



# DeKalb County Government

Manuel J. Maloof Center  
1300 Commerce Drive  
Decatur, Georgia 30030

## Minutes

### FAB-Finance, Audit & Budget Committee

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Thursday, February 16, 2023

3:30 PM

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Meeting Started At: 3:42 PM

Attendees:

**Present** 2 - Steve Bradshaw, and Robert Patrick

**Absent** 1 - Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

#### I. MINUTES

**2023-0165** Commission District(s): ALL  
Minutes for the January 24, 2023 Special Called Finance, Audit,  
and Budget Committee

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Bradshaw, and Patrick

**Absent:** 1 - Cochran-Johnson

#### II. AGENDA ITEM

*New Agenda Items*

[2023-0046](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

RA - Ratification of Change Order No. 2 to Contract 1092093 for Auditing Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Finance. This contract consists of auditing services of the County's Financial Statements. Awarded to Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$59,745.65.

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/28/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Bradshaw, and Patrick

**Absent:** 1 - Cochran-Johnson

*Information provided by CFO Dianne McNabb*

*Question RP: Can you explain why ratification is needed already?*

*McNabb: Miscalculation in estimation. Some of the funds reviewed were not prioritized correctly as a 'non major fund' vs a 'major fund'.*

*Additional comments provided*

### III. DISCUSSION

FY23 Budget Review

Superior Court

*Information provided by Chief Judge Jackson*

*Request: Approve the proposed construction funds for 4th floor build out (Phase I has already begun.) approve salary adjustments for employee retention/ supplement funds for judges and court security /*

*Question SB: are the budget requests referenced already built in to the proposed budget?*

*NH: yes these are already build in*

*Question SB: has the administration seen the letter of justifications you provided?*

*NH: yes*

*TT: Security of you and your team is a high priority, I support all protections you need*

*Request LJ: can COO Williams and Director Lumpkin have a collaborations about the increased threats to elected officials, I think a comprehensive plan is needed to keep constitutional leaders and all elected are protected.*

*Question MLS: I echo the safety concerns discussed today, the first three points in the memo have outstanding remains, can you discuss further?*

*Chief Jackson: These are ongoing at least two years. The sheriff would need to provide the additional details.*

*Question RP: Are the marshals now in charge of security at the courthouse?*

*Chief Jackson: Not the superior court, it is my understanding there has been a transitioned from sheriffs to marshals. They have started at another campus and are not yet active as our court house.*

*Question RP: Did you request for the air conditioner to be upgraded/worked on?*

*Chief Jackson: I will have to defer to the State Court. It has not come to my attention.*

*Question SB: TJ and COO Williams, what is the superior court budget average?*

*Sigler: Over all the budget is increase from FY22 to FY23 is 22.5%*

## District Attorney

*Information provided by District Attorney Sherry Boston*

*Request: \$386,568 represents vacant positions. At the time of the snap shot they were vacant but we are not fully staffed. Request: an enhancement temporary funding for 4 time-limited positions for evidence management. Documentation has been submitted to the administration. Additional comments provided*

*Request: an enhancement for a new unit focused on SB440s (juvenile offenders that could qualify to be charged as an adults) to fund the salaries for lawyers and investors to focus specifically on these cases.*

*Question SB: Congratulations on fully staff prosecutors, how did you do it?*

*Additional information provided by DA Sherry Boston*

*Question SB: what is the dollar amount associated with these requested enhancements?*

*DA Boston: we have already received for operations roughly 210,000. The estimation of these requests 386,000 for vacancies, 350,000 for evidence unit, 475,000 for the SB440 unit. (1,211,000)*

*DA Boston: COO Williams has also agreed to meet to discuss these request further*

*Question LJ: COO Williams, what can we do on the prevention side of violent crime? I want to work with the DA and possibly outline the signs of these types of behaviors and intervene.*

*Question TT: I support the request to sure up vacancy funding and evidence storage. Do you have enough space for storage, this is just for organizational needs and catch up?*

*DA Boston: Storage is an issue but it's not an imminent. Additional information provided.*

*Question TT: regarding the SB440 team, I think your point is well made and I am in support of it. The domestic violence portion of the work, is that a separate team?*

*DA Boston: these are separate divisions, and they generally are not tasks with juvenile cases. SB440 cases are just mixed in, we want to be able to pull these specific cases out of all divisions and place them in juvenile court when applicable. We are seeing a lot of armed robbery cases.*

*Question TT: Real or fake a gun is used in these cases. You have special efforts to also address gun violence and safe storage, I'm wondering if you can partner with the police department on this?*

*DA Boston: We do partner with the police department on that.*

*Question TT: COO Williams, would it be possible at the next ERPS meeting to ensure police are in sync with DA's office funding wise, our intent is to increase lock funding but let's look and see what is needed.*

*COO Williams: We will have that conversation*

*Question SB: COO Williams, DA is asking for roughly \$1,001,000 in additional funding, do you have a plan?*

*COO Williams: we certainly can before the final recommendation at next Thursday's FAB*

## Solicitor General

*Information provided by Solicitor General Donna Coleman-Stribling*

*Request: funding for 4 investigators 400,000 and 50,000 for salary adjustments*

*Question SB: This funding was requested but did not receive recommendation?*

*SG: Correct*

*Question SB: the overall amount is 450,000?*

*SG: Correct*

*Question TT: what will more investigators provide?*

*SG: It will increase the amount and speed of which we can complete cases. Additional information provided Question RP: Do you have any software needs or evidence management needs?*

*SG: We do not have any internal needs at the Solicitor General Office. I do know it is an issue for other courts. We are assisting the Magistrate Court with some short term support.*

*COO Williams: We will meet with the Solicitor General and have a recommendation at next Thursday's FAB*

*Request TT: For the general budget I want to put back on the table the discussion of increasing the amount of reserve appropriations. Additional information provided*

Meeting Ended At: 4:44 PM

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be adjourned meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 2 - Bradshaw, and Patrick**

**Absent: 1 - Cochran-Johnson**

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Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC