



# DeKalb County Government

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1300 Commerce Drive  
Decatur, Georgia 30030

## Minutes - Draft

### FAB-Finance, Audit & Budget Committee

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Tuesday, March 23, 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: 4:04pm

Attendance: Commissioner Rader, Cochran-Johnson, L Johnson

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

#### I. MINUTES

**2021-2329**      Commission District(s): ALL  
Minutes for the March 9, 2021 Finance, Audit, and Budget  
Committee

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded  
by Larry 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

Budget Planning Timeline

*-presentation from TJ Sigler - OMB Director*

*Millage rates will be adopted by July 13th*

*-JR: May 3 - 14 I would like to encourage committee departments and constitutional offices to share any proposals that you have for the mid-year budget.*

*LJ: we need to know how much money is available to make those decisions*

*Z Williams: as we put together the budget in addition to the ARP funds, understand there is a host of other funds that we will be seeking*

*LCJ: I would like to see a more strategic approach as it relates to technology; through these ARP funds, it gives us the opportunity to address that gap within the organization*

*-Commissioner Rader requests that COO's office develops an outlying document that helps commissioners understand what funds are available, what their uses are, and then systematically solicit the commissioners to understand the ideas they have. Once that is done we can have the CEO take those requests/ideas into budget consideration.*

*Z Williams: Role setting is an opportunity we can take to lay out the vision*

*-TT: I was under the impression that entitlement counties, like DeKalb, would not be eligible?*

*If you are over 50,000 in population, the ARP funds will come directly to you; if you are under 50K population, this will come from your State*

*-Commissioner Rader requests this discussion returns to next FAB on 4/13/21, with status update from the COO's office on funds document*

### III. AGENDA ITEM

#### 2021-2349

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Approval to Accept the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) FY21 Grant Award in the Amount of \$50,000 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the Solicitor-General's Special Victims Prosecuting Attorney

Item approved at BOC 3/23

#### 2021-2352

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Approval to Accept the Victims Of Crime Act (VOCA) FY21 Grant Award in the Amount of \$212,075 from PAC/CJCC for the Solicitor-General's Victim-Witness Assistance Program.

Item approved at BOC 3/23

### IV. DISCUSSION

Accountability Courts

*-update on progress and new personnel within Accountability Courts - Chief Judge Jackson, Court administrator LeNora Hawkins Ponza, Judge Dear Jackson*

*-Question LJ: is there anything we can do to get the state to help us?*

*Z Williams: we are consistently seeking additional funding resources, whether from federal (e.g. DOJ) and state; we have had more assistance from a federal level as opposed to state*

*-Question LJ: how much is the mid-year request for you all?*

*L Ponzo: around \$900,000 for operating budget*

*-Question LJ: Is the \$16M we have in SPLOST for the expansion of the court house and renovation?*

*Z Williams: Yes, and I will follow up with you on the specifics*

*-LCJ requests information on the use of space to provide for a long-term approach can be used in the distance issue of the cases that are being heard*

*Chief Judge Jackson: a study may not be the best option, as there are constitutional mandates that may impede on the usage of space; there are inherent limitations*

Meeting Ended At: 5:03pm

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

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

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Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC