

# Request for Board of Commissioners' Action

**From:** Faye Hughes, County Administrator **Date:** December 12, 2017

**Subject:** Superior Court Request – Addt'l Courtroom **Item Number:** VIII-C

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Subject: resolution

Faye,

Attached is the letter requesting an additional site be designated as a place to have court and a proposed resolution, all per our conversation.

Please place this on the agenda and request the commissioners adopt a resolution. I will be happy to appear and discuss or answer questions concerning the request. Just let me know.

Thanks,

Howard

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_

Second made by \_\_\_\_\_

Any discussion: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Votes \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Motion carried/ failed

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** Cook County, Georgia owns, has authority over and control of a courtroom facility which is connected to the Cook County Sheriff's Office; and,

**WHEREAS,** there is only one courtroom in the Cook County Courthouse; and,

**WHEREAS,** the courtroom connected to the Cook County Sheriff's Office has open public access, subject only to security screens; and,

**WHEREAS,** said courtroom has adequate space to accommodate a jury trial; and,

**WHEREAS,** said courtroom has adequate restroom facilities for the jury and the public to accommodate a jury trial; and,

**WHEREAS,** due to limited space for jury trials with only one courtroom, it appears to the governing authority of Cook County, Georgia that it is in the best interest of the public to have another courtroom available for jury trials,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the governing authority of Cook County, Georgia finds that the courtroom, which is connected to the Cook County Sheriff's Office, has public access, sufficient space and adequate restrooms to accommodate a jury trial.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the best interest of the public would be served by the furnishing of an additional facility for the holding of any session or sitting of Superior Court, including jury trials, which may be held from time to time.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-6-18 the governing authority of Cook County, Georgia hereby authorizes that any session or sitting of the Superior Court of Cook County, Georgia, including jury trials, may be held in the courtroom facility which is connected to the Cook County Sheriff's Office.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the use of said courtroom for jury trials or other court proceedings shall be in the discretion of the judges of the Superior Court of Cook County, Georgia.

**SO RESOLVED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Dwight Purvis, Chairman

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Vickie S. Parrish, County Clerk