

Staff Report

Subject: Amendment to Juvenile Court IGA
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Meeting Date: 9/17/24
Item Description: Consideration to approve and amendment to the Juvenile Court intergovernmental agreement with the Ogeechee Circuit and its counties

Summary Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the amendment to the Juvenile Court intergovernmental agreement.

Executive Summary:

Since 2019 the county has been operating under an intergovernmental agreement between the Ogeechee Circuit and all member counties to facilitate operation of the Juvenile Court. Under this arrangement, Effingham is the main fiscal agent for the Court and so pays out Court costs directly and other members reimburse Effingham on a monthly basis, in accordance with the amounts specified in this IGA.

Periodically, this agreement must be amended to account for budget changes, inflation, and other items.

Background:

1. The last amendment was for FY 2022.
2. Since that time, the Court has lost one part-time judge, added one full-time clerk position, and added another guardian ad-litem.
3. There have been reductions to some line items, such as attorney billings and court report billings.
4. The overall net budget has increased from \$253,924.31 in FY 2022 to \$349,276.54 in FY 2025.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve the amendment to the Juvenile Court IGA.
2. Do not approve the amendment.
3. Provide staff with direction.

Recommended Alternative:

1. Staff recommends Alternative number 1 – Approve the amendment to the Juvenile Court IGA.

Other Alternatives:

N/A

Department Review: *(list departments)*

Finance

Funding Source:

General Fund, Ogeechee Circuit counties

Attachments:

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