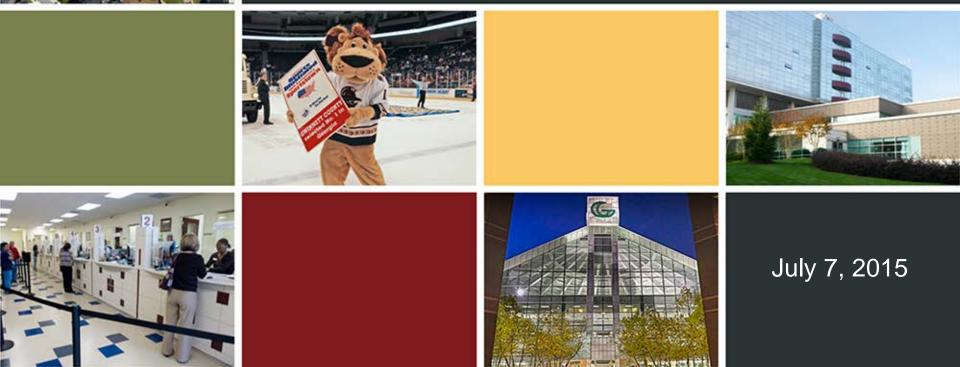






#### 2015 General Assembly Recap





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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

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Technology User Fee

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

## Status of Gwinnett County BOC Legislative Agenda for 2015

### Clerk of Court – Clerk Retirement Fee Impact

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- 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

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- 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.







## **Comments/Questions**

