

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2025 Legislative Session

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Committee: GOFP

Date: May 8, 2025

Action: FAV (A)

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable 4-0, with amendments (Council Members Watson, Burroughs, Blegay, and Oriadha)

The Prince George's County Council, Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee convened on May 8, 2025, to consider CR-044-2025 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING **CONTRACT APPROVALS**. The purpose of the legislation is to approve certain FY 2026 multi-year contracts in accordance with the Prince George's County Charter and Subtitle 10-105 of the Prince George's County Code. The County Executive is required to submit this legislation for all contracts exceeding an aggregate of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) for goods and services and multi-year personal service contracts exceeding an aggregate of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

This Resolution was presented on April 8th, referred to the Committee of the Whole on April 15th, and discharged to GOFP for additional work. GOFP discussed this legislation on April 24th and May 1st. During the meeting on April 15th, Council Chair Burroughs expressed concern that questions posed by Council Staff had not been answered prior to the meeting and suggested a smaller number of contracts be approved; also, adding placeholders in the budget to allow flexibility for an incoming administration.

Office of Management and Budget Director, Stanley Earley, explained the budget process challenges with the proposed amendments and agreed to continue working with the Council. Council Member Dernoga agreed with Director Earley and suggested some of the contracts may not need to be as long as they currently are.

Office of Procurement director, Pamela Dickerson, informed the committee that some of the contracts are active. The chair requested a meeting to discuss which ones need immediate approval.

The legislation was held in committee on April 24 and May 1.

During the May 8, 2025, GOFP meeting, Ms. Skinner, the liaison from the Office of the County Executive, described discussions between meetings as favorable, and noted information requested had been provided about each of the 26 remaining contracts and the contracts themselves, including the consequences of not moving forward. She also stated that the Council's role after the Executive Branch has negotiated terms is to approve or disapprove.

Ms. Terry Bell, representing the Office of Law, found the legislation to be legally sufficient with no impediments to enactment.

Council Chair Burroughs informed the committee that he had met with Motorola, and they agreed to change the term to one year. A revised draft of the list of contractors was provided to the committee. OMB Director Earley explained that the law allows multiple contracts to be submitted in one package and that it is not essential to send them all at once.

Staff informed that although one of the contracts before the Committee had already been signed, under County Charter 819, it would still be unenforceable until The Council approved the agreements.

Council Vice Chair Oriadha and Committee Vice Chair Blegay voiced concern about the contract being signed. Acting County Attorney Shelly Johnson requested time to review the Charter and the procedures, followed by inquiries about the repercussions of contracts not being approved, and was informed that each contract could have unique challenges.

Committee Chair Watson and Council Member Fisher inquired about the impact on the 911 system if that contract is not approved, as well as other contracts. OEM staff noted that the County would need to revert to the time when handheld transceivers/walkie talkies and maps were needed if we do not have Computer-Aided Dispatch for public safety agencies.

Council Chair Burroughs made a motion to amend the legislation, removing contracts for the following entities:

Aon
Stryker
Hilb Group
Motorola

After further discussion, the Prince George's County Council, Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee, voted favorably with amendments, 4-0.