



DeKalb County Government

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

FAB-Finance, Audit & Budget Committee

Commissioner Ted Terry (Chairperson)

Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

Commissioner Chakira Johnson

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

10:30 AM

1300 Commerce Drive, Decatur, GA 30030
(BOC Multi-Purpose Room, 5th Floor)

Special Called Meeting

Meeting Started At:10:40AM

Attendance: Commissioners T. Terry and M. Long Spears

Present 2 - Chairperson Ted Terry, and Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

Not Present 1 - Commissioner Chakira Johnson

I. MINUTES

2026-0399 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the February 10, 2026 Finance, Audit, and Budget Committee
MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Terry, and Commissioner Long Spears

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

II. DISCUSSION

FY2026 Budget Requests:

Superior Court
Juvenile Court
Sheriff's Office
Solicitor General
State Court
Magistrate Court

Questions:**Superior Court**

MLS: Total of \$254K etc. - provide more detail? Plus \$15K for senior judges? (Judge responded)

MLS: How much currently allocated for senior judges? (Judge responded)

MLS: Hardware included in request? (Judge responded)

Juvenile Court

TT: Comment

TT: Treatment funds - Where does that come from? (Judge Murray responded)

MLS: Total request? (Judge Murray responded)

MLS: To COO - Maintenance needs not being met? Aware of any maintenance lags? (Judge Murray responded)

MLS: Comment

Sheriff's Office

MLS: 5% compensation - Police can get triple overtime, correct? (Sheriff responded)

MLS: Housing allowance etc. for police - Does Sheriff offer? Other things offered to Police that Sheriff doesn't offer? (Sheriff responded)

MLS: Police receive coverage for self/family, correct? (Sheriff responded)

MLS: RE: 5% compensation - Sheriff receive COLA? (Sheriff responded)

MLS: To COO/Director Sigler - Put together comparison of Sheriff/Police compensation? (Sheriff responded)

TT: Comment

Solicitor General

TT: RE 10K cases - More Code Compliance cases? (Solicitor responded)

TT: Comment

MLS: RE animal cases - How can we be more efficient; A way to have specific position that handles animal cases? (Solicitor responded)

MLS: Comments

MLS: Anything Solicitor can do to process faster? (Solicitor responded)

Atty Phillips: Comment

MLS: Comments

TT: Comments

LB: Comment

State Court

MLS: Can vehicles go to Fleet for repair? (Judge Jacobs/Edwin Bell responded)

MLS: Comment

Director Sigler: Comment

TT: Request for department to put in spreadsheet

E. Bell: Comment

LB: Comments

TT: Comment; Request to run numbers to see if electric vehicles would work (Judge Jacobs/Edwin Bell responded)

Magistrate Court

*TT: \$15K limit increase for small claims court to State (Judge Jacobs/Edwin Bell responded) TT:
Want to switch to Tyler Technology? (Judge Jacobs/Edwin Bell responded)
TT: Would start onboarding new software this year? (Judge Jacobs/Edwin Bell responded) LB:
Anticipated growth have to do with 2 new proposed bill? (Judge Jacobs/Edwin Bell responded)
LB: Self help? Explain details (Judge Jacobs/Edwin Bell responded)
LB: For corporate landlords or cases? (Judge Jacobs/Edwin Bell responded)
TT: Re report about addiction lab? (Judge Jacobs/Edwin Bell responded)
TT: TLAC 2.0 - Would that be complimentary for Dept? (Judge Jacobs/Edwin Bell responded) TT:
To COO - Something that can be done? (Judge Jacobs/Edwin Bell responded)*

Meeting Concluded At: 12:56PM

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