



DeKalb County Government

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

Minutes - Draft

FAB-Finance, Audit & Budget Committee

Monday, October 10, 2022

10:00 AM

Special Called Meeting

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: 10:01AM

Attendees: Commissioners Rader, Johnson, Cochran-Johnson, Terry

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

I. AGENDA ITEM

[2022-2131](#)

Commission District(s): All
To Amend the 2022 Operating Budget

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval upon receipt of additional information to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/11/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-Central Staff report on midyear budgetary requests made in committees of jurisdiction
-discussion of specific funding sources for budgetary requests
-discussion of Library Fruitful Transition Plan
-discussion of Sheriff's budgetary requests
-Question TT: regarding the Sheriff's budget, the electric vehicles that are being purchased is an important recruiting strategy. We should prepare for the electric vehicle charging infrastructure. We have received the first grant from the Georgia Power Make Ready program and local match will be needed. We'll need to work with the Sheriff and Facilities to arrange for the parking spots that may need to be transitioned over. Where in the budget are we paying for the other five parking areas that will have this infrastructure?
-JR: if they were to be in the midyear budget that would have needed to go through committee first. We can focus on that and work on finishing our business today
-discussion of Sheriff's overtime pay request
-Question LJ: what are our numbers on recruiting regarding the Sheriff?
Z Williams: I have not seen anything in writing that articulates where we are; we can run a report that shows the number of vacancies from last year compared to this year

-LCJ: motion on accepting or amending the Sheriff's proposal and its incorporation into the midyear budget amendment
Second LJ
Vote: yes unanimous

-discussion of Public Defender's budgetary requests
-Question LJ: will adding the 2 attorneys help alleviate the caseload?
-response by COO Williams
-Question LJ: I don't know the salaries for the office; will the adjustments put the Public Defender in the same boat as the other offices that need lawyers? I don't want us to battle against ourselves
-Z Williams: it brings them more in line. Additional information provided by COO Williams
-Question LJ: starting salaries in these offices are the same?
-response provided by COO Williams
-Question LJ: Mr. Chair could we look at a market study of attorneys to make sure we are in line?
-JR: sure
-Question JR: with the \$245,000 additional request you believe the market bears this request?
Z Williams: that's a fair statement

-LJ: motion to incorporate the additional expense of \$245,000 of salary adjustments from Public Defender through the end of the year, in order to support pay changes for retention
Second LCJ
Vote: yes unanimous

-discussion of Solicitor General's budgetary requests
-LJ: motion to approve the Administration's recommendation for the Solicitor General's office
Second LCJ
Vote: yes unanimous

-LJ: motion to approve midyear budget package as amended today in committee
Second LCJ
VOTE: yes unanimous

Meeting Ended At: 11:05AM

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

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

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC