

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CLAYTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2010- 138

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CHIEF OF STAFF AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO REVIEW VARIOUS COUNTY POLICES AND THE COUNTY PENSION PLAN; AMEND THE VEHICLE USE POLICY; DIRECTING THE CHIEF OF STAFF TO NOTIFY THE STATE THAT THE COUNTY INTENDS TO CLOSE THE CLAYTON COUNTY REGIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Clayton County (the "County") and other governmental entities including the State of Georgia are suffering an economic downturn and decreased revenue projections caused by, among other things, declines in residential values and motor vehicle taxes; and

WHEREAS, the County projects there will be a shortfall in anticipated revenues which will create a significant gap between anticipated expenses and revenues for FY 2011; and

WHEREAS, the County is considering a number of approaches to reduce overall spending in the County now, and in the future; and

WHEREAS, one area the County is considering is the allocation and use of County vehicles, especially those used for take home by employees and elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that immediate savings can be achieved by limiting the approval of vehicles that can be taken home to vehicles assigned to elected officials and their employees that are involved in law enforcement functions; and

WHEREAS the Board is directing the Chief of Staff and others to review various policies of the County related to travel, vehicle use, and cell phones to determine whether further cost savings can be obtained by modifications to those policies; and

WHEREAS, the County believes that it is important for the financial welfare of the County to take the following measures.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners hereby directs the Chief of Staff to review the County's travel and vehicle use policies, and the use and assignment of cell phones. The Chief is further directed to bring back, in the next sixty (60) days, any recommendations to the Board to modify or amend the travel and vehicle use policies, and the assignment of cell phones that may result in a reduction in those expenses.

Section 2. The Board hereby amends the Clayton County Vehicle Use Policy to provide that take home vehicles assigned to elected officials by the County shall be limited to the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and elected officials and their employees that are involved in law enforcement activities including the Sheriff, District Attorney and Solicitor General. Any vehicle that is used by an elected official or their employee as a take home vehicle, that is not assigned to the Chairman, Sheriff, District Attorney or Solicitor General shall be returned to Fleet Maintenance on or before July 1, 2010.

Section 3. The Board of Commissioners hereby directs the Director of Finance to review the County's pension plan and bring forth recommendations to reduce both the county's expenditure and pension liabilities. Additionally, the Board further directs the Director to ask the Pension Board to investigate the County's pension plan and the feasibility of amending the plan to prohibit individuals who are members of any state pension plan from participating in the County's pension plan. It is the Board's feeling that individuals should not earn full pensions from both the County and from the State.

Section 4. The Board of Commissioners hereby directs the Director of Finance, Director of Transportation and the Chief of Staff to take whatever steps are necessary to increase the Assessments for street lights an additional five dollars (\$5.00) per year to be reflected beginning with the 2010 tax bills.

Section 5. The Board of Commissioners hereby directs the Chief of Staff to notify the Georgia Public Safety Training Center that it will not enter into a new Agreement and that the County intends to close the Clayton County Regional Law Enforcement Academy on or before August 1, 2010, and that steps will be taken to complete the County's remaining training obligations through measures approved by the Public Training Center.

Section 6. This resolution shall be effective upon its approval by the Board of Commissioners.

SO RESOLVED this 29th day of June 2010.

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


ELDRIN BELL, CHAIRMAN


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ATTEST:


SHELBY D. HAYWOOD, CLERK