



DeKalb County Government

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

FAB-Finance, Audit & Budget Committee

Commissioner Ted Terry (Chairperson)

Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

Commissioner Chakira Johnson

Friday, February 21, 2025

12:00 PM

Special Called Meeting

Meeting Started At:12:37PM

Attendance: Commissioners T. Terry, C.Johnson, N. Massiah, R. Patrick, and M. Davis Johson (teleconference)

Present 2 - Chairperson Ted Terry, and Commissioner Chakira Johnson

Not Present 1 - Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

I. DISCUSSION

Proposed FY2025 Budget Amendments

Bond Discussion

- 1) TT: Vacant positions from last year/ Animal Control, correct? (Director Sigler responded)
- 2)TT: Grant Writers – capacity available? Is See Click Fix included? Tree removal funding? Federal Grants available? (COO Williams responded)
- 3) TT: Street team – is the goal to increase to 4? (COO Williams responded)
- 4) TT: Graffiti in RCPA budget? Funded last year in SPLOST? (COO Williams responded)
- 5) TT: Zach to forward GIS info? (COO Williams responded)
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- 7) TT: Flock cameras – locations delayed because of contracts?
- 8) NM: Oper to suggestion? Use for Bouldercrest and having citation issuance problems
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District Attorney:

No questions

Sheriff's Office:

- 1) TT: Plans for larger CIP? (COO Williams responded)

Superior Court:

- 1) CJ: What is total ask? (Chief Judge responded)
- 2) TT: Small changes? (Chief Judge responded)
- 3) TT: Court Reporters/Staff Training and project Pinnacle – speak to it (Chief Judge responded)
- 4) TT: Updated money – Can we have the information before Tuesday? (Chief Judge responded)

Juvenile Court:

- 1) TT: Can Z. Williams and TJ get with Juvenile to see if any urgent matters (30 days to review)

Tax Commissioner:

- 1) TT: IT budget regarding what TC requesting – Can we review in 30 days? (Director TJ Sigler responded)
- 2) TT: Salary review – Does this apply to all constitutionals? (Director TJ Sigler responded) 30 days to review
- 3) CJ: Regarding Ai software – was listed as critical?

Solicitor General

- 1) TT: Wheelchair access and office space – Okay to get with Solicitor about office space, vehicles etc. and come back with recommendations? (Director TJ Sigler & COO Williams responded)
- 2) NM: TT: Staff Training included in \$157K? (Director TJ Sigler & COO Williams responded)

State/Magistrate Court:

- 1) TT: Can you wait on software or is it urgent right now? (Judge Jacobs responded)
- 2) TT: Replacement of vehicles? (K. Brock responded)
- 3) NM: The software and ability to issue warrants – is there a way to separate software and equipment to expedite? (K. Brock responded)
- 4) TT: RE: Mag court – Positions/salaries -any information or comment on P/T Judge salaries?

Public Defender:

- 1) TT: *What are top priorities?*
- 2) TT: *Are they fully staffed? (Commissioner Massiah responded) Review for 30 days*
- 3) TT: *Mobile units – 6 positions needed? (Director TJ Sigler responded)*

Commissioner Requests:

D1: Will continue discussion

D2:

- 1) *Communications position not filled from las year? What was CEO's budget? (John Manson responded)*
- 2) *TT: East DeKalb Health Center – D4 or D5?*
- 3) *RP: Housing funding – part of Housing 1st or putting homeless in housing? (B. Ganga responded)*
- 4) *TT: Has PECS discussed RPCA proposals?*
- 5) *NM: Admn have any thoughts on repairs to Porter Sanford? (COO Z. Williams responded)*
- 6) *TT: Animal Control team ready for training? (B. Ganga and COO Williams responded)*
- 7) *TT: Remind everyone how many arborists now? (B. Ganga and COO Williams responded)*
- 8) *TT: What is timing on installation of overflow units? (COO Williams responded)*
- 9) *RP: Any details on plan?*
- 10) *TT: Can we flush out plan?*
- 11) *CJ: Where are 2 additional locations for warming centers? (B. Ganga responded)*
- 12) *RP: \$375K spent so far -making sure we are being equitable*
- 13) *TT: Are we covered for next month? Do Warming centers double as cooling centers? (COO Williams responded)*
- 14) *TT: RE Animal Control – 2 additional locations -a map indicating hot spots? (B. Ganga responded)*
- 15) *CJ: May event funded? (B. Ganga responded)*
- 16) *RP: Can you send maps to Commissioners? (B. Ganga responded)*
- 17) *TT: Still funding through Lifeline? (B. Ganga responded)*
- 18) *TT: Regarding Public Arts Plan – How long ago was there a public park commission through discover DeKalb? Can we flush out who owns it? What is best process with identifying a consultant? Will RCPA run it?*

D5

RP: What is dollar amount?

TT: What is 1st step? Need money? What is funding source? SPLOST? (County attorney answered)

D4/D6: Funding safety etc. for parks cross walk (Commissioners addressed)

Child Care Discussion: *On hold for review(Covered by John Manson)*

Reserve for Appropriation:

- 1) *MDJ: How will money for reserve for appropriation be allocated this year? (Director TJ Sigler responded)*
- 2) *NM: What are we to do when asked for specific cut off dates and don't get them? (Director TJ Sigler responded)*
- 3) *RP; Tucker CID -\$200K need money for off duty officers (Director TJ Sigler responded)*
- 4) *MDJ: All money is supposed to be spent by 12/31? (Director TJ Sigler responded)*

5) TT: *If approved by BOC it can be spent the next year since already allocated? (Director TJ Sigler responded)*

6) TT: *Comment on timelines, deadlines, and calendar date (Director TJ Sigler responded)*

Paid Medical:

1) TT: *Actual Budget cost or over life of employees tenure? (COO Williams & V. Brown in HR responded)*

2) TT: *Someone salaried takes a sick day do they get paid same amount? V. Brown in HR responded*

3) TT: *Since passing policy have received questions – Do we need to make budget amendments to cover? (COO Williams responded)*

4) TT: *What was passed was an ordinance so does CEO have to implement policy? (COO Williams responded)*

2025-0185

Commission District(s): All

To Adopt the 2025 Annual Budget

MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/25/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Terry, and Commissioner Johnson

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

2025-0258

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Adoption of the Series 2025 Bond Resolution authorizing the issuance by the County of its Water and Sewerage Revenue Bonds (Second Resolution), Series 2025 in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$450,000,000 for the purpose of financing the cost of the acquisition, construction and equipping of certain improvements to the County's water and sewerage system.

MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for approval upon receipt of additional information to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/25/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Terry, and Commissioner Johnson

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

Meeting Ended At: 3:40PM

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC