

Case #: 22-1-0018

  
Connie Taylor

Clerk of Superior Court Cobb County



GEORGIA, COBB COUNTY  
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CASE No. 22-1-0018 IN THIS OFFICE

THIS 8th DAY OF July 20 22

  
DEPUTY CLERK, COBB COUNTY COURT  
COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA

**GENERAL PRESENTMENTS  
of the  
MAY/JUNE 2022  
GRAND JURY  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**JOHNNIE GREEN, FOREPERSON  
ERICA SCOTT, ASSISTANT FOREPERSON  
BRIAN MORRETT, CLERK**

CONNIE TAYLOR  
SUPERIOR COURT CLERK  
COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA

FILED IN COURT  
THIS 7/7 20 22  
AT 3:15 P M

MAY/JUNE 2022  
Grand Jury

Consisted of the Following Panel Members:

Allen Culley McCloud  
Amanda Jane Phillips  
Amelia Coronado  
Anthony Jamel Weldon, Alt. 3  
Brian Lee Morrett, Clerk  
Carmen Estelle Lumpkin, Alt. Off.  
Charles Dean Bartlett  
Charles R. Blackburn, Jr.  
Connor Patrick Elsbree  
Crystal Donyel Sh Weathersby  
Erica Marie Scott, Ast. Foreperson  
Ivan Flores  
Jacqueline Cislyn Foster, Alt. 4  
Jessica Easton Sims

Johnnie Ward Green, Foreperson  
Joseph Kent Linn  
Karinthian Elaine Hulon  
Kelley Johnson Goshay  
Kerry Wayne Spry, Alt. 1  
Lena Louella Gorman  
Paul Vincent Wethmar  
Rae Marie Cardelle  
Robert Gerard Haeusler, Jr.  
Robert Thomas Grawey, Alt. 2  
Saba A. Qureshi  
Steve Alan Kays  
Takisha Michelle Pearson

## **Grand Jury Presentments**

We, the Grand Jury, selected and sworn for the May/June 2022 Term respectfully make the following presentments:

This Grand Jury has acted on 138 Indictments, returning 136 True Bills and 2 No Bills during the term.

*Findings from the inspections of:*

## **Financial Reports**

On Thursday, May 19, 2022, members of the May/June 2022 Term of the Grand Jury met to review the financial reports.

### **Cobb Judicial Circuit February 2022 and March 2022 (Superior Court Clerk)**

- The Grand Jury reviewed the statements from both February and March, and the statements appear to align except for the increase in GSCCA-Technology Fees (\$2,531.00 in February to \$33,743.25 in March).
- The Grand Jury requested an explanation of the extreme (1233.2%) increase in GSCCA- Technology Fees from February to March.

The Superior Court Deputy Chief Clerk, Kimberly Carroll, responded explaining that each month, the Cobb County Superior Court's Accounting Office receives technology fee funds (4 checks). Two checks are from the Georgia Superior Court Clerks Cooperative Authority (GSCCCA) and two are from Peachcourt (e-filing). The tech funds for services rendered in January 2022 were received and receipted on 02/17/2022 from Peachcourt in the amount of \$636 check 3279 and \$1895 check 3284 which in turn provides the balance of \$2,531 for the February 2022 Grand Jury report. Their office did not receive the two GSCCCA technology fund checks until March 3, 2022, at which time they were receipted and included in the March 2022 Grand Jury Report. Those checks were as follows: check 96137 for \$12,000.75 and check 96136 in the amount of \$19,091.50 which caused the increase in reporting. They explained that this scenario will be common as they do not typically receive the GSCCCA checks within the correct reporting month.

- February 2022 - \$3,244,365.46 was disbursed to the various funds as mandated by statutes; the remaining \$331,980.01 was then disbursed to the Cobb County General Fund.
- March 2022 - \$4,222,554.79 was disbursed to the various funds as mandated by statutes; the remaining \$409,931.32 was then disbursed to the Cobb County General Fund.

### **Fines Report**

- The Grand Jury reviewed the statements and wanted to know what caused the differences in amounts spent on the Jail Fund and the Sheriff Expenditures from February 2022 to March 2022.

Andrea Wheelless from the Cobb County Finance Department responded by explaining that the increase was due to an agreement with Fulton County to temporarily house inmates for a per diem rate. The March report included 2 months of Fulton County inmate boarding fees and the payments they received from Fulton County for these fees.

### **Cobb County Sheriff's Office**

- The Grand Jury reviewed the statement from February and wants to recommend changing the format of the statements. Having a clearer view of the information presented on the facts sheets would make it easier to see, in dollar amounts, where money is being spent.

### **Cobb County Probate Court**

- The Grand Jury reviewed the statements from February and March and had no questions or requests.

### **Tax Commissioner**

On Thursday, June 2, 2022, members of the May/June 2022 Term of the Grand Jury, toured the Cobb County Tax Commissioner's office located on Whitlock Avenue.

The tour committee included to the following jurors: Johnnie Green, Robert Haeusler, Paul Wethmar, Robert Grawey, Charles Blackburn, Amanda Phillips, Lena Gorman, Jacqueline Foster, Saba Queshi along with Abbey Shiver, Head Administrative Assistant over Grand Jury and Pamela Jones, our Grand Jury Bailiff.

The tour was conducted by Carla Jackson, Tax Commissioner, Darlene Dunlap, Tax Division Director, Stacey Kaliszewski, Delinquent Tax Manager and Heather Walker, Chief Deputy Tax Commissioner.

The tour started with introductions and a high-level overview of the department. It began where people can come inside and pay taxes, then we were shown where mailed in taxes were collected, processed, and deposited to the bank electronically. After seeing some cubicles and a breakroom, we went into a conference room to listen to high level power point and review of the financial books for delinquent charges and financial books for year of 2021 and year to date for 2022 thru April.

Carla Jackson handled the presentation with input from her staff. One of the biggest points, was that the Tax Commissioner's Office is responsible for every phase of collecting ad valorem property taxes for personal property and motor vehicles. Collections are made up of Real Property, Personal Property, Mobile Homes, Motor Vehicles, Heavy Duty Equipment, Public Utilities and Timber. Personal Property taxes are due on the October 15<sup>th</sup> as Motor Vehicle taxes are due on your birthday. It was reviewed the number of ways a person can pay their taxes.

### **Online**

The Tax Commissioner's office accepts e-checks, Visa, Mastercard, Discover, American Express, PayPal and PayPal Credit. Convenience fees for debit and credit cards will apply. There are no convenience fees for paying by e-check. All payments are processed through modal windows, which are HTTPS encrypted. Thus, all payments are secure and meet current internet security standards.

### **Mail**

You can mail in your payment with a check or money order. Make checks payable to the **Cobb County Tax Commissioner. In-Person or Phone.**

It was made clear that there was a separation of duties on who collects taxes and who spends taxes collected. The Tax Commissioner's office only collects the taxes.

As far as the financial books for our review, the delinquent tax books were laid out between all the different kinds of taxes from Personal Property, Motor Vehicles, Mobile Homes, and others. Even though one may expect that all taxes are collected, they are not, with the collection rate of approximately 98% on time.

The financial books of 2021 showed the taxes collected (revenues) by tax type and how distributed out with net of zero which is expected.

Carla's team was very knowledgeable and answered all questions the tour committee had. There was no outstanding questions or issues to be addressed.

### **Cobb 911 Call Center**

On Friday, June 3, 2022, members of the May/June 2022 Term of the Grand Jury, toured the Cobb County 911 Call Center located on North Marietta Parkway.

The tour committee included to the following jurors: Johnnie Green, Jacqueline Foster, Amanda Phillips, Erica Scott, Charles Blackburn, Brian Morrett, Robert Haeusler, Charles Bartlett, Paul Wethmar, Carmen Lumpkin, Anthony Weldon, along with Abbey Shiver, Head Administrative Assistant over Grand Jury, John Badger and Pamela Jones, our Grand Jury Bailiffs.

The tour was conducted by Kathy Strickland, the newly appointed Operations Manager over Support Services, and the Department Director, Melissa Alterio.

The tour started at 08:30 AM EST in the Cobb County Police Headquarters lobby across from the Emergency Operations Response team facility. We were escorted into a Training Conference Room where Kathy began with introductions, high-level overview of Friday's tour. She took questions and answers, which allowed her to explain that there is a hiring bonus with payout in three phases of the five weeks training. Cobb E911 Officers at completion of training receive Basic Communications Officer Training certificate for State of Georgia by the Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.). They are CPR certified through American Heart Association (AHA). All operators receive certification as Emergency Telecommunicators, Emergency Medical Dispatchers (EMD), Emergency Fire Dispatchers (EFD), and as of January 2019 Emergency Police Dispatchers (EPD) through the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch (IAED), which enables them to offer life-saving instructions to callers until help arrives.

Cobb County Department of Public Safety E911 Emergency Communications Center was founded in 1987. Since then, the center has received several accreditations and is still looking for serious multi-taskers. We learned of what shifts are used to cover the center 24x7 and what it was like to keep the center operating during "Snowmageddon Atlanta." Employees are offered shift differential and night pay, with 2 weeks' vacation per year to start, 3 weeks

after five years and max's out at 25 years. Employees are allowed to rollover vacation time up to 480 hours.

Calls to Cobb County Department of Public Safety E911 Emergency Communications Center are taken on an Automatic Call Distribution (ACD) system. Approximately eighteen (18) calls are taken per hour, at times shift supervisors are also call takers. One of the center's main focus is teaching the public on importance of giving location when calling 911. They have a robust mapping system but, proper location saves time. Dispatches are classified in Emergency Medical Dispatch, Ambulance only and Fire only. Homes with excessive fire alarms after 10 false alarms are flagged in the dispatch system.

The Grand Jury was later taken into the center where we observed incoming calls, saw use of multiple priority screens, dispatch to an emergency happening in real time and watching results of call completion to a 2minute arrival of an emergency team. TTY and Foreign Language operators are available to help determine nature and location of an emergency, help priorities on dispatch of police, fire, ambulance, or other emergency units necessary and in accordance with established procedures.

We were then introduced to the "Tree of Life," where employees are awarded a leaf on a tree for saving a life. Dispatchers are sometimes recognized and acknowledged by members of the community for their service. The center provides employees to benefit from an organic garden, "Employee Assistance Program," peer support, health, and wellness for their wellbeing.

The Grand Jury submitted concern on the staffing shortages combined with the recent challenges with retaining employees. As it stands, based on call volumes, it sounds like the operation could use at least 40 more workers (190 total) than what is currently budgeted for (148), yet they are unable to staff up to the current budget allowance due to retention problems. If the operation continues to expand, it won't be sustainable unless more workers are retained and added to the team. Considering the psychological demands of the job, current economic trends (i.e., inflation), and rises in costs of living, it seems like realistically some type of pay increase, improved benefits package, etc. may be the only viable solution to not only keep existing talent, but also attract new talent. They did discuss that there's an ongoing case study to determine how pay rates should be updated. But depending on that outcome, this is something that will still need to be addressed at some point.

The 911 Call Center also had a lot of team building/fun benefits that they spoke to for the agents, but we, as the Grand Jury, are more interested in hearing about how they support the representatives from a mental health/wellness perspective given the amount of trauma that they're exposed



to daily. As they said, they are working with people daily that are calling them in the scariest moments of their lives. It seems that this could be a very stressful job requiring high amounts of specialized patience and possibly also aftercare or Employee Assistance Program (EAP) support. There were benefits, but we didn't hear a lot that were substantive in this area.

The Grand Jury did ask the following question about how feasible would it be to "proactively" increase the \$1.50 carrier fee Cobb residents pay on their phone bills to secure funding that could be used to improve employee compensation packages? Or if that's not a viable option, is there a strategy for addressing the growing divide between staffing needs and employee retention?

Melissa Alterio, Director of Emergency Communications responded by saying, "We greatly appreciate the committee's interest in assisting with our staffing needs. The E911 fee increase is something that has to be introduced to state legislation. We are hopeful this might be something that is introduced in the next legislative cycle, but my suggestion to our citizens would be to contact their senators to champion this effort.

There are several things we hope to accomplish in the coming months that may assist with our employee's needs. The County's compensation and classification study is almost finalized. We know the final recommendations must be approved by the BOC, but we also know they share in the staffing concerns of every department and are committed to working with us to improve compensation packages.

We are also working on submitting recruitment and hiring strategy funding requests through the ARPA grant money the County has received. While I cannot confirm whether or not our application will be approved, I am again encouraged by our chances to receive some relief for our existing employees.

If we were to ask anything of our community, it would be for their continued support and education on all things 911. Please like and share our social media pages, share our recruitment posts, and attend our events – we have found the more the public knows about us, the more opportunities for recruitment and hiring we have."

Overall, the call center met and even exceeded standards in some areas. Response rates and other operational metrics seem solid. We also liked how they're integrating newer technologies like the RapidSOS and text messaging to better locate people during emergencies. They should continue to focus on their digital improvements and enhance the text message feature so users can share media beyond texts for help (e.g., a geo locational pin, recorded audio, etc.)



## **Cobb County Adult Detention Center**

On Friday, June 3, 2022, members of the May/June 2022 Term of the Grand Jury, toured the Cobb County Adult Detention Center located on County Services Parkway.

The tour was conducted by Lieutenant Colonel Michael A Williams. Colonel Williams has worked for the sheriff's office for 32 years. He has experience with shift affairs where he was responsible for the day to day of the inmates. Colonel Williams informed us the population of the jail on June 3, 2022 was 1,958. The maximum capacity is 3,200. The jail has 11 acres of under roof facility. He also spoke to us about the inmate worker program. Inmates with misdemeanors are allowed to work at the jail which provides a savings of a couple million dollars per year. The workers can perform various jobs ranging from janitorial to food preparation. A crew chief supervises the inmate workers.

The covid protocol used to be 14-day quarantine when inmates were booked in. This has now been reduced to 10 days. Inmates are also provided with 3 covid masks per week.

Each time we moved to a new area within the jail, we had to wait on the doors to be opened. We observed there are two doors to enter each hallway. The doors are controlled by central control. Central control is a small room with 2 employees and multiple computer screens showing camera footage from all around the jail. To access a hallway or room, the colonel would push a button beside the door to request it to be opened. Central control would receive the request, view the cameras to ensure it was safe to open the door then open the door. After the first door was opened, we stepped into a small room, then the first door would shut before the second would open.

We were taken to the courtroom and were shown where inmates typically are held while awaiting trial. During covid, the Judge would be on a tv screen in the room. They still have the option to be present or join via the tv screen.

Next, we went to the holding area. This area is where inmates were being held before either being committed or released. We witnessed a pit where men sat on one side and women on the other. Inmates are allowed to use the free phones in the room. We then walked to the area where they first bring in the individual arrested. They have a printer where the arrest information prints out. They also have a Tek 84 full body scanner which scans the inmates and can detect any objects present. We were also told about a health monitoring program. It is a wearable device, similar to a fitbit, worn by at risk inmates to monitor their vitals. The colonel hopes to be able to deploy these to all inmates

in the future. In the holding room, we also observed the eyeris machines which helps to provide more accurate identification of individuals.

We also observed the male compliance dorm. Inmates can be moved to the compliance dorm after they have been in jail for 30 days and have never had any write ups. The dorm rooms can hold 50 inmates, however, currently only hold about 30. Each dorm had a tv, cornhole, and volleyball. Inmate commissary is what pays for these nonessential items. The compliance dorm also provides courses to the inmates such as how to maneuver probation. The inmates are required by law to get at least one hour of fresh air per day. Colonel Williams noted the compliance dorms are on rotation, rotating to an outside area each hour where the inmates can get fresh air.

Finally, we ended with trying the jail food. We were able to try the salad bar, fish, rice and beans, steamed vegetables, and dessert.

As a Committee we determined all of our questions were answered during the tour and there are no outstanding issues.

### **Cobb County School Board**

On Thursday, June 23, 2022, members of the May/June 2022 Term of the Grand Jury, initially met to review an ongoing investigation of the Cobb County School Board.

O.C.G.A. §15-12-71(b)(2) provides that "In addition to the inspections provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the grand jury shall, whenever deemed necessary by eight or more of its members, appoint a committee of its members to inspect or investigate any county office or county public building or any public authority of the county or the office of any county officer, any court or court official of the county, the county board of education, or the county school superintendent or any of the records, accounts, property, or operations of any of the foregoing."

Several prior Grand Juries voted to form a committee, to inspect and investigate the operations of the Cobb County School Board and school system. The May/June Cobb County Grand Jury was presented historical details and data stemming from the four previous Grand Juries regarding the functionality of the Cobb County School Board, as well as procurement irregularities dealing with the companies previously owned by David Allen. This information included all of the Cobb County School contracts from 2015-2021 and all contracts with any of the companies associated with David Allen and his family. All of the Cobb County School Board meetings are available

for review on the Cobb County School website and have been reviewed by multiple Grand Juries. Summaries of the review of these contracts as well as the video was also provided to this Grand Jury.

The review of the procurement issues has revealed several concerns. First, a review of the contracts, requests for bid, requests for proposals and similar documents show a clear pattern of rewarding some contracts outside of the Cobb County School procurement policy. These deviations from procurement policy were primarily in contracts with companies who were generally resellers, not sole source providers. However, because Cobb County School Board is exempt from Georgia procurement law, except for construction contracts, no criminal violations have been found. Therefore, the Grand Jury wishes to focus on what is most important to the residents of Cobb County.

The Grand Jury recommends that the Georgia legislature review and consider changing state procurement law to include county boards of education. Furthermore, the Cobb County School Board has full authority to control and manage the more than 100 public schools within the county while receiving property tax funds of county residents. The Grand Jury recommends that at the end of each school year (May/June or July/August term) the Grand Jury shall conduct an annual review of the Cobb County Board of Education. Cobb County Board of Education procurement reports, finance services, budgets and other operational instruments must be made available for review under the Georgia Open Records Act. All data regarding procurement should be open to the public and accessible to all constituents in order to foster complete transparency. The Grand Jury recognizes the procurement division of the Cobb County Schools has much of the current documentation posted online for citizen review. This is a proper practice to promote transparency.

The Cobb County School System procurement policies and procedures should be modified to include a provision that requires the Cobb County School Board to conduct a Peer Review of all procurements greater than \$20,000 Pre-Award, and add the Cobb County School Board as a required approver prior to award for all procurements greater than \$50,000. This is particularly important since the Cobb County School Board and District are not currently subject to State procurement law except in the case of construction contracts. All associates and employees of the Cobb County Board of Education should adhere to practices that are fiscally sound and maintain a common sense to the use of fiscal spending. Current policies of maintaining competitive bids for purchases must be followed. An easy to understand reporting for purchases and competitive bids for over \$20,000 should be maintained by the CFO for presentation to the Grand Jury, to include all exceptions. This is the same process used by the other agencies who are reviewed by the Grand Jury pursuant to O.C.G.A. §15-12-71.

The second issue the Grand Jury examined is the functioning of the Cobb County School Board. There is substantial evidence that the Cobb County School Board has not been operating as a well-functioning school board. Cobb County overall, and the student body represented are high functioning groups. The students, parents, and the community deserve a high functioning school board. The points of greatest concern can be summarized by:

- Insufficient adherence to appropriate procurement and approval policies and procedures, resulting in outcomes non-representative of sound fiscal management.
- Insufficient transparency among board members, employees, and the stakeholders within the district.

To this end, the Cobb County School Board should review the Code of Ethics to develop, implement, and monitor a plan of accountability that holds each board member individually and collectively responsible for improving public perception of board leadership, district leadership, and ensures adherence of all board members in effectively and efficiently executing their established roles and responsibilities.

As leaders of the community and role models for the students of the school district, the Cobb County School Board and leadership staff shall conduct themselves with propriety, dignity, morality, integrity, honesty, and consistent with Cobb School Board Policies, Regulations, and written guidance. No member of the Cobb County School Board and leadership staff shall engage in any activity likely to bring reproach, disgrace, infamy, or public ridicule to himself, the Board, or the school district.

The Board should revise the strategic plan to include measurable goals, initiatives, and budgetary allocations and ensure adherence to clearly defined policies, procedures, and practices to promote consistency and transparency through-out the decision-making process, particularly in managing fiscal resources.

**General Reports**

The May/June 2022 Grand Jury has inspected the reports, receipts and disbursements of the Clerk of Superior Court, the County Treasurer, Probate Court and the Sheriff of Cobb County and found them to be in order.

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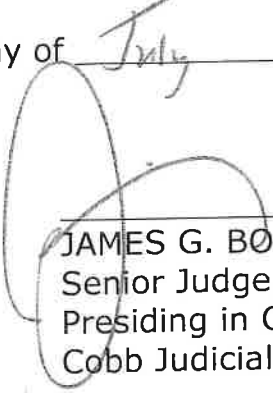
Johnnie Green, Foreperson  
Georgia, Cobb County  
Cobb County Superior Court  
Cobb Judicial Circuit

## ORDER

Read and Considered, Let the Same Be Filed.

It is hereby ordered that the Clerk of Superior Court shall cause to be published the within Presentments in the official legal organ of Cobb County within fifteen (15) days from this date.

So ORDERED, this the 7th day of July, 2022.

  
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JAMES G. BODIFORD  
Senior Judge, State of Georgia  
Presiding in Cobb Superior Court  
Cobb Judicial Circuit



## COBB JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

### COURT DIVISION

70 HAYNES STREET  
MARIETTA, GEORGIA 30090  
770-528-1300

CONNIE TAYLOR  
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

### February 2022 Month End

**Clerk of Court** is an elected position serving the Superior Court in Cobb County. The Clerk and Deputy Clerks are custodians over the property records of the county as well as the civil and criminal files and records in the courts served.

### Background of the Office of Clerk of Superior Court

The Clerk of Superior Court is established in the Constitution of the State of Georgia. The Clerk is one of four constitutional officers who can be found in each of the 159 counties in the state, the other constitutional officers are the sheriff, the tax commissioner and the probate judge. The clerk's duties are statutory in nature and are found in the Official Code of Georgia in literally hundreds of statutes created by the state legislature. In addition, the clerk has an obligation to follow the court rules for each court they may serve.

### Summary of Financial Report and General Fund Payables

The Clerk's Office receives and disburses funds based on State Statutes and Superior Court Judges order. Fees for Real Estate Filings and Court Filing Fees are set by statutes. See attached for fee cost sheets.

The Clerk of Court also holds cash bonds and registry funds. Cash bonds are received and only disbursed to the person paying the bond upon dissolution of a court case.

Registry of funds are only taken into and placed in escrow with the Clerk of Court only upon a filed in order by Superior Court Judge. Funds in the registry are only disbursed out upon a filed in order by Superior Court Judge.

The Financial Report is a representation of various court fines and fees plus surcharges collected for the month as General Fund Receipts. For the month of February, Superior Court Clerk's office collected **\$3,579,261.27** in revenue.

Revenues collected are custodial in nature and must be disbursed based on various statutes. For the month of February, the Clerk of Court disbursed **\$3,244,365.46** to the various funds as mandated by statutes. The remaining revenue is then disbursed into the Cobb County General Fund. The remaining revenue disbursed to the General Fund was **\$331,980.01**.



CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT  
COBB JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
FINANCIAL REPORTFEBRUARY 2022 - GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS

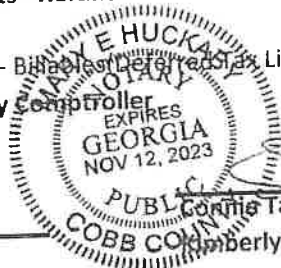
<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
4544	Civil Court Cost	\$ 98,601.25
4579	ADR Filing	\$ 4,460.00
4632	Property Recording Fees	\$ 303,315.00
	Deeds \$ 281,533.00	
	UCC \$ 7,550.00	
	Business \$ 13,612.00	
	Plats \$ 620.00	
4110	Late Filing Penalty	\$ -
4235	Transfer Tax	\$ 853,055.40
4638	Miscellaneous Recording/Filing	\$ 21,590.02
	Notary Commission \$ 13,690.00	
	Copies/Certifications/Subpoenas \$ 5,750.02	
	Payments & Overage \$ 2,150.00	
4858	GSCCCA-Technology Fees	\$ 2,531.00
4590	Drug Court Fees	\$ 3,370.00
4590	Mental Health Court Fees	\$ 880.00
4596	Veterans Court Fees	\$ 1,975.00
4596	Drug Court Lab Fees	\$ 10,620.00
4803	Drug Treatment and Education	\$ 5,801.00
4805	Jail Fund	\$ 1,595.34
4806	Library Fund	\$ 4,243.00
	Cash Bonds	\$ -
4538	10% Cash Bonds	\$ -
4802	Bond Forfeitures	\$ -
4804	Court Fines	\$ 31,866.71
	Fines \$ 18,424.24	
	P.O.F. \$ 1,157.57	
	P.O.P.I.D.F. \$ 1,894.37	
	D.U.I./Reckless Driving \$ -	
	G.S.I.F. \$ 716.50	
	Brain and Spinal \$ 346.00	
	WD/BF \$ 200.00	
	Victim \$ 26.50	
	Crime Lab Fee-Felony/Misdemeanor \$ 3,465.25	
	Publication Fee \$ 25.00	
	Defendant Application Fee \$ 2,161.33	
	Drivers Education \$ 42.63	
	Retirement Funds \$ 2,114.32	
	Court Cost \$ 1,293.00	
4547	Pretrial Diversion Program	\$ 6,400.00
4811	Victims Assistance Program	\$ 852.12
4925	Attorney Fees	\$ 25,562.95
4634	Intangible Tax	\$ 2,100,919.70
4854	Interest Earned Intangible Tax	\$ 43.07
4854	Interest Earned from General Fund	\$ 514.43
5020	Restitution	\$ 101,065.28
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 3,579,261.27</b>

COBB JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FINANCIAL REPORT  
FEBRUARY 2022 GENERAL FUND PAYABLES

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
	Peace Officers/Pros/Ind Def Fund-Civil	\$ 12,135.00
	Peace Officers/Pros/Ind Def Fund-Criminal	\$ 1,994.37
	Peace Officers' Annuity & Benefit Fund	\$ 2,258.57
	Sheriffs' Retirement Fund	\$ 910.00
	Clerks' Retirement Fund	\$ 7,262.75
	Clerks' Cooperative Authority - UCC	\$ 3,600.00
	Clerks' Cooperative Authority - Deeds	\$ 44,155.00
	Clerks' Cooperative Authority - Notaries	\$ 580.00
	Clerks' Cooperative Authority - P.O.F.	\$ 1,257.57
	State Children's Trust Fund	\$ 1,190.00
	Victims Emergency Fund	\$ 26.50
	Georgia State Indemnification Fund	\$ 716.50
	Safe Harbor Fund	\$ -
	Brain and Spinal Trust Fund	\$ 346.00
	Drivers Education Commission	\$ 42.63
	Intangible Tax to State and Entities	\$ 1,308,055.91
	Intangible Tax to Cobb County	\$ 792,906.85
	Transfer Tax to State and Entities	\$ 852,397.40
	Crime Lab Fees/Felony and Misdemeanors	\$ 3,465.25
	Restitution	\$ 101,065.28
	Judicial Operation Fee	\$ 65,375.00
4110	Late Filing-Penalty	\$ -
4235	Transfer Tax to Cobb County	\$ 658.00
4547	Pre-Trial Diversion	\$ 6,080.00
4579	A.A.D.R.P. Fund of Cobb County	\$ 4,460.00
4592	Defendants Application Fee	\$ 2,161.33
4590	Drug Court	\$ 3,370.00
4590	Mental Health Court	\$ 880.00
4596	Veterans Court	\$ 1,975.00
4596	Drug Court Lab Fees	\$ 10,620.00
4806	Law Library Fund-collected	\$ 4,110.00
4806	New Criminal Filings-uncollected	\$ 2,970.00
4809	Criminal Court Cost	\$ 1,293.00
4811	Victims Assistance Program	\$ 852.12
4854	Interest Earned for Month	\$ 514.43
4858	GSCCCA-Technology Fund	\$ 2,531.00
4632	Payment on Billables	\$ 2,150.00
	<b>TOTAL PAY OUT</b>	<b>\$ 3,244,365.46</b>
	<b>NET PAY OUT</b>	<b>\$ 334,895.81</b>
4544	Civil,Real Estate, Miscellaneous - Refunds	-\$595.80
4804	Fine Overpayments - Refunds	\$0.00
4638	Over / Short/NSF	\$ (95.00)
4632	Uncollected Fees - Billable for Deferred State Liens)	\$ (2,225.00)
	<b>Amount Paid to Cobb County Comptroller</b>	<b>\$ 331,980.01</b>

Sworn to and subscribed before me on  
This 24th day of March 2022.

*Mary J. Duckett*  
Notary Public



*Corrie Taylor*, Clerk of Superior Court  
*Kimberly Carroll*, Chief Deputy Clerk



## COBB JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

COURT DIVISION

70 HAYNES STREET

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**CONNIE TAYLOR**

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

**MARCH 2022 MONTH END**

**Clerk of Court** is an elected position serving the Superior Court in Cobb County. The Clerk and Deputy Clerks are custodians over the property records of the county as well as the civil and criminal files and records in the courts served.

### **Background of the Office of Clerk of Superior Court**

The Clerk of Superior Court is established in the Constitution of the State of Georgia. The clerk is one of four constitutional officers who can be found in each of the 159 counties in the state, the other constitutional officers are the sheriff, the tax commissioner and the probate judge. The clerk's duties are statutory in nature and are found in the Official Code of Georgia in literally hundreds of statutes created by the state legislature. In addition, the clerk has an obligation to follow the court rules for each court they may serve.

### **Summary of Financial Report and General Fund Payables**

The Clerk's office receives and disburses funds based on State Statutes and Superior Court Judges order. Fees for Real Estate Filings and Court Filing Fees are set by statutes. See attached for fee cost sheets.

The Clerk of Court also holds cash bonds and registry funds. Cash bonds are received and only disbursed to the person paying the bond upon dissolution of a court case.

Registry of funds are only taken into and placed in escrow with the Clerk of Court only upon a filed in order by Superior Court Judge. Funds in the registry are only disbursed out upon a filed in order by Superior Court Judge.

The Financial Report is a representation of various court fines and fees collected for the month as General Fund Receipts. For the month of March, Superior Court Clerk's office collected \$4,634,920.11 in revenue.

Revenues collected are custodial in nature and must be disbursed based on various statutes. For the month of March, the Clerk of Court disbursed \$4,222,554.79 to the various funds as mandated by statutes. The remaining revenue is then disbursed into the Cobb County General Fund. For March, the remaining revenue disbursed to the General Fund was \$409,931.32.

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT  
COBB JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
FINANCIAL REPORT

MARCH 2022 - GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS

<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
4544	Civil Court Cost	\$ 127,784.50
4579	ADR Filing	\$ 5,760.00
4632	Property Recording Fees	\$ 369,184.00
	Deeds	\$ 337,733.00
	UCC	\$ 16,475.00
	Business	\$ 14,276.00
	Plats	\$ 700.00
4110	Late Filing Penalty	\$ -
4235	Transfer Tax	\$ 1,075,947.30
4638	Miscellaneous Recording/Filing	\$ 26,137.39
	Notary Commission	\$ 16,392.00
	Copies/Certifications/Subpoenas	\$ 7,520.39
	Payments & Overage	\$ 2,225.00
4858	GSCCCA-Technology Fees	\$ 33,743.25
4590	Drug Court Fees	\$ 3,854.00
4590	Mental Health Court Fees	\$ 915.00
4596	Veterans Court Fees	\$ 200.00
4596	Drug Court Lab Fees	\$ 12,720.00
4803	Drug Treatment and Education	\$ 4,607.78
4805	Jail Fund	\$ 2,619.67
4806	Library Fund	\$ 5,266.00
	Cash Bonds	\$ -
4538	10% Cash Bonds	\$ -
4802	Bond Forfeitures	\$ -
4804	Court Fines	\$ 47,696.29
	Fines	\$ 29,827.78
	P.O.F.	\$ 1,694.35
	P.O.P.I.D.F.	\$ 2,093.55
	D.U.I./Reckless Driving	\$ -
	G.S.I.F.	\$ 731.00
	Brain and Spinal	\$ 389.00
	WD/BF	\$ -
	Victim	\$ 94.00
	Crime Lab Fee-Felony/Misdemeanor	\$ 4,815.50
	Publication Fee	\$ -
	Defendant Application Fee	\$ 2,947.50
	Drivers Education	\$ 34.50
	Retirement Funds	\$ 2,752.61
	Court Cost	\$ 2,316.50
4547	Pretrial Diversion Program	\$ 10,800.00
4811	Victims Assistance Program	\$ 1,059.52
4925	Attorney Fees	\$ 28,849.70
4634	Intangible Tax	\$ 2,678,394.94
4854	Interest Earned Intangible Tax	\$ 23.55
4854	Interest Earned from General Fund	\$ 454.08
5020	Restitution	\$ 198,903.14
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 4,634,920.11</b>

## COBB JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FINANCIAL REPORT

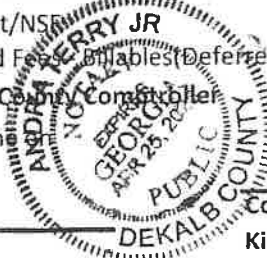
## MARCH 2022 GENERAL FUND PAYABLES

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
	Peace Officers/Pros/Ind Def Fund-Civil	\$ 15,105.00
	Peace Officers/Pros/Ind Def Fund-Criminal	\$ 2,103.55
	Peace Officers' Annuity & Benefit Fund	\$ 3,024.61
	Sheriffs' Retirement Fund	\$ 1,156.00
	Clerks' Retirement Fund	\$ 9,493.50
	Clerks' Cooperative Authority - UCC	\$ 5,244.00
	Clerks' Cooperative Authority - Deeds	\$ 56,480.00
	Clerks' Cooperative Authority - Notaries	\$ 706.00
	Clerks' Cooperative Authority - P.O.F.	\$ 1,704.35
	State Children's Trust Fund	\$ 1,550.00
	Victims Emergency Fund	\$ 94.00
	Georgia State Indemnification Fund	\$ 731.00
	Safe Harbor Fund	\$ -
	Brain and Spinal Trust Fund	\$ 389.00
	Drivers Education Commission	\$ 34.50
	Intangible Tax to State and Entities	\$ 1,662,785.68
	Intangible Tax to Cobb County	\$ 1,015,632.81
	Transfer Tax to State and Entities	\$ 1,074,936.30
	Crime Lab Fees/Felony and Misdemeanors	\$ 4,815.50
	Restitution	\$ 198,903.14
	Judicial Operation Fee	\$ 82,375.00
4110	Late Filing-Penalty	\$ -
4235	Transfer Tax to Cobb County	\$ 1,011.00
4547	Pre-Trial Diversion	\$ 10,260.00
4579	A.A.D.R.P. Fund of Cobb County	\$ 5,760.00
4592	Defendants Application Fee	\$ 2,947.50
4590	Drug Court	\$ 3,854.00
4590	Mental Health Court	\$ 915.00
4596	Veterans Court	\$ 200.00
4596	Drug Court Lab Fees	\$ 12,720.00
4806	Law Library Fund-collected	\$ 5,110.00
4806	New Criminal Filings-uncollected	\$ 2,715.00
4809	Criminal Court Cost	\$ 2,316.50
4811	Victims Assistance Program	\$ 1,059.52
4854	Interest Earned for Month	\$ 454.08
4858	GSCCCA-Technology Fund	\$ 33,743.25
4632	Payment on Billables	\$ 2,225.00
	<b>TOTAL PAY OUT</b>	<b>\$ 4,222,554.79</b>
	<b>NET PAY OUT</b>	<b>\$ 412,365.32</b>
4544	Civil,Real Estate, Miscellaneous - Refunds	-\$58.00
4804	Fine Overpayments - Refunds	\$0.00
4638	Over / Short/NSF	\$ 24.00
4632	Uncollected Fees, Billables(Deferred Tax Liens)	\$ (2,400.00)
	<b>Amount Paid to Cobb County Comptroller</b>	<b>\$ 409,931.32</b>

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This 13th day of April 2022.

*Ande E. J.*  
Notary Public



*Connie Taylor*  
Connie Taylor, Clerk of Superior Court  
Kimberly Carroll, Chief Deputy Clerk

**Cobb County Government**  
**Fines and Forfeitures Report - O.C.G.A 15-21-7**

**O.C.G.A. 15-21-7**

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Cobb County Government  
Fines and Forfeitures Report - O.C.G.A. 15-21-7  
Comparative Statement Ended February 28, 2022 and February 28, 2021

	2022 February	2021 February	Variance
<b>Revenues</b>			
Bond Forfeitures	38,866.92	161,116.50	(122,249.58)
Drug Treatment / Education	63,496.46	61,941.91	1,554.55
Court Fines	86,224.48	121,809.81	(35,585.33)
County Jail Fund	145,745.17	126,391.52	19,353.65
Other Fines and Forfeitures:			
Clerk of State Court	893,416.50	639,446.00	253,970.50
Tax Commissioner	39,780.00	27,655.00	12,125.00
Criminal Court Surcharges	5,018.00	10,166.21	(5,148.21)
School Bus Safety Camera Fines	341,635.00	142,945.00	198,690.00
Victim Assistance Program Fine	92,103.24	92,024.09	79.15
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>1,706,285.77</u>	<u>1,383,496.04</u>	<u>322,789.73</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Drug Treatment	63,496.46	61,941.91	1,554.55
Sheriff	67,025.85	209,827.34	(142,801.49)
Tax Commissioner	39,780.00	27,655.00	12,125.00
Victim Rights	92,103.24	92,024.09	79.15
General Fund Pool	1,443,880.22	992,047.70	451,832.52
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>1,706,285.77</u>	<u>1,383,496.04</u>	<u>322,789.73</u>



William Volckmann, Director/Comptroller



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**Comparative Statement Ended March 31, 2022 and March 31, 2021**

	<u>2022</u> <u>March</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>March</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>Revenues</b>			
Bond Forfeitures	73,770.70	156,587.38	(82,816.68)
Drug Treatment / Education	86,045.90	76,991.41	9,054.49
Court Fines	130,826.51	146,802.80	(15,976.29)
County Jail Fund	864,377.87	160,272.03	704,105.84
Other Fines and Forfeitures:			
Community Development	9,300.00		9,300.00
Police	-	16,244.45	(16,244.45)
Clerk of State Court	1,053,737.67	779,624.56	274,113.11
Tax Commissioner	50,725.00	37,470.00	13,255.00
Criminal Court Surcharges	7,311.50	12,537.71	(5,226.21)
School Bus Safety Camera Fines	412,230.00	177,240.00	234,990.00
Victim Assistance Program Fine	129,388.75	119,932.98	9,455.77
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u><b>2,817,713.90</b></u>	<u><b>1,683,703.32</b></u>	<u><b>1,134,010.58</b></u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Drug Treatment	86,045.90	76,991.41	9,054.49
Sheriff	798,400.09	202,512.38	595,887.71
Tax Commissioner	50,725.00	37,470.00	13,255.00
Victim Rights	129,388.75	119,932.98	9,455.77
General Fund Pool	1,753,154.16	1,246,796.55	506,357.61
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u><b>2,817,713.90</b></u>	<u><b>1,683,703.32</b></u>	<u><b>1,134,010.58</b></u>

  
 William Volckmann, Director/Comptroller

# COBB COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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CRAIG D. OWENS, SR.  
SHERIFF

RHONDA W. ANDERSON  
CHIEF DEPUTY

MICHAEL REGISTER  
ASSISTANT CHIEF

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF COBB

## RETURN TO THE COBB COUNTY GRAND JURY FOR MAY 2022

DATE: February 2022

*In compliance with the provision of Georgia Code 36-1-7, I submit for your examination the following true and just statement of the funds which I have collected and paid into the county General Fund on behalf of Cobb County for the period of February 1, 2022 through February 28, 2022*

*To the Honorable Members of the Grand Jury for the period of February 1, 2022 through February 28, 2022*

### FEES COLLECTED RECORDS AND ID

May-22

*Fees for processing applicant fingerprints and sale of photos paid into the Cobb County General Fund*

\$7,101.00

### CIVIL COSTS

*Collected and paid into the Cobb County General Fund*

\$26,370.00

### BOND FORFEITURES

*Collected and paid into the Cobb County General Fund*

\$22,738.78

### MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES

*Collected and paid into the Cobb County General Fund*

\$2,673.28

### JAIL BOND SURCHARGES

*Collected and paid into the Cobb County General Fund*

\$2,210.00

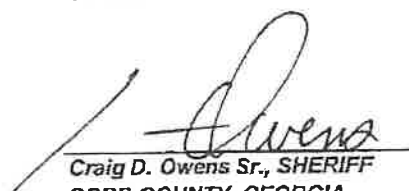
### BOND DOCUMENT FEE

*Collected and paid into the Cobb County General Fund*


\$17,880.00

### TOTAL

\$ 78,973.06

  
Craig D. Owens Sr., SHERIFF  
COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA

*Personally appeared before me, Craig D. Owens Sr., Sheriff of Cobb County, Georgia, who on oath deposed and says that the above is true and correct statement to the best of his knowledge.*

  
Notary Public, State of Georgia

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Cobb County Sheriff's Office Fact Sheet

# Uniform Operations/ Investigative Division Support Services Division Executive Office February 2022 Grand Jury

## Uniform Operations/ Investigative Division

- Primary Functions**
- Security for the Judicial Complex
  - Service of Civil Process
  - Execution of Criminal Warrants
  - Forgery and Fraud Investigations
  - Juvenile Apprehension
  - Fugitive Apprehension
  - Sex Offender Unit
  - Domestic Violence Unit
  - Swat Operations
  - Mounted Patrol (search & Re
  - K-9 Unit
  - Marietta/Cobb Smyrna Narcotics Unit

**FY 21 Operations Stats**

• Criminal Warrants/Orders Received	18,558
• Civil Processes Received/Cleared	17,947
• Operations Service Fee Revenue	\$321,539.14
• Forgery/Fraud/ ID Theft Received	2,182
• Forgery/Fraud/ID Theft Cleared	2,473
• DV Unit- TPO Warrants & Orders received	564
• DV Unit - TPO Warrants & Orders Served	42
• Inmates Produced for Court (CT Security)	9,354
• Street Value of Drug Seized	\$6,729,399
• Number of Extradition/ fugitives Cases	1,187
• Public Outreach Classes	358
• Public Outreach Program Attendance	9,639
• Sheriff's Office Reserve Unit Hours	726
• Public Served by Fingerprint Dept	25,406

**Operations/  
Investigations Positions**

Sworn Deputies	161
Civilian Employees	46
Part-time Employees	42
MCS	13

## Support Services Division

- Primary Functions**
- Administrative Support
  - Human Resources
  - Bonding Administration
  - Recruiting/Promotional Process
  - Inspectional Services
  - Training
  - Internal Affairs
  - Applicant Processing
  - Equipment/Uniform
  - NCGLEA (Academy) Oversight
  - Fingerprint Department
  - Public Outreach/Media
  - Educational Programs
  - Accountability Courts
  - Fleet Management
  - Open Records

**FY 2021  
Administrative Stats**

• Employees Hired	54
• Bond Forfeitures Collected	\$424,655.09
• Open Records Requests	2,636
• Criminal History Checks	633
• Applicant Background Investigations	518

**Administration Division Positions**

Sworn Deputies	23
Civilian Employees	25
Part- Time Employees	10

## Executive Office

- Primary Functions**
- Office of the Sheriff
  - Volunteer Services
  - Budget
  - Legal Services/Civil Litigation
  - Policy/Procedure Development
  - Accounting
  - Projects/Contracts

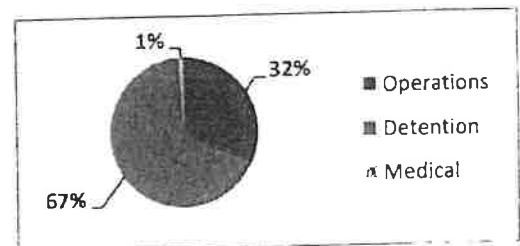
**Executive Staff  
Positions**

Sworn Executive Staff	6
Civilian Employees	2
Part-Time Employees	0

**Snapshot of Operations, Support Services and the  
Executive Office**

Total Number of Positions	316
Total Sworn Staff (full-time)	190
Total Civilian Employees	73
Total Part-time	53

Sheriff's Office  
FY 2022 Budget \$94,091,035.51



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# Cobb County Sheriff's Office Fact Sheet

## Detention Division February 2022 Grand Jury

**The Detention Facility:** The Jail and Work Deployment Facility comprise what is known as the Cobb County Adult Detention Facilities.

**Jail Facilities: A B & C Towers**  
**Capacity – 2987 Pretrial Inmates**

<b>FY 2021 Jail Population Information</b>	<b>Inmate Costs and Projections</b>	<b>Current Statistics: (May 2022)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total Bookings 15,353</li> <li>Average Daily Inmate Population – 1,374</li> <li>Average Number of Male Inmates – 1,124</li> <li>Average Number of Female Inmates – 164</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current Meal Cost: \$1.79</li> <li>FY 21 Medical \$31.03 /inmate</li> <li>Daily Inmate Cost: \$77.74</li> </ul> <p>(CCADC FY18 budget / FY 17 average of all daily inmate populations)</p>	<b>Average Populations:</b> Jail Facilities 1939 Deployment Facility 70 <b>Total Bookings</b> 1,836 <b>Total Discharges</b> 1,894

The original Jail on County Services Parkway was completed in 1987 at a cost of \$13.5 million and housed 684 inmates. It was expanded in 1997 at a cost of \$39.2 million, adding 1241 medium security dorm beds, additional in-house medical capabilities and expanded support space.

A portion of the 2005 approved SPLOST was allotted to the expansion of the Jail Facilities. The Tower was first occupied on June 21, 2010. The Tower added an additional 1152 beds, bringing the capacity to 3543 beds. The new construction also included a new Intake and Release area, with corresponding updates to the system of booking, and inmate property storage. The Visitation Center was an earlier part of this project. It opened on March 16, 2009. It serves the public through easier access to records, inmate bonding, inmate accounting, and inmate visitation through a live video visitation system.

**Work Deployment Facility**  
**Constructed Capacity – 205 Under-sentence Inmates**

<b>FY 2021 Work Deployment Population:</b>	<b>FY 2021 Work Deployment</b>	<b>Inmate Programs</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Average Daily Inmate Population – 86</li> <li>Average Number of Male Inmates – 64</li> <li>Average Number of Female Inmates – 22</li> </ul> <p>(Female housing is at G Pod.)</p>	Number of employed 0 Number of non employed 51	General Education Development ACTS-Alcohol Chemical Treatment Job Search Assistance Religious Services

The Work Deployment Facility was constructed at a cost of \$5 million and provides an alternative to traditional incarceration, allowing qualified, sentenced inmates to serve their sentence in a minimum security facility while continuing to be employed in public sector jobs. Lower risk sentenced inmates deployed to various departments throughout the County on an assortment of work details are also housed at this facility.

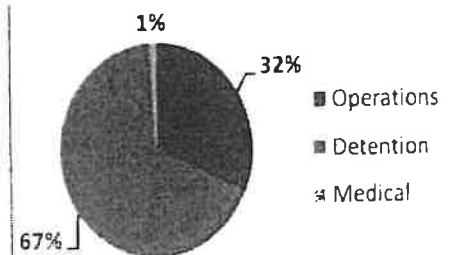
### Detention Facilities Snapshot

**Detention Facilities Total Staffing 442**

Total Sworn Deputies (full time)	262
Total Detention Officers	4
Total Civilian Employees	163
Total Part-time Employees	13

FY 21 Detainers placed by ICE: 357  
 FY 21 Number of Inmate Meals Served: 1,690,246  
 FY 21 Visitors to see Inmates: 54,365  
 FY 21 Crime Scene Investigations 3038  
 FY 21 Inmates Transported Outside of Jail: 13,751

**Sheriff's Office**  
**FY 2022 Budget \$ 94,091,035.51**



**COBB COUNTY PROBATE COURT  
COBB JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2022- GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS**

DEPOSIT DATE	AMOUNT
02/01/22	\$530.00
02/01/22	\$1,798.00
02/01/22	\$619.00
02/02/22	\$330.00
02/02/22	\$4,654.25
02/02/22	\$2,054.00
02/02/22	\$5,191.00
02/02/22	\$498.00
02/02/22	\$354.00
02/02/22	\$598.00
02/03/22	\$203.00
02/03/22	\$130.00
02/03/22	\$4,719.50
02/03/22	\$1,578.50
02/04/22	\$3,465.50
02/04/22	\$599.00
02/04/22	\$120.00
02/07/22	\$290.00
02/07/22	\$4,684.50
02/07/22	\$669.00
02/08/22	\$4,246.50
02/08/22	\$633.00
02/08/22	\$300.00
02/09/22	\$160.00
02/09/22	\$3,158.00
02/09/22	\$712.00
02/10/22	\$220.00
02/10/22	\$3,534.75
02/10/22	\$614.00
02/10/22	\$8,574.25
02/10/22	\$2,967.50
02/10/22	\$5,910.25
02/10/22	\$2,973.25
02/10/22	\$5,185.25
02/11/22	\$270.00
02/11/22	\$2,888.75
02/11/22	\$463.00
02/14/22	\$260.00
02/14/22	\$2,468.75
02/14/22	\$234.00
02/15/22	\$260.00
02/15/22	\$1,358.00
02/15/22	\$4,537.50
02/16/22	\$200.00
02/16/22	\$3,461.25
02/16/22	\$1,330.00
02/17/22	\$2,572.75

02/17/22	\$650.00
02/17/22	\$80.00
02/17/22	\$3,479.00
02/17/22	\$4,704.75
02/17/22	\$2,812.00
02/17/22	\$4,720.75
02/17/22	\$3,922.50
02/18/22	\$2,338.75
02/18/22	\$893.00
02/18/22	\$70.00
02/18/22	\$3,014.50
02/22/22	\$200.00
02/22/22	\$150.00
02/22/22	\$4,753.00
02/22/22	\$1,599.00
02/22/22	\$2,102.50
02/22/22	\$263.50
02/23/22	\$100.00
02/23/22	\$3,545.50
02/23/22	\$303.00
02/24/22	\$160.00
02/24/22	\$3,677.00
02/24/22	\$634.00
02/24/22	\$4,349.50
02/24/22	\$4,801.25
02/24/22	\$2,483.50
02/24/22	\$5,799.25
02/25/22	\$210.00
02/25/22	\$3,246.50
02/25/22	\$1,006.00
02/28/22	\$2,705.25
02/28/22	\$550.00
02/28/22	\$120.00
02/28/22	\$2,456.75
02/28/22	\$2,883.25
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$167,360.00</b>

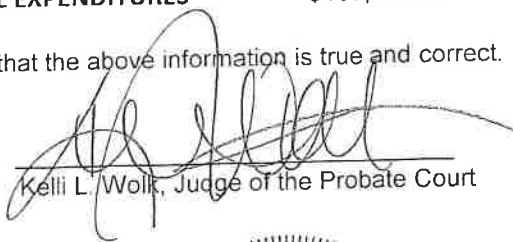



MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2022- GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Law Library	1,620.00
Judge's Retirement Fund	\$3,920.80
Cobb County General Fund	\$153,748.20
Superior Ct Clerk's Authority	\$8,071.00

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES** \$167,360.00

I do hereby certify that the above information is true and correct.

  
Kelli L. Wolk, Judge of the Probate Court

Sworn and subscribed to me  
this 10 day of March, 2022  
  
Notary Public



## PROBATE COURT OF COBB COUNTY

KELLI L. WOLK  
CHIEF JUDGETARA C. RIDDLE  
JUDGEKRISTIN POLAND  
HEARING OFFICERJENNIFER RITCHEY  
CLERKAMANDA MARSHALL  
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## GRAND JURY REPORT

**Background**

The Cobb County Probate Court is served by Chief Judge Kelli L. Wolk, who is an elected official, and also serves as a constitutional officer. Each county in Georgia has elected government officials known as "constitutional officers" since they are enumerated by office in the state constitution. Georgia's Constitution names four such county officers: Clerk of the Superior Court, Judge of the Probate Court, Sheriff, and Tax Commissioner.

The Cobb County Probate Court also has an Associate Judge Tara Riddle, appointed by the Chief Judge for the length of the elected term. The Associate Judge is full time, conducts all of the same judicial functions, and has the same qualification requirements as the elected Chief Judge with the exception of the residency requirements.

The primary function of the Probate Court is to ensure that estates and guardianships are administered in accordance with the law. The Judge of the Probate Court determines controversies involving estates and guardianships by conducting trials both with and without a jury.

The Probate Court of Cobb County has exclusive jurisdiction in the following matters:

- Probate of wills;
- Appointment and removal of executors and administrators;
- Sale and disposition of estate property;
- Appointment and removal of guardians of minors and incapacitated adults;
- Audit of returns of executors, administrators, and guardians;
- Commitments of the mentally ill, alcohol and drug abusers;
- Issuance of marriage licenses;
- Issuance of weapons carry licenses; and
- Miscellaneous services such as issuance of fireworks permits, recording of elected officials' oaths and bonds, and certificates of residence.

The Cobb County Probate Court has 32 employees broken down into the following divisions within the court

Judicial Staff	2
Judicial Support Staff	3
Chief Clerk (Appointed)	1
Administration	3
Estates Division	16
License Division	7

## COBB COUNTY PROBATE COURT FINANCIAL BACKGROUND

The Cobb County Probate Court receives and disburses funds based on State Statutes and Chief Superior Court Judge's local orders. All Probate Court fees are governed by O.C.G.A. § 15-9-60. Appropriations are set by statutes outlined below.

### Remittable Funds

#### Marriage Surcharge -Children's Trust Fund- (GSCCCA) - O.C.G.A. § 15-9-60.1

- Effective: Enacted 1987
- Cases: Marriage License Application
- Calculation/Assessment: \$15.00 per Marriage License Application Fee/ Surcharge to filing fee

#### Civil Action Surcharge -Peace Officers, Prosecutors, and Indigent Defense Fund- (GSCCCA) - O.C.G.A. § 15-21A-6

- Effective: 7/1/2006
- Cases: With regard to decedents' estates: petition for letters of administration; petition to probate a will in solemn form; petition for an order declaring no administration necessary; petition to probate a will in solemn form and for letters of administration with will annexed; and petition for year's support; With regard to a minor guardianship matter as set forth in paragraph (1) of subsection (f) of Code Section 15-9-60, the proceeding by which the jurisdiction of the probate court is first invoked; With regard to an adult guardianship matter as set forth in paragraph (1) of subsection (g) of Code Section 15-9-60, the proceeding by which the jurisdiction of the probate court is first invoked; and an application for writ of habeas corpus.
- Calculation/Assessment: \$15 per filing fee collected/ Surcharge to civil filing fee collected

#### Probate Retirement Fund (PRF)

- Code Section: O.C.G.A. § 47-11-50 and 47-11-51
- Effective: Enacted 1958
- Actions: Civil - All marriage license applications, civil filings and firearm permits filed in Probate Court.
- Assessment: Civil - Deduction from each marriage license fee, civil filing fee and firearm license fee.
- Calculation: Marriage License application 20% of fee - Civil Filings \$2.00 - Firearm License \$1.00.

### Reportable Funds

#### County General Fund (GF)

- Code Section: O.C.G.A. § 15-21-2
- Calculation: Civil: Base Fee less PRF
- Effective: Local Order 9/4/2007
- Assessment: Civil Filing \$5.00/ Surcharge to filing fee

#### Law Library (LL)

- Code Section: O.C.G.A. § 36-15-9
- Effective: Enacted 1971
- Assessment: Civil: Surcharge to filing fee
- Calculation: Maximum \$5.00 per case (amount set by Court Order or Municipal ordinance or resolution)

**Fee Surcharge Summary**Estates Division

Due to the diverse nature of filings in the Estates division, we have listed the remittable/reportable funds that are applied to ALL cases upon filing:

Surcharge	Amount
GSCCCA Civil Action Surcharge	\$ 15.00
Probate Judge's Retirement Fund Surcharge	\$ 2.00
Law Library Surcharge	\$ 5.00

License Division

Service/Fee	Weapons Carry License	\$ 78.25
Remittance	GBI (Background Checks)	\$ 43.25
	PSP (Mailing Charge)	\$ 1.00
	PRF	\$ 1.00
	Remaining Balance (General Fund)	\$ 26.00 **

Service/Fee	Weapons Carry License Renewal	\$ 30.00
Remittance	PRF	\$ 1.00
	PSP (Mailing Charge)	\$ 1.00
	Remaining Balance (General Fund)	\$ 23.00 **

Service/Fee	Marriage License (without counseling)	\$ 56.00
Remittance	GSCCCA	\$ 15.00
	PRF	\$ 8.20
	Remaining Balance (General Fund)	\$ 32.80 **

Service/Fee	Marriage License (with counseling)	\$ 16.00
Remittance	GSCCCA	\$ 15.00
	PRF	\$ .20
	Remaining Balance (General Fund)	\$ .80 **

\*\* Remaining balance after surcharges are deposited into the Cobb County General Fund.

# COBB COUNTY PROBATE COURT

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Monthly Financial Summary

This financial summary outlines all revenue collected for the month as General Fund Receipts, and outlines all mandated appropriations by the court. A description of each entity is outlined below, along with a fee breakdown for each service provided by the court.

During the month of **March 2022**, the Cobb Probate Court collected **\$181,953.75** in revenue.

Revenues collected are custodial in nature and must be disbursed based on various statutes. For the month of **March 2022**, the Cobb Probate Court disbursed **\$46,159.75** to the various funds listed below, most of which are mandated by statutes. The remaining revenue is then disbursed into the Cobb County General Fund.

### MARCH 2022 RECEIPT SUMMARY

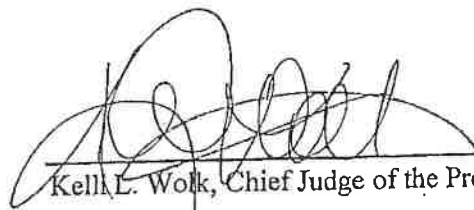
		TOTAL MONTHLY BANK DEPOSITS	\$ 181,953.75
ACCOUNT NO	DESCRIPTION	RECEIPTS	
GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS			
4334	Marriage License	\$	22,268.00
4336	Pistol Permits	\$	28,627.00
4342	Bank Corrections	\$	0.00
4544	Estates	\$	72,748.50
4548	Fingerprints	\$	3,335.00
4564	Advertising Fees (Marietta Daily Journal)	\$	3,670.00
4578	Professional Fees (Court Appointed Attorneys & Evaluators)	\$	5,178.00
0360	Returned Checks	\$	0.00
6593	Over/Short	\$	-32.50
		TOTAL GF RECEIPTS	\$ 135,794.00
BALANCE SHEET ACCOUNTS/GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS			
B.S. 2335	Law Library (LL)	\$	1,940.00
B.S. 2630	Georgia Superior Court Clerk's Cooperative Authority (GSCCCA)	\$	10,305.00
B.S. 2665	Probate Judge's Retirement Fund (PRF)	\$	5,067.00
B.S. 2987	Georgia Bureau of Investigations (GBI)	\$	28,847.75
		TOTAL GF APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 46,159.75
		GRAND TOTAL- ALL RECEIPTS	\$ 181,953.75

I do hereby certify that the above information is true and correct.

Sworn and subscribed to me  
this 10 day of April

  
Notary Public



  
Kelli L. Wolk, Chief Judge of the Probate Court

**Other Georgia Legislation pertaining to Probate Court Operations****§ 36-9-5. Erection, repair, and furnishing of county buildings; storage of county documents**

(a) It is the duty of the county governing authorities to erect or repair, when necessary, their respective courthouses and jails and all other necessary county buildings and to furnish each with all the furniture necessary for the different rooms, offices, or cells.

(b) The county buildings shall be erected and kept in order and repaired at the expense of the county under the direction of the county governing authority which is authorized to make all necessary contracts for that purpose.

(c) (1) As used in this subsection, the term "county document" means:

(A) Records documenting property rights, deeds, and wills; and

(B) Tax records documenting ownership of property and the latest valuations of property.

(2) A county officer, the county board of tax assessors, or any other officer of the county having the responsibility or custody of any county documents set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall, at night or when the county office is closed, keep such county documents:

(A) In a fireproof safe or vault;

(B) In fireproof cabinets;

(C) On microfilm, pursuant to the standards set forth in Article 6 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, only if a security copy has been sent to the Georgia State Archives;

(D) At a location not more than 100 miles from the county in a data storage and retrieval facility approved by the county governing authority within the State of Georgia which is in a building or facility which is in compliance with the fire safety standards applicable to archives and record centers as established by the National Fire Protection Association in Standard No. 232, as such standard was adopted on August 11, 1995. If documents are stored outside the county where the documents were created, the government entity shall bear all costs of transporting such documents back to the county of origin for purposes of responding to requests under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, relating to inspections of public records. Such documents shall be made available to the requester; or

(E) On any other electronic imaging medium that facilitates retrieval of such documents via electronic means, provided that such medium enables conversion of such documents to future electronic imaging technologies and provided that such custodian creates a daily computer-based backup of all archival documents stored on such medium.

(3) It is the duty of the county governing authorities to furnish the necessary fireproof equipment, microfilming equipment and supplies, or some other safe facility for such county documents.

(4) On and after January 1, 1985, county documents shall be stored only in accordance with the provisions of this subsection. The local fire marshal in each county shall monitor the various county offices in the county to assure compliance with the provisions of this subsection.