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## Fulton County Criminal Justice Leaders Discuss Security Funding

**Atlanta, Ga. (August 19, 2010)** - On Monday, August 16, Fulton County Chairman John H. Eaves called together criminal justice officials from the Fulton County Superior Court, State Court, Juvenile Court, the DA, and the Sheriff along with the County Manager to discuss funding sources for capital and security project list recommendations related.

During the meeting, all involved parties were openly engaged in a transparent discussion regarding their concerns related to funding of Courthouse security initiatives. Several recommendations were made for alternative funding sources for some projects, and the County Manager was able to present options which met the needs of all parties.

“Protection of the lives and safety of our citizens and employees is our first priority as a government,” said Chairman Eaves. “I hear our justice leaders loud and clear and share their interest in improving security in our Courthouse.”

As a result of the meeting, the project list considered and approved by the Board of Commissioners during the Wednesday, August 18 meeting included all of the Courthouse, Jail and Juvenile Court security and upgrade projects requested by the Justice System, as well as a number of other projects related to public safety, senior services and other key County programs.

The majority of the projects will be funded through 2009 Stimulus Act Bonds, with the Juvenile Court Security Upgrades and a Reentry Facility at the Fulton County Jail that will be funded through the reprogramming of existing bonds.

Chairman Eaves summed up the Board’s work: “Today we balanced our responsibilities as the Commissioners of Fulton County to both provide for the public safety and at the same time support projects that will improve the quality of life for our residents. We worked hard with our criminal justice officials and our county staff to find the reasonable solutions that will satisfy these two competing needs. I am extremely proud of these efforts, and I commend the Board of Commissioners for their endorsement by passing these pieces of legislation.”

*To learn more about Chairman John H. Eaves and his initiatives, visit [www.fultoncountyga.gov](http://www.fultoncountyga.gov).*