



# 2015 General Assembly Recap



July 7, 2015

# AGENDA

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# Status of Gwinnett County BOC Legislative Agenda for 2015

## *Paperless Property Tax Bills*

- **Included in HB 202**
- **Signed by Governor Deal and effective January 1, 2016**
- **Projected savings of approximately \$140,000**

# Status of Gwinnett County BOC Legislative Agenda for 2015

## *Increasing Penalties for Sexual Crimes*

- Included in two bills
  - ✓ HB 233 – Georgia Uniform Civil Forfeiture Procedure Act
  - ✓ SB 8 – Safe Harbor/Rachel’s Law Act
- Both bills allow for forfeitures of assets when a person uses the assets for the purpose of pimping, regardless of the age of the person performing the act of prostitution.
- Signed by Governor Deal and effective July 1, 2015

# Status of Gwinnett County BOC Legislative Agenda for 2015

## *Technology User Fee*

- **HB 338 - Introduced by Representative Eddie Lumsden**
- **Sent to the House floor where it failed**

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## *Clerk of Court – Clerk Retirement Fee Impact*

- **Revise the current law to increase civil case filing fees to correct disparities in county budgets created by HB 487 in 2009.**
- **No interest in pursuing “fee-related” legislation.**

# Status of Gwinnett County BOC Legislative Agenda for 2015

## *Interbasin Transfers*

- Only one bill introduced – HB 4
- This bill only dealt with the Tennessee River, and never made it to a hearing

# **ACCG – Top Legislative Priorities**

## ***Juvenile Justice Funding, Court Support and Operations***

- **HB 361 – Introduced by Representative Andy Welch**
- **Clarifies and cleans up Juvenile Justice Reform bill of 2013**

# ACCG – Top Legislative Priorities

## *Transportation Funding Act of 2015*

- **HB 170 – Introduced by Representative Jay Roberts following multiple meetings throughout the state**
- **Effective July 1, 2015**

# Other Bills Affecting Gwinnett County

- **HB 110 – Fireworks Bill**
- **HB 120 – Using SPLOST Funds for State Projects**
- **HB 192 – P-Card Bill**
- **HB 217 – Mutual Fund Bill**
- **HB 279 – Superior Court Judges’ and District Attorneys’ Pay Increase**
- **HB 461 – Metal Theft**
- **SB 88 - Pay Wages by Credit to Payroll Card**

# Study Committees

- **HB 170 – Establishes the Joint Committee on Georgia’s Revenue Structure**
- **HR 473 - Creates the House Study Committee on Annexation, Deannexation, and Incorporation**
- **House Transportation Committee – Subcommittee on Truck Weights**
- **SB 59 - "Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act”**
  - **Calls for the creation of the Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act Guidelines Committee**

# Bills That Failed

- **HB 411 – Truck Weights**
- **SB 142 – Moratorium Limits**
- **SB 186 - Legal Notices - Counties Provided the Option to Post Online**
- **SB 191 - Call Before You Dig - No Local Regulations Stricter than the State's**

# 9-1-1 Funding

- **HB 577**
- **Included some of the recommendations from the two study committees**
- **Introduced, but did not make it out of committee**
- **Sponsor committed to meet with stakeholders prior to 2016 session**

# Gwinnett County Regional Youth Detention Center

- Directive included in the FY 2016 State budget:
  - *“Utilize existing and matching local funds to recommend a facility location in a highly populated county, Gwinnett”*
- Senator Unterman continuing to work with the Governor and OPB regarding budget request for 2017.

# Other Bills Affecting Gwinnett County

## HB 475



## Feral Hog Bill

**No person shall transport live feral hogs anywhere in this state unless authorized to do so pursuant to a feral hog transport permit .**

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# Comments/Questions

