



The members of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners are now developing the Fiscal Year 2019 budget for the County Government, including funding for the Library System from October 2018 through September 2019.

Before final approval scheduled for July of the FY 2019 budget, county officials are seeking public comments on the budget.

- **The county commissioners are considering a reduction of the Library System’s budget** of about \$2.9 million, or about one-fourth of the annual allocation.
- Possible cutbacks under consideration for the Library System include the **closure of selected library locations and staff layoffs**.
- A **draft proposal** under review by the County Commissioners includes the consolidation of the Acworth and Kennesaw libraries and the permanent closure of the East Cobb, Kemp Memorial, Lewis A. Ray, Sibley, Sweetwater Valley and Windy Hill; the list is subject to change before final adoption.
- The draft proposal also includes the elimination of all part-time library staff positions.
- The Library System’s total service hours – the time library doors are open to the public each week – would be reduced under the draft proposal from **780** hours to **424**. Before budgetary cutbacks for the Library System in 2008, the total was **1089.5** hours.
- The final decision about the budget is made by a majority vote by the County Commissioners: Chairman **Mike Boyce** and Commissioners **Bob Weatherford**, **Bob Ott**, **JoAnn Birrell** and **Lisa Cupid**.
- The public may present information and opinions on the budget to the County Commissioners by email, phone, and in person during public comment sessions at commission meetings and at other public meetings.

- Chairman Boyce recently hosted a series of town hall meeting on fees for the county’s Senior Services department. A similar series of town hall meetings on the Library System’s budget may be organized for late winter or early spring.
- Officials say the County Government’s projected deficit – the level of expenses exceeding revenues – is expected to be about \$30 million for the FY 2019 budget. The figure will likely change.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR COMMISSION  
MEETING DATES FOR 2018**

9 a.m. Meetings:		7 p.m. Meetings:	
February	13	February	27
March	13	March	27
April	10	April	24
May	8	May	22
June	12	June	26
July	10	July	24
August	14	August	28
September	11	September	25
October	9	October	23
November	13	November	27
December 11		December 17 (3rd Mon. 6:00 p.m.)	



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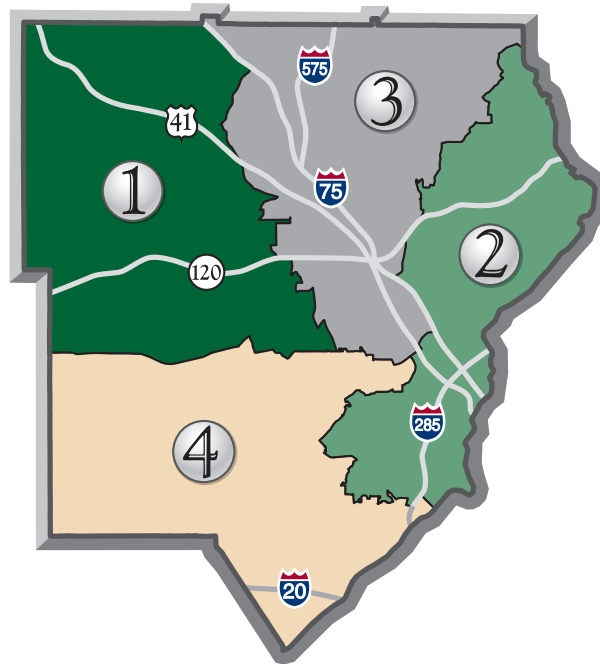
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