

DeKalb County Government

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

9:00 AM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

Board of Commissioners

*Commissioner Jeff Rader, Presiding Officer, District 2
Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 4*

*Commissioner Nancy Jester, District 1
Commissioner Jeff Rader, District 2
Commissioner Larry Johnson, District 3
Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4
Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5
Commissioner Kathie Gannon, Super District 6
Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Super District 7*

Present: 7 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Kathie Gannon, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

Staff Present: Zachary Williams, Executive Assistant/Chief Operating Officer, Barbara Sanders-Norwood, County Clerk, Viviane Ernstes, County Attorney

A. INSPIRATIONAL

Tim Moore
L'Arche Atlanta

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Kathie Gannon

B. PRESENTATIONS

None

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. Each speaker must complete a speaker card and present it to the clerk before the beginning of the public comment portion of the meeting. Cards 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, 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 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. 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.

1. Greg Studdard, 1389 Cornell Rd. Atlanta, GA 30306 – Spoke in support of the Fair Fight Agenda in helping people to vote.
2. Martha Gross, 2855 Briarlake Rd. Atlanta, GA 30329 – Spoke regarding Planning and Sustainability approving building permits, business licenses, and alcohol licenses in violation of the law.
3. Nathan Karnik, 1659 E. Clifton Rd. Atlanta, GA 30307 – Spoke regarding problems with obtaining an absentee ballot in the 2018 election.
4. Representative Becky Evans, 1408 Cornell Rd. NE Atlanta, GA 30306 – Spoke on behalf of a friend, Simone Williams, and the difficulty she had with voting in the 2018 election.
5. Madeleine Soloway, 744 Park Lane Decatur, GA 30033 – Spoke regarding the need for DeKalb County to make sure voting citizens are protected in the next election.
6. Viviane Moore, 2847 Joyce Ave. Decatur, GA 30032 – Spoke regarding the work that the DeKalb County Community Development has been doing in the community.
7. Valon Todd/ Breakthru House, 1866 East Field St. Decatur, GA 30032 – Spoke regarding the help and resources she received from the Breakthru House.
8. Justin Berger on behalf of Hannah Spero, 1436 Wembley Ct. NE Atlanta, GA 30329 – Spoke regarding problems Hannah had with the voter registration process.
9. Dr. Juarlyn Gaiter, 1107 Longwood Trace NE Atlanta, GA 30324 – Spoke regarding concerns with the voting process at the polls.
10. Ann Meller, 641 Willivee Drive Decatur, GA 30033 – Spoke regarding problems her daughter had with obtaining an absentee ballot for the 2018 election.
11. Stephen Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021 – Spoke regarding the improper receipt of Gift Cards for County employees and the Procurement Department keeping record of Gift Cards being received.
12. Jamie Levigne, Park 35 Decatur, GA 30032 – Spoke regarding inhumane conditions in the DeKalb County jail.

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. Applicants or citizens speaking in favor of an item shall speak first and 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. 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.

Planning and Sustainability

[2019-3845](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 4 & 7

Application of R. Lawton Jordan Esq. to rezone property from RSM (Small Lot Residential Mix) District to C-1 (Local Commercial) District to allow local commercial uses on the site, at 7231 Rockbridge Rd.

Lawton Jordan, (no address) Decatur, GA 30030, Lance Hammonds, 6933

Waters Edge Dr. Stone Mountain, GA 30087, spoke in favor

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved with 3 staff conditions. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Public Works - Transportation

[2019-4083](#) Commission District(s): 2 & 6
Traffic Calming Petition - Ridgewood Dr between Clifton Rd and Emory Dr. No Cost to County.

Mark Schomisch, 1645 Ridgewood Dr. NE Atlanta, GA 30307, spoke in favor

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-4084](#) Commission District(s): 3 & 7
Traffic Calming Petition - Summit Crossing Dr between Chapel Ridge Cir (West) and Oxford Crossing Dr. Cost to the County is \$19,870.00.

Hakim Sabur, 2978 Chapel Ridge Circle Decatur, GA 30034, Willie Lane, 2934 Chapelview Place Decatur, GA 30034, spoke in favor

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-4089](#) Commission District(s): 1 & 7
Traffic Calming Petition - Tipperary Trail between Lake Erin Drive and Brown Road. Cost to the County is \$14,800.

Erik Shepard, 3997 Tipperary Trail Tucker, GA 30084, Shon Nguyen, 4004 Tipperary Trail Tucker, GA 30084, spoke in favor

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

E. APPEALS

NONE

F. APPOINTMENTS

NONE

G. CONSENT AGENDA**Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO**

- [2019-4135](#) Commission District(s): All
Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 25, 2019
MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-4135, 2019-4136, 2019-4137 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson
- [2019-4136](#) Commission District(s): All
Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 9, 2019
MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-4135, 2019-4136, 2019-4137 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson
- [2019-4137](#) Commission District(s): All
Approval of Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of July 16, 2019
MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-4135, 2019-4136, 2019-4137 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

GIS Department

[2019-3855](#)

Commission District(s): 3 & 6

A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of an Unredeemed and Unforeclosed Interest in Property at 2021 Cedar Grove Road, Conley, GA 30288.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on September 10, 2019. Items 2019-3855, 2019-3941, 2019-3985, 2019-3989, 2019-3990, 2019-3992, 2019-3993, 2019-3994, 2019-3995, 2019-4108, 2019-4111, 2019-4113, 2019-4114, 2019-4115, 2019-4118 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3941](#)

Commission District(s): 4 & 7

To Consider Consenting to the Deannexation of Property at 546 Carillon Lane, Stone Mountain, GA. 30083

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on September 10, 2019. Items 2019-3855, 2019-3941, 2019-3985, 2019-3989, 2019-3990, 2019-3992, 2019-3993, 2019-3994, 2019-3995, 2019-4108, 2019-4111, 2019-4113, 2019-4114, 2019-4115, 2019-4118 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3985](#)

Commission District(s): 3 & 6

A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of an Unredeemed and Unforeclosed Interest in Property at 2037 Cedar Grove Road, Conley, GA 30288

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on September 10, 2019. Items 2019-3855, 2019-3941, 2019-3985, 2019-3989, 2019-3990, 2019-3992, 2019-3993, 2019-3994, 2019-3995, 2019-4108, 2019-4111, 2019-4113, 2019-4114, 2019-4115, 2019-4118 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3989](#)

Commission District(s): 3 & 6

A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of an Unredeemed and Unforeclosed Interest in Property at 2029 Cedar Grove Road, Conley, GA, 30288.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on September 10, 2019. Items 2019-3855, 2019-3941, 2019-3985, 2019-3989, 2019-3990, 2019-3992, 2019-3993, 2019-3994, 2019-3995, 2019-4108, 2019-4111, 2019-4113, 2019-4114, 2019-4115, 2019-4118 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3990](#)

Commission District(s): 3 & 6

A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of an Unredeemed and Unforeclosed Interest in Property at 2025 Cedar Grove Road, Conley, GA 30288.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on September 10, 2019. Items 2019-3855, 2019-3941, 2019-3985, 2019-3989, 2019-3990, 2019-3992, 2019-3993, 2019-3994, 2019-3995, 2019-4108, 2019-4111, 2019-4113, 2019-4114, 2019-4115, 2019-4118 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3992](#)

Commission District(s): 3 & 6

A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of an Unredeemed and Unforeclosed Interest in Property at 2017 Cedar Grove Road, Conley, GA, 30288.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on September 10, 2019. Items 2019-3855, 2019-3941, 2019-3985, 2019-3989, 2019-3990, 2019-3992, 2019-3993, 2019-3994, 2019-3995, 2019-4108, 2019-4111, 2019-4113, 2019-4114, 2019-4115, 2019-4118 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3993](#)

Commission District(s): 3 & 6

A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of an Unredeemed and Unforeclosed Interest in Property at 4228 Cedar Commons Way, Conley, GA, 30288.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on September 10, 2019. Items 2019-3855, 2019-3941, 2019-3985, 2019-3989, 2019-3990, 2019-3992, 2019-3993, 2019-3994, 2019-3995, 2019-4108, 2019-4111, 2019-4113, 2019-4114, 2019-4115, 2019-4118 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3994](#)

Commission District(s): 3 & 6

A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of an Unredeemed and Unforeclosed Interest in Property at 4221 Cedar Commons Way, Conley, GA, 30288.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on September 10, 2019. Items 2019-3855, 2019-3941, 2019-3985, 2019-3989, 2019-3990, 2019-3992, 2019-3993, 2019-3994, 2019-3995, 2019-4108, 2019-4111, 2019-4113, 2019-4114, 2019-4115, 2019-4118 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3995](#)

Commission District(s): 3 & 6

A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of an Unredeemed and Unforeclosed Interest in Property at 4215 Cedar Commons Way, Conley, GA, 30288.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on September 10, 2019. Items 2019-3855, 2019-3941, 2019-3985, 2019-3989, 2019-3990, 2019-3992, 2019-3993, 2019-3994, 2019-3995, 2019-4108, 2019-4111, 2019-4113, 2019-4114, 2019-4115, 2019-4118 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-4108](#)

Commission District(s): 3 & 6

A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of an Unredeemed and Unforeclosed Interest in Property at 4191 Cedar Commons Way, Conley, GA, 30288.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on September 10, 2019. Items 2019-3855, 2019-3941, 2019-3985, 2019-3989, 2019-3990, 2019-3992, 2019-3993, 2019-3994, 2019-3995, 2019-4108, 2019-4111, 2019-4113, 2019-4114, 2019-4115, 2019-4118 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-4111](#)

Commission District(s): 3 & 6

A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of An Unredeemed and Unforeclosed Interest in Property At 4209 Cedar Commons Way, Conley, GA, 30288.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on September 10, 2019. Items 2019-3855, 2019-3941, 2019-3985, 2019-3989, 2019-3990, 2019-3992, 2019-3993, 2019-3994, 2019-3995, 2019-4108, 2019-4111, 2019-4113, 2019-4114, 2019-4115, 2019-4118 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-4113](#)

Commission District(s): 3 & 6

A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of an Unredeemed and Unforeclosed Interest in Property at 4203 Cedar Commons Way, Conley, GA, 30288.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on September 10, 2019. Items 2019-3855, 2019-3941, 2019-3985, 2019-3989, 2019-3990, 2019-3992, 2019-3993, 2019-3994, 2019-3995, 2019-4108, 2019-4111, 2019-4113, 2019-4114, 2019-4115, 2019-4118 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-4114](#)

Commission District(s): 3 & 6

A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of an Unredeemed and Unforeclosed Interest in Property at 4197 Cedar Commons Way, Conley, GA, 30288.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on September 10, 2019. Items 2019-3855, 2019-3941, 2019-3985, 2019-3989, 2019-3990, 2019-3992, 2019-3993, 2019-3994, 2019-3995, 2019-4108, 2019-4111, 2019-4113, 2019-4114, 2019-4115, 2019-4118 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-4115](#)

Commission District(s): 4 & 6

A Resolution to Declare County Real Property as Surplus and Authorize its Sale - 3196 Zion Street, Scottdale, GA, 30079, Parcel Identification Number 18-046-03-129.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on September 10, 2019. Items 2019-3855, 2019-3941, 2019-3985, 2019-3989, 2019-3990, 2019-3992, 2019-3993, 2019-3994, 2019-3995, 2019-4108, 2019-4111, 2019-4113, 2019-4114, 2019-4115, 2019-4118 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-4118](#)

Commission District(s): 4 & 6

A Resolution to Declare County Real Property as Surplus and Authorize its Sale - 3190 Zion Street, Scottdale, GA, 30079, Parcel Identification Number 18-046-03-127.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on September 10, 2019. Items 2019-3855, 2019-3941, 2019-3985, 2019-3989, 2019-3990, 2019-3992, 2019-3993, 2019-3994, 2019-3995, 2019-4108, 2019-4111, 2019-4113, 2019-4114, 2019-4115, 2019-4118 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Police Services

[2019-4085](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Accelerate Productions, LLC - "On the Scene" with DeKalb County Police Department - Use of Locations, Nomenclature and/or Symbols while Filming

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee

[2019-4036](#)

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract Nos.: 1009746 and 1016091 for Temporary Personnel Services (Multi-year Contract): for the Departments of Finance - Utility Customer Operations (UCO) and Human Resources and Merit System (HRMS). These contracts consist of providing temporary personnel services for the County. Awarded to: Corporate Temps, Inc. and Jibe Staffing. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,206,266.00.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-4036 and 2019-4098 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-4098](#)

Commission District(s): ALL
SS - Leadership in Police Organizations (LPO) and Leadership in Public Safety Organizations (LPSO) Training Program (Sole Source): for use by Police Services (PS). Consists of one (1) targeted law enforcement course in the leadership training program. Awarded to International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). Amount Not To Exceed: \$33,300.00.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-4036 and 2019-4098 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2019-4028](#)

Commission District(s): ALL
REN - HVAC Equipment, Installation, Service and Related Products (1st Renewal of 4 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). This contract consists of providing additional heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) services, supplies and maintenance as needed. Awarded to Daikin Applied Americas Inc. dba Daikin Applied. Amount Not To Exceed: \$350,000.00.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on September 10, 2019. Items 2019-4028, 2019-4048, 2019-4051, 2019-4088 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-4048](#)

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 989294 for Preferred Digital Multi-Functional Imaging Devices (MFD) Supplier (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT). This contract consists of the lease/purchase of multifunctional copiers with copying, faxing, printing, and scanning capabilities to be used by all County departments. Awarded to Xerox Corporation. Amount Not To Exceed \$900,000.00.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on September 10, 2019. Items 2019-4028, 2019-4048, 2019-4051, 2019-4088 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-4051](#)

Commission District(s): All

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Kronos Technical Software and Equipment Support Services: for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT). Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let OMNIA Partners (previously U.S. Communities) Contract No. 18220, Lead Agency, Cobb County, Georgia for the purchase of software, hardware, support and maintenance of the Kronos equipment.

Awarded to Kronos, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$127,953.72.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on September 10, 2019. Items 2019-4028, 2019-4048, 2019-4051, 2019-4088 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-4088](#)

Commission District(s): 4 & 6

RA - Juvenile Justice Court Center Parking Deck Structural Repairs (Emergency): for use by Facilities Management (FM). Consists of the repair and waterproofing of the Juvenile Justice Court Center parking deck. Recommend approval to ratify the emergency purchase with Metro Waterproofing, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$330,370.00.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on September 10, 2019. Items 2019-4028, 2019-4048, 2019-4051, 2019-4088 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee

[2019-3998](#)

Commission District(s): All

SS - Enterprise License Agreement (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Geographical Information Systems (GIS). This contract consists of proprietary software that allows the County the capability to create publicly accessible GIS Apps/Dashboards/Maps, deploy software and is fully integrated into other departmental workflows and business systems. Awarded to: Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,584,000.00.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on September 10, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2019-3722](#)

Commission District(s): All

SS - Repair, maintenance and calibration of equipment manufactured by Hach Company (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the renewal of the annual service agreement for equipment maintenance and for the purchase of lab supplies. Awarded to Hach Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$900,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3722, 2019-3898, 2019-3948, 2019-3979, 2019-3999, 2019-4087 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3898](#)

Commission District(s): All
REN - Landfill Professional Engineering and Surveying Services (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 3 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1122508 for use by Public Works - Sanitation. This contract consists of providing engineering and surveying services related to municipal solid waste landfills, including services related to construction, operating, permitting and compliance at the County's solid waste management facilities. Awarded to Stearns, Conrad and Schmidt Consulting Inc. dba SCS Engineers. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,000,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3722, 2019-3898, 2019-3948, 2019-3979, 2019-3999, 2019-4087 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3948](#)

Commission District(s): All
REN - Traffic Calming Maintenance (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1074085 for use by Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). This contract consists of traffic calming services and maintenance. Awarded to HEH Paving, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$500,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3722, 2019-3898, 2019-3948, 2019-3979, 2019-3999, 2019-4087 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3979](#)

Commission District(s): All

SS - Replacement of Fairbanks Pumps (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of purchasing a spare Fairbanks pump to pump the incoming sewage into the Snapfinger plant for processing. Awarded to Pump and Process Equipment. Amount Not To Exceed: \$161,458.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3722, 2019-3898, 2019-3948, 2019-3979, 2019-3999, 2019-4087 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3999](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Roll Cart Supply, Delivery, and Tracking (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): Invitation No. 19-101098 for use by Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of the purchase of garbage and recycling roll carts for the Sanitation residential and hand collection commercial customers on an as needed basis. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder. Amount Not To Exceed: \$650,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3722, 2019-3898, 2019-3948, 2019-3979, 2019-3999, 2019-4087 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-4011](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 19-101107 County Streets and Roadways Litter Removal Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Sanitation and Beautification. Consists of litter removal services on designated County streets, roadway shoulders and MARTA stops. Recommend multi-award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Russell Landscape, LLC and DeAngelo Brothers, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$990,510.04.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor, contingent upon this item being a replacement to item 2019-3787 approved on June 25, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-4030](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No.1 to Contract No.1148695 for Herbicide Growth Regulator Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for Public Works-Sanitation and Beautification. This contract consists of providing herbicide application on 62 roads and right of ways throughout the County. Awarded to DeAngelo Brothers, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$113,200.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-4035](#)

Commission District(s): ALL
CO- Change Order No. 1 for Contract Nos.: 1151237 and 11512140
Right of Way Mowing (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works- Sanitation and Beautification. This contract consists of mowing and lawn maintenance services at 127 right of way locations throughout the County. Awarded to Flex Landscaping and Executive Realty Group. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$109,238.58.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-4087](#)

Commission District(s): All
REN - Professional Inspection Services for Public Works (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1128166, 1128170, 1128178 for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). The contracts consist of providing on-call professional services to inspect Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s). Awarded to Lowe Engineers, LLC, Moreland Altobelli Associates, LLC and International Design Services, Inc., d/b/a IDS Global, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,500,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3722, 2019-3898, 2019-3948, 2019-3979, 2019-3999, 2019-4087 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Watershed Management

[2019-3774](#) Commission District(s): All
Approval and Authorization to Execute Professional Consulting Services to DeKalb County Office of the Chief Executive Officer: for use by the Office of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing consulting services to review the County's Consent Decree Program. Awarded to VNF Solutions, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$200,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until September 10, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-4056](#) Commission District(s): 4, 5, 6 & 7
Georgia Department of Transportation Contract Item Agreement - Water Facilities Project M005811 to resurface SR 12 Covington Hwy from SR 10 Mountain Dr to SR 124 Turner Hill Rd

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD

Community Development

[2019-3612](#) Commission District(s): 3, 5, 6 and 7
Blight Inventory Survey in Southwest Unincorporated DeKalb County
MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be withdrawn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3907](#) Commission District(s): Serves All Intergovernmental Contract between DeKalb County, The City of Clarkston, and The City of Lithonia to Establish the DeKalb Regional Land Bank Authority

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days, until September 24, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2019-4007](#) Commission District(s): ALL
REN - Maintenance and Repair of Overhead Doors (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1124834 for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). Consists of the purchase and installation, maintenance, repair and/or replacement of all overhead doors. Awarded to Overhead Door Company of Atlanta. Amount Not To Exceed \$300,000.00.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee

[2019-3932](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

RFP - Request for Proposals No. 19-500516 Architectural and Engineering Services for Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (Annual with Two (2) Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of providing architectural and engineering on-call services. Awarded to: Pond & Company, Inc., Lose Design, Foresite Group, Inc., and Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,200,000.00.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2019-4053](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 1 - to Contract Nos.: 1139824 and 1139826 for Sidewalks and Roadways (Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works - Transportation and Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of sidewalks, drainage improvements and minor road improvements. Awarded to Autaco Development and SD&C, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,000,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Commissioner Johnson's Agenda Items:

- This Thursday, August 29, 2019, District 7 will be holding a DeKalb Community Town Hall and Forum: A Candid Look at DeKalb's Changing Communities & Issues at the Lou Walker Senior Center (2538 Panola Rd., Lithonia, GA 30058) from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Distinguished panelist and guest speakers include James Cromartie (Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership, Inc.), Pete Walker, Jr. (Housing Authority of DeKalb), Edward Patten (DeKalb Board of Realtors), Michael German (HUD), Paul Denard (GDOT), Michael Rich (Emory University), and DeKalb directors and leaders from Community Development, Planning, Watershed, and the Tax Commissioner's Office. Important issues will be discussed that include gentrification and displacement, property taxes and home values, affordable housing, crime and violence reform, small business survival, traffic, and infrastructure. We are looking forward to having you

 - Also, this Thursday I will be speaking at the Underpriced Furniture Ceremony: The Foundation for the Future as the Tucker Summit CID and President Emory Morsberger welcomes this business into their district. This new, huge facility will highlight the importance of Tucker as a logistics hub and role in the growth of the logistics industry in Georgia. A variety of dignitaries will be in attendance and speak at this important event, including Tucker Mayor Auman, CEO Thurmond, and my colleague Commissioner Bradshaw. The event will take place on the newly poured foundation of this facility on Sarr Parkway. The event will start at 12:30 p.m.

 - District 7 held its second installment of the Books & More Women's Empowerment Club Series this past Saturday at the Smoke Rise Country Club. Thank you to all of the women who came out

 - Last Wednesday, August 21st, 2019, I was honored to be speak at the Lithonia Chamber of Commerce's monthly business luncheon about economic development in District 7 and DeKalb County. I thank President Kendra Price, officers, and members for inviting me out

 - On Saturday, August 17th, 2019, I along with my Chief of Staff were part of the DeKalb Delegation that attended the Georgia Police-Community Trust Initiative in LaGrange, Georgia along with Chief Lumpkin, and Captain Williams. This was a two-day state-wide collaborative event that focused on formally addressing historical harm to racial minorities and transforming relationships between police departments and their community. It was a wonderful discussion that needs to take place not only in LaGrange but all over the country. LaGrange Chief of Police Louis Dekmar created the Trust Initiative when he was President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police in 2018. This event made history as it was the first of its kind in the country. I thank Chief Lumpkin for inviting us to be a part of a historical and important event

 - On Monday, September 16th, 2019 there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the HOPE Inside office in Stonecrest, which will be the first to be opened in DeKalb County. HOPE Inside will focus on homeownership, financial dignity, and wealth building. Thanks to PNC for funding of staff. There will be a panel discussion led by John Hope Bryant immediately following the ribbon cutting. This will be an incredible opportunity for DeKalb.
- Please write, send emails, photos, and visit our website at www.CommissionerLorraineCochranJohnson.com or call us at 404.371.2899. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

ss ner at e ann n ent ne t e f n ents:

- It has been a busy few weeks for me, making my rounds throughout Super District 6. I had the pleasure of speaking with CABA and Metro South CID members at their monthly meeting. It is exciting to see gains toward their vision of enhancing the business environment and collaborative efforts toward South DeKalb's long-term growth
- Coincidentally, I also had an opportunity to sit down and chat with South DeKalb Police Precinct Major Jordan. He was appointed as the Commander after Major Johnson retired earlier this year. If you live in the South Precinct, please make a point of meeting him... Major Jordan makes himself available. He hosts police "roll call" at different locations within his precinct, which is quite large, covering most areas of South DeKalb as well as East /Atlanta-DeKalb as well as the "Coffee with Cops". I also learned that Major Jordan is "home grown" and right out of South DeKalb. I am impressed with his commitment to working with neighborhoods and businesses to reduce crime. He is great leader and I am happy that he serves an important part of my district
- Lastly, I attended one of the most exciting birthday bashes I have been to in quite a while. It was the monthly birthday celebration for members of the South DeKalb Senior Center. I had a blast at the Luau themed party watching the birthday parade and line-dances. It was amazing checking out the dance moves that even my dear friend who celebrated her 91st birthday, has mastered! Stay tuned for my End of Year Update for photos!
- I am wishing everyone a wonderful Labor Day. Although still warm, this holiday officially wraps up "Summer 2019. Our DeKalb County pools will close on Sunday, September 1st. DeKalb County Government offices will be closed on Monday, September 2nd. There will be no sanitation collection on Monday as well. Trash will be picked up on the day after your regular pick up day. A special shout out to DeKalb County's First Responders who will still be working on Labor Day because emergencies do not take the day off. Police, Fire, Marshal's, 911, you are all appreciated, and I thank you for your service!
- I hope you got a chance to celebrate your furry friend! Is your family in need of a furry friend? Let me remind you that the DeKalb County Animal Shelter is overflowing with four-legged friends that are in desperate need of good, loving homes. Sign up to foster or adopt at www.lifelineanimal.org
- If you have been worried about how to properly dispose of your car tires, you can rest easy knowing DeKalb Sanitation is hosting two Tire Amnesty Day events on Saturday, September 14th from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. There will be two locations to dispose of tires, one is in the Tax Commissioner's Office parking lot at 4380 Memorial Drive and the other is at the Seminole Road Landfill at 4203 Clevemont Rd.
- This fall I will be hosting a series of five different walks throughout Super District 6. Mark your calendars for my first Walk & Talk on September 19th at 10 a.m. at Mason Mill Park with Ranger Jonah. Come out and walk and chat with me, and also learn about the flora and fauna of the area with Ranger Jonah. Check out my website for details about the other walks! Some will be in the morning and two will be in the evening. I am excited to see you there!

- Condolences to former CEO Burrell Ellis and his family on the passing on his mother
- My office number is 404-371-4909. Thank you if your community group has forwarded your updated contact information. If you haven't please email kgannon@DeKalbCountyGA.Gov with your Board members names, contact information and meeting/activities

ss ner ere a a s ns n rea t e f n ents:

Thank You, Mr. Presiding Officer, and Good morning everyone again.

I would like to begin my comments by inviting all District 5 residents and my colleague out to join me at the 2019 Old School/New School Family Fun Day. The event will take place this Saturday, August 31st from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Raffle Prizes will be Brunch for Two at the Four Seasons Atlanta, and A Brand New Apple Watch. Activities for Children include Pony Rides, Face Painting, Bounce House, and a Petting Farm. There will also be health screenings and information on health.

This past weekend, Hank and I stopped by Chris Tucker's Annual Golf Tournament Banquet, where Hank got a chance to present Chris with the 4h Congressional District Lifetime Legacy Award for the continued work that his foundation does for DeKalb. I always enjoy being at this event and I would like to once again congratulate Chris Tucker on the success of his event and his well-deserved honor of receiving the 4th Congressional District Lifetime Legacy Award.

I would like to thank all Homeowner's Association Presidents and Representatives who joined us for the District 5 HOA President's Roundtable last Thursday. We had such a wonderful turnout and the attendees were armed with information that can play a major role in improving the quality of life in various communities in District 5. A special thank you to:

Public Safety Director – Jack Lumpkin

Ms. Meredith Lilly – CEO's Office

Exie Carmichael – DeKalb County 311

Bernitta Smith – DeKalb Census

Mae Rogers – Georgia Power

Allen Mitchell and his staff – Community Development

And a huge thank you to my friend, Dr. Tavares Holston and Dr. McBride and the entire staff at Georgia Piedmont Technical College for being such gracious hosts of our event. We are looking forward to the next roundtable.

A happy belated birthday to our esteemed COO, Zach Williams who celebrated his birthday on Friday. We celebrate you and appreciate all that you do to make DeKalb a better place.

On Wednesday, I had an opportunity to share with the Young Democrats of DeKalb County. Thank you to President Andrew Heaton for inviting me and for being such a wonderful host. My Director of Constituent Services attended with me and informed the Young Democrats of our following on social media to their surprise. I let them know that I like to stay connected with my folks and that I am accessible to them in whatever means of communication they feel comfortable using, be it telephone or social media.

Two Saturdays ago, my staff along with Elder Howard Clay from Word of Life Christian Church and Ms. Tamika Porter from the City of Stonecrest who came out to help us clean-up Snapfinger Woods Drive. Also, thank you to DeKalb PD for making sure that we were safe from oncoming traffic as we worked to beautify the area.

Last night I had the distinct honor of joining Shy Temple CME Church on Wesley Chapel, just at the corner of Covington Highway. They have been there a little over two months and hosted a church meeting last night where they invited me to come and share the plans for the 5th and provide updates with the projects which our office is currently working on. Thank you to their Pastor, Rev. Clements and to Ms. Barbara Campbell for inviting me.

Lastly, I would like to give a huge shout out to DeKalb County Sanitation and Director Tracy Hutchinson for assisting us with cleaning up Covington Highway near Bethune Middle School. We had received several complaints and we went to our COO and Sanitation Director and they got right on top of things. So thank you so much.

I invite you to follow me on social media:

Facebook – Mereda Davis Johnson

Twitter - @MeredaDJohnson

Instagram - @MeredaDJohnson

For more information on any of the announcements, District 5 upcoming events, please feel free to visit my website at www.commissionermeredajohnson.com or you may call my office at 404-371- 2159. And as always, don't hesitate to contact my office with any of your questions, concerns, or suggestions. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your District 5 Commissioner.

ss ner Ste e ra s a rea t e f n ents:

Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer. Good Morning Everyone.

On September 14th we will be hosting our Second Annual Veteran's Resource Expo. This event is designed to connect DeKalb County's veterans with various resources that they may not even be aware of. Last year we helped over 80 veterans and we hope to surpass that number this year. Obviously, this is something that is close to my heart. In the coming weeks, additional details will be distributed across our various communications platforms.

It was such an honor to attend Gentle Family Dentistry's 8th "Healing From the Heart" event on August 17th which provided free dental services to the community for the day. This was such a great example of giving back. That day, they provided service to over 75 people in our community. I want to commend and thank Doctors Betty and Tracy Dillon hosting this event. I am so proud to have them in District 4.

I was pleased to stop by the District 4 Community Council meeting on August 20th. As you know, these folks volunteer their time to serve as the first line of defense for our land use and zoning issues. That evening I simply wanted to thank them for their service to our community.

On August 21st we held our second public community engagement meeting for the Memorial Drive Corridor Revitalization Project. Once again, I want to commend our consultants at Pond and our Planning and Sustainability Department for putting this meeting together. I also want to thank our friends at Georgia Piedmont Technical College for hosting the event. Over the course of the day, over 100 people attended which underscores the community's interest and participation in this process. When the next such meeting is set, we will let you know.

On August 22nd, my team and I were afforded the opportunity to visit a number of our lift stations in DeKalb County. As you know, these stations play a critical role in the water and wastewater treatment process. Field trips like this serve to enhance my understanding of the various functions that are going on throughout DeKalb County on a daily basis. I would like to thank our Watershed Director, Reginald Wells and all of the team members that we encountered for helping to facilitate the tour and educate us on the process.

That evening, I attended the official celebratory launch of Advance DeKalb, which is a new Economic Development entity in DeKalb County. I am proud to have contributed \$75,000 out of District 4 reserve funds to help get this started. I want to thank Board Chairman, Ryan Millsap for taking a leadership role in this endeavor. We are all looking forward to great things in the future on the economic development front.

It was truly an honor to attend the Investiture Ceremony on August 23rd for Judge JP Boulee, who is the newest member of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. Previously, Judge Boulee was a member of the DeKalb County Superior Court. While there, he started and presided over the Veterans Treatment Court, which I was proud to make an allocation to. JP and I were also 2016 Leadership DeKalb classmates, which everyone knows was the best class ever. An appointment to the Federal Bench is a very big deal. I know that Judge Boulee will discharge his duties with professionalism and dignity and bring great honor to the bench.

On August 25th, I was very proud to participate in the 100 Men in Black: Saving Our Generations Service at The Covenant Church. It was truly wonderful to see so many men who are committed to making a positive impact in our community. As always, it was an honor to be in the presence of our CEO Michael Thurmond and

our most Senior County Commissioner, Larry Johnson. I want to thank and commend Bishop Quincey Carswell for summoning us to this event and for his outstanding leadership in our community.

And on August 26th, my team and I were afforded the opportunity to tour the Chick Fil A Corporate Support Center, which was indeed a treat. This tour was facilitated by my friend Brad Spratte who is a franchise owner here in DeKalb County and Chairman of the Northlake Tucker CID. And of course I had to have a Chick Fil A sandwich for lunch.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call my office at 404-371-4749. And as always I want to thank the citizens of District 4 for affording me this opportunity to serve. Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer.

Assistant Commissioner's Agenda Items:

- Condolences to former CEO Burrell Ellis on the passing of his mother
- Condolences to Dr. Chris Edwards on the passing of his wife and children
- Spoke with banks that are interested in financing a new medical clinic on Candler Rd.
- Congratulated Planning and Sustainability and ARC on the receipt of the CDAP grant
- Attended an event honoring Mr. Ed Menefee, founder of the Southwest Atlanta Business League
- Congratulated the new Fire and Rescue Recruits
- Attended a 100 Black Men event
- The upcoming Renaissance initiative
- The Creative Industry on tomorrow at 10 a.m.
- Attended a meeting about the new gas station going up on Glenmar and Glenwood
- Spoke at the County Line/Ellenwood Luncheon for Chief Fullum
- Attended the Heart of South DeKalb breakfast for the South Precinct

Assistant Commissioner's Agenda Items:

- The DeKalb County School District will be having a series of public meetings about a general obligation bond that will come with an additional \$1 million property tax increase. A meeting will be held tonight at Chamblee High School at 7 p.m.

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My office number is 404-371-2863 and my email is jrader@dekalbcountyga.gov.

Please take the time to visit my website at www.commissionerrader.com and sign up for news and information. When issues arise in the community and the county responds, my office often sends notice out to residents. From road closures to water main breaks to office closings and calendar events, we try to keep you informed with up to the minute information. AND, reporting a concern is as easy as taking a picture and typing a quick description on your phone. Just go to www.commissionerrader.com and click 'Report a Concern' to reach us. Please also follow me on Facebook and Twitter using @raderjeff and on Instagram at commissionerjeffrader.

Upcoming...

- The Department of Watershed Management invites you to attend a community meeting regarding the Briarcliff Corridor Water Infrastructure Replacement Project this Thursday, August 29th at 6 p.m. at Fernbank Elementary School, 157 Heaton Park Drive, Atlanta 30307. This water main replacement project will improve the capacity and service of water infrastructure serving this community.
- The Callanwolde Jazz on the Lawn Series continues September 6th with Eddie Lopez & Orquesta MaCuba
- The DeKalb Branch of the NAACP began working in 2018 with a civil rights day trip to Montgomery, AL to visit the museum and memorial established by the Equal Justice Initiative to remember the victims of racial terrorism. We have been working with the branch to remember our own victims of racial terrorism here in DeKalb County. The week of September 15th will begin the DeKalb Week of Remembrance with an Interfaith Service on September 18, 2019 as the official kickoff to our Journey of Remembrance and Reconciliation
- This weekend, Decatur will host the AJC Decatur Book Festival. Many authors will be on hand discussing their works. From a kid's graphic novel convention to Justice Sonia Sotomayor to the keynote Latinx Writers on Immigration, there is something for everyone

There is lots going on in Library News...

- Tonight, join the Decatur Branch for a Lyric Writing workshop with musician Sam Wheelock. The workshop will begin at 5 p.m. with an overview of American recorded hits and a hands on element writing verse and conclude with a performance by Sam later in the evening at 7:15 p.m.
- Friday, August 30th, the Decatur Branch will host a Blood Drive at 11:30 a.m.
- Saturday, August 31st will be the Decatur Book Sale outside in front of the library
- The Toco Hill- Avis G Williams branch will host a short story discussion on "Scroogled" by Cory at 6 p.m. tonight and Rock Painting on Thursday, August 29th at 2 p.m.

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.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Kathie Gannon to adjourn the August 27, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:42 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

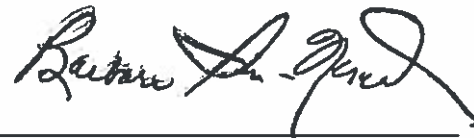
Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson



Jeff Rader
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders-Norwood
County Clerk