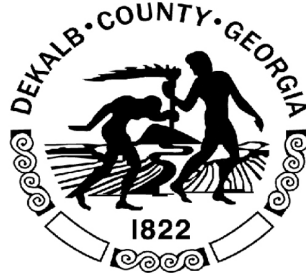


DeKalb County Government

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

9:00 AM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

Board of Commissioners

*Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Presiding Officer, District 4
Comm. Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 7*

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

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A. INSPIRATIONAL

Rev. Dr. Todd Speed
Decatur Presbyterian Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Kathie Gannon
District 6

B. PRESENTATIONS

COVID 19 Response- Chief Executive Officer Michael Thurmond

C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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1. Stephen Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. (no city, zipcode) - Good Morning Commissioners, we hope that everyone is still well. Especially those people who are working to help others, having to work to keep their jobs or to keep their families together. I ask the rest of us to remember that you don't have to do what the Governor says you can do but instead do only what you feel safe doing. Under Item #0484 the federal government is awarding Dekalb County over 125 million dollars under the CARES act for Coronavirus Relief. This is great news but I am concerned that the guidelines provided by the Feds for this relief are open to a liberal interpretation by those who are entrusted to decide how these funds are to be spent. The CEO's office is working on this right now and has promised to present it's report to the commission in the near future. I request that this report be posted publicly before being voted on, like the county's regular budget, and a special public hearing be held so that public input can be accessed and included in the final product voted on by the commission. Item #0444 on today's agenda accepts a grant of over \$18,000 dollars for meals to Dekalb seniors during the current COVID-19 pandemic. This is a good cause and I hope you accept the funds. But what about the mothers, fathers, and children who are not seniors? The number of people who need access to DFACS is increasing during this crisis and not all of them can complete the process on-line. The DFACS center is open on a limited basis at this time but since MARTA dropped most of their routes no buses go by there now. I ask that our CEO or one or more of our commissioners demand that MARTA reinstate route 125 from Kensington station to Northlake immediately so that those people who are suffering from lack of food and need assistance from DFACS and need public transportation to the DFACS facilities can get there instead of going hungry. I know MARTA does what it wants, when it wants, and does not care about access to DFACS but I hope that some of you do and are willing to speak up about this inadvertent mistake for the sake of those you represent. Item #0159, The \$61 million dollar low bid contract might not have needed to be pulled at last weeks COW meeting if it had gone through as a Request for Proposal project. If my memory is correct this is not the first time a Watershed low bid contract has been challenged by a rejected bidder. RFP's might provide the county with greater legal protection from challenges. On the other hand it could just be the continuing ineffectiveness of Watershed's procurement and contract system with it's lack of transparency. The more things change the more they stay the same I guess. Please pass Item #0425. You are correct Mr Rader. Cities giving out tax breaks that deprive Dekalb County of its legitimate tax funds may be legal but it is not right. I believe that Dekalb County is such a desirable place to build that the corporations should be lining up to come here instead of having to be bribed with tax breaks. And finally we come to Item #0432. A Public Works contract first approved in June of 2014. Three of the five previous change orders have added \$7.7 million dollars to this contract that was originally for \$3.5 million dollars. The current change order will extend this contract into its 7th year. Extending contracts by adding funds and extending end dates for as long as you want is not a healthy process for this county. Rebidding every 4 years is needed to provide residents with confidence in the County's procurement process as well as the transparency needed when spending millions of dollars. I hope that Felton Williams is doing better at his current job than he did at his old job with LSBE.

2. Ed Williams, P.O. Box 361626 Decatur, GA 30036 - Good Morning Commissioners. My name is Ed Williams, I am the chair of the group Concerned Citizens for Effective Government and I have lived in DeKalb county for over twenty years. I am concerned as a taxpayer about the services and value that citizens of DeKalb County are receiving from MARTA. MARTA violated the law when it reduced bus and rail services without a vote by the Board of Directors and adequate public notice and comment. MARTA CEO Jeffrey Parker and the Board of Directors knowingly and willingly reduced bus and rail services on April 20, 2020 without a vote of the MARTA board of directors outside of an open meeting. This action was ill-advised and I

believe illegal. MARTA is a public authority and it provides an essential governmental function for public purpose. Marta's elimination of 70 out of 110 routes within 3 counties without publicly discussing other social distancing options that protect riders from losing their jobs, buying groceries, going to dialysis or attending to other medical needs is insensitive when Marta top brass and all 2000 bus drivers still earn a paycheck from the 1 penny sales tax. Gwinnett and Cobb counties who have independent bus services and they have not eliminated from their bus services. What is so egregious about MARTA actions is that it never held any public hearing, did not provide any time for public input or comment, and the MARTA board did not vote on the decision which is required by the MARTA Act. The MARTA Act section 9 requires that all changes in fare and services be approved by the Board of Directors. There is no record of any official action being taken regarding the reduction of rail and bus service in the minutes during any MARTA board meetings. There was no agenda item to reduce bus or rail service related to the coronavirus emergency for either the MARTA Board of Directors regular board meeting on March 12, 2020, a special called meeting on March 19, 2020, or the April 9, 2020. It should be noted that MARTA called a special meeting on March 19, 2020 via teleconference where it voted on one item related to contract award of group health insurance coverage. The MARTA CEO Mr. Parker did discuss reducing service if it became necessary. However, there was no vote to grant any such authorization during the meeting, or thereafter. There was no authorization to reduce transit services anywhere in the state in the March 14, 2020 Executive Order issued by Governor Kemp regarding the coronavirus emergency. There are no emergency provisions in the MARTA Act for the CEO or General Manager of MARTA to reduce rail and bus during an emergency without a vote of Board of Directors. There was no emergency declared or certified by the MARTA Board of Directors. There is no record of the local jurisdictions in their emergency coronavirus orders authorizing or declaring that MARTA transit service be reduced or modified. MARTA should know that the OMA applies to it even during an emergency. Citizens of DeKalb, Fulton, and Clayton counties, and the City of Atlanta have a right to know even during an emergency what their governments are doing and how their tax money is being spent, It is in the public interest that MARTA follows the law. There should be a public comment period and the MARTA board should be publicly required to have a vote on the reduction of bus and rail services. The powers of all public officers are defined by law and all persons must take notice thereof.

3. Jon Walker, City Manager, City of Chamblee, 5468 Peachtree Road Chamblee, GA 30341 - It may surprise you to learn that a significant amount of County owned PDK property is currently classified as "tax exempt." In fact, the City believes that the City, DeKalb County and the DeKalb County Public Schools, all share a common interest in PDK as to the real and personal property digests related thereto. Currently, much land held by DeKalb County or the DeKalb County airport are paying reduced or no property tax even though that property is being rented at market rates to private companies to operate for-profit entities. I previously sent a PDF of a map (titled: PDK analysis optimized) that shows the properties. Unlike Development Authority projects, these properties have not been identified as economic development opportunities, have not calculated nor claimed any public interest, and do not have any sunset. In addition, the City of Chamblee has an interest in various municipal revenues and fees that relate to business operations and activities at PDK, some of which are conducted by private owners and others that are in fact conducted through PDK operations. As you know, DeKalb County, and the DeKalb County-owned DeKalb Peachtree Airport (PDK), owns a significant portion of land area within the City of Chamblee. PDK occupies 745 acres, includes over 100 hangars, is the second busiest airport in Georgia after the Atlanta-owned Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and ranks in the top ten of general aviation airports in the U.S. Clearly, the presence of PDK in the City of

Chamblee is significant. To that end, City of Chamblee representatives initiated conversations starting over two years ago with the Airport Director, the DeKalb County Board of Tax Assessors and its Secretary who is the Chief Appraiser, the County Clerk, the County Attorney, the Chief Deputy Tax Commissioner, the County Chief Executive Officer and staff representing these departments and other related departments regarding the identification and assessment of taxable parcels and personal property at PDK, the gross receipts collected by the airport that we believe relate to proprietary operations and therefore subject to the payment of occupation taxes to the City and collection of delinquent taxes due to the City of Chamblee, DeKalb County and the Dekalb County Public School System. In our conversations with DeKalb County officials, we have detailed the legal basis for our conclusions. To date, we have received little satisfactory response on this matter, had several Open Records Act requests ignored, and disagree with the County's assessment that public property operating solely to generate profit (and with no connection to aviation) for the county airport should be exempt from paying taxes. Recently, the county has engaged with a private developer to pursue a land swap with the county whereby the developer, for the county, would purchase additional property in Chamblee for a new DeKalb County Tax Commissioner office. I understand the County is considering the acquisition of this property after renovations are complete through a land swap with the developer for the existing DeKalb County Tax Commissioner office property on Dresden in Brookhaven. Given the County's current interest in the taxable status of properties in municipalities as well as its interest in purchasing another parcel of land and removing this from the tax digest, while maintaining multiple pieces of land it rents to private, for-profit businesses as tax exempt that are not related to aviation, we again ask the county to review our concerns. This matter is ever more important for the City, County and School System with current fiscal conditions. Our hope is that the County will reconsider its current path of purchasing unneeded property, as well as evaluate a fair assessment of taxes to the City, County and School System for the current county held properties that are being utilized for profit generating private businesses.

D. 10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearings will not occur at this meeting, but will be rescheduled as soon as the technology issues for public participation are resolved such that the legal requirements for such hearings can be met.

E. APPEALS

NONE

F. APPOINTMENTS

NONE

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Board of Commissioners

[2020-0477](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes for the May 5, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2020-0477, 2020-0480, 2020-0481, 2020-0469 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

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO[2020-0480](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of the Minutes of the SPLOST Meeting of April 23, 2020

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2020-0477, 2020-0480, 2020-0481, 2020-0469 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

[2020-0481](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 28, 2020

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2020-0477, 2020-0480, 2020-0481, 2020-0469 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

Magistrate Court

[2020-0469](#)

Commission District(s): All

Request to Accept Emergency COVID Subgrant Award from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for Fiscal Year 2020, and Grant Period April 13, 2020 through June 30, 2020, for the benefit of the Magistrate Court of DeKalb County's Misdemeanor Mental Health Court (MMHC) in the sum of \$600.

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2020-0477, 2020-0480, 2020-0481, 2020-0469 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

Board of Commissioners

[2020-0492](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

A resolution by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners requesting Governor Brian Kemp, CEO Michael Thurmond and all DeKalb County Mayors establish "point of care" on-site testing facilities and mobile testing sites in low income areas within DeKalb County in order to protect minorities that are being disproportionately impacted by COVID - 19 and to collect and accurately report racial COVID - 19 data on rates of infection by case and outcome and to continue promoting social distancing.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute. 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

Chief Executive Office

[2020-0484](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

The receipt of funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund established by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute. 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

GIS Department

[2020-0463](#)

Commission District(s): 4 & 7

A Resolution to Declare County Real Property as Surplus and Authorize its Sale - 5932 East Ponce de Leon Avenue, Stone Mountain, GA, 30083, Parcel Identification Number 18-125-01-022.

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 May 26, 2020. 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

Human Services

[2020-0434](#)

Commission District(s): All

Revenue Contract between DeKalb County Georgia and the Georgia Department of Human Services to provide Transportation Services for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities- at a Cost of \$575,000 to the County.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2020-0434 and 2020-0444 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

[2020-0444](#)

Commission District(s): All
Acceptance of a Grant from the Atlanta Regional Commission for Meals for DeKalb Seniors during the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic- At No Cost to the County

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2020-0434 and 2020-0444 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

[2020-0454](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
GY2017 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant, \$463,959.50

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Jeff Rader, 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

Public Works - Transportation

[2020-0449](#)

Commission District(s): Commission Districts 3, 4, 6, & 7
Payment of \$152,640 to Georgia Power for Repair of Street Lights on Memorial Drive

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2020-0449 and 2020-0485 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

[2020-0485](#) Commission District(s): 3 and 6
Funding for South River Trail Segment from Custer Avenue to Crestdale Circle
MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2020-0449 and 2020-0485 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

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2020-0052](#) Commission District(s): 3 and 7
LB - Invitation No. 19-101173 Porter Sanford Modernization Upgrade: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of the provision and installation of audiovisual equipment, lighting and upgrades at the Porter Sanford Performing Arts Center. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Guitar Center Stores, Inc. dba Guitar Center. Amount Not To Exceed: \$147,201.49.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until May 26, 2020. Items 2020-0052, 2020-0424, 2020-0425, 2020-0426, 2020-0435, 2020-0442 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

[2020-0424](#)

Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 19-101202 - Installation of Data, Voice and Multimedia Cabling (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT). Consists of providing low-voltage installations, moves, adds and changes of data; voice and multimedia cabling at various locations within the County facilities. Recommend award to the bidders who were responsive and responsible: GC&E Systems Group, Inc. and R. B. Communications, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$200,000.00.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until May 26, 2020. Items 2020-0052, 2020-0424, 2020-0425, 2020-0426, 2020-0435, 2020-0442 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

[2020-0425](#)

Commission District(s): ALL
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1149336 for On-Call Painting Services: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of providing painting services at various County Parks, Recreation Centers and Porter Sanford Auditorium. This request is to increase the funding. Awarded to: A&D Painting, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$640,000.00.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until May 26, 2020. Items 2020-0052, 2020-0424, 2020-0425, 2020-0426, 2020-0435, 2020-0442 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

[2020-0426](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

RFP - Request for Proposals No. 19-500529 Commercial Janitorial Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Facilities Management: Consists of the development, management and monitoring of high quality commercial janitorial/cleaning/ custodial services and Day Porters at various County facilities. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposers: Building Maintenance Services (BMS), Cleanstar National, Inc. and A-Action Janitorial Services. Total Annual Amount Not To Exceed: \$4,136,779.92.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until May 26, 2020. Items 2020-0052, 2020-0424, 2020-0425, 2020-0426, 2020-0435, 2020-0442 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

[2020-0435](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CA - Sutphen Heavy Duty 100' Mid-Mount Tractor Drawn Aerial Ladder (Tiller): for use by Public Works - Fleet Management to be used by Fire Rescue Services. Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let NPPGOV Cooperative Contract RFP#1420 to purchase one (1) Sutphen Heavy Duty 100' Mid-Mount Tractor Drawn Aerial Ladder (Tiller) for aerial fire suppression, aerial ladder and ground ladder deployment on the ground, and rescue operations. Awarded to: Sutphen Corporation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,392,100.15.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until May 26, 2020. Items 2020-0052, 2020-0424, 2020-0425, 2020-0426, 2020-0435, 2020-0442 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

[2020-0442](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Design and Implement Voice and Data Network for 178 Sam's Street: for Department of Innovation and Technology to be used by Facilities Management (FM). Consists of designing the voice and data network to support staff that will be located at 178 Sam's Street. Awarded to Layer 3 Communications. Amount Not To Exceed: \$116,740.40.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until May 26, 2020. Items 2020-0052, 2020-0424, 2020-0425, 2020-0426, 2020-0435, 2020-0442 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 PWI Committee

[2020-0432](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 6 to Contract Nos.: 14-902917, 14-902918, 14-902857, 14-902868, 974794, 974698 and 1086745 for Engineering and Design Services for Public Works Transportation and Infrastructure Improvements: for use by Public Works-Transportation. These contracts consist of the design and construction of various roadway projects. Awarded to AECOM Technical Services, Inc., Arcadis U.S., Inc., Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc., STV Inc. dba Ralph Whitehead Associates, Inc. and Atkins North America, Inc. CONTRACT TERM EXTENSION ONLY.

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2020-0432 and 2020-0441 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

[2020-0441](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

REN - Steel Refuse Containers and Lids (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1118473 for use by Public Works - Sanitation. This contract consists of providing steel bottom commercial containers in sizes 3,4,6 and 8 cubic yards.

Awarded to Draco Solutions, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$350,000.00.

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2020-0432 and 2020-0441 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

Sheriff's Office[2020-0427](#)

Commission District(s): All

Motorola's Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis 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

2020-0523

Add Item

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to add an item. 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

2020-0524 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Proposed Settlement of Threatened Litigation by George and Roxanna Young, David and Debbie Hobe, Jeb and Marsha Howell, Kay Smarr, Don Rorabaugh, Carolyn and Wade Bryant, James and Emily Huag, Cathy Ruddy, Gregory and Rosie Irwin, Guenther and Rose Perkuhn, Anthony Gropp, Carol and Mary Gilchrist and Spalding Chase Lake Owners, Inc.

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Mereda Davis 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

2020-0525 Add Item

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved to add an item. 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

2020-0510 Commission District(s): All

Approve the Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of May 05, 2020

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until May 26, 2020. 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

Board of Commissioners

[2019-3360](#) Commission District(s): All Districts
DeKalb County Financial Disclosure Policy

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until May 26, 2020. 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

[2020-0400](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

Resolution Amending the 2020 DeKalb County Budget

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until May 26, 2020. 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

[2020-0475](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution Opposing Tax Abatement by Jurisdictions in DeKalb County When the Cost of Service Delivery Associated with the Project Exceeds Property Taxes Collected on the Project, and for Other Purposes

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute dated May 5, 2020. 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

Board of Commissioners - District 1

[2019-3522](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

An Ordinance by the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia, to Set Requirements for the Construction of New Educational Facilities within the County in the Building Code of DeKalb County Chapter 7 Article II Section 7-55

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days, until June 9, 2020. 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

GIS Department

[2020-0303](#)

Commission District(s): 5 & 7

A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of an Unredeemed and Unforeclosed Interest in Property at 7142 South Goddard Road, Lithonia, GA 30038.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until May 26, 2020. 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

[2020-0006](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

RFP - Request for Proposals No. 19-500526 Architecture and Engineering Services for the Renovation and Development of the 178 Sams Street Facility: for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). Consists of providing programming, design and construction administration services for the 178 Sams Street Facility. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer: Stevens & Wilkinson, GA, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$842,922.00.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2020-0006, 2020-0184, 2020-0390, 2020-0391, 2020-0416 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

[2020-0184](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

REN - Parts for Vehicles and Off Road Equipment (Annual Contract - 1st of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1161364, 1161368, 1161373, 1161374, 1161376, 1161398, 1161405, 1161410, 1161412, 1161416, 1161537, 1161550, 1161558, 1161561, 1161573, 1161583, 1161585, 1161740, 1161775, 1161873, 1161676, 1161681, 1161732, 1161737, 1161784, 1162566, 1161777, 1161788, 1161791, 1161757, 1161794, 1161802, 1161807, 1161808, 1161735, 1161904, 1161997, 1162003, 1161999, 1161898, 1161909, 1161906, 1161919, 1161920, 1161980, 1161994, 1161947, 1161929, 1161982, 1161923, 1161916, 1161710, 1161983 and 1161731 for use by Public Works - Fleet Management, the Department of Watershed Management, Police Services, Marshal's Office and Fire and Rescue. These contracts consist of repair parts for all types of vehicles and equipment. Awarded to: (54 vendors, please see list below). Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$4,405,000.00

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2020-0006, 2020-0184, 2020-0390, 2020-0391, 2020-0416 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

[2020-0390](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

REN - Tire Services (Annual Contract - 1st of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1161061, 1161223, 1161054 and 1161072 for use by Public Works - Fleet Management. These contracts consist of outside tire repair services to include foam filled tires with installation. Awarded to: Southern Tire Mart, LLC., Setco, Inc., Atlanta Commercial Tire and Action Tire. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$465,000.00.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2020-0006, 2020-0184, 2020-0390, 2020-0391, 2020-0416 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

[2020-0391](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

REN - Purchase of Tires, Including Recapping & Repair (Annual Contract - 1st of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1160811, 1160804, 1160800, 1160789, 1160813, 1160805 and 1160794 for use by Public Works - Fleet Management. These contracts consist of the purchase of new tires and tubes, tire recapping and /or repair services. Awarded to: Best Drive Tire, LLC., Southern Tire Mart, LLC., J&R Tire, Inc., Nextire Commercial, Inc., Atlanta Commercial Tire, Action Tire Co. and Midtown Tire. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,950,000.00

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2020-0006, 2020-0184, 2020-0390, 2020-0391, 2020-0416 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

[2020-0416](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CA - Crawler Dozer: for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by Public Works-Sanitation. Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Sourcewell Cooperative Contract No. 032515-JDC to purchase one (1) crawler dozer to prepare the landfill site, build access roads and to perform various other tasks. Awarded to Flint Equipment Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$462,738.00...

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2020-0006, 2020-0184, 2020-0390, 2020-0391, 2020-0416 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 PWI Committee[2020-0159](#)

Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 19-101067 Consent Decree - Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation and Replacement (CD-GSRR) (Multiyear Contract with 1 Option to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of primarily providing gravity sewer rehabilitation and replacement via cured in place pipe (CIPP) with internal and external point repairs, as well as open cut and pipe bursting. Recommend multi-award to the three (3) overall lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: The Renee Group, Inc., Inland Pipe Rehabilitation (IPR) dba IPR Southeast, LLC, and Kemi Construction Company, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$61,303,359.45

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on May 26, 2020. 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

[2020-0530](#)

Convene Executive Session

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to convene an Executive Session. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-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 Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Gannon

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2020-0533](#)

Adjourn Executive Session

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn an Executive Session. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-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 Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Gannon

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

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 Jeff Rader and seconded by Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson to adjourn the May 12, 2020 Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:56 p.m. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-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 Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Gannon

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson



[Steve Bradshaw \(May 20, 2020 13:13 EDT\)](#)

Stephen R. Bradshaw
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond
Chief Executive Officer



[Barbara Sanders \(May 22, 2020 18:10 EDT\)](#)

Barbara Sanders-Norwood
County Clerk

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