

Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 6/7/2011
Reference No.: CR-036-2011
Draft No.: 2
Proposer(s): County Executive
Sponsor(s): Turner
Item Title: A Resolution transferring surplus appropriations reflecting savings from Non-Departmental and the Office of Law to the Personnel Board, Office of Finance, Office of Management and Budget, Board of Elections, Office of Central Services, Office of Human Resources Management, Office of Community Relations, Office of Homeland Security, and Non-Departmental.

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Resource Personnel: Thomas Himler, Acting Director OMB

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:		Executive Action:
Committee Referral:	5/17/2011 - PSFM	Effective Date:
Committee Action:	6/1/2011 - FAV(A)	
Date Introduced:	5/17/2011	
Public Hearing:		
Council Action (1)	6/7/2011 - ADOPTED	
Council Votes:	WC:A, MRF:A, AH:A, LJ:-, ML:A, EO:A, OP:A, IT:A, KT:A	
Pass/Fail:	P	
Remarks:		

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety and Fiscal Management

Date 6/1/2011

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable As Amended : 5-0, (In favor: Councilmembers Campos, Franklin, Patterson, Toles, and Turner)

This Resolution provides for the inter-departmental transfer of appropriations in the amount of \$19.0 million for FY2011. The Office of Law (\$167,300) and Non-Departmental (Non-D) (\$18,856,300) are projected to have surplus appropriation authority due to lower than anticipated compensation and lease expense costs. This surplus will support the following agencies: Personnel Board (\$3,000), Office of Finance (\$311,700), Office of Management and Budget (\$540,500), Board of Elections (\$334,900), Office of Central Services (\$950,000), Office of Human Resources Management (\$328,600), Office of Community Relations (\$9,300), Office of Homeland Security (\$914,300) and Non-Departmental (\$15,631,300). These agencies require additional financial resources due to unanticipated compensation and operating expenditures related to retirements, legal commitments and early voting.

Also, provided in this legislation is the transfer of \$15.6 million of the contingency funds to provide resources for the

Dimension Healthcare System (\$15 million), Economic Development Corporation (\$218,600), Conference and Visitors Bureau (\$83,500), and the Financial Services Corporation (\$70,200). These appropriations will restore the reductions that were included in the FY2011 Budget ordinance.

The appropriation adjustments totals \$19.0 million will not change the FY 2011 approved budget total of \$2,619,453,600.

The Office of Law has reviewed this legislation and finds it to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its adoption.

This legislation was amended as follows:

1. On page 1 line 7 after “Departmental” add designating a General Fund operating reserve; and establishing a committee to assign fund balance in the General Fund.

2. On page 1 beginning at line 19 insert the following:

WHEREAS, the County wishes to establish a General Fund operating reserve, subject to appropriation only in accordance with Section 816 of the Charter of Prince George’s County, Maryland, which shall equal two percent of the General Fund budget; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to establish a three-person committee to assign fund balance in the General Fund.

3. On page 4 beginning at line 28 insert the following:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there is a General Fund operating reserve, equal to two percent of the General Fund budget, subject to appropriation only in accordance with Section 816 of the Charter for Prince George’s County, Maryland, to meet a public emergency, which constitutes a sudden, unexpected or unforeseen condition or occurrence, creating an imminent hazard to life, health or property and requiring immediate action.

4. On page 5 beginning at line 1 insert the following:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there is a three-person committee to assign fund balance in the General Fund consisting of (1) the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, or his or her designee, (2) the Director of Finance of the County, or his or her designee and (3) the County Council Administrator, or his or her designee.

There should not be a negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of adopting CR-36-2011.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

This legislation will provide for the transfer of appropriations from the Office of Law and Non-Departmental to the Personnel Board, Office of Finance, Office of Management and Budget, Board of Elections, Office of Central Services, Office of Human Resources Management, Office of Community Relations, Office of Homeland Security, and Non-Departmental. The appropriation adjustment totals \$19,023,600 and will provide resources for Dimensions Healthcare System (\$15,000,000) and supports other operational needs. This transfer will not change the FY 2011 approved budget total of \$2,619,453,600.

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