approval to make routine modifications to the classification section of the Classification and Compensation Plan, by adding new personal staff](#)

titles to be utilized within the offices of elected officials. (APPROVED)

**A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Commissioner Ellis to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 5 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Carn**  
**Did not vote: 2 - Hausmann, Arrington**

**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 20, **20-0983**. Human Resources Management request approval to make routine modifications to the classifications section of the classification and compensation plan."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Is there a motion? All right. I'll move approval. Is there a second?"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Second? All right, cast your votes, please. Hausmann. Ellis?"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington. Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I vote, yes."

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

**20-0984    Purchasing and Contract Compliance**  
[Request approval of an Ordinance amending Part I, Subpart B, Chapter 102 - Administration, Article V, Purchases and Contracts of the Code of](#)

Fulton County by adding a new Code Section 102-366.1 to Division 2 and adding a new Division 14 to the Purchasing Code of Fulton County, Georgia to include certain authorizations, and for other purposes. (HELD)

**a. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve with a friendly amendment by Commissioner Carn that Constitutional Officers advise if they are using the County's purchasing process or choose to use their own process.**

**b. A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Morris to hold.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

<b>Yeas:</b>	<b>6 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn</b>
<b>Did not vote:</b>	<b>1 - Hausmann</b>

**CLERK GRIER:** "20-0984. Purchasing and contract compliance. Request approval of ordinance omitting part one sub part B, Chapter 102. Administration article IV."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "I have a question."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Your question, Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "So I just want to make sure that I understand this. So we're just putting something in place to address the fact that our constitutional officers who are -- see, who are the sheriff, the clerk of courts, the tax commissioner and probate court judge that they basically do not have to go through the County's procurement process or system to make procurements, and they don't have to bring those procurements before the Board of Commissioners; is that correct?"

**PATRISE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Yes. That's what the law allows for them to set up their own process for doing procurements and to issue their own contracts. And several of them have been doing that before, Commissioner Hall, but we wanted to make certain that the County had established a protocol and a procedure for what happens if they don't have their own processes and procedures, and then they want the purchasing agents for the County to procure items for them. When that happens, they have to use the County's process and follow the rules there. Otherwise, they have to develop their own and provide documentation that supports what they're doing and the effect that they have the funds in their budget to issue that contract."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Okay. Thank you."

**PATRISE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "You're welcome."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "I have a question. I have a question."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes, Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "This does not include the district attorney. He is not a constitutional."

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "It's only those four people that Commissioner Hall identified."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Does this mean, for example the NaphCare contract could have been done by the sheriff without us?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Yes, it could have been. And the new sheriff has been indicated his desire to so do so. The funds would have provided in the sheriff's budget and he would have gone ahead and done that. But the old sheriff did not object to that. As long as they don't object, you don't have a problem. The issue is when they start objecting."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Understood. Interesting. I guess I was not aware that this existed. I do now."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. I do have a, one of my rare questions. So this one troubles me, but Madam County Attorney, are you saying that those specific constitutional officers, they can procure their own goods and services and sign contracts without?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Yes. They are viewed as on par with the Board of Commissioners."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "So it's not optional for us. But I don't like this."

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "But like it's not -- it's not."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I don't have an option. It's the law?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "It is the law --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Do I have a choice."

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "No, you have a choice to not have a procedure. The problem was we were continuously arguing and fussing with constitutional officers about the utilization of our procurement process when they wanted to say yes, we want you to procure but no, we don't want you to use your process. And we were still going to be dealing with the ramifications of that. So the

purchasing agent and the director of procurement came and said we need to put something in writing that clarifies if they want to do it, they are by law allowed to do it, but they have to develop a process and submit us documentation with regard to payments. If they don't want to do it -- if they do want to use us, they have to use our process. And that's what this does. It just codifies the law."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Is there a motion to approve?"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Mr. Chair?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes, sir."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "I too have --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I see a problem."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "There are problems with it and more questions around it, and I'm not ready to vote to approve it at the moment."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Is there anyone ready to make a motion to approve?"

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Well, let me ask a question. So how does this impact us as Board of Commissioners? It seems like it impacts those four constitutional officers and not really us, if by law they have this right, they have the right to decide how they're going to do their procurement, but I personally don't see why any constitutional officer would not want to utilize the County's process because it seems like we would protect them more against any type of legal and ethical issues that they might encounter."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Well said. Is anyone prepared to make a motion?"

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "I move approval. It doesn't seem like it's going -- it doesn't look like it's going to have support if Commissioner Ellis wants to hold or -- I mean, you know, I don't really like it. But I mean the law is the law. I don't know -- is this on a per-case basis or what is there like, you know, a certain time by each year that they have to let us know whether they're going to use our procurement process or not."

**PATRICE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "We didn't define it at the time. My theory was -- and I think they have a right to change their mind, Commissioner. So we didn't make it an annual or biannual, it was just trying to make certain that we put everything in writing such that we did not have people deciding to enter into a contract, decide to submit the contract for payment, and then have no process or procedure for doing that, but still being obligated -- I mean the County would be obligated to pay the contract. So we would try --"

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "I would like to see, you know, to me, it would make sense for there to be a time for them to let us know what you're saying, you know, legally they can change their mind at any time. To me, it would seem that it would

coordinate with the budget process. Hey, you let us know in advance of your budget whether you're going to use our procurement or not and we go from there, right? And to me it would seem like that would be one of the controls or regulations that we could put in place to help with our governing of this issue. So, you know, I have no problem holding and trying to hone this in more and to make sure that it does everything we need it to do, but I mean, you know, if the law says they get to choose, the law says they get to choose, I don't know. In fact, we're not constitutional officers. We're statutory officers. So they're higher than us."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Question. Can we approve it with that caveat in it? Or is this --"

**PATRICE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "We can make the change to make certain that -- the way I reported it is that the constitutional officers would have to let us know in advance of approval of the budget of their decision to utilize the County's procurement process or their own."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "That sounds reasonable."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Is that an amendment?"

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "I'd like to make it a friendly amendment."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "I have no objection to that. I'd like to -- I have no objection to holding as I know Commissioner Ellis, I mean -- you know, I too, like you, Mr. Chair, I'm a little concerned about this, but frankly, I just don't know that there's a -- there's anything we can do about it, and it seems prudent to at least have a policy in place for if -- for when they do choose to use our procurement as to when they, you know, don't have to. I'd love it if we could put the annual restriction on there. I think that would at least give a little more clarity, but, you know, I could go forward or I could hold whatever the group wants to do."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Commissioner, are you through -- Vice Chair, are you through with your comments?"

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yeah, Mr. Chair, I mean -- personally, I mean I would -- particularly since we're, you know, going in to a portion where we talk about setting our budgets and so forth, you know, I really want to know which of these, were there four of them, constitutional officers, is that right? Would want to actually have a separate purchasing process and if so, what it was. And, you know, I think certainly all our citizens want to see transparency around that and that they're not -- there's not anything that crazy misuse of tax dollars with an inadequate purchasing process. And also as I



heard that too, you know, it's dependent upon what their budget has established. While there may be certain contracts which we feel definitely need to be open and publicly bid, then that may mean that we need to reduce, you know, their budgets down to, you know, a much smaller amount so that maybe smaller contracts can be handled in one way and the large contracts are publicly and openly bid and undergo a higher degree of scrutiny. So I'm not -- that's why I'm not comfortable, you know, proceeding with this as it is right now. You know, so I have a motion to hold as a substitute motion."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Second."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "I like what Commissioner Ellis said. Maybe there's another, you know, regulation that could be put in place that basically says before you can choose to do it on your own; you have to have established your policy, right? Like it doesn't make sense for us to agree to turn it over to you if you don't have a policy in place."

**PATRICE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Before you -- there's a substitute motion to hold?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, let's do this. I think there was a substitute motion to hold. I think it needs a lot of work. So let's end this, dispose of the motion to hold. Who seconded it?"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "I did."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. It's been voiced to hold. Let's vote. Hausmann. This is to hold. Ellis?"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington. Carn."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes. Yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "The motion passes to hold; six yeas, zero nays."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Continue."

<b>Justice and Safety</b>
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**20-0985     Police**

Requesting approval of cooperative purchasing - Police Department, Tasers and Body Worn Camera Technology Solution in the amount of \$579,686.00 with Axon Enterprise, Inc. (Scottsdale, AZ) to provide tasers and body worn cameras and maintenance services for the Police Department. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

<b>Yeas:</b>	<b>6 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn</b>
<b>Did not vote:</b>	<b>1 - Hausmann</b>

**CLERK GRIER:** "Under justice and safety **20-0985**, public -- request approval of corporate purchasing to provide taser and body worn cameras and maintenance services."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Move approval."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Second it. Cast your vote, please. Hausmann. Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

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

**20-0986 Police**

Request approval to increase spending authority – Police Department, 20RFP125037A-CJC, Armed and Unarmed Security Services in an amount not to exceed ~~\$689,571.00~~ **\$1,189,571.00** with Universal Protection Services dba Allied Security Services (Atlanta, GA) to provide armed and unarmed security services for various County departments effective upon BOC approval. (APPROVED AS AMENDED)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve as amended.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

<b>Yeas:</b>	<b>6 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn</b>
<b>Did not vote:</b>	<b>1 - Hausmann</b>

**CLERK GRIER:** "20-0986, police. Request approval to increase spending authority as amended to provide armed and unarmed security services for various county departments."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Move approval."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Second. Let's vote, please. Hausmann. Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote yes."

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

**20-0987 Sheriff**

[Request approval to award a contract without competition - Sheriff's Office, Body Worn Camera Technology Solution in the amount of \\$343,583.08 with Axon Enterprise, Inc. \(Scottsdale, Arizona\) to provide body worn cameras and maintenance services. This procurement will require ongoing maintenance starting January 2022 in the amount of \\$343,583.08. Effective upon BOC approval. \(APPROVED\)](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

<b>Yeas:</b>	<b>6 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn</b>
<b>Did not vote:</b>	<b>1 - Hausmann</b>

**CLERK GRIER:** "20-0987, sheriff. Request approval to award a contract without competition to provide body worn cameras and maintenance services."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Move approval."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Second. Cast your vote. Hausmann. Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington. Carn."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

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

**20-0988     DUI Court - State Court**

Request approval to utilize cooperative purchasing - State Court, Behavioral Health DUI Treatment Court, State of Texas Contract DIR-TSO-3757, Contract for products and Related Services with Avertest, LLC in the amount of \$200,000.00 to provide testing services for the Fulton County DUI Treatment Court. Effective upon BOC approval from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. (APPROVED)

**A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

<b>Yeas:</b>	<b>6 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn</b>
<b>Did not vote:</b>	<b>1 - Hausmann</b>

**CLERK GRIER:** ". On page 21, **20-0988**. DUI Court, State Court. Request approval to utilize cooperative purchasing to provide existing services for Fulton County DUI treatment court."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Move approval. Is there a second?"

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Second."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Properly moved and seconded. Let's vote, please. Hausmann. Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

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

### **Health and Human Services**

**20-0989 Senior Services**

Request approval of a recommended proposal – Department of Senior Services RFP# 20RFQ091420A-FB, Senior Home Repair Program in the total amount not to exceed \$626,645.00 with Greenhart Construction, Inc. (Atlanta, GA), to provide minor home repair as part of the Senior Home Repair Program. Effective dates, January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. **(APPROVED)**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Carn and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

<b>Yeas:</b>	<b>6 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn</b>
<b>Did not vote:</b>	<b>1 - Hausmann</b>

**CLERK GRIER:** "Under Health and Human Services, **20-0989**. Senior Services. Request approval of a recommended proposal to provide modern home repair as part of the senior home repair program."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Motion."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Second. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann. Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

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

**20-0990     Senior Services**

Request approval of a statewide contract – Department of Senior Services, SWC99999-SPD0000136-0003 Temporary Staffing Services in the amount of \$438,276.00 with Happy Faces Personnel Group, Inc. (Tucker, GA), to provide staffing services to support the operation of the Department of Senior Services facilities. Effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. (APPROVED)

**A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Vice-Chairman Arrington to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

<b>Yeas:</b>	<b>6 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn</b>
<b>Did not vote:</b>	<b>1 - Hausmann</b>

**CLERK GRIER:** "20-0990. Senior Services. Request approval of a statewide contract to provide staffing services to support the operation of the Department of Senior Services."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Question."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Hold on one second. Okay. So my question is, when you look at this resolution, it states that they're hiring for positions like a fitness instructor, aquatics, computer instructors, and I'm trying to understand how they're doing that when due to COVID-19, a lot of our facilities are closed. And we've even been in a situation where our County -- County Manager and executive team have been trying to

figure out how to keep our employees busy and working and engaged. So can somebody speak to this?"

**ANNA ROACH, COO:** "Yes, ma'am. Good afternoon, Commissioners. That's a great question, Commissioner Hall. Just for clarification, this is a request for approval of a contract that involves two amounts. This contract is being requested in case we return to some level of services in 2021. Not that we've implemented it immediately."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Right. Thank you so much."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Motion? All right. I'll move approval. Let's vote. All right. Commissioner Hausmann. Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

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

**20-0991     Public Works**

[Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Public](#)



Works, Bid# 20ITBC072920A-FB, Mechanical and Flanged Fittings for Ductile Iron Pipes and Discount to Catalog Items not listed in the amount of \$35,330.15 with Fortiline, Inc. dba Fortiline Waterworks (Suwanee, GA), to provide mechanical and flanged fittings for ductile iron pipes and discount to catalog items not listed. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. (APPROVED)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 6 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn**  
**Did not vote: 1 - Hausmann**

**CLERK GRIER:** "20-0991. Public Works. Request approval to renew an existing contract to provide mechanical and flanged fittings for ductile iron pipes, and discount to catalog items."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Move approval."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Let's vote, please. Hausmann. Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

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

### **Infrastructure and Economic Development**

**20-0992 Public Works**

Request approval of a recommended proposal - Department of Public Works, RFP# 20RFP126602K-BKJ, Building Code Administration Services, Construction Management Services and Planning Services in the amount of \$390,000.00 with NOVA Engineering and Environmental, LLC (Kennesaw, GA), to provide Building Code Administration Services, Construction Management Services and Planning Services. Effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

<b>Yeas:</b>	<b>6 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn</b>
<b>Did not vote:</b>	<b>1 - Hausmann</b>

**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 22, infrastructure and economic development. **20-0992**, Public Works. Request approval of the recommended proposal to provide building, code, and administration services."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "I move approval of the single proponent."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. All right. I'll second. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann. Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn. And I vote, yes."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

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

### **Regional Leadership**

**20-0993 Public Works**

Request approval of 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 \$750,000 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 additional approximately 6,500 water valves and Fire Hydrants effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. (APPROVED)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

<b>Yeas:</b>	<b>6 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn</b>
<b>Did not vote:</b>	<b>1 - Hausmann</b>

**CLERK GRIER:** "Under regional leadership. **20-0993**, public works. Request approval of corporate purchasing to provide valve condition assessment services, data documentation, and GPS data collection."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "I move approval."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Seconded. Let's vote, please. Hausmann. Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington. Carn. And I vote, yes."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

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

**20-0994 Public Works**

Request approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Fulton County, Georgia and the City of Johns Creek, Georgia for water main relocations associated with the roundabout and road widening improvements to Bell Road at Rogers Circle Roundabout in the City of Johns Creek, GA, with Fulton County agreeing to pay its actual costs, currently estimated at \$244,150.00. The County Attorney is authorized to approve the IGA as to legal form and make modifications thereto prior to execution. (APPROVED)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

<b>Yeas:</b>	<b>6 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn</b>
<b>Did not vote:</b>	<b>1 - Hausmann</b>

**CLERK GRIER:** "20-0994. Public Works. Request approval of an intergovernmental agreement between Fulton County, the City of Johns Creek for water main relocation."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Move approval."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Second. Let's vote. Hausmann. Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

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

## **COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS**

### **Board of Commissioners**

**20-0622 Board of Commissioners (Pitts)**

[Request approval of a Resolution in support of the continuing transition of the Fulton County Board of Health; and for other purposes.](#)  
[\(HELD ON 9/2/20\) \(MOTION TO APPROVED FAILED\)](#)

**Motion failed for a lack of four affirmative votes**

**a. A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Commissioner Ellis to approve.**

**The motion failed by the following voice vote:**

<b>Yeas:</b>	<b>3 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris</b>
<b>Nays:</b>	<b>2 - Hall, Arrington</b>
<b>Did not vote:</b>	<b>2 - Hausmann, Carn</b>

**b. A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Vice-Chairman Arrington to hold.**

**The motion failed by the following voice vote:**

<b>Yeas:</b>	<b>2 - Hall, Arrington</b>
<b>Nays:</b>	<b>3 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris</b>
<b>Did not vote:</b>	<b>2 - Hausmann, Carn</b>

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the item that was moved up today, on page 22; at the bottom of page 22. **20-0622**, request approval of a Resolution and support for the continuing transition of the Fulton County Board of Health, and for other purposes sponsored by Chairman Pitts."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioners this has been before us on several occasions. And it has been revised. This all came about as a result of House Bill 885 and became effective back in 2016. In that House Bill required that the Fulton County Board of Health transition to the State Board of Health, so that we would be like all other -- all the other 158 counties in Georgia. After that action by the State Legislature, this Board of Commissioners adopted a Resolution in April 2017, to form the Fulton County Board of

Health. So what's before us today is a continued effort to bring about that transition. The Resolution and an IGA -- I think, really like to complement the Board of Health and the Manager and his staff, and others who have been working on this. I always felt that there was a way to make our employees whole because the law is we're going to have to do it. But what I was always concerned about was a way to make all of our employees whole. And I think what's before us accomplishes that. First of all, if approved, it will complete the transition of the Board of Health to the State. It would implement a RIF, which will become effective on July 1, 2021. The key components and of concern: All staff with the Board of Health will be accepted by the State; at their salaries; no loss of salary, same job titles, and same benefits. There would be some considerations for facilities that would be -- I think that's a part of some ongoing work. And some ongoing work with respect to IT as well. And to offset the benefit question it would require us putting in an amount not to exceed \$2 million per year. But to make sure that no employee is hurt financially from a salary point of view or -- nor a benefits point of view. So three key points -- I guess some take-aways from the employees' point of view. Everybody will maintain a job, same title, same salary, and same benefits. But the law though requires us to make this transition to the State. So it's pretty straightforward and once this is approved, I would have asked will be working with the Manager and his staff and the Board of Health, to communicate this and be available to answer any questions that any of the employees with the Board of Health might have. So with that as an introduction, I'm going to ask -- but first, let me get a motion on the floor because I like to hear from Jack Harden, who chairs the board of the Board of Health and Dr. Paxton. Hopefully, she's still with this, but I'm going to move approval and ask whether Mr. Harden chairman of the board to come before us."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "I'll second that for discussion."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Mr. Harden, you with us?"

**JACK HARDEN, CHAIRMAN, BOH:** "Yes, I am. And thank you, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners for the opportunity to speak with you briefly and support this joint proposal to facilitate the transition. I want to begin by commending the County Manager and his staff, along with the staff of the Board of Health, who've worked diligently and collaboratively for the last two months to get to the point we're at today. When we were last before you with these issues, there were a number of unanswered questions. And I believe, and I hope you will also believe, that this team has done a remarkable job with addressing those questions. If there are any among you who would have some anxiety about whether this transition process would separate in anyway or adversely affect the interconnectedness of the Board of Health in its operations from Fulton County, I would offer the following thoughts; first of all, our primary focus at the Board of Health is protecting and improving the health of the citizens of Fulton County. That's our focus and that's who you serve as well. So we're linked in that way, but we're also linked structurally. The majority of our board is appointed by the Fulton County Commission. Forty percent of our budget is voted on annually by the Fulton County Commission. We'll continue to occupy Fulton County facilities. And we will continue to work together in the same collaborative fashion that we have during this pandemic -- that we have in

developing these proposals. So I respectfully request that you support these matters, and speaking for myself and for the Board of Health these are important, in our view, steps to continue to improve the efficacy of our ability to protect the health and citizens of Fulton County. Thanks.”

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** “Mr. Chairman, I have a couple of questions.”

**COMMISSISONER CARN:** “I have a couple of questions, too.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “Commissioner Morris you have a question for Mr. Harden?”

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR:** “And I have my hand raised as well.”

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** “And I have a couple as well.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “Okay.”

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** “I do, too.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “Okay. Let me get the line up here. Who was first?”

**PATRISE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** “It was Commissioner Carn, Commissioner Arrington, Commissioner Hall.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “Carn, Hall, Morris. It was Morris, Carn, Arrington, and Hall. Dr. Paxton, are you with us?”

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** “Yes, we're here.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “All right. Dr. Paxton do you have any comments before we get questions?”

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** “Well, sure. I mean, I was just going to point out as you've all heard during the public comment section today, the Board of Health employees are really seeking certainty about their employment future. And we totally understand that and really wish that we could have been able to keep them in the loop all along as we were going along testing – we've really looked at this every which way through Sunday to try to find a solution that's going to work. We would like to be able to keep, you know, in the loop, at every single point; but then we really quickly realized that that was actually more anxiety producing. So, we decided that by far the best thing to do would be to the wait until we had a well worked out plan between the County government and the Board of Health. And it took us a long time and many, many hours of work, but we're confident that we have actually succeeded in that goal. And we have found the very best possible course that successfully achieves all of our objectives which are; one, to allow the Board of Health to become a more agile effective and efficient organization; two, to keep all of our employees whole with no loss of pay or

benefits; and then to complete the legislative order, to finally bring the Fulton County Board of Health into alignment with the other 158 counties in Georgia. So you know I just want to address a couple of things that's being coming up repeatedly. You know moving to the new system will be seamless under this proposal. And our constituents will see no break in services. And our employees will see no break in their employment. And specifically, for the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Health I just want to remind you that the relations between you and us will not change. In anyway because for both of us Fulton County residents remain our sole constituency – our sole joint constituency, our sole concern. I'll still be showing up here at every meeting that you have to keep you up-to-date with what the Board of Health is doing. The budget process is going to remain completely unchanged. The Board of Health we have to submit annually to Fulton County government. You know our plans, our budget requests, they have to approve it and then you ultimately have to approve it and that's not going to change it anyway. So it is sort of the power of the purse is not going to change simply because we're moving to a different HR system. So, I will still be available to you, you know, to answer your constituents you know to answer questions to smooth the path to them getting services and all that. That won't change at all. So I just wanted to put that on the table before we go into you know the actual formal presentation just to give you that assurance.”

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** “Patience. I got ahead of myself. Mr. Manager you want to --“

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** “Yes. This may answer some of the questions Mr. Chairman. So commissioners we’ve prepared a very brief 4-page overview. Dr. Paxton I don't know (if you go to the next page) if there is anything on this page this really sets up the case for why this is important to do. If there's anything you haven't said from this chart Dr. Paxton I'll turn it back to you to do so.”

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** “Well, I think the chart does pretty much -- actually everyone’s seen it. I just want to stress that we do believe that this is going to be the best way for us to maximize and improve our service delivery to constituents. I actually believe that. The additional thing, so the way it's broken down service delivery this is really going to help us to markedly improve that. The revenue generation -- we are hoping by allowing us to make these changes we will be able to improve eventually all of you know our ability to manage employee responsibility to schedules so that we can really optimizes those revenue opportunities. A lot of the other Boards of Health do much better than we do in this realm. I think we could do much better. And very importantly it's all due to operational efficiency you know by having bringing everybody under the one umbrella away from this current two-tiered system that we have, is going to give us the timing and flexibility in our financial management and is going to improve our ability to meet deadlines, and to extend our grant funds and the like. So I just think that you know by far the best course of action that we should be taking now.”

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** “All right. Next chart. I'm going to handle this chart, Sharon the next chart, and then Anna the third one and that will wrap this up. You know our primary focus, you had asked us to begin these negotiations and



planning with the Board of Health was employee impact. And I am pleased to say that we've come to an agreement where all employees it is already been stated will be guaranteed a position at the same title at the same rate of pay with comparable benefits. It is and will be necessary to have a reduction-in-force (RIF) to effectuate that. And I just want to make one correction, the RIF will actually be on 6/30 of 21, and new employment will begin on 07/01. And the reason that that is important is it generates a couple of specific benefits. It generates a bust out check for any unused hours that the employee has on the books. It also though best under previous Board policy any unvested contributions to the 401 retirement plans. So those are two good benefits. Then obviously, if approved as we've talked about already -- then we would begin the employee communication process and believe that that's really critical to do to start to shift the focus back to external and the public in public health versus concerns about jobs stability. Somebody asked Sharon to cover the next chart as to how we achieve this from a financial perspective. Can you go to the next chart, please. Sharon?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Thank you, Mr. Anderson. Commissioners, the finance department -- sorry about that. The finance department has worked with the finance staff over at the Board of Health to evaluate the budgetary impact. And the single biggest difference is that the State's benefit package is a little more expensive than the County's benefit package. There's about a 20 percent cost differential between the two benefit packages. So that cost has been worked out to be about 2 million dollars, and our recommendation is that the County would provide those resources to the Board of Health in order to allow the employees to transition at their current salary and for the Board of Health to be able to afford the higher benefit costs associated with transitioning the employees to the State's benefit package. And that those funds would be made available until such time as the transitioned employees effectively are no longer employed with the Board of Health. And with that, I believe I'm going to hand off to Anna."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Next slide, please. Commissioners, I won't read every word on this slide. What it is meant to communicate to the Board and to whomever is listening is that the County is not a stranger to transitioning large services and with the same discipline that we approach any other organization or enterprise wide transition, we would approach this Board of Health transition. So we have the transition teams in place should this item be approved today that would include a steering committee for decision-making purposes and executive planning lead committee that will guide the various working groups through the working group areas and they're primarily for purposes of this transition in HR facilities, finance, IT, and purchasing. We would continue to use "Achieve It" which is the County's enterprise project management software. That, as it always has, will give us the ability to report not only to the stakeholders listed above, but also provide updated reporting on the progress of the transition to the Board of Commissioners. At minimum, the working group would have weekly meetings, and those meetings would be at the oversight of the executive planning leads and ultimately decisions to be made would be bubbled up to the steering committee. So that's the sort of again, governance approach that we would put in place to ensure that we have a smooth transition over the next six or seven

months that are contemplated for, for the Board of Health transition. Again, this was co-developed with the leadership at the Board of Health, and I will turn it now over to Dr. Paxton who will close us out with a discussion of how we would engage with employees through this process."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "Thanks. Well, we are really ready to go. You know, we have, you know, we're -- I want to just remind everybody, you know, the staff here, they're our colleagues. They're our friends. We want to -- we've been wanting to be able to talk to them about this for a long time. So approve as if the Board of Commissioners approves this, we are set -- we can have - - start our series of town hall meetings as early as the day after tomorrow. We already have developed an employee FAQ, which we have shared with you. And we intend -- we would intend to have monthly employee update meetings as we go through the process of this full transition. In addition, we will be arranging that every employee here will have the opportunity should they want it to meet with HR to meet with the benefits coordinators to order -- in order for them to, you know, make any decisions about, for example, which health plan they want to take or the like. So we actually -- so we have a plan, and we are just ready to enact it, depending on the results of today's meeting."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "So Mr. Chairman and Commissioners, that's our summary. I think just to say again, I think it's very important to keep this symbiotic relationship that we have with the Board of Health because while they -- they clearly are the health leaders developing the strategy delivering the clinical services. I think what we found during the pandemic that there's plenty of value add from logistics to facilities, inventory management, and then even overall emergency response planning, and that has accrued to the benefit of our citizens. Protecting our employees again was a primary focus of this work effort, and I'm pleased to say that we've done that and we've done it now at a reasonable and fixed contribution that we would be making. And that number, it bounced around quite a bit and some early estimates now, I'm pleased to say that it's one that we can count on. And again, I think it's important to make a decision on this again to refocus on the external as opposed to internal concerns. So Mr. Chairman, I think we're all ready to answer any questions."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Thank you. The lineup that I have, Commissioner Morris, Commissioner Carn, Vice Chair Arrington, and Commissioner Hall. Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yeah, I have maybe five things to -- first of all, I think, Mr. Chairman, you talked about the same salary and the same benefits, but the document really talks about comparable benefits, and so I'm assuming that really they aren't the same. They're arguably comparable benefits. Is that a fair distinction?"

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Yes, sir. They're comparable benefits."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yeah, but not identical, obviously. They couldn't be identical, one organization to another. One of the reasons set forth in the resolution is one of the primary reasons for this is -- the alignment of all employees under the state

system, under one umbrella will consolidate HR functions and policies and that sort of thing, which is obviously important in any kind of organization where -- where two groups come together. It's been suggested to me though that there really isn't a Board of Health in the state that has everybody working for them under the same kinds of policies and functions that they have. Maybe Emory, Emory employees. Maybe they've got independent contractors. Could someone comment on the extent to which everybody working under the Board of Health as the division here would be under one umbrella or are there others, and to what extent would that be?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "Maybe Kizzy could help. But we don't hear actually currently at the Board of Health. I can only think of one employee. That would be Dr. Holland who is, you know, is -- part of him is Emory and the rest of him is Fulton County. The rest of us --"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Would there be folks under the current Fulton Health Department who are working in the Fulton Health Department, who would continue to be providing services to the Board of Health, or no. Is this --"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "I'm not sure we under -- I'm sorry, we're not sure we understand your question."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Well, I mean it's been suggested to me that there are folks who are employed by any number of entities currently working in the Fulton's Health Department and if the Fulton employees are shifted to the new Board of Health, would some of those other folks that aren't in Fulton Health Department employees tag along as well and not be state employees?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "Yeah, well because, yes. Because actually then it's almost as if everyone will then be under the state HR system. So, for example, I'm right now a state employee and I will just sort of stay the same. So everyone will be moving over to this one Board of Health system, which is aligned with the state HR system, is that all 300?"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yeah, and are there independent contractors currently working in the Fulton Health Department, for example, who are not County employees?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "No. I think, I think it's Dr. Holland. I think it's --"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Okay. Okay. Next question. It's been suggested to me that the County has pay parity with respect to medical doctors and dentists, but the state does not."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "Well actually I can -- I can address that because that was passed on to me by another commissioner. And I actually was able to speak to the dentist who had actually written

that letter. And because it didn't make any sense to me and it turns that she was misinformed. She did not understand. You know, understandably, because we have not been able to share all of the -- of the ins and outs of this plan. There's no -- there's no pay disparity. There's no disparity between the oral health and the medical services, but the important thing is, we are moving everybody over at their current titles and their current pay. So there's no change that's going to take place in that."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Right. I think their concern, perhaps from some of the dental personnel was that that wouldn't necessarily -- they would not necessarily move beyond the current pay at the same lock step with the medical professions."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "I don't know where their -- why they're making that assertion. That's --"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "I think it's -- I think it's a question or concern more than assertion perhaps, but okay. The -- there's been questions put to me about vesting, vesting rates and things like that. And, again, I think that's part of the anxiety of some of the employees is questions like that. And the question has been raised by more than one of, is there a way in between an all-or-nothing move to some kind of carve out? For example, if you said -- okay everybody who's been with the County 15 years can stay with the County going to work with the Board of Health as a County employee. With -- unless they choose to go, with the idea that over time they would be the first to retire and so eventually you'd have everybody over at the State. Is that kind of carve out of longer term County employees been considered at all?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "It has certainly been considered. I'll have to -- I'll hand over to the County Manager to fully answer that question."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Well, I'm not sure I understand. For what perceived benefit, Commissioner Morris?"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "I think the perceived benefit, Mr. Manager, would be those long-term employees who -- who are vested in the County stuff, you know, that have been here a long time, want to retire here. More peace of mind, perhaps, and certainty about what they've understood their retirement planning to be all about? Maybe that's the -- that's the perceived benefit of such a thing."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Right, I hear you. There were less than -- less than 10 percent even if you went all the way out to five years or so which, to me, is an extraordinary period of time to say that you would stay in a current organization when it's being dissolved and moved to another one. So you're talking about a handful of folks that would be at the one or two year level. We did consider that, but then thought -- first of all, we've not done that with any other group that has transferred, whether it be previous cities, city of South Fulton, Behavioral Health. So none of those groups have been afforded that kind of arrangement. And then number two, because

it's so few in number and really the only benefit that would be changing to any substantial way of thinking is post retirement medical. That if there were a few people that wanted value that benefit over perhaps all others, they could apply for a job internally if they chose to do so. I'm not sure if they looked at the, you know, the kind of grand scheme of -- in the grand scheme of things, but that would be in their best interest. But that's the answer, it has not been done before. It's a very small number of people. If you're talking about any reasonable time frame to retirement. And so we did not elect to address it."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Okay. It would be interesting to see the longevity of the employees that we're talking about in just raw numbers, but maybe we can get that at some point. I guess the last question, and it gets to the slide that's still up, number six, communication plan. Is there any reason why we couldn't go do this and then at our next meeting adopt this resolution so that you've satisfied these questions, had these opportunities to talk to the employees and then adopt this resolution."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Well, I'll try to answer on the one hand. I mean our approach has always been tell the truth as we know it. I'm not sure what you would be telling the employees if no decision has been made. If a decision's been made, then you would be informing them of guaranteed jobs, same pay, a date certain, benefits that would accrue under a RIF policy. But if none of that has been decided, Dr. Paxton's in this unenviable position of saying well, I can tell you what I know, which is not much. And, Dr. Paxton, I'm not speaking for you, but --"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "That's fine. Thank you. It's almost an impossible position to be in. Because if we're going to go into the detail, I understand the employees really want detail. They want certainty. And so if we were to start doing that without already having had it approved, then what do we do? We go back to that next meeting and say, oh, sorry, forget everything we talked about because it wasn't approved. So that's why we felt that this was the correct course to take. Develop the plan, make sure it's the best possible plan that we can -- that anyone could come up with, present it to you for your approval, and then assuming it's approved, then we can go and we can really get into the weeds with employees."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "That's exactly what we did with the others, right?"

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Probably the others with the cities and all, it was going to happen. I mean --"

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Well the principal one, I guess that we've used as an analog is behavior health. In other words, I told the Board to consider the proposition thoughtfully determined how the employees would be treated. We did not go off in a communications mode until subsequent to that. As I said, we've addressed it in a tell the truth as we know it. People that we were evaluating it, so we certainly

informed them that an evaluation was occurring, but we did not address their specific questions."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Okay. I think that's it for me, Mr. Chairman, for the moment."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you, Commissioner Morris. Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "All right. Thank you. Dr. Paxton, I received a lot of letters and worried employees that were really concerned about this thing. I guess the biggest issue was the lack of communication in the things that they were believing were the facts of the situation. I just wish we had, you know, figured out a better way to communicate with them as we went along. And one thing, issue I did have there. I understand there were no Fulton County Health employees at these meetings with the Board of Health or the administration? Is that right or is that another rumor?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "Stuck between -- you mean talk between the Board of Health of Management and Fulton County Government?"

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Well, you know, as we formulated this stuff. You know, it's employee -- obviously, it's employee centered. In the employee group, are they allowed to be in there as you guys hammer out things? What are they called, the employee union, well not union, but group that they have the membership to, which I had a membership to when I was at the solicitor's office. But there was a complaint there were no Fulton County Health employees at these meetings upon determining how best to situate this."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Dr. Paxton, if I could. I did, Commissioner Carn, communicate with the representative of the union, Greg Fan, and informed him of this approach, the protection of the employee job, the pay, comparable benefits, and then the plan for communications, and he was quite satisfied with that. As a practical matter, y'all, under no scenario, have we brought employees to the table, nor do we have any legal reason to do so or practical reason to do so. It's not a -- it's not a union in the official sense. It's an employee association."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Okay. Okay, while I understand. And if Greg Fan signed off on this, I know he is a staunch advocate for employees as I am and if he okayed this, then that's going to -- that's going to be okay for me. Just so I'm certain, we're adding an additional \$2 million in supplemental funding to make our employees whole in any event, there's some gaps somewhere, right?"

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Well it's not -- it's not if there are gaps. We have done the math. We know that the benefits are incrementally more to the tune of 2 million. So to keep employees whole from a salary perspective, we're recommending

that we contribute no more than a not-to-exceed amount of 2 million that offsets that incremental benefit cost."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Okay, and the retirement programs, situations, they are going to match essentially, be comparable; is that right?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Yes, comparable, Commissioner. Comparable, Commissioner."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Okay, comparable. And all of the staff will be accepted by state at the same salary with the same benefits essentially, is that --"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "Yes."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "That's correct."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "When I say comparable benefits, the state says it's different from the Fulton County. Same salary, comparable benefits. Everyone vests at the time that they move over. Even if they haven't completed the the five years."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "And can you -- and Greg Fan signed off on this, right? Okay. That's all I got."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington. Vice Chair."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Thank you. I like what our county manager said. Tell the truth as we know it. Now the truth is that we've already complied with the state statute by entering into their operating agreement. Isn't that correct, Madam County Attorney?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Yes, we did comply with the State's statute; however, the Board of Health has indicated the problem with the functionality and they were prepared to go back to the legislature to remove any obligation to do the extraordinary. The actual legislator carved us out and told us we could enter into an agreement, but the Board of Health has been concerned about the way in which it's been operating, and so what we were trying to do, and I was not a part of these recent negotiations, Vice Chairman, but I do know from my team who was working with them, is that what they were trying to do is protect and preserve all of the employees' positions and facilitate a way to transition them to the state without the state just saying y'all come now and all of those people would not necessarily be guaranteed a position. So we were working through concerns such that we would avoid legislation that would be more -- have more impact on employees as well as our Board of Health."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Okay, well my question, again, the County Manager said we're going to tell the truth as we know it. The truth is that the memorandum of law

that we have with the state now puts us in full compliance with the current state of law as it stands; is that correct?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "There are two points -- you are correct that the state law does give us ability to negotiate an agreement to transition. However, that agreement was subject to approval by the state of Georgia, and we do not have written approval of that. We have an IGA with our local Board of Health and there are just some open issues with regard to whether or not this agreement is working and whether or not the Board of Health would go to the state to say just forget it, let's go and get an amendment to that legislation to not require the transition."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Okay. Let me try this another way, because a statement was made that we need to do this so that we can become compliant with the current law. That statement was made. So I'm not asking about what the Board of Health or anybody else said. I have a very simple singular question for you, Madam County Attorney. Does the memorandum of law that we currently have in place with the state mean that we are in compliance with the current state law period? I'm not asking about nothing else."

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Vice Chairman, that's been signed off on by the State. The answer would be yes. Now --"

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Why did the state not sign off on it?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Because they were in the midst of transiting between the commissioners. And then when the new commissioner came in, that particular person did not sign off on it because she was aware of the problems that we had with operations here. So it has not been signed off on. So I'm trying to be honest with you, sir. So if that agreement was signed off on by both parties, yes, that would work. The IGA was signed off on with our Board of Health, our Board of Health, and the County. And that was the feeling an attempt to fulfill the requirements under the state general assembly law. And so yes, we got one part of it, but no, the state has to approve it, and that part has not been signed off on."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Okay. All right. And we presented it to the state?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Yes, we did, sir."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Okay. All right. Now how is it possible that the state can guarantee all of these employees their jobs when that is completely opposite of everything we've ever been told before?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "They have ability to enter into contracts as -- as even Commissioner Morris indicated they hire contracts with people from Emory and other places to help provide staffing and what they would be doing is



pursuant to this agreement, the contract itself obligates them to take the people onto their payroll from the Fulton County Board of Health. And the Fulton County Board of Health as a state entity would be entered into an agreement that they are consenting to, to go ahead and transition these employees as Board of Health employees to the state roster."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Okay, now, wait a minute, because why couldn't the City of South Fulton do the same thing? They have the ability to enter into agreements. Why couldn't we have this same type of agreement with the City of South Fulton? We were advised at that time that once there is a RIF, those new people have to apply for a new job with the new entity, and those new jobs have to be posted and anybody off the street or their mama could apply for those jobs."

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "And that is correct with regard to a municipality that is newly formed. It is not a correct position with regard to the State Board of Health and the Fulton County Board of Health."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Why?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Because they have different powers, Commissioner. They're different restrictions imposed upon a municipality versus the state. If the state has been reviewing this agreement negotiations, and they are amenable if the Board of Health agrees to take these people on as their employees full time in order to transition the County out, that was just kind of a settlement arrangement, if you would, Commissioner, with the State. So they're able to do that. And they've looked at this as well."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yeah, I mean it would have been a settlement agreement with the City of South Fulton. So I -- the argument holds no weight, because it would have been the same thing with the city."

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "The difference again is the fact that the City of South Fulton was a new city being created under a different section of a code in Georgia. As such, we did not -- there was no settlement of an issue with regard to employees. Those functions, the Board decided we were no longer going to do because those functions are legally prohibited to be done by the County in those municipalities. So as a result, the City of South Fulton got a chance to decide how they were going to take on employees. And when they decided to take on employees by having them interviewed, they decided to pick and choose versus what has been agreed upon with the Board of Health, is that they would take everybody as a way of compromising this situation and dealing with, as a compromise or settlement of this situation and dealing with preserving the status quo of all the employees with the current Board of Health employees."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "I guess it's just like at the Georgia Dome they can give stuff through to whomever they want to give to, huh? They don't have to pay taxes."

They can hire people whenever they want to. They don't have to follow any rules that anybody else has to follow, huh?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "There are different levels of authority, yes, sir."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Let's go back on the slide show, back to the plan that talked about services and revenue generation."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Which page?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "On page 2."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Page 2."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "So service delivery. I mean because this is -- this is what we were talking about. What is the business case for this? Strengthen synergy with state on pandemic and other public health responses. Flexibility to reassign the police to do these targets for the upcoming events-- we don't have that same flexibility now? Improved opportunity to mobilize services directly to the community. What does that mean? There still is no business case that has been made for this transition. We've thrown some words up on the screen, but there's no meat. Where's the beef?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "Well the beef --"

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "What does this mean?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "Yes, sir. These are very important process. For example, this number two, which I'm looking at right now. We have been hampered. The pandemic has actually exposed problems in the current system. We needed -- we realized we needed more flexibility to be able, but we had to pivot to have employees taking on certain pandemic, you know, responses. We have -- we had issues in terms of we helped some, you know, employees saying well, this is not in my position description; therefore, I'm not obliged to do this. I can't do this, blah, blah, blah. And so what we've realized is that we had to do, take, make sort of extraordinary efforts around that. We need to have really a more flexible system that allows us to like upfront be able to like cross train people in different, in different duties to have them take on certain duties as assigned, as they come up. Because sometimes we don't know what is going to happen. We are coming up against that because literally right now as we're trying to pivot to beef up our vaccination efforts in terms of how we can sign people to do certain, certain things. And again, like incident number three, improve to mobilize services directly to the community. We have currently -- we have had, you know, the recent -- past recent months. And because the inflexibility that's in the current HR system, you know, we have not had the ability to like schedule staggered, you know, staggered system, you know, schedules. Even if the employee

wanted this, of course, you know, over certain like there's certain days or whatever because of the current limitations. So when we have a bit more control over this, then we'll be able to do things that can better reach the community. So, for example, after hours or on the weekends when people are at home when they're able to, you know, we can better reach them. And then the first one, Synergy with the state DPH. You know as I mentioned before, every other county in the other 17 health districts is already working under this model. So when DPH, you know, when we developed this sort of response to a particular part of the pandemic, the other counties were able to move quickly, you know, sort of take that on, pivot to it, because they already had, you know, a certain measure of control over their own -- you know, over their own work force and their finances and all that. Whereas trust was more difficult because we did not have a level of flexibility baked in. So these are the reasons why those points have been put up about how we feel that changing to this system would actually enable us to improve our delivery, services to our constituents."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "I'm confused. I thought I just heard in the COVID report that we were number one, that the response of Fulton County has the number one response in the state."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "And that represents a lot of blood, toil, tears, and sweat on our -- on our part. And partly because having to then deal with this current system that is more, you know, that is more cumbersome. So that took a lot out of us."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Great. But I don't understand. I mean, how can it be more efficient to go to a system that all the other counties are using yet we are still leading all of them. If we're doing better than them, then they need to come to our system."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:** "No. I would, I would wish to thank you. I think that's one thing you said. I think we can do even better than what we are currently doing now. So I think that we can have even further improvements on what we're doing now. We can improve -- in addition, we can improve our current revenues. That even a system, the other systems are already doing better than we are in this realm. So I think that -- I'm happy that we're number one in certain -- you know, in these certain things. But I think we can be even better than that."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Well, I don't know how you get better than number one. But I'll let someone else ask questions. I'm not going to be able to support a RIF during the middle of a pandemic but I'll let someone -- I'll yield my time and let someone else go forward."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you, Vice Chair. Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "All right. So first I want to just address the saddest part of this conversation because I have a folder, and if you look here, you see there might be

about 100 e-mails and letters and social media, direct messages from employees and Board of Health County employees and their friends, their family who live in Fulton County who are saying that there has been no communication with these Board of Health County employees about what's going on, and I think that that could have been handled a little better in especially seeing how we have enough going on with COVID-19 and people's families being impacted economically by COVID-19 as well as we are coming into the holiday season and people are already in a depressed state because of what we're already going through with this pandemic and the social and economic impacts of the pandemic. So I think that the communication could have happened a little better. Now let me go to what was initially stated about the fact that we're supposed to be referencing House Bill 885, and this is the reason why you're requesting a transition of County employees over to the state. Well, there's nothing in this House Bill that references the need to transfer County employees to the state. Now let's address the code that is referenced in House Bill 885, which is Code Section 31-3-2, and the code does not address transferring County employees in the Board of Health over to State employees. This code simply addresses how the actual Board of Health should be set up and the members that are supposed to be part of that Board of Health. There's nothing in here in reference to transferring County employees to State employees. Now let's go to the third part of this matter, which is the IGA that was done before by the Board of Commissioners to allow us to maintain our County employees in the Board of Health and to maintain some authority over our health centers, our services, and our programs that are being offered to our County residents because the Fulton County Board of Health, as you see, is called the Fulton County Board of Health, and so the Board of Commissioners did not want to put themselves in a situation like we have in some other instances where there's an entity that bears the Fulton County name, but the Fulton County Board of Commissioners gets blamed for anything that goes wrong; however, we have no authority over that Board. So this IGA was a protective measure for not only the Board of Commissioners, but for our residents that expect for us to be that point of contact whenever there's a problem. So Madam County Attorney, I want to go back to something, I think it was Commissioner Arrington raised the question about the IGA, and I just want you to go back to what you said, and can you repeat that, please?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "I could not repeat that verbatim, Commissioner. But if you ask me the question that he has, maybe I can answer that question."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "So do we still not have a recorder for our -- our BOC meetings?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Yeah. I don't think -- but there's one right now. I think they get it later on and some system is taping it now but I don't have the ability to recall it. But I did -- to point out one thing that I didn't point out with the Commissioner, Vice Chairman, and that also addresses your issue, Commissioner Hall. Section 6.2 of the current IGA allowed for the Board of Health to take over Fulton County Employees in their entirety at their discretion anytime. But

there was no requirement that they take them over at the current salaries or with their benefits being maintained. And they did not need the Board of Commissioners' approval to say we're taking up all their employees."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Section 6.2 of the IGA, can you please e-mail that to me right now so I can what you're speaking about unless you want to hold this and I can make a motion to hold this so that we can go back over this, because it has been told to me for the past couple of the years that the IGA is what is actually helping the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Health employees so that we don't have a complete takeover and we don't have these issues of RIFs late which led, in layman's terms, to our residents who don't know the RIF acronym, layoffs. So can you please send that over to me, because it was always told to me that the IGA has been actually protecting us from this change that could create negative consequences, not only for the Board of Health employees, but for the Board of Commissioners. And I just want to reference that pre-COVID, I was selected by the National Association of Counties to be part of the County Leadership Institute where I met county leaders from all over the United States, and the majority of them spoke about this very situation of transitioning everything from their county to the state that they lived in and how horrific it turned out to be to the point where the commissioners decided to go back to having a Department of Health and Wellness so that they could serve their constituency in a more efficient and effective manner. And then Bill and Melinda Gates selected me for their Economic Mobility in Leadership Institute where I met more county leadership from across the United States who said the very same thing. They said the constituents feel that the County name is on that Board of Health and they expect for the commissioners to be the ones that are at fault whenever there's a problem. However, once we move the entire Board of Health over to the state, we don't have any authority to rectify any situations that come up negatively that are impacting the residents that you serve as commissioner. So a lot of them have reversed this action. Now did you send IGA section 6.2 to me?"

**PATRICE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "We are working on getting that to you. It's not like it's sitting right here, Commissioner Hall. We're working on it."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Oh, okay."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "I second your motion to hold it."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Oh like what? Are you seconding my motion to hold?"

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "I do."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "I have a whole lot more. You sure you don't want to hear it? I got a whole lot more."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "I'd be happy to hear it."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Okay. Well, we got a second on my motion to hold, but I'm going to finish my discussion. So Madam County Attorney, I want to commend you on

just memorizing that it's section 6.2 that addresses that and not even having that document in front of you, that is outstanding."

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "We've been asked this question a lot."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yeah, I know. Because I was one of the people who asked you when I first came on board about the IGA, and you told me that the IGA was keeping us from having to give up our County employees. So now I'm trying to figure out how that changed. So here's a couple of other things. Let's go the presentations that we've had, and I have a couple of questions from there. How will the employee's benefits be affected as far as accrued sick leave, accrued vacation, and current retirement accounts?"

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "By Sharon."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "The 15th?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Yeah, Sharon."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Sharon, would you mind addressing that?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yeah, explain that again, Ms. Whitfield, please."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Yes, I'll be happy to try."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I'm sorry, Ms. Whitmore."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "I'll be happy to try to --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Just a minute, we can't hear you."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Can you hear me now?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Better, lot better. Explain it one more time, please."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "So employees that would transition to the State their vacation, compensatory, holiday time, anything that they've accrued with the County will be paid out as part of their bust-out check. Sick leave is not compensable, but it would be used and counted towards any creditable services for retirement purposes. Employees in the County's defined contribution plan would be considered 100 percent vested, meaning that they would -- they're always 100 percent vested in their own contributions, but they would be 100 percent vested in the employer's contributions as well. And then employees in the counties defined benefit plan have a number of different ways in which their retirement valued, and I can walk through all of those, but there's -- there's a list of them. When they move to the state

and become state employees, their vacation and sick leave accruals would then be based on the state's accrual rates."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Thank you, Mr. --"

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "All right. And so I want to go back to, I heard earlier, I think it was when Commissioner Carn was speaking and asking his questions. I heard someone say that Greg Fan approved of this. Is that correct? Did I -- did I hear that correctly?"

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Well, no ma'am. Greg Fan, that's Commissioner Carn's [Inaudible]. Greg Fan was passing [Inaudible]."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Wait, I can't hear you. It's garbled for some reason."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Okay. Let me -- can you hear me now, ma'am?"

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes. Say that again?"

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Yes, ma'am. The phrasing of Greg Fan approved this was Commissioner Carn's phrase. What I said was I had met with Greg Fan and informed him of this approach and how we were able to protect the employees and, you know, he was favorably impressed by that. I didn't ask for his approval. But he certainly did not then raise any objections."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Okay. Well let me clarify -- bring some clarity to this because I contacted Greg Fan when I thought I heard that earlier. And he said he does not approve of this. So let the record show that I said I talked directly to Greg Fan while you all were discussing that, and he said he does not approve of this, and he does not have a favorable view of it. Now we can -- we can get him. He's watching right now. We can get him on here if you want him to confirm that, but that's what he said. I have it in a text as well."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Well all I -- all I can do is report what he said to me."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Let's -- let's back up."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "I have a text and we can talk to him by --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes, ma'am. Continue, Commissioner."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "What did you say?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I said you have the floor, Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Okay, thank you. So the other question that was raised is as the State hires new employees after the transfer, what kind of pay disparities can be expected amongst the employees?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "The state has been hiring new employees with the Board of Health, and there are differences in between the paid salary scales between the state and the Fulton County employees. The proposal is only addressed to the Fulton County employees who are transitioning over. So the State has been hiring people. They have been hiring people who are state employees who are not Fulton County employees at state rates."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "And so what you're saying is what, that there is already a disparity?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "That there would be, yes, ma'am."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Okay. All right. And a couple of things that I would like to see is a plan for how the health centers, the neighborhood health centers will be utilized if all employees became state employees instead of County employees, and how would you engage and inform the residents of Fulton County about the change and about who they are to look to if they need to address any issues, have any questions, and how you're going to inform the residents about the centers and the services, because I've been told consistently over the past couple of months that the Board of Health website has been down working and not working, and that the health centers have been closed when they're not supposed to be closed and -- I mean there is so many issues. And Dr. Paxton has tried to address a lot of these things, but moving forward, if this transition took place, how would those things be addressed? Because the residents expect to be able to contact their commissioner when they have a problem because it's called Fulton County Board of Health, and lot of them don't even know anything about this state takeover. They don't approve of it when they do hear about it. So we need to make them feel comfortable if this is something that we're going to do. So who is going to create that plan as part of this?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "This is a communications -- is Ms. Corbitt there, Dr. Paxton? There is a communications component to this, correct?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH:**

"Absolutely, there's a communication, but I just need to reiterate that this is designed to make this seamless so that there will be no interruption in services and there would be no interruption to the employees. They'd just simply be moved over doing their current - you know, doing their current things. It's not a state takeover. So, yes, we have a communications plan. Absolutely. We can put that up on -- you know, upon our websites. We can talk to various groups about it should that be, you know, considered absolutely necessary. But I just want to stress, and our purpose in doing this is to make



it seamless so that there is no -- there is no like closing down of services or changing of services, but that we want to make this -- continue this and make it seamless."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Okay. And then so I just received the -- well it's not the actual IGA, it's somebody cut and paste some text. So let me -- let me just put that out there. And it says the Board of Health may hire Board of Health employees who shall not be county employees to work alongside any county employee or others. The Board of Health, at its own expense, shall maintain statutory and employee liability coverage for Board of Health employees. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed to prevent the Board of Health from hiring a current Fulton County employee to immediately become a Board of Health employee. So this does not require us to do this, as I stated that HB 885 does not require us to do this. And as I stated that the code 31-3-2 does not require us to do this. So I just want to make that clear because what has been portrayed is that this is required and it's not. And there is no language that anyone has referenced yet that makes it -- so let me see have I exhausted all my little stickies and everything."

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Everybody should have gotten a copy of the fully executed IGA and its section which allows the Board of Health to immediately transfer any employees that they wanted to to its like state position without any another action. So that's what I -- that's what I responded to."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Well, what I received --"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "6.2 --"

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "-- is not a copy of the full IGA. It's simply --"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Yeah, you added it into two batches because the IGA was a zip file, so you should have received in your communications now a copy of the fully executed IGA to go with --"

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Oh now, I should have. Now --"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "They just sent one after the other. That's correct."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Okay. And from who? Because I only have been -- okay, well I only have -- I only have this one transmittal and it doesn't have any attachment. It only has someone copied and paste section 6.2 which is the section you referenced."

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "It came 4 point --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Let's -- stop, stop, stop. Send it one more time."

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Okay, I'll forward it again."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And send it one more time. You still have the floor, Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "All right. Well I'm just going to go ahead and wait since my motion has been moved and seconded. I think we should hold this. There's a lot of confusion about what the language says and what actually constitutes us doing this. I want to just also remind everyone that when we had the IT department go through the same thing, our chief human resources officer and others, county executives, told us that you have to RIF the employee to then rehire them. And so RIF is layoff. There's no way around that. So I don't -- I don't see where you're addressing that in this transition unless something has changed from, you know, all the past times that we've done this with employees. I don't see where you've addressed it. Thank you very much."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. There's a motion on the floor that's been properly made and seconded to hold. I would respectfully ask that we do not hold this and we move forward. This makes the employees whole in every possible way. So it's the right thing to do and it is the law. So cast your votes, please."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Not according to the employees and I have the e-mails and the letters right here."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, on the motion to hold -- now again I ask you not to vote to hold. Commissioner Hausmann. Commissioner Hausmann. Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "This is on the motion to hold? No."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "No? Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "No."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Arrington -- Vice Chair Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "I have my hand raised as well. I don't know how we got to the vote."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Oh, sorry, Commissioner Arrington."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn. Then I vote no. It fails."

**CLERK GRIER:** "It fails for lack of four affirmative votes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, so back to the main motion which is to approve any Commissioners. Vice Chair Arrington, you're next in the queue."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Okay. So these employees are going to be treated the same; is that correct? The ones that go over to the state from the County?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "They're going to be paid the same, benefits, title. Title and benefits."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "They're going to be paid the same?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Yes, as they're currently are. That's why the \$2 million dollars was put in there to make certain that we were keeping them where they were, just going over to the state. Now if they get another position and have an increase, that's different. But right now, they would all transition over to the same salary with same benefits and [Inaudible] kicked in by the County to make certain that those funds were provided for."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Are they going to get the benefit of the ICS plan?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "No, they would not get the benefit of the ICS plan."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "So they're not going to be treated the same."

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "We don't have the benefit of the ICS plan right now to start --"

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yeah, but anybody else that stays after July 1st will get the benefit of the ICS plan, won't they?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "That's correct."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yeah. That's why you want to get rid of them before July 1st, right? That's why y'all want to get rid of them? Y'all don't want them to get the ICS plan, do you? Y'all don't want them to have the benefit of the ICS plan, do you? Tell the truth as you know it. Tell the truth as you know it. Tell the truth as you know it."

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "We don't know what --"

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Tell the truth as you know it."

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "That's Vice Chairman Arrington."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I can't see him."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Tell the truth as you know it. I don't want these employees to get the benefit of the ICS plan. Tell the truth. As you know, Madam Attorney, silence is acceptance in the law."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Well can I speak, Commissioner Arrington, I'm sorry."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Just a minute. Just a minute. Just a minute, Commissioner Hall. We can see Commissioner Hall. We can't see --"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "He doesn't have his -- he doesn't have his --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Slow down everybody, calm down. Let's take a deep breath."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Let's tell the truth."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington has the floor."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "I will concede to Commissioner Hall unless one of the three y'all sitting in their room wants to tell the truth as you know it. Y'all don't want these employees to have the benefit of the ICS plan."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "I was just going to ask the question. Once the \$2 million dollars is over, will the employees continue to have the same pay? Because, from what you're saying, those \$2 million is like a supplement to their income to help us continue to pay them what they're being paid."

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "That's correct. It continues for the years in which that employee stays there. So it did not have an expiration date, Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "So we're still providing assistance, but the employees are no longer our employees."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "And it costs us \$2 million more per year for the same employees that we have now."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair, Commissioner Hall is on."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "I was speaking in concert with her."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "That's fine. That's fine."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner, please."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "I love your passion, Commissioner, Chair -- Vice Chair Arrington."

**PATRISE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Okay. Let's stop now. Okay, somebody."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And Attorney, please, let me go back now. Okay, thank you."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "These people have been waiting 20 years for a bonus in ICS and now y'all want to get rid of them, please."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. The motion -- the motion is -- the motion on the floor is to approve. Madam Clerk, live. Commissioner Hausmann."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Wait. Who made that motion and who seconded it?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I made the motion to approve. It was seconded by --"

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "No, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I forgot, I did have one other question about --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Go ahead. Just a minute. Just a minute. Commissioner Hall, go ahead."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "I'm sorry. I did. I was trying to ask the question about the IGA to Madam County Attorney. You said somebody signed it or didn't sign it. I couldn't hear when you were talking about that to, I think it was to either Commissioner Arrington or Carn."

**PATRISE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "All right. In this IGA, there is a provision that allows for the state or mandates that the state approve it, and that approval has never been formally received because they transitioned -- at the time in 2017, that we send it over, they transitioned into a different director of public health. Commissioner, I think it's called the Public Health Commissioner. And the -- when the new one came in, the new one did not take this up, and then we had Dr. Toomey who was aware of the problems that came the Department of Public Health, so she did not sign it. So it has not been signed -- signed off. Excuse me, signed off by the Department of -- the State Department of Public Health."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "So we've had this IGA for how long now?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "It's been since July 2017, madam."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "And it's never been signed off all that time?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "It's said to by the State."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "And so that means that it's never been an official IGA?"

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Well, the issue is it's been an IGA that we've been living by and working by and paying the people by and paying the Board by, and it just so happens that they -- as you recall before, Commissioner -- before Dr. Toomey left, she was trying to get this situation addressed because of the problems that she was experiencing before Dr. Ford came and she experienced it, and now we're here with Dr. Paxton finally resolving it in a way that preserves and protects the current salaries of our employees."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "So then why is it bad for the past three years I've been told not only by yourself but even Sandra Ford, who was the previous director, said that the IGA was what was keeping the state from having our County employees transition over to the state."

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "The IGA was the -- as Vice Chair Arrington said was the effort that the County took to be in compliance with the law. The law allowed us to try to have a transition agreement with the Board of Health that would allow these services to be state services. So if you know all of the past leadership of the Board of Health are no longer Fulton County employees, they are state employees and it allowed for various provisions with regard to the operations of the Board of Health such that to the extent that it could be, it still was basically operating under the control of the state with Fulton County employees. The commissioner at the time wanted to protect and preserve those employees from being RIFed and from going over to the state with lower salaries and no benefit adjustments. That's the reason why the IGA was put together, Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "So you said so much, I didn't catch you actually answering my question of -- so we've been using an IGA all this time, at least -- at least for the past three years that I've been commissioner as a means to keep our County employees under the County, and now you're saying that the IGA is not -- is not signed, so it's not effectively an IGA that we can use."

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "It has not been consented to by the State. It is signed by our Board of Health and Fulton County."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "But can we use it or it's -- it's just a document that can -- is not usable by the Board of Commissioners."

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "We are using it. We are using the document, but I'm just wanting to -- pointing out problems that we've had with regards to this document."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "So the IGA is in effect and we can use it. And that IGA, as you told me for the past three years, it keeps the state from being able to take our County employees because that measure was used to save us from having to transition those County employees. So I don't know why it's being presented as if the IGA is no longer effective and cannot be used. So now go ahead. This is crazy."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "I have a question. Will it cost us \$2 million more per year to pay these same employees just because they're moving to the State?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Repeat that, Vice Chair?"

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Is this going to cost Fulton County \$2 million more per year? If the employees stay where they are, will we have to pay this extra \$2 million a year?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "The answer to your question is yes in order to keep them whole. The answer's yes, Vice Chair."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "How? How? We're paying the \$2 million to make up the difference. They would already be whole if they stayed Fulton County employees. There's no difference to make up."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "That's right."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Yes, sir can I answer that? Yes, sir, Mr. Vice Chair."

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

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yeah, because we've got a problem with the truth."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Just a minute. Just a minute. Answer the question. We're going to take a vote."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "One way or the other."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "If -- if the employees were to transfer, it would cost the County \$2 million incremental per year to keep the employees whole. On the other side of that coin to answer really your second question, if the employees stayed, then it would not cost the County an additional \$2 million."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Now that is the truth. Thank you. So what we are proposing -- so what we are proposing right now, we're going to pay \$2 million more dollars per year for the same employees and providing the same services that they are now?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes. In order to make them whole once this -- once this transition takes place, that's correct."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "We're going to -- we're going see if -- we're going to see if the transition takes place, because I'm voting no."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "I've got a question."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn, and then we'll vote."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Okay, this ICS. Now does this \$2 million, is that part of the replacement of ICS or I guess -- we said that all staff will be accepted by the state at the same salary and the same comparable benefits. So in that benefits package, is there a comparable replacement for that ICS in there? Is that -- is that what we're saying? Or is the \$2 million part of the replacement of ICS?"

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Let me -- I'll take a shot at it and Sharon can help me. The \$2 million is -- has nothing to do with the employees' salary other than maintaining it at current levels. It's offsetting an incremental cost that the state benefit package has associated with it. If we did not pay \$2 million incremental, then the way that the Board of Health would most likely, as we worked through these negotiations, would have to deal with that, is a reduction in pay. Which, of course, is not what we want to see nor would it be -- nor would it be beneficial. ICS, on the other hand, is dependent upon when the Board decides to enact it, and Commissioner -- Vice Chair Arrington is right in his observation that if this occurs before -- if this transition occurs before the Board enacts ICS, then the employees' salaries are not impacted. Obviously, if ICS is implemented before that period of time, then it's those salaries that transfer over. What would have to happen is if the employees are going at a higher salary due to ICS, then your payment to the Board of Health is going up correspondently and the \$2 million on top of that as well. So that's all dependent upon the timing of when the Board decides to implement the ICS, if the Board decides to implement it and then when."



**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Okay. So we have a decision in implementing the ICS at a particular time?"

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And that won't happen. All right. Let's vote it up or down, Commissioners."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Why would we pay \$2 million more a year for the same employees? That doesn't make sense, people. That does not make sense."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann. Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "I'm voting, yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "No."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "I vote no, no."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Carn. Commissioner Carn, you there. And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion fails; three yeas, two nays."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Next item."

**20-0995 Board of Commissioners (Carn)**

Request approval of a Resolution amending Article IV (Finance), Division I (generally), Section 102-252 of the Fulton County Code of Laws, relating to the Employee Services Fund for the purpose of providing an additional funding source derived from the interest earned on the General Fund for use to support and enhance an employee Recognition and Engagement Program, renaming the Employee Services Fund as the "Employee Recognition and Engagement Fund," to add to the membership of the committee overseeing the fund, and for other purposes.  
**(MOTION TO APPROVE FAILED)**

**Motion failed for a lack of four affirmative votes**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Carn and seconded by Vice-Chairman Arrington to approve.**

**The motion failed by the following voice vote:**

<b>Yeas:</b>	<b>2 - Hall, Carn</b>
<b>Nays:</b>	<b>2 - Ellis, Morris</b>
<b>Did not vote:</b>	<b>3 - Pitts, Hausmann, Arrington</b>

**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 23. **20-0995**, sponsored by Commissioner Carn. Request approval of a resolution amending Article IV, Division I, Section 102-252 of the Fulton County Code of Laws relating to the employee service fund."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Essentially, Mr. Chairman. Simply this is just an enhancement for additional funding for employee engagement programs and employee services. It's another way to supplement the funding which I don't think is adequate for employees."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "I'm not -- I'm not opposed to the concept of additional employee recognition. I am a little bit concerned about earmarking revenues for specific items as opposed to looking at it on an annual budget basis. So I won't be supporting this."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Well, you know, it's been a tough year. And obviously everyone needs to feel encouraged, you know, County staff and the like. And this is something that doesn't involve going into the general fund, but rather to pique some interest earned by the fund. So I think, you know, it seems like it makes a lot of sense to me, and I think employees would really appreciate it especially in times like this."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Vice Chair -- Mr. Chair, I share Commissioner Morris's concern. We do -- I think they're better means and ways to get out employee appreciation in many what we do, as well as employee development, things like our public manager program and other programs that we've had, and it is general fund

money that this would involve an interest on general fund money as general fund money. So I think they're better ways to get at this. I also think designated funds, particularly small level designated funds, are problematic and prove to be somewhat of a wasteland and opportunities for fraud misuse within governments. So I'm not supportive of it."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "I have a question. I have a question."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes, Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "So we have an employee group that does a lot of the recognition along with external affairs. Have they been consulted about this? Have they provided any input about this and where is the funding coming from? I heard someone say the general fund."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "It comes from the -- some interest from the general funds, but it doesn't touch the general fund itself."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Can we get somebody from finance to explain the funding part of it so we can be clear? Because I've heard it's coming from the general fund and then now Commissioner Carn is saying it's not completely coming from the general fund."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Ms. Whitmore, are you there?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "All right, yes sir. Commissioner Hall, currently, the interest that we earn on investments made out of general fund revenues are credited back to the general fund. So we -- we fully allocate all of that revenue as part of the budget process."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Okay. So that sounds like it is coming from the general fund then."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "It would result in a reduction of the revenue in the general fund budget. Yes, ma'am."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Just say I'm all for -- I'm all for recognizing our employees. I'm all for giving them some type of financial recognition. They work hard. We've seen that with having the largest -- the largest actually service awards that I think we've ever seen about a week ago with so many employees who have worked in Fulton County for so many years. So I agree with trying to address recognizing them, but I think that we do need to probably go back to the drawing board, Commissioner Carn, on funding and things of that nature working with the HR Department and the employee program and finance."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Well this does involve, and the management of the funds would be through finance, personnel director, a member of the employee association, a representative from the Courts and such and County Manager. So it would be -- it would be well managed, I think. And this -- this amount is almost 75 percent below the standard amount recommended by World at Work. And it won't adversely affect the County's general fund whatsoever."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Is there a motion?"

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Okay, wait, I'm sorry. You know, I'd like to, as Madam County Attorney said, I'm particular. But I'm thorough. And so Commissioner Carn said something that I want -- I want him to repeat about the -- he said the general fund, something about the finance and everything. Because my thing is I like to hear from the experts that we pay who have the knowledge in these areas. And so anything that's addressing financial or funds I'd like for our CFO or our director of finance to address. And so Commissioner Carn, can you repeat that so that they can address that?"

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Well, it's my understanding that the additional funding would be close to 75 percent below the median recommended by the World at Work, which is an oversight organization for employee benefits and such. And technically, it won't adversely affect the County's general funds at all. Again, this is just a small percentage of interest off of the general fund which would not reduce the general fund amount, you know, that we approve for our budget."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Well, Madam CFO and Hakeem, can you address what Commissioner Carn just said?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Again, Commissioner Hall, currently any interest that's earned on our general fund revenue is credited back to the general fund, and it's used as part of our overall revenue to support general fund expenditures. So even though it might be a relatively small amount of the general fund revenue, we would still be taking money out of the general fund to place into the separate employee appreciation fund, if -- if this were approved."

**HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE:** "Commissioner, we would need to make up the amount and provide that that is all some for that kind of revenue somewhat."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Well, this is close to a half million dollars, right?"

**HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE:** "Yeah."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Four hundred and something thousand dollars? So you would have to make up that amount."

**HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE:** "Yeah."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Okay. All right. That's why I think it's better to work with you on the front end in these situations because you would have already worked out, you know, how to do this."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, is there a motion?"

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "I made a motion."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Is there a second."

**VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.:** "I'll second for the purposes of -- I'll second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Properly moved and seconded to approve. Let's vote. Hausmann. Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "No."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "No."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Well, I think it needs more work. I will vote yes for the employees."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington. Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion fails; two yeas, two nays."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Next item."

## **Commissioners' Full Board Appointments**

**20-0996    Board of Commissioners**  
**AUDIT COMMITTEE (APPROVED)**

Term = 2 years

Term below expires: 12/31/2020

Robert (Bob) Koncerak (**BOC - Citizen**)

**Commissioner Ellis nominated Robert "Bob" Koncerak for a Full Board reappointment (BOC - Citizen) to a term ending December 31, 2022.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas:                                5 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Carn**

**Did not vote:                    2 - Hausmann, Arrington**

**CLERK GRIER:** "Commissioner's full board appointment, **20-0996**. Audit Committee. Commissioner Ellis has nominated Robert "Bob" Koncerak for a full board reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2022."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "I'll move approval."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Second. Let's vote, please. Hausmann. Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall. Arrington."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes, I'm sorry."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

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

**20-0997 Board of Commissioners**  
[HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF FULTON COUNTY \(NORTHSIDE\) \(SPREAD ON THE MINUTES\)](#)

Term = 4 years

Terms below expired: April 1, 2020:

Anthony J. Salvatore (**BOC 1**)

Thomas W. Gable, M.D. (**BOC 2**)

Thomas D. Hills (**BOC 3**)

**The Board of Trustees of the Hospital Authority of Fulton County (Northside) re-elected Anthony J. Salvatore (Position #1), Thomas W. Gable, M.D. (Position #2) and Thomas D. Hills (Position 3) for terms ending April 1, 2024, in accordance with a slate of names submitted by the Board of Commissioners at its August 5, 2020, Regular Meeting.**

**CLERK GRIER:** "20-0997. Hospital Authority of Fulton County. This is for spreading on the minutes confirming the slate of names that have been elected by the Hospital Authority. Anthony J. Salvatore, Dr. Thomas W. Gable, and Thomas D. Mills."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "No action required Madam Clerk?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "I'm sorry?"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "No action required?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "No. Just spreading on the minutes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "No, it's just for spreading."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Continue, madam clerk."

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**20-0998 Board of Registration and Elections**  
[Discussion: Registration and Elections Update \(DISCUSSED\)](#)

**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 24, **20-0998**. Discussion, registration, and elections update."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Is Mr. Barron present? Mr. Barron."

**PATRICE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Yes, he's there."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "He's there? Mr. Barron."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "He's muted but he's there."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "We're having issues today with this. So this can't continue, ladies and gentlemen. Mr. Barron?"

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "Yes, can you hear me?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Now we can. You have the floor."

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "Good afternoon, Commissioners. Richard Barron, Director of Registration and Elections. Next slide, please. For the January 5th election, I'll give you an absentee ballot update. We've processed -- or we've received 161,413 applications thus far. We've processed 152,643 of those applications. And we have received 40,150 ballots back to date. We have absentee ballot signature verification now under way at Georgia World Congress Center, which is being live streamed on FGTV and YouTube. Processing will begin for to scan the ballots on Monday, December 21st. Next slide. Early voting began on Monday December 14th. It ends December 30th. It includes two weekends both Saturdays and Sundays. We have 30 locations open plus State Farm Arena and Mercedes Benz stadium, which are sharing the three-week period. And we also have both of our mobile voting units, both buses, out in the field for a total of 33 locations per day that are open. The turnout the first two days was 43,428 voters voting in person, comparing that to the first two days of the presidential election of 39,284 voters. We have also a late time tool available in the Fulton Votes Ap. Next slide, please. This is again the early voting location and schedule. We are open Mondays through -- Monday through Saturdays 8:30 to 6:00. We are open on Sundays from noon to 6:00. We are open both Saturdays, the December 19th and 26th as well as both Sundays, December 20th and 27th. And the final week, December 28 through the 30th, we are open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Next slide. The bus schedule -- the buses have the same schedule, the same hours as the regular sites. Again, 8:30 to 6:00 Monday through Saturday. Noon to 6:00 on the Sundays that we're open and 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in week three. And then my final slide shows the 38 ballot drop boxes that we have out in the field throughout the County. About 90 percent of the voters are within three miles of a drop box. And then the final slide reminds people to use the Fulton Votes app that we have available. You can get to the MVP site, find early voting locations and get other election information. With that, I can take questions."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Any questions for Mr. Barron?"



**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "I've got a few questions."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Mr. Barron, thanks for those brief slides that you just shared. Obviously, we've done early voting fairly well and that would arguably be if we had a big success of the last election. It would be in that regard. But that's not what I want to talk about. Just a couple of questions I want to ask you about. Both in the -- both in the June primary and then in this election, this past election cycle, we've had criticism and questions which have come to light around the absentee ballot process. And things which more involved specific activities are the way that we were handling things. The most recent, it was what happened that took place with the counting of ballots on a Tuesday evening and what didn't take place and that sort of thing. So I'm not asking you for an explanation of what took place on that particular time but what I am asking you for is do we have a clearly defined process, and is everybody under -- have a real clear protocol about what we intend to do in terms of the counting activities on the night of the election after the polls closed. Do we have something that's different in place that everybody understands and that all the other interested parties understand to avoid some of the questions and concerns and, you know, that were raised after this previous election cycle?"

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "Yes, Yes, we do. Everyone understands on election night that we need to remain open until the State releases everyone. For the November election was 2:00 a.m. For the June election, it was about 12:30 p.m."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay. I'm not quite sure I heard you say what we're planning to do different --"

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "Well, what we do on that day is all of the ballots that are there at the facility will be opened. And what we can't, we will open all of those. We will process those. And we will scan everything that's available on election night. And the State usually -- beginning this year, in June, they released everyone about 12:30 p.m. This -- and my staff that night, when it got to a certain point in the night, there were no more ballots for them to open. So the scanners also wanted to leave at the same time. And I directed them to stay until they were finished with the scanning. And so that -- but we will keep -- we will work until the State releases us."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "So we're going to -- at this next election, that evening, the time that we will stop, it will be designated by the Secretary of State and that will be the time in which we will stop?"

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "Yeah, it will be congruent with the State."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay. And that will be communicated to all the interested parties?"

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "Yes."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay. The -- we obviously committed a lot of funding to this past process and I guess one of the mysteries, I guess that, to me, is that with a lot of the funding we committed and so forth, we seemingly sometimes don't have processes that seem to maybe have not been sort of thought out beforehand. And then we're still sort of coming down to the last minute on certain things. And my second really kind of comment around that, really involves the second recount. And yet somehow we seemingly are, you know, one of the last ones in the door in, you know, stuff I guess after the fact about why we were so late in the door. It seemed to revolve around the process, and us potentially take shortcuts which caused us to have, you know, basically wind up, you know, being the last one in. So a shortcut led to long process. So with -- if we have to have a recount again of that sort; otherwise a hand count, a hand recount appeared to have moved a lot faster and more smoothly than this electronic recount or however you want to classify it. But did we learned from that and do we have a clear recount process that we have spelled out what we are going to do to avoid what took, you know, kind of some of the issues which cropped up here recently."

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "The main issue cropped up when I guess the one shortcut that was taken was that as soon as these files were created and an immediate backup wasn't created, my people didn't create an immediate backup. And so what -- and then the server that we had out there, which was called the express server, it crashed. There was a Windows Oracle error or sequel error, and so as soon as that crashed, the failure to make a backup caused us to have to restart the process. And we were 88 percent through it at that point. And so, you know, that was a mistake on my staff's part. But, you know, we aren't going to employ one of those express servers anymore, and I've made it clear to them that backups have to be made as soon as they complete the creation of the election files for that."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "I appreciate, sort of the down in the weeds explanation on it, but, I mean, I do hope you can appreciate that and am I going to at least speak for myself and several other people that I represent that, you know, people have grown weary of hearing about these kinds of events and then having to hear an explanation as opposed to, you know, we have an operation. We've committed a lot of funding to it, and it works like it's supposed to work. So I hope you understand that and --"

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "Well, I understand."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "In which those comments are made."

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "Yeah, that's fine."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "The next thing I want to talk about in terms of process really relates to election day. Obviously, Election Day during this previous cycle was somewhat of a nonevent largely because we didn't have as many people participating on Election Day, and they participated in the other channels that were available to them. You know, but we clearly had, you know, what could have been a nightmare situation with equipment going out where we have people scrambling around with that to get stuff. So hopefully that issue and sort of a process around getting equipment to the right locations and getting it there in a timely fashion that we have doubled down and we got that piece of that more tightly wired. The other thing, and I'm not an expert on this, I'm not going to purport to be, but I had multiple people, poll managers and so forth that have been doing this, you know, for a while express their frustration around sort of the sloppiness that was involved in getting equipment, getting, you know, understanding, you know, who was calling the workers that day, the sites, et cetera, and many of them felt that they were sort of left to their own devices to figure that out, and they could figure it out because they've done it so much before. But in the absence of that, it would have really struggled. And, you know, just what struck me in terms of just listening to their remarks as well as some of the remarks that were made at some of the recent hearings at the state level was -- and certainly there are lot of aspersions and so forth that have been made within this election cycle that, you know, are really far afield. But the things that struck me were there were parts to it related to Fulton County elections that just a repeated level of sloppiness. And I realize that elections only occur episodically. You've got a lot of people working on it. That just work on it one time or whatever, and for many of them, they are seeing the sausage made for the first time. But we seem to have a repeated pattern of sloppiness and it has me concerned, and I guess my next question for you is on that process of setting up for election day and getting equipment out there, identifying who's going to be working the sites, how they're contacting the folks, how they're contacting the people at the sites, make sure they open on time, et cetera. What are we doing different, if anything, for this runoff than what we did for the general election?"

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "Well I think one of the big -- one thing that I learned that I will do definitely do differently is I made a decision towards the end of the week with the poll pads to in the precincts where they are -- where we have high early voting turnout, and there were precincts that had low early voting turnout. I made a decision to reallocate poll pads in order to prevent there to be lines in some of the precincts where there could have been a very high Election Day turnout. I think I made that decision too late in the process for the vendor, and it put a lot of pressure on the vendor to help us out. So if I was to make that decision again, I would have done it a week earlier. That's the main thing that I learned. I think also, with regard to getting everything ready with logic and accuracy testing this last time, I mean I think we did have, and I don't know the entire story behind it, but we had two moving companies set up, one of which for whatever reason was not available on that Monday, which caused a major backup, and we had to get Dream involved, and

they thankfully helped us that entire day to get equipment out there. So we've got -- we've got a moving company that is already confirmed as a backup for -- in case we need them for this election."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "What about the process of -- I understand that there are -- we have places where there's like Sunday pick up of stuff and folks are supposed to come down and pick up some items, poll managers, et cetera."

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "Yeah, we have -- we have three locations that we do some Sunday pickup, and so on that Sunday, we were still working on the poll pads on that Sunday. So those items were not available. And that --"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay."

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "Because of the decision I made to reallocate and I think I told the vendor that, you know, if I make a decision that late in the game again, you know, to shake me because I think I made that decision too late in the game. They understood my game, and so they tried to make it happen. But what it did was it set us back a bit with regard to getting the poll pads ready."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay. So that was the -- what I'm hearing you say is that was the principal source of frustration and confusion for those Sunday pickups? People picking up stuff and the poll pads weren't there?"

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "Yes."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay."

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "Yeah, we had -- I mean essentially what we had -- we had precincts such -- I'm just going to use Morningside Baptist. There were 8,100 voters assigned to that precinct. I believe we had over 5,600 people vote early and through absentee at that precinct. We had an allocation for 8,100 voters to that precinct. There was no need any more by the time we got towards the end of early voting to have 8,100 voters other than the allocation for 8,100 when there were only 2,600 people left to vote in that precinct. We had other precincts where the voter turnout was 15 percent through absentee and early voting. And so I made a decision to reallocate those poll pads to those precincts that were going to possibly have a higher voter turnout. And I mean I think it was the right decision. It was just made probably three days too late. And I think, though, that it was a big -- it was a lesson that I learned."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay. And I asked you this at the last election cycle about the poll workers and poll managers et cetera and the communications process to them. When will that start? Has it started? Has that started already?"

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "What, training for Election Day?"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "The training and notifying people where are they going to be working and where they're going to be working at."

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "Yes. And our goal is to have all of the assignments completed by Friday. And through yesterday, we were 87 percent complete with that. So that should be -- we're still on schedule to make that happen. We've also started -- we're doing some additional training on all of the forms because there are many more forms with this voting system, and so we are doing training -- additional forms training for all of the poll workers to make sure that they understand the impact of each of those forms that we have assigned them to do, not only and almost all of them are state assigned forms. But in some cases, they are three to four times -- there's three to four times the number of paperwork involved than there used to be in certain aspect of this -- the way the election is structured now."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "One of the things that also has given me some level of concern, is I've heard from multiple people, and some of this may be anecdotal, and so you can take it at face value. But I'm going to say it anyway. I've heard from multiple people who have been poll workers who have reached out, you know, offer their services as poll tags or whatever that sort of stuff, because they are experienced enough to do it. And they've have seemingly, you know, no response back to them, but then we find out that we have people working certain locations that have had limited training and limited experience doing so, which seems sort of counter intuitive. In addition to that, I know that there were some folks that had served in Fulton County poll locations who had provided, you know, some remarks at some of these hearings. I guess technically some of these folks you might, you know, could be deemed to be whistleblowers, but I want to caution, you know, you and your team as you're selecting workers that just because somebody might make a negative remark about some of the stuff that they have seen and provided that, you know, we can't be retaliatory against people for coming forth and providing statements which they have the intent to try to make the process better. We wouldn't do that with our own employees, and I hope we're not doing that with poll workers even though that they are temporary workers. So I'll just leave that at that statement. At the end of all this process, I am going to be very interested in having a much higher degree of accounting about how we are going about choosing people for these roles. I know there were, especially have these poll checks. I don't know who these people were, where they come from, what sort of qualifications they had, and was really that a good expenditure or something that sounded good on paper, but in practicality was largely a waste of dollars. So, you know, I've got some questions around that which I'll reserve. So after us completing this particular next cycle of things, you know, but I hope that we are -- have a very smart process for selecting these poll workers and ensuring that we're getting people that know how to do it and the best people in there and utilizing them as opposed to trying to bring people in who may not be as experienced. So I appreciate your comments and responding to my questions."

**RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:** "You're welcome."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Are there other questions for Mr. Barron? Any further questions for Mr. Barron? If not, Madam Clerk."

## **COMMISSIONERS' PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Board of Commissioners**

**20-0999 Board of Commissioners (Morris)**

[Discussion: Invest Atlanta Board of Directors November 19, 2020 Meeting Summary \(DISCUSSED\)](#)

**CLERK GRIER:** "Continuing on page 24, **20-0999**. Sponsored by Commissioner Morris. Discussion advanced at Atlanta Board of Directors 11/19/2020 meeting summary."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Again, this is simply the recitation of the, or summary of minutes of the actions taken at the November 19th meeting. If anybody needs any information about any of the items, please let me know. That's it, Mr. Chairman."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Next item."

**20-1000 Board of Commissioners (Morris)**

[Discussion: Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. December 9, 2020 CEO Report \(DISCUSSED\)](#)

**CLERK GRIER:** "**20-1000**, discussion Atlanta Beltline December 9, 2020 CEO report. Sponsored by Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Again, the routine CEO report from our last meeting. I don't believe there were any actions taken at the last Atlanta Beltline Board Meeting. But if you have any questions about the CEO report, please let me know. We'll get you the info."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you, Commissioner Morris. Madam Clerk, any items from the consent agenda or before we get to --."

**EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION**

**Board of Commissioners**

**20-1001 Board of Commissioners**

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

**PRESENT IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING LITIGATION, REAL ESTATE AND PERSONNEL:** Chairman Pitts, Vice-Chairman Arrington, Commissioners: Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, and Carn; County Manager Dick Anderson; County Attorney Patrise Perkins-Hooker; Deputy County Attorney Kaye Burwell; Senior Attorney Cheryl Ringer; and Clerk to the Commission Tonya R. Grier.

**PRESENT IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDIN PERSONNEL:** Chairman Pitts, Vice-Chairman Arrington, Commissioners: Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, and Carn; Chief Human Resources Officer Kenneth Hermon.

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Chairman Pitts to enter into Executive Session.

The motion passed by the following voice vote:

Yeas: 6 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Carn  
Did not vote: 1 - Arrington

b. A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Commissioner Morris to delegate signature authority to the County Manager to execute a new lease at the Fulton County Executive Airport, Charlie Brown Field.

The motion passed by the following voice vote:

Yeas: 5 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Carn  
Did not vote: 2 - Hausmann, Arrington

**PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Yes. Mr. Chairman, I'm going to need a motion from the board to delegate signature authority to the County Manager to execute a new lease at the Fulton County Executive Airport at College Field, Charlie Brown Field, I'm sorry, once the terms of the same are negotiated and the terms should be based upon similar terms offered to other FBOs at the airports facilities."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. I move approval. Do I hear a second?"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Properly moved and seconded. Commissioner Hausmann? Commissioner Ellis?"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

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

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Arrington. Commissioner Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "The motion passes; five yeas, zero nay."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "That's it. Any other items coming before us, Madam?"

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. The absence of any other matters that come before us, we are adjourned. Thank you very much."



**ADDED TO THE MEETING**

**Items added to the Agenda**

**20-1002 Board of Commissioners (Hall)**

Request approval of a Resolution approving the Memorandum of Understanding with Emory University Hospital Midtown ("EUHM") to allow EUHM to purchase outpatient drugs at a discount, authorizing the Chairman to execute the Memorandum of Understanding; and for other purposes. (APPROVED)

**a. A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve adding item #20-1002 to the Recess Meeting Agenda.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn**

**b. A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve item #20-1002.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

**Yeas: 5 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Carn**  
**Did not vote: 2 - Hausmann, Arrington**

**CLERK GRIER:** "Add-on item on the bottom of page 2 of the add-on memo sponsored by Commissioner Hall. **20-1002**, request approval of a resolution approving the MOU with Emory University Hospital Midtown to allow -- to purchase outpatient drugs at a discount authorizing the chairman to execute the MOU and for other purposes."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "We have the head of Emory, Sidney Paschal, to speak on behalf of this. He is the assistant director of the pharmacy at Emory. If anybody has any questions. No questions."

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

**PATRICE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Yes, we work with Emory. And the issue was, it's here before you all because of time constraints, they have been trying to work with us and get it resolved to get it on an agenda before next year. And it just allows them to be able to use their relationships with -- they are a charity care provider. They are allowed to take advantage of a program that had been freed by HUD. 30 -- excuse me. Health Services, 340 program, as long as they get a sponsoring agent. Then it doesn't limit our ability to allow the same benefits to be

afforded to Grady or our Board of Health. So yes, we work through this with them and Commissioner Hall's office, so we're fine with it."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Joe, mute. Joe, please mute. Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right."

**PATRICE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Okay, so this is a motion --

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

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Move approval."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right properly moved and seconded. Any other further discussions or comments? All right. Cast your votes, please. Hausmann. Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington. Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Continue."

**CLERK GRIER:** "I think we have items from executive session?"

**PATRICE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Yes, we do."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And that one item that we had in the meantime."

**PATRISE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Yes. You going to bring that up before executive session?"

**20-1003 Board of Commissioners**

[Request approval of a Resolution to extend emergency purchasing authority of the Chairman and County Manager for COVID-19 related purchases; and for other purposes. Extended until January 30, 2021 \(APPROVED\)](#)

**A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve.**

**The motion passed by the following voice vote:**

<b>Yeas:</b>	<b>5 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Carn</b>
<b>Did not vote:</b>	<b>2 - Hausmann, Arrington</b>

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. "Let's do that now then. Okay. Commissioners, as you recall, with respect to extending the purchasing authority of the chairman for COVID-19 related purchases, the County Attorney made a correction and sent the draft resolution to you. So I'd like to take that up. We'll need to amend the agenda in order to be able to bring this up to date. So I'd like to move that we amend the agenda to place this before us for a vote this afternoon. It will be a resolution to extend emergency purchasing authority of the -- strike that. Chairman County Manager for COVID-19 related purchases and for other purposes."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "I second that."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Properly moved and seconded. So we'll take a vote on amending the agenda. Commissioner Hausmann. Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington. Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** It's before us now, right? All right so on the -- I'd like to entertain a motion to approve a resolution to extend emergency purchasing authority of the chairman and county manager for COVID-19 related purchases, and this will extend through --"

**PATRICE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "January 31st."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "January 31st, 2021."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "So moved."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Properly moved and seconded. Cast your votes, please. Hausmann. Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington. Carn."

**COMMISSIONER CARN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Items from Executive Session."

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tonya R. Grier, Clerk to the Commission

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Nikki Peterson, Chief Deputy Clerk to the Commission

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