

DeKalb County Government

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

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 Gregory Adams, 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 Gregory Adams

Staff present: Barbara Sanders- Norwood, County Clerk, Viviane Ernstes, Interim County Attorney

A. INSPIRATIONAL

Minister Justin Giboney
Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Larry Johnson
District 3

B. PRESENTATIONS

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life of DeKalb
County Green Community Certified Silver Award (2017-2021)
Child Abuse Prevention Month
Boys and Girls Club Week

C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Public Comments portion of this meeting is reserved exclusively for comments from the public, and not for immediate reply. Statements made during the Public Comments portion do not necessarily reflect the Opinions of the Board or the Administration of DeKalb County Government. 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. The clerk will accept cards on a first-come, first-served basis. 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 and yelling will not be permitted. A show of hands or quietly standing will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker's position.

1. Apostle Charles McCorkle, 4225 Snapfinger Woods Drive Decatur, GA 30035 – Urged citizens to exercise their right to vote in the upcoming election.
2. Ridwan Mohamed, 4099 Flintridge Stone Mountain, GA 30083 – Thanked the CEO and Commissioners for their commitment to fighting blight in the county.
3. Ronald Johnson, 3462 County Line Rd. Ellenwood, GA 30294 – Spoke in favor of passing item 2018-1874 on the meeting’s agenda.
4. Jack Pham, 4085 Echo Wood Clarkston, GA 30021 – Spoke regarding affordable housing in DeKalb County and discussed possible solutions, including inclusionary zoning.
5. Alice White Bussey, 2297 Verna Dr. Decatur, GA 30034 – Spoke regarding the comprehensive park for the County Line community that was promised by Commissioners in 1996.
6. Deandre Reid, 1217 To Lani Court Stone Mountain, GA 30083 – Spoke regarding solutions for affordable housing in DeKalb County and discussed possible solutions, including investing in programs to include more community land trusts.
7. Asgedom Temelso, 558 Lakewater View Dr. Stone Mountain, GA 30087 – Thanked the CEO and Board of Commissioners for their commitment to making changes throughout the county, and building trust among residents in the community.
8. Cynthia Roman, 2750 Buford Hwy. Atlanta, GA 30324 – Spoke representing the Latin American Association regarding housing issues throughout the county.
9. Mya Millines, 4932 Brookstone Pl. Ellenwood, GA 30294 – Thanked the CEO and Board of Commissioners for allowing the Human Services Department to offer the DeKalb County Youth Commissioners program.
10. Rick Heermans, 1384 Idlewood Pave Crossing Tucker, GA 30084 – Spoke representing the DeKalb County Retired Employees Association, regarding a cost of living raise for retirees.
11. Stephen Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021 – Spoke regarding the use of Walk-Ons during commission meetings, changes to the contract with LifeLine Animal Services, tax breaks for small business in South DeKalb instead of one large tax break for one larger business, and SPLOST expenditures being put on paper on a year-by year basis and approved each year.

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 presents 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, please complete a speaker card and present it when approaching the podium. If you have any documents for the Commissioners, please 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. When speaking, always talk directly into the microphone and begin by stating your name, address and the name of any organization you represent. Abusive, profane or derogatory language will not be permitted. Holding up signs, clapping and yelling to show support for or opposition to a speaker will not be permitted, but a show of hands or quietly standing will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker's position.

Planning & Sustainability**“DECISION ONLY” ITEMS – NO PUBLIC HEARING**[2018-1508](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 3 & 6

D2. Z 18 21945 Benjamin Leininger

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved with 10 conditions submitted by Commissioners Larry Johnson and Kathie Gannon. Commissioner Gregory Adams was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Gannon

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

E. APPEALS

NONE

F. APPOINTMENTS

NONE

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

[2018-1850](#) Commission District(s): All
Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2018
MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1850, 2018-1916, 2018-1862, 2018-1888, 2018-1938, 2018-1935 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 Adams

[2018-1916](#) Commission District(s): All
Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2018
MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1850, 2018-1916, 2018-1862, 2018-1888, 2018-1938, 2018-1935 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 Adams

Community Development

[2018-1862](#) Commission District(s): All
2018 CDBG Youth Set-Aside Fund for Summer Voucher Program
- No Cost to County
MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1850, 2018-1916, 2018-1862, 2018-1888, 2018-1938, 2018-1935 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 Adams

[2018-1888](#)

Commission District(s): Serves All
Contract with Friends of Disabled Adults and Children Too, Inc. -
Renovation of Facility - Using CDBG Funding

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1850, 2018-1916, 2018-1862, 2018-1888, 2018-1938, 2018-1935 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 Adams

Finance

[2018-1938](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Revise the net proceeds from the Pleasantdale Park transaction to account for \$3,511 in closing costs related to the purchase of 2.4 acres of Margaret Harris Comprehensive School and 2.8 acres of Rehoboth Park approved on 12/5/2017.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1850, 2018-1916, 2018-1862, 2018-1888, 2018-1938, 2018-1935 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 Adams

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs[2018-1935](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

2018 Summer Food Service Program

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1850, 2018-1916, 2018-1862, 2018-1888, 2018-1938, 2018-1935 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 Adams

H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS**Chief Executive Office**[2018-1974](#)

Commission District(s): All

Appropriation of Anticipated SPLOST Funds in Accordance with the Referendum Approved by the Voters on November 7, 2017.

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred 2 weeks and assigned to the Finance, Audit & Budget Committee (FAB), and return to the Board on May 8, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Facilities Management[2018-1933](#)

Commission District(s): All

A.R.T Station Lease Agreement

Amendment No. 1 - No cost to the County

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be to defer the substitute submitted from the floor 2 weeks and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on May 8, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

2018-1790

Commission District(s): All
CO - Disaster Recovery & Sewage Cleaning Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1048832 for use by the Departments of Watershed Management (DWM) and Facilities Management (FM). This contract consists of disaster recovery cleaning and supplementary services for repairs. Awarded to Bell Restoration Services Inc., dba Servpro of Stone Mountain/Clarkston. Amount Not To Exceed: \$765,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred 2 weeks and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on May 8, 2018. Items 2018-1790, 2018-1861, 2018-1866, 2018-1874 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 Adams

2018-1861

Commission District(s): All
AP - Additional Purchase - Invitation No. 17-100886 Tandem Axle CNG Powered Manual Automated Side Loader, Refuse Collection Truck with 28 Cubic Yard Compaction System: for Public Works - Fleet Management to be used by Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of (10) ten units used for residential garbage collection. Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,441,680.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred 2 weeks and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on May 8, 2018. Items 2018-1790, 2018-1861, 2018-1866, 2018-1874 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 Adams

[2018-1866](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

REN - Supply and Service of Feminine Hygiene Disposal Units (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1064963 for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). Consists of providing feminine hygiene disposal units. Awarded to Southern Textile Rental Services, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$144,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred 2 weeks and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on May 8, 2018. Items 2018-1790, 2018-1861, 2018-1866, 2018-1874 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 Adams

[2018-1874](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1025662, 1023197 and 1031586 for Architectural and Engineering Design Services (Multi-year Contract): for the Departments of Facilities Management (FM) and Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of the provision of architectural and engineering design services for various facilities projects. Awarded to AMEC Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure, Inc., Brown Design Group, Inc. and Pond & Company. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,800,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred 2 weeks and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on May 8, 2018. Items 2018-1790, 2018-1861, 2018-1866, 2018-1874 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 Adams

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee

[2018-1876](#)

Commission District(s): ALL
C- Cancellation of Contract No. 995564 for Landscape Maintenance Services for use by Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of providing landscaping and maintenance services for County public grounds and park sites. This request is to terminate for convenience with Dante's Lawn Manicures and award their sites to Artscape, Inc. for four (4) months. Amount Not To Exceed: \$120,000.00.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred 2 weeks and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on May 8, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2018-1724](#)

Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 17-100891 Manhole Casting and Accessories (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of supplying manhole castings and accessories. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Delta Municipal Supply Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$288,081.85.

MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1724, 2018-1744, 2018-1829, 2018-1867, 2018-1868, 2018-1869, 2018-1878, 2018-1972 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 Adams

[2018-1744](#)

Commission District(s): All

REN - Sodding, Sprigging and Sod (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1010815 for use by Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D) and the Departments of Watershed Management (DWM) and Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of providing various types of sod, sprigs and installation of sod. Awarded to A.S.A.P. Landscape Management Group. Amount Not To Exceed: \$465,000.00.

MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1724, 2018-1744, 2018-1829, 2018-1867, 2018-1868, 2018-1869, 2018-1878, 2018-1972 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 Adams

[2018-1829](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 17-100857 Sewer Rods and Accessories (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of supplying sewer rods and accessories. Recommend award to the sole, responsive and responsible bidder: P & H Supply Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$391,205.75.

MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1724, 2018-1744, 2018-1829, 2018-1867, 2018-1868, 2018-1869, 2018-1878, 2018-1972 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 Adams

[2018-1867](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 17-100909 Machine Shop Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of machine shop services to repair gearboxes, milling, drilling and hydraulic press machines operated at the wastewater plants and lift stations. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Cole Technology, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$999,227.00.

MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1724, 2018-1744, 2018-1829, 2018-1867, 2018-1868, 2018-1869, 2018-1878, 2018-1972 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 Adams

[2018-1868](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 973194, 973196, 973200 and 973232 PVC Sewer Pipes and Accessories (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). These contracts consist of providing PVC sewer pipes and fittings for use in water line replacements and repairs. Awarded to Core & Main, Ferguson Waterworks, Fortiline Waterworks and FM Shelton Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed \$392,000.00.

MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1724, 2018-1744, 2018-1829, 2018-1867, 2018-1868, 2018-1869, 2018-1878, 2018-1972 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 Adams

[2018-1869](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 18-100918 Purchase of Mobile Office Trailers (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works-Sanitation. Consists of providing two (2) new mobile office trailers to be located at the North Collection Lot and the Seminole Road Landfill. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Mobile Modular Management Corp. Amount Not To Exceed: \$185,728.00.

MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1724, 2018-1744, 2018-1829, 2018-1867, 2018-1868, 2018-1869, 2018-1878, 2018-1972 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 Adams

[2018-1878](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 18-100917 Rock Crushing - Asphalt, Concrete and Stone (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of crushing rock, granite, stone and hauling materials to and from the Seminole Road Landfill. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Quiet Link, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$260,000.00.

MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1724, 2018-1744, 2018-1829, 2018-1867, 2018-1868, 2018-1869, 2018-1878, 2018-1972 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 Adams

[2018-1972](#)

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 971933, 971934 and 971935 for Sewer System Cleaning (Annual Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of cleaning the sewer system of spills and helping to prevent future spills. Awarded to Crawford Enterprises, Inc., Pipe Logistics, Inc. and Southeast Pipe Survey, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,240,000.00

MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1724, 2018-1744, 2018-1829, 2018-1867, 2018-1868, 2018-1869, 2018-1878, 2018-1972 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 Adams

[2018-1986](#)

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1B to Contract No. 14-902800 Consent Decree Program Management Services: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Awarded to CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,886,848.00

MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Nancy Jester opposed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

No: 1 - Commissioner Jester

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD

Planning and Sustainability[2018-1533](#)

Commission District(s): All

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 15 of the DeKalb County Code regarding Business Occupancy Taxes

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred 30 days, until May 22, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2018-1657](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 17-100913 for Sidewalks and Roadways (Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works - Transportation and Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of sidewalks, drainage improvements and minor road improvements. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Autaco Development and SD&C, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$9,000,000.00.

MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred 2 weeks, until May 8, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2018-1757](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1063708 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: \$100,000.00.

MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred 2 weeks, until May 8, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**1. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson read the following comments:**

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

I would like to begin my comments by offering my deepest sympathy to the families in Nashville, Tennessee, and to the families of Sgt. Noel Ramirez and Deputy Taylor Lindsey in Gilchrist, Florida who lost loved ones during senseless shootings. All too often we see events such as this take place. During the Nashville shooting, if it were not for the heroic efforts of 29 year old James Shaw, Jr., more lives would have been lost. So this morning, we pause for a brief moment to remember the lives lost in senseless acts that unfortunately have become the norm in this Country.

This past weekend, Hank and I had the opportunity to attend the 100 Black Women Decatur/ DeKalb 2nd Annual Winning Women of Excellence “Hats & Heels Scholarship Brunch”. We had such a wonderful time and it was great to support a good cause. Thank you to the President of the Chapter, Ms. Delois Grizzle for her leadership and the entire Decatur/DeKalb Chapter for their hard work.

I would like to take an opportunity to thank my staff in District 5 for setting up lunch with constituents in District 5. We had a social media contest where constituents in the District could repost our flyer and follow us on social media. We randomly selected 5 individuals in the district. It was a great opportunity to hear their outlook and perspective on life in District 5 and it was really good to hear how positive they felt about the direction in which DeKalb County is headed. I am looking forward to this again next year.

A couple of Saturday’s ago, it was my pleasure to join the NAACP DeKalb Chapter for their Annual Unity Breakfast. Our CEO Michael Thurmond spoke and he did a phenomenal job as he always does. He reminded us that Dr. King gave his life in Memphis fighting for the rights of Sanitation Workers. I was so proud to be a part of honoring the Sanitation Workers in DeKalb. I believe we should honor and thank them every opportunity that we get. So this morning, to all of our Sanitation Workers in DeKalb, I say Thank you for your hard work and dedication!

I would like to thank Dr. and Mrs. Woodrow Walker and the entire Cross Culture Church. The people at Cross Culture Church were very welcoming and we really enjoyed our visit. Also, we had the opportunity to visit with friends at Salem

Bible Church where Rev. Jasper Williams is the Pastor. It was a really good service, and we always enjoy being with friends and the people of Salem Bible Church.

This Thursday, my office is partnering with the Stone Mountain-Lithonia and Decatur Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. to put on Delta Day @ DeKalb County. This important forum will feature important voter information such as election dates, how to report irregularities and feature a sample voting machine for attendees to become familiar with. We are looking forward to this event and we invite members of the community to join us. The program will begin at 9:00 a.m.

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, comments, concerns, or suggestions. Again, my number is 404-371-2159. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your District 5 Commissioner.

2. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw read the following comments:

I would like to remind everyone that our next Quarterly in the Fourth Community Breakfast will be this Saturday April 28th at Stephenson High School starting at 9 a.m. For more information please call my office at 404-371-4749.

I would like to commend CEO Thurmond for his tremendous State of the County Addresses. I will simply say that I think Mr. Thurmond is the right person at the right time to lead DeKalb County back to greatness. I thank him for his leadership. And I am very proud to serve as a part of this governing authority with him.

I would like to thank Public Safety Director Lumpkin for the time that he afforded me on April 6th. We had a very good one-on-one meeting in which we discussed a variety of issues in the realm of public safety. I think that we are very fortunate to have this exceptional law enforcement professional leading our public safety function here in DeKalb County. And I now have a better understanding as to why my people in Chatham County and Savannah did not want to let him go.

On April 7th I was honored to deliver some opening remarks at the Park Springs First Annual Community Cleanup and Sign Dedication. Park Springs is a

wonderful community in District 4 and I commend them for taking such pride in their community. I would like to thank Letitia Wallace for the invitation. And I would like to applaud Gordon Burkett and all the folks with Keep DeKalb Beautiful for organizing the event.

On April 8th I was invited to speak at the Inverness Woods Community meeting. Inverness Woods is also a wonderful community in District 4. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend due to illness. However, my highly capable Chief of Staff, Alesia Brooks stepped in and carried on. I want to thank Officer DeWitt and Supervisor Zellars from code enforcement for participating. And I would like to thank my friend Carrie Briscoe for the invitation.

On April 13th we witnessed the demolition that occurred at Waverly Place. This has been an area in need of attention for quite some time. I want to commend CEO Thurmond for making the alleviation of blight a top priority in DeKalb County. What occurred at Waverly Place is just one more step in that process. I also want to commend our Director of Community Development, Allen Mitchell for his leadership throughout this process and helping to ensure that all of our actions were within the confines of the law.

On April 14th I was honored to attend the DeKalb NAACP Unity Breakfast where we commemorated the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I commend President Teresa Hardy and the entire NAACP leadership team for putting together a great program.

On April 16th I was honored to give welcome remarks at The General Missionary Baptist Convention of the Georgia 5th District Annual Session. This year the session was held at my church, Clarkston First Baptist. I would like to thank my pastor Rev. Karl D. Moore for the invitation to participate in the program.

On April 21st I was honored to give welcome remarks at the Greener Good Volunteer Day celebrating Earth Day in Hairston Park. Hairston Park is jewel in District 4 and DeKalb County. My office was pleased to make a significant allocation to Hairston Park last year. I want to commend Gwen Stegall, Jan Costello, Patrick Medley, and all the members of the Friends of Hairston Park Group for embracing this project. They have set an example for others to emulate. There were over 80 volunteers who participated and it warmed my heart to see that much community engagement. I also want to thank John Ahern from Park Pride and our own Parks and Recreation Department for being so professional and supportive of that event.

Later that day I attended the Healthy Kids Day Festival at the YMCA at Wade Walker Park. It was such a fun event and the kids engaged in a number of great activities. I want to commend YMCA Director, Winston Myers, his staff, and the Board of Directors for putting together such a great program.

I would like to thank our new Parks Director Chuck Ellis for taking the time to meet with me yesterday. As you know, the parks in District 4 are very important to me. I'm looking forward to allocating the remaining District 4 park bond funds for other projects to enhance the quality of life in our district. I look forward to working with Director Ellis to help make it so.

Once again I would like to thank the citizens of District 4 for trusting me with this responsibility. It is indeed an honor to serve.

3. Commissioner Larry Johnson mentioned the following:

- Thanked DeKalb staff for their assistance in finding shelter for a woman and her children
- Attended Sheltering Arms Early Education Day
- Quarterly Georgia Department of Transportation meeting at New Life Baptist Church this past Monday
- Congratulated Chris 180 for the groundbreaking of their 2nd phase
- Clean-up on Gresham Road the past week, and thanked the neighborhood associations that came out to help
- The last clean-up of the Spring will be at the Gallery at South DeKalb, with Greenforest Academy in participation
- Round table "Serving the Underserved" on April 25th at 10 a.m. at the Porter Sanford III Performing Arts Community Center

4. Commissioner Nancy Jester mentioned the following:

- Putting together a plan to mitigate SSO spills at Melanie Court
- Visited the Northwoods Neighbors Association on last week

- Congratulated Dunwoody's Preservation Trust for putting on another excellent "Lemonade Days" festival
- Dedicated the White Trail at Henderson Park in Tucker
- Condolences to the family of Brookhaven resident Stephanie Lottie who succumbed to ALS

5. Commissioner Gregory Adams read the following comments:

Good Morning!

Thursday, April 12th, 2018, I had the pleasure of attending the graduation for DeKalb County's 105th Firefighter Recruit Academy. Congratulations to all of the men and women for making a bold decision to serve as a Firefighter. Kudos to DeKalb Fire & Rescue Department on providing exceptional service to our community, covering 260 square miles- operation of 26 fire stations and more than 600 well trained men and women who handle over 80,000 calls for service annually (including all unincorporated areas as well as the cities of Avondale Estates, Brookhaven, Chamblee, Clarkston, Doraville, Dunwoody, Lithonia, Pine Lake, Stone Mountain, Stonecrest and Tucker).

Wednesday, April 18th, I attended the Scholarship Awards luncheon for the Greater Lithonia Chamber of Commerce at This is It! Banquet Hall in Lithonia. Congratulations to all of the award recipients. The recipients had to write an essay on either Business and Entrepreneurship, Engineering, or Environmental Issues. There were 4 from Lithonia High School- Congratulations to Jada Shoemaker, Mariama Marble, Kimberly Young, Charisse Ivey.

And, from Arabia Mountain High we had 1 recipient- Adeyemi Adeyemo. Congratulations again scholars, I look forward to the contributions you will continue to make to the community around you. Thank you, Kendra Price, for your leadership with the Chamber and DeKalb County community.

Friday, April 20th, I attended Doraville's Annual State of the City address and the free concert featuring The Rupert's Orchestra. Outstanding job Mayor Donna Pittman on delivering the address. The updates were both timely and informative featuring highlights of the city's accomplishments for 2017 and plans for 2018 and beyond. Good things are definitely happening in Doraville! (Mayor Pittman's comments included a review of key achievements over the past year

including details on the “new” Carver Hills subdivision, construction of Serta Simmons Bedding’s sparkling new corporate campus at Assembly, plans for a proposed elementary school along New Peachtree Road and updates on the Design Doraville initiative that will provide a blueprint for Doraville’s growth for the next 20 years).

Saturday, April 21st I had a wonderful time making stops at our Parks for Earth Day. Many of our parks had activities and clean-up events in Super District 7. I was able to make several stops to Hairston Park in Stone Mountain and Henderson Park in Tucker for the White Trail Ribbon Cutting. I look forward to visiting others. Thank you Park Pride, DeKalb Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs, our Friends of the Parks leaders- Gwendolyn Stegall and Cara Shroeder, volunteers and all that worked to Keep DeKalb Beautiful on Saturday.

As always, thanks to my district for allowing me the honor to serve. For community news and information, please go to my website at www.commissionergregoryadams.com or if you would like to contact me, please feel free to contact our office at 404-371-2899 or gregoryadams@dekalbcountyga.gov.

6. Commissioner Kathie Gannon mentioned the following:

- Today is the last day for voter registration! Make sure you are eligible to vote in the next primary election on May 22nd! Vote because every election matters. Our right to vote gives us power to create real change. Voting gives us the power to hold our elected leaders accountable and to remove those who we feel do not represent our values. We must vote because elections aren’t simply your representatives in Washington or who is president. Change will not take place without political participation. Visit www.KathieGannon.com to find how to register and to view the list of candidates in this year’s upcoming election
- For the communities of Bouldercrest, Cedar Grove, and Clifton Church Road, Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) will hold a public hearing open house today, for the Bouldercrest Bridge over I-285, from 5p.m. to 7 p.m. This opportunity will allow you, the public, to view the future project, ask questions, and comment on the project. All are invited anytime during the hours of 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Welcome Friend Baptist Church. If you have any questions or comments, contact Brian Corazzini at bcorazzini@dot.ga.gov
- The kickoff for the 32nd Annual Senior Olympics will be held May 2nd at 10 a.m. at the Exchange Recreation Center. However, Seniors 50 years and older must apply by Friday April 27th. The Olympic-style sports festival

will include free-throw basketball, bowling, golf, horseshoes, track and field, billiards, swimming, table tennis and water volleyball. Competitions will be held from May 2nd through the 11th at various locations around the county. The DeKalb County Senior Olympic Games is open to all residents of DeKalb County as well as residents from surrounding counties, as part of National Older Americans Month, celebrated in May. By visiting www.KathieGannon.com, seniors can find the link to register by clicking "County Events"

- We are nearing the end of April and still have some hope that Spring many stay for more than a few days. As we get ready to do our "spring cleaning", you may find household items you want to get rid of and Decatur Public Works can help! On April 28th, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., residents will have a chance to recycle old electronics and Styrofoam, and safely shred and recycle documents too! This is especially a great opportunity for anyone who needs to get rid of old electronics. This is a small planet, recycle. I have linked their page to www.KathieGannon.com so you can see what is acceptable to recycle

- As spring cleaning is in full swing, health and law enforcement officials are reminding residents to properly dispose of the expired, unneeded and unwanted medications taking up space in your medicine cabinet. Most abused prescription drugs come from family and friends. You could be a drug dealer and not even know it. To make the process free and easy, the DeKalb County Board of Health is joining forces with the DeKalb County Police Department to provide six drive-thru drop-off locations on Saturday, April 28, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. At www.KathieGannon.com, you can find the District 6 drop off locations

7. Commissioner Jeff Radar read the following comments:

My office number is 404-371-2863 and my email is jrader@dekalbcountyga.gov. My website is www.commissionerrader.com. Also, please follow me on Facebook and Twitter using [@raderjeff](#).

In Library News...

- Tonight The Global Village Chorus will be performing at the Decatur Library at 7 p.m.

- The Civic Association Network's monthly potluck will be tomorrow Wednesday, April 25th at 7 p.m. at Mack Love in Mason Mill Park

- Burbank Park Spring Workday will be Saturday, April 28th, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

- DeKalb Board of Health is teaming with DeKalb Police for a Drug Take Back Day at six drive-thru drop-off locations this Saturday, April 28th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Drop off locations are North DeKalb, East DeKalb, Clifton Springs and Richardson Health Centers as well as North Central and Tucker Police Precincts

- The Atlanta 100,000 Opportunities Initiative Job Fair is happening May 3rd from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Georgia World Congress Center. Are you between the ages of 16 and 24 years old and looking for a job? This event is free and over 30 employers will be hiring on the spot!

- The 32nd Annual DeKalb County Senior Olympic Games will be held May 2nd – 11th, for ages 50 and older. The kickoff for the games will be 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 2nd, at Exchange Recreation Center, located at 2771 Columbia Drive, Decatur, GA 30034. The Olympic-style sports festival events will be held at various venues across the county. Compete as a team or enter individual events. To complete an application, visit www.dekalbcountyga.gov/parks, click on “Programs and Events,” then click on the 2018 Senior Olympic Entry Form link. All applications must be submitted to: DeKalb County Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs, ATTN: DeKalb County Senior Olympics, 1950 West Exchange Place, Suite 400, Tucker, GA 30084, by April 27th. For more information, contact Dawn Cribb or LaShanda Davis, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs Public Relations Specialists, at 404-371-6295 or 404-371-3643

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 Kathie Gannon and seconded by Commissioner Gregory Adams to adjourn the April 24, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:05 a.m. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

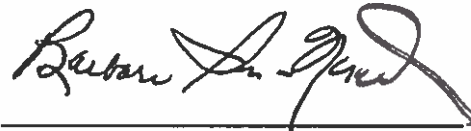
Absent: 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson



Jeff Rader
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders-Norwood
County Clerk