

# Gwinnett County Clerk of Court

2019 Budget Presentation

## **Budget Overview**



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### **Clerk of Court**



## Department Responsibility

To enter and record all orders, decrees, judgments, and other proceedings of the Superior, State, and Magistrate Courts of Gwinnett County as well as other duties mandated by law.

## **County Priorities**





Mobility & Access



Communication & Engagement



Safe & Healthy Community



Strong & Vibrant Local Economy



**Smart & Sustainable Government** 



Livability & Comfort

### **Smart and Sustainable Government**





#### Strategies

Staffing Levels

System Enhancements

### **Strategies**





Staffing Levels

- Programs to Manage Staffing
  - Decision Package Request
  - Identify County Retention and Recruitment Strategies / Tactics
    - o21% Attrition Rate (1/3 as Transfers)
    - Compensation (Competitive Market Analysis)
  - Temporary Services

### **Strategies**





#### System Enhancements

- Current Programs
  - New Case Management Software
  - New Land Records Software
  - Fully Integrated Accounting System
    - Electronic Payment Services
    - ACH Payments
  - E-filing: Superior, State & Magistrate Courts

#### **Initiatives**



- Disaster Recovery
- Public Internet Access to Scanned Historical & Active Documents
- Historical Scanning (Post CMS)

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	Category	2018 Budget	2018 Forecast	2019 Budget
	Revenue	\$18.7M	\$18.1M	\$18.1M
	Operating Expense:			
	Personal Services	\$6.9M	\$6.5M	\$7.1M
	General Operating	\$1.9M	\$1.8M	\$2.5M
TIT	Allocations	\$1.8M	\$1.8M	\$1.9M
	Total Operating Expense:	\$10.6M	\$10.1M	\$11.5M

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	Category	2018 Budget	2019 Budget	Variance
	Revenue	\$18.70M	\$18.10M	(\$600K)
	Expenses	\$10.63M	\$11.47M	(\$840K)
	Decision Package	0.0K	150K	(\$150K)
	Total 2019 Budget Request	\$10.63M	\$11.62M	(\$990K)



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Increase in License Support1 (\$348K)

2018 vs 2019

Personal Services Variance (\$138K)

Increase in Temps (4 Adds) (\$130K)

Contributions (\$100K)

Supplier-Computer (IT) (\$64K)

Deeds Indexing (\$35K)

Copier Lease (\$15K)

Total \_\_\_\_\_(\$830K)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Sustain / Odyssey License Fee Overlap

	Category	2018 Budget	2018 Forecast	2019 Budget
	Special Revenue Fund:	\$608.7K	\$609.9K	\$609.1K
	Operating Expense:			
	Historical Scanning	\$0.0K	\$0.0K	\$0.0K
FI	Case Mgmt (CMS)	\$1,191.4K	1,191.4K	\$882.7K
	Use of Funds	\$582.7K	\$581.5K	\$273.6K
	CMS Funding:			
<u> </u>	Capital Fund	\$586.8K	\$1,196.3K	\$32.4K
	Authority Imaging Fund	\$1,191.4K	\$1,191.4K	\$882.7K

100	Fund Management:	2018 Budget	2018 Forecast	2019 Budget	
	Fees / Fines	\$39.8M	\$41.4M	\$41.8M	
	Trust Funds	<u>\$31.8M</u>	<u>\$48.1M</u>	\$49.1M	
FF	Total Funds	\$71.6M	\$89.5M	\$90.9M	
	COC Staff	106	106	106	
	Workload <sup>1</sup>	338.9K	365.5K	362.4K	
	BOE Staff <sup>2</sup>	3	3	3	
	<ul> <li>Judicial Caseload &amp; Deed Filings</li> <li>Two Full Time – One Part Time</li> <li>Clerk</li> </ul>				



#### Staffing Levels

- Request is for 3 Deputy Clerks (\$153K)
  - Understaffed Workforce
    - o Last Deputy Clerk Staff Increase 2009
  - State Legislative Requirements
    - Increase in Documentation Required (Garnishments)
    - Increase in Case Complexities (Criminal Cases)
    - Code Compliance (Deadlines, Reporting, etc.)

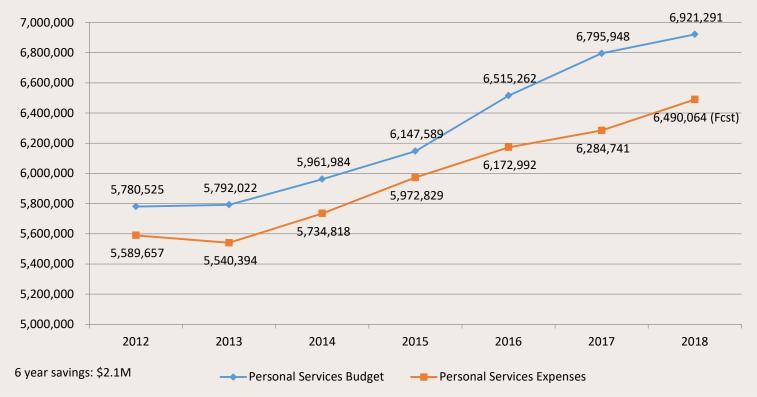


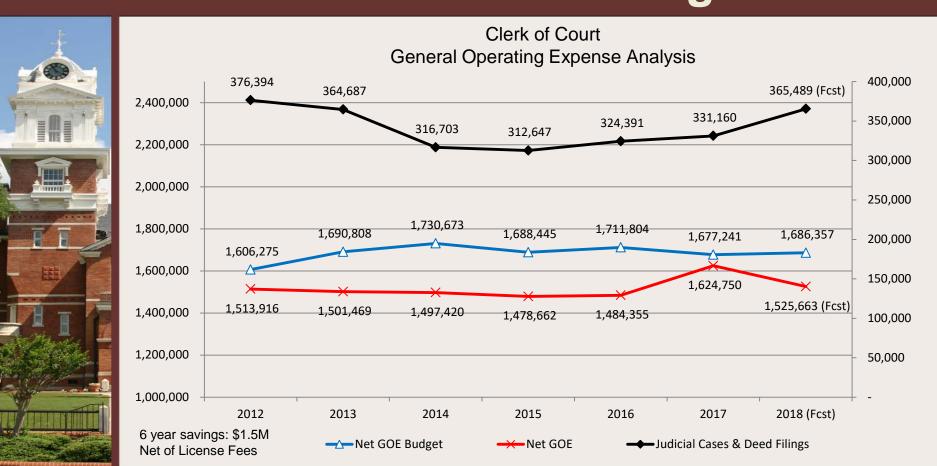
- Staffing Levels (Con'd)
  - Increase in County Population
    - o 805K (2010) to 950K (2018)
  - Increase in Number of Cases / Filings
    - o 7.1 % Increase Projected in 2019
    - Garnishment Case Growth 19.5K to 30.9K
       from 2009 to 2019
    - CT Corp Registered Agent (27% of Garnishment Cases in 2017)
    - Judicial Case Volume Estimate is 3.2M¹

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Judicial Case Count from 1993-2019









## 2019 Budget Summary



- Smart & Sustainable Government
  - Staffing Levels
  - Systems Enhancements
- Revenue Budget Projected to Decrease \$600K
- Expense Budget Projected to Increase \$840K
- Judicial Case Count Projected to Increase 9.5%
- Land Records Filings Projected to Increase 5.2%
- Proposed Decision Package \$153K



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