



DeKalb County Government

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Minutes - Draft

FAB-Finance, Audit & Budget Committee

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

10:00 AM

Meeting Started At: 10:03 AM

Attendance: Commissioners Jester, Johnson, Rader, Bradshaw, cochran-Johnson, and Gannon;

Present 3 - Chairperson Nancy Jester, Member Larry Johnson, and Jeff Rader

I. DISCUSSION

2020 Budget

Community Service Board

*Met in Jan and the service model that the courts were using was no longer being used at the CSB;
State of GA has some funding for accountability courts but its hard to get.*

JR: funding provided did not cover CSB costs, what was the nature of the funding shortfall? CSB employees have a very expensive benefits packages due to the overhead;

LJ: relationship terminated March 2019, want 4 people full time;

*LJ: Medicaid funding =drawn down explanation
State has several funding streams, must be accredited w the state licensure w the state, then bill a certain way; system is hard to navigate.*

JR: would it make sense to have a centralized resource here at the county?

NJ: does this need to be a legislative agenda item too?

*CSB does eligibility check to maximize eligibility
It would be difficult to recreate at the county level;*

*JR: could it be just for courts or could we generalize this to the whole County?
The hard part is getting the system accredited to the state that can pull down the funding,
Get a feasibility study;*

Look at Gwinnett and Cobb CSB accountability Courts model;

Also need to review current model vs state model for funding draw downs;

Feasibility Study for all accountability courts;

JR: 160k for 4 positions for half a year but by mid year we have a scope for the analysis for feasibility study, how are the others funded, how will the grants evaporate?

NJ: Administration ID all accountability courts, work with constitutionals to make the study happen, keeping the 160k for the four positions for drug court mental health court and veterans courts;

KG: have the facilities needs at CSB been included for evaluation for SPLOST funds?

KG: opioid program costs and funding

Tax Commissioner

The administration will review this request in its fixes;

Budget Amendment Process

Board will reserve the money for the Pension COLA but will develop policy for allocation to maximize the impact, wants to look at the impact;

SRB: is there a model for how we targeted this before?

NJ: how many people would the 2.1 m help under the original paradigm?

LJ: Library hours review;

Meeting Ended At: 11:49 AM

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

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Jester, Member Johnson, and Rader

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