



DeKalb County Government

178 Sams Street
Decatur, GA 30030

Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee of the Whole

Comm. Mereda Davis Johnson, Presiding Officer, District 5

Comm. Robert Patrick, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 1

Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, District 2

Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4

Commissioner Edward "Ted" Terry, Super District 6

Thursday, October 24, 2024

9:00 AM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

Attendance

Present: 5 - Robert Patrick, Michelle Long Spears, Steve Bradshaw, Mereda Davis Johnson and Ted Terry

Tentative Agenda

This Agenda is not final and subject to change, as the agenda for the Regular Board of Commissioners' meeting is set at the Committee of the Whole.

I. Committee of the Whole

A. Committee Reports

B. Christopher Bruce - ACLU Policy Director

C. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for November 12, 2024

PROPOSED PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

Public Works - Transportation

[2024-1295](#)

Commission District(s): 1 & 7

Traffic Calming Petition - Overlook Way between Foster Ridge Road and Overlook Drive. Cost to the County is \$9,860.

This agenda item was accepted to BOC agenda - Public Hearing

PROPOSED APPOINTMENTS

Chief Executive Office

[2024-1397](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission - Ms. Haley Harben
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Appointment to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee due back on 12/10/2024 .

[2024-1398](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission - Mr. Clayton Daspit.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Appointment to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee due back on 12/10/2024 .

[2024-1399](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Reappointment to the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority (Grady) - Dr. Karen Leeper Bennett
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Appointment to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee due back on 12/10/2024 .

PROPOSED PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Airport

[2024-1288](#) Commission District(s): 1 and 6
Standardized T-Hangar Space Lease Agreement with Eric W. Davis. There is no cost to the County.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

[2024-1292](#) Commission District(s): 1 and 6
Standardized T-Hangar Shop Space Lease Agreement with J. Steve Mew. There is no cost to the County.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

[2024-1300](#) Commission District(s): 1 and 6
Standardized T-Hangar Space Lease Agreement with Charles L. Woodyard, Jr. There is no cost to the County.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

Budget

[2024-1403](#)

Commission District(s): Commission District(s): All
Amend the FY2024 Operating Budget for Probate Court

This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

Chief Executive Office

[2024-1418](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Allocate \$3 million ARP funds, with an option to add an additional \$3 million ERA2 funds, to the Housing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia for Construction and/or Renovation of Transitional Housing.

This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee due back on 11/12/2024 .

Planning and Sustainability

[2024-1297](#)

Commission District(s): ALL DISTRICTS
Trees Atlanta Contract Renewal

This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee due back on 11/12/2024 .

Police Services

[2024-1296](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
FY 2025 Metro Atlanta Multi-Jurisdictional DUI Task Force (HEAT) Grant, \$149,468.80.

This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the ERPS-Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee due back on 11/8/2024 .

[2024-1298](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Acceptance of State of Georgia FY25 Gang Activity Prosecution (GAP) Grant for \$9,000.00

This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

Public Safety - DEMA

[2024-1279](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Request to Amend Agenda Item 2024-0219 to Accept an Additional \$7,000 from the FY21 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Subgrant Agreement through the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC).

This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2024-1047](#) Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1335341, 1335342, 1335468, and 1355409 and Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1335343 Pond Maintenance Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D) and the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). These contracts consist of cutting, cleaning, spraying and repair/maintenance of stormwater retention and detention ponds. This request seeks to increase the contract funds for all awarded contracts. Awarded to KSK Landscaping, Inc.; ASAP Landscape Management Group, LLC; Mariani Enterprises, LLC dba Ed Castro Landscape; Executive Realty Solutions, Inc.; and Phillips Lawncare & Services, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$4,300,000.00.

This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee due back on 11/8/2024 .

[2024-1189](#) Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract Nos.: 1302439, 1302440, and 1302441 Tree Cutting and Removal Services (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by Departments of Watershed Management (DWM), Facilities Management (FM), Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Public Works - Beautification (PWB) and Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). These contracts consist of providing countywide tree cutting and removal services on an as needed basis. This request seeks to increase the contract funds only. Awarded to One Two Tree, LLC, Neda, Inc. dba Garden of Aden, and Sesmas Tree Service, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$400,000.00.

This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee due back on 11/8/2024 .

[2024-1203](#) Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1266498 Machine Shop Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by Departments of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of machine shop services for various industrial equipment at the wastewater plants and lift stations. This request seeks to increase the contract term through December 31, 2025. Awarded to Cole Technology, Inc. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY.

This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee due back on 11/8/2024 .

[2024-1247](#) Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1349683 2023 LMIG Road Resurfacing Projects (Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). This contract consists of providing road resurfacing on DeKalb County roads. This request seeks to increase the contract term through June 30, 2025. Awarded to C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY.

This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee due back on 11/8/2024 .

D. Review of Board of Commissioners Preliminary Agenda

PRELIMINARY**Board Of Commissioners**

- [2024-1340](#) Commission District(s): All
Approval of Minutes for the October 24, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

Board of Commissioners - District 2

- [2024-1313](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Appropriation of \$10,000 from the 2024 District 2 Reserve for Appropriations to the Georgia Humane Society, Inc. for preproduction activities for DeKalb Animal Services Training Development
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent
- [2024-1314](#) Commission District(s): Commission District 2
Appropriation of \$46,000 from District 2 American Rescue Plan Tranche II POETA Account 106388.63258.521209.01.02.602778 to the United Way's AARP Experience Corps to Assist with Critical Reading Proficiency Efforts at Briar Vista Elementary School
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent
- [2024-1315](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Appropriation of \$50,000 from the District 2 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Tranche II POETA Account 106388.63258.521209.01.02.602778 for Paws Between Homes
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent
- [2024-1316](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Appropriation of \$175,000 from District 2 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Tranche II POETA Account 106388.63258.521209.01.02.602778 to Fernbank Science Center for an Instructional Science/STEM Exhibit.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

[2024-1317](#) Commission District(s): District 2
Appropriation of \$50,000 from District 2 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Tranche II POETA Account
106388.63258.521209.01.02.602778 to DeKalb Schools Educational Foundation, Inc to provide Financial Support for Science Education Field Trips
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

[2024-1318](#) Commission District(s): District 2
Appropriation of \$50,000 from District 2 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Tranche II POETA Account
106388.63258.521209.01.02.602778 to The GLOBE Academy for Remediation Summer Camp for 2025 and 2026
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

[2024-1323](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Appropriation of \$68,000 from District 2 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Tranche II POETA Account
106388.63258.521209.01.02.602778 to LifeLine Animal Project for DeKalb County Spayathon 2025
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

Board of Commissioners - District 6

[2024-1305](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
To Appropriate an Amount Not to Exceed \$10,000 from the District 6 Reserve for Apparitions to Support the Efforts to Identify and Implement Collaborative Programs That Coincide With Cultural Programs To Enhance Local and Global Engagement
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

[2024-1306](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
To Appropriate an Amount Not to Exceed \$10,000 from the 2024 District 6 Reserves for Appropriations for Science for Georgia (Sci4Ga) to Complete the Statement of Work “DeKalb County Environmental Education & Engagement”.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

- [2024-1307](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
To Approve an Amount Not to Exceed \$10,000 to Support the “Environmental” Justice Piece of the Leadership DeKalb’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Day Program 10/24/2024
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent
- [2024-1308](#) Commission District(s): District 6 and District 4
To approve a District 6 Reserve for Appropriations of an Amount Not to Exceed \$10,000.00 to Assist in the Mandatory Repairs, Mold Remediation, and Renovation Repairs to the Clarkston Community Center Caused By Flood damage this Summer
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent
- [2024-1405](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County Requesting an Operational Audit of the DeKalb County Watershed Department.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent
- 2024-1542** Commission District(s): All
Appropriation of an Amount not to Exceed \$2,500.00 from District 6 Reserve for Appropriations to LifeLine Animal Project to Support DeKalb County Microchipping and Vaccines for those who Register during the D2 Sponsored CompassionCon on Sunday, October 27, 2024
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

Clerk to the Board of Commissioner and CEO

- [2024-1324](#) Commission District(s): All
Approval of Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of October 15, 2024.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

Sheriff’s Office

- [2024-1291](#) Commission District(s): All DeKalb County Commission Districts will be positively impacted by this grant
SFY25 Georgia Gang Activity Prosecution (GAP) Grant
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

E. Review/Recap of New Items for the BOC Agenda

F. Items Previously Heard

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

NONE

APPOINTMENTS

Chief Executive Office

[2024-1262](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Appointment to the DeKalb County Board of Health - Ms. Shatrina
Cosby.

G. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD

Chief Executive Office

[2024-1333](#) Commission District(s): Commission District(s): All
Reallocation of Funding from American Rescue Plan Act - State and
Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and Appropriate Funding from FY24
Operating Budget

Finance

[2024-1326](#) Commission District(s): All Districts
Adoption of the Attached Resolution Approving 6% Rate Increases
on January 1 for the Years 2025, 2026 and 2027 and a 2024 Bond
Issuance, Not to Exceed \$225 Million in Total Par Amount, for the
Purpose of Rehabilitating of the Scott Candler Water Treatment
Facility and Other Crucial Projects, for the Department of
Watershed Management (DWM) CIP.

The Bond Issue Will Be Sold Through a Competitive Bid Process
Managed by PFM, the County’s Financial
Advisor.

Public Works - Roads & Drainage

[2024-1284](#) Commission District(s): ALL
Stormwater Master Plan

Public Works - Transportation

- [2024-1126](#) Commission District(s): 3 and 7
Payment of \$171,378.67 to Georgia Power for LED Conversion of Columbia Drive at I-20 Interchange Lighting

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee

- [2024-1127](#) Commission District(s): ALL
CO - Change Order No. 2 for Contract No. 1367273 Demolition of Residential and Commercial Buildings (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of providing demolition services for County owned facilities. This request seeks to increase contract funds, through the existing contract term to include asbestos abatement prior to demolition. Awarded to: Complete Demolition Services, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$23,800.00.
- [2024-1180](#) Commission District(s): All
SWC - Statewide Contract (SWC) 99999-SPD0000175-0003 All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV), Utility Vehicles (UTV), Golf Carts and Low Speed Vehicles (LSV) with Associated Parts, Options and Accessories: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This request seeks to utilize the SWC for a five (5) year lease of 72 electric golf carts, and 2 utility carts with associated parts, options and accessories for Mystery Valley Golf Course. Awarded to Textron E-Z Go LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$760,951.20.
- [2024-1187](#) Commission District(s): ALL
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1269307 and Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1269304, 1269305, Asbestos Abatement, Demolition and Debris Removal (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Community Development (CD). This contract consists of providing asbestos abatement, demolition, and debris removal services. This request seeks to increase funds and extend the contract through December 31, 2025. Awarded to: Southern Demolition LLC., Kissberg Construction Inc., and Diversified Environmental Management, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$600,000.00.

[2024-1190](#) Commission District(s): 3, 4 & 6
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1343881, GA - Statewide Georgia Area - General Construction (Sourcewell Contract No. GA-ST04-040820-BDG): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of purchasing from the competitively let Sourcewell contract for indefinite quantity construction contract services. This request is to increase the contract scope and funds. This request will provide improvements at Fork Creek, Needham, Belvedere, Cedar and Gresham Parks. Amount Not To Exceed: \$4,570,482.40.

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2024-1052](#) Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1272495 Sanitary Sewer Chemical Root Control (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of treating portions of the County's gravity sewer system with a chemical root control herbicide. This request is to increase the contract amount. Awarded to Duke's Root Control, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,950,000.00.

[2024-1069](#) Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 24-101659 2024 LMIG Road Resurfacing Projects for use by Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). Consists of resurfacing DeKalb County roads. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder: E.R. Snell Contractor, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$20,821,478.20.

[2024-1359](#) Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 24-101673 Stormwater Drainage Infrastructure System Repair for Public Works - American Rescue Plan Act Projects (Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). Consists of providing storm drainage construction services. Recommend award to all bidders who are responsive and responsible: Kemi Construction, Inc., Jewel of the South, Inc., and GS Construction, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$7,500,000.00.

II. Special Called Meeting

A. Executive Session

B. Other Matters