



BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

September 26, 2025



Budget Committee Meeting Attendance

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	Committee Member	Present (On Call)	Absent
1	Honorable Stacy Butterfield, Chair		
2	Honorable Nikki Alvarez-Sowles		
3	Honorable Matt Brooks		
4	Honorable Ken Burke		
5	Honorable Pam Childers		
6	Honorable Gary Cooney		
7	Honorable Nadia Daughtrey		
8	Honorable Juan Fernandez-Barquin		
9	Honorable Brenda Forman		
10	Honorable Greg Godwin		
11	Honorable Tara Green		
12	Honorable Greg James		
13	Honorable Crystal Kinzel		
14	Honorable Grant Maloy		
15	Honorable Michelle Miller		
16	Honorable Kellie Hendricks Rhoades		
17	Honorable Laura Roth		
18	Honorable Clayton Rooks, III		
19	Honorable Tiffany Moore Russell		
20	Honorable Carolyn Timmann		



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Meeting: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Eastern

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85147369293>

Meeting ID: 851 4736 9293; **Conference Call:** 1-305-224-1968

- 1) Call to Order and Introduction Hon. Stacy Butterfield
- 2) Roll Call Griffin Kolchakian
- 3) Public Comment Hon. Stacy Butterfield
- 4) Approve Minutes from 8/11/25 Meeting Hon. Stacy Butterfield
- 5) Revenue and Expenditures Update Griffin Kolchakian
- 6) 2026 Budget Committee Workplan and Calendar Hon. Stacy Butterfield
- 7) Workgroups Update Hon. Stacy Butterfield
 - a) Jury Management Workgroup Hon. Grant Maloy
 - b) Additional Budget Components (ABC) Workgroup Griffin Kolchakian
 - i) Finalize ABC Workgroup's Next Items
- 8) Vacancies Discussion Griffin Kolchakian
- 9) Budget Process Overview Griffin Kolchakian
- 10) Other Business Hon. Stacy Butterfield

Committee Members: Stacy Butterfield, CPA, Chair; Nikki Alvarez-Sowles, Esq.; Matt Brooks; Ken Burke, CPA; Pam Childers, CPA; Gary Cooney, Esq.; Nadia K. Daughtrey; Juan Fernandez-Barquin; Brenda D. Forman; Greg Godwin; Tara S. Green; Greg James; Crystal K. Kinzel; Grant Maloy; Michelle R. Miller; Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, CPA; Laura E. Roth, Esq.; Clayton O. Rooks, III; Tiffany Moore Russell, Esq.; and Carolyn Timmann



Minutes of August 11, 2025, Budget Committee Meeting (virtual via Zoom)

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order and Introduction

Clerk Tara Green, Chair of the Budget Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM. Griffin Kolchakian, CCOC Budget and Communications Director, called the roll.

Present via Zoom: Chair Tara Green, Vice-Chair Greg Godwin, Clerk Nikki Alvarez-Sowles, Clerk Ken Burke, Clerk Stacy Butterfield, Clerk Pam Childers, Clerk Gary Cooney, Clerk Nadia Daughtrey, Clerk Brenda Forman, Clerk Crystal Kinzel, Clerk Grant Maloy, Clerk Michelle Miller, Clerk Brandon Patty, Clerk Clayton Rooks, Clerk Tiffany Moore Russell, Clerk Rachel Sadoff.

Absent from meeting: Clerk Tom Bexley, Clerk Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, Clerk Carolyn Timmann.

Agenda Item 2 – Approve Agenda

Clerk Sadoff moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Clerk Godwin. The motion was adopted without objection.

Agenda Item 3 – Approve Minutes from 7/16/25 Meeting

The minutes of the July 16, 2025, meeting were presented for approval.

Clerk Sadoff moved to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Clerk Miller. The motion was adopted without objection.

Agenda Item 4 – Revenue and Expenditures Update

Mr. Kolchakian provided an update on CFY 2024-25 revenues and expenditures to date. Total revenues through June were almost 4% above the REC projected amount. Expenditures were 8.7% below the approved budget to date. No vote was required for this agenda item.

Agenda Item 5 – Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) Meeting Update

Mr. Kolchakian provided an update on the Article V Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) meeting held on July 31 to project the revenues for next fiscal year. The REC estimated clerk revenues to total \$516.7 million for CFY 2025-26, providing the total available revenue for the clerks' CFY 2025-26 Revenue-Limited Budget of \$532.5 million. No vote was required for this agenda item.

Agenda Item 6 – Budget Presentations

Chair Green provided an overview of the clerks' budget development process to date and outlined the optional budget presentations. Budget presentations are to focus on the budget issue requests submitted in June. Presentations included:

- Clerk Perry (Citrus County)
- Clerk Kinzel (Collier County)
- Clerk Colonnese (Manatee County)
- Jamie Roberson (Martin County)
- Clerk Bryant (Okeechobee County)
- Clerk Russell (Orange County)
- Shannon Ramsey Chessman (Palm Beach County)

No vote was required for this agenda item.

Agenda Item 7 – Budget Deliberations/Approve Revenue-Limited Budget

Chair Green outlined the committee's decisions to established the budget so far and identified the amount left to allocate (just under \$500,000). During these budget deliberations, the committee discussed compliance and collections efforts, payment plans, unfunded mandates, lack of pay raises, and other budgetary issues affecting the clerks and their offices.

Clerk Kinzel moved to fully fund the nine "balanced" budget clerks and distribute the rest of the funding to the budget presenters. The motion failed to receive a second.

Clerk Miller moved to proportionately allocate the \$489,000 based on county population. Clerk Burke seconded the motion. The motion was voted down.

Clerk Russell moved to allocate the \$489,000 using weighted cases. Clerk Daughtrey seconded the motion. The motion was adopted, with a dissenting vote from Clerk Kinzel.

Agenda Item 8 – Other Business**a) Finalize Additional Budget Components Workgroup's Next Items**

Chair Green stated that the committee needed to determine the next factors the Additional Budget Components (ABC) Workgroup will review. Proposed factors include:

- Multiple courthouse locations (incremental cost)
- Senior judges / hearing officers / magistrates
- AOs with a court-related fiscal
- BOCC subsidy funding

The committee decided to address this in more detail at the next committee meeting.

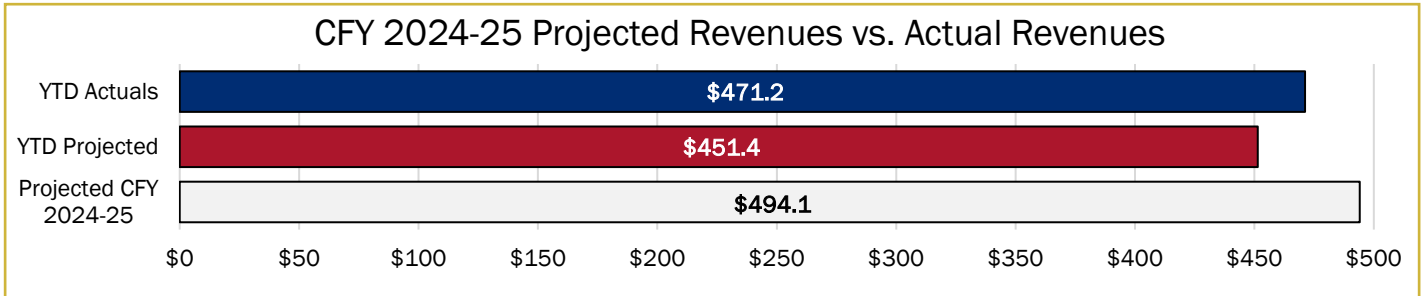
Chair Green announced that, moving forward, Clerk Butterfield will be the chair of the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee is planning to hold its next meeting in September to outline plans for the CFY 2026-27 budget development cycle.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM.



REVENUE UPDATE – Through July 2025

The July Article V Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) projected the clerks to collect a total statewide revenue of **\$494.1 million** for CFY 2024-25.



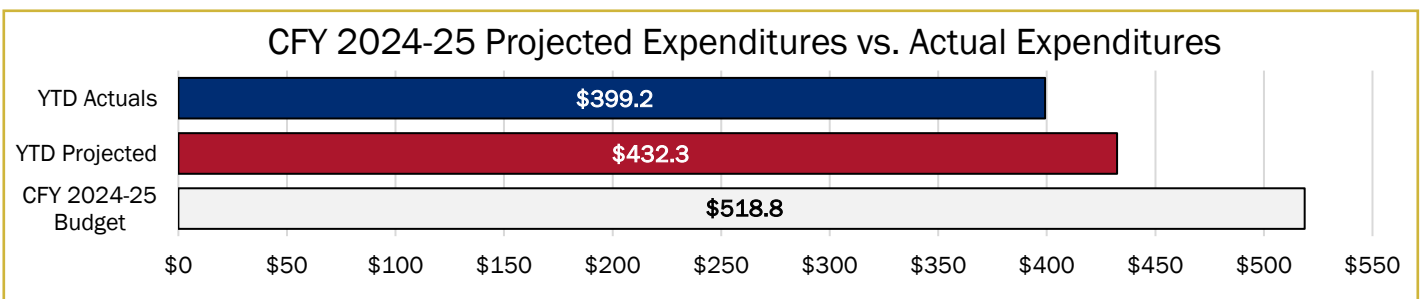
Total revenues reported for July 2025 were **\$45.8 million**, which is **\$4.4 million, or 10.6 percent, above** the REC monthly projection

Through the first **eleven** months of the CFY, the REC expected clerks to collect **\$451.4 million**; the actual revenue is **\$471.2 million**, which is **\$19.8 million, or 4.4 percent, above** YTD expectations

- September, November, December, January, February, April, May, and July actuals came in above the REC monthly estimate
- October, March, and June actuals came in below the REC monthly estimate

EXPENDITURES UPDATE – Through July 2025

The Budget Committee and Executive Council approved the **\$518.8 million** budget for CFY 2024-25.



Through the first **ten** months of the fiscal year, the total expenditures reported were **\$399.2 million**

This amount is **\$33.1 million, or 7.7 percent, below** the year-to-date approved budget



2026 Proposed Budget Committee Schedule

September:

- **Budget Committee Meeting (September 26th) – Zoom Meeting**
 - 2026 Budget Committee Workplan and Calendar
 - Workgroups Update
 - Determine next factors the ABC Workgroup will address
 - Vacancies discussion
 - General budget process overview

October:

- **CCOC Executive Council Meeting (October 21st)**
- **Fall Conference in St. Augustine (October 22nd-24th)**
- *No need for Budget Committee Meeting in October*

November:

- *No need for Budget Committee Meeting in November*

December:

- **CCOC Workshop on Case Weights (December 11th) – Daytona Beach**
- **Budget Committee Meeting (date TBD) – Zoom Meeting**
 - Workgroups Update

January:

- **Legislative Session Begins (January 13th)**
- **Clerks' Day at the Capitol (January 20th-21st)**
- *No need for Budget Committee Meeting in January*

February:

- **Budget Committee Meeting (date TBD) – Zoom Meeting**
 - Workgroups Update
 - Establish Reserve Fund Calculation for CFY 2026-27
 - Establish CFY 2026-27 Base Budget

March:

- [Legislative Session Ends \(March 13th\)](#)
- [CCOC Executive Council Meeting \(March 16th\)](#)
- [Winter Conference in Ocala \(March 17th-19th\)](#)
- *No need for Budget Committee Meeting in March*

April:

- *No need for Budget Committee Meeting in April*

May:

- **Budget Committee Meeting (date TBD) – Zoom Meeting**
 - Workgroups Update – present recommendations
 - Funding Allocation Deliberation

June:

- **Budget Issue Requests are due to the CCOC (June 1st)**
 - CCOC staff will compile and review these requests for the Committee
- [CCOC Executive Council Meeting \(June 22nd\)](#)
- [Summer Conference in Orlando \(June 23rd-25th\)](#)
- **Budget Committee Meeting (date TBD) – Zoom Meeting**
 - Workgroups Update – present finalized recommendations, if needed

July:

- [REC Meeting \(date TBD\)](#)
- *No need for Budget Committee Meeting in July*

August:

- **Budget Committee Meeting (date TBD) – In-Person Meeting (Location TBD)**
 - REC Results Update
 - Budget Presentations by Counties (*optional*)
 - Budget Deliberations / Approve CFY 2026-27 Revenue-Limited Budget

September:

- *No need for Budget Committee Meeting in September*



AGENDA ITEM 7

DATE: September 26, 2025
SUBJECT: Workgroups Update
COMMITTEE ACTION: Approve Next ABC Workgroup Factor(s) to Review

Jury Management Workgroup: This ongoing workgroup chaired by Clerk Maloy helps the committee oversee the clerks' jury management process, including the related forms and reports. Last year, this workgroup proposed the combined, revise Jury Management Report that was approved by the committee and Executive Council. The workgroup plans to continue to review quarterly costs as well as the active Jury Policy.

FYI: This State FY, the Legislature provided clerks \$11.7 million of State General Revenue to reimburse jury costs (funds released quarterly). Unfortunately, clerks were not appropriated additional funding to fully cover juror costs. Quarterly costs will likely exceed the available quarterly budget; each clerk's quarterly reimbursement amount will be proportionately reduced to the total available budget; each clerk will only be reimbursed for a portion of their quarterly costs and is responsible to cover excess costs from their CCOC budget. Please budget accordingly. Each clerk will likely be reimbursed for around 70% of actual costs.

Additional Budget Components Workgroup: This workgroup chaired by CCOC staff was created last year to review significant budget components that are not included in the weighted workload measure, including items like cost-of-living, multiple courthouses, AOs, senior judges, fiscally constrained counties, and any other budgetary factors identified. The workgroup met multiple times last year to review cost-of-living as the first factor. To determine which additional component(s) the workgroup will review this year, the committee can select the next factors from the list below, or any other factors identified, or let the workgroup decide:

- Multiple courthouse locations (the associated incremental cost increase)
- Senior judges / hearing officers / magistrates
- Administrative Orders (AOs) with a court-related fiscal impact
- BOCC subsidy funding – CCOC already has this data (Operational Budgets)

Some of these factors will require the workgroup to send out a statewide survey to gather needed information and detail. The workgroup will continue to meet and plans to bring a proposal to the committee for potential use in next year's budget development as well as a wholistic budget proposal a few years down the road once all components are reviewed.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Approve Next ABC Workgroup Factor(s) to Review

LEAD STAFF: Griffin Kolchakian, Budget and Communications Director

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Jury Management Policy



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CCOC Juror Management Funds Policy
[Adopted June 2022]

1) PURPOSE

- a) Provide the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation's (CCOC) Budget Committee an official policy and procedure for the administration of General Revenue allocated to the clerks by the Legislature for the management of the juror process. This policy will provide guidance to the Committee.

2) AUTHORITY

- a) Section 40.24, F.S.
- b) Subsection 40.29(5), F.S.
- c) Section 40.011, F.S.
- d) Section 40.221, F.S.
- e) Section 40.231, F.S.
- f) Section 40.23, F.S.

3) POLICY/PROCEDURES

- a) Compensation to Jurors
 - i) Juror service constitutes being summoned and reporting for jury service as well as actual service on a jury, per subsection 40.24(2), F.S.
 - ii) A juror who is regularly employed and continues to receive regular wages while serving as a juror is not entitled to receive compensation from the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the first three days of juror service. Regular employment includes full-time employment and part-time, temporary, and casual employment, if the employment hours can be reasonably determined by a schedule or by custom and practice established during the three months preceding the term of service as a juror.
 - iii) A juror who is not regularly employed or does not continue to receive regular wages while serving as a juror is entitled to receive \$15 per day for the first three days of juror service.
 - iv) Each juror who serves more than three days is entitled to be paid by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the fourth day of service and each day after that at the rate of \$30 per day of service.
 - v) A juror is not entitled to additional reimbursement by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for travel and other out-of-pocket expenses.
 - vi) A juror who is present on any of the days when the presiding judge is absent or, being present, does not hold the session of the court, shall be entitled to receive the

- same compensation as if the court were in session, if the entitlement requirements stated in number ii and iii above are met.
- vii) A juror on call by the court in a jury pool, as provided in section 40.231, F.S., is entitled to compensation for only those days the juror actually attended court and not for the days on call.
 - viii) A juror who is excused from jury service at their own request is not entitled to compensation.
 - ix) In accordance with subsection 40.24(8), F.S., jurors are permitted to irrevocably donate their juror service compensation in circuits that elect to allow this.
- b) Juror Meals and Lodging – In circumstances requiring extended attendance by a jury in court, such as a major felony case, the court may order meals and lodging for jurors to be provided by the Sheriff pursuant to section 40.26, F.S. These expenses are to be paid by the Clerk of the Circuit Court reimbursable by the State.

Guidelines for payment of these expenses:

- i) When the court has directed that the jury be kept together, due to deliberations, sequestration, or an extended voir dire, meals and/or lodging may be provided. When required by order of the court, the Sheriff shall provide juries with meals and lodging to be paid by the Clerk of the Circuit Court.
 - ii) Lodging should be paid only if appropriate, such as when the jury is sequestered.
 - iii) Reasonably priced meals should be obtained for jurors. A statement of justification is required on invoices for meal reimbursements that are substantially above the standard state employee allowance for meals: \$6 for breakfast, \$11 for lunch, and \$19 for dinner, as prescribed in subsection 112.061(6)(b), F.S.
 - iv) A reasonable tip, gratuity, or delivery fee may be paid when jurors are restricted in movement, such as being sequestered or when requiring an escort by the bailiff, to obtain a meal when such meal is served by wait staff or the meal is delivered onsite.
 - v) Coffee and water for the jurors is an allowable expenditure if it is located in a public area.
 - vi) Transportation costs must be borne by the county. This includes the cost of transportation to relocate a jury from one county to another.
 - vii) No other jury-related costs are reimbursable by the State. All costs associated with the bailiff or other Sheriff's office personnel must be borne locally.
 - viii) Any additional unique expenditures for meals and/or lodging may be addressed on a case-by-case basis by CCOC.
- c) Personnel – All personnel costs attributable to managing the juror process are reimbursable.
- d) Direct Operational Costs – Printing summonses, mailing summonses, securing jury lists, etc. are reimbursable.

4) REPORTING:

- a) Clerks must submit the completed Jury Management Expenditure Report (Excel file) and the Justice Administrative Commission (JAC) signed certification letter (PDF file) to the

CCOC quarterly by the 10th of the month following the end of the requesting quarter (i.e., submit October–December expenditures by January 10).

- i) The clerk must sign the JAC Certification form and cannot delegate this authority.
- ii) Electronic signatures must show a visible signature.
- iii) Clerks must submit the expenditure report and the certification letter as an e-mail attachment to reports@flccoc.org.

b) The quarterly report will capture jury management expenditures in the following categories:

- i) Jury-Related Personnel Costs
- ii) Direct Operational Costs Associated with the Processing of Jurors
- iii) Compensation to Jurors
- iv) Meals and Lodging Provided to Jurors

c) Exclusions – The reimbursement request should NOT include cost estimates for jury management software (initial cost or maintenance) or cost for providing juror parking. The quarterly requests for reimbursement should not include expenditures associated with county obligations or local requirements deemed the county's responsibility pursuant to section 29.008, F.S.

5) REVIEW AMOUNTS, REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS, AND PAYMENT

a) CCOC will prepare and submit a statewide summary per county to the JAC by the first day of the subsequent month the reports were submitted. The report submitted to the JAC will reflect the cost per clerk by the expenditure categories listed above. This report is used for clerks to request reimbursement of actual costs each quarter of the State Fiscal Year (July 1 through June 30).

- i) Should there be an insufficient amount of funds available to meet the needs of requested reimbursement from the clerks, CCOC will prorate the amount statewide for reimbursement to meet the available funds pursuant to subsection 40.29(5), F.S. Each county would share this reduction percentage proportionally.

(1) This reduction will be done each quarter of the State Fiscal Year, as necessary.

(2) If actual total costs exceed the statewide available funding for reimbursement at the end of the State Fiscal Year, each clerk is responsible to cover any jury-related costs that exceed the total available statewide funding for reimbursement from their CCOC court-related budget.

b) Pursuant to subsection 40.29(5), F.S., the JAC will review the request for reimbursement to determine the sufficiency of funds for each quarter and receipt of the required clerk's signed and dated certification letter.

c) Upon completing the review, JAC will submit the request for reimbursement to the State's Chief Financial Officer who will directly provide these funds to the individual clerk offices.

d) For auditing purposes, detailed jury management data to support reimbursement requests, such as payroll, payments to jurors, etc., should be retained at the local level.



AGENDA ITEM 8

DATE: September 26, 2025
SUBJECT: Vacancies Discussion
COMMITTEE ACTION: Potential Committee Direction

OVERVIEW:

Clerks' offices are structured differently throughout the state, especially when it comes to staffing. Each elected clerk has the autonomy to set up their office structure however they see fit. However, this makes it difficult to compare clerks' staffing, including vacancies.

Currently, court-related vacancies are captured on Tab B of the Operational Budget (current-year projections). Current vacancies and the length of time for each vacancy are identified.

Vacancies are currently used in data analytics and in the annual FRS calculation.

Potential issues include:

- It does not appear that vacancies are tracked by all offices
- It does not appear that vacancies are tracked in a uniform manner from office to office
- For the FRS calculation, should we exclude vacancies that have been vacant for 180 days (as the State does)? Vacant for one year? Should we exclude vacancies altogether?

Is the committee interested in creating guidelines for identifying vacancies?

COMMITTEE ACTION: Potential Committee Direction

LEAD STAFF: Griffin Kolchakian, Budget and Communications Director

ATTACHMENTS: None

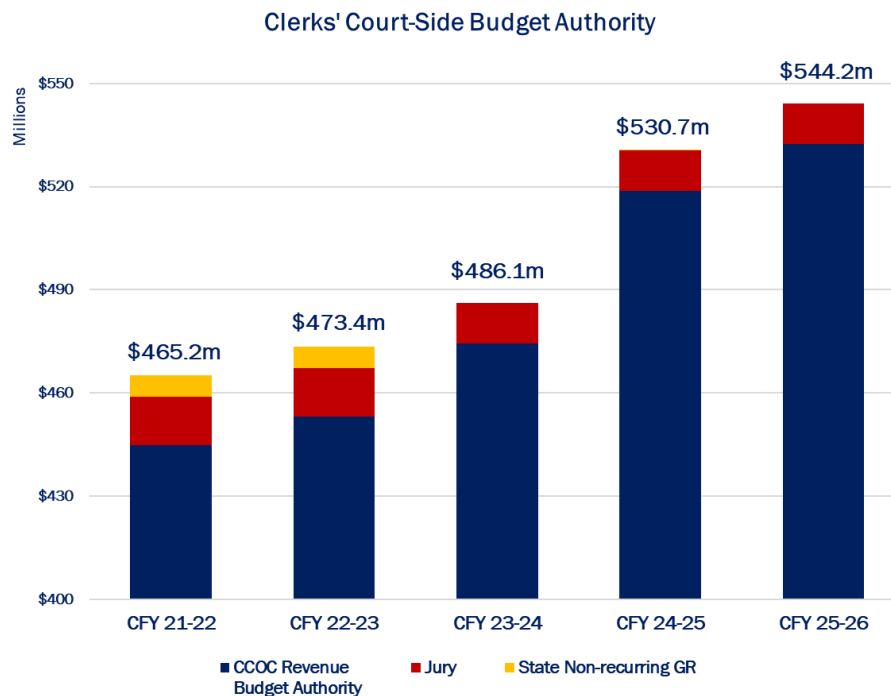


AGENDA ITEM 9

DATE: September 26, 2025
SUBJECT: Budget Development Process Overview
COMMITTEE ACTION: Information Only

OVERVIEW:

The primary duty of the CCOC Budget Committee is to establish and recommend the clerks' court-related budget to the CCOC Executive Council. This total court-side budget includes the fines and fees-based budget known as the Revenue-Limited Budget, the reimbursement of State dollars for juror costs, and any other State funding provided (examples include the Pandemic Recovery Plan funding and the Hope Cards funding). Below is a summary of the most recent five years:



AVAILABLE FUNDING:

Florida Statute (s. 28.35(2)(f), F.S.) requires the CCOC to ensure that the total combined budgets of the clerks do not exceed the total **estimated revenues** from fees, service charges, court costs, and fines for court-related functions as determined by the Revenue Estimating Conference (REC), plus the total court-related unspent budgeted funds carried forward, plus the Cumulative Excess funds carried forward, and any other appropriations. This figure represents the statewide total to which the clerks' reported totals must match. Below is a summary of the available funding the committee had to build the \$532.5 million CFY 2025-26 Revenue-Limited Budget and the \$544.2 million CFY 2025-26 Total Court-Side Budget:

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCESS OVERVIEW

REC Revenue Estimate (CFY 2025-26) [July 2025]	\$ 516,691,576
Cumulative Excess - Clerks' Share of 50% (CFY 2023-24)	\$ 10,855,958
Statutorily Required Amount to Reserve (10%)	\$ (1,085,596)
Unspent Budgeted Funds (CFY 2023-24)	\$ 6,013,550
	\$ 532,475,488
Jury Management Funding (State GR)	\$ 11,700,000
CFY 2025-26 Total Court-Side Budget Authority	\$ 544,175,488

Clerks' jury reimbursement funding is allocated in the State's annual General Appropriations Act (GAA). Currently, clerks are appropriated \$11.7 million of State General Revenue (GR) funding for juror costs. The Justice Administrative Commission (JAC) releases this reimbursement quarterly; the quarterly CCOC Jury Management Report is the clerks' mechanism to detail total quarterly costs and request State reimbursement funding.

BUDGET ISSUE REQUESTS:

Florida Statute (s. 28.36(2)(a), F.S.) requires clerks to submit their proposed budget to the CCOC by June 1 each year through the Budget Issue Requests. This process allows clerks to seek additional funding beyond the Base Budget, establishing their Total Requested Court-related Budget annually. However, this is not the final budget authority; due to limited available revenue, the total requested budget exceeds the actual available revenue each year.

REVENUE-LIMITED BUDGET:

Each year, the Budget Committee sets the clerks' Revenue-Limited Budget according to the available revenue specified above. The committee has worked to standardize the budget process and incorporate additional data and analytics into its decision-making process. Highlights include:

- **Establishing a Base Budget (per s. 28.35(2)(f), F.S.)** – in the recent past, the committee established a Base Budget as a starting point for allocations. This amount usually consists of the prior-year Revenue-Limited Budget amount plus the calculated FRS increase based on the updated rates per class as approved by the Legislature. Establishing a Base Budget brings stability to year-over-year distributions and mirrors the State budgeting process which allows the clerks' legislative team to communicate our process more effectively and advocate for needed additional funding.
- **Allocations of Available Funding Above Base** – to allocate any available funding above the approved Base Budget, the committee uses a handful of allocation methodologies, including funding for newly created circuit and county judges, weighted cases, staff pay increases, an allocation based on the jury funding shortfall, and a projected additional FRS increase for the fourth quarter of the CFY. Below is a summary of the components used to create the most recent three years of the Revenue-Limited Budget:

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCESS OVERVIEW

Allocation	CFY 2023-24 Budget	CFY 2024-25 Budget	CFY 2025-26 Budget	Total %	Alloc. %	
Prior-Year Revenue-Limited Budget	\$ 453,209,797	\$ 474,436,051	\$ 518,781,741	94.8%		
FRS Increase	\$ 5,404,099	\$ 163,861	\$ 1,018,936	0.4%	8.3%	
New Judges Funding (1 FTE per Judge)		\$ 657,780	\$ 2,895,780	0.2%	4.5%	75.9%
Weighted Cases Allocation	\$ 14,454,762	\$ 25,762,021	\$ 9,779,031	3.3%	63.1%	
Pay Increases		\$ 13,610,376		0.9%	17.2%	
Jury Funding Allocation		\$ 4,588,917		0.3%	5.8%	
Additional FRS for Q4 Projected Increase	\$ 1,365,721			0.1%	1.7%	
Adjustments	\$ 1,670	\$ (437,265)		0.0%	-0.5%	
	\$ 474,436,049	\$ 518,781,741	\$ 532,475,488			

STANDARDIZING BUDGET FACTORS:

The committee continues to standardize the budgeting process for each of the 67 clerks statewide, including the following budget factors:

- **FRS** – the FRS rate increases are calculated on each clerk’s behalf for each FRS position class each year and usually funding as part of the approved Base Budget.
- **New Judges** – each year that the Legislature has created new circuit and county judges, the committee has provided one FTE for each new judge. The committee uses the approved formula calculation as part of the annual Total Requested Court-related Budget on each clerk’s behalf as well.
- **Jury Deficit** – the committee calculates the jury shortfall projection based on prior-year actuals on behalf of each clerk as part of the annual Total Requested Court-related Budget.

The committee will continue to identify additional factors to make uniform, helping to standardize the clerks’ budget development process.

FUNDED / DEPOSITORY DESIGNATION:

Each year, CCOC submits to the Department of Revenue (DOR) the designation of each clerk as either “Funded” or “Depository,” meaning a county either projects to collect more revenue than your budget authority for the year and will send the excess money to the COC Trust Fund or a county projects to collect less revenue than its budget authority and will need to receive money from the COC Trust Fund to fully fund the approved budget authority. This designation is calculated by taking each clerk’s submitted revenue projection (due annually by June 1) for the year and comparing that to the approved Revenue-Limited Budget for each clerk. However, at the end of the County Fiscal Year, each clerk’s actual revenues are calculated as part of the annual Settle-Up process; this determines if each clerk was “Funded” or “Depository” for the year. Either way, each clerk is made whole through the Settle-Up process.

Below is summary of Funded and Depository clerks at the beginning of the year and at the end of the year:

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCESS OVERVIEW

CFY		Funded/ Depository	Settle-Up
		Projected Revenues - Budget	Actual Revenues - Budget
2025-26	Funded	49	
	Depository	18	
2024-25	Funded	53	
	Depository	13	
2023-24	Funded	51	41
	Depository	14	26
2022-23	Funded	49	42
	Depository	17	25
2021-22	Funded	48	45
	Depository	19	22
<i>Last 3 Years</i>			
<i>Avg.</i>	<i>Funded:</i>	<i>49.3</i>	<i>42.7</i>
	<i>Depository:</i>	<i>16.7</i>	<i>24.3</i>

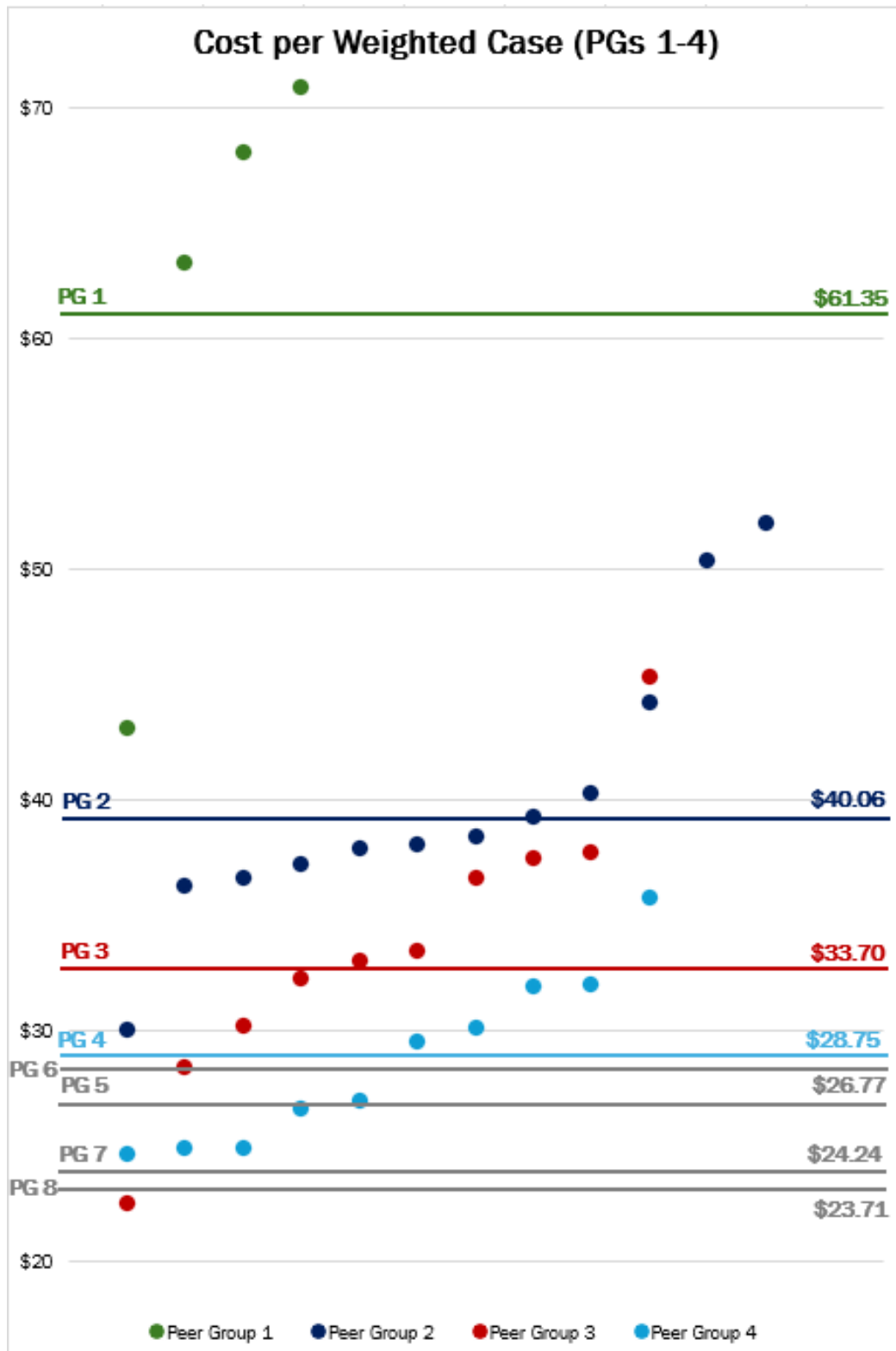
It is important to note that a “Funded” designation is not a negative label. There are multiple reasons and factors that allow counties to collect more revenue than their annual budget. This is the purpose behind Revision 7 to Article V of the Florida Constitution that created the current statewide funding model requiring the CCOC to set a balanced statewide budget.

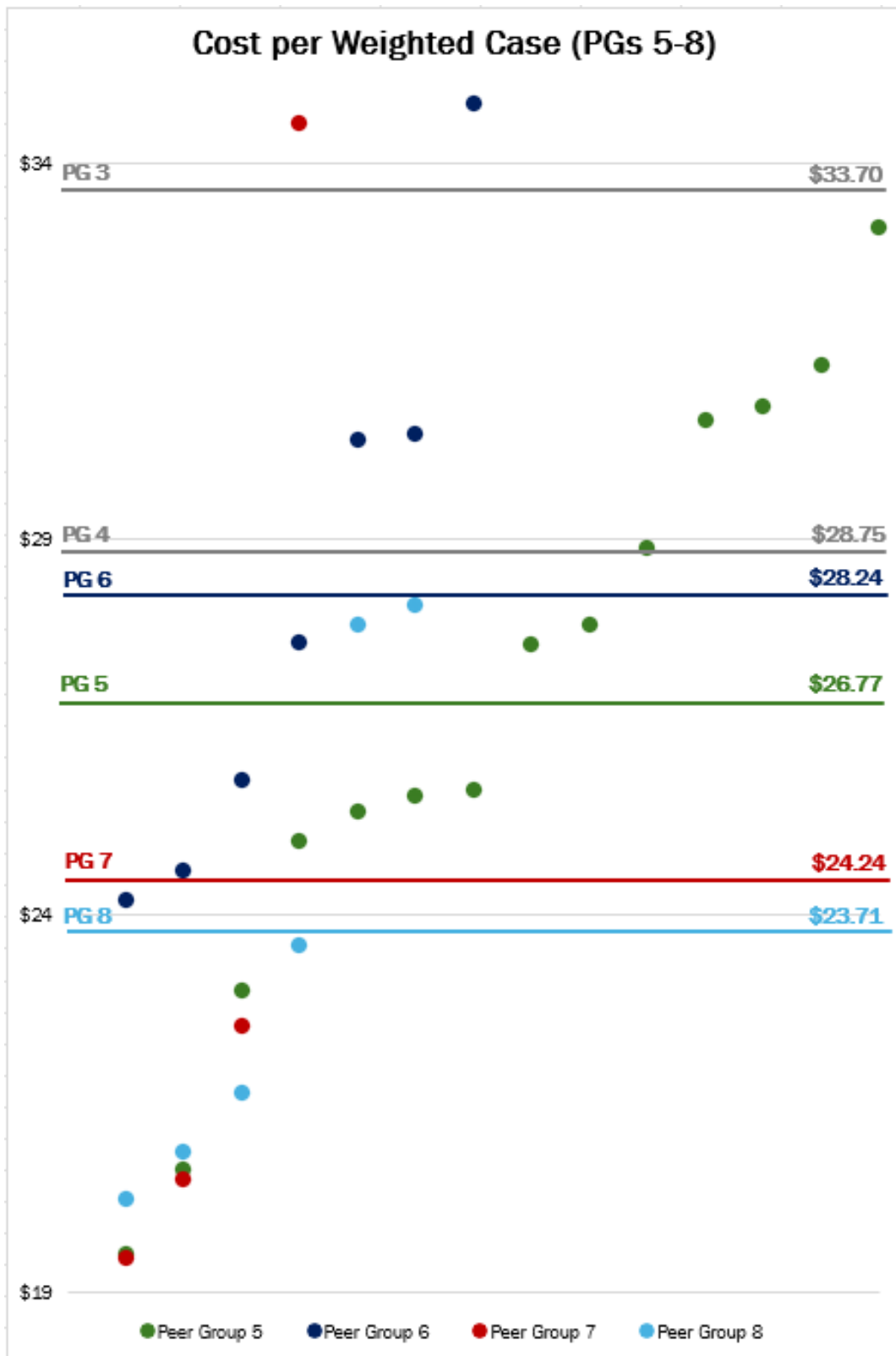
COMMITTEE ACTION: Information Only

LEAD STAFF: Griffin Kolchakian, Budget and Communications Director

ATTACHMENTS:

- Data Analytics





CFY	REC Projection (July/Aug.)	Clerks' Projection	CCOC Projection	Actuals	
2020-21	410,013,184	396,948,349	408,786,482	434,366,182	Coming out of Pandemic
2021-22	432,855,670	426,585,780	431,955,479	438,294,435	PIP Reform Impact
2022-23	440,981,916	435,113,397	440,799,613	469,401,286	Tort Reform Impact
2023-24	458,473,245	454,890,112	464,623,067	480,185,161	
2024-25	494,053,196	475,243,637	495,055,257	513,741,058	11 months of actuals
2025-26	516,691,576	503,266,862	517,805,824		

Revenue Forecasting

