

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CALL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 24, 1999  
FULTON COUNTY COMMISSION

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The Board of Commissioners of Fulton County met in Special Call Session this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1999. Ms. Justine Boyd, Clerk to the Commission, called the roll and the following Commissioners were present:

Mike Kenn, Chairman  
Michael Hightower, Vice Chair  
Karen Elaine Webster, Commissioner-**Absent**  
Robert E. Fulton, Commissioner  
Tom Lowe, Commissioner  
Emma I. Darnell, Commissioner  
Nancy A. Boxill, Commissioner-**Absent**

Also Present were: Ms. Justine Boyd, Clerk to the Commission; Cecelia Corbin Hunter, Interim County Manager; O.V. Brantley, County Attorney; Patrick O'Connor, Finance Director; Josh Kenyon, Chief of Staff to Chairman Mike Kenn; Scott Graham, Office of Commissioner Bob Fulton; Sharon Allen, Chief of Staff to Commissioner Nancy Boxill, April Pye, Office of Commissioner Karen Elaine Webster; and Louie Bowne, Finance Department.

With a quorum present, Chairman Mike Kenn called the meeting to order at 8:35 A.M.

99-1272 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT RESULTS OF THE MEDIATION  
BETWEEN FULTON COUNTY AND THE CITY OF ATLANTA FOR  
SUBMISSION OF A SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY PURSUANT  
TO HOUSE BILL 489 (APPROVED)

1                                   **RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT RESULTS OF THE**  
2                                   **MEDIATION BETWEEN FULTON COUNTY AND**  
3                                   **THE CITY OF ATLANTA FOR SUBMISSION OF A SERVICE**  
4                                   **DELIVERY STRATEGY PURSUANT TO HOUSE BILL 489**

5                   **WHEREAS**, House Bill 489 (O.C.G.A. § 36-70-20 et seq.) requires Fulton County and  
6 the various municipalities within Fulton County to submit a service delivery strategy to the  
7 Georgia Department of Community Affairs; and

8                   **WHEREAS**, said Strategy must certify that the cost of any service provided primarily for  
9 the benefit of the unincorporated area be borne by the unincorporated area residents, individuals,  
10 and property owners who receive the service; and

11                   **WHEREAS**, Fulton County and the required municipalities were unable to reach an  
12 agreement regarding all services provided by Fulton County; and

13                   **WHEREAS**, by Resolution, adopted September 15, 1999, the Board of Commissioners  
14 authorized the immediate mediation of six (6) issues relating to: 1) tax collection services for  
15 the Special Services District; 2) animal control services; 3) Fulton County's 911 system; and,  
16 4) the Fulton County Airport; and

17                   **WHEREAS**, said Resolution authorized and directed the Chairman and the Vice  
18 Chairman to represent the Board during such mediation; and to have non-binding authority to  
19 reach a proposed agreement for presentation to the full Board for approval; and

20                   **WHEREAS**, said Resolution authorized the mediator to decide who is required, pursuant  
21 to House Bill 489, to pay the cost of the mediation; and

22                   **WHEREAS**, in compliance with said Resolution, mediation occurred on September 23,  
23 1999; and

24                   **WHEREAS**, in addition to the matters enumerated above, the parties addressed the issue  
25 of the County's public works/roads program and the funding of such program; and

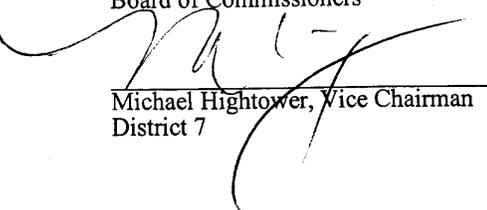
26                   **WHEREAS**, the parties reached an agreement as to all issues addressed; and

27                   **WHEREAS**, the Chairman and Vice Chairman are recommending the full Board's  
28 approval of the results of the mediation.

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2	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED</b>, that the Board of Commissioners accepts</p> <p>the results of the mediation between Fulton County and the City of Atlanta as follows:</p>	
3	1) Beginning with the year 2000 budget, Fulton County shall ensure that the Special	
4	Services District reimburses the County's General Fund for the cost of tax collection	
5	services on the same basis as municipalities receiving such services from Fulton County;	
6	2) Beginning with the year 2000 budget, Fulton County shall ensure that the County's share	
7	of the cost of animal control services shall be paid by the Special Services District;	
8	3) Fulton County and the City of Atlanta shall fund on an equal share basis an independent	
9	study of their respective 911 systems for the following purposes: a) to provide such	
10	information and recommendations as are necessary for the respective governing bodies to	
11	determine whether it is feasible and cost-effective to consolidate said systems; and, b) to	
12	determine what portion of the General Fund subsidy paid to the County's 911 system is	
13	paid for services provided primarily for the unincorporated area, which independent study	
14	and consolidation, in the event that the respective governing bodies determine that	
15	consolidation is feasible and cost-effective, shall be completed on or before January 1,	
16	2001; provided, further, that in the event that the respective governing bodies determine	
17	that consolidation is not feasible and cost-effective, beginning with the year 2001 budget,	
18	Fulton County shall ensure that any subsidy paid to the County's 911 system for services	
19	provided primarily for the benefit of the unincorporated area shall be paid by the Special	
20	Services District, and that the City of Atlanta shall assume the responsibility for	
21	providing EMS routing services within the City of Atlanta;	
22	4) Fulton County shall consider the Executive Committee's recommendation that the Fulton	
23	County Airport be funded through an enterprise fund and that the Special Services	
24	District be reimbursed for the cost of providing on-site fire protection; provided,	
25	however, that the decision to implement these recommendations shall be within the sole	
26	discretion of the Board of Commissioners; and	
27	5) Fulton County and the City of Atlanta shall jointly pursue the adoption of legislation by	
28	the General Assembly which authorizes the Special Services District to receive a	

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1 distribution of funds derived from the Local Option Sales Tax; provided, further, in the  
2 event of the adoption of such legislation, Fulton County will pursue the adoption of  
3 legislation which authorizes the transfer of the County's public works/roads program over  
4 to the Special Services District.  
5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the cost of mediation, as decided by the mediator  
6 pursuant to the Board's Resolution of September 15, 1999, shall be shared on an equal basis by  
7 Fulton County and the City of Atlanta.  
8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption,  
9 and that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby  
10 repealed to the extent of the conflict.  
11 This 24th day of September, 1999.  
12 Sponsored by:  
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14 Mike Kenn, Chairman  
15 Board of Commissioners  
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17 Michael Hightower, Vice Chairman  
18 District 7  
19 **ATTEST:**  
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21 Justine Boyd, Clerk to the Commission  
22 **APPROVED:**  
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24 Overtis Hicks Brantley  
25 County Attorney  
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The Board of Commissioners voted to approve the **Resolution**.  
The vote was 5-0-0. Chairman Kenn, Vice Chairman Hightower,  
Commissioners Fulton, Lowe, and Darnell voted "yes."  
Commissioners Webster and Boxill was not present.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the  
meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

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Justine Boyd, Clerk to the Commission

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Lois E. Shell, Chief Deputy Clerk  
to the Commission