

DeKalb County Government

*Manuel J. Maloof Center
1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30030*



Summary

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

9:00 AM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

Board of Commissioners

Comm. Robert Patrick, Presiding Officer, District 1

Comm. Mereda Davis Johnson, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 5

Commissioner Robert Patrick, District 1

Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, District 2

Commissioner Larry Johnson, District 3

Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4

Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5

Commissioner Edward "Ted" Terry, Super District 6

Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Super District 7

Administration: Michael Thurmond, CEO, Zachary Williams, Executive Assistant/ Chief Operating Officer, Barbara Sanders-Norwood, County Clerk, Matthew Welch, Deputy County Attorney

A. INSPIRATIONAL

Tango Lemon

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson District 7

B. PRESENTATIONS

National Senior Center Month

Library Card Sign Up Month

GA Minority Supplier Development Council

Mexican Independence Day

C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The purpose of public comment is to allow the public to voice county-related requests, concerns or opinions during the Commission meeting. Speakers will only have the opportunity for one public comment per meeting. Public comments may be made in person or submitted by sending an email no longer than one page to PublicComments@dekalbcountyga.gov which must be received between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Only those emails received during the allotted time may be read aloud. Public comment emails received outside of the allotted time will be included in the public comment record for the next meeting after

receipt of those emails. The body of your email must include your first and last name, followed by your address. By submitting an email for public comment at any time, you agree to have your name, address and email entered into the record/minutes. Each in-person speaker must complete a speaker card and present it to the clerk before the beginning of the public comment portion of the meeting. received outside of the allotted time will be included in the public comment record for the next meeting after receipt of those emails. The body of your email must include your first and last name, followed by your address. By submitting an email for public comment at any time, you agree to have your name, address and email entered into the record/minutes. Each in-person speaker must complete a speaker card and present it to the clerk before the beginning of the public comment portion of the meeting. Cards must be turned in to the clerk from the time the general meeting is convened (generally 9 A.M.) and by the beginning of public comment portion generally following presentations on the agenda. The clerk will accept cards on a first-come, first-served basis. Prior to the clerk's call for public comment, in-person speakers who are residents of DeKalb County shall be allowed to speak before residents of other counties are allowed to speak. Once the public comment portion of the meeting begins, speaker cards will no longer be accepted. Speakers will be allowed to speak for three minutes each and public comment shall not exceed 30 minutes in length. When the buzzer sounds to indicate that time has run out, the speaker will be expected to immediately cease speaking and to yield the podium. Those in-person attendees who submitted speaker cards but did not speak because of the time allotment will be allowed to speak first at the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting without regard to residence. If time remains in the proscribed public comment portion of said meeting, email comments will be read into the record by the clerk or designee. Any remaining email public comments received between 9:00 am and 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting not read into the record will be submitted into the minutes by the clerk or designee and shall be forwarded to each commissioner by email. Speakers should always talk directly into the microphone and begin by stating their name, full address and the name of any organization they represent. Abusive, profane or derogatory language, holding up signs, clapping, yelling, standing or laying in the aisles to show support for or opposition to a speaker will not be permitted, but a show of hands or quietly standing in place will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker's position.

Public Comments: September 12, 2023- Read Emails

1. Joe Peery, 1674 Flat Shoals Road SE Atlanta, 30316- My name is Joe Peery, I live near Intrenchment Creek Park: 1674 Flat Shoals Road SE Atlanta, 30316 I have been riding my bike, hiking and leading tours at Intrenchment Creek Park for over a decade. I am a member of Friends of Intrenchment Creek Park, and am outraged that CEO Thurmond has denied us access to our park. There is absolutely no good reason to have the park closed, especially since the CEO, our parks department and the police have left it a mess. Open the park, and we will show you how to clean it up!

2. James Dutro, 1641 Council Bluff Drive NE- My name is James Dutro, a Dekalb resident for over 40 years. I live at 1641 Council Bluff Drive NE, in the Sagamore Hills subdivision directly under the flight path of PDK takeoffs and landings. I'd like to speak regarding RFP No. 22-500625 – the Eastside Development of PDK Airport. The award of this RFP should be rejected outright as a violation of the public trust and a project that promises major environmental damage to the citizens of Dekalb County at exactly the wrong time in history. This project is the largest expansion in the history of PDK, a major part of the 2020-2040 Master Plan that has yet to be considered by the BOC, in part due to an Environmental Study awarded by the BOC on Aug 8, 2023. That study is the result of years of effort by Open Dekalb, Inc, the FAA, the EPA, PDK, and others to determine compliance with environmental concerns related to aircraft size limitations committed to by the County and which would be specifically violated by this project. That study must be completed prior to any consideration of growth at PDK. The decision to issue the RFP for expansion is a sneaky “back-door” strategy to begin construction before BOC approval of the Master Plan, before the environmental study noted above, before any serious independent cost-benefit analysis, and most importantly, before any fully-informed public input to let the people decide. The project is so financially risky that only one bidder responded. The project is designed for even larger aircraft than the Master Plan “Critical Aircraft” (or basis of design), a Gulfstream G550 at 91,000 lbs - already 27,000 lbs above the PDK-committed weight limit of 66,000 lb. The Gulfstream 650 is 103,600 lbs MTOW and the Global Express 7500 is 114,850 lbs MTOW. The runway pavement at PDK is only designed for routine use by 66,000 lb MTOW aircraft. The project caters to the most wasteful and environmentally damaging air travel. Business jets this project is designed for are 10 times more polluting than commercial aircraft per passenger mile. It flies in the face of environmental justice for the large populations directly in the flight path of the airport, including some of the densest populations of children in the County. It flies in the face of the best interests of surrounding residents who will bear the brunt of added noise, poorer air quality, and lower quality of life. We are experiencing the highest temperatures in history, wildfires, and flooding. Dekalb is known for progressive and

forward-thinking governance and should not fall on the wrong side of history by allowing this expansion of PDK. Dekalb County should encourage green development on this valuable public property.

Public Comments: In Person

Larry Foster- 2572 Raintree Drive Northeast Atlanta 30345, Stephen Binney- 1083 Seville Drive Clarkston 30021, Charles Bailey-Musgray- 3329 York Place Decatur 30032, Joscelyn O'Neil- 3711 Larkspur Terrace, Dawn Rayford- 1722 Limestone Terrace Lithonia 30058, Robert L. Baity- 1722 Limestone Terrace Lithonia 30058

D. 10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING

Citizens may speak for or against an item that is considered by law to be a zoning ordinance and each side will have ten minutes to present its case. Citizens may also speak for or against an item that is placed on the public hearing agenda but is not a zoning ordinance. In that case, each side will have five minutes to present its case. In the event there is more than one speaker per side, speakers must divide their time in order to complete their full presentation within the ten-minute time allotment, or the five minute time allotment. When the buzzer sounds to indicate that time has run out, the speaker will be expected to immediately cease speaking and to leave the podium area. Prior to speaking, a speaker shall complete a speaker card and present it when approaching the podium. If a speaker has any documents for the commissioners, the speaker shall provide 10 copies when approaching the podium. Seven copies are for the commissioners and the remaining copies are for the planning director, the county attorney and the clerk. In all zoning ordinance and traffic calming cases, staff shall make their recommendation for action to the Commission first followed by applicants or citizens speaking in favor of the item. Applicants in zoning ordinance cases shall have the right to reserve time for rebuttal. Opponents of a zoning ordinance item shall have no right of rebuttal.

For all other items placed on the public hearing agenda, applicants or citizens speaking in favor of the item shall speak first followed by opponents of the item. Once the citizens have finished speaking, staff shall make a recommendation for action to the Commission. At this point, citizens are no longer allowed to speak unless called to the podium by an individual commissioner to answer questions or provide information. Speakers should always talk directly into the microphone and begin by stating their name, address and the name of any organization they represent. Abusive, profane or derogatory language will not be permitted. Holding up signs, clapping, yelling, standing or laying in the aisles to show support for or opposition to a speaker will not be permitted, but a show of hands or quietly standing in place will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker's position.

NONE

E. APPEALS

Planning & Sustainability

[2023-1013](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 2 & 6

Appeal of a Decision of the Historic Preservation Commission at 1853 North Decatur Road by Margarita Studemeister and Renee Nelson

Deferred to the next meeting, until September 26, 2023

F. APPOINTMENTS

Chief Executive Office

[2023-1010](#)

Commission District(s): All

Appointment to the Perimeter Community Improvement District Board - Mr. David Silver

Approved

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Board of Commissioners

[2023-1037](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes for the August 24, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Approved

Board of Commissioners - District 3

[2023-1074](#)

Commission District(s): District 3

District 3 CARES: District 3 Senior Home Repair Program - To allocate an amount not to exceed \$20,000 from the District 3 Reserve for Appropriation Funds to the DeKalb County Special Purpose Home Repair Program to provide aid to eligible District 3 Seniors and disabled homeowners in need of home repairs.

Approved

[2023-1075](#)

Commission District(s): District 3

To allocate an amount not to exceed \$15,000 to the 100 Black Men DeKalb County Chapter from District 3 Reserved for Appropriation Funds for Youth Safety and Violence Prevention programs.

Approved

Board of Commissioners - District 4

[2023-1019](#)

Commission District(s): District 4

Allocation not to exceed \$1,000 of District 4 2023 Reserve for Appropriation Funds to Pine Lake Association of Involved Neighbors (P.L.A.I.N) a 501(c)(3) organization for the 2023 Pride Lake 2nd annual event.

Approved

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO

[2023-1041](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of August 22, 2023

Deferred to the next meeting, until September 26, 2023

H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Budget

[2023-1042](#)

Commission District(s): All

2023 Budget Revision

Deferred to the next meeting, until September 26, 2023

District Attorney

[2023-1036](#)

Commission District(s): all

Acceptance of 2024 Child Support Contract Between the State of Georgia and the Office of the District Attorney

Deferred with a stop in the Finance, Audit & Budget Committee (FAB), Until September 26, 2023

Public Works - Fleet Management

[2023-1012](#)

Commission District(s): All Commissioner Districts

DeKalb County Auction of Vehicles and Pieces of Equipment

Deferred to the next meeting, until September 26, 2023

Public Works - Roads & Drainage

[2023-0983](#)

Commission District(s): County Wide

Speed Zone Order/Radar Permit Application - No cost to county

Deferred to the next meeting, until September 26, 2023

Walk-on Items

2023-1177

Add an item

Approved

2023-1178

Commission District(s): All

A Resolution by The DeKalb County Board of Commissioners to Support a Georgia Effort to Protect the Okefenokee Swamp

Deferred and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), until September 26, 2023

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD

Board of Commissioners

[2023-0464](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

To explore the option of including additional fees for expedited plan reviews for development and building permits

Withdrawn

[2023-1023](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution by the Governing Authority of DeKalb County to Include the Construction of Peachtree Creek Greenway Trail as a Priority SPLOST II Project

Per Commissioner Robert Patrick and the Law Department, Item 2023-1023 was moved to November 14, 2023 per Committee request

Board of Commissioners - District 1

[2023-0792](#)

Commission District(s): District 1

2023 Mid-Year Budget Request to Support the Creation of a Small Business Revolving Loan Fund and Technical Assistance Program to Expand Decide DeKalb's Local Business Resources

Deferred for 30 days, until October 10, 2023

[2023-1022](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

To Request the Department of Planning and Sustainability Staff to Explore the Feasibility of Adopting Standard Dumpster Requirements for Apartment Complexes and Multi-Family Units

Deferred to the next meeting, until September 26, 2023

Board of Commissioners - District 6

[2023-0563](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A Resolution Mandating Compost Facilities in DeKalb County Government Buildings by 2024, and Request for Proposals for Composting Services

Deferred to the next meeting, until September 26, 2023

[2023-0835](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A Resolution to Commit to the Transformation of the South River Forest by Adopting the Recommendations of the “Explore South River Forest” Report and For the Administration to Prepare and Deliver an Implementation Plan

Deferred for 60 days, until November 8, 2023

[2023-0902](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

To Approve a District 6 American Rescue Plan Funding of \$100,000 to Establish a DeKalb County Eviction Defense Fund to Assist Qualified Residents with Legal Representation

Deferred for 30 days, until October 10, 2023

Finance

[2023-1029](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Consideration of a Supplemental Series 2023 Bond Resolution which (1) supplements the Series 2023 Bonds Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners on August 8, 2023 which authorized the sale and issuance by the County of its Water and Sewerage Refunding Revenue Bonds (Second Resolution), Series 2023 (the “Series 2023 Bonds”) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$75,000,000 for the purpose of refunding a portion of the County’s outstanding Water and Sewerage Revenue Refunding Bonds (SecondResolution), Series 2013 (the “Series 2013 Bonds”) to achieve debt service savings (the “OriginalResolution”), (2) accepts the bid for the purchase of the Serie 2023 Bonds from the winning bidder and (3) approves the redemption provisions, the principal amortization and the interest rates for the Series 2023 Bonds.

Approved the substitute

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2023-0912](#)**Commission District(s):** ALL

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1132039 Animal Shelter Operation Services for DeKalb County (Multiyear Contract): for use by Police Service-Animal Services Enforcement. This contract consists of providing animal shelter operations and services. This request seeks to increase the contract funds and term through December 31, 2024. Awarded to Lifeline Animal Project, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$6,300,000.00.

Deferred to the next meeting, until September 26, 2023

[2023-0921](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

REN - Contract Nos.: 1262401, 1262403, 1262413 and 1262406 Automobiles, Vans, Trucks, and Accessories (Annual Contract - 2nd of 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management. These contracts consist of purchasing replacement vehicles to enable County personnel to complete daily tasks that require the use of automobiles. This request seeks to exercise the 2nd renewal option through August 31, 2024. Awarded to Wade Ford, Inc.; Hardy Chevrolet, Buick, GMC, Inc.; Hardy Family Ford, Inc.; and ZT Auto CDJR Union City, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$11,801,500.00.

Deferred to the next meeting, until September 26, 2023

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee

[2023-0870](#)**Commission District(s): 3 and 6**

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Utility, Transport, Golf, and Recreation Vehicles with Related Accessories, Equipment, and Services (Sourcewell Contract No. 122220-CCR): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Sourcewell Contract for a four (4) year lease of golf carts and utility vehicles for Sugar Creek Golf and Tennis Club. Awarded to Club Car, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$524,267.52.

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2023-0830](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1268548 (fka 1210485) and Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1208627 Consent Decree - Construction Management Services: Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation and Replacement (CD-GSRR): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). These contracts consist of providing construction management services for various gravity sewer collection system rehabilitation and replacement projects. This request is to increase contract funds to Contract Nos.: 1268548 (fka 1210485) and 1208627 and the contract term through December 31, 2025 to Contract No. 1268548 (fka 1210485). Awarded to Gresham Smith/CERM Joint Venture (GS/C-JV) and Benchmark Management, LLC. Total Amount Not to Exceed: \$5,930,000.00.

Deferred to the next meeting, until September 26, 2023

Sheriff's Office[2023-1007](#)**Commission District(s): All Districts**

Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction Grant/Personal Care and Medical Transport Services Project. This Project Will Be Implemented and Conducted at No Cost to the County

Approved

J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**K. EXECUTIVE SESSION****POLICY OF NON-DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY IN COUNTY SERVICES.**

DeKalb County Government does not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities or exclude them from participating in or receiving benefits of its services, programs, or activities, based on disability. Janet Essix, DeKalb County Government's Employee Relations Manager and ADA Coordinator, is designated to coordinate the County's compliance with Part 35 of the Department of Justice regulations regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act. Janet Essix may be contacted at 1300 Commerce Drive, 1st Floor, Decatur, GA 30030, 404.371.2309, to request information about access for persons with disabilities to County services, programs and activities, or to discuss a grievance regarding an impediment to such access. Ten days' notice is requested for special accommodations.

2023-1179

Commission District(s): All

Motion to recess the meeting

Approved

2023-1180

Commission District(s): All

Motion to reconvene the meeting

Approved

2023-1182

Adjournment

Approved