

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

September 07, 2022

10:00 AM



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



MINUTES-RATIFIED

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Ratification Date: October 5, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Robert L. Pitts

10:00 a.m.

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

Chairman Robert L. Pitts

PRESENT

Vice-Chairman Liz Hausmann

PRESENT

Commissioner Bob Ellis

PRESENT

Commissioner Lee Morris

PRESENT

Commissioner Natalie Hall

PRESENT

Commissioner Marvin S. Arrington Jr.

PRESENT

Commissioner Khadijah Abdur-Rahman

PRESENT

INVOCATION: Reverend Clifton Dawkins, Jr., County Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recite in unison

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA**22-0592 Board of Commissioners**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended by correcting clerical errors on items #22-0593, #22-0594 as requested by Commissioner Hall and #22-0599 as requested by Chairman Pitts. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: Hall, Arrington

22-0593 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation Recognizing "Yvonne Lowery Remembrance Day." **(Hall)**
August 15, 2022

Proclamation Recognizing "Frederick Douglass High School Class of 1970 Appreciation Day." **(Hall/Pitts/Arrington/Abdur-Rahman)**
August 20, 2022

Proclamation Recognizing "Norman Smith Remembrance Day."
(Hall/Abdur-Rahman)
August 20, 2022

Proclamation Recognizing "Glenn Melendez Appreciation Day." **(Ellis/Hall)**
August 24, 2022

Proclamation Recognizing "Aido International Network Appreciation Day."
(Abdur-Rahman)
August 24, 2022

Proclamation Recognizing "Natalyn Mosby Archibong Appreciation Day."
(Hall/Pitts)
August 25, 2022

Proclamation Recognizing "Dr. Mary Ann Smith Wilson Appreciation Day." **(Pitts)**
August 26, 2022

Proclamation Recognizing "Ruby Doris Smith Robinson Remembrance Day."
(Pitts)
August 26, 2022

Proclamation Recognizing "Melba Moore Appreciation Day." **(Hall/Pitts)**
August 26, 2022

Proclamation Recognizing "Avery Dixon Appreciation Day." **(Pitts)**
August 31, 2022

Proclamation Recognizing "Dwayne Heard Remembrance Day." **(Hall/Pitts)**
September 2, 2022

Proclamation Recognizing "Pastor Troy Sanders Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
September 2, 2022

Proclamation Recognizing "Phillip Boone Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
September 2, 2022

Proclamation Recognizing "Pastor Deedria Chauntee Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
September 2, 2022

Proclamation Recognizing "Armistad St. Arromand Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
September 2, 2022

Proclamation Recognizing "Pastor W. La'Shaun Jones Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
September 2, 2022

Proclamation Recognizing "Pastor Sonya E. Williams Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
September 2, 2022

Proclamation Recognizing "Valarie Vie Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
September 2, 2022

Proclamation Recognizing "Bishop Dennis Meredith Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
September 2, 2022

Proclamation Recognizing "Gregory Bonner Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
September 2, 2022

Proclamation Recognizing "Pastor Anthony Michael Greene Appreciation Day."
(Hall)
September 2, 2022

Proclamation Recognizing "Eric Paulk Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
September 2, 2022

Proclamation Recognizing "Kyle Lamont Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
September 2, 2022

Proclamation Recognizing "Antonio Brown Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
September 2, 2022

Proclamation Recognizing "Craig Washington Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
September 2, 2022

Proclamation Recognizing "Roshelle Darlene Hudson Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
September 2, 2022

Proclamation Recognizing "Patrisha Bostic-Omigie Remembrance Day."
(Abdur-Rahman)
September 3, 2022

Proclamation Recognizing "Doris Ann Arnold Remembrance Day."
(Abdur-Rahman)
September 3, 2022

Commissioners' District Board Appointments**22-0594****Board of Commissioners****FULTON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

The Arts Council shall be composed of fifteen (15) residents of the county. Initially, each member of the Board of Commissioners shall appoint two persons to serve on the council, one person to serve for a one-year term and one person to serve a two-year term.

Term = 2 years

Terms below expired: 12/31/19

W. Imara Canady (**Arrington**)

Pamela Smith (**Pitts**)

Terms below expire: 12/31/22

Mr. Onaje Henderson (**Hall**)

Ms. Jan Collins (**Ellis**)

Ms. Sandy Barth (**Resigned**) (**Ellis**)

Ms. Joan Compton (**Hausmann**)

Ms. Marie Willsey (**Hausmann**)

Ms. Catherine Fox (**Morris**)

Ms. Sadie Talmadge (**Morris**)

Ms. Sandra De Shields Hightower (**Abdur-Rahman**)

Commissioner Arrington nominated W. Imara Canady for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2023.

Commissioner Arrington nominated Angela Y. Robinson to replace Arnika Dawkins for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2024.

22-0595**Board of Commissioners****FULTON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Term = 2 years

Terms below expired: 12/31/19

W. Imara Canady (**Arrington**)

Pamela Smith (**Pitts**)

Chairman Pitts nominated Pamela Smith for reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2023.

22-0596 Board of Commissioners
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

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

Term = Staggered two (2) year terms

Term below expired: 7/31/2007
VACANT (Handel/Eaves/Pitts)

Chairman Pitts nominated Anne F. Currie for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2023.

22-0597 Board of Commissioners
FULTON COUNTY VETERANS EMPOWERMENT COMMISSION, INC. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

Each Commissioner shall appoint two (2) members.

Term = 3 Years

Chairman Pitts nominated James (Jim) Currie for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2024.

22-0598 Board of Commissioners
TASK FORCE FOR RACIAL EQUITY IN ALL POLICIES (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

Chairman Pitts nominated Cheryl Odeleye for a District appointment.

22-0599 Board of Commissioners
FULTON COUNTY REPARATIONS TASK FORCE (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

Each Commissioner shall appoint one (1) member.

Term = 2 Years

~~Chairman Pitts has nominated Tamika Jackson to replace Janay Wilborn for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2023. (REMOVED)~~

Vice-Chairman Hausmann nominated Shanti Oleti Vissa for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2023.

Open & Responsible Government**22-0600 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 21ITB129107C-GS, Uniforms and Related Accessories in the amount of \$80,000.00 with North America Fire Equipment Company, Inc. (NAFECO) (Norcross, GA), to provide uniforms and related accessories for the Department of Real Estate and Asset Management. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0601 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 21ITBC130825C-MH, Plumbing Supplies and Related Items in the total amount of \$98,899.93 with (A) Best Plumbing Specialties (Myersville, MD) in the amount of \$105.15; (B) Equiparts Corp, (Oakmont, PA) in the amount of \$18,484.60; (C) HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, formerly Interline Brands. (Jacksonville, FL) in the amount of \$35,676.31; (D) South K & A Specialty Parts (Newnan, GA) in the amount of \$7,300.19; (E) Tiles in Style d.b.a. Taza Supplies (Willow Brook, IL) in the amount of \$15,990.75; (F) Total Maintenance Solutions South (Taylors, SC) in the amount of \$276.86; and (G) WW Grainger (Norcross, GA) in the amount of \$21,066.07, to provide plumbing supplies and related items for Fulton County facilities. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0602 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 21ITB129724C-GS, Hazardous Waste Disposal Services in the amount of \$15,000.00 with Brooks Environmental Solutions, LLC (Brookhaven, GA) to provide hazardous waste disposal services on an "as-needed" basis for Fulton County. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0603 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 21ITB131850C-MH, Countywide Spot Cooler and Heat Pump Rental in the amount of \$36,000.00 with Spot Coolers, Inc. (Peachtree Corners, GA) to provide on-site portable air-cooled spot coolers and heat pump rental units with the necessary accessories for set-up on an "as needed" basis for designated Fulton County facilities. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0604 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 21ITB129983C-MH, Scrap Metal Removal with anticipated revenue in the amount of \$5,000.00 with North Fulton Metals, LLC (Alpharetta, GA), to provide scrap metal recycling services for Fulton County facilities. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0605 Finance

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Finance Department, 19-RFP060519C-MH, Employee Healthcare Benefit Plan - Dental with Aetna Life Insurance Company (Atlanta, GA) to administer: [1] Dental PPO (DPPO) Plan on a self-funded basis and [2] Dental HMO (DHMO) Plan on an insured basis, to eligible employees, retirees, beneficiaries and their covered dependents. This action exercises the third of four renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective date: January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0606 Finance

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Finance Department, 19-RFP060519C-MH, Employee Healthcare Benefit Plan - with Aetna Insurance Company Inc. to provide medical and pharmacy benefits as a fully-insured option to Medicare eligible retirees/beneficiaries and dependents. The plans administered are: (1) Basic Medicare Advantage Plan and (2) Enhanced Medicare Advantage Plan (*Buy-Up Option*). This action exercises the third of four annual renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective date: January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0607 Finance

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Finance Department, 19-RFP060519C-MH, Employee Health Benefit Plan - Vision Benefits provided on a self-funded basis administered by EyeMed Vision Care, to eligible active employees, retirees/beneficiaries and their eligible dependents. This action exercises the third of four renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0608 Finance

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Finance Department, 21RFP071321C-MH, Voluntary Worksite Benefits with (A) Continental American Insurance Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aflac Incorporated to provide Accident Insurance; Critical Illness Insurance; Hospital Indemnity Insurance; Whole Life with Long Term Care Rider and Flexible Spending Accounts (Ameriflex Administrator); Commuter/Transit, Dependent Care, Limited Purpose & Traditional Health (B) Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc. dba LegalShield to provide Identity Theft Protection and (C) Metropolitan Life Insurance Company to provide Short-term Disability Insurance & Legal Plans. Voluntary Benefit Plan Premiums/Contributions 100% employee paid. This action exercises the first of four renewal options. Three renewal options remain. Effective Date: January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

22-0609 Finance

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Finance Department, 21RFP1026C-MH, Unemployment Services in the amount of \$6,400.00 with Strategic Cost Control Inc. DBA Corporate Cost Control (Winter Park, FL), to provide unemployment claims administrative services for a total annual amount of \$6,400.00. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

22-0610 Finance

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Finance Department, 19-RFP060519C-MH, for Employee Healthcare Benefit Plans with (A) Anthem (BCBS) of Georgia to administer the self-funded Health Maintenance Organization (HMO), Point of Service (POS), and CDHP with Health Savings Account (HSA) Plans to active employees and Pre-65 (Non-Medicare) retirees/beneficiaries, as well as the Medicare HMO, Medicare Indemnity and PPO Plus [Closed] Plans to Medicare-eligible retirees/beneficiaries and (B) Kaiser Permanente (Atlanta, GA), to administer a fully insured HMO plan to active employees and Pre-65 (Non-Medicare) retirees/beneficiaries; and the fully insured Senior Advantage Plan to Medicare retirees/beneficiaries. This action exercises the third of four renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective date: January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0611 Human Resources Management

Request approval to modify the classification section of the Classification and Compensation plan by changing the salary range for the classification of Human Resources Policy Advisor from grade 26 to grade 27. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Arts and Libraries**22-0612 Library**

Request approval of a Resolution to accept the donation of an outdoor bench honoring former Sandy Springs Library Manager Mary Jane French from John and James French. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Health and Human Services**22-0613 Public Works**

Request approval of a Service Account Agreement Letter - Department of Public Works, Drinking Water Laboratory, and Related Services Account Agreement Letter in the amount of \$17,600.00 with the State of Georgia / DNR - Environmental Protection Division (EPD) (Atlanta, GA), to provide drinking water laboratory and related services for the contract period effective from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0614 Department for HIV Elimination

Request approval for Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program HIV Emergency Relief Project contract with Here's to Life, Inc. pursuant to Health Resources and Services Administration grant H89HA00007. Funding will be provided in Fiscal Year 2022 for a total of \$212,246.00 in Part A funds; in Fiscal Year 2023 Funds for a total of \$312,246.00 in Part A funds; and, in FY2024 for a total \$312,246.00 for a total of \$836,738.00 subject to Federal funding. Contract is 100% grant funded with no Fulton County match. Request authorization for the Chairman to execute contracts with selected subrecipients. To protect the interest of the County, the County Attorney is authorized to approve the contracts as to form and substance and make any necessary modifications thereto prior to execution by the Chair. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Infrastructure and Economic Development**22-0615 Public Works**

Request approval of a change order less than 10% - Department of Public Works, 20ITB126798K-JAJ, ARFF Phase II with Trident Building Solutions LLC, Atlanta, GA. in an amount not to exceed \$101,717.58, including owner's contingency, for additional plumbing, drainage, footings, and slab fill and to amend the corresponding contract specifications and contract duration by 45 days. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0616 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Resolution approving a Monthly Parking Agreement between Fulton County, Georgia and Legacy Parking Company for the purpose of providing parking for Fulton County Superior Court Administration and related services; to authorize the County Attorney to approve the Monthly Parking Agreement as to form and to make any modifications thereto in order to protect the interests of Fulton County prior to execution; to authorize the Chairman to execute the Monthly Parking Agreement; and for other purposes. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0617 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Water Vault Easement Dedication of 83 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Dash Development Team, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the Deerfield Dentistry Project at 4855 Windward Parkway, Milton, Georgia 30004. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0618 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of Make-Ready Program agreement with Georgia Power Company to install and maintain ET Infrastructure at the County owned and controlled real property located at 1332 Metropolitan Parkway, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30310 to support Fulton County's installation of electric vehicle charging stations. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0619 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Resolution to convey any real property interests Fulton County may have in Campbell Drive by way of quit claim deed of conveyance to the City of East Point, Georgia for the purpose of removing a cloud on title encumbering the real property; authorizing the Chairman to execute a quit claim deed of conveyance and any related documents; and for other purposes. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0620 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a First Amendment to Lease Agreement between Fulton County ("Tenant") and SOUTHPOINT FARMS LPIV, LLC ("Prime Lessee"); SOUTHPOINT FARMS VERTICAL PIV1, LLC ("PIV SUBLESSEE"); and SOUTHPOINT FARMS VERTICAL DP, LLC ("DP SUBLESSEE") (PRIME LESSEE, PIV SUBLESSEE and DP SUBLESSEE are collectively "Landlord") for the purpose of amending the lease commencement date and modifying certain rental terms for the consolidated warehouse Lease Agreement for 5674 Campbellton-Fairburn Road, Union City, Georgia 30312; to authorize the Chairman to execute the First Amendment to Lease Agreement and related documents; to authorize the County Attorney to approve the First Amendment to Lease Agreement and related documents as to form and to make any modifications thereto in order to protect the interests of Fulton County prior to execution; and for other purposes. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0621 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a resolution authorizing the acceptance by Fulton County, Georgia of title in fee simple of certain real properties from the Building Authority of Fulton County; authorizing the Chairman to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the acceptance of certain real properties and facilities from the Building Authority of Fulton County; authorizing the County Attorney to prepare and approve as to form all documents necessary and appropriate to accomplish these transactions; and for other purposes. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Justice and Safety**22-0622 Medical Examiner**

Request approval of a contract on behalf of the Fulton County Office of the Medical Examiner and the Emory University School of Medicine to provide clinical education experiences for students enrolled in, or visiting students participating in, a rotation with the Medical School's M.D. Degree; and authorizing the County Attorney to make any necessary modifications to the form and substance of the agreement prior to execution by the Chairman to protect the interests of the County. The County is not required to pay any compensation. Effective upon approval for five (5) years. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**22-0623 Board of Commissioners**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Vice-Chairman Hausmann, to adopt the Regular Meeting Agenda as amended by revising items #22-0625 as requested by Commissioners Hall and Abdur-Rahman, item #22-0645 as requested by Commissioner Hausmann; and move down item #22-0635 as requested by Chairman Pitts. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: Hall, Arrington

22-0624 Board of Commissioners

Ratification of Minutes. **(RATIFIED)**

Regular Meeting Minutes, August 3, 2022

Recess Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, August 17, 2022

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

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

Absent: Hall, Arrington

22-0625 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation Recognizing "Minority Business Opportunity Week." **(Pitts/BOC)**

~~*Proclamation Recognizing "Temple Lester Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**~~

Proclamation Recognizing "Perrin Bostic Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**

Proclamation Recognizing "Sybastian K. Smith Appreciation Day."
(Abdur-Rahman)

~~*Proclamation Recognizing "Reginald 'Reggie' Thomas Appreciation Day."
(Abdur-Rahman)~~

**removed during the meeting*

PUBLIC HEARINGS**22-0626 Board of Commissioners**

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

Priority for public comment will be given to Fulton County citizens and those individuals representing businesses or organizations located within Fulton County, including their employees, whether such persons are commenting in-person, via emails or via Zoom or other electronic media (i.e., phone call). Non-Fulton County citizens will only be heard after all in-person Fulton County citizens, representatives of business and organizations located within Fulton County, including their employees, have been heard and the time allotted for public comment has not expired, except as otherwise provided in this code section. County staff shall verify the residency of each public speaker prior to such person being heard by the board. Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each. Members of the public will not be allowed to yield or donate time to other speakers. The Public Comment portion of the meeting will not exceed 30 minutes at the Regular Meeting, nor will this portion exceed thirty minutes at the Recess Meeting. In the event the 30-minute time limit is reached prior to public comments being completed, public comment will be suspended and the business portion of the BOC meeting will commence. Public comment will resume at the end of the meeting. Similarly, written comments (that were timely submitted) not previously read, may be read at the end of the meeting. For more information or to arrange a speaking date, contact the Clerk's Office. **(CONDUCTED)**

11 Speakers: Kyle Waide (Atlanta Community Food Bank); Greg Fann (Grady Health System); Matt Rowenczak (Elections); David Clements (Elections); Candy Muldowney (Elections); Kevin Muldowney (Elections); Lucia Frazier (Elections); Jason Frazier (Elections); Michele Sarkisian (Elections); Derrick Blassingame (Various Topics/Elections) and Brett Chromy (Elections)

2 Zoom Speakers: Ron Cunningham (Elections) and Ben Howard (Senior Services)

1 Emailed Comment: Susan Ortiz-Villajos (Elections)

COUNTY MANAGER'S RENEWAL ACTION ITEMS**Open & Responsible Government****22-0627 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 21ITB130203C-MH, Mail Services Operation in the amount of \$318,384.12 with Moore Partners, Inc. dba More Business Solutions (Peachtree Corners, GA), to provide mail services Countywide. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Arrington

22-0628 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 21RFP130049C-CG, Landfill Post Closure Services in the amount of \$696,700.00 with Atlantic Coast Consulting, Inc. (Roswell, GA), to provide landfill post closure services at Landfill Maintenance at Merk/Miles and Morgan Falls Landfills for Fulton County. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Arrington

22-0629 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 21RFP131973C-MH, Bus and Shuttle Services in the amount of \$760,000.00 with MTI Limo and Shuttle Services, Inc. (College Park, GA), to provide bus and shuttle services for Fulton County employees and jurors. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Arrington

22-0630 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 20ITB126000C-GS, Asphalt/Concrete Pavement Maintenance and Repair Services in the amount of \$200,000.00 with CRM Services, LLC (Austell, GA), to provide asphalt/concrete pavement maintenance and repair services on an "as needed" basis for Fulton County. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

22-0631 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 20ITB125615C-GS, Standby Fencing Installation and Repair in the amount of \$200,000.00 with Allied Fence Company, Inc. (Mableton, GA) to provide standby fencing installation and repair on an "as needed" basis for Fulton County. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Arrington

22-0632 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 20RFP123434K-BKJ, Standby Landscape Design and Installation Countywide, in the amount of \$300,000.00 with Ed Castro Landscape, Inc. (Roswell, GA), to provide professional landscape design and installation services along with installation of irrigation systems for County facilities. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

22-0633 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 20RFP124887K-BKJ, Standby Professional Services for Facilities Related Planning, Design, Engineering and Assessments - Architectural and Engineering Services, in the total amount of \$1,600,000.00 with (A) Sizemore Group, LLC (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$400,000.00; (B) Williams Russell and Johnson, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$400,000.00; (C) CBRE I Heery + Russell (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$400,000.00; and (D) KHA Fra Engineering Consultants, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$400,000.00 to provide standby professional services for facilities related planning, design, engineering and assessments - architecture & engineering services program on a "task order" basis for a variety of capital projects in support of the Department of Real Estate and Asset Management. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Arts and Libraries**22-0634 Library**

Request approval to renew an existing contract in the amount of \$203,386.00 between the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension and the Fulton County Board of Commissioners to continue to provide research-based education in the areas of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Family and Consumer Sciences, 4-H and Youth Development to Fulton County citizens. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

COUNTY MANAGER'S ITEMS**Open & Responsible Government****22-0635 County Manager**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to approve allocating \$11 million to Grady Hospital in advance of receiving FEMA reimbursements. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Did Not Vote: Arrington

22-0537 Strategy and Performance Management

Request approval of an Inter-Governmental Agreement in the amount of \$120,000.00 with the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia on behalf of Kennesaw State University to conduct a communitywide customer service survey to ascertain opinions on a number of issues related to County management and quality of life in support of Fulton County's Strategic Planning efforts. Effective June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023. **(HELD)**

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

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

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

22-0636 Finance

Request approval of 2023 premium rates for the Medical and Pharmacy, Dental and Vision Plans effective January 1, 2023. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Hausmann

22-0637 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to increase spending authority - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, National Cooperative Contract #192163, a Master Agreement Contract for Maintenance, Repair, Operating (MRO) Supplies, Industrial Supplies and Related Products and Services in the amount of \$20,000.00 with WW Grainger (Norcross, GA), to supplement price increase to purchase mission critical parts including pumps, valves, hydraulic and pneumatic cylinders and drives, hand tools, power tools, equipment and related items in support of DREAM Building Construction and Facilities Maintenance Divisions and other County-wide Departments. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Hausmann

22-0638 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to increase spending authority - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 21RFP130049C-CG, Landfill Post Closure Services in the amount of \$75,000.00 with Atlantic Coast Consulting, Inc. (Roswell, GA), to provide funding to install permanent groundwater monitoring wells to measure the level of groundwater contamination at the site of Dogwood Senior Center located at 1953 Donald Lee Hollowell Parkway NW, Atlanta, GA 30318. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Hausmann

22-0639 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a task order - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 20RFP124887K-BKJ, Standby Professional Services for Facilities Related Planning, Design, Engineering and Assessments- Architectural and Engineering Services in the amount of \$739,180.00 with Sizemore Group, LLC (Atlanta, GA), to provide standby professional design services for the Fulton County Government Behavioral Health Crisis Center located within the existing Oak Hill Child, Adolescent & Family Center at 2805 Metropolitan Parkway SW, Atlanta, GA 30315. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Health and Human Services**22-0640 Public Works**

Request approval to increase spending authority - Public Works, 20ITBC124903A-FB, Corporation Stops and Brass Fittings in the amount of \$315,011.23 with Delta Municipal Supply Company (Lawrenceville, GA), to provide corporation stops and brass fittings. Effective upon BOC approval through December 31, 2022. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

22-0641 Public Works

Request approval to increase spending authority - Department of Public Works, 20ITB100620A-CJC-RN1, Small Water Meter Installation in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 with Wade Coots Company, Inc. (Hiram, GA) to provide small water meter installation in the North Fulton water service area. Effective upon BOC approval through December 31, 2022. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

22-0642 Public Works

Request approval to rescind contract change order - Public Works, 17RFP031617K-DJ Progressive Design/Build Services for Big Creek Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) Expansion Project Phase 2B in the amount of \$201,545.00 with Archer Western-Brown and Caldwell Joint Venture (Atlanta, GA) to cover the impact of tariffs for material and equipment and to extend the contract term by eleven (11) additional days due to inclement weather. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

22-0643 Public Works

Request approval of a Resolution to approve a five percent (5%) water and sewer volumetric rate increase for each of the next 3 years; to make the necessary increases to the water and sewer fee schedules; to approve modifications to the water connection fees for North Fulton; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes. The Resolution to authorize increases in water and sewer rates, fees and charges effective January 1, 2023, which are necessary to complete the projects included in the 2023 to 2026 Water and Wastewater Capital Improvement Program. To protect the interest of the County, the County Attorney is authorized to approve each of these documents as to form and make any necessary modification, prior to execution by the necessary County official. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS**22-0644 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution to amend a Resolution No. 21-0282 that created and established the Fulton County Veterans Empowerment Commission by revising its purpose to continue to operate solely as an advisory body to the Board of Commissioners and not as a Non-Profit Corporation; and for other purposes.

(Arrington) (APPROVED)

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

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

22-0645 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution approving funding of \$500,000.00 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in support of Wellspring Living's expansion and utilization of a multi-discipline service model covering the full spectrum of needs for victims of sexual exploitation; authorizing the Chairman to execute any necessary agreement in support of this funding allotment; authorizing the County Attorney to prepare the necessary agreement and approved same as to form and make modifications thereto prior to execution; and for other purposes.

(Ellis/Morris/Hausmann) (APPROVED AS AMENDED)

a. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Hausmann and seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve as amended. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Did Not Vote: Arrington

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Vice-Chairman Hausmann, to amend by prioritizing allocation of the \$500,000.00 for construction purposes. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Abstain: Arrington

Did Not Vote: Morris

22-0646 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution amending Resolution No. 18-0168 and Resolution No. 21-0279 authorizing the creation of a Fulton County Superior Court Clerk's Technology Fund; and for other purposes. **(Morris) (APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Ellis

22-0647 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution authorizing Fulton County, Georgia to accept a permanent donation of a portrait of former First Lady of the United States, Michelle Obama from the McKinley "Mack" Wilbourn Legacy Foundation to be displayed within Fulton County; approving the Art Donation Agreement to effectuate the donation; authorizing the Chairman to execute the Art Donation Agreement; authorizing the County Attorney to approve the Art Donation Agreement as to form and to make necessary changes thereto prior to execution; and for other purposes .
(Hall) (APPROVED AS AMENDED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to approve with a friendly amendment by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman to include language specifying the immediate and permanent locations to display the painting. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Did Not Vote: Ellis

Commissioners' Full Board Appointments**22-0648****Board of Commissioners****DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (APPROVED)**

Members of the Advisory Council shall be appointed for a period of three (3) years.
A member may serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms on the board.

Fulton County having a population of more than 50,000 according to the United States decennial census of 1990 or any future such census shall appoint one member for each population increment of 50,000 or any portion thereof.

Term = 3 years (No more than two consecutive terms)

Terms below expired: 8/1/2019

VACANT Marc Olsen (**Member 12**) (**Resigned**)

Anthony Clifford Jackson (**Member 13**)

Sunita Joshi (**Member 14/Eaves**)

Vacant (**Member 15**)

Urnil "Tracy" Marshall (**Member 16**)

Vacant (**Member 17**)

Vacant (**Member 7**)

Vice-Chairman Hausmann nominated Cathy Murphy (Member 17) for a Full Board appointment to a term ending August 1, 2025.

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

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

COMMISSIONERS' PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**22-0649****Board of Commissioners**

Discussion: Update of activities of the City of Atlanta and Fulton County Recreation Authority (AFCRA) (**Arrington**) (**DISCUSSED**)

EXECUTIVE SESSION**22-0650 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 Hausmann, Commissioners: Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington and Abdur-Rahman; County Manager Dick Anderson; Chief Financial Officer Sharon Whitmore; County Attorney Y. Soo Jo; External Affairs Director Jessica Corbitt and Clerk to the Commission Tonya R. Grier.

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

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

Did Not Vote: Ellis

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

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

Did Not Vote: Hausmann, and Arrington

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Arrington, to approve settlement authority in item #3 as discussed in Executive Session, in the case of David Brown v. Fulton County, in the amount of \$21,000. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

d. A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to approve the engagement of outside counsel required to update the Disparity Study needed to extend Fulton County's amended Nondiscrimination in Purchasing and Contracting Program, to wit: Rodney K. Strong of Griffin & Strong, PC. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S
RECESS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2022**

ALEXANDER SOLUTION, LLC

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Good morning and welcome to the Fulton County Government Center. This is the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County. Today is September 7, 2022. It is exactly 10 o'clock a.m. Madam Clerk, please call the roll."

CLERK GRIER: "Chairman Robb Pitts."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Vice Chairman Liz Hausmann."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Bob Ellis. Present Commissioner Lee Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Present."

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

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Present."

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

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

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 2, Consent Agenda, 22-0 --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- speak up a little bit, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 2, Consent Agenda: **22-0592**, Adoption of the Consent Agenda. All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the County Commission and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion will take place on these items. If discussion of any Consent Agenda item is desired, the item will be moved to the Regular Meeting Agenda for separate consideration. Mr. Chairman and

Members of the Board, we have clerical errors on the Consent Agenda. First item 22-05 --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- what page, what page?"

CLERK GRIER: "On page 2, 22-0593, the proclamation recognizing 'Frederick Douglass High School Class of 1970 Appreciation Day'. That proclamation was sponsored by Commissioner Hall – had to include her as a sponsor. On page 4, 22-0594, the Fulton County Arts Council: This item was revised to show the current members and terms. No further."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That's it for the Consent Agenda?"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Anything else, Commissioners? All right, on page 6 -- it's still Consent Agenda, correct?"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, 22-0599; I'd like to have that one removed --"

CLERK GRIER: "Your nomination?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes."

CLERK GRIER: "Okay."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Just your nomination, not mine?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just mine; is yours --"

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "--it's a combined item and I want to clarify that --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- I'm sorry. Let's divide those. I'd like mine removed."

CLERK GRIER: "Okay."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Any other items on the Consent Agenda? All right. Let's vote, please. Actually, there's a motion to approve by Commissioner Morris. It was seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "As amended."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "As amended."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 11, Regular Meeting Agenda, **22-0623**, Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have amendments to today's Regular Meeting Agenda. On page 11, Proclamations and Certificates, 22-0625. We're removing two proclamations. First proclamation is recognizing 'Temple Lester Appreciation Day' sponsored by Commissioner Hall."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Removed?"

CLERK GRIER: "Removed. Also removing the proclamation recognizing 'Reginald "Reggie" Thompson Appreciation Day' sponsored by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Removed?"

CLERK GRIER: "Removed."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

CLERK GRIER: "And on page 16, 22-0645: Request approval of a Resolution approving funding in support of the West Spring Living. We're adding Commissioner -- Vice Chairman Hausmann as the cosponsor."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Any other items? (No response.) Where is the COVID report? All right. On page 14, on the COVID report, the Managers will be arriving a little late, so we'll take that COVID report towards the end of the meeting. Hearing no objections? All right. Motion to approve as amended by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Vice Chair Hausmann. Please vote on the Agenda as amended."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**22-0624**, Ratification of Minutes. Regular Meeting Minutes, August 3rd. Recess Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, August 17th, 2022."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "22-0625, Presentation of Proclamations and Certificates. The first proclamation is recognizing 'Minority Business Opportunity Week' sponsored by Chairman Pitts with Full Board support."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Is that everyone? All right, come on over. It is an honor to present you with this proclamation sponsored by our Chair and Vice Chair, Liz Hausmann. And the proclamation reads: WHEREAS, the Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council, Georgia's leading small business development and supplier diversity organization has certified minority business enterprise firms, developed their capability, capacity, and competency; and facilitated partnerships with corporations and governments in need of their goods and services for 47 years. And WHEREAS, in 2012, the GMSDC entered into a partnership with Fulton County Government in which the Fulton Department of Purchasing and Contract Compliance utilizes GMSDC certification to register an MBE firm within the County's purchasing system, which abbreviates the application process to one page, and eliminates redundant paperwork. And WHEREAS, the GMSDC continues to support Georgia's MBE firms through its various signature events and educational programs designed to provide opportunities for growth, success, and long-term sustainability. And WHEREAS, during the week of September 19th through the 23rd, 2022 -- you are so excited over here -- the GMSDC will host its annual business opportunity exchange to stimulate opportunities and explore ways for minority businesses to do business with corporate and governmental supply chains. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners commends the business opportunities extended by the GMSDC, and honors the achievements of minority businesses and their importance to our economy. And DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM the week of September 19th through the 23rd, 2022 as Minority -- as 'Minority Business Opportunity Week' in Fulton County, Georgia. Congratulations. "

LEONA BARR DAVENPORT, RECIPIENT: "She's making comments about me being excited; I am. I am excited because we've had a partnership for ten years with Fulton County. And their support and commitment to helping minority businesses is just -- I am grateful. You have no idea. So, Ms. Emily Ang prepared some words, so I'm going to read her words as I was told to do. Thank you for your support of Minority Business Opportunity Week. Our Council works to help minority businesses engaged with corporate supply chains and government supply chains all over the great state. I will tell you, Savannah, Columbus, Augusta all participating. Our Governor is in full support. He's going to be doing a video launching the week, so everybody is committed and focused on minority businesses. This is especially true in the case when you are

entrusted stewards of tax dollars of local businesses and individuals. Minority Business Opportunity Week is designated to amplify the role minority businesses play in our economy; and encourage corporate and government supply chains to work harder to level the playing field. Last year, we commissioned several studies on minority business both nationally and in Georgia. And one of the findings show that even though minority businesses are experiencing steady growth, it will take us 100 years for minority businesses to achieve economic parity if we continue at our current rate. The good news is that part of the study showed that if corporate and government entities increase their spend by 1 percent a year, again, by one percent a year, we can achieve economic parity in 15 years. We recently launched the 1 percent pledge initiative where we're encouraging our members to increase their 1 percent annually. We would love for Fulton County to take that pledge to participate and make that commitment to help us ultimately level the economic playing field. Again, thank you, thank you; I am grateful."

CLERK GRIER: "The next proclamation is recognizing 'Perrin Bostic Appreciation Day,' sponsored by Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Perrin Bostic -- and it's a pleasure to honor you and the work you've been doing in the community; and especially your work with our current Senator, Reverend Rafael Warnock. And to celebrate your birthday was just a treat and an honor. And the proclamation reads: WHEREAS, Perrin Bostic is a graduate of Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Healthcare Administration. And he is a graduate of Georgia State University where he earned a Master's degree in Public Administration. And WHEREAS, Perrin Bostic is the Northwest Georgia Outreach Representative for United States Senator, Rafael Warnock. And he previously served as Policy Liaison and Director of Constituent Services for Atlanta City Council District 3. And WHEREAS, Perrin has served as an organizer for Pro Georgia and a graduate coordinator for 100 Black Men of America, Inc., as an advocate for justice and social transformation. He has served on the Atlanta Advisory Board of AID Atlanta, an organization focused on meeting the healthcare needs of some of Atlanta's most vulnerable communities. And WHEREAS, Perrin recognizes the importance of cultivating relationships and has built a career focused on uplifting marginalized communities. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Perrin Bostic for his tireless work as a public servant; celebrates with him and his family on the occasion of his 30th birthday. And DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM Wednesday, August 31st, 2022, as 'Perrin Bostic Appreciation Day' in Fulton County, Georgia. Congratulations, Perrin."

PERRIN BOSTIC, RECIPIENT: "Good morning. I just want to say thank you do the Fulton County Commissioner Natalie Hall and her esteemed colleagues here at the

Board of Commissioners. Someone who's behind the scene, you never expect for people to recognize the work that you're doing, so it feels, I feel -- I'm really appreciative of the honor here in Fulton County. My mother is an 11th grade US history teacher, and so, I learned early how important government was in serving and helping people. And that's what my mission and my life's purpose has been about; helping folks right here in Fulton County, and I'll continue to do so. So, just thank you again. It means a lot to be recognized. It was completely unexpected, so thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "The last proclamation is recognizing 'Sybastian K. Smith Appreciation Day' sponsored by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Sybastian and your family representatives with you. You going to stand here? All right. Sybastian K. Smith is a LGBTQ social justice advocate and activist. And at culmination of Black Pride, I thought it was more than necessary to celebrate the work that Sybastian has done as a advocate and activist, consultant, public speaker, and certified health educator. And WHEREAS, Sybastian is the Organizing Director at the National Center for Transgender Equality, and the Vice President of the I Am Human Foundation where he works in the health education resource coordination and outreach and linkage to care capacity at the organizations. And WHEREAS, Sybastian is pursuing a Bachelor's of Science degree in Public Health, with a goal of specializing in transgender healthcare and public health factors that affect the lives of transgender and non-binary communities. And WHEREAS, Sybastian's advocacy work is deeply rooted in his love for gender diverse communities. And he volunteers his time and holds a position on the Board of Directors with Black Trans Men Incorporated, and maintains leadership roles in the Black Trans Advocacy Coalition, and serves on the Board of Directors for several other nonprofit and Black Trans led organizations. And WHEREAS, Sybastian was crowned Mr. Black Trans International in 2018 and in 2019. And was awarded their 'Man of the Year'. And in 2021, he was named one of Out Georgia Business Alliance's most influential Georgians among many, many other esteemed achievements and accolades over the year. Has done so much work in the LGBT community and the community -- greater community as a whole. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Sybastian K. Smith for his commitment to the health and well-being of transgender citizens in Fulton County and beyond. And DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM, Wednesday, September 7th, 2022 as 'Sybastian K. Smith Appreciation Day' in Fulton County, Georgia."

SYBASTIN K. SMITH, RECIPIENT: "Thank you. Thank you."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Don't you be long winded now."

SYBASTIN K. SMITH, RECIPIENT: "I'm not, but I'm going to take my three minutes though. Thank you, thank you, thank you. There are no words big enough to express my gratitude for receiving this amazing honor today. Thank you, Commissioner Khadijah, your staff, and the Board of Commissioners for seeing me. For seeing the transgender community all across the world. That in the world, often invalidates us, silences us, and attempts to erase our entire existence. Special thanks goes to my wife and my life partner who gets to see me and love me through the raw unedited and tough moments. I realize having to share me with the world is often not easy. But on days like today, I'm reminded why I'm so grateful for you and I appreciate all of your sacrifices. This proclamation is not for me. It is for my black and trans ancestors because it is upon their shoulders that I stood for many years to do this work. It is for the faces that look like mine, that share the same lived experiences, and endured the same hurt, pain, joy, and any victories that I have. It is for all the trans masculine folks who are often told what we cannot do, and who we cannot be. It is for the black trans women who are fighting for their lives at this very moment. It is for the young person that is struggling trying to navigate through their gender identity in an unsafe and unhealthy environment. This list could go on, but it's for these people, the most marginalized of us, that I draw strength from. And without their love and trust, I would not be standing confidently here today. I also stand here knowing that trans people, especially our youth, or babies are under attack in every area of life. So, while I am humbled for this recognition, please, understand that underneath this smile, there's anxiousness, nervousness, optimism and hope that our society will soon recognize and realize that trans-people are human beings, too that also deserve the same access to freedom, liberty, in the pursuit of happiness. I cannot miss this opportunity to end today with a call to action. Remember it is your duty; it is your duty as allies and supporters of trans-communities to actively advocate for trans-lives. We must continue to hold each other accountable to doing just that; especially, in rooms and at tables where decisions are being made for trans-people, but there are no trans-people in the room, or at those tables. Make no mistake, as I continuously quote our great leader of the movement for equal rights for all black people, Dr. MLK, Jr.: Until all of us are free, none of us will be free. Thank you again, Commissioner Khadijah, District 6, and the Board. Thank you to my higher power for continuously guiding my footsteps and creating this path for me long before I knew what the assignment was. Again, thanks to my friends and my family, and my colleagues who are here today to join me. It's for you that I fight for our total liberation. And I will continue the good fight."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "You took your whole three minutes."

SYBASTIN K. SMITH, RECIPIENT: "I took my whole three minutes."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "And it was well worth it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah, we did good. Thank y'all very much. It's 10:23. All right, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 12, Public Hearings, **22-0626**. Public Comment -- citizens wishing to participate in public comment will be allowed to appear in person or may choose to participate virtually via Zoom videoconferencing, or by submitting their comments in writing online by registering on the County website, www.fultoncountygga.gov. Priority for public comment will be given to Fulton County citizens and those individuals representing businesses or organizations located within Fulton County. Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each. The public will not be allowed to yield or donate time to other speakers. Public comment portion of the meeting will not exceed 30 minutes. In the event the 30-minute time limit is reached prior to public comments being completed, public comment will be suspended and the business portion of the BOC meeting will commence. Public comment will resume at the end of the meeting. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have -- we'll start with the speakers here in Assembly Hall. We have received 12 speaker cards. Will the first six speakers, please come down: Kyle Wade, Greg Fann, Matt Rowenzcak, David Clements, Candy Muldowney, and Kevin Muldowney."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. As always, when you have two minutes -- strike that, I always say that. When you have 15 seconds remaining rather, I'll simply say 15 seconds and that's your cue to begin to conclude your remarks. It is 10:25."

KYLE WAIDE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "All right. Good morning. My name is Kyle Waide. I'm the CEO of the Atlanta Community Food Bank. And I'm here today to briefly publicly thank Solicitor General, Keith Gammage, his team, and all of you for your support of a unique partnership that we have formed with the Solicitor General's office over the past year or so. Our food bank is one of the largest hunger relief organizations in the country. We work with a network of 700 partners across 29 counties to provide about 80 million meals to families in need across our region. We saw during the pandemic a massive increase in food insecurity across Fulton County and the entire north Georgia region. At the same time, we saw due to the disruptions created by the pandemic, a big backlog in public safety cases that created a lot of trouble, and that needed to be resolved by the Solicitor General's office. We came together at Solicitor General Gammage's idea to develop a unique partnership to advance public safety and improve food security at the same time and created a program Operation Feed Fulton which allows folks who have committed low level public safety offenses to instead of going

through the court process make a contribution to the Atlanta Community Food Bank of \$75. That program so far has allowed about 850 individuals to make \$65,000 worth of donations providing some 230,000 meals --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds --"

KYLE WAIDE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- to people in need across our community and has made a huge difference, both for us and for the backlog of cases. So, we thank you, we thank Solicitor General Gammage for creating this innovative program and we look forward to growing it in the years to come. Thank you."

GREG FANN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners. I'm Greg Fann and I'm not here today to represent the union. I'm here today as the President of the South Fulton Ministerial Alliance. And I'm here to speak on a human rights issue in terms of humanity. You guys -- when I heard on the news that WellStar was closing down the hospital, I was flabbergasted. We shut down hospitals in East Point -- WellStar has, and the shutting down of a major trauma center in the fourth Ward. Grady -- you fund Grady to help people because you understand that people need healthcare. We need your help and your assistance as the citizens of Fulton County to look in to what you can do to help keep that trauma center open. We have major car accidents, people are brought from all over the state to Grady, and Grady was sending them to Atlanta Medical Center because they couldn't hold anymore. But if that Center is closed down, and people are being shot, we've got gun shots, people getting shot every day that's a trauma case. We have a major car accident that's a trauma case. Where are these people going to go? We need your help. We need your assistance and I want to thank Commissioner Hall for meeting with us and talking to us about this issue because we need your help, Commissioners. Whatever you can do, please do it to help the citizens of Fulton County. Well, God bless you, God bless your family, and God bless America. Thank you."

MATT ROWENCZAK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Morning, Commissioners. This morning I want to share with you something I think was missing --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- state your name, please sir."

MATT ROWENCZAK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- Matt Rowenczak, Fulton County resident. It was probably missing from the proclamations. We do a lot of proclamations every meeting, correct? This weekend is September 11th, and I know this isn't a new event, but have we celebrated the thousands of lives that are from Georgia specifically Fulton County you know in the last 20 years. Or have we celebrated any that lost their lives after September 11th? So, we come here in a routine and we say the Pledge of

Allegiance, right; but, do we actually practice what we preach? I do not see that this morning. To me that is a red flag and a major issue. And maybe this is also why this Board fails to address the illegal voting system that is currently being used in this County and many others. Today, we know that all of us, we as voters, we cannot verify our vote. Commissioner Arrington, you couldn't vote for yourself in this past primary. You know, I agree with you. There are major issues that have not been addressed and I would ask even the County Attorney there are violations in addition to state law that we know has been confirmed by calling B. Raffensperger by a federal judge that the voter cannot verify their own vote. That's on top of the [Inaudible.] federal law violations that are already out there. So, my question is what are we doing about it? [Inaudible.] came out with all the vulnerabilities that were published recently; I don't think any of those have been addressed --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds --"

MATT ROWENCZAK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- so, at the end of the day a recent [Inaudible.] poll says 59 percent of Americans could no longer trust our elections. That should be a siren and alarm for immediate action. You do have the authority despite many counties that deflect. Please take action. Thank you." APPLAUSE

DAVID CLEMENTS, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, David Clements --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- all right. Just a minute. May I ask you to lower those placards and signs, please. Thank you."

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE: "Why?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Our rules. Okay."

DAVID CLEMENTS, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "This morning, we --"

(Speaker interrupted by members of the audience.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You have the floor. Go ahead."

DAVID CLEMENTS, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "This morning, we opened up with an invocation, and it was interesting that the invocation did not identify which God we're appealing to. The nameless faceless entity. I serve Christ. Christ --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- all right."

DAVID CLEMENTS, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- and Christ has a standard -- Christ has a standard on what is righteous and what is not, and we talk about proclamations of civil rights issues, for folks that want to poison the minds of our children. We're going to give

a proclamation for that, the greatest civil rights issue that faces every American. You want to talk about parity, you want to talk about equal standing, the right to vote. The right to vote -- our voices -- and yet we are voiceless. Your constituents feel voiceless when you have 59 percent of all voters that believe that the last election was stolen and we do nothing about it to restore public confidence? Folks, we know the election was stolen. We know that you know the election was stolen --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "—okay."

DAVID CLEMENTS, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- by a person --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "[Inaudible.]"

DAVID CLEMENTS, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- are you going to allow the comment or not? But, if we're going to silence people that they're first amendment rights -- do we have to put up a sign to speak to you? We're tired of being shut out. We're tired of being silenced and we won't be silenced. Do your jobs to help restore public trust in these elections. We demand it. This is a civil rights issue of our time and Dominion is aptly named. We're all under Dominion --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds--"

DAVID CLEMENTS, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- slavery. This is slavery. And what are you going to do about it? What are you going to do about it? Just stare and act like nothing's wrong. Shame on Fulton County. This is the hell of elections." APPLAUSE

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. All right. Just one moment. Ladies and gentlemen, let me be very clear, our rules of the Board of Commissioners do not allow for outbursts or placards or clapping and any of that nature, anything of that nature during our meetings, so I would ask you to respect the rules and regulations and the decorum of this Body --

MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE: "You work for us; [Inaudible.]"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You have the floor Ma'am."

CANDY MULDOWNNEY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "My name is Candy Muldowney. As you know, since the release of the report detailing nine separate vulnerabilities affecting the Dominion voting systems. These are the same systems used all across Georgia. These vulnerabilities can be used to exploit and insert malicious code. Effectively putting the systems and the data, our votes, at risk. If like other Boards, you may think you claim you have no control, I point out O.C.G.A 21-2-366 which says, you as the governing authority of Fulton County have the authority to direct the use of the voting machines. Do not waste our time saying you have to do what you're told by the

Secretary of States' office. You all took oaths that commit you to lawfully make decisions on behalf of the people of Fulton. You know now there are serious risks inherent in these machines and you know the laws that the machines violate. You know the statute that gives you the authority to change all this. Either do the right thing and get rid of the machines, go to paper ballots, or resign your seat and let other patriots do the right thing. Thank you." APPLAUSE

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. I'm trying to be patient, so please bear with us. Sir, you have the floor."

KEVIN MULDOWNEY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hi. Kevin Muldowney, a Fulton County resident. These voting machines are expensive, vulnerable, and overly complicated. I worked as a poll worker. Most of our duties centered on recording the details of the machines. Not recording the actual voting results. France employs simple paper ballots tabulated by the individual precinct workers of which we have many; and produces verifiable same-day election results. As mentioned earlier, a recent poll shows that the majority of Americans do not trust our election results. We need, we need to simplify. Also was mentioned the Secretary of State really can't call the shots. You guys at the County level has the authority. I believe that's in a Georgia code 212-366. When it comes to the process as important as voting, our motto needs to be, keep it simple stupid, and paper ballots will do this. Thank you." APPLAUSE

CLERK GRIER: "Next six speakers in Assembly Hall is: Lucia Frazier, Jason Frazier, Michelle Sarkisian, Derrick Blassingame, Brett Chromy, and Mark Wilburn."

LUCIA FRAZIER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. Lucia Frazier. I just want to thank you guys first of all for your vote to roll back the millage rate. That was great. This is a first step toward incentivizing cost reductions in all departments. Now, it's time to create more incentives for all the staff to implement cost reductions. This could be like pay bonuses, or extra vacation day, just something to help us pull everything in. There's still a really big issue of overspending in our Elections Department. With all the uncertainty of digital data due to ease of manipulation, why are we still spending so much money on fancy machines that aren't even locked out to protect people's votes? The paper ballot process was used everywhere until recently so the process is already defined. We must have the votes cast and then hand counted in the precinct right after the close; that way everything is closed loop. Please do your due diligence. And help -- help close all these open holes and make Fulton County the first and the best County gold standard of closed loop elections. I think there's a path to do this. I mean there's a lot of things that don't look good for us right now. I know you guys are really focused on a lot of other things right now. There's a lot of people focus. I really appreciate and I'm proud to be born and raised here and I'm proud of all the proclamations that come up.

I'm proud of all the minorities businesses that have come up, but I'm going to say I don't really think there's minorities anymore. I think we're all -- there's a mix of everybody here. There's a mix of everybody that has done awesome accomplishments. I've seen people of every color and culture at the top, along my side, everywhere --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

LUCIA FRAZIER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- so, let's just focus more on what's honorable and what isn't. People are honorable or not of every color. Thank you."

JASON FRAZIER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Jason Frazier, with Fulton County. Today I wanted to give you a little bit of an update on some of the fun that I've found in the Fulton County voter rolls. As some of you know, I've submitted about 17,000 voter roll challenges in Fulton County. I've looked at voter rolls across the state. Fulton County is by far the worst; the easiest one, I mean if you throw a dart at the rolls and you'll find a problem. The biggest bucket that I have found are people registered 2, 3, 4, and I even found one guy registered 5 times, same name-same address-same birth year. But I also play a lot of sneaky games like incremental birth year by one and some fun things like that. But that was about 13,000 of these. I've also found almost 500 people with no date of birth. I don't know if they're 12 years old, 50 years old. Fun thing is Fulton County doesn't either, but they allowed about 87 of those people to vote without a birth year. Who's verifying this? How is that even possible; kind of makes you wonder. Also found 2,012 people who lived at missing address street - they didn't even have an address. What precinct are they in? Who knows. They shouldn't be adding people without a birth year, without an address. They're also adding a lot of people at PO boxes, UPS stores that makes it very difficult to track when somebody moves. It makes it difficult to track what precinct they're in; I mean if I want my buddies to win, I'd just have everybody register at the UPS store down the street. We shouldn't be allowing this. But I turned in a little over a thousand people at business addresses, and then low and behold, I get the new voter rolls last week, and they added more to the UPS store down the street from my house; so, I'm going to have to challenge again. I mean this is like Groundhog Day. They just keep adding more duplicate registrations, hundreds more duplicate registrations added every single month. I'm going to be turning them in again and again; but if you want to save money, add people once --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- all right, 15 seconds."

JASON FRAZIER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- yeah, and that will save a lot of money. Right now, we're spending about \$50 per person. I'll get off ten thousand people that shouldn't be on the rolls. That's a big savings. You guys need to do your jobs. Thank you."

MICHELLE SARKISIAN: "Good morning. My name is Michelle Sarkisian. I'm a Fulton County resident. Last evening, Cherokee County -- the Cherokee County Commission allowed speakers to defer their minutes to your previous speaker David Clements because hundreds and hundreds came out to support election integrity as they know our election systems' are corrupted. We wish you would have allowed the same. Anyone with eyes to see, and ears to hear, and knows with absolute certainty that we have been forced to vote via illegal machines. Just note Curling versus Raffensperger lawsuit, we have been respectful in our requests for you to do your job, and we are tired of passing the buck and wasting our tax dollars on bad processes and horrid machines. To be clear, I am not an election denier. I am a law-abiding defender of election integrity. I only ask along with masses across the country for you to do likewise. You have the power and you have the influence, use both for honorable election integrity or frankly resign."

DERRICK BLASSINGAME, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Derrick Blassingame here. I appreciate the opportunity to address this Board of County Commissioners. I'm here to remind the Chairman --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "--state your -- excuse me, state your name."

DERRICK BLASSINGAME, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- my time is going --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- state your name."

DERRICK BLASSINGAME, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "My name is Derrick Blassingame. I'm a resident of Fulton County, City of Atlanta. Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment or prohibiting the free speech thereof, or breaching the freedom of speech or of the press, or of the right of the people to peacefully assemble and to petition the government to a redress of grievances. The United States is a constitutional Republic and this government is of the people, by the people, and for the people. Now, Mr. Chairman, I've watched you go through 17 proclamations and you did not tell that they could not clap or couldn't participate; but yet you want to restrict the right of the citizens of Fulton County to come down here to petition this government for a redress of grievances and you want to deny us our First Amendment right. I hold you in contempt. The second thing I want to address today is that we need to reform our law enforcement system in this County. I'm calling for the consolidation of the Fulton County Marshalls' office, the Fulton County police, and to consolidate those entities with the Fulton County Sheriff Department in order so that we have a strong law enforcement presence throughout this County. I'm also for paper ballots. This County has seen fraud after fraud after fraud after election after election and it's time that we go back to paper ballots so that we can ensure election integrity in Fulton County."

(APPLAUSE FROM THE AUDIENCE) I am also calling for the review and audit of the Central Library Atlanta Fulton County because it's a drain on our resources. They have very low circulation. The Director is not leading. Finally, I also want to indicate that this County has spent years making this County work for homosexuals and members of the LGBTQ community respectfully --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "--15 seconds."

DERRICK BLASSINGAME, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- it is time that we make this County work for heterosexuals, married individuals, and couples. Derrick Blassingame, the government watchdog."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, ladies and gentlemen one more time. In all my years, I don't think I've ever --"

(MEMBERS IN THE AUDIENCE SPEAKING)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- had a group come before this Body that did not agree to obey our rules and regulations. This is the first for us. You have the floor. You have the floor."

BRETT CHROMY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "My name is Brett Chromy, I'm from Fulton County. First, I want to publicly acknowledge and personally show appreciation for your decision to fold rollback of the millage rate at last months' meeting. This was the correct decision. It was appropriate. Maybe most importantly, it was bipartisan. It should have been seven nothing. I was shocked and dismayed that my own Commissioner didn't have the courage to vote for a full rollback. That won't be forgotten when it's time for reelection. Today we have another bipartisan issue of interest in Fulton County and that's regarding election integrity. This is clearly a bipartisan issue that everyone should support. In 2016, it was Stacy Abrams and her supporters who were disappointed and concerned with the election results. In 2020, it was the Republicans. Today, more than half of all Americans have concerns of our elections and don't believe the next election will be free and fair. There's a lack of faith in voting in Fulton County due to many factors, but especially the Dominion voting machines. It is well past time to dump the corruptible voting machines. It's illegal to vote on machines in Georgia. This has been upheld by the courts. It's time to create a voting system so all Georgian's trust the results. We need to vote on paper and verify these votes are correctly counted with hand recounts and inspection of all ballots. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, that's it? No further speakers in Assembly Hall?"

CLERK GRIER: "No more speakers in Assembly Hall. We have four speakers on Zoom and one e-mailed in comment."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Good morning, Commissioners. The first person to speak is Rob Cunningham."

ROB CUNNINGHAM, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. Rob Cunningham, Fulton County resident. Thank you for hearing me today. No elected officer, no matter how high an office they may hold in the state of Georgia, can invalidate your oath. No one outranks you in this regard. No matter how many millions of legal codes or statutes or rules or mandates, ordinances or acts written since our Constitution was founded, nothing cancels or dilutes our constitutional laws. At issue here today is our true law and true rights and your oath to us and God is to know, support, and defend our laws. Our Constitution is written in clear, easy to read, direct language for every citizen to easily understand. Every Georgian, I daresay, will stand 100 percent with each of you who will boldly affirm our inherited right to lawful constitutional fair and honest elections. When the architect of our Republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was default heir. That was written by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. As our voter rolls exist today, they are not certifiable. The machines are not certifiable --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

ROB CUNNINGHAM, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- federal law request that you attest certification of all machines before the election, and if you do not, and our election is certified without verification, it is a felony. Please do your jobs."

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

BEN HOWARD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Greetings one and all; Ben Howard, Senior Advocate Public Policy Analyst. I share with you my intent to communicate to Ms. Anna Roach, Director of the Atlanta Regional Commission. Director Roach, I beseech you, HELP. Under the [Inaudible] and shrewdness of present and past administrators of senior citizen affairs in Fulton County citizen participation has been brought to its knees regarding the elderly. We hear not a word from the Commission on Disability Affairs. The Council on Aging which has been the recipient of County resources for decades, has been allowed to go down in flames without a county audit. The Commission on Elder Affairs has been guided and goaded in to performing perfunctory and dilatory tasks such as tinkering with its mission statement, voting to no longer meet during the month of December, and re-creating committees without reaching out and involving the myriad of senior citizens here in Fulton County. Director Roach, I beseech you, HELP."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Athena Sheffet. Okay. The next person to speak is Lisa Jaqua. With that said, that concludes the Zoom Public Comments."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Anything else?"

CLERK GRIER: "We have one e-mailed in comment."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "One e-mail?"

REGINA WALLER, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Yes, sir, one e-mail comment and it is from Susan Ortiz. You have been entrusted to hold the purse strings of our money. You are accountable for how you are spending our money. Election spending is bloated in Fulton County compared to the counties similar in size. I recognize Fulton County was the laughing stock around the world for the last primaries. So, you might think throwing more money at the problem is going to fix it. The problem begins with expensive machines that cannot be trusted. Voting on paper ballots would be cheaper, require less education on training for poll workers, and restore the public trust in our elections. Instead of looking at the obvious, you throw money at the problem by adding more polling places which were not justified by the number of voters in those precincts. You also throw our money out by extending voting hours. All this is with the idea of expanding voter access. Never a thought is given to the real problem, election integrity, nor this added burden on the poll workers. When the polls were open at 9 to 6, I had to be there at 7:00 a.m. as the Assistant Manager. Now, if the polls are open 7 to 7, you're asking Managers to be at the polls at 5:00 a.m. for three weeks without a day off and Clerks at 6:00 a.m. This is an undue burden. You also cost the taxpayers by keeping the rolls bloated. Every fake voter on those rolls is figured into our calculation of how many polling locations need to be open. One good thing that you have going for Fulton County is free labor for those helping to clean up the rolls; and yet they are considered a burden to the Elections Department. This concludes the e-mail comments."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Any further? All right. We have two minutes to spare; thank you. Continue Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 12, County Manager's Renewal Action Items under Open and Responsible Government, **22-0627**, Real Estate and Asset Management."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Excuse me, Madam Clerk. Colleagues, the next eight items are all renewals, and if there are no objections, I'd like to take those as one vote unless there is one you'd like to discuss separately. Anyone to hold out or take them –

there are eight of them, they are all renewals, renewing existing contracts. You've got one?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Mr. Chair, I don't agree that we should take them all together. I just have one question."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Which one?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "On 629 and it actually the question can apply to many other Agenda items that we have seen come before us because it's related to the gasoline prices."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Mr. Chair, I would just ask us to probably I think we can move through them quickly, but I think they should be done separately."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. No problem. All right, Madam Clerk, we'll take them separately."

CLERK GRIER: "**22-0627**, Real Estate and Asset Management: Request approval to renew an existing contract to provide mail services countywide."

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

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I have a question."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I'm sorry, Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "So, just a quick question. I've got a recurring question. On 0627, I do notice and I'm just trying to get a sense of this. I think it's important as we began to look at our renewals, that's part of the reason why I wanted to separate these out, that we start to get a sense of what we're seeing -- where's our Purchasing folks at here today -- do we have Purchasing here?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Ms. Strong- Whitaker; where is she?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Maybe Finance can answer this -- I don't know, but I'd like to just sort of get a sense of what we're seeing in terms of just increases on these individual contracts. I'm looking at this one, I know these are sometimes these are up-to-amounts which we may not spend or whatever, but it looks like the full amount on this one is 23,000 is that correct on this particular item in terms of -- I'm asking about increase in renewal costs on contracts. If there's a way for us to begin to identify and

sort of call these out as these renewal projects are coming up, I think would be helpful a little more clearly."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Did you hear the question, Ms. Strong- Whitaker?"

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC: "I'm sorry. I missed some of the question."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "So, my question on this on 0627, it looks like the renewal amount here is 318,384. If I read that correct, that's up 23,584 from the prior."

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC: "Right. The original was –

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. So the increase in this contract – I'm trying to get a sense of what we're seeing in terms of just increase in costs of the contract. So, this is 7.4 percent on this particular one?"

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "All right. No further questions."

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC: "I'm sorry."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**22-0628**: Request approval to renew existing contracts to provide Landfill Post Closure Services."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Hall. Commissioner Ellis, you have the floor."

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC: "Same thing."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Similar question. I'm calculating this to be about 7.1 percent. This is a 50,000-dollar increase; is that correct?"

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC: "Yes, Commissioner. I believe you're going to see average increases up to ten to 15 percent on a lot of the renewals because of various CPI increases, labor chain issues; and so we have asked the

departments to look at all of the contract renewals to make sure and approve those contract renewal amounts before we presented them to you all."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "All right. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion on the floor is to approve. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "Page 13, **22-0629**: Request approval to renew an existing contract to provide bus and shuttle services for Fulton County employees and jurors."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Hall. Commissioner Hall, you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "My question is related to the fuel costs because we have continuously seen these Agenda items come before us where they are increasing due to the high fuel costs. And we have recently seen those gas prices decline. And so, are we going to also see some of these declines as well with the gas prices declining because the fuel costs is no longer going to be an issue anymore."

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC: "So, before I will answer, and then I'm going to defer to Mr. Joe Davis."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you."

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC: "But in regards to a lot of these contracts, they're in an amount not-to-exceed which means we may not need to use all of the spending authority, but we're requesting it based on the best information we have at this time."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Commissioner, Vice Chair Hausmann."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Yes. Thank you. I just want to comment on the gas prices. I don't think we really know what's going to happen with gas prices. You know, right now, we're not paying sales tax, the state sales tax on gas and so that probably will not last forever; plus, it's still a good dollar more a gallon than it was you know the beginning of 2021. So, I don't know that we could with confidence say that that's going to continue to go down."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Motion on the floor is to approve. Please vote. I'm sorry, Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Commissioner Ellis, I was also going to thank you because I didn't have to cover the renewal cost question because you did. Thank you."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "One further comment. I guess on this one too, it's not I guess they sited both. It wasn't just gas and labor on this one. So, this one--"

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC: "-- it's gas and labor and usage, because--"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "-- gas, labor, and usage; so, they all were -- all three were going up --this one looks like we originally -- this is a nine month contract - so this is a ten month -- this one's, I guess, it looks like the up-to, I mean the up-to amount is up like 9 percent on this particular one?"

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC: "The full 12-month period. Joe Davis is going to add some more information, Commissioner."

JOSPEH DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "That is correct if you annualized it the costs from the nine-month contract it will represent a 9 percent increase over the previous years' price for next year."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "All right. Thank you."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "**22-0630**: Request approval to renew an existing contract to provide asphalt concrete pavement maintenance and repair services on an as-needed basis."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Vice Chair Hausmann. Any questions or comments? All right. Let's vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**22-0631**: Request approval to renew an existing contract to provide standby fencing installation and repair on an as-needed basis."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Hall. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**22-0632**: Request approval to renew an existing contract to provide professional landscape design and installation services."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We have a motion to approve by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Hall. Any questions? Hearing none please -- strike that. Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "We approved I guess a series of other contracts related to landscaping. This, how is this a different one? Is this a new one or is this--"

JOSPEH DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "-- Commissioner, this item is for landscape installation and design where we are installing a completely newly designed landscape at any particular property. It is completely separate from our annual landscape maintenance contract. We previously had multiple contracts across the County one of the reasons why we saw an increase in costs on the landscape maintenance contract is because we combined the Public Works contract along with that of DREAM to minimize the total number of contracts out there. This was one that we could not because it is for a separate service."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. I know it -- in maybe some of our prior contracts, some of our vendors were having struggling to meet the service requirements within that within the cost frame that it was. How confident are we that this particular one can be met in terms of within their costs that we have right here?"

JOSPEH DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "In this contract, there's a different indefinite quality. The vendors' able to set their price based upon the requirements that we ask for as a part of the installation, so there's no fixed-price associated with it. Not to mention this particular vendor actually on the landscape installation and design contract has performed very well."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay, thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Again, the motion on the floor is to approve. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 14, **22-0633**, Real Estate and Asset Management. Request approval to renew an existing contract to provide standby professional services for facilities related planning, designing, engineering, and assessments."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. We have a motion to approve by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Hall. Any questions? All right. Cast your votes, please."

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

CLERK GRIER: "Under Arts and Libraries, **22-0634**: Request approval to renew an existing contract to provide research-based education in the areas of agriculture, natural resources, family and consumer services, 4-H and Youth Development."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We have a motion to approve by Commissioner Arrington, seconded by Vice Chair Hausmann. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "Under County Manager's Item under Open and Responsible Government, **22-0537**, Strategy and Performance Management: Request approval of an IGA with the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to conduct a community-wide customer service survey."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We have a motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, is there a second? Seconded by Commissioner Hall. Commissioner Ellis. I'm sure you're going to ask one question."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yeah. No. 1, I'm interested in this. It's really sort of time sensitive. One question I had was: You know, as we look forward to kind of next year in which we may have to make some decisions around sort of what's the discretionary terms of spending. Is this an item that potentially should be considered you know and sort of just rolled around within our budgeting process versus that decision being sort of made today; so, that's that -- and I know our Manager is not here to respond to that. So, if this isn't time sensitive, I'd recommend that we hold this; so."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, is it time sensitive?"

BRIDGETTE BAILEY: "No."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I wouldn't think so."

BRIDGETTE BAILEY, DIRECTOR, CUSTOMER SERVICE: "Good morning, Commissioners. Bridgette Bailey, Director of Customer Service. No, it is not time sensitive. We can push this one back. If we wanted to have the results back from the survey in January or February of next year, then yes. We would have to move forward; but that is something that is --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- that is not time sensitive."

BRIDGETTE BAILEY, DIRECTOR, CUSTOMER SERVICE: "We can hold this item."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Substitute motion."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Substitute motion."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Substitute motion to hold. Seconded by Vice Chair Hausmann. Commissioner Hall, you still want to be heard?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I just have two questions so that moving forward you already know what they are. One is, how are we choosing the pool of residents?"

BRIDGETTE BAILEY, DIRECTOR, CUSTOMER SERVICE: "Okay, Commissioner. Thank you so much. The residents are chosen randomly as a statistically based survey. And so, there is a pool of about 10,000 residents that are randomly just selected and those are phone surveys that are done by Kennesaw State."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "And were Georgia State, Georgia Tech, the Atlanta University Center, or any of the colleges and universities in Fulton County even looked at as far as doing this survey for Fulton County? Any other schools inside of Fulton County?"

BRIDGETTE BAILEY, DIRECTOR, CUSTOMER SERVICE: "Ma'am, to my knowledge, I'm not where this normally falls under Strategy and Performance Management who has the contract and I'm not -- unfortunately, Mr. Rowicki could not be here today due to a family emergency; so, I'm not real sure if those schools, I'm not sure if they were considered, Ma'am."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "All right. So that's a Purchasing question, Madam CFO."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, Commissioner Hall. I would just add that the [Inaudible.] Institute is who we've worked with historically to conduct this survey, so four years ago, we may have canvassed all of the universities

but this time, we did not. We just returned back to the [Inaudible.] Institute who completed the survey previously.”

COMMISSIONER HALL: “Okay. So, moving forward, can we at least try to look at the colleges and universities inside of Fulton County since this is a survey involving the residents of Fulton County?”

BRIDGETTE BAILEY, DIRECTOR, CUSTOMER SERVICE: “Absolutely.”

COMMISSIONER HALL: “And give our students in Fulton County an opportunity to participate in this process.”

BRIDGETTE BAILEY, DIRECTOR, CUSTOMER SERVICE: “Absolutely, Commissioner. I will check with Mr. Rowicki upon his return to find out if that is in fact – did that happen, and if not, for consideration moving forward.”

COMMISSIONER HALL: “All right, thank you.”

BRIDGETTE BAILEY, DIRECTOR, CUSTOMER SERVICE: “You’re welcome.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Substitute motion on the floor is to hold. Please vote.”

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

CLERK GRIER: “**22-0636**, Finance: Request approval of the 2023 premium rates for the medical and pharmacy, dental, and vision plans.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, Ms. Whitmore.”

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: “Thank you, Mr. Chairman, we do have the Employee Benefits Manager present today to review the recommendations with the Board.”

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE: “Good morning, Commissioners. I’ve met with each one of you separately on this item. And you know, we’re requesting approval for all our Anthem managed plans for both active and our retirees. The Anthem plus the HSA, the POS, and the HMO for the 365 and up also active employees. And then now for the post 65 Anthem managed plan is the Medicare HMO and the indemnity, and the PPO plus plans. Then for Kaiser, which is a fully insured plan, we’re asking for a 5.4 percent increase to the HMO active and pre-65 active retiree rates. This is the proposal that we were able to negotiate with the provider,

Kaiser on that. And then for the post 65, there will be no change to the senior advantage plan that the Kaiser provides. On Aetna, that's a 3.7 percent increase to the basic Medicare Advantage plan that they provide to seniors; then there's 4.7 percent increase to the enhanced Medicare rates for the retirees. No change in the dental plan that Aetna provides. And then there's a 4.9 percent increase for the dental PPO rates. With EYE-Med, which is been provided, the coverage has been provided by I-Med, I'm sorry to say. There's no change to the vision rates that EYE-Med quoted for us. In total, just want to provide you the total costs of the plan for 2023 it's going to be \$112.3 million. We're going from one \$105.5 million in the current year. This represents a 6.4 percent increase year over year in comparison. We're hoping to have our open enrollment beginning on September the 26th through October 14 for active employees; and then for retirees, the open enrollment will be from October 3rd through October 24th for them. We'll take any questions that you may have unless you want us to go through our presentation which you know we did with each one of you before."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Did you provide us with a written report of your presentation?"

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE: "Yes. I did provide you a memo on October – August 15th, we provided you a memo. And then we also met individually with most of you on this just to go over the item and to answer any questions that you may have."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. The motion on the floor is to approve. Motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Commissioner Hall, you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I just want to thank our Finance Department, CFO, and everyone involved in ensuring that we did not increase the percentage rate that the employees pay for their benefits and that is commendable. And also that you did try to negotiate a lower rate even though we don't have any control over the insurance companies and the increases that they do which you did negotiate and get a lower rate. That is also commendable because one of the things that, you know, is very important to me is that we do not put the burden on the backs of the employees when it comes to these increases. So, seeing that that percentage did not change for them was very important. And also, thank you for actually following up on the request and putting the 2023 versus 2022 charts in here. It really helped in looking at the comparison. And I did note that the rates are still lower than the increases that we saw in 2021 and 2022, which I think were higher. They might have been about 6 or 7 percent, right?"

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE: "7 percent, yes."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "So, having this only be 4 percent during a time like this is very significant; so, thank you for a job well done."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Other comments or questions? All right. The motion on the floor is to approve. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 15, **22-0637**. Real Estate and Asset Management: Request approval to increase spending authority to supplement price increases to purchase mission-critical parts."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We have a motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Any questions? Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Just in terms of I guess we got two they're coming up here they're increase and for spending authority: are we -- I mean are we at -- we're already at the point where we've exceeded what we already had there or is this precautionary, is this we know we're going to have to spend more or kind of what's kind of going on in general with these? I mean we've got there are four on this page, I guess."

JOSPEH DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Commissioner, as of August 9th, we have spent \$44,697 on this particular contract that had an original authority limit of \$49,000. So the request for the additional \$20,000 is to ensure that we're able to purchase parts and materials needed through the remainder of the year."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "All of this is just due to general price increases?"

JOSPEH DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "I would say it's a combination of both price increases as well as we've also seen an uptick in terms of the work we're doing. We have more people back at work which means more work orders are being submitted which dictates more repairs."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. So, it's not just price increase; some of this is just our demand."

JOSPEH DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "That is correct."

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

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "**22-0638**: Request approval to increase spending authority to provide funding to install permanent groundwater monitoring wells to measure the level of groundwater contamination."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. A motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Any questions? Cast your vote, please."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**22-0639**: Request approval of a task order to provide standby professional design services for the Fulton County Government Behavioral Health Crisis Center."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. We have a motion to approve by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Hall. Dr. Roshell, please."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good morning. Pamela Roshell, Chief Operating Officer for Health, Human Services, and Public Works. As we continue to establish or work to establish the first behavioral health crisis center here in Fulton County, we are seeking approval for this task order to begin professional design services. Today, we also want to take the opportunity to provide an update on our efforts. Specifically, here in Fulton County, we are continuing to see an increase in behavioral health crisis. Specifically, there are reports by the medical examiner of a 20 percent increase in suicide deaths and a 16 -- 61 percent increase in drug related deaths. We also have heard from our partners at the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities an increase by 24 percent in crisis services. As we know there is no publicly funded behavioral health crisis center here in Fulton County, and we are ten percent of the population here in Georgia. We are seeking to establish this behavioral health crisis center at our 29-acre facility at the Oak Hill campus. And in June of 2021, the Board of Commissioners did approve \$50 million from our American Rescue Plan funding to establish this center. Today, we want to provide an update on what the service delivery model would look like. LaTrina Foster, The Director of Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities will provide that update. We also will provide an update on our community engagement strategy. We have began our conversations with the Board of Health to establish a transition and temporary transition strategy for the WIC and maternal child health services that are currently operated out

of the Oak Hill facility. We will meet with them regularly and we have our first transition planning meeting scheduled for Thursday. Now, I would like to turn it over to LaTrina Foster to provide more detail on the service delivery model for behavioral health crisis centers."

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "Good morning, Commissioners. LaTrina Foster, Director for your Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. We don't have a slide for the service delivery model, so I'm just going to do a quick overview on what a behavioral health crisis center is and what it would look like in Fulton County. What we're trying to create is a safe place for individuals to go to when they're experiencing a mental health crisis or they're in need of detoxification. And so, what we're looking to establish at the Oak Hill campus is a 24-bed crisis stabilization unit. What that means is that when someone is actually experiencing a mental health crisis or in need of detoxification, they could actually come to this facility and stay three to five days when they're in need of detoxification. Typically, it takes a little bit longer, but we get them into a place of stabilization and then we do a safe discharge plan with them and then transition them back into the community. We will also have 16 observation chairs which means that an individual maybe experiencing a crisis, however we're able to mitigate that crisis through observation which means we do immediate intervention, provide them with wraparound services, see if there are any gaps in the community, any gaps and needs and then we get them back into the community within 23 hours and 59 minutes to be exact. And so, that is how an observation chair is defined is that an individual cannot remain in that Unit longer than 23 hours and 59 minutes. What we're looking to do is do adult crisis services first and that's going to include our 24 crisis stabilization beds and our 16 observation chairs and then looking to bring on youth services a year or two down the line. So, however as we design the facility, we will design the facility to be prepared for both level of services to serve both populations. And so, with that said, I'm going to turn it over to Jessica Corbitt who will talk a little bit about our communication strategy."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: "Before, Ms. Corbitt provides the communication engagement strategy, I did also want to share that two weeks ago or a week ago actually, we did have a very productive meeting with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. Which at that time, just a week ago, they signaled that Fulton County would be at the top of the list for priority as far as funding. So, we've asked that they present a funding request for us in the upcoming budget. Of course, that all is contingent upon the General Assembly and now that vote may go. But we just learned that we are in a priority position for this crisis center this year – next year."

JESSICA CORBITT-DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you so much, Dr. Roshell. Next slide, please. As falling onto what Ms. Foster and Dr. Roshell spoke about, we recognize that there are many people who are interested both in the behavioral health crisis center as well as in the Oak Hill campus as it exists today. And so, we have kind of begun to craft an engagement strategy that would help us talk with the community and other stakeholders about why this is needed. Ms. Foster just shared some of that with you as well as Dr. Roshell, but also how do we continue to provide the wonderful services that are already offered at the Oak Hill campus. And so, the big idea is to have a -- have a plan and a strategy that will meet everyone's needs both the unmet need for crisis services as well as the needs we're already meeting with our partners with the Board of Health. So, this will include over several months and really over the next year plus engagement with policymakers. We already have some discussions during the 2022 legislative session about these needs, and we are beginning to have conversations or prepare for conversations going into the 2023 session. Our existing clients at Oak Hill are making sure that we are continuing to meet their needs, the employees who work there, the community around that facility, as well as the advocacy community. Georgia is very fortunate to have a very strong mental health advocacy community who are very interested in unmet needs for these services. So, we want to make sure they're hearing about our plans. It's important. Ms. Foster was just sharing with me some of the discussion this Board has been very involved in supporting for example diversion centers, community based behavioral health centers and other services that meet many of these needs that complement each other. So, we want to make sure that all of the stakeholders are clear that these services are part of a spectrum of care meeting a variety of needs that exist. So, we want to share our story and also to listen to hear about how we can prioritize the needs of everyone that we are serving today and hope to serve in the future. I'm going to turn it back over to Dr. Roshell."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: "So, Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board that concludes our update."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Dr. Roshell. Commissioner Hall, followed by Commissioner Morris, followed by Vice Chair Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. This is outstanding. But, you know, my only concern is that we engage the community because there has been so much discussion amongst organizations, elected leaders, and residents about the fact that they feel like they've been left out of the process. And so, I know after -- I don't see Mr. County Manager -- I wanted to thank Dick because we did have a brief conversation about this and he said that you are definitely going to look at how to engage the

community that surrounds that as well as the elected and everyone. And also, I noticed that in here it says these functions will benefit everyone from individuals in crisis and their families to the overcrowded hospitals and first responders currently stretched to their capacity. So, will this also be able to benefit pre-arrest diversion?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: "Yes. It will. We will have a collaboration with our Atlanta and Fulton County partnership with diversion while this is not necessarily a diversion center. We do look to partner with them to redirect constituents who may show up at the diversion center and they are in need of behavioral health crisis services. So absolutely we look to partner with our diversion program."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "That's wonderful. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Couple of things: First of all, as you point out, the BOC had approved an allocation of \$15 million of ARPA money. Is this design fee coming out of that 15 million?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: "Yes, sir. So, the 15 million is for the construction and rehabilitation work. We have submitted a formal request to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for the FY23 Budget for operating funds."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Right. So, the design fee is part of the \$15 million --"

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

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "-- in addition to the construction. And that was my second question. You referred to the meeting where you indicated we were fairly high up on the list. That wasn't to seek any additional money for design and construction; that was for the operations?"

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

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Hopefully on an ongoing basis."

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

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Take it a year at a time, I guess; but thank you. That was my question."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Hausmann."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Yes. Thank you for the update and we've been talking about this for a very, very long time. So, it's great to see some action here and finally moving forward. But I do think the public who is paying a lot of attention to this as we all know probably has a few questions. And, you know, the facility itself can you just tell the public exactly what's happening there now."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: "Absolutely. So the Oak Hill facility is currently home to our own behavioral health services as well as two services offered by the department of public health. And those services include WIC and Maternal and Child health services."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: " And some of those services will stay there and some will be relocated?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: "So during the construction phase, actually on Thursday, we are meeting with Dr. Paxton and her team to determine if there is an opportunity to remain on campus while the construction is going on. No decisions have been made about exactly what is best for them and the constituents, but that is what our meeting about on Thursday what exactly and how can we continue to provide services to Oak Hill for those two services. Can we remain on campus for example in the gym which is not a part of this Behavioral Health Crisis Center? Or is there some combination of relocation temporarily to some other public health facility? But we're seeking their direction and input on that on Thursday."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "All right. And you went into detail about the observation chairs? The beds, the 24 beds, can you just go into a little bit about who would be in those beds, how long they might be there, and that kind of information. So, the beds are typically utilized when you cannot use an observation chair. Some will require more than the 23 hours to obtain that stabilization. Perhaps they're no longer on their medications, some stop taking their medication and now all of a sudden, they find themselves in a mental health crisis and/or someone has been on drugs for a long period of time and now they want to take the first step towards detoxification. That is what those beds are utilized for. Someone that is truly in a severe mental health crisis and they require more than 23 hours to obtain that stabilization. In addition to individuals that need the withdrawal management monitoring by a medical professional in order to get them stabilized and perhaps we may transition them into a longer detoxification center or we're able to accomplish what needs to be accomplished within 7 to 10 days for the detoxification. For a mental health crisis, typically, someone is there three to five days."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "So, three to five days; you said seven to ten, so someone would not be there that long?"

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "Seven to ten detoxification. So, when you're doing a medically monitored withdrawal, you have to -- it's going to be longer than three to five days. So, it typically averages seven to ten for someone going through detoxification. If it's a mental health crisis, we usually can manage that within three to five days."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Okay. And then you also mentioned being released into the community after the 23 hours and 59 minute maximum. I think people really want to understand exactly what that means."

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "Right. So, a lot of times people find themselves in a situation where they are experiencing what we would call a mental health crisis. Perhaps they are having -- they got off of their medications, so now they're in need of stabilization. We're able to get them to your observation chairs, get them seen by a nurse as well as a doctor, get them back on their medication; or perhaps they're having a conflict with their spouse, with someone in the family, and it's reached the point where crisis de-escalation techniques did not work. And so, they come to this facility for that 23-hours just to kind of separate from that situation, that environment. We wrap them with interventions; kind of talk to them through conflict resolution; do whatever we need to do to get this individual stabilized where they feel comfortable to go back to their residence, place of residence wherever they were in the community and then we wrap them with services. Typically, we'll have them for an outpatient appointment the very next day just to make sure there's no gap in services. If they're disconnected from services, we get them reconnected. So, that 23-hours is really like a mental health triage, is what I would like to call it; because we get them in, we mitigate the situation, and then we safely transition them back home."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "So the communication plan's really important to try to share with the community exactly what this is. It's not a facility where someone has no choice -- they're going to be kept against their will. Their families are involved. It's not what a lot of people are fearful of, correct."

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "Correct."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Okay. And then it's a large campus, 29 acres is a lot of room. Are we looking at what potential that might bring to this program at that location?"

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "So I think there is a lot of things to continue to explore and I think our opportunity is here now with the A&E firm to be able to come in and collaborate with us; go with us to look at some other behavioral health crisis centers. The latest and greatest behavioral health crisis center is the Vita. I would love to take the A&E firm out there just so they can get an idea of what crisis centers look like in Georgia. And then look at the ones as they continue to mature every year that they build one, everyone gets better and better. So, perhaps ours will be the best."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "All right. And then my last comment is that this is the first of what we hope will be three locations throughout the County; one in the middle which this one is, and then North and South. So, again it's been a long time in the making and I'm glad to see the progress."

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "Thank you."

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

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I just had a quick question: Have you all looked at any -- if any of the increased need since now we have a second hospital that is closed and has this change had any bearing -- had you all thought about it? I know you do have the capacity to do some expansion, but I'm just wondering has and will those two you know was bad enough we had one but now we have a second one that's such close proximity. So, I was just wondering have you all talked about that? Is it in the back of your mind? Has there been any conversation as to what bearing it may have on what you all needs would be?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: "Thank you, Commissioner. That's a great question. Since that is a new development, we have not specifically spoken about that. We were already in a situation where Fulton County had no behavioral health crisis center to begin with, but we certainly will continue to survey the landscape, understand what the impact will be. This will be a regional asset. So, I think that that designation alone will help with the fact that the -- this new information about the hospital closure is upon us. So I think that I know that we will continue to take that under advisement and do all that we can to be a resource in this situation."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you. I appreciate that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Just a couple of things real quick. No. 1, I just, you know, we haven't been talking about it for long time and unfortunately, I guess we're going to have to keep talking about it to get the work done. I mean, this is as you noted it's a

unmet need and so often folks that wind up in crisis they're not criminals. They're experiencing a mental health crisis. And there are no other options, and we know that, and families are having to try to manage that within the context of a home or -- and the pathway without this crisis you know often time leads to really tragic situations. So, certainly the urgency's here, you know and I just would encourage us to you know to kind of keep that pressing along you know so that we can kind of get to that day where we can get the doors open and benefit folks. You know we know that there's a lot of existing facilities that we certainly can look at you know and things can -- you know, we saw in Cobb where you know public health and behavioral health services are co-located on the same kind of similar footprint and that kind of thing. So, you know I think that the communication you know it's kind of important that we kind of keep sharing it and help people to understand what these things are and what they aren't. And, you know, like with other things with mental health, [Inaudible] somewhat of a destigmatizing you know, kind of this whole arena, I think it's important. Thank you all for the work."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you. I'm excited about this opportunity with the behavior health center. Did not know there were 29 acres over there so definitely want to look at the space there. And you all may not know - I guess my question is what are the number of people that are being seen there on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis now?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "It's not many."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "That are utilizing the Oak Hill facility?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: "According to the Department of Public Health, for WIC they see up to 2,000 residents per year. And for maternal child health they can see as many as 6,000 residents a year."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So 8,000 per year?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: "I'm sorry, two and four. So, 2,000 for WIC, 4,000 for maternal child health."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So 6,000 annually?"

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

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So about 500 a month or so. Will I get that if I divide by 12?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: “It varies according to Dr. Mobley on yesterday when we spoke to her about the footprint. It varies depending on whether they have an influx of WIC appointments. It just really does vary as to what’s going on. But it does vary.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “So, my biggest concern is just making sure that we continue to serve those people.”

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: “Yes, sir.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “In that area, right; I don’t want them to have to go to the West End or somewhere else to receive those services. They’re accustomed to going in their area, and I know you guys have already said you’re working and going to talk about trying to keep the facility open or some portion open so that they can still be serviced. So, I’m glad to hear that, but I just want to make sure that we are mindful of those people that are receiving those services and that are relying on those services in that area at that facility. So, I just want to make sure we – as we look to help others make sure that we don’t forget the ones we are already helping.”

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: “That’s a great point, Commissioner Arrington, and we do have a keen focus on that and on Thursday we’ll continue to talk with the Department of Public Health about the service delivery and how we can continue to be consistent.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. The motion on the floor is to approve. Just a minute, Dr. Roshell. Motion on the floor is to approve. Motion to approve by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Hall. That 15 million includes, I think Commissioner Morris brought this up the design, the planning and so forth; and construction is included in the 15; is that correct?”

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: “Yes, sir, that is correct.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Okay.”

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: “And Mr. Chairman, I see that the County Manager is here. He has definitely been a champion for the team here --”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “-- right.”

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: “-- in trying to get this done. So, I’d like to turn it to him for any remarks.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Okay. So, my question, Mr. Manager -- not a question – it’s just a understanding in numbers. Does the 15 million include the planning, design, and so forth and the construction of the facility; and Dr. Roshell, your statement was that we’re in a priority position, whatever that means, for funding of the operation. So, my little basic – big heal small brain question is in the event that we do not receive funding from the state, how do we operate it? Where does the money come from to operate it?”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “So, I apologize first of all for joining late from the [Inaudible.] board meeting. I think to answer that question directly, I don't believe that's going to happen because I think there are too many stars that have been aligned at this point.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Sure. In the unlikely event --”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “-- but I do hear you. I think we would have to do an assessment then for funding internally, and/or reapply to the state in the next year because I think this is one of these opportunities -- what I was going to say had I arrived on time to do so is we have pursued over many, many years. So, it's not just this alone, but it’s been this alignment in our efforts on behavioral health with the state. And if you think about everything that this Board has done from the new behavioral health model that we put in place sourcing the two primary providers that DBHD endorsed as a model from where we were, school-based counseling initiative that was championed by this Board, the permanent support of housing that we partnered with Atlanta in doing. And now this. As I looked back, we have grown our commitment to behavioral health by over 80 percent, just in the last five or six years. We were funding about ten -- we now fund about 18. And one of the reasons, Mr. Chairman, I think that this is not only at the top of the list, but recently assured as you know we have had a different model from time in Memorial and many counts, all counts. Quite frankly, get substantial funding from the state for behavioral health. Fulton County does not and has not due to the model that we chose to implement many, many decades ago. I think this brings us more forward. Not on parity yet because you’re still through your efforts funding the majority, obviously and even would be -- this would be a significant in fact almost doubling of our commitment to behavioral health with this state funding. The other thing I would say that perhaps is already been said, so I don’t want to sail past it close but this really is the beginning not the end. So, while we have been pursuing this for years getting this good indication from the meeting with the Commissioner and her entire staff in the last week or so, is as far as we have ever been. And I’ve been reluctant to do much else other than brief this Board and certainly brief other internal parties, but I want to thank both Commissioner Arrington who we’ve been briefing as we go along, and now Commissioner Hall for helping us and really committing to help us to

reach out not only to the community, but elected officials, all other interested parties. And in the end, I think we have ample opportunity again this is probably already been said, but to make all of the above work. It is a I think a primary location for us. It's somewhat underutilized, but until we put pen to paper and really figure out both current services, future services, the underutilized space down at the gym. Many times, I have attended family fun day there and seeing where we've done it in different kind of different ways both around the track, up at that parking area and then down around the gym. I think there's a way once we put all this together and bring it back to you as well as solicit Commissioner Hall's leadership in support, we'll have a, I think you termed it, Commissioner Hall, a win-win for something that's truly transformational. We don't want to take away from the transformational aspect of this by not doing well in terms of the transition planning and the current services; and they're not insignificant. There are two primary services and thousands of people that are served, but it's the key is you know doing all of the above. And I think on one visit Commissioner Hall she may have already mentioned it. As we've seen where these have been, co-located over in Cobb when we did a visit over there. I do think there's plenty of opportunity. But the last thing I will say, sailing past to close, Mr. Chairman is we are very committed to making this happen. I think we've got our alignment with the Department. We're making the right contacts with the legislature. Of course, a year ago, the speaker pro-tem, championed this being in the budget. It didn't make it all the way through. We'll certainly be revisiting with her where we are. So, I'm pretty confident, but not jinxing it that we're going to have this come through."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Mr. Manager, not to downplay this. There's clearly a need for it. It raises questions though; but I'm confident, fairly confident that we will be successful. But in the event that we are not, it is going to be incumbent upon us to fund that in light of reconsideration of the financial constraints that we're going to be looking at. That's point number one. Number two, I mean, there's no way that they see 6000 patients a year out there. I mean, you can go out there and you can shoot a rifle and not hit anybody. The most people you ever see is when you had your event out there. Again, no disrespect intended; but, it's a great facility and there's a need for it. I'm supportive of it. Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "And I just want to say we do have our nonprofit partners who have events out there and they feed hundreds of people on the weekends and it's very important to that community because the need is so great. So, engaging them as well is going to be very important so that they can continue to provide those extra services."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion on the floor is to approve. Let's vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "Bottom of page 15, under Health and Human Services, **22-0640**, Public Works: Request approval to increase spending authority to provide corporation stops and brass fittings."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, is there a motion? Motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, and seconded by Commissioner Hall. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**22-0641**: Request approval to increase spending authority to provide small water meter installation in the North Fulton water service area."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Morris, it is seconded by Vice Chair Hausmann. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page, 16, **22-0642**: Request approval to rescind contract change order to cover the impact of tariffs for material and equipment and to extend the contract term by 11 additional days."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Hall. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**22-0643**: Request approval of a Resolution to approve a 5 percent water and sewer volumetric rate increase for each of the next three years."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Arrington, seconded by Commissioner Hall. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner's Action Items, **22-0644**: Request approval of a Resolution to amend a Resolution No. 21-0282 that created and established the Fulton

County Veterans Empowerment Commission by revising its purpose to continue to operate solely as an advisory body to the Board of Commissioners and not as a nonprofit corporation sponsored by Commissioner Arrington."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Hall. Can we explain what this does Commissioner Arrington?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Basically, the original Resolution authorized them to set up as a nonprofit. They're saying they just want it to remain as advisory opinion or as an advisory group. And so, this allows them to be an advisory group rather than to set themselves up as an independent nonprofit."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Vice-Chair Hausmann."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to remind the Commissioners that when we did this, we also put in a million dollars in funding to help support this effort. It's my understanding that that is not considered a recurring investment so that would be something that we would have to consider in the next budget cycle whether or not to continue. And I just wanted to make sure that we're all aware that."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Hopefully, we will find the resources to make it a recurring item."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion on the floor is to approve."

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

CLERK GRIER: **"22-0645:** Request approval of a Resolution approving funding of \$500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds in support of Wellspring Living's expansion and utilization of a multi-disciplined services model covering the full spectrum of needs for victims of sexual exploitation sponsored by Commissioners Ellis, Morris, and Hausmann."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion is to approve by Vice Chair Hausmann, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Commissioner Ellis followed by Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes, Mr. Chair. Just a couple quick things, I think there is sort of a two-pager on this particular project that's in your folders. We were going to

have the Executive Director, was going to be here. I think they had presumed this will be taken up after lunch so I don't think they're going to make it down here before then. So they were planning to be here to respond to any questions, but I think many of you are familiar with Wellspring Living. They are a nonprofit based here in Fulton County who's really dedicated to the whole anti-human trafficking effort and their focus is on healing and restoring the survivors of this scourge. That is really permeated throughout Fulton County for a long time. And I think their model is second to none. They've been a partner with us in terms of for a long time, they were part of our CSP program and they also -- we've had a internship program with them for a good number of years where their clients have come on and served as interns within Fulton County and several of them have gone on to full-time employment within Fulton County which is a tremendous success. So, this project that this would go to support the funds would be supporting this through American Rescue Plan Act funds. This would be at the [Inaudible.] campus. It would have residential components to it, you know, an employee said tiny home concept and really fits with you know our continuum of care of services and I think it's a great model that captures in housing, mental health, job-training, you know all kind of supportive services that are necessary to help the victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation be able to be restored and live the life that they were intended to lead. So, I would certainly welcome support and appreciate the co-sponsorship by Commissioner Hausmann --Vice Chair Hausmann and Commissioner Morris."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. So, I'm a little bit confused because when I asked about the ARPA funds during our first meeting in August, as it related to the Reproductive Health Care Resolution that I brought forward on behalf of the Atlanta City Councilmembers, there was a question on the floor about where was the money coming from? And when the question was asked about the ARPA funding, the response was that it's pretty much all gone. So, at this point, I'm going to ask again: How much money is left in ARPA funding?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Commissioner Hall, we've allocated our ARPA resources out as you know; and what we have left is currently backstopping the vaccination and testing program that we implemented, and are seeking FEMA reimbursement. So, while we have allocated the resources, should we receive the FEMA reimbursement as we expect to, that will free up funds. Otherwise, what we will have to do is look within what we've already allocated, and identify a location or an item that we would pull from to support this the same as we would have needed to do for the program that you brought forward."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "So with all of that being said, right now, do you have the ARPA funds to cover this \$500,000 request."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "We'd have to do a reallocation."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So I'm supportive of this in general, I guess. My questions were similar. Where was the funding come from? And I understand it would be ARPA funding, but I did think that that was already allocated. And where is this facility? Where is the 8-acre campus?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "City of South Fulton. Did you hear me?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I did. Thank you. Well, it sounds like a good program. I'm familiar with them, but it sounds like their doing some good things and so I'm happy to support it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Chairman, I'm in support of this as well. I would just say out of fairness, if needed, if the Executive Director is going to be here after lunch, if there's any reservations maybe we can hold it to afterwards. But I am in full support of it, but since Commissioner Ellis did say that they would be down after lunch, we seem to be moving a little bit more swift than we realize. If anybody had any reservations, I don't but; just out of fairness if the Executive Director's on the way, I would just humbly say maybe we should hold this to after lunch, if it's the pleasure of the Board."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. The motion on the floor is to approve. Just a quick couple of questions: No. 1, Commissioner Hall, your question where is the money coming from? ARPA is the source. When it's correct, all of the ARPA funds have been already allocated which would mean a reallocation which is not unusual, but that's what this will mean. No. 2 it's located within the City of South Fulton. It's my understanding though it's not really clear in the legislation what the five hundred thousand would be used for in the legislation. But in meeting with the representatives, that five hundred thousand is to be used in the construction of a cornerstone building right on the corner there. And I forget what the total construction cost is and I'd asked them if they were going to seek support from the city of South Fulton since it's located within the city of South Fulton, as well as from the state. So, our five hundred thousand and it's a great organization and I

support this, but I think it ought to be -- it's not clear based upon the wording in the legislation that it's intended to be used for the construction of that cornerstone building and I don't know how to. Commissioner Ellis you may have some thoughts on how to tie our five hundred thousand to that because that's what the request was and I suggest that they also seek support from the city of South Fulton."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I know they sought support from you know other entities including both the state and other municipal partners and they're probably waiting as well as certainly."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Do you know the total construction cost; I can't remember?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Commissioner Morris stated, I believe it's in the neighborhood of fifteen--"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "--15 million?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "-- is the total project costs? Something of that nature. I don't think there's any problem with those our funds being designated with that particular building."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So can we, Madam County Attorney, make that adjustment, so--"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "--and it's all construction, you know. So."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "For the cornerstone building."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "What you think, Commissioner Morris?"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "I assume that's fine. They can allocate it to the other portions of it. They could reallocate it--"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "There are other housing within the construct of this and this is you know kind of within the support of housing you know as well, so I don't necessarily feel like it needs to be, per se, restricted to -- I mean if somebody walked in and wanted to give them the funds and say put my name on that building, I don't think we'd want to say no you can't do that you know and our funds could go to support of you know development of the individual housing units. I don't see any reason why and there's no restriction on that in terms of the context of ARPA, so I think it would be better if it were nonspecific in the component."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, I think it ought to be. I want to be supportive of it but I'm being responsive of what their request was and it was specific to that cornerstone building and our contribution would be used in the construction of that cornerstone

building. The tiny homes piece in the middle that would be another pot of money that they're pursuing and I think this is cornerstone is phase I, I believe they called it. And it's a great organization. They do great work and we Fulton County, we are very proactive."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I understand your point. They did not make that specific you know kind of request to me in terms of their review of this of the documents. I just think we're better off leaving it nonspecific and that can be further discussed and tied in as needed before the funds are distributed so, yeah."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I mean, if you want to make it--"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "I did not understand their requests to be prioritized for this cornerstone building. Originally, I think they asked me we can give them 5 million for the entire campus efforts toward the construction cost so I thought it was for the entire construction effort not just that cornerstone building. I don't know if the County Attorney can draft it to sort of prioritize that building to the extent -- to the extent that suits the overall purpose of the project or something along those lines. But I think it might be better -- I think I agree with Commissioner Ellis; it might be better not to get too specific. But I really got in the queue to say that while the city of South Fulton it would be great if the city of South Fulton also kicks something in. This facility doesn't just serve folks in the city of South Fulton, they serve these kids, I mean ten and eleven year-old little girls and boys who are exploited, whose lives are ruined until this organization gets them the help that they need, and Commissioner Ellis is talked about it's a full-service kind of thing: education, job-training, housing, support, family support -- just all kinds of things. They do for these, you know, and for me who's got little grandchildren that age it just made me weep when I toured the facility. So, it is a terrific program and a terrific project. Again, I just as soon as not get too specific with the support. I would have the County supporting the 500,000thousand to whatever -- whatever portion of the project it's best needed for."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Commissioner Ellis, are you comfortable with the motion to amend that? I just want to make sure I understand if that's something that requires further discussion. I just want to make sure because I am in full support of it, but I'm just wanting to know."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "There's a motion to amend, per se, on the floor, I think--"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "--I was going to make a motion to amend it to what the Chairman requested, but I wanted to be respectful if that was something that you did or did not have a problem with at this time. This is very important to me. That's why I kind of wanted to wait to the person got here, but I did want to just ask you that."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I think it's cleaner without being nonspecific on it. I think if we want to add language that would say you know this five hundred thousand will be prioritized towards construction of the cornerstone building, that would be an acceptable amendment."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I'd like to make that motion to amend."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I would be, okay, with I guess -- I didn't make the motion."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You can accept that as a --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "That's well, Vice Chair and Commissioner Morris motioned and seconded it, so, I guess they would need to accept that."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yeah."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "I do think I made the motion. Construction purposes would be sufficient language, not designated exactly which building for construction purposes perhaps could be the amendment?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Prioritized towards the construction of the cornerstone building will be the specific language."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Well, I mean, if we didn't want to necessarily designate which building but make sure it was one to construction versus operations or programs; that might be a compromise."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I would open that up to Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and Chairman Pitts and say raise the issue. It wasn't my issue; so."

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

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. I would want to make the motion -- Vice Chair Hausmann, I will accept what you stated, so I will make that motion to amend it based on what you have put forward."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What was her language? Vice Chair."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Just for construction purposes as they deem it necessary, you know we have studied their plans. We don't know if there's going to be first. Without the Director here to answer those questions. That's the reason I just said for construction purposes versus other purposes."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "If I may, page 2 of the document at the top says investing in the cornerstone building aligns with Fulton County's strategic plan. Then further, midway down below the picture of the cornerstone building, it states, Fulton County's investment in the cornerstone building impacts vulnerable communities through mental health services, job-training, and academic services. So that's the proposal that we have."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "So I would move to amend for construction purposes, Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Where are we?"

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "I'll accept that amendment."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to amend is on the floor. Let's vote on the motion to amend."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So, I'm still in the queue, Mr. Chair. I did want to have further discussion --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- you have the floor. I apologize. You're correct."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So, you know, I'm happy to support this. You know, this is talking about serving 300 people. So, when I come back and ask for five hundred thousand for QLS, I don't want to hear anything because they serve way more than 300 people. They serve more than 300 people a day, okay? So I don't know about, you know, why this is not part of the CSP program. I don't know how this goes without the RFP process. I know one other time we brought up things like this, there has not been support because it wasn't part of the CSP program or didn't go through the RFP process. Certainly, this is worthwhile and what they're doing is worthwhile. But they're talking about serving 300 people. So now when I come back and ask for five hundred thousand for QLS who serves thousands of people a day, I don't want to hear anybody complaining."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: All right. The motion on the floor is to amend. Let's vote please on the amendment."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And on the as amended let's vote. You with us?"

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open on the motion to approve as amended. And the motion passes; six yeas, zero nays."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "**22-0646**: Request approval of a Resolution amending Resolution No. 18-0168 and 21-0279 authorizing the creation of a Fulton County Superior Court Clerk's Technology Fund sponsored by Commissioner Morris."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Is there a motion? Motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Vice Chair Hausmann, you have the floor."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Yes, I don't know if y'all want to make any comments about what this, before I make a comment."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "As a sponsor it would be appropriate for me to make a quick comment."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Sure, go right ahead."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "My colleagues will recall that we setup a technology fund in the Clerk's office for the e-filing revenues a year or two ago. And now, we've got this historical plat indexing and as the paper indicates the Georgia Superior Court Clerks Cooperative authority whatever the heck that is in order for the fees to be charged and used, then we've got to authorize the set aside and use of the funds. So, the Clerks here and Mr. Standard's here to explain this further. But this is not creating any new -- any new technology fund. It's adding another potential source of electronic filings to do that. And I was struck when I sat down with them about the use of that e-filing money and maybe you can talk about that Mr. Standard or Madam Clerk as well. But yes, if you're now asking them to --"

TINA ROBINSON: "Thank you. Good morning, Commissioners, and thank you, Commissioner Morris for sponsoring the Resolution. As you mentioned, it is not a new technology fund. These funds do come from the Georgia Superior Court property authority and many times they have various projects and those projects support all the Clerks throughout the state, and we have been fortunate enough to have funds coming

from that source which has helped us with the maintenance of our land record system in order to be able to service our customers and participate in that our deed filings and all of those things that support the Tax Commissioner, the Tax Assessor, and ultimately our Tax Digest. When there are various projects that they do, they have been specific if they may say plat, they may say deed, and in consulting with the County Attorney's office and I will defer to them. When those projects have specific names, it is -- it was advised by the County Attorney that it should be more general and that was the reason for the amendment. So, I will defer to the County Attorney's office on why it was necessary. This is Chief Isaac Standard. He may have something else to add as well."

CHIEF ISAAC STANDARD: "Nothing to add, Madam Clerk."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "So, now I can ask my question? Again, we had a great chat and y'all are using the revenue wisely and expanding which you're doing with it. So, I want to commend you on that. First of all, folks need to understand that we do work hard to be good stewards of the resources that we are given. But it did lead to a conversation about the efforts to have your locations where folks reside in the - this large, large County that we have. And I know we've been talking for a long time about having an office up at the north Maxwell Road service center. So, I just thought I'd take this opportunity to perhaps find out where we are with that. I know you've indicated you've signed off on what your needs are in the plans and is there anyone that could give us an update on where we are with that and the probate offices coming to Maxwell Road?"

JOSPEH DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Commissioner, the plan to move both probate court and the Madam clerk's offices to the Maxwell Road location were predicated upon the move of current public works officed to the second-floor of the building. Unfortunately, at this point in time, we have yet to identify the funding that's going to be necessary to facilitate the build out for to accommodate public works on the second floor so we're working through those challenges. And once we are able to identify the funding necessary, we'll move forward as you've already heard. The plan has been approved by Madam Clerk as to what the build-out will entail. We just need to work and that detail with regard to public works."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "So you're talking about the water resources folks?"

JOSPEH DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Yes, ma'am."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "I mean, I know that's a separate fund from the general fund. So, I guess, I'm just asking. We've been trying to do this for years. I know we've approved funds two or three budgets ago for this. I'm just asking that you

revisit that, please, since it is not general fund money. And hopefully we can make this happen, because it would really be a great benefit to the citizens to have services where they live rather than having them have to come all the way downtown. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Any other questions or comments? All right. The motion on the floor is to approve. Please vote."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue."

TINA ROBINSON: "Thank you so much, Commissioners."

ISAAC STANDARD: "Thank you, Commissioners."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 17, **22-0647**. Request approval of a Resolution authorizing Fulton County to accept a permanent donation of a portrait of former First Lady of the United States, Michelle Obama from the McKinley "Mack" Wilbourn Legacy Foundation to be displayed within Fulton County."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion on the floor is to approve, seconded by Commissioner Hall. Commissioner Hall, you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Wilbourn was here earlier; is he still here? Mack Wilbourn, he was here earlier, but I don't see him. He contacted me and wanted to donate this portrait to Fulton County, and we had a meeting to ensure that it was insured and that everything was covered legally. We had the County Attorney vet everything and had a meeting with Ms. Holloman to discuss how it would be displayed. And so, with all of that being taken care of, thank you to everyone that has made this possible and brought this Resolution together. And the actual -- what is this form and this artwork donation agreement, thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So, I think I did see, Mr. Wilbourn, here earlier. He left. A long time Atlantan and resident of Fulton County; a great American. Just a couple of quick questions: So, you mentioned covered legally; what did you mean by that?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Because my very first question was insurance and who would be responsible for it, if it was damaged? How do we receive it and all of that. And so, we engaged the County Attorney's office to make sure that all of those legalities were taken care of. And they are actually in the -- if you look at the art donation agreement, it speaks to all of that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "\$6000 worth of security and insurance."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. So, we have a process in place for accepting donations of art; is that correct, Madam County Attorney? We do, don't we?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "So, our teams worked on this agreement; there is no set process."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What did you say; repeat what you just said."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Our team has worked on this agreement as a method to receive this donation because we didn't identify any process in place specifically for receiving art donations or donations. And so, to receive a donation generally just requires approval by the Board of Commissioners and this agreement that was crafted is a way that we fashioned in order to receive this particular type of donation."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. So, let's be clear. This is a good thing and I'm supportive of it. But there was no process. But this does establish a process for us. So, then we will accept basically any and all donations of art that meet the requirements."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I expect we would use a similar form for future such donations, yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, I'm just making it real clear now, because, as Commissioner Arrington said, don't come back later. Now, what it says here is not real clear; it says to be displayed within Fulton County. Does that mean Alpharetta, South Fulton? What does that mean?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "It doesn't specify."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Presumably you mean, I think we mean within the government center; is that --"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "--it's currently contemplated to be displayed at the library which is a Fulton County facility."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, it doesn't say that. What are we -- what's the intent? We just need to be clear, that's all I'm saying."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Well, Mr. Chair, you are asking a question that I addressed during our meeting with the library director and [Deval from the County Attorney's office

and some of the other County executives, and I specifically asked how would this be displayed and was told that it would circulate through all the libraries and then it would end up being permanently placed in the Auburn Avenue Research Library because there are specific things that are placed in that library and this fell under whatever that definition is. And so, that's how it was explained to me. I thought -- I'm sorry--"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "--is that spelled out in here--"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "--no, it's not. It should be spelled out in here and I thought that maybe they perhaps left it out because they already have something in writing, so if it's not already in writing, then it does need to be amended to include that language."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I believe it was left open so that it could travel to various facilities throughout the County. But if the Commission desires, we can add the specific language identifying the specific locations where it will be displayed and then where the final permanent display location will be."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So to her point though, if the discussion was that it would be displayed permanently at Auburn Avenue, that needs to be in here because I'm thinking, if we're talking about the government -- see after it rotates, it will be displayed here, but what Commissioner Hall is saying that the agreement was or the understanding was or is that it will be displayed at Auburn Avenue. Which is it?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "The discussion was that it would reside permanently at Auburn Avenue after it is displayed in various government facilities."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So, should that be it -- well, just a minute then, so. Hold on, hold on. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, Commissioner Hall and Commissioner Arrington. But that needs to be addressed. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. I've seen this painting at Mack's house. This is a beautiful painting, and I think it's very important that we have specific directives in the language. I commend, Commissioner Hall in her efforts to bring this here. I'm just a little concerned as to what the painting is, what it represents, and the value of it that we speak clearly in the directives of it as to what will happen with it, you know, the rotation, where it would ultimately be. Also, another question or concern I have, will the Arts Council pretty much be over this or the Arts and Culture Department because this is a very, very -- this is a one-of-a-kind painting. And Chairman, I think it's very important that we have the directives spelled out for the handling of this. In my opinion, I can only speak for my opinion having seen it. This would require some special handling. And so, I think the directive needs to be spelled out in the language. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall, then Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. So, if you look at the attached documents that came with this Resolution, there is a form that says Artwork Donation Agreement specifically says the parties of the agreement are the McKinley "Mack" Wilbourn Legacy Foundation, and the County -- Fulton County Library System. So, the library system would be the entity that would be responsible for this painting. And then down below the page at letter D that says insurance ownership and security it says specifically is \$6,000. That is the value of the painting. So, that answers two of those questions. And, yes, after the discussion that we had, we definitely need to make sure that the language includes where this is going to be presented and portrayed. And also, I just thought about another thing that we discussed: Having a like a little placard that indicates that it was donated by the McKinley "Mack" Wilbourn Legacy Foundation displayed with the actual portrait. And for some further clarification: When I met with the County Attorney, the County Executives, and the Director of Library Services, I asked them to create this agreement because I'm very big on 'put it in writing' so we can be very clear, and we have no ambiguity about what is being done, what is being said that's going to happen, and that is why we have this artwork donation agreement because I was told that in the past all we do is bring it forward to the Board of Commissioners and the Commissioners vote to accept the donation and that's it. And so, I wanted some clarity in writing on what was going out here and that's why we have this. But I accept the friendly amendment to add that additional language on the rotation and where it would permanently reside after the rotation. And I want to make sure that we don't exclude anything that Arts and Culture might want to do with the portrait. If they have some type of exhibit which they often do right here in the government center, and want to utilize that portrait in that exhibit. I want to make sure that the language does include that as well."

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

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So, I think the questions that were posed are good questions. I think at the end of the day, the question for me is what are the wishes of the donor. Where does the donor wish for this to be? Now, based on what I just heard, I'm a little confused because I don't think the Fulton County library system is an entity of itself. I think it is a department of Fulton County. And so, I mean, if this contract were really only with the library system and if it were a separate entity, it wouldn't even be before us today. It'd be before the library board and they would be making the decision. So, I don't know how or why that language is in there or what the intent is in that regard. But, you know, in my mind it should, you know, and again No. 1, I think we've got to go back to the donor's intent and the donor's wishes. In my mind, it

should go to you know the manager and/or his designee, and, you know, be set up for a plan to be distributed because I don't know who the recipient or the custodian -- who would be the custodian of this; all right? Of this artwork? Maybe it winds up being the library system; but the library system doesn't exist outside of Fulton County. And so, to me the person who would be the custodian would be the manager and/or his designee. So, I don't know. There may need to be some tweaking. The contract has a place for the library? It says that the library is in fact an entity --"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "-- the agreement is between the Foundation and Fulton County on behalf of the library system."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "And is it your understanding that that was the request of the donor?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "It was."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "That was the intended location."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: " All right. Commissioner Hall.

COMMISSIONER HALL: "No."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You finished?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion before us is to approve with those corrections to be added, Madam County Attorney. Let's vote."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue."

CLERK GRIER: "**22-0648**, Commissioner's Full Board Appointments. Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Regional Advisory Council. Vice Chair Hausmann has nominated Cathy Murphy for a Full Board appointment to a term ending August 1st, 2025."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion before us is to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**22-0649**, Discussion: Update of activities of the City of Atlanta and Fulton County Recreational Authority sponsored by Commissioner Arrington."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. You'll see the minutes from the most recent Recreational Authority meeting in your packets. Just want to make sure that we are keeping the Board abreast of everything that is going on at the Board, and the public is abreast of everything that the recreational authority is doing. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Colleagues it's 12:33. I'll entertain a motion to recess for lunch. Executive Session we'll be discussing items of real estate, litigation, and personnel-- "

COMMISSIONER HALL: "--move approval."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "--Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I don't know. I guess it's -- I just have one question: Are they ready to receive us for lunch?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "They should be. I checked and they were -- should be about ten minutes ago, they were. They're supposed to be ready for us. We have some items to discuss before."

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

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

(Executive Session taken at 12:33 p.m.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Without objection, we will resume the regular order of business. Madam County Attorney, are you ready with the items from Executive Session?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Thank you, Chairman Pitts, yes, I'm ready. Is there a motion to approve the request for representation set forth in items 1 and 2 of the Executive Session Agenda?"

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

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

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Is there a motion to approve the settlement set forth in item number 3 of the Executive Session Agenda, which is in settlement of David Brown versus Fulton County in the amount of \$21,000?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We have a motion to approve by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Please vote."

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

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "And is there a motion to approve the engagement of outside counsel required to update the Disparity Study, needed to extend Fulton County's amended nondiscrimination in purchasing and contracting program, to wit, and Strong, PC."

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

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

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "And that is the final action item, Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Madam County Attorney. Now, any other items before the COVID report?"

CLERK GRIER: "No further items except COVID."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Ready for the COVID report on page --"

CLERK GRIER: "14."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Page 14. Would you sound that, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "**22-0635**: Presentation of COVID-19 Operational Response Update."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Mr. Manager."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. I'll give you a brief summary of this and then take any questions. I think Matt Kallmyer is on his way down for some specifics. The cases are improving. There at 170 per day now, reported. But we do, through water, wastewater surveillance, believe them to be around 1200. So still pretty significant positivity rate, though is down 13.9 percent, to 13.9 percent, which is a significant improvement, as well as deaths per day down to one per day, which is very good news. The new version of the booster shot is now available. And we'll have it in our fixed sites next week so we'll talk about that and anticipate increased demand for that. I think the only requirement is that you're two months past your last booster and you're age 12 or older. We continue to monitor the monkeypox infections, which do appear to have peaked. We are also continuing our vaccination efforts in that vein. And are doing both vaccinations for monkeypox at Neighborhood Union as well as mobile pop ups at the Black Pride events. And I'm pleased to say, we got some positive press, in terms of our efforts as it relates to monkeypox vaccinations. We continue normal operations, even though now we are up to over a thousand employees have experienced COVID and reported it to us. I think we've been a leader among local governments in terms of moving back to normal. And you may have noticed that most major corporations have used Labor Day as a demarcation point for returning to the office. So again, I think we've been ahead of the curve in almost every respect as it relates to that. And ERAP, you may have already read the article and then we, of course, sent you a note. The big news there is, the gift that keeps on giving, we've gotten another 17 million reallocated now from Cobb County to the Treasury, and then expected to us. So, I should rephrase it, we haven't received yet, but we anticipate receiving that shortly. Also, the good news, based on the way Dr. Roshell and the team have managed this, we have about 15 million or so already in applications. So, while our portal is closed and we'll have some additional administrative costs, this would allow us to satisfy, we think, all of the applications that we have in the -- in the hopper. And Project ORCA, which we've also included, you'll see that we continue progress in resolving cases. We're down over 50 percent now in terms of where we started from. There are, clearly, still some variances from plan. The largest being in the DA's office in terms of charging cases on a to-date basis. But again, progress has picked up again this month, which is good news. One of the things that you've already acted upon was agreeing to move ahead with the architectural and engineering agreement for Oak Hill. And we're very pleased with that. Just struck me that our facilities agenda along with Oak Hill is very significant. I've said this a number of times. I just want to reiterate it again as you think about the future. But with Behavioral Health Crisis Center, the Animal Shelter, the Public Safety Training Center, a remake of 141 here for, what we called early on, pandemic proofing. I think probably better phrased, reimagining the workforce. And then (unintelligible) the

ultimate example, the Elections Central Warehouse, we have a very significant facilities agenda. All of this will service decades into the future. But all of these represent some challenges, both in terms of communications, cost containment in this world that's inflation driven, as well as disruption to current operations. So, we'll attempt to keep you informed on these projects as they move forward, but just want to, again, bring them to your attention. The ARPA financials have not been updated. But as you have passed resolutions recently in this meeting and the previous meeting, we will update them by the next meeting showing the reallocations that we would propose from those. In addition, as it relates to the ARPA allocations, as you recall, you approved 11 million going to Grady Hospital. We had made that contention upon us beginning to receive FEMA reimbursements. And Matt certainly can speak to his perspective because he's got the most expertise on FEMA reimbursements. Grady, given the situation now with AMC main closing and the anticipation of being potentially overwhelmed in the near term, as we put -- and work with them to put plans in place to be helpful, they're requesting that that 11 million be released now as opposed to waiting until the FEMA reimbursements are received. And I would recommend that for your consideration. Lastly, in response to the Chairman's note to all the Board Members relating to the decision on the 8.87 millage rate and implications from that, I have attached to the financial section of this deck, a early review of those numbers, their implications, and options for you to consider, if you chose to take that subject up. It clearly could be a discussion item at another meeting --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "--well, I think -- excuse me for interrupting -- we need to -- I think we need to talk about that today if we've got some time."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, sir. So those numbers are included. So, with that said, Matt, I'm going to allow you to bring some highlights to the attention of the Board. And we'll answer any questions."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Manager, good afternoon, folks. I believe Dr. Paxton is joining us on the line, as well as Doug Schuster, who is the long-range planner. Doug, would you like to take slide 3, and I'll take slide 4."

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "Sure, Matt. Good afternoon, Commissioners. Good news, since we met with you last, our caseload is now trending downward in a sustained direction from a high of in the 300s down to 169. Wastewater sampling does give us a suspected case rate of 1,200, but still down pretty significantly. And our positivity rate, while still in the red, dropped three points since the last meeting. And so that's good news trending downward. Next slide."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "Thank you, Doug. The County Manager did allude to this. Just want to make sure everyone's aware, the new Bivalent booster is available. You'll see up there, the eligibility is anyone 12 years and older. Also, if you -- last time you had your booster was over two months ago, please take advantage of that. I think it's a good time to make sure you do that before the winter months arrive, as well as your flu vaccine. We'll make sure that our mobile teams, which will be starting next week, will have that booster available in the Government Center. Now, you'll see all the other facilities on the other side of the paper there. We ask you guys to help us amplify that message. All those locations will be where those boosters will be available at the various healthcare clinics throughout Fulton County. Switch to slide 12. Dr. Paxton, just a quick update on monkeypox if you will, ma'am."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Sure, okay. Well, as you can see here on the slide that the pandemic continues with, we're now up to over 50,000 worldwide and almost 20,000 in the US. Here in Georgia, it's about 1,445 and about -- I think this has been recently updated. I think we are, like, you know, 46 to 47 percent of the -- of the entire state of Georgia's case counts have been here in Fulton County. We've been very diligent about getting vaccinations out. And have done over 9,000, which has been over 50 percent of the state's vaccinations. We are administering the Jynneos vaccine at the Neighborhood Union Health Clinic on Wednesdays through Fridays and -- from 9:00 to 3:00. And we are now at the point where we can do it as a, you know, on a walk-in basis. Although, of course, we always do like it when people will go ahead and make an appointment through the system link that can be found, both on the Georgia Department of Public Health site and the Fulton County sites as well. I guess all that I can -- else I can say is that, you know, we continue to see the same, it's mostly the same population that's affected. It's been, there's a lot of -- of press given to a few isolated cases of monkeypox in children. But I see distress that over 99 percent of the cases that we are having now are still among MSM, and that, men who have sex with men. And that is why we have put a really big emphasis on our equity initiative in terms of getting these out to the people who are most at risk. About almost 80 percent are -- are men of color. And we have, in terms of -- I don't see the -- the data up here on the slide, because I remember, we have roughly about 60 -- oh, I'm sorry, it's coming up on slide 15."

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "Slide 15."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Yes, thank you. Thanks for not making me have to do this from memory. So as you see, figure 3 shows what are -- the -- the -- what the monkeypox looks, and who it's affecting. And so that 79 percent of the people

who have monkeypox in Fulton County, are African -- are Black or African-American. And -- but what we have been also working on very diligently is trying to get these monkeypox vaccinations out in a way that's equitable. And so although we haven't hit the target of 79 percent, we've got -- we're near -- at nearly 50 percent, and also about, you know, I think overall, about 80 percent, almost 80 percent of our -- are the people who get -- who are getting the vaccine are people of color. And this hasn't gone unnoticed. Fulton got a shout out from the CDC and the White House for our equity initiatives in terms of getting the vaccinations out in as equitable a way as we have been able -- as possible. So I just wanted to use this opportunity to give proper acknowledgment to the team who -- that has done this to the point that we've become sort of a national model for -- for this. So that's what I was going to talk about. I don't know -- and I'm always, of course, available for any questions that you might have."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "Thank you, Dr. Paxton. Mr. Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Are there questions, Commissioners? All right. No questions. Thank you never much."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "Thank you, sir. Thank you, ma'am."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue, Manager."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You had a question?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yeah."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I'm sorry. Commissioner Hall has a question."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. You have a workforce messaging page in here that -- I think this is page 23. And my question would be, what exactly is the number of days that we're telling our employees they need to quarantine when they test positive. Because I had an employee contact me and say that, they tested positive for almost 14 days, but they were told to come back to work after seven."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Ken, do you want to answer that?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "So what's --"

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HRO, HRM: "Yes. Good afternoon, Commissioner. We're talking about COVID, correct?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes."

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HRO, HRM: "Following the new CDC guidelines, if that individual has been -- and it depends, you say they were positive or just exposed?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "They were positive."

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HRO, HRM: "Early on, we said that after the 14-day window -- and hopefully Dr. Paxton could correct me if I go off script. But after the 14-day window where the COVID virus has gone through the individual's system, there is a potential for that individual to continue to test positive multiple times. So we early on, moved away from the testing model to the time-tested model. And after that 14-day window, they were supposed to return back to work, not relying on a positive test. And that's --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "They were -- they tested positive for 14 days. But they were told to come back after seven. So they were still testing positive when they were told to come back to work. So they were literally at work testing positive for additional seven days, which made a total of 14 days. So, are you saying that they should have been quarantined for that 14 days where they were testing positive?"

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HRO, HRM: "I guess, what I was trying to say, Commissioner, is that after the normal quarantine period, which is 14 days, there's a potential for that individual to continue to test positive after that 14 days. So, after 14-day period, they were -- they would have been able to return back to work, still following the normal precautions, if they're feeling ill, then of course, go back out. But if they were not feeling sick or anything like that, they would be able to perform their jobs, but still might test positive. But we moved away from the testing model early on in the COVID-19 process."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "May I -- may I make a comment here?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes, please, Dr. Paxton."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Yeah, certainly, just to clarify. What the new -- what the CDC guidelines are for people who have tested positive are have -- actually not changed for a number months. And that is that, a person who has tested positive, should remain in isolation for five days. And then should continue -- they can -- they're allowed come out of isolation afterwards. And for the remainder -- for the next five days, should wear a well-fitting mask, like an N-95 mask whenever around anybody and anybody else. And the data behind this is that they have studied this pretty

intensively. And have found that your odds of being infections to others are very low after -- after ten -- after ten days. And one thing that, you know, you mentioned about people testing. Remember also that for a PCR test can remain positive for months. So we -- we haven't taught -- used that as a return-to-work criteria for a while. There are some people who with a rapid test -- a rapid test looks for -- is a -- is a little bit more sensitive for showing, you know, after a virus that could be, you know, transmissible. But even then we found that there are some people, particularly people who have been vaccinated, who are -- might continue to have a few days beyond that of a positive rapid test. But even they, in those situations we looked at, do not have high loads of virus, and therefore, are not really infectious. So rather than -- so that's why the CDC is still sticking its recommendation of five days isolation, then can come out of isolation, wear a good-fitting mask or an additional five -- five days. My recommendation, of course, is, you know, I think people should be wearing masks indoors much more than they are anyway. But that is what -- but what I just talked about, is what the official recommendation is from the CDC."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "You're welcome."

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

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. I apologize, I meant to say this earlier to the County Manager and the Customer Service and also to Matt. I just wanted to openly -- and to External Affairs to Jessica. We had a chance to host an African Delegation. And you all just was above board. And in fact, I came looking for you to tell you, thank you. And they actually reached out to me, wanting to know the names of people they met because they were putting in the international paper they had. But they really were impressed with Fulton County and us hosting the tour. And they were really, truly impressed with Matt and wanted more information about him and what he does in Emergency Management. So, I apologize, Chairman, but I did wanted to openly say how proud I am of Fulton County and how proud I am of the fact that it was a very last-minute request. But you all rose to the occasion and I appreciate it. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, thank you. Mr. Manager."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, sir. If it's the interest of the group, would you like to go to the budget implications from the millage rate discussion, or I guess, before we do --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We done with --"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "-- that, the one question is, on the 11 million to Grady. So that's another question. Would you like to see the ORCA trends? All right."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is Mr. --"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "He's here."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Alton Adams here? Alton?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Page 27."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Mr. Chairman, Commissioners. I will go through this rather quickly, and then happy to take any questions on the details. As the County Manager indicated, we picked up the pace again in August, we've slowed a bit in July, but picked up the pace in August. And as of the 4th of September, we were at 73,000 cases remaining. So had disposed of approximately 50 percent of the cases that we started with at the end of -- at the end of last year. The next page talks to the agency progress over the last -- over the last two weeks. And then our project to date, we are, here again, made up a bit of ground over the last couple of weeks in a number of the areas. And project to date, we continue to be at about 19,000 to the good, in terms of the initial -- the initial forecast that was produced, which was, as I've mentioned in the past, the lineal forecasts. And so as a result, we are going to have some bumpiness from week-to-week or month-to-month perspective. The next slide talks to the cases. This breaks down the overall cases between ORCA and post-ORCA. And not sure what the, kind of, the real big aha is except that we continue, obviously, to add cases as it pertains to the post-ORCA. We continue to ramp up in terms of closing the cases. And not sure we can say we're building an additional backlog at this point in time, but clearly, we need to continue to focus on increasing the capacity, increasing the throughput. We have number of initiatives underway to do that across the entire -- the entire system. The next slide talks to hiring."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yeah, you're a slide behind up here."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "I'm sorry."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Or you're a slide ahead, Alton."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Okay. I'm sorry, I wasn't looking, I was looking at my -- page 33, please, great. On the hiring side, we continue to make progress. One of the things that we're a bit concerned about is, we have seen an increase in attrition over the last month or so. We're doing a bit of a deep dive to find out what's really causing that. So we're looking at where are people going and why are they leaving. Some of

that may have to do with what we're seeing across the overall economy and even in the government, which is that individuals are leaving for higher salaries because continue to have a very low unemployment rate in the County and the City. But we are doing a deep dive to see if there's some things that we need to do to make sure that we retain the individuals that have -- that have joined. We continue to have challenges with the Sheriff and the Marshal in terms of recruiting and retaining individuals. The next slide talks to some of the things that we continue to focus on as part of continuous improvement. As I mentioned, we really are focused on finding ways to accelerate and improve the throughput of the system. We are working on triaging various cases and some cases focusing on one -- in one -- in one instance, focusing on cases where we have individuals in the jail as a priority. As we mentioned before, we have a courtroom management system that we're utilizing to increase the capacity of our footprint to allow us to have more cases. We've talked about the additional Zoom rooms that have been added and are now calendared fully. We are continuing to have evening hearings and the Solicitor has a general diversion night court that he is aggressively been employing as part of his diversion effort. The next slides, next couple of slides show individual performance, or performance by individual Judges, Superior Court Judges. And the slide 35 talks to the detainees by Judge. As you know, we are very focused on the jail population, which continues to be at a very high, very high level. And this just gives you a sense for the detainees by Judge. The next slide talks to the number of disposed cases by Superior Court Judge. And then we have the same data on -- in the following page 37 of page -- page 37 for State Court disposed cases. In terms of risk and impact to our ability to continue to make progress, obviously, the increase in violent crime means that we will have more individuals being taken to the Fulton County -- Fulton County Jail. That has an impact on the population. Increased violent charges means that the cases will, in fact, be more complex and longer. That has an impact on our ability to reduce the average length of stay. I had mentioned the challenge in terms of recruiting uniformed officers. It continues to be a problem and a challenge for us, not only for ORCA, but across the system. And why we have seen a bit of a mitigation as it comes -- as it pertains to COVID, we're still very focused on that because of the environment that we're in at the jail. So that continues to be a priority for NaphCare and for the individuals at the -- at the jail. So that's a quick summary, happy to take any questions."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Vice Chair Hausmann, question?"

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. On slide 31, where we're talking about the caseloads and how if we're keeping up with our targets. It looks like in almost every category, we're still making progress except for one, which is the

District Attorney. That's actually has -- it's further behind now than two weeks ago. Can you just speak to that, please?"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Yeah. I think the -- the actual two-week variance, the good news is, if there's any, is that the two-week variance for the DA seems to be narrowing a bit. But program to date, it is still the area that is in the red, where we need to focus on. So what, what are we doing? A couple of things, one, the District Attorney is working closely with the Public Defender to identify cases that might, in fact, be moved faster and to work on prioritizing those cases. And they meet every two weeks to discuss those cases. The DA has a big focus on looking at some of the juvenile cases that, in fact, account for some of the negative variance. And so there is a big priority, not only in overall cases, but specifically, in the cases that -- that are in the -- in the jail. There is a priority being placed on the level of indicted -- unindicted individuals in the jail, which is perhaps the most significant concern for us at this point in time, and it's a big focus on that. She's very aware of it, and she has a number of her senior people working on making sure we move the numbers as fast as we can."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "All right, good. Because obviously, that's an important cog in the wheel that could cause problems other places, so --"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Absolutely."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "And then while we're on this subject, do you have any update on the negotiations with Atlanta over ACDC?"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "The -- as you know, when -- when the resolution was passed by -- by the Council, and then BOC passed the -- the resolution two weeks ago, the next step was for the Justice Policy Board to meet and to basically lay out the specific requirements for the jail data analysis. That meeting is going to happen on Monday at 11:30. It's being Chaired by Judge McBurney. And he has a counterpart from the City, who is a Co-Chair. And they're going to be meeting in a special session, going to define what that data requirement is. We've already started to pull together some of the data. We expect that we have about 70 to 80 percent of it already. And so it's just a question of how we're going to format it, and then add what additional requirements that are going to be -- come out of that. So our hope and expectation, Commissioner Hausmann, is that we get some clarity on exactly what's being required on Monday. And we can start working on it, post-haste. Expect that once we get that defined, it will take us a week to two weeks to be able to pull the data together."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "And so, are we working on examining the building to see what sort of needs that it may have that we have to address in the interim."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "I don't -- I don't believe, based on discussions we've had that we're going to have to do anything to the building at all. Obviously, Sheriff Labat knows that building better than anyone, given his years as -- as the Chief Jailer there. But it's my understanding that the, you know, that it is in, I guess, move-in condition. It's really, I think that the big impetus for us right now is to figure out what the move details are going to be, how we're going to do it, the timing. And then to work out some of the logistics about meals and healthcare and the like, given the fact that we're going to be moving to a different facility."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Well, I agree with that. But I, again, trust but verify. And, you know, I don't know which areas of the building we plan to occupy. I know those details that have to be worked out. So I'm just hoping that we can do both tracks at the same time."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "We will and I'll follow up --"

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "So we don't we have to delay unnecessarily."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Agreed. Agreed. I'll make a point of -- I'll follow up with Sheriff Labat, and see if he needs any help from us, quite frankly, in terms of ascertaining whether there, you know, there are some things that we need to do or need to ask for before we -- we start the move."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "All right. And the meeting on Monday, is that a public meeting or a closed meeting?"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "That's a good question. I'm not a part of that Board. I'll defer to the County Manager. He is part of the Board, and I believe, Commission Rahman is as well."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "If you could just let us know."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Okay."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I have been asked to meet with the DA and Judges, many of those who participate in the -- this ORCA project. And what has been consistent in those meetings is them telling me that we are not getting a comprehensive case backlog of information to really understand the seriousness of the backlog that they're having to take care of. And I'll use the DA as an example. In these

numbers, do we include the number of unindicted cases that the DA's office had prior to the ORCA project being implemented?"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Well, ORCA -- ORCA includes cases that go back to, I want to say, 2015. So it's all the cases that would have been impacted, would have been brought forward during the -- during the -- that, you know, the two and a half years of the pandemic. So, what I will say, respectfully, is that the thing with numbers, right, is our focus is having -- is on having one single version of what we call, one version of the truth that reflects our best understanding and our best analysis, when it comes to looking at a Odyssey. And I've had discussions with the Judges. And in fact, when you say Judges, I'm not quite sure, because we have a steering committee, Judge Brasher is on that committee, so is Judge Edlein, so is Judge Kirk. They haven't expressed to me any concerns about the numbers. I know the DA is having -- has an issue with some of the numbers. We actually have -- I have a call with her -- we have a meeting with her in person at 4:00 o'clock today to review some of her concerns about that."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Good."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "But at this point in time, I think what we have are numbers that really reflect kind of where we are to the -- to the, you know, to the extent that we can based of the data that comes out of Odyssey."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. So --"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "But we -- but if I can -- but to your question, we continue to refine it, because we learn all the time, right? So --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "-- for example, one of the things we learned in talking to the DA, was that there may be some cases in Juvenile Court that they've closed out in JCATS, but we haven't closed out in Odyssey, because we --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Exactly."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "-- work in two different systems. So that's one of the things we're going to meet on this afternoon to see if we have some inconsistencies. So what we're learning as we go through this is, there's always pieces of data that we have to kind of refine, because -- because we're learning, right? This is -- this is new in terms of the type of data that we're pulling together, and certainly, the magnitude of the data base that we're dealing with."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Absolutely. So, what it appears is that, you have to look at the entire business process. And do business process reengineering based on that, and that will capture all of the case numbers. Because it -- for example, in the DA's situation, she inherited tens of thousands of -- or I think it was tens of thousands of unindicted cases from the prior DA. And we want to make sure we're capturing all of that. And then the other concern that was brought forward to me was that ORCA will end, and they are afraid of losing their ORCA employees. And that's going to leave them short staffed and put them back in a critical situation, once again, where they will ramp up in -- in case -- in their caseloads."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "And to that question, we have -- I think we -- we've, in working with Finance and with the Steering Committee, have indicated that we're going to extend that period into 2024. We're actually, we're working on the final, the details of that right now."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Because it involves some -- some -- we won't be to extend all positions. But -- and it probably doesn't make sense to extend all the positions. So we're trying to work through some of those details. And in fact, I know we had a meeting with Finance this week to kind of nail that down. So, the -- the -- I think the decision, the recommendation is that, yes, we're going to extend the spend to 2024. The question is, does it go to December, does it go to August? It's going to -- and we have to do the analysis to figure out, quite frankly, when that -- that money runs out."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Great, that's good to hear. And then in looking at the hiring progress, page 33, I consistently noticed that the DA's hiring progress is higher than everyone else's departments and offices. And so I asked her what did she do differently from the others. And she said she goes beyond what our HR Department does by posting her positions on Indeed and LinkedIn and all of those job employment websites that we don't post on. And that's how she's more successful in hiring. So, I say that to say that our HR Department should look at expanding their reach in employment opportune -- in advertising the employment opportunities."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "And we -- we've had discussions with Kenneth. I know that his team broadly, not just for ORCA, but is using LinkedIn, is using some very targeted sites so that we can, in fact, get after and do a better job of recruiting. So not only are we doing it for ORCA, but we're doing it in cases like IT and others, where we have some very specialized skills that we have a hard -- we've had a hard time in recruiting. So I think what we -- I think that's changed. I think historically, given the

environment we're in, we probably were very focused on posting jobs and people come to us."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Right."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "I think over the last six months or so, we've been a lot more proactive in getting after and going after and using some of these sites to -- to identify and to -- and try to be proactive in identifying people and reaching out to them."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Great. Thank you, job well done."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Thank you, Commissioner Hall, for raising that issue about expanding our reach when we're looking for employees. I think we've said many, many times that we need to start thinking outside of the box and be a little bit more aggressive with our recruitment. So I appreciate you raising that one more time. And Mr. Alton, just kind of refresh my memory. When we were developing the ORCA plan, we did a lot of conversations with our agency partners on what it would take to get caught up; is that correct? What they would need, how many resources and personnel and whatever that they would need, correct?"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "We -- two things, we looked at -- we looked at historically, what it'd take to -- how many cases we can get through in a year based on the capacity that we had. And then secondly, to your question, Commissioner, we did have discussions with everyone at the agencies about resources. And so, in most cases, what you're seeing is that, in most cases we actually allocated more people than they've been able to hire and utilize. So it's not a supply issue as -- in terms of dollars, it's really about being able to get these resources on board and to keep them. And what we didn't appreciate at the time was how difficult the labor market would be overall. So whether it be for sworn officers, whether it be for Public Defenders, whether it be for nurses, right, we know we have a challenge in hiring and retaining people. And what we're seeing in ORCA, is a microcosm of that overall challenge."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Well, and I -- we all can appreciate how difficult it is to find good people. I guess the point is that at the time that we allocated the money, we knew what the backlog was or what the current caseload in every area was. And that's -- that was what we were trying to address. So it wasn't that, if it happened before March of 2020, it wasn't included. All that was included, correct?"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "That is correct."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Okay, okay. Just wanted to make sure. All right, thank you. Mr. Manager, what is next?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "I think just going sequentially, it would be looking -- there's really nothing new -- let me first, before I say that. In emergency rental assistance, does anyone have any questions about the allocation that we'll get from Cobb and fast forward with that."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "I don't see any."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "All right. In the COVID's Recovery Funds Plan, page 41, there's nothing new there because we have not done any reallocation. The question before you would be -- and the recommendation would be to go ahead and release to Grady, the \$11 million allocated in advance of us receiving FEMA reimbursements."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "So, what we had approved was that we would do that once we received the FEMA reimbursement; is that correct?"

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

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "What is the latest we've heard on that?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Let me ask Matt to give you a little bit of inside baseball on that."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "And then Commissioner Ellis."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "I'm not sure how much inside baseball I can offer on that. The good thing is that we have actually put a couple of packages together, it has received FEMA approval. So right now, it's sent back in the State process. Just to give everyone a quick update of how it works. Normally, we either expend funds and seek reimbursement. One of the things that you can do is to do an expedited package. We did an expedited package for what we did for Mercedes-Benz Stadium. Also, we did an expedited package for the last quarter of last year, plus the first two quarters of this year. That went through FEMA review process, it's been approved by FEMA. It then goes back to the State for the State to actually cut the check and give it to the government that is requesting it. So right now, we have received FEMA approval. It's back in the State's hands, who'll have to do the drawdown, and actually cut the check and do that reimbursement to the County. So, if you're asking, do I have a check in hand to hand to Ms. Whitmore, no, I do not. But we're in a place where FEMA has done all the approvals. We just need to go ahead and go through this administrative process at this time."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "So, we can assume then that we're talking to the State about our urgent needs that we have?"

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "Yes, ma'am. We have expressed that to them. It seems like it's transitioning from one department to another, who will be actually cutting this check. It's at -- with one (indiscernible) as moving back to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency Department to actually do the drawdowns in check cutting. So there has been about an eight-week delay in that process as they're doing this transition. They understand the urgency, and they're trying to work towards that. But we are stuck in this little bit of a situation, where once again, it was transferring from one department to the other."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Well, perhaps that'll open up soon."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "Hopefully so, ma'am."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "So, what is the -- what's the total amount of FEMA reimbursement we are awaiting? And then is that -- the total number different than the number that you're referring to --"

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "I'd have to go back and actually --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "-- with the State?"

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "-- look at those different packages, sir, to be able to give that to you."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "Mr. Oshikoya, do have that in front of you by chance? I don't have those notes in front of me."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "I have the report from August 30th, that's the last report. It looks like we have several different applications in several different phases. The expedited application that Matt referenced for the last quarter of 2021, first two quarters of 2022, our total cost estimate was 14.2 million. We requested half of that up front, which is roughly 7.1. And that would be the amount that we're waiting reimbursement on relative to that. If we go -- if we go back to previous applications, the application that we submitted for some carryover costs that were related to 2020, that was 1.9 million. That application has been fully submitted. All of the back and forth, I think has been completed. So we're waiting on reimbursement for that one as well. Q1 pending funding of 3.7 million, this is Q1 of 2021 pending funding

of 3.7 million. 2021, the Mercedes-Benz, I think we have a little over 500,000 that we're still waiting on reimbursement for there. Otherwise, we've received full reimbursement for all the costs that we incurred there. We've just submitted an application, finalized the application for Q2 of 2021. That was 5.3 million, so that one, I wouldn't expect reimbursement on any time soon. And I believe that's all that we have actually submitted completed applications on at this point."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "So --"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Did I miss anything, Hakeem?"

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, FINANCE DIRECTOR: "No, no, you got it."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yeah, I -- that's about it."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "We do a biweekly meeting with the Finance team and that was this packet that Ms. Whitmore is referencing in those particular areas. So we actually are in the process of opening for Q3 of this year. And then Q4 will be the one after that. And then the reimbursement period for the federal government will cease at that point and we would have to look at ARPA dollars to continuing whatever operation we need to through this particular fight."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "When -- yeah, if I could get just maybe for all our edification, if you could get sort of a true number for what we're -- what we have outstanding and what's sort have been sought and what's yet to be submitted, I think that that'll be --"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "We can do that. We can --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "-- useful to have."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "-- summarize it."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "The -- on the issue of going ahead and releasing the funds for -- for Grady, not, you know, kind of removing the restriction on the FEMA reimbursement, I guess you've added some color about when we might receive what I just heard was 7.1 of that? Is that really the bucket that we're waiting --"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "7.1 is for the -- the largest applications. That -- that's one half of the cost of associated with --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Is this the one where we're waiting on somebody to figure out who's supposed to write the check --"

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

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "-- which department that -- which acronym?"

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

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "Yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "And the 500,000 for the Mercedes-Benz, the new vaccination center."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yeah."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Do we have -- in terms of just looking at our run rate of cost on -- for ORCA, so I guess that's sort of the con -- main continual item, right, in terms of -- that we're fund -- funding out of ARPA. I mean, that's sort of just steady week to week because of personnel stuff, as well as for the cash on hand we have related to ARPA. Do we have sufficient funds to go ahead and make the release to Grady?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "From a cash-flow perspective, yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. You know, I -- reflecting this week, I mean at -- with the announcement about the AMC facility, you know, I think the -- the one thing that -- I think the most important thing we can do, in terms of response to that, is ensure the stability of Grady. I mean, that's our obligation. We jointly own the facility through the Authority. And I think the work that we've done there to ensure its stability is -- a lot of times, probably goes under appreciated, sometimes people don't like it. But I think that what you heard last -- what the -- with the announcement coming from last week, I think it reinforced, certainly, the importance of the role we play with Grady. So I'd -- I would personally go ahead and move that we remove the FEMA restrictions off that and go ahead and reimburse the -- and provide the \$11 million of funding that -- it was 11, right? To go ahead and release that to Grady so that gives them that extra -- extra bit, any extra bit of financial stability, I think it would be helpful. That's my motion."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Properly moved and seconded. You still want to be heard?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Go ahead."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I just want to thank Commissioner Ellis for what he just said, because over this Labor Day weekend and being at so many events and people really, really hurt and disappointed about the closing of the Atlanta Medical Center and especially after WellStar closed the hospital in East Point. Everyone was saying, we need to make sure that we support Grady Hospital. And so what you said is right in line with what the constituency has been asking for. And I appreciate that."

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

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Mr. Manager."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, sir. Last item is: Sharon and Hakeem have prepared a brief summary of what we think the implications are from a millage rate decision that was made in the last meeting to give you a, again, a good running start at what we need to be thinking about for 2023 from a budget perspective as we prepare a submission to you. But then also, actions that you perhaps want to consider earlier than that to give us more cushion as we go into 2023. Because as you'll see when you really get a little bit deeper into these numbers, it's going to be very tight. It will require us doing some things that we have not done in some period of time in terms of expense controls, being a lot more disciplined. And there is really no room for new initiatives. So this is really about trying to take what we have today and have it fit inside of a revenue projection for -- for next year. So, if Mr. Chairman, if it's your pleasure we have --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. This is --"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "-- that document in front of you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "This is going to be a good exercise because we will have a finite amount of money with which to operate. And it's impossible for us to fund everything that we've been asked to fund. Y'all hear me say constantly, it's easy to say, yes, to constituents, but very difficult to say, no. But this, I think, is going to force us to be a lot more disciplined as we move forward. And this is particularly important with -- obviously, we'll have at least one new member next year, and we don't know what to expect. We know what we had here, sometimes. But, seriously, I think that we will -- this is a good exercise for us. And I would hope that everybody would pay attention to what we -- and what's going to be presented this afternoon. Just a minute. Just a minute."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I just wanted to thank you, Mr. Chair. I just also want to add, and it'll force us to negotiate with -- about LOST even better. Because we need the funding to cover programs and services to continue to offer the best in the state of Georgia, which is what we're known to do."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Countywide."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Countywide, that's right."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was actually going to let Hakeem walk you through the slides that are in the deck if we could get the deck pulled back up on the screen."

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, FINANCE DIRECTOR: "Hi, Commissioners."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You're going to come to the podium or --"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, thank you, thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You're coming to the podium or you want to do it from there?"

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, FINANCE DIRECTOR: "I can do it from here."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You're sure?"

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, FINANCE DIRECTOR: "I have my shoe on, Mr. Chairman. I do have my shoes on, no flip flop. Okay. So, just a reminder, Commissioner, at the last BOC meeting, you took action to reduce our millage -- I mean, to rollback our millage rate from 9.33 to 8.87 mills. That represents close to about half a mill. And the impact of that is a reduction to our potential revenue 2022 by \$32 million. And then in turn, in turn, we also -- okay, let me just go over this, our presentation as it's being presented now. I thought I was just going to speak through the presentation. But I'll go over each slide. So this particular slide that, you know, we have on here is showing what was approved for 2022 in our budget, and then what we have projected that, you know, the spending and the revenue will be for 2022. This is at the 8.87 mills property tax rate approved by the Board. As I mentioned before, we went from 9.33 to 8.87. At the last meeting, if you remember, we presented a projected expenses of \$832 million was what we projected, leaving us with underrun of 25 million. Now, with some items that, you know, the Board already approved with us, you know, putting those items against the \$25 million underrun that we projected last time. And those items total about \$17 million. They're right there to the right of the screen that we're looking at here. We're setting aside \$12 million for the consolidated warehouse. And the Board had initially approved this warehouse earlier this year. And this is the additional amount that we're

going to need to be up to complete the transaction. Actually, it was approved last year. Then the next item there is senior transportation. The Board did approve that this year. We're going to need \$2.5 million more to complete funding for the program for the remainder of 2022. Our facility security, that is actually physical security of our facilities. From the estimate received from the Chief, we need another \$1.4 million. This was a contract that the Board approved earlier as well. And then the last item there is the funding for Atlanta Technical Driving School for \$500,000. That was approved last time, I believe two or three meetings ago by the Board. And that will be for \$500,000. So all in all, all those items, you know, come out to \$17 million. And then we added them to be 832 that we protected last time. So our underrun that we're projecting now for the year is \$8 million. Now, it doesn't mean that, you know, this is what we're truly going to end up with. And that is part of the discussion that we want to have with the Board today. Because there are certain things that we can do this year to improve our financial situation going towards the end of the year, which will also help us out in 2023. So, can we go to the next slide, please? So this next slide is showing what the impact of that reduction is, from 9.33 to 8.87. There's a thirty -- there's \$32 million that, you know, we will have been able to receive this year if that rate was approved. So, we're not going to receive that. Also, by us not having that revenue, it's actually reduces our base revenue for 2023 as well, because if we had maintained that 9.33 that will have been a new base rate and a base amount for 2023. But being that, you know, it was reduced for this year and we're assuming the same rate for 2023 unless, you know, the Board gives us a direction that, you know, there will be a millage rate increase that might be considered for 2023. Then if we don't have that guidance from you, then we have to assume that we're losing that \$32 million. So the 32 that we're losing this year, plus the 32 that we will have had to -- have as part of our base in 2023. When you combine both of them, it's a total reduction of available resources of \$64 million in 2023. On our expenditure side, we pretty much are showing you what we -- what I just covered in the first slide, which is the \$25 million that we projected, and then the \$16.9 million that we're going to be spending out of that 25 to leave us with the \$8 million. Our fund balance is going to be reduced. We're going to be actually using -- we're going to be using \$96 million of our fund balance if we end the year as we've projected. And the reason for that is this, we started the year with \$250 million. We're now projecting that we're going to end the year with \$154 million if everything stays the same as we've projected. I have to keep on, you know, emphasizing that. So if everything stays the same as we projected, we will be using \$96 million of our fund balance to balance the budget in 2022. Next slide, please. So going to 2023, we will start the year with 550 -- I mean, \$154 million. Our revenue will be 771. Now that revenue is going up, but it's just not going up as much as, you know, it could have if that 9.33 millage rate was what was approved. Because, you know, for this year we're projecting \$753 million of revenue.

Now, we're picking up another \$18 million to go to 771. So the 771 million, plus the 154 is giving us available resources of 925. Our base budget in 2022 is \$857 million. That's what the current year budget is. There are some unavoidable items that, you know, we are aware of that we'll need to add to that base budget in 2023. And all of those items come up to about \$25 million. The 25 plus 857 is \$882 million. This is what we consider our new overall projected our new budget for 2023 will be. And this amount is before we receive any new requests from departments for the 2023 budget. The departments submitted their requests last Friday. We have not had a chance to go through that to determine what the impact of us not funding those items will be in 2023. But so right now, we're just working with, you know, what is known to us so that we'll be able to present the Board with some picture of, you know, what we're seeing and what we think, you know, the impact will be on the 2023 budget. Our projected end-of-the-year fund balance, which is \$44 million and that amount comes from the 925 available resources, less the \$882 million of spending that, you know, we are projecting for 2023. And we are required to have, according to the resolution, the fund balance reserve resolution, of 16.67 of our expenses. That will mean that we need to have \$147 million in fund balance to be able to maintain that 16.67 percent requirement. So the difference between the two, the \$147 million that was required and the \$44 million that we've projected if everything remains the same as been presented to you today, will result in a shortfall of \$103 million. Next slide, please. So, we are presenting the Board with certain things that could be done to help us in mitigating this shortfall that, you know, we've -- we're looking at for 2023. And one of the items and the first one there is increasing our Local Option Sales Tax collection. The amount that, you know, we're going to be able to collect for 2023 is yet to be determined. As you all know, there's ongoing negotiation with the municipalities and Fulton County. And we hope that by this time we get to, you know, October and November, or maybe December, we should -- or pretty much the last month to make a decision, we will know what we'll be able to include in the budget for 2023. The next item there is the TAD increments. We -- we've estimated about \$50 million that, you know, we have. I mean, we're going large in TAD. This amount with the existing TADs that we have, we can look for ways to restructure. It's going to involve us contacting some consultants or attorneys to look into the existing agreements that we have and figure out how we can roll back some of the funding provisions that, you know, we've allowed the cities to have as part of the TAD. Then the other thing that, you know, we're recommending is a moratorium on our new TAD commitments and put a stop into it. And by the way, just to go back to the second item there that I talked about on the TAD. You know, if we don't -- if we don't take everything back on those TAD, we can restructure them, you know, because right now, they're like, 100 percent increment. So, what that means is, any increase that, you know, we have within those TAD districts, any increase that we have in the property -- I mean in the

digest, those increases go to the City. Noting comes to the County. If we had a 50/50 split then that would have been a 50 percent going to the cities and 50 percent of that increase coming to the County, which would minimize the impact. At least if we're able to do that, we are estimating this to be \$50 million in total. That will mean that, you know, you get another \$25 million if, you know, we can do that. Then the other item is the credit card fee waiver, which was approved by the Board in 2020. It is costing us \$12 million every year, you know, to waive the credit card fee for those taxpayers that are using the credit card to make payment on -- I mean, make payment with their credit cards. So if we can waive that, it will give us \$12 million. At the time that this item was approved by the Board, I believe it was supposed to be about \$3 million. But it has a really ballooned up to this amount that we are showing on the screen. Or we can consider a millage rate increase. Every one tenth of a mill would generate about \$6 million. On the expense side, we can look to us implementing a hiring freeze on all positions, and also institute other spending control measures. We estimated that, you know, if we do that from September 14th, we can save about \$12.7 million in 2022, and then \$47 million in 2023. We can defer planned composition actions including the midyear COLA that was presented to you at the last BOC meeting. We can also defer the phase 2 key classifications, and then the 2023 pay-for-performance bonus, all for a total of \$20.8 million. Also, no funding for new programs or expansion of existing programs in 2023. So it will be a status-quo budget that we're going to have for that year. We can also apply historical average. We looked at our ten-year spending pattern. And we've always spent 94-95 percent of our budget. If we don't have new programs and we don't expand existing programs, if we just take that 882 that, you know, was shown at the previous screen and just apply that 94-95 percentage to that to determine what the budget amount will be. That is also something that's feasible. But it's going to involve, you know, a reduction to our department's budget from where we are today in order for us to be able to accomplish that. And then we can also say that, you know, we will not be funding any 2022 nonrecurring expenditures in 2023. That would be about \$46 million that we've estimated. And I think I have a list of all those nonrecurring items that will be considered for this option. Next slide, please. So we're giving you options here to close the gap of \$103 million. And one option, which we titled option A, is to implement the hiring freeze in 2023, that would generate \$47 million. End credit card fee waiver, that would be \$12 million. It will still leave us with a projected deficit of 44 million. But that projected deficit could be covered with the options -- I mean, it could be covered with Local Option Sales Tax or an increase to the millage rate. Option B is the defer -- defer all planned conversation actions, no funding of nonrecurring expenditures in 2023. And then also that will still leave us with a deficit. And that deficit can be covered with the same -- the same, you know, funding option that, you know, we have option A. And in the list of the nonrecurring items that, you

know, we are recommending or suggesting for consideration not to fund 2023 and listed at the bottom of the screen. Next slide, please. And the next slide is with us getting the guidance from the Board on what we will need to do for 2023, and also the implementation of hiring freeze and other spending control for 2022. That is the presentation. And we'll take any question that you may have."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Thank you very much. I think that was a very succinct, clear statement of where we are and what are options are going forward. So beginning with Commissioner Ellis, followed by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yeah. I didn't -- we didn't really get this until late yesterday. So I don't know how well people had a chance to look at something that's kind of this important. So, certainly wouldn't be expecting us to make any major decisions necessarily coming out of this, given the importance of it. But I'll offer a few thoughts, just in terms of some reactions to some of it. Number one, I -- I do think, you know, one of the things that's important for us to look at, you know, principally, is certainly that, you know, our topline revenue in this thing sort of shifted over time. I know we're in the LOST negotiations. I think, important things for people to understand that, that that's only making up about 2 percent of the revenue that we generate right now. And we're very heavily property taxes dependent. I think Sharon or Ms. Whitmore, I think, it's 85 percent, right, if I did my math right in terms of our budget setup, we're about 85 percent dependent on our general fund for property tax revenue?"

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

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. Yeah. And contrast that with a lot of other jurisdictions that are more like 50 percent. So, you know, we're very heavily dependent upon that so -- or so, thus importance of the -- the LOST proceeds, which used to be a one level up until 2017, and then dropped. I mean that's, if I did my math right, this is probably about 156 million in revenue over that period of time that would have been flowing into the County general fund, based upon the original negotiated agreement that didn't make its way in. So, certainly that's important. You know, we say TADs and we've talked about this a little bit before. I -- you know, this sort of gets into the level of esoteric, where I don't think a lot of times our taxpayers really understand. But people are paying county taxes they think that are coming to the County, but in some cases, they're actually going into a Tax Allocation District to fund projects that have nothing to do within the county within that Tax Allocation District like the Beltline, like Atlantic Station, et cetera, correct?"

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, FINANCE DIRECTOR: "Yes, Commissioner."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "And so, they're other participants in that as well or can be -- or it can be. There can be cities and schools and us, but for purposes of county taxes right now, you're saying, we're reproaching about \$50 million of what would be funds coming into the County general fund are being paid directly to -- into a Tax --"

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, FINANCE DIRECTOR: "Going to TAD."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "-- for a Tax Allocation District?"

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, FINANCE DIRECTOR: "Yes, Commissioner."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. You know, I mean, I think it's good to call this out. But really the question is, not calling it out, it's what to do about it. And I -- my -- well, really, I've asked about it before. So I'll just say, my direction is to, I would like to see a plan for when we can begin to take steps to produce what we've got on -- going into this. Because it -- it's heavy, and then it certainly, in some of the jurisdictions, it's -- it's much more than what it should be. So I guess I'm looking for more some direction from you all about what steps we can take. If that's instituting a moratorium on future stuff, what does that involve that we do? You know, I guess we had a chance to take action on one of them last week or whatever, a couple of weeks ago. Then we did another one, but -- so I'm interested in a plan on that. You know, best I can tell in terms of playing my own bills online and all that sort of stuff that, we're the only jurisdiction that's doing the credit card fee waiver. And I guess we're probably even eating the -- eating the lunch, so to speak, for the other jurisdictions that we collect for?"

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, FINANCE DIRECTOR: "Yes."

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

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, FINANCE DIRECTOR: "Yeah."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. So -- and we're -- the Tax Commissioner's collecting for the schools and all that, then for the city of Atlanta, for city of John's Creek, city of Sandy Springs, and we're eating the waiver of the cost. What do we need to do to end it? I mean, it's -- it's a convenience, but, you know, in terms of consistency with other local governments and, you know, decisions and so forth, I mean, I -- to me, I mean this, you know, in terms of generation of revenue, it's -- it's the only thing on this page that's potentially immediate that could take place. And certainly, given our 85 percent dependence on property taxes, I think the last bullet point, the millage rate increase should be the absolute last thing considered. So, what, you know, what do we need to do to take action on the fourth bullet point under revenue enhancements?"

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, FINANCE DIRECTOR: "Commissioner, I believe it was approved via a Resolution, if I'm not mistaken. And if that --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "-- okay."

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, FINANCE DIRECTOR: "-- is the case, then we'll probably just need to do another --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "-- revocation of that Resolution --"

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, FINANCE DIRECTOR: "-- Resolution to -- yeah."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay."

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, FINANCE DIRECTOR: "To end it."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And that's only going to increase, as I understand it."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Well, I mean, we were told that, you know, the feeling was that on the basis of negotiating fees down and that sort of stuff that it was going to average around three."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "And now it's up to this number. So, anyway, I mean it's -- I think that needs to be probably the most actionable thing on this page in terms of could be done. We need to look at that. And then on the -- so -- all right. So you told me what I need to know on that. We can follow up. On the expense mitigation, I just -- I have sort of a couple -- couple of things. And I'll start with the last bullet point, which you can go to this list of nonrecurring items. You know, I guess in terms of, you know, incremental jail overcrowding and all that sort of stuff, you know, I mean, that's largely I guess, contingent upon whether the jail is overcrowded, right? And what did we spend - I know we've got a number in there this year, but what if we, functionally, spent in addition to the people's -- the Sheriff's budget and so forth. Is it even approximated that number, or are we sort of been able to fund this largely through the Sheriff's budget and underruns in terms of staff costs and some other things?"

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, FINANCE DIRECTOR: "Commissioner, we do have \$14.6 million in the budget for 2022. So --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "—right.—"

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, FINANCE DIRECTOR: "-- our thinking or plan was to bump that up to \$46 million in 2023."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yeah."

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, FINANCE DIRECTOR: "BOC --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "--say that again."

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, FINANCE DIRECTOR: "Our plan was to bump that amount up to \$46 million in 2023 based on information received --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay."

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, FINANCE DIRECTOR: "-- initially from Mr. Adams. So, if we decide to maintain that \$14.6 million then, you know, we can shave off that \$32 million."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Well, I mean, it's only nonrecurring if the prison population goes down. I mean, we have to house the inmates."

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, FINANCE DIRECTOR: "That's part --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "--right, so, I mean, I guess sort of its, you know, give us a realistic budget number, I guess, versus just, you know, picking a super large number. I -- it's not nonrecurring if we have overcrowding then we have to house people, right? So, whatever that number is, I mean, I -- but to sort of phrase this as whatever, I -- anyway."

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, FINANCE DIRECTOR: "Commissioner, we can -- we can go back and look at that number very well. But I -- but we do think that, you know, we might be able to at least shave off some amount of that \$46 million."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "So your original thinking may have been high and that number may can come down. That might be a better way of looking at it, I guess."

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, FINANCE DIRECTOR: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "So -- all right. So that's -- that's one on that page. You know, the -- I don't know what in terms of what we were thinking we were going to do relative to video surveillance and hardening of access points. But if those are things that need to be done, I'm not really all that keen on saying that that's something that should be deferred. You know, I think the safety and security of our, you know, the stuff that we're entrusted to, our employees, you know, the public, et cetera, you know, is a priority. I -- and so, if this is a, we could cut cost thing, I don't necessarily -- you know,

or if this is just -- I don't -- is this a, you know, why is this a nice to have, I guess, would be my question on that. So, I would, you know -- I would question whether that's nonrecurring. You know, the third one, you know, I think that is something that's potentially nonrecurring. And then, you know, concept of removing, you know, funds for school-based therapy when we -- something we just talked about earlier related to the mental health and trying to classify, you know, providing mental health services to youth is nonrecurring, that's a joke. Get that off this page. You know, that's part of what we're doing with mental health services and get it in the budget. So -- I -- that's me -- that's -- that's where I start on that bottom part. What's missing for me, I think certainly, the third -- the fourth bullet point down you have, the applying the historically average spending percentage of 94 percent, you know, that makes a lot of sense. We have underruns and that sort of stuff each year. Somehow we need to do a better job of probably factoring that in and coming up a way to consider that. So I think that's certainly something that makes some relative sense. The third bullet point, obviously in terms of new programs and so forth, given what we're looking at that makes some sense. Yeah, what you're -- you know, considering all the comp options, I think, on an intellectual level, certainly makes some sense. We certainly don't need to commit ourselves to certain things that we can't pay for. But I'm not -- you know, whether a full hiring freeze on all positions makes sense or whether that's looked at in some sort of other vane in putting some sort of potential, you know, kind of budgetary figure on that of, you know, that we could should consider makes some sense. What I see missing from here is -- and I think we need some relook at, and I would encourage you all to relook at is, are there opportunities with, I would say, more in administrative areas and service areas. And that could even be administrative components of service areas, whether that's HR, Finance, legal, whether that's even Board of Commissioners expenditures. The, you know, things like, we had -- we had an item that came before us earlier which we -- which we held, was really more of a strategy item, a survey, you know, I mean, those are the kind of things that, you know -- well, you know, I ain't voting for something that's removing school-based therapy and it's keeping -- keeping a survey we going to just call up people about, that's for darn sure. So, you know, I think that there are those kind of value things that we need to look at. And the -- and whether there are, you know, specific sort of capital things, you know, that are -- where are we at with our capital budget and what will we plan to do with that relative to some of the constraints that we have here? And -- and last, you know, the other thing that I think that it's worth looking at and thinking about given some of the stuff that we are dealing with -- dealing with in this, you know, probably principally applies to, kind of the, one of those first items that we're talking about and whether it was nonrecurring or not would be the jail overcrowding is, you know, look we've got -- we've got American Rescue Plan money. I know that there are funds that's supposed to be allocating in certain categories. But

we've got certain categories we've allocated to that we've not really expended to a lot of dollars on that, probably need to be revisited. But, you know, jail overcrowding certainly, one of the causes of this is the COVID effect in the operation of our court system. So, you know, I think, you know, we possibly need to consider, you know, or we should consider some potential, you know, reallocation of ARPA funds to potentially address some of those components that we're dealing with in terms of, you know, expense drivers and impacts in 2023. So, that's all I have to offer."

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

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. You know, when we voted and what I put forth was a, pretty much, a happy medium of taken it to 9.00 mills, this is what you consequently call, where the rubber meets the road. When I look at the credit card waiver, I'm wondering if that will allow or likely affect our 96 percent collection rate. I think about the individuals that are paying with a credit card that may delay it if that amount makes a difference. At the end of the day, and this is Commissioner Khadijah's opinion, we sat here and we voted on contracts that require increases. In my household, I can't speak for anybody else, but everything from my internet to my water bill to my security bill, everything went up, everything. Nothing went down, nobody gave me a rollback, nobody said, hey, you know, your franchise fee is going down. Everything went up. And so, I'm concerned, especially how the waiver will -- how the waiver will affect our collection rate. I agree with Commissioner Ellis about the therapy, you know, we're talking about housing more folks instead of getting more folks out. And so, now we have tasked our County Manager and our CFO and everyone to go and make the changes because we, for whatever reason, everybody has their own opinion. But everything is going up. Everything is going up. Everything has gone up. And sometimes we make decisions up here based on everything other than what we should be making it on, which is the reality is that we're going to have some cuts that we just are going to have to take. And we're going to have to explain some things to our constituents, why we can't do certain things. But when we're talking about making priorities in some areas as opposed to others, when we're talking about instituting the credit card fee back, a happy medium was the 9.00 mills. Now, we can't cry, or I'm not going to cry over spilled milk. But I would be remiss if I didn't say, this is where the rubber meets the road. We sit here and we look at contracts where people are saying, I could no longer do transportation at this price, I have to do it at a higher price. I can no longer do this or that. We can't -- we've got more people back at work now, which means we've got more invoices, which means we have to look at the increased labor costs and other costs. But when it comes to being based in reality, everything is going up. And now we're going to have to look at projects that all of us want. And some of those projects may not make it in or some of those projects may be

decreased. And so I would just ask that all of my colleagues take that into consideration. Because this has come upon us quicker than I realized that we got to do something. And whatever action we take will have a reaction. I don't want our collection rate to drop down below 96 percent. But I also don't want someone to defer paying their taxes because the difference in using the credit card versus paying it any other way could make a difference. So I think it we should just sometimes look at the reality of everything that's happened in today's society. And make decisions based on that as opposed to politics. Thank you, Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Other comments, other questions? Anything else? All right, thank you for the -- and I guess you got some direction from -- based upon some of the comments that were made. But it's my sense that the -- an increase in the millage rate is off the table. So, I don't think you can count on that. That means that everything else, I guess, will be before us. So, anything else? All right. Anything else, Madam Clerk? And we'll continue this, I'm sure. I know that there are some department heads going to be coming with 25, 30, \$40 million increases. Where the money is coming from, I have no earthly idea. But it's certainly not coming from a millage rate increase as I understand it from talking with you privately. So, no other matters to come before us today, we are adjourned. Thank you."

(There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.)