



DeKalb County Government

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1300 Commerce Drive
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Minutes - Draft

FAB-Finance, Audit & Budget Committee

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

3:30 PM

This meeting will be conducted via teleconference (Zoom). Simultaneous public access to the meeting will be available

(1) via live stream on DCTV's webpage,

(2) on DCTVChannel23.TV

Meeting Started At: 3:31PM

Attendees: Commissioners Rader, Cochran-Johnson, Terry, Bradshaw, Davis Johnson

Present 2 - Commissioner Jeff Rader, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

Not Present 1 - Commissioner Larry Johnson

I. MINUTES

2022-2196 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the September 13, 2022 Finance, Audit, and Budget Committee

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Rader, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

II. AGENDA ITEM

Previously Heard Agenda Items:

[2022-1837](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A Resolution by the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia, to make Amendments to the County’s Debt Management Policy

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be recommended for approval upon receipt of additional information to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/11/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Rader, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

-information provided by County Attorney Ernstes

-LCJ: motion to recommend approval of the debt management policy as amended, as a substitute that includes the items discussed at today's FAB Committee meeting

III. DISCUSSION

FY22 Midyear Net Changes

-presentation provided by Director Sigler on changes with the digest, as well as millage rates

-presentation of changes within the funds

-presentation of line item midyear budgetary resolution

FY22 Midyear Budget Presentations:

State Court - Marshal

-information provided by Chief Judge Purdom, Chief Marshal Taylor, Judge Wong

-additional information on security responsibilities within this budgetary appropriation discussed by Sheriff Maddox, Chief Akies

-Question LCJ: COO Williams has this request been held up by a lack of funding?

Z Williams: correct we cannot move forward without the funding in place

-Question LCJ: understanding that has security been interrupted?

-Sheriff Maddox: Security has not been interrupted and will not be interrupted as we move forward. Yes security is there

-Question LCJ: are these funds coming from ARP funding? What is the funding plan going forward?

Z Williams: no ma'am the money will come from the General Fund; the item before the Board today which is to transfer security from the Sheriff to the Marshal for those operations at Camp Circle; those actions will do that. As for future plans, we will have those conversations when that comes to us. This item was brought to us in the winter or spring, but we wanted to bring this forward in a venue like this where the judges endorse this. Additional information provided by COO Williams

-additional response provided by State Court Judge Ramsey (Division B)

-Question JR: what is the net fiscal impact of this transition?

TJ Sigler: for 4 months this is prorated through the end of the year. The total cost for 15 positions prorated is \$568,000, as well as that same amount for the Marshal's. The net for this amendment is \$568,000.

-Question JR: why were the positions not funded in the Sheriff's budget previously?

-response provided by Director Sigler

-Question JR: this is only for the prorated period, so the cost will be a multiple of that next year correct?

TJ Sigler: that's correct

-JR: it does concern me that the net result of this will be an additional burden on the General Fund

-additional response provided by COO Williams

-Question LCJ: this is a necessity that we provide the security. Combined we are looking at around \$1.1M. When you say that money wasn't initially in the budget, what does it mean when you say it didn't come out of the budget?

-response provided by COO Williams

-Question TT: regarding having additional court time past 6pm, are there any concerns on additional court time to address backlog? Will this funding for staffing and security help contribute to alleviating the backlog in cases?

-response provided by Chief Magistrate Anderson

Magistrate Court

-information provided by Chief Magistrate Anderson on FY22 Midyear appropriation

Public Defender

-information provided by Public Defender Saari

-request for additional \$245,000 for recruitment and retention of attorneys

-additional information provided by COO Williams

-Question JR: what more information do you need at this point to make a decision on this incremental request?

Z Williams: in terms of from a HR evaluation standpoint, I think we have all the data necessary

-Question JR: can you make that information that would inform a decision available to the Committee?

-Z Williams: yes, and we'll be in a position to advise you on that.

-JR: this committee will have a Special Called meeting on October 10th; I would appreciate if you could provide us information in advance of that so we can make an informed decision

Sheriff

-information provided by Sheriff Maddox, Chief Akies

-Question TT: regarding the mental health services at the jail, I serve at the Community Service Board; the DeKalb Crisis Center will be lowering their bed capacity due to staffing challenges. If the center is full they are to go to the ER or jail. We do have mental health capacity strains across departments and systems. I hope that within these discussions and the ARP discussions we can alleviate and address those concerns.

-additional information provided by Chief Akies

-Question JR: why have you chosen increased funding for salary enhancements and not additional positions?

-response provided by Chief Akies

-Question JR: if you would make any documentation available on comparative salaries

-Z Williams: we can provide the survey data we had last year as well

Solicitor General

-JR: Have you recommended approval of the Solicitor's budget?

-response provided by COO Williams

-information on request for vehicles from Solicitor Coleman-Stribling

-request for 2 vehicles at \$35,000 per vehicle.

-request for salary increases mirroring the request from the Public Defender's office.

-request for rental space to outfit the office to cover the personnel needed to cover their work. \$136,000 for a 2 year rental.

5-6 employees will be in the spaces if approved

-Question JR: are these requests included in the Administration's recommendation?

-Z Williams: if they are not we'll work with the Solicitor

Financial Statements

-discussion not heard in committee

Meeting Ended At: 5:44PM

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be adjourned meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Rader, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC