



Commission Meeting

September 5, 2023

November 7, 2023 Special Election Funding from Contingency

Department:	Board of Elections
Presenter:	W. Travis Doss, Jr., Executive Director
Caption:	Motion to approve funding for the November 7, 2023 .05% sales and use tax for the James Brown arena. (Approved by Finance Committee August 29, 2023)
Background:	The Augusta-Richmond County Commission adopted a resolution on June 29, 2023 calling for a Special Election of a special 0.50 percent sales and use tax and has requested the Board of Elections to conduct said election on November 7, 2023.
Analysis:	The Board of Elections did not budget any elections in the 2023 budget. Special Elections are not budgeted or funded since it is unknown when they might occur. The Coliseum Authority will be billed for the costs.
Financial Impact:	The Board of Elections is asking for \$195,000. Cost for this Special Election will be reimbursed by the Coliseum Authority however money needs to be available to finance the election prior to reimbursement.
Alternatives:	There are no alternatives since the Commission has issued the resolution calling for the countywide Special Election.
Recommendation:	Approve the agenda item and direct Finance to make a budget available in the accounts noted in the Board of Elections cost estimate worksheet. Augusta-Richmond County will then bill the Coliseum Authority for the expense of the Special Election.
Funds are available in the following accounts:	Reimbursable by the Coliseum Authority
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	W. Travis Doss, Jr., Executive Director