

COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Session 6:00 p.m.

December 18, 2017

Present: Dwight Purvis, Chairman
Debra Robinson, Vice-Chairman
Lindsey Parrish, Commissioner
Audie Rowe, Commissioner

Staff Present: Faye Hughes, County Administrator
Vicki S. Parrish, County Clerk

Chairman Purvis called the meeting to order.

Vicki Parrish led the invocation.

The Commission Board led the pledge to the flag.

MOTORGRADER BIDS: Commissioner Robinson moved to approve the motorgrader bid from Flint Equipment Co. for a 670 G Motorgrader, \$201,000, 5 year/7500 Hour Buyback \$100,000, total cost \$ \$101,000., second Commissioner Rowe. Motion carried unanimously.

2018 COUNTY CLERK APPOINTMENT: Commissioner Rowe moved to reappoint Vicki Parrish as County Clerk for 2018, second Commissioner Parrish. Motion carried unanimously.

SUPERIOR COURT RESOLUTION - Commissioner Robinson moved to adopt the Superior Court Resolution designating the Cook County Sheriff's Office/Jail Enforcement Center courtroom as an official courtroom for any session or sitting of the Superior Court of Cook County, second Commissioner Parrish. Motion carried, 4 yes votes.

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 18th day of December, 2017.




Dwight Purvis, Chairman,

Vickie S. Parrish, County Clerk

BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS – LEE FOLSOM: Commissioner Rowe moved to adopt the Resolution for the reappointment of Lee Folsom to the Board of Tax Assessors for a new 3 year term, January 2018 to December 2020, second Commissioner Robinson. Motion carried, 4 yes votes.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A 48-5-295, requires the governing authorities of the various counties of Georgia to adopt a resolution establishing appointment/reappointment of the members of the County Board of Tax Assessors;

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Tax Assessors consists of three members;

WHEREAS, the three members serve staggered three year terms.

WHEREAS, the governing authority hereby desires to maintain a three member Board of Tax Assessors, each serving three (3) years and is desirous of those terms remaining staggered; and,

WHEREAS, one of the member's terms, Lee Folsom, ends December 31, 2017; and, member, Lee Folsom, is desirous of being reappointed to serve a new three year term, January 2018 – December 2020.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Lee Folsom shall be reappointed to serve a new term on the Cook County Board of Tax Assessors as follows, January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2020.

SO RESOLVED this 8th of December, 2017.

COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Dwight Purvis, Chairman
Cook County Board of Commissioners



ATTEST: 
Vicki S. Parrish, County Clerk

2018 QUALIFYING FEES: Commissioner Robinson moved to adopt the Resolution Setting Qualifying Fess for 2018 for Candidates Seeking Election, second Commissioner Parrish. Motion carried unanimously.

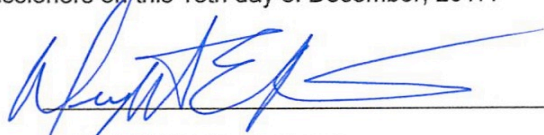
COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION SETTING 2018 QUALIFYING FEES
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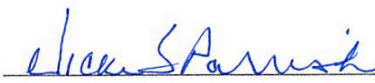
WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of O.C.G.A 21-2-131 the governing authority of Cook County is hereby required to set the qualifying fees for candidates seeking election to certain offices; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the qualifying fees for the Cook County 2018 Election Cycle are hereby set as stated below:

Chief Magistrate Judge	\$1392.25
County Commissioner, District 1	\$180.00
County Commissioner, District 5	\$180.00
Board of Education, District 3	\$ 99.00
Board of Education, District 5	\$108.00

Adopted by the Cook County Board of Commissioners on this 18th day of December, 2017.


Dwight E. Purvis, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Vicki S. Parrish, County Clerk



2018 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE – CARTER'S CATFISH HOUSE: Commissioner Robinson moved to approve the 2018 Alcoholic Beverage application for Carters' Catfish House – On Premise Consumption Wine and Malt Beverage, second Commissioner Parrish. Motion carried unanimously.

2016-17 BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION: Commissioner Robinson moved to adopt the 2016-17 Budget Amendment Resolution presented by County Administrator, Faye Hughes, second Commissioner Rowe. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution

WHEREAS, Cook County, Georgia is required by the laws of the State of Georgia to prepare, adopt and to operate under an annual balanced budget commencing October 1st of each Fiscal Year; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has designated the County Administrator as the County Budget officer and has required the County Administrator to prepare and submit a balanced operating budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 for Cook County; and,

WHEREAS, the County Administrator presented a balanced Proposed 2016-2017 Operating Budget for Cook County at a scheduled public hearing to solicit public comments, as well as work sessions; and,

WHEREAS, the Cook County Commissioners adopted the proposed budget; and,

WHEREAS, any amendments to said Budget after Final Adoption shall be made as follows:


1. Any increases in appropriation in any fund for any County Department of Cook County whether accomplished through a change in anticipated revenues in any fund or through a transfer of appropriations among Departments, shall require the approval of the Board of County Commissioners;
2. Transfers to appropriations in any fund among the various accounts within a Department of Cook County, shall require only the approval of the Budget Officer, except that transfers of appropriations within a Department of Cook County which increases the salary appropriation shall require the approval of the Board of Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to amend the original budget; and,

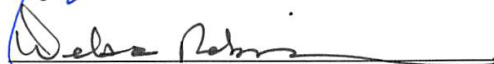
WHEREAS, County Administrator has prepared the amendment and presented the proposed amendment to the Cook County Board of Commissioners for approval; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of County Commissioners hereby formally amend the 2016-2017 Operating Budget for Cook County as provided above.

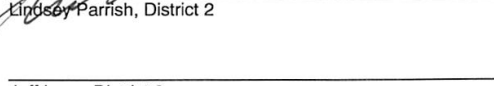
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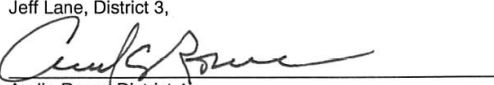

Dwight Purvis, District 5, Chairman


Date: 12/18/17


Debra Robinson, District 1


Lindsey Parrish, District 2


Jeff Lane, District 3,


Audie Rowe, District 4


Attest: Vicki S. Parrish, Clerk



WIREGRASS TECHNICAL RENOVATIONS: The Commissioners considered the bids presented for the Wiregrass Technical College Renovations (for the area formerly known as the cosmetology room): Hancock Paint Contractors \$20,763.00; Gibbs Painting Inc. \$33,300.00, Brian Stone Construction \$31,700.00 and Kelly Construction \$31,306.00.

Commissioner Parrish moved to accept the bid from Hancock Paint Contractors, \$20,763.00, second Commissioner Robinson. Motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYEE LATERAL MOVE – Road Department/Landfill: Based on the fact that the supervisor had approved the lateral move prior to the board freezing lateral moves between the road department and landfill.

Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the lateral move for the employee that wished to transfer from the road department to the landfill, second Commissioner Parrish. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session: Commissioner Robinson moved to enter into an executive session with the right to return to regular session, second Commissioner Rowe. Motion carried, 4 yes votes.

Commissioner Rowe moved to return to regular session, second Commissioner Robinson. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Parrish moved to adjourn the meeting, second Commissioner Rowe. Motion carried.

COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

This the ____ day of January, 2018.

/s/ Dwight E. Purvis, Chairman

/s/ Vicki S. Parrish, County Clerk