



DeKalb County Government

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1300 Commerce Drive
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Minutes - Draft

FAB-Finance, Audit & Budget Committee

Chairperson: Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4

Member: Commissioner Robert Patrick, District 1

Member: Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, District 7

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

2:00 PM

Special Called Meeting

Meeting Started At: 2:01PM

Attendees: Commissioners Bradshaw, Patrick, Cochran-Johnson

Present 3 - Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Robert Patrick, and
Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

I. MINUTES

2024-0192 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the January 23, 2024 Finance, Audit, and Budget
Committee

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

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Patrick, and
Commissioner Cochran-Johnson**

II. AGENDA ITEM

Chief Executive Office

[2024-0242](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Appointment to the DeKalb County Board of Assessors - Ms.
Genet Hopewell

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/27/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-interview conducted by the committee to Attorney Hopewell

Superior Court

[2023-1577](#)

Commission District(s): All
SWC - Statewide Contract (SWC) No.
99999-001-SPD0000198-0020 Office Computer and Educational
Furniture: for use by the Superior Court. This request seeks to
purchase three hundred and two (302) Cadence Management Chairs
from the competitively let SWC. Awarded to Krug, Inc. Amount
Not To Exceed: \$239,165.18.

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Yes: 2 - Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Patrick

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-information provided by Administrator Lenora Hawkins Ponzo

Finance - Risk Management

2024-0116

Commission District(s): ALL
RFP - Request for Proposals No. 23-500652 Workers' Compensation Bill Review and Pharmaceutical Management Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Finance-Risk Management. Consists of providing bill review and pharmaceutical services for workers' compensation claims. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer: CorVel Healthcare Corporation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,800,000.00.

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Yes: 3 - Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-information provided by Director Jacobs - Risk Management

-Question RP: will this include other Constitutional offices?

L Jacobs: any employee that receives compensation from the County would be covered under worker's comp and deemed eligible for those services

Chief Executive Office

2024-0256

Commission District(s): All
2024 Operating Budget

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/27/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-presentation provided by Director Sigler

III. DISCUSSION

Departmental Budget Review

Juvenile Court

-presentation provided by Judge Fatima El-Amin
-2 requests less than \$75,000. Exact amount is \$73,753
-request 1: \$53,753 in in-grade salary adjustments
-request 2: \$20,000 in additional funding for maintenance and repairs
-Juvenile Court has noted that they are working with the Administration to resolve this request
-comments provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson
-comments provided by Commissioner Patrick

Superior Court

-presentation provided by Judge Latisha Dear Jackson
-request 1: in-grade salary adjustments and ensuring that senior judges can stay competitive
-Superior Court has noted that they are working with the Administration to resolve this request
-comments provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Property Appraisal

-presentation provided by Chief Appraiser Hicks
-request 1: increase the cost of living adjustment for staff for the fiscal year - approximately \$100,000
-Question LCJ: regarding the new web hosting, are there any enhancements to content on the website?
-response provided by Chief Appraiser Hicks
-Question LCJ: do you know what platform our current site is built on?
-response provided by Chief Appraiser Hicks
-Question LCJ: is your website specific to DeKalb County?
C Hicks: no it is not; additional response provided by Mr. Hicks
-Question RP: is there an understanding on what's being asked to what's being given COO Williams?
-response provided by COO Williams

Public Defender

-presentation provided by Public Defender Letitia Delan
-request 1: \$336,500 to maintain salaries
-request 2: \$65,726 to provide additional promotions and in-grade adjustments for other staff members
-request 3: \$88,000 county supplements to 3 state employees to achieve pay parity for those individuals
-request 4: one new attorney position
-Public Defender has noted that they are working with the Administration to resolve this request
-comments on the budget process provided by COO Williams

Meeting Ended At: 2:56PM

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: 3 - Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC