



Public Safety Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: September 30, 2025

Approve the revised allocation of Drug Alcohol Treatment and Education (DATE) proceeds

Department:	Finance
Caption:	Motion to approve the revised use of Drug Alcohol Treatment and Education (DATE) proceeds per the MOU between Sheriff Eugene Brantley and Judge Ashanti Pounds.
Background:	Revenue collected from DATE fine surcharges is restricted to specific qualifying expenditures under state enabling legislation. Historically, Augusta allocated this revenue to support the CHAMPS and DARE programs operated by the Sheriff's Office. In 2015, an MOU was executed between Judge Watkins and Sheriff Roundtree, which established a revenue split directing a portion of DATE proceeds to the Accountability Court. To formalize the continuation of this long-standing arrangement, a new MOU has now been signed by Judge Ashanti Pounds and Sheriff Eugene Brantley, adopting the same terms as the previous agreement.
Analysis:	Accountability Court remains a qualified use of DATE surcharge funds. The new MOU between Judge Pounds and Sheriff Brantley reaffirms and continues the revenue allocation first established in 2015, ensuring both the Sheriff's Office and the Accountability Court continue to benefit from DATE funds. It should be noted that final control of DATE surcharge revenue rests with the Commission, and approval is required for any allocation or reallocation
Financial Impact:	There is no impact on the overall budget level. This action represents a reallocation of existing funding sources, not an increase in expenditures.
Alternatives:	N/A
Recommendation:	Approve the MOU between Judge Pounds and Sheriff Brantley, which adopts the terms of the prior MOU signed by Judge Watkins and Sheriff Roundtree, thereby continuing the established allocation of DATE surcharge funds to support the Accountability Court.
Funds are available in the following accounts:	
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	N/A

