



# DeKalb County Government

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Decatur, Georgia 30030

## Draft - Minutes

### FAB-Finance, Audit & Budget Committee

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Tuesday, July 13, 2021

3:30 PM

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*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:3:31 PM

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

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

**Absent**         1 - Commissioner Larry Johnson

#### I. MINUTES

**2021-2789**        Commission District(s): ALL  
Minutes for the June 22, 2021 Finance, Audit, and Budget Committee

**This agenda item was approved**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

**2021-2836**        Commission District(s): ALL  
Minutes for the July 7, 2021 Special Called Finance, Audit, and Budget Committee

**This agenda item was approved**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

**II. STATUS UPDATE**

CARES Act Funding

-presentation from CFO McNabb

-Question JR: could you describe the unobligated balances in the district section?

CFO McNabb: the remaining balances were what the original balances were, minus the commitments. From an accounting standpoint, this is unobligated, meaning there is fiscal capacity to make more expenditures in these areas.

-Question JR: that capacity is reflected in the available balance?

CFO McNabb: yes

-Question JR: we should take note of this commissioners. My next question - I see that you have been making ARP adjustments. Have you identified items that are eligible for ARP?

CFO McNabb: correct, we have not made that assignment at this point, but this is what we assume to make.

Z Williams: what this represents is our work to date. We will continuously look at ARP funds or other sources that will not affect our operating budget

-Question TT: regarding the available balance column - for District 6, we determined these were funds that were obligated but couldn't be spent. Did anyone else have this situation where the funds have not yet been drawn?

JR: We had time-limited contracts with many of the nonprofits, where they weren't to obligate the money in time, so it came back. I would suggest a memo to those organizations to amend the existing contract or a new purpose in which the funds could be moved for

-Question TT: the mental health care act funds, is that for CSB or a combination of sources?

CFO McNabb: my understanding is that it is CSB, which was setup on a reimbursement basis

JR: that does not require additional action by the board in order to maintain the ability of that fund?

Z Williams: no, this is because the BOC took a specific action and entered into a MOA with CSB

-Question RP: the nearly 900K that was called out for my district; remember last week we discussed these funds, so the number is currently larger than stated on the spreadsheet

-JR: regarding the small business loan program, I would like input from the BOC and Administration on whether that need is as great as it was or whether this needs to pivot

LCJ: what appears has happened is that we redirected those funds and they were spent in other categories after not being expended.

Personally, I know there is a great amount of need that exists for those business owners in the community; we need to input more effort.

COVID taught us that they need greater support, and this new funding gives us the opportunity to do right.

Z Williams: you hit the nail right on the head. We will need to utilize future funding (ARP). Our biggest takeaway is everything that is functioning is not functional; we need to take a step back and start at a more basic level and training. The ARP and other funding is an opportunity to take a look at that as it relates to small business and business retention.

LCJ: so what you're saying is that there is a commitment, but at this point there hasn't been a dollar amount attached to it. I look forward to hearing from the Administration on how we look to move the needle forward with small businesses.

-Question MDJ: when we discuss helping small business, we need to help them where they are. We also have requirements that we need to meet; the County has an apparatus that assists business development. But if we are not in the parameters that we need to be, there will be negative coverage in the news. As we move forward, understanding the needs of our constituents, we must be fully aware that all the monies received and dispensed have regulations and stipulations that we must adhere to. Also, any businesses that are outside of what DeKalb does, we need to be equitable in terms of putting out RFP's or any bids that go out.

-JR: regarding public health and wellness, DeKalb remains under 40% vaccinated. I would consider getting vaccines in arms as a top priority. I am looking for input in terms of a strategy to bring vaccines closer to unvaccinated populations, with partners like the BOH and other areas that have shown how to reach hard to reach populations. Regarding CARES, we did not spend what we had allocated in health and wellness via prevention

-Question JR: Mr. COO could you expound on the Administration's efforts?

Z Williams: we have had weekly meetings with the BOH, where we are laying out a strategy for reaching these areas in a mobile manner. Last week, we put together a strategy, and our big question is centered around incentives. In an upcoming committee, I would like to bring this to a discussion around bolstering our efforts and incentives.

JR: requests Administration, Board of Health develop a strategy to address incentives, best practices, and looks at multiplying the number of points of access. I don't mind bringing this back to this committee

-Z Williams: I look forward to bringing this forward in the near future

-JR: I know that the COO will be bringing forward a memo from the COO on how they believe administration had budgetary power to make the encumbrances in the CARES funding, after budget decisions were under a different impression from the Board

Z Williams: in addition, I am hoping to bring a draft proposed budget for the ARP next cycle

### III. DISCUSSION

#### DeKalb First LSBE Discussion

*-presentation not heard in committee*

*-JR: I would like to have this heard two weeks*

#### Mid-Year Budget

*-discussion of FY21 midyear tax funds budget amendment*

*-Z Williams: by this time next week, we can have packaged a request that has come from committees and departments to have a proposed budget. We are honing in well, and today's approval of the protect and serve bonuses is helpful*

*-Question JR: does the budget for EHOST create any fund balance for EHOST?*

*TJ Sigler: No, this year's allocation does not change the reserves. The EHOST collected last year is sufficient to cover the eligible expenditures for general fund and hospital fund.*

*-Question JR: There is no capacity in that account to defray either to unincorporated funds or other municipals funds?*

*TJ Sigler: If there was remaining credit, there would be. However, this year it pretty much covered what it would be total for those two funds.*

*-Question JR: How much is in the EHOST reserve right now?*

*TJ Sigler: About \$20M*

*V Ernstes: I would like to speak to this offline regarding usage of the EHOST reserve funds.*

*-Commissioner Rader requests to know how we are funding Porter Sanford*

*TJ Sigler: I will follow up on that*

*-Question JR: do you anticipate drafting this formally and having it align with the budget recommendation?*

*TJ Sigler: that is correct*

*-Question JR: do we need to get this process settled down more; it seems we can't know what midyear tax funds are until we know what the ARP funding budget is.*

*TJ Sigler: It is the goal to have this ready by July 27th*

*COO Williams: we are really close and don't see much more movement; for the past several weeks we have been determining where things will be paid for from.*

*-Question JR: it seems our midyear budget will be a newly introduced series of budget amendments that will be presented next Tuesday, then a special called FAB that Wednesday or Thursday to discuss?*

*COO Williams :that is correct*

*-JR: I won't be available to participate next Tuesday or Wednesday; I wouldn't mind waiting but if the BOC is prepared then it can be heard and adopted. My preference would be for these to be heard and adopted the first meeting of August*

### IV. AGENDA ITEM

*New Agenda Items:*

[2021-2776](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

An initial resolution authorizing the appointment of a placement agent in connection with the private placement pursuant to a competitive process and the issuance and sale by the County of its Tax Anticipation Notes (Federally Taxable), due December 15, 2021 in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$70,000,000 for the purposes of obtaining a temporary loan to pay current expenses during the 2021 calendar year.

*-item not heard in committee*

Meeting Ended At: 4:55PM

**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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

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