



Baldwin County Commission

Legislation Text

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ITEM TITLE

Baldwin County Soil and Water Conservation District - Fiscal Year 2018 Appropriation for the Watershed Coordinator Position

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff is requesting that the Commission discuss the following and determine what actions should be taken:

1. Discuss/determine if the FY 2018 budget appropriation of \$41,500.00 to the Baldwin County Soil & Water Conservation District (BCSWCD) should be paid; and
2. If the Commission wishes to pay the FY 2018 appropriation, staff is requesting guidance from legal counsel regarding whether a new appropriation agreement or other legal document is necessary.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Previous Commission action/date: 09/19/2017

Background: The Commission appropriated \$41,500.00 in the Fiscal Year 2018 (10/1/2017 - 09/30/18) budget as funding towards a Watershed Coordinator position with the Baldwin County Soil & Water Conservation District (BCSWCD) during regular session on 09/19/2017. The position was estimated to actually cost around \$81,000.00. During Budget deliberations for Fiscal Year 2018, the Commission expressed to BCSWCD that they would only write the check for \$41,500.00 when BCSWCD could show they had received funds from other sources to help fully fund the position (the full \$81,000.00). In a letter dated 07/31/2018, BCSWCD asked for the \$41,500.00, but Commissioner Dorsey, Finance Chair, instructed staff to withhold it because they did not provide documentation to support adequate funding from other sources. BCSWCD emailed staff on 01/07/2019 asking for the \$41,500.00 and provided letters of support indicating that a majority of the match funding had been secured. The original appropriation agreement expired on 09/30/2018.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Total cost of recommendation: \$41,500.00

Budget line item(s) to be used: miscellaneous appropriations/fund balance

If this is not a budgeted expenditure, does the recommendation create a need for funding? N/A

LEGAL IMPACT

Is legal review necessary for this staff recommendation and related documents?

Yes

Reviewed/approved by: Legal Counsel was emailed regarding this item on 01/07/2019

Additional comments: N/A

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS

Is advertising required for this recommendation? N/A

If the proof of publication affidavit is not attached, list the reason: N/A

FOLLOW UP IMPLEMENTATION

For time-sensitive follow up, select deadline date for follow up: N/A

Individual(s) responsible for follow up: Christie Davis, Senior Budget Accountant will coordinate any/all follow-up.

Action required (list contact persons/addresses if documents are to be mailed or emailed): N/A

Additional instructions/notes: N/A