

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

November 02, 2022
10:00 AM



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



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Ratification Date: December 7, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Robert L. Pitts

10:00 a.m.

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

Robert L. Pitts, Chairman (At-Large)

PRESENT

Liz Hausmann, Vice-Chairman (District 1)

PRESENT

Bob Ellis, Commissioner (District 2)

PRESENT

Lee Morris, Commissioner (District 3)

PRESENT

Natalie Hall, Commissioner (District 4)

PRESENT

Marvin S. Arrington, Jr., Commissioner (District 5)

PRESENT

Khadijah Abdur-Rahman, Commissioner (District 6)

PRESENT

INVOCATION: Reverend Clifton Dawkins, Jr., County Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recite in unison: Lead by Mr. Roger Wise Jr. and the Johns Creek Color Guard

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**22-0789 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 removing item #22-0790 for separate consideration as requested by Chairman Pitts; and correcting a clerical error in item #22-0805 as requested by the County Manager. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nay: Hausmann

Absent: Ellis

Commissioners' District Board Appointments**22-0790 Board of Commissioners**

**FULTON-DEKALB HOSPITAL AUTHORITY D/B/A GRADY HEALTH SYSTEM
(WITHDRAWN)**

Consists of ten (10) trustees (members). The Board of Commissioners of Fulton County appoints seven (7) trustees (members) and the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County appoints three (3). (See Fulton County Code § 13-2-11). The Fulton County Code does not prescribe the method of appointment; however, historically, each Commissioner has appointed one person to serve.

Term = 4 years

Term below expires: 12/31/2022

Bernie Tokarz **(Hausmann)**

Vice-Chairman Hausmann has nominated Bernie Tokarz for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2026.

ITEM WITHDRAWN AS REQUESTED BY VICE-CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN

22-0791 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing "Councilwoman Joyce Sheperd Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
October 17, 2022

Proclamation recognizing "Councilwoman Cleta Winslow Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
October 17, 2022

Proclamation recognizing "Claudie Nash Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
October 17, 2022

Proclamation recognizing "Black City Councilmen of Georgia Appreciation Day." **(Pitts)**
October 23, 2022

Proclamation recognizing "Angie's Kitchen Appreciation Day." **(Ellis)**
October 23, 2022

Proclamation recognizing "Angel McCoughtry Maddox Park Basketball Courts Appreciation Day." **(Abdur-Rahman)**
October 25, 2022

Proclamation recognizing "Jamida Orange Remembrance Day." **(Hall)**
October 28, 2022

Proclamation recognizing "Catherine Regine Usher Remembrance Day." **(Abdur-Rahman)**
October 29, 2022

Proclamation recognizing "Reverend Dr. Christopher Campbell Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
October 30, 2022

22-0792 Board of Commissioners

Execution by Chairman Robert L. Pitts of a TEFRA (Tax Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act) for documentation pertaining to the proposed issuance of its Development Authority of Fulton County Revenue Bonds (The Westminster Schools, Inc. Project) Series 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000,000.00 (the "Bonds"). **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0793 Board of Commissioners

Execution by Chairman Robert L. Pitts of a TEFRA (Tax Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act) for documentation pertaining to the proposed issuance of its Development Authority of Fulton County Tax-Exempt Revenue Bonds, in an amount not to exceed \$175,000,000.00 (the "Bonds"). The Bonds will be issued for the benefit of Shepherd Center, Inc., a Georgia not-for-profit corporation (the "Borrower"), for the purposes of (a) financing (i) the development of a mixed-use temporary housing facility for Shepherd Center families and patients (the "Housing Project") and (ii) the development of a new building for hospital administration, outpatient services, and innovation that will allow increased bed capacity at the main hospital when completed (the "Innovation Project", and collectively, the "Project"); (b) reimbursing certain expenses previously incurred in relation to the Project; (c) funding certain reserves, if necessary; and (d) paying certain costs of issuing the Bonds. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Open & Responsible Government**22-0794 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval to accept a name change and authorizing the Department of Real Estate and Asset Management and Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance to reflect the name change of CRM Construction Services LLC to Complete Contracting Partners LLC. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0795 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to accept a name change and authorizing the Department of Real Estate and Asset Management and the Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance to reflect the name change of CRM Services LLC to Complete Contracting Partners LLC. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0796 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to accept a name change and authorizing the Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance to reflect the name change of Office Depot Business Solutions, LLC to ODP Business Solutions, LLC. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0797 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to accept a name change and authorizing the Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance to reflect the name change of Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. to WSP USA Environment & Infrastructure Inc. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0798 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 43,548 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Macon Capital, LLC., for the purpose of constructing the Oaks at Cedar Grove Project at 0 Cedar Grove Road, South Fulton, Georgia 30213. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0799 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 14,503 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from CHIPT Atlanta Buffington, LLC. for the purpose of constructing the Buffington Center Industrial Project at 3600 Buffington Center, South Fulton, Georgia 30349. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0800 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 5,897 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from CHIPT Atlanta Buffington, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the Buffington Center Industrial Project at 3500 Buffington Center, South Fulton, Georgia 30349. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0801 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Resolution to authorize the acquisition of easement rights to complete the extension of the sanitary sewer system at Manning Drive, Pinetree Circle and Cold Creek Drive; to authorize the Chairman to execute the documents necessary for the acquisition of easement rights; to authorize the County Attorney to approve the documents as to form; and for other purposes. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0802 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Resolution approving a License Agreement between Fulton County, Georgia and the Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Family & Children Services, for the purpose of distributing toys and economic assistance from within a Fulton County-owned real property; to authorize the Chairman or the County Manager to execute the License Agreement; to authorize the County Attorney to approve the License Agreement as to form and to make any modifications prior to execution to protect the County's interests; and for other purposes. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0803 External Affairs

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of External Affairs, #20RFP1212B-EC, External Grant Writing Services in the amount of \$100,000.00 with Strategic Funding Group, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) to provide External Grant Writing Services. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal option remains. Effective January 1, 2023 until December 31, 2023. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0804 External Affairs

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of External Affairs, #21RFP0915B-EC, Federal Intergovernmental & Interagency Affairs Services in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00 with McGuireWoods Consulting LLC (Atlanta, GA) to provide Federal Intergovernmental Affairs Services. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0805 External Affairs

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of External Affairs, 21RFP0914B-EC, State Intergovernmental & Interagency Affairs Services, in an amount not to exceed \$119,976.00 with Georgia Public Affairs (Atlanta, GA) to provide **State Intergovernmental Affairs Services** ~~External Grant Writing Services~~. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective January 1, 2023 until December 31, 2023. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Health and Human Services**22-0806 Community Development**

Request approval of cooperative purchasing - Department of Community Development, utilizing the Westmoreland County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Agreement for Professional Services with Northeast & Bucks Company DBA Mullin & Lonergan Associates, in an amount not to exceed \$143,000.00 to provide technical assistance to the Fulton County Department of Community Development in the preparation of the 2023 Annual Action Plan, Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER) and administration of the department's federal grants. Effective upon BOC approval through December 31, 2023. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0807 Public Works

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Public Works 21ITBC000021A-CJC, Water Meter Boxes and Valve Boxes in the amount of \$74,896.06 with Ferguson Waterworks (College Park, GA), to provide water meter boxes and valve boxes. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0808 Senior Services

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Senior Services, 21ITB000011A-CJC, Pool Maintenance Services in the amount of \$130,000.00 with United Pool Maintenance (Roswell, GA), to provide pool maintenance services, repair and preventive maintenance to the four Senior Multipurpose Facilities. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0809 Public Works

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Public Works, 20RFP101320K-CRB, MS4 NPDES Permit Management Oversight and Administration in an amount not to exceed \$93,769.00 with River to Tap, Inc. (R2T) (Roswell, GA), to provide management, oversight, and administration services for the MS4 NPDES required Storm Water Management Program within the unincorporated area of Fulton County on a time and materials basis. 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)**

Infrastructure and Economic Development**22-0810 Public Works**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Public Works, 20RFP124470K-DB, TSPLOST Program Management Services in an amount not to exceed \$114,600.00 with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc. (GMC), to provide program management consulting services for the TSPLOST2 Program. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective upon BOC approval through August 29, 2023. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Justice and Safety**22-0811 Sheriff**

Request approval to extend an existing contract - Sheriff's Office, 20RFP124254B-VF, Behavioral Health and Addictive Disease Counseling in an amount not to exceed \$58,214.26, with Chris 180, Inc. (Atlanta, Ga) to provide behavioral health and addictive disease counseling to inmates at the Fulton County jail for the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA Grant) for an additional six month period. This contract is 100% grant funded. No County funding is required. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0812 Sheriff

Request approval of a Sub-Recipient Agreement between the Fulton County Sheriff and Justice Solution Inc. as the research evaluator to develop a strategic plan, project planning and implementation for the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA Grant). Effective October 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023 with no renewal options. The cost of the contract shall not exceed \$32,812.50. Approval is also requested to authorize the County Attorney to make changes to the Sub-Recipient Agreement necessary to protect the interests of the County, prior to execution. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

22-0813 Police

Request approval to award a contract without competition - Police Department, 22SS083122B-EF, Forensic Casework Services in the amount of \$5,150.00 with DNA Labs International (Deerfield Beach, FL) to provide forensic casework services. Effective upon BOC approval for a 12-month period. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**22-0814 Board of Commissioners**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to adopt the Regular Meeting Agenda as amended by adding item #22-0834, with a super majority vote, to the Regular Meeting Agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: Ellis

Did Not Vote: Arrington

22-0815 Clerk to the Commission

Ratification of Minutes. **(RATIFIED)**

Regular Meeting Minutes, October 5, 2022

Recess Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, October 19, 2022

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

Yea: Pitts, Morris, Hall, and Arrington

Absent: Ellis

Did Not Vote: Hausmann, and Abdur-Rahman

22-0816 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing "Operation Green Light for Veterans Appreciation Day."
(Hausmann/BOC)

Proclamation recognizing "Reverend Clifton Dawkins Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**

Proclamation recognizing "Navy Week Atlanta." **(Hall)**

Proclamation recognizing "Kendall Rae's Green Heart Appreciation Day."
(Abdur-Rahman)

Proclamation recognizing "Shatterproof Appreciation Day." **(Ellis)**

PUBLIC HEARINGS**22-0817 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)**

14 Speakers: Zelma Walker (Item #22-0751); Aimee Uphues (Elections/The Carter Center); Michele Sarkisian (Elections/The Carter Center); Candy Muldowney (Elections/The Carter Center); Julie Allen (Elections/The Carter Center); Lenard Bryant (Rent Payments/Courts); Robin Moody (Elections/The Carter Center); Matt Rowenczak (Elections/The Carter Center); Angie Allison (Elections/The Carter Center); Susan (Notice of Demand/M.O.U.); Jill Trammell (Elections/The Carter Center); Kathy Whitehouse (Elections/The Carter Center); Lydia Meredith (DFCS/Foster Care) and Amber Connor (Elections/The Carter Center)

5 Zoom Speakers: Kevin Muldowney (Elections/The Carter Center); B. Rohr (Elections/The Carter Center); Chuck Cape (Elections/The Carter Center); Jason Frazier (Elections/The Carter Center) and Marcia Cox (Elections/The Carter Center)

2 Emailed Comments: Alexa Finke (Elections/The Carter Center) and Jody Robinson (Elections/The Carter Center)

22-0818 Police

Public Hearing for alcohol beverage license application submitted by Citgo Happy Store for the retail sale of Wine and Malt Beverages at 4060 Martin Luther King Blvd, Atlanta Ga. 30336. **(CONDUCTED)**

**PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCTED
NO SPEAKERS**

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD**22-0819 Board of Commissioners**

Presentation: Development Authority of Fulton County GASB 77 **(PRESENTED)**

COUNTY MANAGER'S RENEWAL ACTION ITEMS**Open & Responsible Government****22-0820 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 21ITB130447C-GS, Janitorial Services for Selected Fulton County Facilities (Groups E, F, G, H & I) in an amount not to exceed \$1,036,470.00 with (A) Chi-Ada Corporation, (Atlanta, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$587,668.00; (B) Quality Cleaning Services, Inc. (Douglasville, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$261,756.00; and (C) American Facility Services, Inc. (Alpharetta, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$187,046.00, to provide the highest quality cleaning services for selected Fulton County facilities for Janitorial Groups E (South Libraries), F (Other Offices North & Other Offices South), G (South Senior Centers), H (Arts Centers) and I (North & South Service Centers). 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 Abdur-Rahman, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Health and Human Services**22-0821 Public Works**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Public Works, 21ITB000019A-CJC, Water Meter Reading in an amount not to exceed \$392,496.00 with Bermex, Inc. (Stow, OH) to provide water meter reading services. 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 Vice-Chairman Hausmann and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

22-0822 Public Works

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Public Works, 21ITB081321K-CRB, Standby Miscellaneous Construction Wastewater System Services in an total amount not to exceed \$12,700,000.00 with (A) Site Engineering, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$3,300,000.00; (B) Wade Coots Company, Inc. (Austell, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$3,200,000.00; (C) Sol Construction, LLC (Atlanta, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$3,100,000.00; and, (D) Kemi Construction Company, Inc. (College Park, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$3,100,000.00 to provide standby miscellaneous construction wastewater system services. 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 Vice-Chairman Hausmann and seconded by Commissioner Morris, 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****22-0823 Finance**

2023 Budget Update. **(PRESENTED)**

22-0824 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a recommended proposal - Fulton County Library System, 22RFP134545K-BKJ, Design/Build Services for the East Point Library Expansion, for the Library Capital Improvement Program, Phase II (FCLS-CIP), for a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) in an amount not to exceed \$1,160,150.00 with Albion General Contractors (Sandy Springs, GA), to provide Design/Build services for expansion of the East Point Library. Effective upon issuance of Notice to Proceed for 584 calendar days or completion of construction project as determined by the County. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

22-0825 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to increase the spending authority - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 21ITB130533C-GS, Locks, Doors and Hardware Countywide in the amount of \$43,000.00 with Overhead Door Company of Atlanta, dba D.H. Pace Company, Inc. (Atlanta, GA), for additional requirements requested by the Sheriff's Office to re-key high security systems at the Fulton County Jail. 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, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and
Abdur-Rahman

22-0826 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to increase the spending authority - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 21ITB1302418C-CG, Standby Plumbing Repair Services in an total amount not to exceed \$143,000.00, with (A) Talon Property Services, LLC (Atlanta, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00; (B) J2 Connect, Inc. dba J Squared Plumbing Co., Inc. (McDonough, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$85,000.00; and (C) B & W Mechanical Contractors, Inc. (Lawrenceville, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 to allow for the completion of several high priority plumbing repair/replacement jobs that require immediate attention at the Fulton County Justice Center Complex and QLS facility. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Health and Human Services**22-0827 Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities**

Request approval of recommended proposals - Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, 22RFP038A-CJC, Fulton County Behavioral Health Network in an total amount not to exceed \$13,387,253.80 with (A) River Edge Behavioral Health Community Service Board (Macon, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$4,170,754.27, to provide Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI), Core Adult Outpatient - Center for Health & Rehabilitation, Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), DUI - North Fulton Service Center, Center for Health & Rehabilitation & South Fulton Service Center, Misdemeanor Mental Health Court (MMC); (B) Chris 180, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$3,587,901.04, to provide School Based Mental Health - 38 Fulton Schools, Text 4 Help, Core Child & Adolescent Outpatient - Adamsville & North Fulton, Clubhouse for Youth, Re-Entry - Fulton County Jail; (C) The Summit Counseling Center, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$924,054.53, to provide School Based Mental Health - 28 Fulton Schools; (D) Grady Memorial Hospital d/b/a Grady Health System (Grady) in an amount not to exceed \$2,969,430.00, to provide Core Adult Outpatient - North Fulton Service Center & South Fulton Service Center, Re-Entry (Women on the Rise), SRU - Fulton County Jail; (E) Health Connect America (HCA) d/b/a Georgia Hope in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.00, to provide Core Child & Adolescent Outpatient - Oak Hill; and (F) Step Up on Second Street, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$935,113.96, to provide Permanent Supportive Housing (124 units). These providers will provide expanded services to help the County drive towards its purpose to increase access to behavioral health services, establish a County-wide provider network, and strengthen the experience of clients seeking behavioral health services from Fulton County. Effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, with nine renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Arrington

22-0828 Senior Services

Request approval to increase the spending authority - Department of Senior Services, 21RFQ000007A-CJC, In Home Services, in the total amount of \$361,620.21, with (A) Southern Homecare dba Always Caring Homecare (Roswell, GA) in the amount of \$202,487.74; (B) At Home Atlanta (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$ 117,319.72; (C) Trusted Hands Senior Care, LLC, (Roswell, GA) in the amount of \$19,076.00; and (D) Help at Home (Newnan, GA) \$22,736.75. Effective upon BOC approval. **(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, and Abdur-Rahman

Did Not Vote: Arrington

COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS**22-0829 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution expressing support for the Cobb County Board of Commissioners in the application of Home Rule; to express concern at the practice of the passage of general Bills addressing issues of local concern to circumvent Home Rule Provisions of the Georgia Constitution; and for other purposes.

(Arrington) (APPROVED)

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

Yea: Pitts, Morris, Hall, and Arrington

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

22-0830 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners to Declare a Healthcare Emergency in Fulton County, Georgia due to the lack of health care and other medical providers and the closure of the Wellstar Atlanta Medical Center; to urge the Fulton County Board of Health to declare a State of Emergency and to develop a plan to address the impacts of the Health Care Desert in South Fulton County; and for other purposes. **(Arrington/Hall)**

(APPROVED AS AMENDED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to approve with a friendly amendment by Commissioner Hall, to expand the State of Emergency Countywide. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Did Not Vote: Pitts

COUNTY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**Open & Responsible Government****22-0831 External Affairs**

Presentation of the 2023 Legislative Agenda. **(PRESENTED)**

22-0832 External Affairs

2022 Federal Legislative Update. **(PRESENTED)**

EXECUTIVE SESSION**22-0833 Board of Commissioners**

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

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; External Affairs Director Jessica Corbitt; County Attorney Y. Soo Jo; Deputy County Attorney Kaye Burwell and Clerk to the Commission Tonya R. Grier.

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

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

Did Not Vote: Hall

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Vice-Chairman Hausmann, to approve the contract between the Board of Assessors, Fulton County, and Roderick Conley for Mr. Conley to serve as Chief Appraiser, effective December 6, 2022, for three years, at the rate of \$225,000.00 per year and with all other benefits outlined in the employment agreement once executed. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Did Not Vote: Arrington

c. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Hausmann and seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve the jointly developed proposal dated November 1, 2022 regarding the Local Option Sales Tax distribution wherein the County share ramps up from 5% in 2023 to 12.5% in 2032, netting 9.85% in total collections over the ten year period. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, and Hall

Abstain: Pitts, and Abdur-Rahman

Did Not Vote: Arrington

ADDED TO THE MEETING**Items added to the Agenda****22-0834 Board of Commissioners**

Discussion: Election Day Preparation **(Hausmann) (DISCUSSED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Vice-Chairman Hausmann, to approve adding item #22-0834 to the Regular Meeting Agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: Ellis

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2022
10:00 A.M.

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Good morning, everyone and welcome to the Regular Meeting of the Fulton County Board of Commissioner's. Today is, November 2nd, 2022. It is exactly 10 o'clock a.m. We have an echo. is that good or bad hello Testing; one -- is that better? All right, Madam Clerk, please call the roll."

CLERK GRIER: "bad

CLERK GRIER: "Chairman Robb Pitts."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Vice Chairman Liz Hausmann.

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Present."

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

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Natalie Hall.

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Marvin Arrington, Jr.

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON: "Present"

Commissioner Khadijah Abdur-Rahman."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Madam Clerk. Please rise for the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. It's my understanding -- is Mr. Roger Wise here yet?"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes, he's here."

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

(Whereupon, the Pledge of Alliance was led by Mr. Roger Wise, Jr. and the Johns Creek Color Guard.)

(Mr. Wise speaking at this time; not on mic.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 2, Consent Agenda, **22-0789**, 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 one item to be removed for separate consideration on page 2, 22-0790, Fulton DeKalb Hospital Authority: Vice Chairman Hausmann has nominated Bernie Tokarz for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31st, 2026. Requested by Chairman Pitts."

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

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "To remove that?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Why?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Any other questions? Any other items to be -- on Consent Agenda? On Consent Agenda I'll entertain a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Motion to approve by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "Bottom of page 7, Regular Meeting Agenda, **22-0814**. Adoption of the Regular Meeting. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have two amendments to today's Recess -- Regular Meeting Agenda. First as an item to be added, 22-0834, Discussion: Election Day Preparation sponsored by Vice Chairman Hausmann."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "To be added?"

CLERK GRIER: "To be added."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Any other items to be added?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. That's it? Anything else, Commissioners?"

CLERK GRIER: "We just need to vote on that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: What?

CLERK GRIER: We need to vote to add that Discussion item."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. What's your pleasure? Motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded Vice Chair Hausmann. Please vote. Supermajority, five votes."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Can I make a comment?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Sure."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Since I'm sponsoring this -- and I may have spoken to several of you about this. At the last Board of Commissioners Meeting, I did ask for some updated information about the Election Day process: counting, where things were going to happen; those sorts of housekeeping items. Had not got that information. It is buried in various legal notices on the agenda. It's really hard to find -- I mean, on the website. So I would just like some clarity for the public. That's the reason why I asked for it to put on the agenda today."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. I don't think that this is timely. that's the key: that it be timely time sensitive so if anything was time sensitive. All right. Let's vote please."

CLERK GRIER: "The vote is open to add item 22-0834. And the motion passes; six yeas, zero nays. There's also an item to be revised on page 6, External Affairs, 22-0805. Request approval to renew an existing contract to provide State Intergovernmental Affairs Services instead of External Grant Writing Services. And this is to adopt the Regular Meeting Agenda, 22-0814."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Would you repeat that; what we're doing here."

CLERK GRIER: "A revision on page 6 --

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- all right."

CLERK GRIER: "-- 22-0805, External Affairs. It's a request approval to renew an existing contract. And it should read to provide State and Intergovernmental Affairs Services."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Hold on. It does say that. But what its showing is we need to scratch out External Grant Writing Services."

CLERK GRIER: "Correct."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Anything else?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Is there a motion to adopt the agenda as amended? Motion to adopt by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Hall. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 8, Ratification of Minutes, **22-0815**. Regular Meeting Minutes, October 5th; Recess Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, October 19th, 2022."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. We have a motion to approve by Commissioner Hall. Is there a second? Seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**22-0816**, Presentation of Proclamations and Certificates. The first proclamation is recognizing 'Operation Greenlight for Veterans Appreciation Day' sponsored by Vice Chairman Hausmann."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: Okay. Now, in the interest of time, I'd like to request that the recipients of the proclamations limit your acceptance speeches to about two minutes. That would be very appreciated. Thank you."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Good morning. I'd like to invite any of our veterans that are joining us today to come down, please. Did Roger leave? All right. While the other Commissioners are coming down, this is a Full Board Recognition. Are you coming down? Yes, please, come down. We want to honor you. And in recognition of Veterans Day that is coming on November 11th, Fulton County will be participating in a national program called Operation Greenlight that will illuminate our government center for the entire week that we celebrate Veterans Day, beginning on Monday night; and there will be a ceremony to turn the green lights on Monday at 5 o'clock, and the public is invited to attend. And I'm honored to read this into the record -- the Fulton County record and it is a Full Board Proclamation. And we got another in uniform veteran

coming down looks like. Please, please, come down. That's awesome. All right. I'm going to go ahead and start reading. WHEREAS, the contribution and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and the way of life enjoyed by our citizens. And WHEREAS, veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious group, civil service, and by functioning as County Veteran's Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than 52 billion in federal, health, disability, and compensation benefits each year. And WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually. And it's estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future. And WHEREAS, the Fulton County Government is proud to work with our Veterans Empowerment Commission and others in the community to support the more than 45,000 veterans who call Fulton County home. And WHEREAS, America's counties have a long and proud history of serving our nation's veterans and the National Association of Counties, and the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers have invited the nation's 3,069 counties, parishes, and boroughs to join Operation Greenlight and show support for our veterans by lighting our buildings green from November 7th through the 13th. And WHEREAS, by shining a green light, county government and our residents will let veterans know that they are seen, that they are appreciated, and that they are supported. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes our veterans; and have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for their service. And does hereby proclaim November 7th through 13th, 2022 as 'Operation Greenlight for Veterans Appreciation Days' in Fulton County, Georgia. Commissioner Arrington, would you like to say anything?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you, Commissioner Hausmann. Just so proud to have this opportunity to honor our veterans. We need to do it at every chance we get. We would not have or be able to enjoy the freedoms that we enjoy every day without their sacrifices. So, thank you to our veterans, thank you to the Commission, and thank you to all of you."

CLERK GRIER: "The next proclamation is recognizing 'Reverend Clifton Dawkins Appreciation Day' sponsored by Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Reverend Dawkins some people are about to get an education about all the great stuff that you do in the community. I was even very pleased to find out all the -- all the things that you do on the northwest side of Atlanta. And the proclamation reads: WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Clifton Dawkins is a native of Woodrow, South Carolina; and is the founding pastor of True Worship Christian

Fellowship Church in Atlanta, and the chaplain director of Fulton County Government where he presides over 300 indigent burials each year; in addition to the grief counseling for county staff and residents. And WHEREAS, Reverend Dawkins, along with Vernon and Marie Krause launched a nonprofit initiative in 2021, Angie's Kitchen, in honor of the Krause's daughter, Angela, who passed away. And WHEREAS, Angie's Kitchen's mission is to provide hot meals, food and personal hygiene items to the homeless and underserved. And has this year alone, provided 50,000 meals to those in need. And WHEREAS, the family's goal is not only to offer help and hope to the underserved, but also spiritual inspiration in honor of their beloved Angela. And WHEREAS, for the month of November, Angie's Kitchen reached a goal of 50,000 Fulton County residents fed since the inception of the program. Angie's Kitchen also aspires to build a community center that will serve up to 200 people daily in need, so they can continue to get food, showers, and necessary items to offer them some much-needed relief. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Reverend Clifton Dawkins and his selfless work with Angie's Kitchen to ensure that all residents are cared for with compassion and dignity. And does hereby proclaim Wednesday, November 2nd, 2022 as 'Reverend Dr. Clifton Dawkins Appreciation Day' in Fulton County, Georgia. Congratulations and thank you so much."

REVEREND CLIFTON DAWKINS: "Amen. The Chairman has told me I can't preach. I want to thank, Commissioner Hall for her committed service to the citizens of Fulton County; this Full Board who all strive to help the citizens of Fulton County. I will be remiss if I did not give a shout out to Commissioner Ellis who has cooked for our unhoused and homeless and needy people right where we are. And I come just very grateful and thankful for what this Board does to serve all people in Fulton County. Thank you so much."

CLERK GRIER: "The next proclamation is recognizing 'Navy Week Atlanta' sponsored by Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Is he not coming? They can do that for you. Yes. Yes, they can do that for you. Come on down and join us. I'm a Navy mom, too. My son went in right before the COVID pandemic and then they shut down, so this is an honor to do this for you. Evelyn, who works for Dan Cathy, literally talk to me on Dan's private jet, and was like, we need to honor the Navy; and I said, absolutely so. It's an honor to pleasure to do this for you. WHEREAS, since 2005, the Navy Week program has served as the Navy's flagship outreach effort to regions without a significant Navy presence with over 250 Navy Weeks held in more than eighty different US markets. And WHEREAS, while sailors have previously participated in the Atlanta Airshow, Navy Week Atlanta will bring

between 50 and 75 sailors from across the nation to volunteer throughout the greater Atlanta area, and discuss the positive impact and influence a healthy Navy support -- how healthy Navy support our nation. And WHEREAS, Navy Week Atlanta will feature in person demonstrations, performances, and engagements throughout the week that will include: senior Navy leaders, Navy Band Southeast, Naval History and Heritage Command, USS Constitution, Navy ceremony guard, office of small business programs, the Navy flight demonstration squadrons, and the Blue Angels. And WHEREAS, the United States Navy is instrumental in ensuring the safety and security of over 40 billion in annual exports from the State of Georgia; and Georgia ranks 5th in the nation for total Department of Defense military reserve and National Guard personnel. And WHEREAS, Georgia is home to more than 3500 Navy sailors to include active duty and reserve personnel and many veterans and active-duty reserve personnel and their families have chosen to live their lives in Georgia and positively impact our state for the better. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes the United States Navy and our military families for their many sacrifices for our safety and security. And does hereby proclaim the week of October 31st through November 6th as 'Navy Week Atlanta' in Fulton County, Georgia. Congratulations."

EVAN KARANOVICH: "On behalf of Commander Williams and the entire command as well as the Department of the Navy, we would like to thank Fulton County and all the Commissioners here for their continued support. Thank you so much."

CLERK GRIER: "The next proclamation is recognizing Kendall Rae's Green Heart Appreciation Day' sponsored by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Will Kendall Rae Johnson and all of her supporters, and family, please join me in the Commissioners here. And as they make their way down, we have had an additional announcement pass the time of the preparation of this proclamation. Kendall Rae Johnson has been nominated for a Grammy -- an Emmy -- Emmy -- please come stand. It was the segment with Nickelodeon. Nickelodeon did a segment on her -- some of you come on this side as well. They did a segment on this youngest farmer in the State of Georgia; and I just want to recognize that she's up for an Emmy. Come on both sides. Don't block the star now. Kendall Rae Johnson is currently the youngest certified farmer in the State of Georgia with a business formation with the state and federal government and has obtained her farm and track ID. And WHEREAS, Kendall Rae's Green Heart is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, devoted to development of young people in community leadership, character, service learning, and social skills with a focus in youth agricultural, education, business economic, and healthy lifestyle choices. And

WHEREAS Kendall Rae' Green Heart will present its first annual festival -- did present its first annual festival; an event to help gain, grow, and give in youth led urban agriculture awareness, youth entrepreneurship, and healthy habits. And WHEREAS, Kidprenuer vendors participated in the inaugural event include -- bear with me: Zaya Crossley, Ashanti Waller, Tilden Joffe, Thomas Dinos, McKenzie and Morgan Jordan, Dynasty Harris, Dynelle Charles, Eriel Catelynn, Robyn McKee, C.J. Matthews, Cora White, Hayli Martinez, Zylín and Daquan Ochoa, Akosua Squarrell-Revell, Ayanfe Kemit, Ayorinde Kemit, Akanke Kemit, Adanma Ajani, Mery Simmons, and Pealia LaFlur. And WHEREAS, Sabrina Johnson, Lovely Amour, Suhaylah Foster, Tyler Sullivan, Tristian Kelley-Williams, Nevaeh Hampton-Keller, Destiny Harris, Anaia Alow, Teren Davis, Kendall Ellis, Karter Ware, Eveyon Maldonado, Demi Crumpler, Myles Moore, Kollin Matthews, Kendall and Nivea Smoothers, Vae Evans, Paris Muhammad, Dale Cordice, Jr. and Sariel and Zion Phillips. And WHEREAS, Kerrington Luke, Navaeh Martin, Jarrett Smiley, Sarai Green, Chole Asford, Brooklyn Mason, Braniyah Ferrell, Kenari Langford, Dai Delatte, Jace Winfield, Navali and Nuri Barnes, Harmoni Gaston, Naceur, Andrew William Reiss, Shawn Kilgore, Najm Muhammad, Sophia Trent, Vianna Reese, Trinity Nguyen, Olivia Jess, and Camryn Gaines. The reason that all these names were called, these are all Kidprenuers. These are all individuals that, in some way or another, own their own business at a very young age. And I thought it was important, as well as the Board of Commissioners, that we recognize them all. So, thank you for the patience as I read all their names. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners commends Kendall Rae's Green Heart inaugural festival, her leadership, her desire to not only be a young farmer, but to lead healthy holistic lifestyles for little kids as well as adults and promote youth led urban agriculture in Fulton County. And does hereby proclaim -- did proclaim, Friday, September 23rd, 2022 as 'Kendall Rae's Green Heart Appreciation Day in Fulton County, Georgia. Can you put your hands together for our young farmer."

KENALL RAE JOHNSON: "Hi. My name is Kendall Rae Johnson, and I'm the youngest certified farmer in the State of Georgia. I have been growing food since 2019. My garden is my favorite part of my house. I got --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "-- okay, you getting heavy. I was trying to hold on. Come on, wait a minute. Gone and finish up."

KENALL RAE JOHNSON: "I think I forgot the rest of my speech. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "The last proclamation is recognizing 'Shatterproof Appreciation Day' sponsored by Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I'm going to ask the folks from Shatterproof to come down. And while they come down, I just want to say, I think we all know that the bonds of addiction are extremely strong; and too often all we see is sort of the pain and the hurt that comes from that; and the loss of life and the havoc that reeks on family. But there can be, and there is another side of that; and today I want to recognize an organization that's been doing really tireless work to help folks get to the other side of that and stay on the other side of it. And they've been a partner with Fulton County for a number of years now. So with that I want to recognize Shatterproof. WHEREAS, 40 million Americans struggle with substance use disorder, and many do not get the treatment they need. Only one in ten who need addiction treatment ever receive it. And WHEREAS, overdoses are the No. 1 cause of accidental death in the United States; and killed more Americans than breast-cancer, guns, and car crashes combined. And substance use disorder is the only medical illness that is criminalized, but punishment does not reduce drug use or overdoses. And WHEREAS, people suffering from addiction receive punishment more often than treatment and more than half of those in state prisons, and two thirds of those people are awaiting sentencing in jail exhibit problematic substance use or meet the criteria for substance use disorder. And WHEREAS, according to the CDC, there were more than 107,000 fatal overdoses in 2021 which is the highest number of overdose death ever reported in a single year. And WHEREAS, overdoses arising more quickly among communities of color,, with the annual growth rate for Black and Latino individuals surpassing the rate of White individuals. Overdoses among Native Americans are above the national average, and this rate continues to grow. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Shatterproof for its work to address the needs of our citizens who are suffering and recovering from addiction. And does hereby proclaim, Saturday, November 5th, 2022 as 'Shatterproof Appreciation Day' in Fulton County, Georgia. Let's give them a hand. Would one of you like to share a few words with us? Come on."

ERICA MITCHELL, CFO, SHATTERPROOF: "Thank you. Can y'all hear me? Thank you. My name is Erica Mitchell. I am the chief financial officer at Shatterproof. Shatterproof is a national organization. I happened to be based in Atlanta, so I am a very appreciative, and I am very honored to accept this proclamation on behalf of Shatterproof. I thank you the Fulton County Board of Commissioners for this honor. As it was mentioned, Shatterproof is a national nonprofit dedicated to ending addiction in the United States. We have three pillars of work. One is transforming addiction treatment; two is ending addiction stigma; and three is educating and empowering communities. Our ten year celebration is coming up next year, and at this time, we have become a leader in the addiction space. We have created a treatment tool, it's called ATLAS. ATLAS stands for: the addiction treatment locator assessment and

standards platform. It is a free platform confidential and allows families, loved ones, and people struggling with substance use disorders to identify and locate a treatment center that is based on the individuals need. The tool is available in ten states and we are continuing to expand, and we plan to expand nationwide. We also have the national stigma initiative which tries to deliver and create evidence-based behavior change interventions across six distinct systems districts. Those systems are communities, healthcare, government, media and entertainment, employer; and our goal is to effectively reduce the addiction related stigma. Addiction is a chronic brain disorder. More than 40 million Americans are living with substance use disorder. And according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, drug overdoses is a leading cause of accidental deaths in the United States. As was mentioned, and so, we have November 5th, which is this Saturday coming up. Shatterproof created the largest event series in history. Our Shatterproof Rise Up Against Addiction Walk; and it brings families together to support each other and begin the dialogue of how can we create change and impact others. So we are grateful to the team captains, Sarah Sistrunk for bringing together the Atlanta community; and also to drive in creating a world where more people can access quality care and recover from this treatable disease. So Shatterproof Appreciation Day is this Saturday, November the 5th. It is our day of walk. We will be there. We have a team -- several teams that will be there, so we hope that you can join us Saturday at 8:00 a.m. at Piedmont Park. The event is free. We will be raising awareness and compassion for people struggling with this disease. So, I thank you for your time. Thank you for the proclamation. Thank you for recognizing us."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Did you want to say anything? All right. Oh, thank you. Okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 9, Public Hearings, **22-0817**, Public Comments. 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 at www.fultoncountyga.gov. Priority to public comment will be giving 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. The public comment portion of the meeting will not exceed 30 minutes. In the event the 30-minute time limit is reached prior to public comments being completed, public comment will be suspended and the business portion of the BOC meeting will commence. Public comment will resume at

the end of the meeting. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we will start with the speakers here in Assembly Hall. We have received 14 speaker cards."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fourteen?"

CLERK GRIER: "Fourteen."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

CLERK GRIER: "Will the first seven speakers, please, come forward. Zelma Walker, Amy Uphues, Michelle Sarkisian, Candy Muldowney, Julie Allen, Leonard Bryant, and Robin Moody."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: All right. Speakers we have 15 seconds left, when you have two minutes, I'll simply say, 15 seconds. That's your key to begin to conclude your remarks. Thank you."

ZELMA WALKER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Thank you. It's an honor to speak to you all. First of all, hello. It's an honor and privilege, as I said, to speak before you today. I serve Fulton County as an employee with the Fulton County Sheriff's office, specifically with the jail. And I am speaking in reference to reference number 22-0751, compensatory on overtime specifically dealing with civilians, okay. Because of the situation with the jail, we been mandated since last October, to work overtime which we have. And as was brought up by one of the Commissioner's previously in this conversation, the civilians do initial booking, we do fingerprint, we handle paperwork for all releases; we make sure that all the paperwork is compliant with GCIC standards. In the area of comp -- comp -- and I'm not going to really get into this -- but comp is a slippery slope. If you take time off for a vacation, it's taken from your comp; and you've got to make that comp up to get paid for overtime. During the holiday season, everyone else gets to spend time with their families; we have -- we get to take one day; one day. In regards to employee expectations: The jail is a unique entity and should be addressed as such. The civilians have been and we'll continue to work --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- all right. Excuse me. Excuse me. Fifteen seconds --"

ZELMA WALKER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- on staff. And for the sake of morale, retention, recruitment, line item 22-075 should be changed from a discussion item to an action item. And I, as a lifelong Fulton County resident and a long-term Fulton County Sheriff's office employee beseech you to do the right thing and vote affirmatively for the cause of the 240 comp requirement for civilians --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- thank you, ma'am --"

ZELMA WALKER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- and for sworn staff. Thank you, ma'am."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you."

AIMEE UPHUES, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "My name is Aimee Uphues, and first, I'd like to give a quick recap on just some of the Election's nonsense this Board has been party, too. A fraudulent Election does not become valid just because you hope crimes are forgotten. Like, stopping the count, lying about the water main break, stuffing ballot drop boxes, 2000 meals, a lack of chain of custody, absentee ballots, voter roll discrepancies, pristine ballots that no one can look at, the firing and rehiring a Richard Barron, his resignation that led to his contract extension. A Nigeria national; not a US citizen who currently runs the Fulton Registration and Elections IT Department, Happy Faces Temp Agency with a NOW account with financial ties to Stacey Abrams. The list is extensive; and yet, here we are again with a new twist. On October 13th, Cathy Woolard, quietly granted the Carter Center broad access to the Midterm Election in Fulton County. Giving them unlimited access to our personnel, equipment, intellectual property, records, facilities, data sheets, custody forms, and to physically observe and accompany Fulton County officials and staff from October 14th through December 14th, 2022. Fun fact: The Carter Center is funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and George Soros' Open Society. They also work closely with the National Democratic Institute where Stacey Abrams, who is currently a candidate for governor in this Election, sits on their board. Chairman Pitts, has publicly stated, we delivered Biden, Warnock and Ossoff; and will likely deliver Warnock in '22. Maybe, this is how they plan to do it. There are definitely some laws and codes being broken here. Shame on you. The Carter Center must cease and desist; and immediately withdraw all of their personnel from the Fulton County Elections --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 second."

AIMEE UPHUES, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- as the governing authority for the Fulton Board of Elections and Registrations you have a duty to act."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Hold on, Miss. Now, you all have been here before. You know our rules. No outburst, demonstrations whatsoever in Assembly Hall. If it continues -- you've all been there before -- we'll have to ask you to leave. I don't want to do that."

MICHELLE SARKISIAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Michelle Sarkisian. I'm a Fulton County resident. So the public is now becoming aware that our public servants, you, are being deceitful and unlawful yet again with your unprecedented actions allowing international Election observers into the operational

infrastructure Fulton County Midterm Elections. Here we go again with Fulton County Commissioner's on what's become full displaced, cesspool shenanigans with the Carter Center, Stacey Abrams, Stacey Abrams' Consultant, Cathy Woolard and others who have no regard for the law or adhering to the Section O.C.G.A 21-2-408. Looking it up. That code requires all poll watchers to complete proper steps by October 4th; yet on October 13th, you voted to allow this unauthorized group to ignore the rules the rest of us poll watchers had to follow. And I did follow. That hurts me and every other poll watcher who followed the rules don't you think? And please, tell us what you, Stacey Abrams, and all the other partisan hacks would do if a conservative group or a Board of Commissioners -- conservative group or a Board of Commissioners took such unlawful actions. To you, your ends of having your party and your candidates enjoy Election advantages justifies your means. Unlawful, unprecedented paid for partisan, Gates, UN, Soros, and National Democratic Institute involvement in our State Election oversight process is just fine with you. There appears to be no limits to how low you will go; and it is obvious to media everywhere that once again Fulton County, Georgia is the prime example of how not to run Elections. It's a cesspool and does not -- and not only does it cost us five times what Cobb County cost per voter --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

MICHELLE SARKISIAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- you lead the way in destroying the public's trust. The list of reasons to investigate you guys grows longer every day; and I look forward to it coming to fruition. Trust me; I'm not alone."

CANDY MULDOWNNEY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Candy Muldownney and I live in Milton. This is about the Carter Center. The Carter Center is an unfit partner to bring in to monitor our Elections. They are extremely partisan and have a history of involvement with Communist China and direct ties to good ole Stacey Abrams. The current Democratic gubernatorial candidate that claims to have won the 2008 Georgia Governor's race. The Carter Center has been brought in to observe all aspects of our Midterm Election. We have poll watchers and volunteer's task with monitoring all that goes in -- goes on in the polling place. They have to adhere to strict rules, limiting their behavior, and head to select a single polling place to monitor no later than 14 days prior to the start of early voting. The Carter Center observers were approved at the last BRE meeting on October 13, just six days prior to the start of early voting. The Carter Center personnel have pretty much zero limits on where they can go to monitor all aspects of our Election process. The same Carter Center has a long history of cooperating with the united front or department of the Chinese Communist Party, and partners would George Soros' Open Society foundation. The Carter Center also works closely with the National Democratic Institute where none other than Stacey

Abrams is a current board member. The Fulton County BRE never ceases to amaze; from refusing to remove clearly ineligible voters from the voting rolls; to hiring a radical left organization to monitor our Election process. Our Elections are still -- are conceived to be free and fair, and instill confidence in the voting public --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

CANDY MULDOWNNEY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- this addition of a radical left organization, tasked with monitoring and reporting on this process, will do nothing to instill confidence in an already skeptical voting public. Enough is enough. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I don't want to have to repeat myself, ladies and gentlemen."

(Unknown speaker in the background.)

JULIE ALLEN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning elected officials. My name is Julie Allen. I'm a resident of the City of Atlanta here in Fulton County. I'm here along with other Georgia citizens to hold you as our elected officials accountable; and you as our -- you have yet another opportunity to rapidly correct this political corruption or resign. And I'm speaking about the agreement with the Carter Center. It appears there are no legal provisions for corporations to have an internal real-time Election investigative role in Georgia counties for any reason. The tri- party memorandum of understanding giving Carter Center unprecedented Election process access in Fulton County, initiated by Ryan Germany on behalf of the Georgia Secretary of State, attempts to ground the agreement in a statement O.C.G.A Sec. 21-2-106 which reads: The duty of the performance review board is to make a thorough and complete investigation, and issue a written report of its findings to the Secretary of State. The State Election Board and the local governing authority which shall include such evaluations, judgments, and recommendations as it deems appropriate. However, the very next sentence in that code section describes the ability of the three member board to request reimbursement for mileage and per diem expenditures associated with their work. To stretch the meaning to allow an unlimited number of corporate international Election observers into a Georgia County appears totally and completely irrevocably wrong and based in no law. Under O.C.G.A. 21-2-408, the sources of needed poll observers or political parties, political bodies, and candidate committees. The reference to observers or monitors is in then the previous code, and in O.C.G.A. 21-2-386 referring to public citizen oversight for the absentee ballot tabulation in each county. Again, there's no provision for corporate observation bias --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

JULIE ALLEN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- no matter the political stance or skill set they claim. So, instead of acting as an independent board of three competent persons called by the State Election Board to issue a report of its findings per Georgia Code 21-2-107, it appears that the BRE has entered into an access agreement with the Carter Center this is unacceptable and must immediately --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- thank you, ma'am 15 seconds."

JULIE ALLEN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- immediately cease and desist."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you."

JULIE ALLEN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Thank you."

LENARD BRYANT, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Lenard Bryant. What I'm here for is justice. Presently, the real estate industry between the tenant and landlord is --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- speak up, sir."

LENARD BRYANT, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- put on unequal burden on landlords. I discovered this when I came and filed a dispossessory which took approximately almost a month before I got a response; and then the court date for this dispossessory was two months. That's two months. And then when you go to court, you wait approximately a month before you get your judgment. And then usually there's like a three month wait between that person being -- that court hearing being completed with the eviction which means that you're talking about six to seven months for a person to be evicted. Now, if you all are in a group that's disadvantage like some of our people are, how are they going to keep property if they're going seven months with someone not paying? Only way one would be able to survive that is that they do not have a capital problem. I listen to the news the other night and they were talking about in the State of Georgia, who has done a reported and it stated that 90 percent of minority African-American businesses was short on capital. So, if you would present them with opportunity with their seven months without getting payment, how are they going to keep that property? I have a suggestion. I don't understand why like many municipalities, why aren't they made --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds, sir."

LENARD BRYANT, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- why aren't they made to put their money into escrow into the court? I do not think it is fair to put an unburden -- create an unburden relationship on certain parts of our county which usually are African-Americans. We talk about gentrification, but are we going to be a part of this? Are we going to solve --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- thank you. Thank you."

ROBIN MOODY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Robin Moody. I'm from Cobb County. I'm also here to speak about what's going on at the Carter Center. Action one: You've given an illegitimate performance review board access to Fulton County since its inception in August 2021. The staff and employees have been under the scrutiny of a body that is in violation of state law. They been allowed to access our most sacred Election property. One of the most sensitive Democratic aspects of our government system. This access has been neither transparent, nor legal and the county has put its Election property in jeopardy, by allowing this reckless behavior. This is an example of an act. You are committing -- without your public power, without our consent -- out of alignment with the laws of Georgia. There is a direct provision for this body, and you are not protecting us from the violations of the law. Violations according to Georgia Code 21-2-107: The State Election board shall appoint three competent persons to serve as members of the performance review board. One of whom shall be an employee of Elections division of the office of the Secretary of State; and two of whom shall be an Election officials. Provided that no three appointees shall be a local elected official for the County or municipality under review. The State of Georgia employs, Ryan Germany as General Counsel for Secretary of State Raffensperger by personal matrices. His status resides officially within the front office; administrative layer, directly reporting to Secretary Raffensperger. Thank you all for being here and online."

CLERK GRIER: "Will the next seven speakers, please come down: Matt Rowenczak, Angie Allison, Susan Opraseuth, Jill Trammell, Kathy Whitehouse, Lydia Meredith, and Amber Connor."

MATT ROWENCZAK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "This is a nice reminder. Good morning, Commissioners. Matt Rowenczak, Fulton County resident. I think you're now aware how out-of-control our Board of Elections is. And how often they violate their oath many times; very black-and-white. And I'll add, Mr. Chairman, it was you that appointment Ms. Woolard, who is extremely partisan and clearly has conflicts of interest. In any more ethical environment, she would never be appointed to that board. And to the entire Board here, if you're not aware, than you are now, that four of the Election Board Members voted to bring in the Carter Center under an MOU from the performance review board from the State Elections Board -- and that Board, the Elections Board. This needs to be terminated immediately; and you're required to act when illegal activity occurs in your county. It's a part of your oath; it's your duty, and it's stated in Article IX County Home Provisions of the Georgia Constitution. I'll read you a quote from the MOU: This is the access that the Carter Center has been given. Quote all stages of the

work involved in the Election for any number of its quote, nonpartisan international Election observers for 60 days to our most sacred Election property is simply illegal. It states, and has been stated before today that it is a political party, or a political body, or a candidate should only be granted such access. So today, in the County Clerks possession, you have a demand letter from the citizens of Fulton County to act immediately by end of day, Friday to terminate this agreement and to remove the Carter Center from our Election property."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. You have 15 seconds."

MATT ROWENCZAK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "You'll be receiving this in your inbox as well. Take action. We'll be watching."

ANGIE ALLISON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: Hi, there and good morning. My name is Angie Allison.

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Hold on a second --"

ANGIE ALLISON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- and I represent all --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: -- excuse me. One second. Ask Captain Shealy to come here. Go ahead. You have the floor."

ANGIE ALLISON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Yes, and I represent all law-abiding citizens in the State of Georgia. I'm here to talk about Fulton County's management of your assets; namely the Elections. You may not think that's an asset, but we all do. I don't think you've been doing a very good job, and I'd like to ask you about the Carter Center's involvement in the Election process. While you don't directly oversee the Elections in our State, you have -- you're a sworn public official; and you may not tacitly approve or oversee acts in Fulton County that are inconsistent with the US Constitution -- the Georgia State Constitution nor of the laws in Georgia. The code of Georgia -- the code that they have been referencing defines who can observe our Elections. Nowhere does it lists organizational or corporations. It clearly states political party, political body, or candidate; and I ask you, how does the Carter Center, an international organization, fit that description? They do not. Absolutely do not. Every poll watcher in this state must submit a letter with their name, address, and the polling location they are observing seven days prior to the start of early voting. Not the Carter Center. They weren't required to provide any of that information because they can go anywhere they want with unlimited access to whatever they want to see. Well, wait a minute. We're told that the definition of the Carter Center aren't poll watchers' they're just observers. Well, okay, let's just look at the definition of the State Election observer: These

observers can go anywhere they want, but they had to have had their name and paperwork in by October the 4th -- 14 days."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "15 seconds."

ANGIE ALLISON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "I just want to ask you why these people are allowed to participate in our Elections when everyone else has to abide by the law. I wish you can answer me right now."

SUSAN OPRASEUTH, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hi. Good afternoon. My name is Susan Oforsooth (Phonetic.), and I appreciate the opportunity to speak with you today. Thank you. Good afternoon. My name is Susan Oforsooth (Phonetic.) from Fulton County. I appreciate the opportunity to speak with you today. For the reasons cited just previously and many others, we have presented to you as Matt mentioned, a notice of demand that serves to inform you that we have reviewed the memorandum of understanding between the State Election Board performance review board, the Fulton County Board of Elections and Registration, and the Carter Center; and have numerous legal concerns with your oversight in this official act. As citizens, we present these concerns to you as grievances involving our county, state, and federal voting interest. We assert our full standing as community stakeholders in correcting any ongoing injury alongside our fellow citizens pursuant to the recent Henry County in SCV versus Newton County ruling of the Supreme Court on October 25th, 2022. Really? We're talking about the CCP in our Elections, in our county, in our homes with our data? Two weeks ago, I got a message saying that my data's been breached. Oh, imagine that. Well, I hope you take care of my social -- or rather my credit card information because I'm worried about a lot more than that. I know about the CCP. I learned about CCP 50 years ago as a child before we changed our history books. I intimately know CCP. My husband came from Asia in the late 60s as a young boy; he was 13 years old; could not speak a word of English. He was divided from his family. All his siblings in which he is still today because they made their bases there to protect them from the CCP. I know about the CCP. We all know about the CCP and that's why we're here today."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: " 15 seconds."

SUSAN OPRASEUTH, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Okay. So with that they also had almost a quarter century ago, they partnered with -- the Carter Center rather, partnered with the CCP in Election oversight in China. They initially signed an MOU with the CCP's Ministry of Civil Affairs to collaborate various Election matters in China. Over the decades extensive reports they developed, but none of them mentioned any harsh criticism, so the Chinese regime's electoral manipulation, intimidation of the Chinese people --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- thank you, ma'am."

SUSAN OPRASEUTH, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- yeah, thank you. There's a lot of history --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you."

(Public Speaker still speaking. Not on mic.)

JIM TRAMMELL, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Jill Trammell, and I'm here again. I was a former candidate for State House in District 50, who was disenfranchised. On April 13th of this year, Nadine Williams was verified as the Interim Director of Elections, and this Board recognized her as the head of the department. Her actions speak for the Board of Registrations and Elections for whom you continue to fund with our taxpayer dollars. In February they were back asking again for 53 million more. And this has never been presented to vote. According to O.C.G.A. 21-2-321: The use of electronic machines have never been put on a ballot for the citizens of Fulton County to vote if we wanted paper ballots or electronic ballots. It simply was implemented during the times of Kathy Cox, the Secretary of State. Also, we have not voted to increase the indebtedness of this county. So look up O.C.G.A. 21-2-321 because we have a problem with it. On June 15th, I came before the Board and asked, who is the superintendent of the Board of Registrations and Elections? They were seemingly unqualified to be running our Elections according to the law. Under the authority of the Georgia Constitution, Article 1, Sec. 2, Paragraph 2: The people have the right to consent to contest the Election Primaries; and we have the right to Elections that are free from impairments. Fulton County Elections have shown to be far from that. I have asked for individual hand counts. I've been denied. I've been denied to have counts of physical paper ballots, which is the only way to ensure that our ballots are corrected -- are counted correctly according to the Dominion CEO himself to the State Election Board on September 28th. The one biggest problem we have now is obstruction of justice."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

JIM TRAMMELL, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- silencing the voice of the people is tyranny. Remember your oaths. This is not going away."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Hold on one second, please. And we have groups, from countywide, to come and speak before us, but in all of my years, this may be the only time that I'm going to have to do what I may have to do if we cannot maintain the decorum in Assembly Hall. Madam County Attorney, would you state for the record, so in case they're not informed; so they'll know what our rules require."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes, Chairman. The rules regarding public hearings and participation in Sec. 101-69 of the Fulton County Code, Subsection 2: Members of the public are expected to adhere to the rules of decorum outlined here in and should be informed of such at the beginning of the public hearing by the Chair. There shall be no vocal, boisterous, or other disruptive demonstrations which will disrupt the orderly flow of the meeting. Any persons engaging in this type of behavior, shall be ruled out of order by the Chair, and shall, at the Chair's discretion be removed from the Assembly Hall."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: Now, I don't want to do that. We have six more speakers; I'm trying to be patient with you. Continue, ma'am."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Mr. Chairman, can I make a comment, please?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam Vice Chair, you have the floor."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "I agree with the policy to not have disruptive behavior. I -- just for the record don't think clapping is disruptive behavior."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue."

KATHY WHITEHOUSE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Kathy Whitehouse, and I'm a resident of Fulton County. And I'm here to speak about the Carter Center as well. I do very much admire Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter, and all that they have done over the years. I have several friends, who actually work for the Carter Center, but it is an international organization, and they are affiliated with the United Nations. I received an e-mail from a friend of mine who knows more about this subject than I do, but I have learned what other people have spoken about that they are affiliated with George Soros' organization; and he has a heavy-hand in many of our Elections across the country. And I don't think that we should be giving him a hand in our local Elections. I also learned that the Carter Center has a relationship with Bill Gates and some of his organizations; and I do know that Bill Gates is buying up farmland including farmland in Georgia, which he leaves fallow; not growing anything; not providing any revenue. I also received a letter from Fulton County saying that my data has been compromised and that it might be somewhere on a server in China. I think someone else mentioned that. Most practically, and I don't know if this is what would happen, but it crossed my mind last night when I was writing this that this alignment with the Carter Center violates six Georgia Codes. Does that mean there will be a lawsuit? Will Fulton County have to hire attorneys and use taxpayer's money that they would otherwise use elsewhere? It's my understanding is that Grady Hospital and

the Fulton County Jail need some money right now. So, again, I urge you all to not engage with the Carter center. Thank you."

LYDIA MEREDITH, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners. To our honorable Chair, Robb Pitts, and my Commissioner, Natalie Hall. After 20 years, two decades our children are still suffering. Just Google the time Magazine 2002 cover article, Georgia Foster Care and follow the story link. The stories deem the most horrific crimes against a child in foster care history. I'm here today to thank my Commissioner, Natalie Hall and her team for their response to concerns presented last week to mitigate continued suffering. I want to thank Commissioner Hall; the use of 475 Fairburn Road for the 'Joy of Christmas' event where DFCS staff volunteers gather and distribute toys to children in foster care. Understand that this Wednesday -- this Wednesday's Board of Commissioners Meeting Consent Agenda includes the votes on this matter. Commissioner's Hall response help move the vote ahead of the Agenda the date of 11/19 giving our volunteers more time to prepare for our children and their families. Secondly, we want to thank Commissioner Hall for planning the meeting with Fulton County DFCS leaders and DA Fanni Willis, the County Manager, the CFO, Joe Davis to discuss the feasibility of using 475 Fairburn Road to serve challenged youth including sheltering youth to prevent hotel and DFCS office building sheltering. Finally, we would like to thank Commissioner Hall for working with us to increase DFCS staff pay without increasing the budget to address the 13 percent salary cap -- cap on our budget when DFCS staff are severely underpaid. DFCS staff pay is a statewide issue in Fulton County. DFCS supervisors are understaffed by over a hundred percent. We have 16 supervisors --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

LYDIA MEREDITH, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- we need 40 plus supervisors to keep our children safe. We continue to appreciate your efforts, your support, and your responsiveness to impoverished children and youth residing in Fulton County. Thank you so much."

AMBER CONNOR, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hello. My name is Amber Connor. I know quite a few of you up and it's good to see you this morning. In my opinion, this is bigger than the Carter Center. And I'm a member of the Ambassador Circle at the Carter Center and know many people who've worked there for many years. This is bigger than Stacey Abrams sitting on the board. This is connected to the United Nations. I request a copy of the memorandum of understanding, the MOU dated on or around October 14th that was agreed upon by the Fulton County Board of Elections in Executive Session. From my understanding, China has had access to CDC server's information since 1999. That in itself is a conflict of interest. Again, I request a copy of the

memorandum of understanding. I am disappointed; the details of the MOU are sealed and unavailable to public. It seems our beautiful city that is known across the world as a civil-rights capitol of the world, has made itself vulnerable to those that would gain control to only scoop this beautiful black run city into the control of an elitist globalist agenda. Once again, I asked for a copy of the memorandum of understanding. The people of Georgia are fully capable of overseeing their own Elections without bringing in the United Nations like it's often done with Third World countries. Please let me know where I should pick up my copy of the memorandum of understanding. Thank you for your time today and thank you for all you do."

CLERK GRIER: "Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have six speakers on Zoom and two e-mail comments."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: Good morning, Commissioners. The first person to speak is Alexa Finke. Alexa Finke. Okay. We'll go to the next. The next person to speak is Kevin Muldowney."

KEVIN MULDOWNEY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners. Couple of questions: Why has the highly partisan Carter Center gained unfettered access to our Elections? Not only do we have a global corporation, Dominion electronically recording and compiling our votes, we've hired a highly partisan left-wing and globalist Chinese Communist Party entangled organization to monitor our Election process. What could possibly go wrong? The Carter Center also works closely with the National Democrat Institute, where Stacey Abrams is a current board member. The same Carter Center has a long history of cooperating with the United Front Work Department of the Chinese Communist Party. The department (Inaudible.) considered the magic weapon to ensure the victory of communism over democracy. Sounds like freedom. I've been trained and worked as a poll worker. There are many restrictions on our conduct, behavior, and physical access to the polls. We had to submit a letter with our name and the polling location we'd be working. Had to be submitted 14 days before early voting. Carter Center observers have none of these requirements. The Carter Center has been granted unfettered access to our entire Election process including any polling locations, technology, and personnel record. While citizen observers, actual volunteer voters, are very restricted. This is absurd. A globalist highly partisan CCP connected organization with direct ties to the Democrat candidate monitoring every aspect of our Elections, and reporting back to the performance review board; what could possibly go wrong?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "15 seconds."

KEVIN MULDOWNEY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Our Elections need to remain provincial, fair, and uncomplicated. We need to rescind this agreement, reprimand Cathy Woolard

for entering into it, and continue to try to restore the reputation of Fulton County as fair, honest, and American. Thank you."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- how many more?"

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "-- is Ann Dover. Ann Dover."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "How many more?"

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Okay. We'll go to the next. The next person to speak is Chuck Cape. Chuck Cape. We'll go on to the next. The next person to speak is B. Rohr."

B. ROHR, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners. Good morning, fellow Americans. This thing is pretty hot about the Carter Center. And my fellow countrymen have voice their concerns; all the facts, the ordinances that we believe are being not adhered, too. And so, I'm just going to be person-to-person to you. You, also are Americans. You're Commissioners, and I know that you probably want to hold, you know, these Elections -- fair Elections et cetera, so please review the actions. I know there's a lot of shared responsibility and sometimes that makes things difficult, but you do have plenty of power, you have plenty of responsibility, plenty of insight. You're hearing the voice of the people of Fulton County and surrounding counties, and they're asking you to, please, do your duties in protecting our Elections. Do your duties in finding a solution. Not to add to the problems of why people don't trust our Elections. We want to trust you. We want to back you. We want to support your actions, but when they're contrary to what we think is right, and what is in the law, it's very hard to support you. So, please think about this issue. We do not support the memorandum of understanding with the Carter Center, and people have given you plenty of reasons of why we're concerned. So, please, take this and do the right thing for you people."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Anybody else? That's it?"

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Chuck Cape."

CHUCK CAPE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Yes. I just want to reiterate what's already been said. And, I guess, I want to simply say, please, honor your oath and understanding what your oath means to all of you, Board Members. I want to thank you for allowing me to speak and we appreciate what you do. We just want you to understand what your obligation and what you're sworn oath means to you and to us, the public. And, please, honor that and take care of this deleting the Carter Center and the illegal

violation of our Georgia statutes. And in doing so (inaudible) and I want to thank you again for my time. Thank you."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Jason Frazier."

JASON FRAZIER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hello. This is Jason Frazier from Roswell. I have to say that I am once again disappointed in Fulton's handling of our Elections. You have allowed temp agencies to leak my personal information and that of others. You are allowing precinct managers to lock doors at closing, preventing the poll watchers and the public observers from observing the closing of the polls. You are allowing people to vote from UPS stores, P.O. boxes. People living at missing Address Street; and even allowing people to register multiple times and without birthdays. One of the individuals registered twice; I happen to notice had requested a ballot from both of his IDs. I submitted that one and one of them was canceled, so at least one of them we caught. But you shouldn't be registering people twice and you wouldn't have this problem. I reported all of these items to the Secretary of State before this Election, and the investigator chose not to investigate it which is why this is happening again today. If that wasn't bad enough, you are allowing the Carter Center to have access through our Elections. A company with ties to case Stacey Abrams and CCP, but this should be no surprise when you consider a highly partisan Election Board Chair, Cathy Woolard who approved this. She was a lobbyist for Stacey Abrams' Verified Action. I believe that is a conflict of interest. And that position is supposed to be nonpartisan; however, it is not. I hope that one day this Board can stop all of the illegal games you are playing, and simply allow free and fair Elections. Let the candidate win, whomever they might be. All of the corrupt games have driven up the cost of our Elections by tens of millions of dollars --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

JASON FRAZIER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- which could be utilized by other organizations across Fulton County to better serve the community. Thank you."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Last person to speak is Marcia Cox."

MARCIA COX, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hi. Well, I'm Marcia Cox, and I thank you for letting me speak, Commissioners. I'm not sure if you're aware before, but for sure now, you are about this outrageous deal allowing an international organization dealing with our local Elections. I am not going to repeat myself here. I think you have heard enough; but many, many people already expressed their concerns, and thousands of others that are not here, they are aware of what's going on. So this should be immediately reviewed by this Body and taking action immediately right after this

meeting, please. This is totally unacceptable. Fulton County has been the center of many bad news, and we don't need to add this -- one more. Letting organization with a deep communist ties is very troublesome, and you guys don't need to have that in your shoulders. So, I appreciate it if you all, after this meeting, take action immediately. Thank you."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "And this concludes the Zoom public comments."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That's it?"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes, and we have two emailed comments."

REGINA WALLER, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The first emailed comment is from Alexa Finke: The Georgia Supreme Court has confirmed voters have standing to sue government officials who violate Election law. We have a duty to ensure our Elections are administered according to law. Allowing the Carter Center to observe and be involved with our Election process tips the scales in favor of one party. The Carter Center has ties to the CCP, which is a national security threat. Fulton County voters and taxpayers deserve an aboveboard Election process after the clown show of 2020. To see what is right and not do it is of what one of courage. Where is your courage? In the end, all will be revealed. The powerful that manipulate and tips the scales of justice on earth, will not have the power in Heaven. A reminder to us all who truly holds the power. The next comment is from Jody Robinson: In regards to the Fulton County Boards of Registration and Elections who voted for to one, to accepted and enter into an illegal and inappropriate memorandum of understanding, an MOU with the State's performance review board three members and the Carter Center, TCC to allow TCC to have 60 days of unprecedented access to Fulton County Elections from October 14th to December 14th. The TCC is trained and guided by their globalist pledge to United Nations principles and paid by their 940 million-dollar nonprofit Corporation funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The Open Society Foundation of George Soros and the partnership with the National Democratic Institute, where Stacey Abrams is a board member. It is illegal and grossly inappropriate to enable a corporation to have an adequately and meaningful access to all stages of the work involved in the Elections as stated in the MOU. This is not being publicized in the media. It is being done quietly to avoid public outcry. We are demanding that the Board of Commissioner's act immediately and shut down this move. May God be with you. This concludes the comments."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "No further speakers."

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

CLERK GRIER: "Continuing on page 9, **22-0818**, Police. Public hearing for alcohol beverage license application submitted by the Citgo Happy Store for the retail sale of wine and malt beverages at 4060 Martin Luther King Boulevard, Atlanta, Georgia 30336."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. I'll open the public hearing on his application. Anyone in Assembly Hall here to speak on this matter?"

THE PUBLIC: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Anyone here to speak on this matter?"

THE PUBLIC: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. That closes -- close the public hearing. No action required, just a public hearing, correct?"

CLERK GRIER: "Correct."

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

CLERK GRIER: "Presentations to the Board, **22-0819**, Development Authority of Fulton County GASB77."

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, EXEC DIRECTOR, DAFC: "Good morning. It says, please state your name. So, I'm Sarah Elizabeth Langford the Executive Director of the Development Authority; and thank you all for allowing us to present this morning. The GASB77 is a federal requirement on reporting tax incentives. And at the Development Authority we have been very focused on encouraging development all throughout our county, but especially in areas that have some measurable and identifiable challenges like South of I-20. I am talking and meeting with developers regularly, educating them about development opportunities again all throughout the county, but specifically in areas that haven't seen a lot of dynamic high-quality development. Actually, after I leave here today, I'm going to join a bus tour with South Fulton developers on sites ripe for development. Also, at the Development Authority,

we've been focused on real community engagement; so every single developer that comes before our board, our board led by Chairman Marty Turpeau ensures that the developer is being responsive to specific community desires and challenges. There's one particular project we're working on now where I'm very proud of developers have -- several developers have failed at trying to develop this site. And with our incentive the current developer will be able to get rid of an illegal forty-year landfill that has been in that community and plagued that community with hazards methane gas in illegal dumping. So, I'm proud about that. And you all know we've provided an incentive for Microsoft in East Point, or Avalon and Alcon in Alpharetta and John's Creek; so all across the County. And then lastly, we are focused on making sure that all of our stakeholders have transparent information about how our project impact them. And, Chairman Pitts, and you, as a Commission -- we have benefited a lot from having members of Atlanta Public Schools and the Superintendent of Fulton County Schools on our board. A partnership with Ernst & Young allows us to provide transparent, clear numbers, and financial impacts of our projects on the Atlanta Public School System, on Fulton County School System, and of course on our county as a whole. And in summary, I just want to give you some quick numbers. The impact of the developments that the Development Authority Board has approved in the year 2021, provided an additional 15 million to our county; an additional 11 million to Fulton County Schools, and an additional 19.7 or almost 20 million to the Atlanta Public School System. So, I want to turn it over now to Ernst & Young to give us a little more specific numbers. Thank you very much."

ROSE BURDEN, MANAGING DIRECTOR, ERNST & YOUNG: "Good morning, commissioners. My name is Rose Burden, Managing Director, Ernst & young. Also, the project lead for the Development Authority of Fulton County GASB77 work. Today, we will give you some high-level points relative to GASB77 requirements. It will be followed by the 2021 tax analysis results, and then also finalizing with economic impact data resulting from the 2021 Development Authority of Fulton County transactions. We welcome all questions and thank you for the opportunity."

EILEEN O'NEILL, ERNST & YOUNG: "Good morning, Commissioner's. Eileen O'Neill, Ernst & Young. Happy to be here. If we could just move forward a few slides. We're probably on about the second bullet of the agenda under GASB77. Am I responsible for moving -- okay. Okay. Perfect. So, if you look at the next slide, I'll be providing a high-level overview of GASB77. It says, Sarah Elizabeth sort of covered this about the DAFC and its mission. If we can go to the next slide. So, I'll providing just a high-level overview of what GASB77 is and the process undertaken by the Development -- Development Authority of Fulton County with EY's assistance to comply with this financial reporting requirement. So, in 2015, the governmental accounting standards

were issued Statement 77, which requires all state and local governments to disclose the tax revenue for a bond associated with their tax abatement agreement. That's for all active incentives during the particular reporting period of the fiscal year; so we're highlighting 2021 here. And so, it's only for those incentive programs that meet the definition of a tax abatement. And so, that exist essentially where there's an agreement between a governmental entity, and an individual, or business with the governmental entity agrees to forego tax revenue to which you would otherwise be entitled, in exchange for some sort of promise on the part of the individual or business entity that has an economic development purpose. So there's really four main criteria here. And the first is that there has to be an agreement; the second is that there has to be a reduction in tax revenue. The third is the economic development purpose; and the fourth is that the agreement has to precede recipient performance. So the agreement takes place before jobs are created; before investments made; before any community or revitalizations is made. And so, this as a result of sort of naturally excludes your basic exempt tax exemption and also statutory type tax credit. So what we're looking for here are more of your discretionary and negotiated type incentives. So we do an inventory of incentive programs in the county and amongst municipalities and identified that taxable bond deals, rehabilitate historic properties, and enterprise zones meet that definition of a tax abatement. So it's important to note that a government has to disclose not only what it gives away in tax incentives, but it also must disclose other government agreements that impact the reporting entities revenue. And so, if you go to the next slide -- so this requires a pretty extensive coordination effort. And I'll just wait until you get to the next slide. So, Fulton County has to disclose not only the impact of DAFC incentives, but also the other local Development Authorities that have their incentive agreements; those also impact county revenues and have to be disclosed. So as a result, you know, we work with all the municipalities: For one, to identify that they've had any incentive programs; to get the data that we need and that also involves working with the tax assessor's office. But we also report back to all the municipalities to give them the information that they need as well for their financial reporting. And so, the DAFC is really taking the leadership role in engaging EY to assess with this coordination effort. And so, GASB77 only requires you disclose tax revenue for a bond. So the governmental accounting standards board is not interested in understanding whether the incentive program is ultimately successful. Like, in their view that information doesn't belong in a financial report, it really should be disclose elsewhere. And so, the Development Authority of Fulton County has engaged EY over the years to prepare and economic impact report. And so, what that does is it also looks at the direct/indirect and induced benefits of the DAFC incentive programs, and Andrew Phillips will be highlighting that. In addition, we also calculate the net ad valorem revenue impact of all the active incentives for this fiscal reporting period; and that

information will be discussed by Jeff (Inaudible.) I'm sure that's what you'd all like to hear. And so, he'll be presenting shortly. And so, in addition, the DAFC has also -- has also made some enhancements to its incentive approval process in light of the transparency and accountability that GASB promotes. So they engaged us to develop an ROI model which they used to assess the total financial impacts of projects to go before them for an incentive approval. They've also incorporated up five times hurdle rate such that they will not approve a project unless the total revenue that's projected to result exceeds five times of what otherwise would have been brought in. And all that financial information is embedded in these deal review packages in addition to additional qualitative community benefits as part of these deal review packages that are presented before each of the board members before a vote -- approval vote on the incentive takes place. Thank y'all for your time. I'll be sticking around for questions, and with that, I'll turn it over to Jeff to give you the numbers. Thanks."

JEFF RASH, ERNST & YOUNG: "Good morning, Commissioners. My name is Jeff Rash with Ernst & Young. Can we move to the next slide, please? So for the next couple of minutes we'll spend just walking through the numbers for the 121 projects that we're actively receiving an incentive during calendar year 2021. And this slide represents the impact for Fulton County taxes. For the 121 projects that had an active incentive, had that incentive not been generated, the taxes collected would have been 3.3 million. Had the investment went forward without the incentive, you would have seen an increase in approximately \$25 million in taxes. Because of the incentives, there was \$9.5 million in incentives given; and as a result, Fulton County was able to collect 18.6 million in taxes of that 15.3 million is brand-new taxes as a result of the incentives that were generated by the DFAC. The next two slides dictate and show this exact same information and the benefits for Fulton County School System and the City of Atlanta School System. So we'll briefly go over that just high-level. Next slide, please. So, as Sarah Elizabeth mentioned in her opening remarks, the net impact of the Fulton County School District was 11.4 million in the calendar year 2021. And then the next slide will show APS -- next slide, please. APS generated just under \$20 million in a net benefit for calendar year 2021. And then the next slide will show a summary of the last five years. And so, on the left side of your screen, you can kind of see where we started for 2017: The net benefit was 11.5 million. And that number has steadily grown through last year, which was 17 million for calendar year 2020. We saw a slight dip for calendar year 2021 and that's the result of about 30 projects coming off make that will receive incentives. Along with slight declines in tax rates for not only Fulton County School System, but also Fulton County operating funds as well. So, at this point, I'll turn it over to Andrew Phillips and he'll walk through more of the economic benefit."

ANDREW PHILLIPS, ERNST & YOUNG: Thank you, Jeff. Good morning, commissioners. So if we can go to the next slide, please, yes. So we took the information that was just presented on the prior slide which includes direct employment reported by developers in terms of ongoing operations, as well as the amount spent on capital expenditures. And then put that into an economic model of the county to generate the overall economic impact of the projects. So we do that in a few different ways: We look at three different types of economic effects. So the first is the direct effect. And you can think of that in terms of employment; for instance as employees who work in one of the facilities at an office or at a hotel that has received an incentive. The second category is the indirect affect; and so, that is supply-chain related. So for an office facility you can think of that as economic activity related to suppliers of office supplies, or utilities, or services that are consumed within the facility. And then the third effect is the induced economic effects: Which is essentially consumption related effects that result from employees re-spending money in the Fulton County economy in places like restaurants and retailers because they have that additional income earned from the direct or indirect employment. We look at all these effects in terms of a few different economic metrics. We look at overall employment personal income, which is essentially employee compensation, gross economic output, and then tax revenues are generated for both the state and for local governments. So, if we go to the next slide. So these are the key model inputs. On the left-hand side you can see capital investment. And so for projects receiving an active incentive in 2021, those projects committed \$8.6 billion of capital investment when they're being developed at some point over the past ten years. You can see the largest amount of that investment went into residential buildings followed by logistic facilities and office structures. On the right-hand side, you can see the jobs that were committed by these developers at the time the incentive was granted. Office buildings, you know, represent, by far, the largest portion of the direct jobs at, you know, over 17,000 direct jobs that were committed. Logistic facilities, and retail, and restaurants come in second and third. If we can go to the next slide. All right. So this is what you then get in terms of the overall economic impact in Fulton County from those direct activities. So this includes the direct/indirect, and induced; and it's only related to the ongoing operations of the facilities. It does not include capital expenditures, related impacts which are just one-time impacts. So those 32,000 almost 33,000 direct jobs that were committed by developers, support an estimated total of over 48,000 direct/indirect -- direct and indirect and induced jobs throughout the county. Those jobs generate over \$4 billion of total labor income and support economic output almost reaching \$8 billion. The office facilities generate, you know, the bulk of that overall contribution just because of the labor intensity of those structures. You have lots of jobs and they are typically relatively well-paid jobs within those structures. But also logistic facilities and retailers contribute significantly. So those are the results of our

analysis at a high level. There are more detailed results in a study that we produce annually. And I think with that, I will turn it over to, Sarah."

EILEEN O'NEILL, ERNST & YOUNG: "I'm going to make one other quick point. So, I mentioned that we provide all the GASB numbers to the municipalities and the school districts, but I also wanted to mention that the waterfall that you all saw that provides a net revenue impact, we also provide that information to APS and Fulton County School District, so the finance directors, they're aware that it's not a revenue loss; it's actually a revenue gain as a result of these projects. So, you know, we're in our six-year of complaints now. This has been a process that we've done year-over-year, and it's just gone very well. It's been a pretty smooth process. And I would say that it's information that they've come to expect and rely on and trust as well. So we also work with their CPA advisors, so that they can verify that the information that we provide is reliably accurate. Thank you."

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, EXEC DIRECTOR, DAFC: 'And in summary: As we're moving forward, we're still continued to focus on new tools in our toolbox for a quality workforce housing and affordable housing developments that specifically impact and uplift communities. And then also collaboration with developers so they are aware of development opportunities specifically in underserved areas. Thank you very much, and if anyone has any questions, please feel free."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Questions, Commissioners? Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: Thank you, Chairman. I don't have a question. I just wanted to openly commend the leadership of you; Executive Director, as well as I see the Chair Turpeau. I know at one point it was a little -- it was a little rocky, but, however, I would be remiss if I didn't say I appreciated how you all navigated the storm. I appreciate the relationships that you have. And I want you to know -- I can only speak for me -- I respect the leadership, and I respect your Body, and I respect what you all are doing. And so, I just wanted to openly say, I thank you for your leadership. I thank you Chairman Turpeau, and all of you all; you all have been accessible; only a phone call away. And I think government and government entities and organizations work best when there is reciprocal respect; and we're not going to always agree, but the level of respect is there, and the communication, and pretty the -- pretty much open door policy that you all have. And so, I just wanted to go on record with that. Thank you."

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, EXEC DIRECTOR, DAFC: "Thank you, very much. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "I was going to take the floor to echo -- not to echo those comments, but to make some comments similar. It's good to see, Mr. Chairman in the audience. Yeah, like my colleague, I'm proud of the recent years, efforts, and really the focus on trying to bring projects, and development to areas that for decades have been crying for good development. When I was on the Atlanta City Council in the boom of the nineties, in Buckhead, you know, we use to -- some of my colleagues on the City Council said, you know, we really love that office building, that shopping center, that apartment complex, that condo complex in my District; and I'm glad that the Development Authority of Fulton County is taking a focus on that now. Just a quick question cause I'm a former CPA and a numbers guy: On the jobs -- I had this question before; and may be one of you can tell me: When we've done an office building -- and we've seen it on occasion back a few years ago -- when we do an office building and do some incentives for an office building in a hundred thousand square-foot law firm would move from a building it was already in to the new building that just got incentivize; how do you deal with that question on the jobs because that project didn't really create those jobs; the jobs just moved. Do you have some kind of discount for that? How do you deal with that question when you're looking at the impact of the jobs created?"

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, EXEC DIRECTOR, DAFC: "Ernst & Young's model really considers the market changes. And so, typically, when we are evaluating opportunity, we think about the fact that if there's an opportunity that's moving from one place to another, we consider the fact that our market likely will encourage another replacement and wherever it's moving from. So it's not an exact science, but it's really looking at marking factors, looking at proposed forthcoming developments to ensure that if there is any locations that's moving from one location to another, it's very high likelihood that if there is an empty opportunity that our market is naturally going to fill that in so that we're not taking; we're moving for a minute and then they're creating another opportunity in its place."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yeah. And of course if the economy isn't great in that building that just got emptied stays empty."

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, EXEC DIRECTOR, DAFC: "Well, then that's true. During COVID, we of course, had a lot of issues; and like you'd see on that waterfall during COVID, there was some dips that wouldn't have been there but for COVID. And so, that's why this opportunity is so difficult because there's so many factors that we're measuring on every single opportunity."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yeah. Go ahead Rose. It's good to see."

ROSE BURDEN, EXEC DIRECTOR, ERNST & YOUNG: "Good to see. I'd like to ask Andrew to elaborate further on the halo effect. I think that's impactful to mention."

ANDREW PHILLIPS, ERNST & YOUNG: "I guess I would just sort of rephrase what Sarah Elizabeth said. So when we look at the jobs that are committed in these offices, you're right; you have an employer that is relocating from another part of the city; in general, we haven't seen that vacancy rates have gone up a lot. And so, in our analysis, you know, we are including at full value the employment that's being committed in the new developments. The underlying intuition in doing that is that, you know, if there is a relocation within the city or the county that does free up office space that probably will be rehabbed, you know, may be available for other smaller businesses to grow within the County."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yeah. Well, thank you for that. And I've heard people -- people say that, you know, if we incentivize a -- an office building that's not really what created the jobs especially if someone moves from one to another. We talked about that and thank you for your response. But also, if they're able to fill it with the tenant that is moving into the area, and the question is, did they really move in to the area because it's office got built, or did it move in to the building because of all of the other wonderful things about Atlanta and Fulton County. But anyway, I understand what you're saying and I appreciate the comment. It's just an interesting issue to this numbers guy. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I think you mentioned you had some further report that had more data in it. I'm just curious if you had that if you could submit it to us; and then as part of that, and I don't know if it would be included in it. But do you have something that would illustrate of the 121 projects or the category types that they fit into?"

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, EXEC DIRECTOR, DAFC: "We can break it down further. There is one page in there that talked about like logistics, facilities, hotels, mixed use projects, so we can break it down further if you'd like."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "By number. You could say, you know --"

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, EXEC DIRECTOR, DAFC: "-- okay. By number for each one."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "-- you know of that 121 or 15 that are this -- that kind of thing."

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, EXEC DIRECTOR, DAFC: "Okay. We can do that."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "And then -- and also in terms of a -- you know, I think you know -- I mean, on the five-year snapshot, I think, you said, well, you saw the dip in 2021 because --"

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, EXEC DIRECTOR, DAFC: "-- COVID."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "-- these the numbers -- was that COVID or I thought you made the statement that there were projects that expired or rolled off."

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, EXEC DIRECTOR, DAFC: "There was a combination. In the COVID time period, you'll see the dip was specifically because of COVID. But in addition to that there were projects that are regularly rolling off from the ten year incentive period."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "So that would be the other thing of interest: out of that 121, do you have a waterfall of, you know, by year?"

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, EXEC DIRECTOR, DAFC: -- like, when each one rolls off?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Right."

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, EXEC DIRECTOR, DAFC: "We can get that information, yeah."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. All right. Thanks."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I just want to say, outstanding job to you, Sarah Elizabeth, and the EY team, Marty Turpeau and the board; you've done an outstanding job. And to Sarah Elizabeth, you know, I've known you for over 20 years now, and I knew you back when you worked for the nonprofit organization. I just want to say that I not only respect the position, but I respect the person because you have been a true public servant leader for many, many years before coming here. And you are using that knowledge, and that skill-set to really do Fulton County proud. So, thank you and thank you to all of you. It's takes a team."

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, EXEC DIRECTOR, DAFC: "And you know some of our staff have been here for many, many years and have that historical knowledge. So

that combined with my affordable housing experiences; it's beneficial. So thank you very, very much."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes, it does take a team, and thank you all."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Other questions or comments?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Great. So, quickly. Back to, Commissioner Morris' question that comes up frequently. So it's pretty much impossible to say whether the jobs -- they what? The 30 -- what's that number? The 32,000 jobs are new jobs or jobs that are just simply relocated from point A to point B within the jurisdiction; is that not correct?"

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, EXEC DIRECTOR, DAFC: "You know, it's pretty rare that we have projects that are simply relocating. Usually, if they are relocating -- like, I'm thinking of Boston Scientific in Johns Creek -- their simply expanding where they are and that's really in nature because of our county is so dynamic; typically, developers and business don't want to leave. They want to stay. So, it's really -- we can delve further into those numbers, but we don't have a lot of projects that move really just from one location to another."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Could you give us -- say the percentage of these 32 that are new jobs, brand-new jobs relocating from other places to here; the percentages."

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, EXEC DIRECTOR, DAFC: "From other states or counties?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Wherever. Whatever."

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, EXEC DIRECTOR, DAFC: "Yeah. We can definitely do that. And that's one of the reasons, like, when I speak with Commissioner Pat Wilson about opportunities that the state or a county is competing for, our incentive comes into play even more because we're competing against other states that have even deeper incentive an additional state and county funds. So we can get those deeper numbers for you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. And my last question: Of the 32,000 jobs, what are the demographics?"

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, EXEC DIRECTOR, DAFC: "We can break that down for you also cause it really depends on the type of development, and the community and obviously the pay also. So we can get that analysis."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And when I say, demographics, I'm really talking about black and brown. Of that 32,000 what's the black and brown makeup of that 32,000?"

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, EXEC DIRECTOR, DAFC: "Okay. We'll get that for you. And also, one thing that we've gone with Chairman Erica Long, who is the Chair of our MFBE committee; she basically has helped us ensure -- and this was started long before me, under Chairman Turpeau's leadership -- ensuring that with every project we have some goals for minority participation, whether it's subcontractors, jobs, employment, so we are working on that. I can get you those specific numbers."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. But I'm referring specific now, to the employees of people that are in those 32,000 positions."

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, EXEC DIRECTOR, DAFC: "Okay. Those specific jobs."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I have sort of one more technical question: In terms -- in terms of sort of the generation of numbers and so forth and sort of the taxes collected, you know, kind of this whole -- these charts about the net new property taxes for the county school district, et cetera. If a project is done and incentive is given in a tax allocation district, are those numbers included within each of those or are those scrubbed out? Cause, I mean, I guess, they're still -- I mean, they're still (Inaudible.) effective to Fulton County, but then they're floating to the TAD."

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, EXEC DIRECTOR, DAFC: "They're really separate. We only collect the numbers that will specifically be collected by the county or by those school systems. But we do have analysis on the TAD's and there's like a Beltline TAD; so we can get you those deeper numbers. But that is part of what we're working on working hand-in-hand with the Beltline, with -- even Invest Atlanta, so that we are not harming any communities or TAD's that we're expecting to collect those property taxes; and we're only receiving new and benefiting all of our stakeholders. So I can get you those deeper numbers for that analysis because it definitely comes up on many different projects."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "So these are 121 projects these are all outside of a TAD?"

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, EXEC DIRECTOR, DAFC: "No, they're not all outside of a TAD. But the numbers from the property taxes that we're collecting are only the property taxes that will actually be collected by the county or the school system or Atlanta Public School System. So it doesn't consider those."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I mean, you know, we collect for Fulton County's portion to the TAD, and then float it -- you know that money goes back to the TAD, I think, will be a payment by the Tax Commissioner, correct? Isn't that the way the flow works?"

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, EXEC DIRECTOR, DAFC: "Maybe, I'm not explaining it well."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Sharon, would you know that or Hakeem? You know off-hand?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "I'm sorry, Commissioner Ellis. I was writing a note."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Like, if there's a -- there's a property in the TAD, and there was billing for the Fulton County taxes, they're billed under Fulton County, right? But then the Tax Commissioner routes the funds that -- to the TAD."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "The tax increment goes directly to the TAD. It does not flow."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "But it's collected in the name of Fulton County, right?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "It's collected in the name Fulton County as a general -- as part of the general fund millage rate --" but the revenue flows directly to the TAD."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Right."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "but the revenue --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "-- flows to the TAD --"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "-- flows directly to the TAD, yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "So, you're saying all of those numbers are scrubbed out of here? This would not -- this net incentive benefit per, you know, for whatever -- let's say, going to Fulton County would not include --"

JEFF RASH, ERNST & YOUNG: "-- the numbers that we showed for the taxes collected reconciled back to the amount that Fulton County and the School District has actually collected for the tax bills. The amount that goes back to the TAD was not removed. We're not privy to that information."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "You not privy. So that's probably included in these numbers. So, I mean, I guess, that would be an interesting, you know, kind of -- you understand what I'm saying with that?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Uh-huh."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "So, you know, we've got a significant number -- we got a significant portion of taxes you know that are sitting in a TAD; about 47 million itself. So I'd be interested in understanding kind of what the overlap of that is with these docs; see what's kind of the true net benefit that we're actually receiving, Fulton County government versus, you know, the benefit to, you know, TAD if you will; you following me on that?"

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, EXEC DIRECTOR, DAFC: "I think so. And that's also -- I can break it down further just part of the analysis that our board does is given what you just said that may be some funds originally were slated to be collected by the TAD, what benefit is this project other than just increased tax revenue providing for the community. So, it's kind of not an exact science, but I can -- we can break it down and give you all of those direct numbers so you can see just the tax implications and the financial aspect of it. But like I say, we also have to considered the implications of the neighborhood; like, that illegal landfill that I just mentioned is being rid of the community."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I understand the benefit. But if I look at this and see the net benefit of 15.3 million to Fulton County, then I'm interpreting that as we're actually receiving those taxes and they're been able to use them within the scope of our general fund. But if eight million of that is being rerouted to the TAD, then that's not potentially not a true accurate representation of, you know, kind of what that incentive benefit to the county is."

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, EXEC DIRECTOR, DAFC: "We can break those down, right, to provide that? Okay. I'll break it down with EY to make sure it's crystal-clear and accurate in a way that makes sense."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "All right. Thank you."

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, EXEC DIRECTOR, DAFC: "Thank you."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yeah, cause of the 121 projects, you know where they are. So, you know whether they're in a TAD or not. Just (inaudible)."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So, how long would it take you to gather or to answer the questions and prepare information in response to questions that have been asked?"

(Off mic response unknown speaker: A couple of weeks.)

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, EXEC DIRECTOR, DAFC: "That long?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Because what I'd like for you to do is to come back and go over it because I think the important part here -- the questions that have been asked were probably much more relevant."

(Off mic response, unknown speaker: They were very complicated questions.)

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, EXEC DIRECTOR, DAFC: "So a couple of weeks? So, EY says, three weeks -- a couple weeks -- three weeks."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, the first meeting in December. We'll communicate with you on the first meeting in December. We will plan for a follow-up presentation."

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, EXEC DIRECTOR, DAFC: "Thank you."

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

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Thank you all very much."

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, EXEC DIRECTOR, DAFC: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: On page 10, County Manager's Renewal Items Under Open and Responsible Government, **22-0820**: Real Estate and Asset Management. Request approval to renew existing contracts to provide cleaning services."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. A motion to approve by Commissioner Hall. Is there a second? Seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Cast your vote, please."

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

CLERK GRIER: Under Health and Human Services, **22-0821**, Public Works. Request approval to renew an existing contract to provide water meter reading services."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "**22-0822**: Request approval to renew existing contracts to provide standby miscellaneous construction wastewater system services."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. We have a motion to approve by Commissioner Hausmann, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: On page 11, **22-0823**, Finance, 2023 Budget Update.

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Mr. Manager."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, sir. Sharon's going to lead the Board through what our current process is and where we are in the budget development. I think, what I want to say up front, importantly, is this is not the final product. That's due on November 15th; however, what we can show today is taking the direction given by the Board in the last meeting, as well as, I think practical steps, we can see a path forward to providing a balanced budget. That's the good news. But the caveat to that is pretty significant and that is, there's over \$200 million in enhancements to still yet consider. And there's about 23 million left to apply to that. So I want you to ensure that those two points are understood. All the actions that we've taken thus far that would produce a balanced budget and may have things like elimination of monies for some vacancies not all, reducing operating expenses, not paying a performance bonuses, so they're not inconsequential themselves. But most importantly, I want you to know that again, we will not be in the current financial constraints, funding significantly the enhancements that probably most likely given that we've got about 10 percent of those enhancement dollars that we could fund, against all the request; we'll only be looking at things that are critical, driven by contractual regulatory change. We will not be looking at new positions, compensation enhancements and the like. So that will probably result, most likely, in elected officials wanting to make their own presentation of their needs which will have to be, if address, through a millage rate increase. And I think that's appropriate in that they're elected officials presenting to elected officials on that basis. But again, I want to set the expectation that we are not going to be able to address those needs in our budget submission. So, hopefully this is helpful to you. No decision today; just a preview of coming attractions. So, I'll turn it over to Sharon."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So, before you begin Ms. Whitmore -- I'm sorry that Commissioner Ellis is not the room now nor -- because the key to what you're going to hear, on page 5, and this is where you earn your stripes as a public official. We're going to have -- if everything goes according to the plan that you're going to hear, there may be \$23 million available; may be. But you got a request for \$263 million. Those are the two numbers you need to leave here today baked in your mind. Maybe, 23 million; but you get requests for 263 million. So every penny going forward will have to be scrutinized. We're going to have one person -- at least one new member -- no more than one if, I could play politics with this, but this is critical what you're going to hear today. And what I don't want to hear next year is that I didn't know. I wasn't aware. Well, you're going to hear it."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Sharon Whitmore, Chief Financial Officer. As usual, the County Manager did an excellent job with summarizing the presentation, but I do think it's important to go ahead and step through it for public consumption. Next slide, please. We did want to share with you the process that we've employed in the development of the 2023 General Fund Budget. As you do know, we have made a number of presentations and sought direction and guidance from the Board in how to close the preliminary budget gap that we were looking at based on our midyear review and presenting all of the items that we knew would be budget pressures for 2023. So to that end, we've made some revenue adjustments about 39. -- 39 million in revenue adjustments; and I believe Manager mentioned all of these -- the adjusting for the actual Tax Billings versus our projected Tax Billings after the Tax Commissioner finalized the billing cycle and released the tax bills this year. So that did result in an increase in tax billings. Also the Board did take an action to reduce credit -- the impact of the credit card fee waiver by eliminating that item. And then we also received guidance that we should just go ahead and build in across-the-board 2 percent increase in our projected revenue, so that's going to be reflected in what we present to you on the 15th. From an expenditure perspective, we have made roughly about \$87 million in reductions to our expenditures across personnel and operating categories by doing the things the Manager mentioned. We're recommending a partial hiring freeze across all departments for vacant positions."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Go ahead; emphasize that. Partial hiring freeze across all departments not some."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Not special fraud -- projects. All departments --"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes. At this point the recommendation is a hiring freeze across all departments. What that will actually look like is we will be applying more or less an attrition factor to each department's salaries and fringe benefit budget so that we go ahead and account for the fact that all of the positions, all of the vacancies will not be filled on January 1. So that's the practical effect of that item. The second line item is really the effect of the first. And then as the Manager indicated, we're not recommending that we fund the pay-for-performance bonus, or any other type of compensation adjustments for 2023. Out of the operating budget, each department's operating budget we will be looking to set those operating budgets at a level that aligns with our historical spending in the operating budgets; so not funding a hundred percent necessarily of what they have been funding, but finding it more along the lines of what they have actually been spending. We have reduced the Elections budget to provide funding for one countywide special called Election if necessary; and would recommend that each municipality's pay the full costs of the Municipal Elections that will run in 2023. So if there is no Special Called Election and only Municipal Elections, then the municipality will be fully responsible for those costs."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Now how is that different from the current situation?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Well, in a General Election year we bear the full cost."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fulton County pays the full cost?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, sir. And currently by Board Resolution, if there is a Special Called Election that is countywide, that occurs simultaneously with the Municipal Election, then we the -- we would not pass any additional cost onto the municipalities. But if there is no Special Called Election next year, then the recommendation would be that if we are asked to support the Municipal Elections that they would pay the full cost of those Elections. The next item is we had in our original --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- let that sink in. That's important."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Okay. Can we go back one slide, please? The next item is we had originally provided for an inmate outsourcing budget based on what the Sheriff had originally presented which was two -- two existing agreements: One with Cobb County, and one with the City of Atlanta for the Atlanta Detention Center; and then a third provider. So we have eliminated the third provider, and we're funding both Cobb County and Atlanta Detention Center for the full number of

detainees that both of those agreements provide for. And then we also wanted to acknowledge --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- that will speak to personnel, too; the deputies, correct?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, sir. I believe the Atlanta Detention Center agreement requires the county to actually provide the manpower. We're just paying a facility use fee in that case. And then the last item here --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- don't leave --"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "-- yes, sir."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- let the sink and also. We don't have enough personnel at Rice Street. Presumably Union City is going to close. We don't have enough personnel for the City Jail; and you've spent several hundred thousand dollars renovating Alpharetta with no personnel. So where's that coming from? I'm just saying. Make sure, so that nobody can say, I didn't know that. I didn't know that. It's right here. Continue."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Okay. Thank you. And the last bullet point here is that we were asked to take a look at contracts. We have a significant number of contracts. And so, we are reviewing those contracts and we'll continue to do so. At the current juncture, we have not made any specific adjustments from an expenditure status, but we did want to acknowledge that we are reviewing contracts and we'll continue to do so that we can rationalize and right-size contracts and eliminate those that might be duplicative in nature. Okay --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- this one is also important. Give us an example of what you mean by reviewing existing contracts to see whether they're need or not."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "The one that comes to mind immediately; it's not really about whether they're needed or not. It's more like rationalizing it; and Latiff [Phonetic.], please forgive me if I get this wrong. But we have -- during the pandemic; we initiated a contract for Zoom for virtual meetings. Also, during the pandemic, we work diligently to roll out our Office 365 Solution which includes Microsoft Teams. So we will be looking to rationalize the use of both of those products. Microsoft Teams is included in the base license agreement for August 365, we're paying a separate contract fee for Zoom. Zoom is needed and is necessary because it is what is supporting our virtual court systems that we have set up. So we will be evaluating those types of contractual arrangements and rationalizing them to ensure that we are not paying more for each that is necessary. That won't be immediate; it's going to take some time. But we will continue to evaluate those items as

we go through the year. Okay. Next slide, please. This is just a graphical view of how we have arrived at having a budget that is balanced and it has about \$23 million available to support the enhancements that we've received. If you kind of walk through it, in the revenue additions items that's a 39 million that I identified; 16 million is related to that across-the-board 2 percent revenue increase; 12 is the impact of eliminating the credit card fee waiver; and 11 is the adjustment for the value of actual Tax Billings related to 2022 that carry into and become part of the base revenue in 2023. And then on the expense reduction side, you can see we have eliminated 18 million that was proposed for inmate outsourcing; 18 million that was proposed for Elections in order to keep the Elections project at the same level as what would be been necessary during the General Elections cycle. 15 million for the partial hiring freeze; 15 million as a result of not providing for pay-for-performance bonus; 13 million in the FEMA reserve that item is actually because we had both included it in our 2022 expense projections as well as an item in the 2023 budget, so we're rightsizing that. And then lastly, the effect of rolling back departmental operating budgets to what their historic spend levels have been at roughly about a 6 percent rollback. Next slide, please."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So, the key there though, I think, is inmate outsourcing review. You can preview a coming attraction when we start talking about that. You know it's going to happen."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, sir. We reduced it by 18 million, but we -- I'm sorry."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Another Academy award performance here. I'm just saying this. Let us know, so we cannot say we did not know what the impact of our decisions are in a couple months from now."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "And I do actually want to point out over on the far left-hand side of the slide, you'll see the column that labeled use of funds. So we covered that original 91 million-dollar gap that we identified. We are -- the budget will be balanced, and it will also be in compliance with the County's Fund Balance Reserve Resolution of 16.67 percent of budgeted expenditures. And then that does leave the 23 million that we are still reviewing and making decisions on how that 23 million will be appropriated based on the number of enhancements that we received. Okay. So, next slide now. The Manager did comment on this in his remarks: Specifically, with regard to the enhancement requests. We have those categorized in two areas primarily: capital and operating requests. And the criteria that we will be using as we complete our evaluation and recommendations of items that fall into the enhancement category for capital: We'll primarily be looking at items that are critical life and safety request only. In the operating enhancement requests: We're also looking at

using and have been using and applying this rules based approach which provides for items that are regulatory or compliance in nature; I think ADA type things. Items that are contractually driven, where we have routine contracts like janitorial services where the cost for those services have increased; or the inmate medical contract, or Grady has a built-in cost escalator in the contract. Items that we consider to be unavoidable expenditures, including items that the Board has approved. An unavoidable would be --

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- an example. What's an example?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "An unavoidable expenditure --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: -- any BOC approved item."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "-- would be -- a BOC approved item would be the presentation that Dr. Roshell made earlier on senior transportation where we approved the incremental costs to the senior transportation in order to avoid a reduction in service."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What was that amount?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "It was a little over 3.7, I think. 1.8?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: "1.8 for the bus transportation and approximately 1.8 for Uber/Lyft."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yeah."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So all of those things will be in play to fund or not to fund?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, sir. We also, specifically, excluded new personnel; anything that was a compensation adjustment request or the expansion of any existing program -- programs or establishment of new programs. And as the Manager indicated, also in his remarks, because we have a significant request and not enough resources to meet all of the requests, there will be many of those requests that will go unmet in the proposed budget recommendation. Next slide please."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a minute."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Couple of the examples of the unmet request in the areas of public health, public safety, and justice agencies. What are you talking about; the records and equality health and safety and justice agency."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Well, in public health at this point, we have not programmed additional resources in for support for public hospitals. And in the public safety or the justice area, we have not programmed in additional resources for -- well, the Sheriff came and made his presentation: He had, you know, requested roughly 68 -- I believe \$68 million worth of enhancements, so we have not programmed those. Other than items that met those specific criteria and contractual obligations and that --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- those are specific hard request that seven of us are gone be faced with -- with no money?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, sir. And this next slide is provided to -- you can go back one slide, please. This next slide is provided to you so you can see the total value of the enhancement requests that were received 263.7 million. We have 23 million available to fund items within that asked. And we broke them out by capital, by operating, and then in to the various stacks: administration, human services, infrastructure, justice, and public safety. Of the majority of the request came out of human services and justice and can be specifically tied back to the requests for support from hospitals, for indigent healthcare, and the Sheriff's request. Next slide, please. And then lastly, Commissioners, we just kind of wanted to throw the timeline back up, and I'll just walk you down and have you pick up on the November 15th line. That is the date that we are required by the county's budget ordinance to submit the proposed budget to you. We would follow that; so you will receive it on or before the 15th. We will follow that summation up with a overview and presentation at the Board of Commissioner's meeting held on November the 16th; that's the Recess Meeting this month. And then in the month of December, we will hold the required -- legally required public hearing. We've tentatively scheduled that for the Board meeting on December the 7th. And then that will set the Board up in early January to be able to adopt the budget either at the first or the second meeting of the Board in the month of January. And that's our update, Mr. Chairman. As the Manager indicated, we will come back to you with the final proposed budget on or before the 15th. We're in the process now of completing our review in evaluation of all the budget enhancements."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. And again, the two numbers to remember may be \$23 million available, maybe. But \$263 million in request including public safety and senior services. Questions, comments? Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Quick questions: The dollar amount that you currently have in for Elections. I know the number was reduced, but what's the current dollar amount that's in there?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "I think it's about \$20 million. It's 15 million for a Special Called Election and a little over 4 million for the Elections Department annual recurring base budget."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. And I would just remind y'all that whatever number we want in there, it needs to be crisp. So, I do want to come back and look at that in a little bit. But the methodology you were using, I understand that. So the dollar amount that's in for inmate outsourcing?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "It's roughly 28 million."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "28 million is still in?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "With the reduction of 18?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, 14.6 for the Cobb County agreement, and 12.7 for the Atlanta Detention Center."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Say that one more time."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "I believe it's 14.6 for the Cobb County agreement, and 12.7 for the Atlanta Detention Center."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. And then on the -- of the 267 million in request, I mean, I know you reference like from hospitals. What's the dollar amount you've included in there from hospitals outside of Grady? Honestly, I don't think we should be considering those that all. It's not our contractual obligation or principal, you know, response rest to Grady, you know, at the moment. So what's the dollar amounts that's - _"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "-- the specific request that we received was 48 million."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "48 million? So 48 million of that 267 was from, you know, an entity that or entities that we have no contractual relationship with today?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "That is correct."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. All right. And then on the amount in for the -- you got a reduction on the FEMA reserve -- I can't read it now it's too small a print on this page. But the FEMA reserve reduction: So do we still have a number in there or we don't have a number in there?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "So when we -- as we were going back through and working on all of the adjustments, we recognized that we had included the FEMA reserve as both as expense in 2022, and a budget in 2023. So we've dropped it from the budget in 2023."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "So it's only in there one time. If we don't fully expend it this year, then we will carry it forward through fund balance for next year. So it will still be available as part of the fund balance. But we did recognize that we had it basically -- we had duplicated it and we needed to pull it out."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. And then last question: We did not put -- you did not do -- you sort of left the risk fund like we normally do it, correct?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "We did and that was based on when we had a conversation with the County Attorney's office about their budget and about a particular class-action lawsuit."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. All right. Thanks."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you. I'm looking at this time line here, and, I guess, what I really want to know is as far as BOC guidance, you know, I mentioned this before as far as getting that guidance before millage rated option. So going forward, I'd like to see if may be rework this calendar, so that that input is received, or that the BOC receives this and put before voting on a millage rate. All right. I mean, it would've been great to know all of this and obviously no one's got a crystal ball, but it would've been great to know all of this before we voted to reduce the millage rate. So hopefully, going forward for next year and next time, we can relook at this budget process timeline and, you know, get this on the front-end instead of on the back and that's it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. I just want to echo the sentiments of Commissioner Arrington, even to the point of this was one of the issues

that I sounded the alarm about. I know that some of my colleagues may have thought that I was ringing the bell or holding up the flag for this issue and concern for a reason. But, Chairman, you just said it: The funding -- we're going to look at increase funding with less dollars. And so, none of this should be a surprise; however, I would be remiss if I didn't say we took a vote; that vote stands. So now, we're going to -- all of us as the collective Body -- we have to agree that we going to have to proverbial tighten the belt somewhere. And so, if there is better manner of doing this; if there's a different timeline of doing this, I would be more than happy to support that. However, when we make decisions, especially dealing with the tax dollars, yes, we should be frugal with them. I accept that responsibility that this is the taxpayer's dollars, but I also accept the responsibility that you can't have it both ways. You can't have the funding for the things that enhancements that you want and that are dear to your heart, and we still stay within what is our budgetary duties as Commissioners. So, I just wanted to put that reminder out there that the decision was made; and when we get to the point in the road whether proverbial rubber will meet, this is what I meant by it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Other questions or comments?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Continue. Anything else, Mr. Manager?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "No, sir. Appreciate being able to present."

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

CLERK GRIER: "Continuing on page 11, **22-0824**, Real Estate and Asset Management: Request approval of a recommended proposal to provide design build services for expansion of the East Point library."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hall. Is there a second? I'll second. Let's vote, please."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**22-0825**: Request approval to increase spending authority for additional requirements requested by the Sheriff's office to rekey high-security systems at the Fulton County jail."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Question by Commissioner Hall. From the Sheriff's office?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yeah."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Anyone here from the Sheriff's office? Sheriff's department -- representing the Sheriff? I don't think so. What do you want to do?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "But I thought that he would send someone. I only had a question because I remember the issues with the lock in the jail, and I wanted to know looking at this particular item in reviewing it, it' being done in a phased approach, and I wanted to know what are we looking like as far as being secure in the jail. So he can answer that later on. I will direct it directly to him. Thanks."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "**22-0826**: Request approval to increase spending authority to allow for the completion of several high-priority plumbing repair replacement jobs."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hall. Is there a second? Seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 12, Under Health and Human Services, **22-0827**, Behavior Health and Developmental Disabilities: Request approval of recommended proposals to provide expanded services to help the county drive toward its purpose to increase access to behavioral health services."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. I have a motion on the floor to approve by Commissioner Hausmann. Seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Commissioner Hall."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: "Good morning, Commissioners. This morning, LaTrina Foster will be stepping through the framework for the continuation of behavior health services here in Fulton County. I do want to point out that since 2018 the county has embarked on a transformational journey to improve and increase the number of constituents that are receiving behavior health services, and really knitting

together, in a strategic and coordinated way, adult, child, justice, school, and housing related behavior health services. So today, LaTrina Foster, the Director of Behavioral Health Services, who has led this transformational effort, will step through the presentation. LaTrina."

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: Good morning, Commissioners. Thank you for this opportunity to discuss with you today and hopefully get your approval to move forward with executing our behavioral health contracts in order to establish a behavioral health provider network. That was end goal with this new RFP that was released is that we were looking for multiple providers to join our family, and to assist us in delivering behavioral health services throughout Fulton County. As you can see up there based on the logos that are on the very front page, we are recommending six providers to collaborate with Fulton County to deliver behavior health services and that is Grady, in addition Georgia Hope, Chris 180, River Edge, Stepping Up On Second, and Summit Counseling. You can go to the next slide. I'm just going to quickly walk you through kind of what we've done over the last four and a half years. Some of this data will reflect four and a half year; and then you will see our core data will reflect at the end of 2021, and then I can give you the current number based on 2022 where we are as of today. But in our core outpatient services, which you know, we have two buckets of services under core outpatient. We provide core outpatient services to adults as well as services to children, adolescence, and the emerging adult; so that is your 18 to 24-year-old population. Currently, those services are rendered by River Edge and Chris 180. Over the last four and a half years, as you can see, we continue to provide services to over 2,000 individuals. Where we land at today is about 2,400 individuals that we provided core outpatient services to, and that is unique individuals; so one person, one count. If you go to the next slide, this is our total number of clients - - no, we want to go back one. I'm sorry. Yeah, we must be missing one, so you can go to the next one. So, for our total core outpatient services, what we've seen in the number of clients that we have provided contacts to: So that means that an individual may have received services, they may have received services four or five times. As you can see here, we're over 15,000 total visits in our core outpatient services at the midpoint of 2022 which is outstanding. Although you may look at the previous slide and say, you've only seen 2400 individuals; however, out of those 2400 individuals, our retention rate is really high and they continue to return for services which is imperative when you're delivering behavior health services. Next slide, please. So, our recommendation, based on the RFP that was released is that we're recommending that Chris 180 provides child and adolescent core outpatient services on behalf of Fulton County at two of our locations which is Adamsville Regional Health Center, as well as the North Fulton Service Center. In addition, we would like to bring in Georgia Hope to provide child and adolescent services at our Oak Hill Child and Adolescent facility. And

so, between those two providers, we are -- a cost proposal for Georgia Hope came in at 800,000; and then for Chris 180 to continue rendering services at two location a little over 1.5 million. Next slide. And then on our adult core outpatient services, what we're requesting is that we enter into a contractual agreement with Grady Behavior Health Services to provide services at two of our outpatient clinics; one being our North Fulton Service Center which you know that Grady is already present in that facility with their primary care, so I think that would be an excellent collaboration to combine the two services at the North Fulton Service Center. And then also place Grady at our South Fulton Service Center to provide services within that location. And River Edge will maintain their presence at our Center for Health and Rehabilitation. In between those two contracts they come in a little over \$4 million. Next slide. So our next level of services is our reentry services. As you know, we provide services to the women at the Union City Jail, and then we provide services to our emerging adult population, which once again as a reminder, that is our individuals that are age 18 to 24. What we're looking at here is to split our services. We will enter into a contractual agreement, upon your approval of course, with Chris 180 to continue rendering services to that emerging adult population, as well as we would like to bring on Grady who is going to utilize Women On The Rise as a subcontractor to render services to the women at Union City Jail to continue with our services within the reentry service category. Next slide. And then our screening and reentry unit actually we took this off-line several years ago because we were not able to keep it staffed; however, Grady did submit a proposal on this category of service and we would like to bring it back on line. And just as a reminder of the screening and reentry unit: The purpose of this service was to have people housed within the jail that once a correctional mental health screening is complete which the end goal is to complete a correctional mental health screening on everyone booked into the jail. If they score five or more, it sends our team a red flag. Thanks to the great work -- excuse me. Thanks to the great work done by the Strategy Office with creating us a database where that information is sent to our database. Individuals that score five or more we receive an alert, so the screening and reentry unit, their job would be to go and meet with those inmates to complete and gauge and reentry checklist, identify barriers that will prevent them from being released from jail; and then start working on those necessary resources to make it a smooth transition back into the community. So we are requesting to enter into a contractual agreement with Grady to bring this service back online and they did submit a cost proposal for less than \$300,000. Next slide. And so, now we'll go into some of our programs -- I meant our court programs. I'm sorry. Misdemeanor mental health court. We are going to continue utilizing River Edge to render this service on behalf of Fulton County in collaboration with Judge Kirk and Judge Porter and their MMC team. Next slide. Our DUI services same thing: We are going to continue to utilize River Edge to render this

service. They are currently working with the State Court on the DUI project. We -- what the State Court has requested is some adjustments within the staffing for this particular program, so they're requesting more licensed therapists which caused -- which led to the cost being increased not significantly, but it's probably a \$70,000 increase from what we were paying in 2022. Next slide, please. And so, our next level of services is our permanent supportive housing program; as you know, we entered into an MOU with the City of Atlanta with an end goal to have 550 permanent supportive housing units. Within the next five years that was about three and a half years ago. We'll little behind the curve as a result of developers being delayed with construction. However, as of today, matter of fact, right now we have nine new clients moving in to permanent supportive housing units. So we're actually at 138 clients effective today. And then next Wednesday the remaining clients will move in to permanent supportive housing units and we will end the year with 148 individuals that are now housed and receiving supportive services from our team. What we're asking -- excuse me. Moving forward is to continue with the 148 individuals that are currently housed. We're requesting that River Edge continue to provide them with that support. Based on our housing pipeline, it looks like we will have 124 new units in 2023; and what we're requesting is that Step Up On Second becomes the provider to take on the new individuals that will be housed in 2023 and River Edge will continue to maintain the current individuals that they provided those wraparound services to as of today. Next slide. And so, on this particular one, we are requesting that Chris 180 and Summit continue with our school-based therapy program which currently Chris 180 is in 38 schools; summit is in 28 schools -- you can go to the next slide. I'm sorry. And between the two providers, they have provided over 1,000 services to -- they have provided services to over 1,000 students as of the midyear of 2022. And actually as of the end of the third quarter it's 2,136 clients. You can go to the next slide, thank you. And so, we're just asking that Chris 180 continue to maintain their presence in the current 38 schools that they're in. In addition that Summit continues to maintain their presence in the 28 schools that they're currently in. The only difference for this cycle is that we're requesting that we actually have a contract with Summit versus Summit being the subcontractor of Chris 180. So we'll have two contracts: One with Chris 180, and one with Summit. Next slide. And so, our next program that we would like to continue rendering this service is our Text For Help Program. And over the last three years, we have provided assistance to over 600 -- we provided assistance to 604 students that were in need of a response to a text that they have sent to our confidential text line. And so, we would like to continue rendering this service with Chris 180, and the price went up maybe around \$6,000 and that was in response to Chris 180 wanting to provide a higher level of pay for the clinician that respond to the actual text messages, so now the contract, if approved today, would be right at 17,000 more. Next slide. And so, our last program

which this is a grant funded program funded by the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. The goal within this program is to provide services to at least 25 youth to prevent them from engaging in the use of substances. As you can see we've had a significant decline in the level of services that we've been providing in this program. And so, currently our service level is down; however, we have implemented some strategies to get more students engage, more individuals engaged and make sure we meet with the courts, juvenile court to let them know that we do have availability, we have open slots, and we would like to continue this service utilizing Chris 180 to render this service on our behalf. And with that was said, that is my presentation and I'm open for questions."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "She finished? Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. This is outstanding work, LaTrina, but you always do outstanding work. And even with the small number of staff that you have, you have a very small team, but you accomplish so much. I cannot imagine what it takes to get this type of work done. So I commend you and your team on this. I looked through and read everything, even the actual agenda item and all the documents; and the thing that stood out for me: I see Fulton County Schools all throughout everything even the presentation, but I see no mention of Atlanta Public Schools. And I have to think about a situation where APS Superintendent, Dr. Lisa Herring and her team were talking to my team -- me and my team about the fact that they have a lot of crisis in the schools right now with the youth. And they told us about one particular situation where a young lady was in crisis and they didn't know what to do with her. And she wouldn't talk to the teachers, the principal, or anyone; and I mentioned, I said, why didn't you use our telehealth line? And they said, we didn't even know you had a telehealth line. So it just really made me see that we need to partner a little better. And I also thought about how our Vice Chair, Commissioner Hausmann, had advocated some time ago for us to provide \$250,000 to Fulton County schools, but also \$250,000 to APS schools because we needed to partner with them and show some support for those special projects that they may need to do for the youth and their families. And I think that this is an area where we need to do more as well. So is there anything that you can tell us about that we're doing with APS in this area?"

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "So currently within our Text For Help Program, we did reach out to Atlanta Public Schools, and they actually had a similar platform at the time. We will reengage with them to see if they are interested. I know that they have some personnel shifts. Actually, one of our very close colleague's that we implemented a lot of these programs in Fulton County Schools is now moving over

to APS. So, I will connect with her and see how we can transition some of these programs in to APS."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you so much because they had -- they pulled CARES Act funding and everything to try to offer these same types of services, but the question is what do they do when the CARES Act funding no longer exists. So thank you so much, LaTrina."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes. Just a couple of quick questions. So on the numbers you presented on the core that's -- on the none duplicated clients -- and then the total clients served in business and all that; that's just on the sort of core outpatient programs, right?"

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

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Right. So if you go and you look at sort of the programs in addition to that, it's probably, I don't know. If I do my math right, probably at least about --"

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "-- it's 5007, I believe."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Total, right? Which you do kind of the other programs, so forth and so on, right? And then we all have the -- on the school base mental health, I mean, Atlanta has got -- APS has programs in all their schools, but it just worked through those other contractors through state funding, right?"

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "Right. So for the school-based mental health, of course, the Georgia Department of Behavior Health and Developmental Disabilities funds what they called the Apex Project --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "-- right."

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "-- and a lot of agencies are within the APS schools."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Right. So we just don't have those numbers, right to kind of look at. But, you know, point being is we've got sort of -- for all of the Fulton County -- whether it's Fulton County School System or APS School System, all the schools should be covered with school-based counseling either through our funding or through the state funding, correct?"

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "We are hoping that the gap -- we're actually going to reach out to Layla Fitzgerald, who is with --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "-- right."

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "-- the Georgia Department to make sure that our data is captured when they report --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Right."

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "-- so that we can demonstrate that in Fulton County, we're trying to ensure that there are no gaps in Fulton County Schools nor APS when it comes to the school-based therapy."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Good. Good. That's great. And then one quick question on the permanent supportive housing piece: So, is the idea right now is that this will still be sort of limited to these -- this sort of specific tie-in with partners for home or would we extend that to or is the thought that we would extend this to any other partners right now?"

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "So the way that we entered into this agreement it is with the City of Atlanta who, Partners for Home is the representative for this MOU. And so, all of the contractors that are interested in rehabbing properties or doing new construction they go through the application process through Partners for Home."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. So that's a specifics where the City of Atlanta's project for the moment."

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

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Have we had any ask from outside the City of Atlanta by anybody else for kind of a similar type thing and I guess, you know, what I'm curious about if you y'all talked about it at all -- I mean, obviously there's a place for outpatient work, right? But, you know, kind of the concept of and we see it with the school-based counseling as well as some of the programs, but particularly you see it their concept meeting people where they are has a high, you know, has a high success rate. It appears to have a higher success rate. Maybe, just purely rely upon traditional outpatient. So, I'm just curious if we thought about either trying to do any sort of pilots outside of the city with any other organizations that, you know, would've had the need for that?"

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "There has been discussion; however, no traction on what has been discussed. But it is something that we can definitely explore in 2023, especially as some of our projects within the City of Atlanta are slowed down, we can expand our team to ensure that they reach their goal of a hundred and 24."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. All right. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Good morning. Thank you so much for this information. I guess, my question is in regards to the number of clients that I see on here. The number of clients: Is that based on anticipated or actual clients?"

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "So, are you referring to the recommendation chart or are you referring to the bar graph for performance?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So I'm looking at core child adolescence and emerging adult projected total cost, 2.3 million, I guess that's --"

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "So those are the projected number of clients that they will serve in 2023. So, if you look at Chris 180, what we're trying to do with them is that we're projecting that they will serve 1200 individuals at that 1.5 million, and that Georgia Hope will serve 800 individuals at their 800,000."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "And that's based on traditional numbers, or last year's numbers, or this year's numbers? Or how many people are they currently seeing?"

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "Right. So, what we did in our -- in this new RFP is that we just set projections based on what we see the trends over the last four and a half years what that point four year and one quarter. Based on what we had seen on the number of clients we were serving at that point; and then we wanted to be able to increase that number every year slowly but surely. Because if you note, this contract has nine renewal options."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All right. Nine renewals? All right. I guess, what I'm wondering is: I see, you know, we've got this network of providers and then I look over reentry team; new clients, and we only anticipate a hundred?"

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "So for the reentry teams that is the minimum number of active clients. So once an individual has been released, we work with them. And so, Woman on the Rise completely do it different. They actually provide housing which I'm really excited about that. But they work with the individual and then

they sort of set them in aftercare; so you may still have your aftercare caseload, but active caseload might be a hundred which you may have 40 people in your aftercare -- on your aftercare caseload."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah, I don't know. That's confusing. I'm like, we're really expecting to help a hundred people? Seems like it's going to be way more than a hundred people that need that in the jail. And then I'm wondering how much flexibility do they have? I mean, what if they only see a thousand people over the here? What if they only see a thousand child and adolescent and this number needs to go to 300; how much flexibility do we have to switch outpatients from one area to another? I mean, this is just -- they're just seeing people. So, if this number is down over here, seem like we should have some flexibility. And I don't know if we do or not."

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "Well, I don't know about flexibility of transferring clients from one place to another because once they establish a relationship with one particular therapy, you want to keep them in that continuity of care. However, what we can do is implement what we call a fee-for-service matrix which means that we reimburse you on the level of services that you actually render. So if we signed a contractual agreement with you, the agreement is that you're going to serve 1,000 individuals at a rate of \$1200 per client served, and we just pay you for the number of individuals that you actually served."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. Yeah, I wasn't -- yeah, because I wasn't talking about moving the clients or the patient's. I'm just saying having flexibility with the numbers, but, I guess, the way that you said would allow for that. All right. Thank you."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Any other comments or questions?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Just a couple quickly. So I need for you to simplify it and sort of dumb it down so I can understand. So the number -- that number 2,436 those are individuals that receives service?"

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And then the other second number is 15,417: That means that for that 2,000 folks, they return for service? You called that contacts."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is that for everybody? What do you all it; adult, child, adolescent?"

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "Yes, it's a combination."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That's everybody. So for \$13 million, this crowd -- these companies saw 2,436 individuals?"

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "So the previous contract wasn't for 13 million --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- no, I'm talking about this one -- this one."

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "Yes. So this one the numbers are projected to be higher."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Right. Well, I'm just trying to understand."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So, for 13 million -- and this contract will run through 2032 assuming it's approved; and if it's today, I have no doubt that it'll be. So that's right to 2032, 13 million a year, okay."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So 2,436 different people came and some returned and the total number of return visits was that -- that's the 15,417 for that 13 million. I got the numbers straightened out. What I don't understand -- and it's probably me -- how do you measure success?"

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "So you measure it several ways. They have --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- strike that. Not success. Performance. How do you measure performance?"

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "Of the contractors?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah."

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "Okay. So we look at the number of clients that they served for one."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That's 2,436 --"

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "Correct. And we also look at a laundry list; so we have about ten key performance indicators that have been outlined by the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, so that we ensure that our contractors are in compliance with those KPIs, as well as the KPIs that we may set based on the service that you are delivering. So for example: The State of Georgia -- when a person calls for an appointment, you have to give them an appointment within 48 hours. We measure to make sure that you actually do that. So it's those types of measures that let us know whether or not you're being successful with meeting the needs of the client at the time that they need the service."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. But I mean by performance is -- I guess, I'm looking at it from the point of view -- and again, I'm just trying to understand not being argumentative at all --"

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "-- absolutely."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "If client No. 1 comes in and receives treatment and doesn't come back, to me that would be success in a simplified way; is that too simple?"

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "No. Well, I don't know if I would measure that as success because the individual may just decide to drop out of service. So, to me --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- it's complicated in other words."

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "Yes, let's leave it there. But you want to see someone that's actually in recovery doing well and able to reach back out and help the next person. So a person that you've served in 2019 now they're on your staff as peer specialists and they're helping other people on the road of recovery with mental health or substance abuse disorders. It's complicated."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis. I don't -- I just --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yeah. Well, I mean, I certainly -- generally, when somebody goes in for mental health services, one appointment is not going to do the trick. And one appointment is probably going to, you know, that's probably a sign of failure than there is -- but one thing, I mean, I think this is all great. But I do think, sort of a -- and that was sort of the question I was trying to allude to first. We're serving a lot more than 204 -- 2,436 --"

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

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "-- people, right?"

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

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "That number for the totality is more somewhere like five -- 5,000-plus probably, right?"

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

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "So, I do --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Why is that number in there?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Well, that's just -- that 2,436 is just your midyear number for --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. All right."

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "Core outpatient only."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Core outpatient services."

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

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. So, I do think as we do these, it's sort of just, if we can get sort of a total number --"

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

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "-- you know, as we're, you know, doing these in the future, I think it's helpful to see that because, you know, you truly got a number of different programs that or about, meeting these folks where they are."

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

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "And trying to address, you know, multiple different needs. I think that would be helpful for everybody to see."

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "And I'll send an updated slide or memo, just so that you all can see the total number of clients served across all programs. But I wanted to make sure, I was very targeted in this presentation, where you saw within each area, service area, the level of performance is based on the number of clients served within in that actual category of service."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. And lastly, can you break it out from a -- when I say demographic, again, I -- when I say demographic, I'm talking black and brown --"

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- versus others."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes. And I would like to see, I guess, a cost per patient, per service."

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

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Right? Because I'm looking at -- and like, DUI, 60 clients? We're only going to have 60 DUI clients? We're only anticipating 60 DUI clients, and what is that, to be referred for this treatment from the State Court. I know there are more than 60 people in the DUI Court. So I'm trying to understand how the -- where that number comes from, the number of clients. I don't -- I don't -- I can't -- I don't understand. Or like, Misdemeanor Health Court, 40 clients. So we're -- is that saying that only 40 people in the Mental Health Court will be recommended to the network?"

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "No. It's just -- it's a minimum number, of course."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I'm sorry?"

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "It's a minimum number. But I will definitely provide you with a breakdown of costs per client, per program, so that you're able to see that number as well. But the numbers reflected in our charts, is minimum number for the new provider that they have to meet for that. That cost proposal that we were able to negotiate them down to, so that we're able to render the service in 2023."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All right. Well --"

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "Because all of the cost proposals were significantly higher than what we're looking at now. And so, through our cost negotiations, we had to work on the number of clients that we're going to serve, and then also work on what the cost proposal total will be."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All right. It's just -- so, I guess I need more information. I mean, if there are 40,000 people in Mental Health Court, and we're only going to serve 40, then I need to know that. I -- like, I don't have enough information --"

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

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "That doesn't -- I mean, how many people are in DU -- I don't know, I mean, I'm supportive of this. But to tell me we're going to budget for 40 people or we're going to for 60 people and it might be, you know, I don't know how many people. That's why I want to know the cost per service, per patient, cost per patient, per service --"

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

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- that we're paying, right? Because on one of them, we're paying \$8300 per patient. And then --"

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "Probably on supportive housing."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- others it's less per patient. So I need to understand why there's a difference between the cost per patient, the services that are provided, the full range of people that might need the service. I don't want to budget for 40 people and they're 4,000 people that need the service."

LATRINA FOSTER, DIRECTOR, FC BHDD: "Yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you."

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

CLERK GRIER: "Vote?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Oh, no, no. Motion on the floor is to approve, sorry."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Now, ma'am, you know we asked for some information now that we need that information."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, next item."

CLERK GRIER: "Bottom of page 12, **22-0828**: Senior Services request approval to increase spending authority for in-home services."

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

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 13, Commissioners' Action Items, **22-0829**: Request approval of a Resolution expressing support for the Cobb County Board of Commissioners in the application of Home Rule to express concern at the practice of passage of general Bills addressing issues of local concern to circumvent Home Rule Provisions of the Georgia Constitution and for other purposes, sponsored by Commissioner Arrington."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner, you want to speak to this?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah, thank you. Colleagues, I hope that you will support this Resolution. Frankly, we should have probably been have -- should have been something we considered here in Fulton County. There are only, from my understanding, only two counties that did not have a local Bill redraw their lines. And so -- and those two counties, being Fulton and Cobb, there's, you know, I guess -- this point, I guess, there's nothing, I guess that we can do about it here for Fulton. But we could certainly show our support for Cobb County and -- and they have done it, they have adopted it. And it is now the law, and so, they're asking for our support. And I certainly support it, and I hope that you will too."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Is there a second? Motion to approve by Commissioner Hall. Is there a second? Seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Questions, comments? Well, let me ask one. What's that organization that we pay?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "ACC --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah. What -- what is the -- ACCG, what's the position of ACCG --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Oh, I have no --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- on this matter? Because typically and historically, when we ask for, you know, for support from them, rarely do we get it. In fact, one of the -- a former Commissioner even suggested that we stop paying dues, because they never supported us. I'm just curious about this."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Well, I'm not -- I'm not sure. I think, you know, my understanding of ACCG is, if it's something that affects one or two counties, then they kind of stay out of it. If it's something that affects all counties, then they -- my understanding is they attempt to weigh in. In this case, it only affected one or two

counties, Fulton and Cobb, where the local delegations did not get to adopt a local Bill with, whether a General Bill was passed, in order to change the district lines. And so, you know, I -- whether ACCG supports it or not, this is just saying, hey, we support the county's ability to exercise Home Rule for local Bills. And in this case, specifically, redistricting."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I'm not opposed to it at all. But in fact, you know those quarterly meetings that I chair with the other -- what I call the big four counties, we're going to have AC -- what is it called?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "ACCG."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "ACCG come to us and explain why when we ask, it's always -- seems to favor the non-metro county's position, and when we represent 40 percent of the population of Georgia."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Right."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So that's why -- that's why I'm asking that question."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah. I think we definitely need to continue to put more pressure on them. You know, I think we definitely need to put more pressure on ACCG."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I just wanted to say that for those of us who actually do ACCG and attend their meetings and their training, they have always been extremely supportive of Home Rule. Always advocating for Home Rule, so we at least know that part. Okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "They didn't support us in redistricting, if I remember correctly. All right. Motion on the floor is to approve. Let's vote."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

CLERK GRIER: **"22-0830"** Request approval of a Resolution of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners to declare a healthcare emergency in Fulton County, sponsored by Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Good afternoon, colleagues. You know, I don't even know if I need to say anything. And I don't know what the result of this could be, or what powers this will give us. But somehow, we need to take some action. We've had to acknowledge what is going on, you know, in the Midtown -- the Wellstar Midtown Hospital closing, certainly at issue. But the bigger problem is, is six months earlier, they closed the one in East Point, and told everyone they were going to be able to go to Midtown, knowing all the while that they were going to close both of them. So, you know, it's all hands on deck, and we would appreciate your support for this."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is there a second? All right, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you. Just a couple of things. Hold on, let me -- let me go to this. am I on here. I should be a cosponsor on this, most definitely."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. Yeah, no problem."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yeah. And I just want to speak to some other language though. And -- because I didn't have the opportunity to completely discuss this with you, Commissioner Arrington. The -- there is a healthcare emergency Fulton County wide. And yes, there is a healthcare desert in South Fulton. But the healthcare emergency is Fulton County wide. And I can say that because I've been contacted by the Chief Executive Officer of Emory Hospital, Dan Owens. And we jumped on a Zoom with him and his top doctors and nurses and execs. And my team and I met with him, and you could see the concern on their faces. And he sent an email, and I'd like to read it to you. It's in support of this. They actually have been watching very closely what we're doing in Fulton County. And it says: Dear Commissioner Hall, with today's official closing of the Atlanta Medical Center, and please know that Emory University Midtown Hospital remains dedicated to serving the community of Fulton County, Atlanta, and all of Georgia. We continue to be concerned about the significant increase in patients EUHM and other providers are experiencing due to AMC's closing and the strain on the regions healthcare system. In October, EUHM had a 15 percent increase in patients to our emergency department. And those numbers are expected to rise even more in the coming months. We appreciate Commissioner Arrington's Resolution recognizing the impact on South Fulton residents, who no longer have access to the healthcare they had prior to the closing of Wellstar's facilities in Fulton County. While no party holds the entire solution, Emory Healthcare will continue to be a partner in helping to address these challenges and can provide any additional information you may need as you work to identify both short and long-term solutions. I would also be happy to meet with you and offer a tour of EUHM's Emergency Department if you wish, please do not hesitate to reach out. So he is very much in support of this. He -- they also told me that -- and

this was -- oh, boy -- this was really awful. They said that the operating rooms are flooded. If you need a surgery, there are no beds and they are no operating rooms, that they would basically have to patch you up in the hallway. Now, could you imagine any of your loved ones or even yourself, being in a situation like that? And that is what the closing of AMC South and AMC Midtown have done to even the surrounding hospitals, who are really trying to support these -- this influx of patients that they would not normally have. So, you have the support of many, Commissioner Arrington. And that is why I also want to cosponsor, and want to make sure we change the language to include that there is a healthcare emergency countywide."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I will certainly accept those friendly amendments and happy to have you cohost."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Cosponsor."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Well, I think you might have answered my question. I was curious about what the legal impact of declaring a state of emergency. I obviously - - most jurisdictions, the declaration of a state of emergency, creates some powers or some repercussions. I was just curious. Maybe you said you're not sure what those are?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah, I'm unaware if it gives us any extra powers. But I think we at least need to acknowledge it and, you know, to the extent that it does, then maybe we can flex those powers or do whatever we can. But certainly good to have partners like Emory and others."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Could the County Attorney address the question? If you've had time to look at that. I suspect there's probably not anything really in the law that declares any powers."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Our initial research indicates that there are certain -- certain resources available after declaring a state of emergency, in the form of mutual aid from other jurisdictions. But we have not had time to analyze whether this particular Resolution would rise to the requirements to activate those additional resources as available under the statute."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Okay. Thank you."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Well, certainly please look at that."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "We will."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "And if we need to amend it later, we can."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yeah. I mean, like Commissioner Morris, I was just kind of curious, you know, the effect of it. But I think certainly, the, you know, the intent behind it, I'm supportive of in terms of just, you know. Obviously, we see the impact of these two closing and, you know, kind of the need to try to facilitate and help drive some sort of collective action to address the impacts of that. I think, certainly I'm supportive of, you know, whatever that looks like. I mean, one thing that I just, you know, kind of a note for the record, you know, and I don't know how it can play into this. But certainly, the healthcare providers certainly benefit -- or hospital providers certainly significantly benefit from concept or certificate of need. And, you know, when you have -- we can have a system that can have the benefit of certificate of need, you know, then turn around and short notice, and close two facilities in areas where, you know, particularly, in AMC, where there's clearly, was an area of need. It's sort of a concern. You know, if they're given a state protection or given some sort of protection with that certificate of need, and then being able to revoke it without some sort of review process of their entirety of their system. You know, that's -- it's somewhat problematic in terms of why we have these certificate of need laws in place if that can occur. So I hope that's something that, you know, gets looked at in the context of the Legislature this year because I know it's -- that's always sort of a something that all-held systems fight to maintain. But if the net effect of it means that it doesn't get the residual benefit for citizens then, you know, that's a concern. But I guess that's somewhat of an aside, but I'm certainly supportive of, you know, kind of the effort to, you know, look at, you know, and -- and try to bring to bear, what other -- what other source of resources, whether it's mutual aid, whether, you know, EMS rerouting to other facilities in, you know, neighboring counties along the south side can be considered, you know, is that an option? I think all those things should be on the table, so."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. And I -- I have -- I would be remiss if I did not read what was sent over from Grady. They also wanted to weigh in. And what was received was from the Chief Health Policy Officer to the Grady CEO John Hauptert. And they wrote: We want to take a moment to provide an update from Grady Health System in response to the closure of Wellstar Atlanta Medical Center. Grady continues to be grateful for the leadership displayed at all levels of government throughout the last two months as we have worked with many of you to prepare Grady and the region for

the loss of a level-one trauma center. We're working quickly with our partners at the State to bring 25-bed temporary medical unit to the Grady campus. And are on track to bring online, an additional 184 new inpatient beds by August-September of next year. We've already put the funding allocated by Fulton County and DeKalb County to use, hiring staff to operate 41 new inpatient beds inside Grady. Finally, we were delighted to work with the city of Atlanta and the Mayor's administration to provide recommendations along with our other health system colleagues on how to lay the groundwork for a more resilient healthcare system in Atlanta and collaborating with RG to launch My Health ATL.com earlier this week. This is much more -- there's much more to be done, but we couldn't do it without your constant support and recognition of the role that Grady serves in each of your communities. As we continue to weather this crisis, our team can all be of assistance to you and your constituents. Thank you for your leadership and for all that you do to support Grady."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hausmann."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think we all agree that we're in a crisis situation, not only because of this situation, but just all of our hospitals throughout the County are full. In North County, they're full, I hear about it every day. Flu and all sorts of other reasons, but they -- all of -- all the hospitals are full. I did want to say though that the level-one designation really is, it means that it's a research facility in addition to trauma services. Level two and level-one hospitals do provide the same level of trauma service. So, while of course, we all benefit from the research facilities, I think the public needs to understand that there still are other hospitals in our region, should they need some sort of trauma services. So, I agree, we're in a crisis. I'm not really clear on what designating a emergency situation really means. I would like to get clarity on that. Because if there are certain benefits that come with that or certain obligations, I think we need to be aware of it. But I think we all 100 percent agree that we are in a crisis situation in our County."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Maybe if -- I don't know -- the County Attorney can look into if that, you know, may qualify for state or federal funding, the declaration of emergency."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well --"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "We will look specifically into that, Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So you want that information before the vote or what?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "No, I'm ready. No, sir, I'm ready to vote. I just want her to look -- look into it to see if we may be able to qualify for funding now that we have declared a state of emergency."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. What the Resolution seeking, you know, is to urge the Fulton Board of Health, and I'm on the Board of Health. So I don't know whether we can or cannot and what that would mean. But just goes back to that budget presentation earlier. Whatever happens and if it's healthcare, there's a price tag to it. So let's just be mindful of that. And there's no money. All right. Motion before us is to approve, please vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I'm hoping this will qualify us for some more money."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "It's 1:24, colleagues, I'll entertain a motion to recess for lunch, Executive Session, items of Real Estate, Personnel, and what's the other one? Real Estate. All right, let's vote -- litigation, yeah."

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

(Recess for Executive Session at 1:24 p.m.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Without objection, we will resume the regular order of business. Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "Executive Session."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam County Attorney."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have two items from Executive Session for action. Item number 1, do we have a motion to approve item 1 of the Executive Session Agenda, which is the contract the between the Board of Assessors of Fulton County -- excuse me -- between the Board of Assessors, Fulton County, and Roderick Conley for Mr. Conley to serve as Chief Appraiser, effective December 6th, 2022, for three years at the rate of \$225,000 per year and with all other benefits outlined in the employment agreement once it is executed?"

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

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

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "And item number 3, is there a motion to approve item 3 of the Executive Session Agenda to jointly develop -- excuse me -- to improve the jointly-developed proposal, dated November 1st, 2022 regarding the Local Option Sales Tax distribution, wherein, the County's share ramps up from 5 percent in 2023 to 12.5 percent in 2032, netting 9.85 percent in total collections over the ten-year period?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion to approve by Commissioner Hausmann, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Please vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; four yeas, two abstentions."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "No further items, Chairman Pitts."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 13, **22-0831**: External Affairs presentation of the 2023 Legislative Agenda."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Good Afternoon, Commissioners. Jessica Corbitt, Director of External Affairs. We'll ask our team to please pull up our slides. And as they are doing that, I just wanted to mention that we've had an opportunity to meet with all of you over the last month or so. And the priorities we are going to be presenting today reflect our conversations with you. This is the first read of the state priorities. We will hear any feedback you have today and then we will bring these back to you for final approval in two weeks. Next slide, please. I wanted to mention that earlier today on the Consent Agenda, you also renewed the agreement with our State Team, and our Federal Team is up next. We'll be providing you with an update on our federal priorities. As we discussed when we met with each of you as we developed this year's State Legislative Agenda, we tried very hard to focus on issues that are within the County's operational purview. There are many other policy matters where we have a strong interest but are not necessarily in our direct purview. And so the items that we're going to discuss today, we believe are in our operational oversight. And again, we've discussed them with you previously. Next slide, please."

So the very tippy top of this list of priorities is the funding for a Behavioral Health Crisis Center. And this is specifically operational funding. More than a year ago, this Board approved the allocation of \$15 million in ARPA funding for the physical space for a Behavioral Health Crisis Center. We are now seeking operational funding for that center. We've had very productive conversations over the summer with the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. They have advised us that this has been submitted as an offline budget request. We are continuing to monitor and engage with Legislators who work in the budget process and those who are interested in behavioral health issues. Wanted to just mention, last year there was some very positive legislation on the topic of behavioral health, as Speaker Ralston has talked about the importance of this issue going into the 2023 Session. This is also priority that you will see in ACCG's legislative priorities for the 2023. Next slide, please. Property tax issues, there are two specific issues on property tax reform that we wanted to highlight. One is about the issue of large commercial properties and a disparity between their assessed value and sales value. And we are continuing to hear conversations in the community on this subject. We've had reporters contacting us about this issue. The city of Atlanta Finance Committee has talked to the Tax Assessor's office about this issue. And so we had legislation introduced in 2020 that unfortunately did not advance. So we are looking for new sponsors for this topic. Essentially there have been two audits that show that large commercial properties that typically go to Superior Court in their appeals process, often are very successful at appeals in achieving reduced value in a way that residential properties do not. And so we're seeking some changes in the appeals process that would require them to provide additional data at the time they submit their appeal. There is also a change that we are seeking for a very low-income senior homestead exemption that requires a renewal every two years. This specific homestead exemption has proven to be very burdensome, both for the staff responsible for administering it as well as for the taxpayers who benefit from it. So we're seeking to remove that two-year renewal provision so that it's consistent with all of the other senior homestead exemptions that we have in place. Next slide, please. As I met with several of you, you asked to -- that we specifically request feedback from our justice partners. And so we have done that, and this list that you see reflects several issues that touch the justice system. Some came from our conversations with you and some from our justice partners. One is really about the ongoing caseload issues in our courthouse. And there is a formula of to evaluate judgeships. Fulton County is on the list, we're not at the top of the list, but we are on the list for an additional judgeship in Superior Court. Second, for what you'll see here is about the Child Advocate's office. And I heard someone talking this morning in public comment about some of the reforms that were put in place more than ten years ago about representing children in abuse and neglect cases. The Child Attorney's office

is seeking clarification of their role to allow them to represent many of the same children in related cases around legitimation, dependency, and termination of parental rights. And so they're simply requesting clarification in that code section. And there have been meetings with legislators to move this forward. Earlier this year, and I think this was Commissioner Hall's legislation, there was a movement to support Mariam's Law. Many of us recall that a young lady named Mariam was murdered earlier this year in Fulton County after an individual who was on -- or by an individual who should have been tracked as part of the Georgia Sex Offender Registry. So this would help better put additional protections in place to improve public safety. In addition, we have been contacted by Judges in the State Court, this was a specific request for them about participation or allowing them to choose which retirement system is most beneficial to their individual needs, as other Judges, both here at Fulton County and in other judicial circuits, are allowed to do. And the last is about -- was a request from Probate Court. This is a movement that has been provided from probate Judges around the state to impose a fee for estate cases to be allocated for court technology purposes. Judge Johnson has shared with us that when she came into Probate Court, she felt that their technology was not up to date and that this was something that other Probate Courts are seeking collaboratively. Next slide, please. Elections, we've heard a lot of discussion about Elections today. And these are several, very operational issues. We understand that there is a lot of conversation about Elections and it has been over the last two and half years. But specifically, looking at one request for a study committee on the impact of SB202. One, to review the equipment allocation, recognizing that more than half of our voters choose to vote during the early voting period. In addition to that, the issue of voter challenges, there have been more than 5,000 voters in Fulton County who were challenged before this upcoming Election. There's a tremendous administrative burden, and we've heard this from counties all over the metro region in particular. So, looking at how that burden of administration can shift away from the Elections office to perhaps, the Secretary of State's office or to the challenger themselves. And then finally, exploring the notion of voting centers on Election Day. This is something that we have talked about over the last several years. Many voters find it confusing that they must go to one specific place on Election Day, whereas, during three weeks prior to that, they can go to any one of number of locations. So this is seeking to allow that change. Next slide, please. Healthcare access is something that we've talked about a lot today. And we've heard you very clearly. Uninsured residents -- and by the way, we have reviewed this with our partners at Grady in particular as -- and so we -- looking at healthcare access, both insurance access as well as funding for our indigent care providers from the state of Georgia, recognizing that these are assets that benefit all Georgian. In addition to that, we have -- and I think this is something that came up in our conversation with Commissioner Ellis, that DFACS,

and there's been a lot of discussion about DFACS staffing. This has been in the news significantly that DFACS has been really facing difficulty in meeting their staffing needs, in part, because of the salaries paid to those workers. Fulton County is currently subsidizing that. And this is a request to ask the state to properly fund DFACS salaries for those workers, and would potentially relieve Fulton County of that responsibility. Next slide, please."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "There's more?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "We've also included several policy positions. And I won't necessarily read through all of these. But we've really tried to align our strategic priorities from our strategic plan along with several of the requests that we received from you about important issues that you have brought to our attention. With that, we can take any comments or questions. Again, we will be bringing this back to you for final approval in two weeks. I wanted to mention that after next week's Election and going in -- next slide, please. After next week's Election had going into January, there will be a significant changes in our delegation due to redistricting. And today, we have 36 members. In the future, we will have 32. There's also, all of our Legislators will be attending the Biennial Institute in December. And our office will be participating in that to get to know many of our new, members. And with that, we can take any questions or comments."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Now, I thought we were going to shorten our packet, and seem like it's getting longer."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Well, Mr. Chairman, this is the package that we have reviewed. We felt that we had honed in on specific issues of operational impact."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I'll just state again, the feedback that I've gotten; our package is always too long. We need to be short and sweet and compact, so they can focus. But that's from the Legislators in our delegation. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. I just wanted to just know if -- under advisement, if you could."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Yes, ma'am."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "The Election Centers in addition to the current precincts, would the neighborhood precincts be closed and then the massive center, was that the thought? I want to make sure I've got the right concept."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "I think that the notion, Commissioner, is to improve efficiency in the process. And today, the number of polling sites we have is, what we hear from many sites on Election Day is that most of their voters have already voted. And so operating the large number of sites that we have today, it costs -- first of all, it costs money. There's an equipment allocation requirement, there's a staffing requirement, and there's also some risks involved. The more locations we have, it's a significant management challenge it is also a risk of. It is also a risk of something going wrong, supplies not making it, or something else in issue. So on one hand, I think this Board has done more than -- I would say, more than any county in Georgia to ensure voting access. On the other hand, is this the -- is this how our voters are choosing to vote. And so potentially, achieving a hybrid, where we have a voting center that reduces the total number of the locations, could be a cost savings and could also really be more tailored to the actual voting patterns."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. I get the concept, because my -- my actual precinct, I think has drastically reduced on the day of Election. But whether it's 50 voters or a hundred voters, my concern that I want, Ms. Corbitt, for you to know and possibly articulate, are we going to do it may be in a staggered way, as opposed to all at one time? Because that would be a issue of concern to me. Also, are we going to try to have any type public hearing on doing that, so people will know?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Right."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "And I'm going to tell you the reason why I have that concern. Historically, and I don't know why, I think some of it may be our fault, but some of it is the public's fault. You have centers or you have polling precincts that move, that close, that do all of the above. And nevertheless, somebody's going to show up there to vote."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "And we know with SB202, we must do what we need to do according to law. So I think as we began to undertake this, which I do support because I think from a fiscal point of view, it does make sense. The execution of it is what my concern is, for it to be staggered, for it to allow public input, and for us to do everything we can in our power to not necessarily have it to be a disruption, even though that's never our intent to disrupt."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Right."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "But to make sure that the execution of it is done in such a way that it does not become a tool of voter suppression, even though that is

never our intent -- intention here at Fulton County. And so that's -- that's my, I guess, question and concern."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "I think that's a very important concern, Commissioner. I think, this is a first step in allowing that to happen. And I think that certainly, encouraging -- I'm in the public information business. I think that that's an important role. And I think that providing adequate and effective notice and that it's timely as well, is very important. And again, having that two-way conversation is very important. So that's noted and we can include that in the recommendations."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you".

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Other comments?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I want to ask a question."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thanks. I'm sorry, Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Just a quick question about page 7, where it says Fulton County seeks access to healthcare to all Fulton County residents."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Including those who are uninsured and state funding for indigent care providers. I just want to know, does that include full Medicare expansion?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Commissioner, we absolutely envision that it would. We -- this is a topic there's been a lot of discussion at the state about. Both of our -- and as we know, there's an Election next week. And so, I think that we will -- we are continuing to monitor that. Medicaid expansion, there are also waiver programs and other, kind of, flavors of that, that could be and would be included. So we tried to be broad in the language here. I'm understanding that there's a lot of variety in that conversation."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, let me add to that. That -- that came about as a result of these quarterly County meetings that we have. And the other four counties of the big five, are going to have the same item in their legislative packages. But the question was, whether or not we should call it what it is or sort of disguise it at this point. So, yeah."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman for that. I just want -- I also wanted to mention that one thing that -- and I know you've talked earlier today about ACCG. They were convening offices, government affairs offices across the metro region. And Mr. Chairman, thank you for that, because we -- we will be discussing that with our peers from our -- from the big five counties in particular. Well, the big one and the medium five."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "All right. Thank you very much."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Madam Clerk, next."

CLERK GRIER: "**22-0832**: 2022 Federal Legislative update."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "As the team is coming up I just wanted to mention, we are ending our first year working with the McGuire Woods team on our federal side. And they're going to give an update about some of the work they've been doing with us on key federal priorities."

CLAYTON COX, MCGUIRE WOODS: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Madam Vice Chairman, Commissioners, and County leadership. We appreciate the opportunity to be here. In keeping with our -- next slide. In keeping with our commitment when we became part of the Fulton County team, we wanted to make sure that we -- to have increased amount of transparency as your folks in Washington. And so part of our commitment was to come here every quarter and give you guys an update on what we're up to in DC, what sort of, the look ahead is for the next quarter, and what our priorities are. Just to summarize, Q1 was very much, sort of, listening mode, understanding what the County's needs were, meeting with Commissioners, meeting with staff to understand what the needs are and sort of marry them up to the availabilities of funds and other opportunities in DC. Q2 was our big DC visit with the Vice Chairwoman, with the Chairman. We went to the White House; saw other senior leadership of the administration and our congressional delegation. We also sort of made sure that we had all of our alignments for earmarks and got those things then. Q3, which I will walk you through and after this, Scott Binkley will give you an update on; he will talk about our site visit at the Executive Airport. He'll also talk about Q4, the sort of, look ahead of what our plans are for the final months of the year, and a quick taste of Q1 2023. Q3, I think we -- we talked a little bit about this last time. We were very happy to, you know; say that the earmark we submitted to Congressman David Scott's

office has been advanced. It is in the Appropriations Bill, it is for \$3.5 million for the Friendship Pup Station for South Fulton. That is, I think, one of the largest earmarks that is in the Bill. So we feel very happy with that and our success there. We're continuing to push more earmarks just for comparison to the previous year; Fulton County did not receive any federal earmarks. We have also made a lot of efforts to sort of align with the Grants Team; it's your External Grants Writing Team for Fulton. That we're aligned with them and what they're going after, what they have on the horizon, and making sure that we're getting letters of support, making sure that our congressional offices are aware, making sure that the projects that Fulton County has coming down the pike, are socialized with them. We've also made sure to sort of align with the State Team, so that maximize dollars that are both available to the state and federal government. We have lined up the big plan for the Airport once the Master Plan is done at the end of the year. We have aligned up the, sort of, menu of things that need to be done with funds that we believe are coming down, funds that will be available, grants, Infrastructure Bill, earmarks, and also, money available through the state. There's a lot of money in the Infrastructure Bill that funnels down through the state, through state-revolving funds. Just making sure that we are staying ahead of the progress there. We've had a considerable amount of success utilizing our relationships, thanks in part, to ones that the Chairman and the Vice Chair developed while in DC with the White House, in pushing forward the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, working with Dr. Roshell to get those funds over as soon as possible, and making sure that Fulton was recognized. And they were recognized for the good work we've done in getting emergency rental assistance out. We've also worked with FEMA to get the reimbursements moving as quickly as possible. And just really making sure that we're doing a combination of meeting immediate needs that the County has at the federal level, while also advancing a sort of proactive agenda. We've continued to meet with and go to events in DC with our federal delegation, are Senators, our members of Congress, both sides of the aisle, so that you have full coverage. We want to make sure that no matter what happens next Tuesday that Fulton County is well represented and Fulton County has the continuity of relationships at the federal level with DC and with the administration. Scott will talk about the site visit that we did in August that was wildly successful. We had, for the Fulton County Executive Airport, we had the FAA there, we had all of our congressional offices there. We had you all there as well, and that was very well attended. We'll talk about that in a second. I think the, kind of, two final things that have monitored this quarter; one is the Inflation Reduction Act. That's got a lot of goodies in there for counties and for local governments with clean energy that keep us in line with the Chairman's initiative on electric vehicles. So, how can we maximize those funds as they come down. We want to make sure that as they go from the passage of these large pieces of legislation and they focus on implementation that

we are right there on the forefront in getting in front of those opportunities. The final thing we, I think, continue to work on is making sure that we raise the profile of Fulton County, and that we are out there to the administration, we're out there to others, and, you know, being the squeaky wheel because that's who gets the oil. So we want to make sure that the County is on the forefront of people's minds when they think of Georgia and the administration and with our congressional delegations. With that, I'll hand it to my colleague, Scott Binkley, to talk about more of the site visit, Q4, and then, sort of, Q1-2023."

SCOTT BINKLEY, MCGUIRE WOODS: "Thanks, Clayton. My name is Scott Binkley. I'm with McGuire Woods Consulting as well. Thanks for your time this afternoon, always good to be with y'all. Next slide, please. I'm going to highlight what I find to be a great example. We go to the next slide, please. Well, the next slide reads, it's a recap of our -- there we go -- the Fulton County Airport site visit that we hosted. And I wanted to highlight this because I think it's a good example of where our forward-thinking strategy aligns with the County's top priorities. And so as many of you know, we hosted a site visit in August at the Airport. The goal of this site visit was to bring together our federal stakeholders and show them the vision that you all have for your Airport as well as the surrounding region and corridor with the economic development that you guys have as a vision. And so, there was participation from our federal delegation, all of the congressional offices that touch Fulton County were there as well as both Senator's offices were represented. As Clayton mentioned, we had FAA representation there as well; Economic Development here for the state, as well as Airport leadership from the Fulton County Airport. So all of the folks that will be involved in making decisions around grants and around funding from the federal government, were there and able to see the vision that this Board has for, not only the Airport, but the area around it. The participants toured the Airport. They received an update from the -- on funding priorities from the Airport leadership. We had a nice lunch and a presentation. We had great participation from the clients of the Airport, such as Coca-Cola, we were able to tour their hanger there. And so, kind of see firsthand, what's going on the importance from an economic development standpoint to Georgia and the County. Of course, this is all working in a strategic direction, finishing the Master Plan. We're working with David, the Grants Team, as Clayton mentioned, the External Affairs team to build towards this Master Plan being completed and rolling that out in a way that's flashy and catches folks attention, similar to what we did at the site visit. And then the last piece of this was we used it to obviously, generate some letters of support from the delegation and our Senators offices. Could we go to the next slide, please? So I'd like to look ahead a little bit to the end of this year and maybe even into next year. One thing that I'd like to highlight is a good success story, was our, Clayton mentioned, the three-and-half-million dollar earmark that was included in the Appropriations Bill through David Scott's office.

And so this would be for the South Fulton Wastewater Improvement Project. And where that stands as of today, I know that Clayton was emailing back and forth with their offices to when the funds would be released. But what we'll need to have happen will be, I guess, next Tuesday, will color, you know, there -- the ability for this to happen to a certain extent. But there needs to be a spending bill passed in the Lane Duck. And so that will be in the last month and a half this year in order to get that funding. But again, it'll largely be determined by what happens next Tuesday. So we're staying on like that. And like to see that come to fruition. As we mentioned, we're preparing the Master Plan rollout. We're going to do this in a creative and eye-catching way. So that way, the folks that we've been talking to about this Master Plan, the folks that have been communicating the importance of the Master Plan back to us in order to harness federal funds, they're going to get an update from us. And they won't be able to miss the fact that we've completed this Master Plan. We are beginning the process of preparing the 2023 congressionally-directed spending request. And I think the process here would be, hearing from you all and what your priorities are, working with your External Affairs team in order to prioritize those projects from you all. And then last would be another site visit as we had with Chairman and Vice Chair earlier this year. We'll prepare for one early next year again. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Questions? Any questions? Thank you very much thank."

SCOTT BINKLEY, MCGUIRE WOODS: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "Next item was the item that was removed from the Consent Agenda by Chairman Pitts on page 2, 22-0790: Mr. Chairman, Vice Chair Hausmann has requested to withdraw this appointment, this nomination."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "Next item will be the added on item. **22-0834**: Discussion, Election Day preparation, sponsored by Vice Chair Hausmann."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Who's here, Ms. Williams. Commissioner, you want to start or do you want to hear from her?"

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Well, no. Just, good to see you. I know you're probably really busy right now. And I know you've had a lot on your plate with the early voting everything. But people are asking about how they can find out exactly what's happening on Election Day. So I'd appreciate you giving us that update."

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "Okay. Well, good afternoon, Board. Sorry, good afternoon, Board. I actually put together a short presentation to give you all a brief summary of our preparation at this time for the November 8 General Election. Next slide, please. So, all divisions in Fulton County Department of Registrations and Elections have been working diligently, and currently are working diligently to prepare for the November 8th Election. We have monitored and prepared the budget and are staying within budget. We secured the vendors and staffing agencies, ensured the registration deadlines were met, are currently running the call center to support voters and poll workers, have continued voter education events to educate the public. We are preparing and programming equipment, and have secured voting sites in supply preparation. Next slide, please. Currently, Advanced Voting is taking place. It is scheduled to end on Friday. We have over 36 sites. We have four college campus outreach locations, deployed over a thousand units of equipment, which includes laptops, printers, and things of that nature. And we have over 450 people currently in the field. This actual number is not updated. So as of today, we have surpassed 220,000 voters that have cast their ballot during Advance Voting."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "A lot, 220."

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "Next slide, please. Absentee by mail, over 29,000 applications have been processed. Currently, 14,000 have been returned and accepted. And over 4,000 persons have used the seven absolute ballot drop boxes. Next slide, please. For Election Day, we will have 249 Election Day locations secured, over 2,600 Election Day workers staffed and trained, and over 5,000 units of equipment, which include poll pads, iPads, voting equipment all prepared and programmed and to be deployed. Next slide, please. Regarding Election night tabulation, we have filed a notice to tabulate early to upload Advanced Voting counts, which means that we will run the tapes from all Advance Voting locations starting at 2:00 p.m. So we can upload those results by -- at 7:00 o'clock. We're not allowed to upload results until after the polls close at 7:00. But we'll have all those numbers ready to be uploaded at 7:00 o'clock. Shortly after that, absentee by mail will also be uploaded. But we again, have to wait for 7:00 o'clock to get all those ballots in, and upload after that is take -- has taken place. And for all of the locations that we have for Election Day, we have nine check-in locations for our poll managers to bring in the memory cards. And we have asked the Fulton County Police Department to help us

expedite receiving memory cards from all nine locations and bringing them in for tabulations. So that should hopefully expedite our Election night tabulation results. Next slide, please. While all this is happening, we are currently also preparing for a risk-limit audit. The Secretary of State will announce which contest is to be counted between November 9th and November 15th, which is dependent upon Election results. We have secured the Georgia International Convention Center to conduct the audit, which will take place between -- I mean, I'm sorry -- which will start on November 17th, and it will end when completed. But the deadline to complete it is 5:00 o'clock on November 22nd. And we will do all that simultaneously, preparing for a Runoff if a Runoff is necessary. Next slide, please. Any questions and answers? And all this information is actually on our website, the notices of intent to tabulate early. All the Advanced Voting locations. And Election results are reported every day by 10:00 o'clock. Well, I'm sorry, the votes cast for Advanced Voting is currently on the website every day by 10:00 o'clock, which is required by SB202."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Ellis, followed by Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Commissioner Hausmann can go first."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "No, you --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, I'll go first. You said only -- I'm surprised, only 220,000 have voted in Fulton County. I thought there would have a -- this is Wednesday, right?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "It's Wednesday. It actually has surpassed how many people voted this -- in 2020 -- in 2018."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So what do we have, 900,000, right at -- right under 900,000 registered voters?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "We have, like, 850."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "850?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "Right."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And we got Thursday and Friday."

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "And they have Election Day as well."

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

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Just three quick questions. The notice of intent to tabulate, that's -- it's going to happen, right? That doesn't mean we're waiting on something, does it?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "No."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What was your question, Commissioner Ellis?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "It's called the notice to intent --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay."

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "Notice of intent. It's for the --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. So we're doing that regardless?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What was your question?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "That notice of intent to tabulate the early votes and release those at 7:00. So that's going to happen?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "It's going to happen."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay."

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "We will start running the tapes at 2:00, so we can upload by 7:00."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay."

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "That's just the -- that's for the advanced voting numbers."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Right, right. Second question on the -- this -- the risk-limiting audit, hand recount, is that going to happen, or is that something that may happen?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "It's going to happen. The SOS will advise the counties, all counties, what contest will be counted."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay."

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "So, we will -- they'll announce that publicly between the 9th -- we were informed they will announce it between the 9th and the 15th, on which contest would be counted. But they said it's going to happen and we just don't know which contest it will be or what percentage of ballots it'll be."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. And that'll be a statewide --"

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "And then thirdly, and I don't know if you'll have it, maybe to go off the first question. Do we have an estimate of how many people you think would vote on Election Day?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "No, we did not have an estimate. We're expecting a high turnout. Usually, it's around 90,000 for the past few Elections. So we're going to -- we're assuming, we're going to plan for the most -- for the most. It'll be roughly, 90 to 100, but we're estimating. But we have no facts to back that up. Because at this point, this is the first Election that everything has taken place past SB202. So -- and which often changes voter habits."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. So 90,000 was roughly the last -- was that on Election Day that was -- that was 2020's Election Day or --"

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "I'd have to check -- I have to check the year."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "All right. But if it's -- if it's 90,000 that means it's roughly, 360 people per polling location?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "We're estimating."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay."

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "Again, voter habits will change because of SB202."

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

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Can we get a copy of your presentation? Can you email it to us?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "I can, yes."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Okay. So back to Election Day reporting. You think by 7:30 or 8:00 o'clock, y'all have something posted?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "We will have the advanced voting totals posted, I would say by 7:30 on Election Day. That'll be advanced voting in person voters."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Right, right. And at this point, I know you said 220,000. What percentage is that of our -- is that 25 percent, 30 percent?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "It's -- I don't know what the percentage is. But it's a good number. Like I said, we have already surpassed where we were in 2018."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "220 divided by 850 --"

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Well, my brain is tired right now. So close, it's close. So as is customary when the Election precincts are closed out, they will post on the door of the precinct a tape with the results correct?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "Yes."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "So that's not per machine like it used to be, it's per scanner? Is that a --"

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "Correct."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Okay. So each precinct would have a least one, maybe two, depending on --"

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "They would have that on the door. Some of our larger precincts have two. And they'll also have the provisionals on the door as well."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Okay. So do you really think then that we'll have all the results by midnight?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "I am confident that we will."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "That's awesome. That's awesome. All right. So I don't know if you were listening this morning. We had a lot of comments about the observers that are going to be there from the Carter Center. Do you -- can you just speak to that, please? What --"

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "Yes."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "What's really going on and what they're going to be allowed to do or not do?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "Well, to be clear, our Board, nor did our Board Chair recruit the Carter Center. That was proposed to our Board --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Wait, did you say the Board or the Board Chair?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "Neither."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Yeah, speak into the microphone, please."

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "I'm sorry, neither."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "I'm saying, our Board Chair, nor was our Board -- they did not recruit the Carter Center. We were given that info -- we were - that was proposed to us from the review -- SOS Review Board. I know a lot of public comments stated that our Board Chair and our Board was the one that brought in the Carter Center, but it's not factual. That came from the --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Well, state it -- state exactly how it happened, clearly and slowly."

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "So, were -- our Board was contacted by the SOS Performance Review, who recommended that they bring in the Carter Center because they needed assistance to complete the review. And so they asked our Board if they would agree to that, and then our Board agreed. But it was not something that we solicited."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "So that's the State Election Board Performance Review Panel; is that correct?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "That's correct."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "So it's not exactly the Secretary of State's office, it's the Board?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "The Performance Review --"

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Right, okay."

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "-- that we are under, yes."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "So again, what are they going to be allowed to do and not do?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "They're allowed to observe Elections, just like a poll watcher. They have more allowances because they come into our

workspaces to review. Basically, everything that Carter Jones is doing in his report, is what the Carter -- the Carter Center is permitted to do."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Can they touch anything?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "They are -- they're permitted to write down numbers and serial numbers. But I have not received any reports of them touching anything."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Are there cameras on everything, all the counting and all of the processes?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "There are not cameras in our Election sites. That's not permitted to record persons casting their ballots. But there is cameras in our EPC. There's cameras in our workspaces."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "So the processing of the votes, the early voting and all that, is that under camera surveillance?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "It is under camera surveillance. But of course, they cannot zoom in to see the actual results. That's not permitted."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "Okay. Was there any conversation about other options? Or was it just the one option presented to the Board?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "From my knowledge, it was that one option presented to the Board."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "All right, okay. I would appreciate -- I think all the entire Board would appreciate being updated on any activities if something happens that the public is likely to pay attention to. Should something happen, would you please make sure that we're informed of that?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "We will do that."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "All right. And you'll get -- provide us with numbers and everything to call on Election Day if we get inquiries from a constituent with some sort of issue?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "Yes, we will forward that information."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "All right, thank you. And your app is working with wait times now, so I appreciate that."

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "Thank you to our --"

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "I just checked and it's zero wait time at every location except one. And yesterday afternoon I checked, and it was zero wait time at every location except one. So there must be some technical problem at Ponce De Leon right now, because they do have a 40-minute wait."

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "I'd have to look into that. It is a very popular site. But I have not heard that they had 40-minute wait time."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "I just looked."

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "Okay. We will have the wait times also for Election Day as well."

VICE CHAIRMAN HAUSMANN: "All right. Thank you."

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

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. I'll make it quick. So, the request from the -- for the Carter Center came from a Board, not necessarily the Secretary of State's office, but the Board that evaluates that's -- okay."

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "Yes, ma'am."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "And to your knowledge, is that Board partisan, is it Republicans and Democrats sitting on that Board?"

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "I believe so."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. I just want to say, I see a difference in your department. I see you all really trying to make sure that we're on top of things. Do things happen, yes, they do. But I wanted to formally thank you for all the hard work that you all do. I recently saw in the paper, where they advanced where the person could sue for defamation. And we know all of that was ugly. We know a lot of good employees and good people, you know, were put in a very ugly light. And so if I can call it out when it's wrong, I can call it out when it's right. So I appreciate what you all are doing, and I just wanted you to know that. Chairman, if you don't mind, I did want to publicly say, condolences for the Dooley family. I -- a lot of my family went to UGA, and the Dooley family is well respected. And they did so much for Athens. And Vince Dooley, his self, internationally known. And I meant to say this to you at the beginning of the Board of Commissioners meeting. But as we end, I did not want us to end without recognizing the condolences of Vince Dooley. Thank you. Thank you."

NADINE WILLIAMS, ELECTIONS DIRECTOR: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "No further items."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. No further business --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Mr. Chair, I just want to invite members of the public, before you come down here making accusations about things that have been done in Fulton County, do your homework and your research. The Carter Center deal, as we just learned, was something that was forced upon or suggested or recommended to Fulton County by the SB202 Reform Board. So this is not something that we did. And to come down here and accuse us of doing things that we had no knowledge of, is just ridiculous. And you wind up lacking credibility and you make yourself look crazy. Please do your homework. If you want to come down here, ask us about something. Don't come down here accusing us of things and you have no knowledge of what has happened or what has transpired. It's just ridiculous."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. No further business to come before us today, we are adjourned. Thank you."

(There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.)