

In the Superior Court of Fulton County

State of Georgia

Fulton County Republican Party,

Plaintiff

versus

Fulton County Board of Commissioners et al,

Defendants

Case № 25CV008083

ORDER ON CONTEMPT PETITION

The court conducted a further hearing today on the plaintiff's request that the court impose civil and criminal penalties on the defendant Board of Commissioners (BOC) and individual county commissioners because of their failure to comply with the court's writ of mandamus that required them to appoint the Republican party's chief executive officer's nominee to the Fulton County Board of Registrations and Elections [BOE].

On the court's direction, the defendants provided the minutes of the Board's August 20, 2025 meeting that showed that Commissioner Thorne moved to approved the nominations of Julie Adams and Jason Frazier to the BOE. Vice-Chairman Ellis seconded the motion.

The motion failed when Commissioners Barrett and Ivory voted "Nay."

Three commissioners were absent. [Pitts, Arrington and Abdul-Rahman.]

The essential argument of the defense today is that the court should stay the enforcement of its previous order to allow them to appeal that decision. The court has already addressed and rejected that order because

of the obvious harm resulting to the nominating party as a result of the denial of the appointment of the party executive officer's nominees. From the evidence of the conduct of the two of the commissioners as shown at today's hearing, it is clear to the court that they will gladly use the appeal process to prevent the nominees from serving on the BOE.

As the court noted during today's hearing, the local legislation does not include language authorizing the Commission to veto the selection of any qualified nominee, nor does it authorize the Commission to require any specific number of nominees.

The legislation provides that the Commission "shall" appoint the nominees submitted by the party executive officer if they are otherwise qualified.

As was recently the argument by the defendant Fulton County in *Adams v. Fulton County*, Adams had a mandatory duty to certify election results because the word "shall" is "generally a word of command."

The court finds beyond a reasonable doubt that the Board of Commissioners has failed to comply with this court's order. The court finds that it is appropriate to hold the Board in civil contempt. The court imposes a fine of \$10,000 per day commencing at 12:00 p.m on Friday, August 29, 2025 which fine shall continue to accrue daily until such time as the Commission shall act to appoint the nominees of the Republican party's executive officer as required by the local legislation creating the Fulton County BOE. This fine is to be paid daily.¹

¹ *Shooter Alley, Inc. v. City of Doraville*, 341 Ga. App. 626, 627, 800 S.E.2d 588, 591 (2017): "In this case, the trial court levied a "civil contempt

Normally that fine would be payable to the county government, however, since the Fulton County Board of Commissioners is the respondent in this case, the court orders that the fine is to be paid to the Clerk of the Superior Court and transmitted to the State of Georgia as directed by the Attorney General or his designee.

“ ‘The distinction between criminal and civil contempt is that criminal contempt imposes unconditional punishment for prior acts of contumacy, whereas civil contempt imposes conditional punishment as a means of coercing future compliance with a prior court order.’ ”²

The limitations on the amount of the fine imposed by O.C.G.A. § 15-6-8(5) does not apply.³

sanction” in the amount of \$10,000 for each future violation of the injunction. The trial court expressly stated that this amount was intended to prevent future violations of, and to coerce compliance with, the injunction. **We have found no case law prohibiting such a civil contempt award,** and Shooter Alley directs us to none.” See also *Stardust, 3007, LLC v. City of Brookhaven*, 348 Ga. App. 711, 716, 824 S.E.2d 595, 600–01 (2019): “Additionally, in an effort “[t]o prevent future violations of—and to coerce compliance with—the Injunction Order,” the court imposed a \$10,000 prospective fine for each future violation.”

² *Am. Med. Sec. Grp., Inc. v. Parker*, 284 Ga. 102, 104, 663 S.E.2d 697, 700 (2008).

³ “Because this is civil contempt and not criminal contempt, O.C.G.A. § 15–6–8 does not apply.” *Minor v. Minor*, 257 Ga. 706, 709, 362 S.E.2d 208, 211 (1987) and *In re Harvey*, 219 Ga. App. 76, 79, 464 S.E.2d 34, 37 (1995).

The court declines to hold any of the respondents in criminal contempt.

The court notes that two of the commissioners voted to make the appointments. Three others were absent. The court also does not find it appropriate to impose the sanctions for criminal contempt since none of these actions were in the immediate presence of the court, and the court is not imposing punishment for past disobedience but to coerce future compliance with this court's order.

The court has attached the copy of the Post Agenda Minutes from the Fulton County Board of Commissioners second regular meeting of August 20, 2025.

The court does find that the respondent Board of Commissioners has been stubbornly litigious and acted in bad faith in its conduct prior to this litigation by its failure to comply with clear local legislation which forced the plaintiff to file this action.⁴ The court further finds that it has caused the plaintiff unnecessary difficulty in the conduct of this litigation by its failure to comply with the court's order.⁵

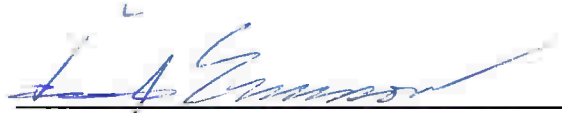
The court will award the plaintiff its attorney's fees incurred in both the bringing of this case to compel compliance with the relevant local legislation and for the intentional failure to comply with the court's order enforcing that law. The court reserves ruling on the amount of such fees

⁴ O.C.G.A. § 13-6-11.

⁵ O.C.G.A. § 9-15-14.

since it the determination of the amount of any such fees requires a hearing absent stipulation by the parties.

So ordered this August 27, 2025.



David Emerson
Senior Judge of Superior Courts
Presiding in Fulton Superior Court

Distribution List

Thomas L. Oliver, III, and Justin P. Gunter Counsel for the plaintiff
Don Samuel and Amanda Clark-Palmer, Counsel for the defendant
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Georgia Attorney General's Office

Board meeting minutes of August 20, 2025 attached.



**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SECOND REGULAR MEETING**

August 20, 2025
10:00 AM

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



POST AGENDA MINUTES

This document is tentative, has not been ratified or approved by the Board of Commissioners, and is not binding on the County or any officer.

Scheduled date for ratification: September 3, 2025

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

Bridget Thorne, Commissioner (District 1)

PRESENT

Bob Ellis, Vice-Chairman (District 2)

PRESENT

Dana Barrett, Commissioner (District 3)

PRESENT

Mo Ivory, Commissioner (District 4)

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Khadijah Abdur-Rahman, Commissioner (District 6)

PRESENT

INVOCATION: Reverend Clifton Dawkins, Jr., County Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recite in unison

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA**25-0583 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 Second Regular Meeting Agenda for separate consideration. **(ADOPTED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Ivory

Absent: Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

25-0584 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing "Dr. Jay Augustine Appreciation Day."
(Pitts/Abdur-Rahman)
August 8, 2025

Proclamation recognizing "Rev. Jasper W. Williams, Jr. Appreciation Day." **(Pitts)**
August 10, 2025

Proclamation recognizing "Dr. John Culbreath Remembrance Day."
(Arrington/Pitts)
August 12, 2025

Proclamation recognizing "Jim Alexander Appreciation Day." **(Ivory)**
August 16, 2025

Proclamation recognizing "Ann Cramer Appreciation Day." **(Ivory)**
August 16, 2025

Proclamation recognizing "Raymond Tweet Williams Remembrance Day."
(Arrington)
August 18, 2025

Commissioners' District Board Appointments**25-0585 Board of Commissioners**

**FULTON COUNTY VETERANS' EMPOWERMENT COMMISSION, INC.
(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

The Veterans Commission shall have the following members: Each Commissioner shall appoint two (2) members. Such appointees shall be residents of, or work in Fulton County and shall have military experience or expertise in the areas affecting military veterans. Veterans Commission shall serve three (3) year terms, with such term subject to the discretion of the appointing Commissioner, who can remove a member for cause, otherwise such member may continue to serve beyond his/her term until a successor is appointed.

Term = 3 Years

Term below expired: 12/31/2024
John L. Walsh (Thorne)

Commissioner Thorne nominated David Hofstetter for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2027.

**Development Authority of Fulton County TEFRA
(Tax Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act)**

25-0586 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 (Spelman College), Series 2025A, in an amount not to exceed \$140,000,000.00 (the "Bonds").
(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0587 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 (Delowe Apartments Project), Series 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$17,000,000.00 (the "Bonds").
(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

Open & Responsible Government**25-0588 Finance**

Ratification of the July 2025 Grants Activity Report. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

25-0589 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Water Easement Dedication of 74 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Vishal Patel, an individual, for the purpose of constructing the Bridges (Lot #5) Project at 0 Webb Bridge Road, Alpharetta, Georgia 30005. Effective upon approval. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

25-0590 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 6,197.2 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Amanda R. Bralley and Krishan Bralley individuals, for the purpose of constructing the Bridges (Lot #6) Project at 0 Webb Bridge Road, Alpharetta, Georgia 30005. Effective upon approval. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Health and Human Services**25-0591 Community Development**

Request approval of a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") between Fulton County, Georgia, as the Fulton County Continuum of Care ("CoC") Collaborative Applicant, and 24/7 Gateway, LLC ("Gateway") in the amount of (\$398,657.00) for Gateway to serve as the coordinated entry lead agency and manage coordinated entry at the County-wide North and South Homeless Assessment Center offices. The term of the MOU is September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026. This item is funded with (\$306,814.00) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Coordinated Intake and Assessment System (CIAS) grant and (\$91,843.00) in General Fund match. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

25-0592 Public Works

Request approval of a Service Account Agreement Letter - Department of Public Works, Drinking Water Laboratory, and Related Services in the amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 from the State of Georgia / DNR - Environmental Protection Division (EPD) (Atlanta, GA), to provide drinking water laboratory and related services for the contract period effective from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

25-0593 Public Works

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Public Works, 23RFP139483K-DB, TSPLOST Program Management Services in an amount not to exceed \$118,000.00 with Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC (GMC), for program management services related to the Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST). This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

25-0594 Senior Services

Request approval to amend the memorandum of understanding with Friends of Benson, Inc., a non-profit organization that supports multipurpose and adult day programming through fundraising efforts; authorize the Chairman or any other duly authorized official to execute the amended memorandum of understanding; and authorize the County Attorney to approve the amended memorandum as to form and make any necessary modifications thereto prior to execution. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

25-0595 Senior Services

Request approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Fulton County Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Enhanced Multidisciplinary Team (EMDT) on behalf of the Department of Senior Services and the Department of Emergency Management to participate in a multiagency, multi-partnered approach to assessment, investigation, prosecution, and review of abuse cases involving elder persons; authorize the Chairman or any other duly authorized official to execute the MOU on behalf of the department; and authorize the County Attorney to approve the standard form agreement as to form and substance and make necessary modifications thereof prior to execution. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Justice and Safety**25-0596 District Attorney**

Request ratification of amended subaward agreement with Chris 180 and Fulton County District Attorney's Office agreements and authorization for signatures to assist in compliance with grant regulations for U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative Grant, Grant Award No. 15PBJA-22-GG-04732-CVIP. In an amount not to exceed \$171,000.00. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

25-0597 District Attorney

Requesting ratification of amended subaward agreement with the Atlanta Police Foundation and the Fulton County District Attorney's Office agreements and authorization for signatures to assist in compliance with grant regulations for 2020 Comprehensive Anti-Gang Programs for Youth Program Grant, Grant Award No. 2020-MU-MU-0022. In an amount not to exceed \$73,000.00. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

SECOND REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**25-0598 Board of Commissioners**

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

a. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Ivory, to adopt the Second Regular Meeting Agenda as amended by moving up item #25-0603 as requested by the County Manager; removing item #25-0574 as requested by Commissioner Arrington; revising items #25-0615 through #25-0619 as requested by Commissioner Ivory; and with a super majority vote adding item #25-0621. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Ivory

Absent: Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Vice-Chairman Ellis, to reconsider the Second Regular Meeting Agenda to move up and combine items #25-0615 through #25-0619. The motion passed by the following vote:

Commissioner Ivory called for a Division of the items.

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Ivory, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Arrington

25-0599 Clerk to the Commission

Ratification of Minutes. **(RATIFIED)**

First Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, August 6, 2025

Special Called Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, August 13, 2025

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Ivory, to ratify the meeting minutes. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Ivory

Absent: Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

25-0600 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing "Atlanta-Fulton County Emergency Management Agency Appreciation Day." **(Ivory/BOC)**

PUBLIC HEARINGS**25-0601 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 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 sixty (60) minutes at the First Regular Meeting, nor will this portion exceed sixty (60) minutes at the Second Regular Meeting. In the event the 60-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. For more information or to arrange a speaking date, contact the Clerk's Office. (CONDUCTED)

52 Speakers: Chief Magistrate Judge Cassandra Kirk (Budget Resolution); Maurice Kenner (Budget Resolution); Judge Nancy Mau (Budget Resolution); Luana Walsh (Budget Resolution); Reiko Ward (Budget Resolution); Diane Hawkins-Cox (Arts Budget Resolution); Cecilia Ugarte Baldwin (Oppose BRE Appointment); Walter Reeves (Economic Forum); Maggie McCullum (Senior Olympics); Mary Jo Peed (Oppose BRE Appointment); D. Patton White (Arts Budget Resolution); Kayla Nicole Garthus (Oppose BRE Appointment); Kevin Jones (Sheriff/Fulton County Jail); LaQuondria Pierce (Sheriff/Fulton County Jail); Melissa Simpson (Arts Budget Resolution); Margie McCloud (Fulton County Jail); Breedlove (Fulton County Jail); Kannette King (Fulton County Jail); Devin Franklin (Fulton County Jail); Tiffany Roberts (Fulton County Jail); Blake Feldman (Fulton County Jail); Jennifer Acker (Arts Budget Resolution); Laura Hennighansen (Arts Budget Resolution); Celisse Kalke (Arts Budget Resolution); Angela Harris (Arts Budget Resolution); Lauren Waits (Oppose BRE Appointment); Meredith Ragains (Arts Budget Resolution); Stuart Gerber (Arts Budget Resolution); Candis Alsten-Davis (Arts Budget Resolution); Chantrice Buggs (Sheriff/Fulton County Jail); LA Pink (Jail/Sheriff); Dr. Ramatu Afegbua-Sabbatt (Arts Budget Resolution); Aisha Mahmud (Arts Budget Resolution); Donna Watts-Nunn (Arts Budget Resolution); Charmaine Minnifield (Arts Budget Resolution); Patricia Banks (Sheriff/Fulton County Jail); Imara Canady (Arts Budget Resolution); Jonathan Kieran (Arts Budget Resolution); Jodi Williams (Sheriff/Fulton County Jail); Felicia Seamon (Arts Budget Resolution); Peter Hardy (Arts Budget Resolution); Kristen Nabers (Oppose BRE Appointment); Reed Stillson (Oppose BRE Appointment);

Charles Rambo (Sheriff/Fulton County Jail); Mike Collins (Fulton County Jail); Dante Carter (Oppose BRE Appointment); Stephanie Jewett (Oppose BRE Appointment); Leatrice Ellzy (Arts Budget Resolution); Ciara Franklin (Arts Budget Resolution); Ashley Glass (Oppose BRE Appointment); Chris Hayden (Support BRE Appointment)

5 Zoom Comment: Robbie Windham (Arts Budget Resolution); Rachel Carrie (Westside TAD); Christopher Escobar (Arts Budget Resolution); Matt Rowenczak (Support BRE); Cynthia Parnell McDonald (Westside TAD)

A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Commissioner Ivory, to extend public comment. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, and Ivory

Nay: Ellis

Absent: Arrington

Abstain: Abdur-Rahman

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

Housing Authority of Fulton County

25-0512 Board of Commissioners

Presentation: Housing Authority of Fulton County Update **(PRESENTED)**

COUNTY MANAGER'S ITEMS

Open & Responsible Government

25-0602 County Manager

Presentation of the Fulton County Operational Report. **(PRESENTED)**

25-0603 County Manager

Presentation and approval to proceed with the planning of Option 3, which includes (1) the construction of a Special Purpose Building to serve vulnerable populations and offset the future need for outsourcing of inmates to out-of-County jail facilities, and (2) renovations at the Rice Street Main Jail. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, and Abdur-Rahman

Nay: Ivory

Absent: Arrington

Abstain: Barrett

25-0604 Finance

Presentation, review, and approval of August 20, 2025, Budget Soundings and Resolution. **(PRESENTED/APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Ivory

Absent: Arrington

Did Not Vote: Pitts, and Abdur-Rahman

25-0605 Finance

Request approval of a Supplemental Tax Resolution to affirm the 2025 Fulton County Board of Education millage rate. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Ivory

Absent: Arrington

Did Not Vote: Pitts, and Abdur-Rahman

25-0606 Information Technology

Request approval to utilize cooperative purchasing - Information Technology, NASPO ValuePoint Contract 22PSX0086AD, IT Managed Service Providers in the amount not to exceed \$584,000.00 with uWork.com, Inc. d/b/a Covendis Technologies, Inc., (Atlanta, GA) to provide support for IT services and operation. Effective August 12, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Ivory

Absent: Arrington

Did Not Vote: Pitts, and Abdur-Rahman

Arts and Libraries**25-0607 Library**

Request approval to award a contract without competition - Fulton County Library System 25SSREQ1429839B-RT, Automated Handling Systems in an amount not to exceed \$1,100,000.00 with Bibliotheca, Inc. (Norcross, GA) to replace the current units for the phase one libraries. Effective upon BOC approval.

(APPROVED)

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

Yea: Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Ivory

Absent: Arrington

Did Not Vote: Pitts, and Abdur-Rahman

Health and Human Services**25-0608 Public Works**

Request approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Fulton County, GA and the City of Roswell, GA for water main relocations associated with the road improvements to Hardscrabble Road Project in the City of Roswell, GA, in an estimated amount of \$431,490.00. Effective upon approval and continue through December 31, 2027 unless amended. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Ivory

Absent: Arrington

Did Not Vote: Pitts, and Abdur-Rahman

25-0609 Public Works

Request approval to increase spending authority - Department of Public Works, 23ITB458876A-KM, Small Water Meter Installation, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 with Jewel of the South, Inc. (Conyers, GA) to provide small water meter installation services. Effective upon BOC approval through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Ivory

Absent: Arrington

Did Not Vote: Pitts, and Abdur-Rahman

25-0610 Public Works

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Public Works, 23RFP140862K-CRB, Building Code Administration Services, Construction Management Services and Planning Services in an amount not to exceed \$185,709.50 with Nova Engineering and Environmental, LLC (Kennesaw, GA) to provide building code administration, construction management, and planning services associated with new development and redevelopment activity within the Fulton Industrial District area of unincorporated Fulton County. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Ivory

Absent: Arrington

Did Not Vote: Pitts, and Abdur-Rahman

25-0611 Public Works

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Department of Public Works, 25ITB1376191A-KM, Concrete Manhole Parts in an amount not to exceed \$106,624.76 with Ferguson Waterworks (Norcross, GA) to provide concrete manhole parts upon execution of contract through December 31, 2025, with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Ivory

Absent: Arrington

Did Not Vote: Pitts, and Abdur-Rahman

25-0612 Public Works

Request approval of a Contract Item Agreement Memorandum of Understanding (CIA-MOU) between Fulton County and the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the relocation of water facilities associated with the bridge replacement and widening of SR 120 (Old Milton Parkway) from North Point Parkway to Kimball Bridge Road in the City of Alpharetta (Project ID #0017187). The project includes the relocation of approximately 3,188 linear feet of 8-inch, 10-inch, 12-inch, and 16-inch water lines and associated appurtenances within Fulton County. The estimated cost of the project for the County is \$1,768,280.00. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Ivory

Absent: Arrington

Did Not Vote: Pitts, and Abdur-Rahman

Justice and Safety**25-0613 Superior Court Administration**

Request approval of a recommended proposal - Superior Court, 25RFP1386059A-BKJ, Drug Testing in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00 with Technical Resource Management, LLC dba Cordant Health Solutions to provide comprehensive drug testing and technology services to the participants of the County's Accountability Court Programs. Effective upon BOC approval, through December 31, 2025 with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Ivory

Absent: Arrington

Did Not Vote: Pitts, and Abdur-Rahman

25-0614 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to extend an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 21RFP127274K-BKJ, Comprehensive Operation and Preventive and Predictive Maintenance Services for the Fulton County Jail and the South Fulton Municipal Regional Jail in an amount not to exceed \$3,558,014.10 with Johnson Controls, Inc. (Atlanta, GA), to provide continued comprehensive operation, preventive and corrective maintenance services for the Fulton County Jail, Jail South Annex in Union City, and the Jail North Annex in Alpharetta for an additional six (6) month period. Effective Dates: July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Ivory

Absent: Arrington

Did Not Vote: Pitts, and Abdur-Rahman

COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS**25-0574 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution urging the release of Israeli hostages and an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Israel and Gaza; and for other purposes. **(Arrington) (MOTION TO APPROVE FAILED ON 8/6/25) (REMOVED)**

ITEM REMOVED AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON**25-0615 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution to amend Fulton County's current budget to increase the departmental budget for the Department of Senior Services **in the amount of \$294,000.00**, based on current underruns in the county's overall 2025 fiscal year budget; and for other purposes. **(Ivory) (FILED)**

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

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

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, and Abdur-Rahman

Nay: Barrett, and Ivory

Absent: Arrington

25-0616 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution to amend Fulton County's current budget to increase the departmental budget for the Office of the Public Defender, Atlanta Judicial Circuit, **in the amount of \$4,897,313.00**, based on current underruns in the county's overall 2025 fiscal year budget; and for other purposes. **(Ivory) (FILED)**

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

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

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, and Abdur-Rahman

Nay: Barrett, and Ivory

Absent: Arrington

25-0617 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution to amend Fulton County's current budget to increase the departmental budget for Magistrate Court **in the amount of \$611,939.00**, based on current underruns in the county's overall 2025 fiscal year budget; and for other purposes. **(Ivory) (FILED)**

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

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

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, and Abdur-Rahman

Nay: Barrett, and Ivory

Absent: Arrington

25-0618 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution to amend Fulton County's current budget to increase the departmental budget for the Department of Community Development **in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, for the Veteran's Services Program**, based on current underruns in the County's overall 2025 fiscal year budget; and for other purposes. **(Ivory) (FILED)**

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

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

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, and Abdur-Rahman

Nay: Barrett, and Ivory

Absent: Arrington

25-0619 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution to amend Fulton County's current budget to increase the departmental budget for the Department of Arts and Culture **in the amount of \$1,700,000.00**, based on current underruns in the County's overall 2025 fiscal year budget; and for other purposes. **(Ivory) (FILED)**

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

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Ivory and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to call the question. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Barrett, and Ivory

Nay: Thorne, Ellis, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Arrington

c. A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Vice-Chairman Ellis, to file. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, and Abdur-Rahman

Nay: Barrett, and Ivory

Absent: Arrington

EXECUTIVE SESSION**25-0620 Board of Commissioners**

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

PRESENT IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING LITIGATION, REAL ESTATE, AND PERSONNEL: Chairman Pitts, Vice-Chairman Ellis, Commissioners: Thorne, Barrett, Ivory, and Abdur-Rahman; County Manager Dick Anderson; County Attorney Y. Soo Jo; and Clerk to the Commission Tonya R. Grier. Commissioner Arrington was absent.

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

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Arrington

Did Not Vote: Ivory

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve the requests for representation in items #1, #2, and #3 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Ivory

Absent: Pitts, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Ivory and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to approve the negotiation of a staffing contract for tower staffing at the Fulton County Jail not to exceed an annualized amount of \$8.8 million as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Ivory

Absent: Pitts, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

d. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to approve double overtime through December 31, 2025 for detention officers and deputies providing detention services at Fulton County jail facilities, as determined by information in the Kronos timekeeping system; however, if information about the work locations of Sheriff's Office staff as previously requested in a Resolution by the Board of Commissioners is not provided within 60 days, this double overtime funding will not continue. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Ivory

Absent: Pitts, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

ADDED TO THE MEETING**Items Added to the Agenda****25-0621 Board of Commissioners**

Discussion: Process for appointment of members to the Fulton County Board of Registrations and Elections in light of another recent court order. **(Thorne)**

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Vice-Chairman Ellis, to add item #25-0621 to the Second Regular Meeting Agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Ivory

Absent: Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Vice-Chairman Ellis, to approve the nominations of Julie Adams and Jason Frazier to the Board of Registration and Elections. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yea: Thorne, and Ellis

Nay: Barrett, and Ivory

Absent: Pitts, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.