

Cc: Rachel McFatridge <RMcFatridge@augustaga.gov>

Subject: 2026 Budget - 2% reduction-Solicitor

Good Morning

The 2026 Budget was formally adopted by the Commission on December 16, 2025, during the reconvened session of the November 18, 2025 meeting. To achieve a balanced budget, the Commission approved an additional 2% reduction from departmental budget requests. For your department, this reduction amounts to **\$47,920**.

To implement this directive, the following operating budget line items have been reduced. If necessary, you may reallocate the reduction across other expense lines as you deem appropriate to maintain operational effectiveness and efficiency.

Description	Object Code	Reduction Amount	Original Budget	Revised Budget
Membership Dues	5236110	5,000	7,000	2,000
Education & Training	5237110	15,000	20,000	5,000
Books and Periodicals	5314110	7,500	10,000	2,500
Postage	5232120	10,000	14,000	4,000
Copy Services-Contract	5311210	5,000	10,330	5,330
Copy Services-Paper	5311211	5,420	12,100	6,680
		47,920		

If it is determined that the reduction will impact personnel and require the elimination of any positions, please provide the following details for each affected position:

- **Title**
- **PCN (Position Control Number)**
- **Salary**
- **Status** (Filled or Vacant)
- If you are eliminating any positions a RPA will need to be submitted to HR and Finance to finalize the abolishment of the position(s).

Once your adjustments are finalized, please submit to Rachel McFatridge at rmcfatridge@augustaga.gov no later than January 16, 2026.

As always, your budget analyst will be able to provide assistance as needed. If no changes are submitted, we will assume cuts to your budget are appropriate.

Your department's budget can be accessed in CentralSquare using the date **01/01/2026** and budget version **AD**. If you encounter any issues, please reach out to your assigned budget analyst for assistance.

Additional information regarding approved new programs and personnel will be shared directly with the respective department directors.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support throughout the budget process.

Best regards,

Tim

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Omeeka Loggins

From: Omeeka Loggins
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2026 12:19 PM
To: Tameka Allen; Timothy Schroer
Cc: Rachel McFatridge; Nancy A. Ocque; Jim Plunkett
Subject: RE: 2026 Budget - 2% reduction-Solicitor

Thank you all for your partnership as well. I do appreciate all that you are doing to get the county financially sound and I will do what I can to support you in these efforts. Have a great weekend and MLK Holiday/Service Day.

Omeeka

From: Tameka Allen <Allen@augustaga.gov>
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Solicitor Loggins,

Thank you for working with us as we go through this process. I appreciate your partnership and understand your mandated needs.

Tameka

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Good morning,

I was able to meet with Nancy this morning so there is no need for an extension. After working with her and looking at our budget costs for the past years, the only response I have is that I will try to work with the confines of the budget. I know that I can transfer funds from other budget line items. But let's be clear, if the proposed cuts are made, I will most likely have to come back to the Commission for additional funding at some point as there is no way I can uphold my statutory obligations with the current proposed budget. As mentioned in my previous email, there are obligations that are not merely

suggestions but legal mandates. And as caseloads increase (there is clear documentation that our caseload has tripled in the last year), so does my operating costs and personnel needs. There is also no way I can relieve personnel as we are already understaffed. However, I will continue to monitor the budget and review monthly.

Thank you all,
Omeeka Loggins

From: Omeeka Loggins <OLoggins@augustaga.gov>

Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2026 2:23 AM

To: Timothy Schroer <tschroer@augustaga.gov>

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Good evening,

Unfortunately due to the the increase and influx of cases and workload, I have not been able to give this budget suggestion the attention that it needs or to consult with my budget analyst Nancy. I know these are suggestions. While I appreciate the recommendation/suggestion, there is no way that I can operate with the suggested funding levels. For instance, I have at least 15 employees that must have mandatory training and \$5000 total is not sufficient. To be clear, I only send them to the required training necessary to keep their licenses and certifications (so to say travel less is disingenuous). Further, as you know, we are statutorily required to send notice by mail to all defendants, defense attorneys, bondsmen and victims plus postage. I would love to be able to send notice electronically but Georgia law does not allow. Additionally, we are required to provide hard copies of their charges, and hard copy of all plea paperwork, etc. Multiply that by the number of cases (including the increasing numbers), \$6000 for paper and copy services is grossly insufficient. I am not in ANY position at this time to cut personnel. (I am already at 1 investigator per judge, 1 victim advocate per judge - the commission approved another victim advocate position due to the increase of dv cases and addition of DV Court, 2 legal clerks per judge, and one intake person). And I definitely cannot afford to lose any attorney positions as I am down to 1 attorney per judge in all but 1 court room, including myself. I am actively interviewing for attorneys and have 2 employees that are slated to take the bar exam.

I say all this to say that this will require serious consideration, that I will need to consult with Nancy and other entities. Nancy is great at what she does, so she maybe able to help me find other line items to cut that will still ensure that I am able to operate. I am requesting an extension of the January 16 deadline to be able to do so. I do not want my late response to be interpreted as acquiescing to the suggested cuts. If you could allow me one more week (January 23), I should be able to meet with Nancy and have a response. Trust, I have not procrastinated, I have been in court (until 6:00 pm on several occasions), interviews, etc. I am just asking for a little more time to attempt to comply with the request.

Thank you,
Omeeka Loggins

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From: Timothy Schroer <tschroer@augustaga.gov>

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