



DeKalb County Government

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1300 Commerce Drive
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Minutes - Draft

FAB-Finance, Audit & Budget Committee

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

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: 3:42 PM

Attendance: Commissioners Rader, Johnson, Cochran Johnson, Terry, Davis Johnson

Present 3 - Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Jeff Rader, and
Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

I. MINUTES

2021-2160 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the January 26, 2021 Finance, Audit, and Budget
Committee

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

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Rader, and
Commissioner Cochran-Johnson**

II. STATUS UPDATE

CARES Act Expenditure Report

Financial Statements

III. DISCUSSION

BOC Budget Questions

Public Defender

-requesting that budget for Public Defender's Office is approved

Actually 94 funded and filled positions; that needs to be noted

For mid-year budget consideration: creation of a 2 year fellowship program, that would fund an additional 5 attorneys in PD's office to assist with backlog; cost \$945,000

-TJ Sigler: will review the position list and make any needed updates

-Question TT: in terms of public defender salaries and hours spent each week, please explain difference btw prosecutors and public defenders compensation

Claudia Saari: experience level plays a large factor; needed is the support to meet workload demands

-Question TT: is the strain on your office due to the pandemic?

C Saari: The pandemic has enhanced the issue even more

-Question TT: what does backlog refer to?

C Saari: it is both proper movement of people through the system, and the volume of people on bond; high delinquency cases have also come from the schools; she plans to reach out to DA Boston and Judge Crawford for creation of a school justice partnership (not a budgetary impact for this but a person-impact)

-will return to FAB at future date to discuss mid-year request

IV. AGENDA ITEM*New Agenda Items:*2021-2092

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A resolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia declaring its intent to enter into a lease/purchase agreement with a third party vendor to finance the cost of the acquisition of certain sanitation vehicles and other vehicles and equipment now estimated not to exceed \$6.7 million and to reimburse itself for expenditures made in connection with the acquisition of such vehicles and equipment.ody

-JR: we are borrowing funds against our fleet correct?

Z Williams: That's correct, we have had items like this in the past

-what was the cost of the cell?

Z Williams: Roughly \$8M

-JR: we are taking on a 9 year debt to take on a 2 year cell?

-LJ: did PWI already approve this in their committee?

Z Williams: this was heard and approved in PWI, and is now being heard here per request

-JR: LCJ please provide findings on the sufficiency of the resources pertaining to this

-LCJ: we are not making the final decision today; we are allowing this to move forward before we have the ability to fully review

Meeting Ended At: 5:18 PM

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

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Rader, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC