



AGENDA ITEM

Consent Agenda

REPORT TO: Work Session (10/07/24)

REPORT TO: Voting Meeting (10/10/24)

ITEM NO: 519/2024

SUBJECT: Approval of the standing order from the Superior Courts of Hall County to set the salary of any full-time Juvenile Court Judge at 85 percent of the base salary received by a Superior Court Judge in the circuit and to adjust Juvenile Court Judges' salaries on the same date of any adjustment made to Superior Court Judges' salaries unless an alternate date is set by separate order at that time by the Chief Superior Court Judge.

Meetings:

Work Session Date: 10/07/24

Voting Meeting Date: 10/10/24

Executive Summary:

Presenter: JS

Recommendation:
Approval

Purpose of Request:

The purpose of the request is to ensure there is documented instruction as to how Juvenile Court Judges are paid and when any cost of living increases given to Superior Court Judges by the state are then given to Juvenile Court Judges.

History:

Unlike state court judges, the solicitor general and magistrate judges, local legislation and state law do not outline with certainty how juvenile court judges salaries are set other than to say they "shall be set by the superior court of the circuit in which the judges serve with approval of local governing authorities." The state law which speaks to juvenile court judges' salaries also is unclear regarding when any cost of living increase given to superior court judges would go into effect for juvenile court judges. Creating a standing order which speaks to these issues is the recommendation of both legal counsel and Administration in order to clear up any confusion going forward.

Facts and Issues:

Options:

The increase for Juvenile Court Judges was originally scheduled to begin Jan. 1, 2025 given that there is some discrepancy in both previous standing orders and the ACCG Guidebook as to when a COLA is to begin for Juvenile Court Judges. Vacancy allowance will provide for the increases to be retroactive to July 1, 2024 and that is the request from Courts.

Funding Requested \$ 8,235.19
Are funds within current budget? Yes
Source of Funds General Fund
Does the action involve a Resolution, Ordinance, Contract, Agreement, etc.? Yes
Has it been reviewed by the County Attorney? Yes
Is there a deadline for this item? 2024-10-10

Approvals:

Approve	Budget	Finance	Attorney
KC	JM	TS	WLI
Administration		Clerk	
CR		JR	

Attachments:

Financial Supplement
 Standing Order - Juvenile Court Judges Salaries



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

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Funds Requested: \$ 8,235.19

Request Budgeted: Yes

Proposed Source of Funding:

Budget Transfer Requested:

General Fund

No

Funding Source Items:

Fiscal Year	Fund	Division	Account	Amount
2025	100-GENERAL FUND	2600-JUVENILE COURT	511100-SALARIES	\$7,649.97
2025	100-GENERAL FUND	2600-JUVENILE COURT	512200-FICA	\$585.22

Budget Transfer Items:

Additional Information/Comments:

There is enough savings within the General Fund to cover the increase for Juvenile Court Judge's salaries. If any further budget adjustment maybe warranted, we can analyze that at mid-year.

Contact for Questions: KC

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