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Cosby Trial Expenses Total \$219,100

Norristown, PA (July 13, 2017) – Montgomery County has calculated that the expenses of the Commonwealth vs. William Cosby trial are approximately \$219,100.

The high-profile trial required overtime for employees in several departments and, due to a change in venire, the selection, transportation, and accommodations of jurors from Allegheny County.

“The difficult work and extra attention the case of the Commonwealth vs. William Cosby required was met with planning, preparation, and problem solving from Montgomery County employees across a number of departments,” said Val Arkoosh, M.D., Chairwoman, Montgomery County Board of Commissioners. “I want to extend my deepest gratitude for the hard work and professionalism that our county employees showed throughout the trial.”

In its 2017 budget, Montgomery County has allotted funding for overtime and trials, and the expenses associated with the Commonwealth vs. William Cosby trial will come from those line items. At this point, it has not been determined the impact the expenses associated with the Cosby trial will have on the 2017 budget.

The calculation of these expenses required county officials to organize invoices from the various departments involved and work with payroll staff to total the overtime expenses.

A brief breakdown of the expenses associated with the trial is as follows:

Juror Expenses of \$74,000

- Jury selection: \$6,700
- Transportation: \$7,300
- Accommodations: \$46,000
- Meals: \$14,000

Personnel Expenses of \$129,000

- Sheriff's Office overtime pay: \$98,600
- Detective overtime pay: \$14,400
- Court staff overtime pay: \$14,100
- Security overtime pay: \$1,900

Court Expenses of \$16,100

- Audio/Video to overflow court room: \$16,100