



AGENDA ITEM

Consent

REPORT TO: Work Session (02/19/24)
REPORT TO: Voting Meeting (02/22/24)
ITEM NO: 23/2024
SUBJECT: Approve the Hall County Grand Jury's increased expense allowance of traverse juror's pay in Superior and State Courts, effective March 1, 2024.

Meetings:

Work Session Date: 02/19/24

Voting Meeting Date: 02/22/24

Executive Summary:

Presenter:

CHCODD

Recommendation:

Court Administration recommends approval.

Purpose of Request:

Approve the Hall County Grand Jury's increased expense allowance of traverse juror's pay in Superior and State Courts, effective March 1, 2024.

History:

It has been many years since the last adjustment by the Grand Jury and Hall County Commission. Traverse jurors are currently paid \$40 per day. The Fall Term of the Grand Jury voted to increase the pay to \$50 per day.

Facts and Issues:

Options:

OCGA § 15-2-7 provides that the first grand jury impaneled at the fall term of the superior courts "shall fix an expense allowance for trial and grand jurors in superior courts of such counties for the next succeeding year not to be less than \$5.00 nor to exceed \$50.00 per diem."

On October 3, 2023, a Hall County grand jury fixed the traverse juror compensation at \$50 per day for calendar year 2024, representing an increase from the 2023 rate of \$40 per day. The increase will be effective March 1, 2024 "subject to the approval of the governing authority of the county" pursuant to OCGA § 15-2-7(b).

Based on the Clerk's reporting of efficiencies with their new software and revised strategies to calling in jurors, no budget adjustment is necessary in FY2024.

Funding Requested	\$ 440,003.00
Are funds within current budget?	Yes
Source of Funds	General
Does the action involve a Resolution, Ordinance, Contract, Agreement, etc.?	No
Has it been reviewed by the County Attorney?	Yes
Is there a deadline for this item?	2024-02-29

Approvals:

Submit	Approve	Budget	Finance
KM	JS	EW	WG
Attorney	Administration		Clerk
WLI	CR		JR

Attachments:

Financial Supplement
 OCGA Section re: Compensation of Court Bailiffs ad Payment of Expense Allowance to Jurors
 Pay Increase Approval by Superior Court



**HALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FINANCIAL SUPPLEMENT REPORT**

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Funds Requested: \$ 440,003.00

Request Budgeted: Yes

Proposed Source of Funding:

Budget Transfer Requested:

General

No

Funding Source Items:

Fiscal Year	Fund	Division	Account	Amount
2024	100-GENERAL FUND	2300-STATE COURT	531105-JURY SUPPLIES	\$10,184.00
2024	100-GENERAL FUND	2150-SUPERIOR COURT	531105-JURY SUPPLIES	\$102,363.00
2025	100-GENERAL FUND	2300-STATE COURT	531105-JURY SUPPLIES	\$20,367.00
2025	100-GENERAL FUND	2150-SUPERIOR COURT	531105-JURY SUPPLIES	\$307,088.00

Budget Transfer Items:

Additional Information/Comments:

Based on the Clerk's reporting of efficiencies with their new software and revised strategies to calling in jurors, no budget adjustment is necessary in FY2024. Based on FY 2023 actuals, these are estimates as to what the totals will be with the 25% increase in pay.

Contact for Questions: KAM

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