



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

14-0862

Agenda Item Summary: Item #14-0862

MEETING DATE:

10-15-14

Requesting Agency

PITTS

Requested Action *(Identify appropriate Action or Motion, purpose, cost, timeframe, etc.)*

APPROVAL

Requirement for Board Action *(Cite specific Board policy, statute or code requirement)*

Is this Item Goal Related? *(If yes, describe how this action meets the specific Board Focus Area or Goal)*

Yes No

Summary & Background

(First sentence includes Agency recommendation. Provide an executive summary of the action that gives an overview of the relevant details for the item.)

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REQUEST APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF WEARABLE BODY CAMERAS FOR POLICE OFFICERS IN THE FULTON COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ENCOURAGE MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN FULTON COUNTY TO CONSIDER WEARABLE BODY CAMERAS FOR THEIR POLICE OFFICERS; AND OTHER PURPOSES. (PITTS)

Fiscal Impact / Funding Source

(Include projected cost, approved budget amount and account number, source of funds, and any future funding requirements.)

Exhibits Attached *(Provide copies of originals, number exhibits consecutively, and label all exhibits in the upper right corner.)*

Source of Additional Information

(Type Name, Title, Agency and Phone)

1 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF WEARABLE BODY CAMERAS**
2 **FOR POLICE OFFICERS IN THE FULTON COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT;**
3 **TO ENCOURAGE MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN FULTON COUNTY TO**
4 **CONSIDER WEARABLE BODY CAMERAS FOR THEIR POLICE OFFICERS;**
5 **AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**
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7 **WHEREAS**, the recent events in Ferguson, Missouri have caused citizens
8 and law enforcement officials throughout the United States to take a closer look
9 at more efficient and safer law enforcement mechanisms in the public safety
10 community; and

11 **WHEREAS**, according to the Washington Post, the Washington D.C.
12 Police Department will start a pilot program in which district officers will begin
13 wearing on-body cameras in October 2014; and

14 **WHEREAS**, according to the New York Times, the New York City Police
15 Department began in September 2014 a test program involving 60 officers after a
16 federal judge ordered the agency to begin using body cameras to address
17 concerns about racial profiling; and

18 **WHEREAS**, according to CNN, the Los Angeles Police Department is
19 conducting similar tests with two types of cameras; and

20 **WHEREAS**, implementation of this Resolution will benefit the public by an
21 increased level of accountability by our law enforcement community and officers
22 will be provided an additional tool to ensure accuracy in relating the facts of
23 incidents and protect officers from unfounded complaints; and

24 **WHEREAS**, wearable body cameras will provide police officers with an
25 additional method of training to enhance their professionalism and customer
26 service; and

1 **WHEREAS**, wearable body cameras will provide an unbiased video
2 recorded account of contact with by citizens of Fulton County, giving
3 investigators a tool to better and more accurately investigate complaints made by
4 citizens; and

5 **WHEREAS**, use of wearable body cameras will aid in evaluating and
6 investigating complaints of excessive force; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners encourages the
8 police departments in the municipalities within Fulton County to consider the use
9 of body cameras for their law enforcement officers;

10 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of
11 Commissioners requests the Fulton County Chief of Police to consider the use of
12 wearable video cameras and to submit a report to the Fulton County Board of
13 Commissioners by November 5, 2014;

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of
15 Commissioners encourages the police departments in the municipalities within
16 Fulton County to consider the use of body cameras for their law enforcement
17 officers;

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk to the Commission is hereby
19 directed to spread this Resolution upon the official minutes and records of the
20 Board of Commissioners of Fulton County and to distribute a copy of same to all
21 the municipalities within Fulton County.

22 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall become effective
23 upon its adoption and that all Resolutions and parts of Resolutions in conflict with

1 this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

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3 **SO PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this _____ day of October, 2014.

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Robert L. "Robb" Pitts
District 2, At-Large

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19 **ATTEST:**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Mark Massey,
Clerk to the Commission

R. David Ware
County Attorney

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