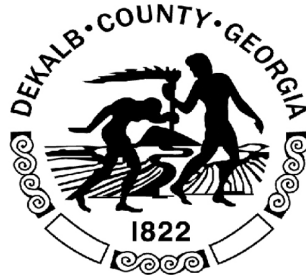


# DeKalb County Government

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, December 1, 2020**

**9:00 AM**

**Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium**

### **Special Called Meeting**

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

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

**Work Session**

**I. Committee of the Whole**

**A. Committee Reports**

**B. MARTA Quarterly Briefing**

**C. Decide DeKalb Quarterly Briefing**

**D. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for December 8, 2020**

**E. Review of Board of Commissioners Preliminary Agenda**

**F. Review/Recap of New Items for the BOC Agenda**

**G. Items Previously Heard**

**II. Special Call Meeting**

**2020-1549**      Commission District(s): All  
To Convene a Special Called Meeting

**MOTION was made by Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be approved to convene a Special Call Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:**            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

**2020-1550** Commission District(s): All  
To Convene an Executive Session Meeting  
**MOTION was made by Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be approved to convene an Executive Session Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 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

**2020-1551** Commission District(s): All  
To Adjourn an Executive Session Meeting  
**MOTION was made by Commissioner Kathie Gannon, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn an Executive Session Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 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

**2020-1568** Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Proposed Settlement of lawsuit filed by SSJK Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Dream Wireless against Michael Thurmond and Reginald Wells in their respective official capacities and DeKalb County, Georgia.

**MOTION was made by Commissioner Larry Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be to approve a total payment of \$550,000 (five hundred fifty thousand dollars) to SSJK Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Dream Wireless and its counsel to settle the lawsuit filed by SSJK Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Dream Wireless against Michael Thurmond and Reginald Wells in their respective official capacities, and DeKalb County, Georgia, Civil Action File No. 19CV2951 in the Superior Court of DeKalb County. To resolve this lawsuit, the County will pay the total sum of \$550,000 to SSJK Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Dream Wireless and its counsel and will dispose of SSJK's damaged inventory from a March 2018 flooding incident, in return for and conditioned on SSJK's dismissal with prejudice of its lawsuit and execution of a waiver and release of claims satisfactory to the County Attorney. The County Attorney or her designee is authorized to execute the settlement agreement. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 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

**2020-1569** Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Proposed Settlement of lawsuit filed by Atlanta Wholesale Co., LLC against DeKalb County, Georgia.  
**MOTION was made by Commissioner Kathie Gannon, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be to approve a total payment of \$80,000 (eighty thousand dollars) to Atlanta Wholesale Co., LLC and its counsel, to settle the lawsuit filed by Atlanta Wholesale Co., LLC against DeKalb County, Georgia, Civil Action File No. 20A79368 in the State Court of DeKalb County. To resolve this lawsuit, the County will pay the total sum of \$80,000 to Atlanta Wholesale Co., LLC and its counsel and will dispose of Atlanta Wholesale's damaged inventory from a March 2018 flooding incident, in return for and conditioned on Atlanta Wholesale's dismissal with prejudice of its lawsuit and execution of a waiver and release of claims satisfactory to the County Attorney. The County Attorney or her designee is authorized to execute the settlement agreement. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 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

#### **POLICY OF NON-DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY IN COUNTY SERVICES.**

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ADJOURNMENT:

**There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Commissioner Nancy Jester, seconded by Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn the December 1, 2020 Special Called Meeting at 11:35a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:**           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

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Stephen R. Bradshaw  
Presiding Officer

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Michael Thurmond  
Chief Executive Officer

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Barbara Sanders-Norwood  
County Clerk