

# DeKalb County Government

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, October 10, 2023**

**9:00 AM**

**Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium**

### **Board of Commissioners**

*Comm. Robert Patrick, Presiding Officer, District 1*

*Comm. Mereda Davis Johnson, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 5*

*Commissioner Robert Patrick, District 1*

*Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, District 2*

*Commissioner Larry Johnson, District 3*

*Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4*

*Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5*

*Commissioner Edward "Ted" Terry, Super District 6*

*Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Super District 7*

**Present:** 7 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

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

**A. INSPIRATIONAL**

Pastor Dr. Sherry Gaither- Stronghold Christian Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Larry Johnson- District 3

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

National Hispanic Heritage Month  
Domestic Violence Awareness Month

**C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The purpose of public comment is to allow the public to voice county-related requests, concerns or opinions during the Commission meeting. Speakers will only have the opportunity for one public comment per meeting. Public comments may be made in person or submitted by sending an email no longer than one page to [PublicComments@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:PublicComments@dekalbcountyga.gov) which must be received between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Only those emails received during the allotted time may be read aloud. Public comment emails received outside of the allotted time will be included in the public comment record for the next meeting after receipt of those emails. The body of your email must include your first and last name, followed by your address. By submitting an email for public comment at any time, you agree to have your name, address and email entered into the record/minutes.

Each in-person speaker must complete a speaker card and present it to the clerk before the beginning of the public comment portion of the meeting. Cards must be turned in to the clerk from the time the general meeting is convened (generally 9 A.M.) and by the beginning of public comment portion generally following presentations on the agenda. The clerk will accept cards on a first-come, first-served basis. Prior to the clerk's call for public comment, in-person 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 in-person attendees 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. If time remains in the proscribed public comment portion of said meeting, email comments will be read into the record by the clerk or designee. Any remaining email public comments received between 9:00 am and 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting not read into the record will be submitted into the minutes by the clerk or designee and shall be forwarded to each commissioner by email. Speakers should always talk directly into the microphone and begin by stating their name, full address and the name of any organization they represent. Abusive, profane or derogatory language, holding up signs, clapping, yelling, standing or laying in the aisles to show support for or opposition to a speaker will not be permitted, but a show of hands or quietly standing in place will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker's position.

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**Public Comments: October 10, 2023- Unread Emails**

1. *James & Dawn Rayford, 1722 Limestone Terrace Lithonia, GA 30058- Good morning Board of Commissioners: Our homes have been damaged in the Sierra Highlands subdivision. We have provided you with documentation, followed the process to voice our concerns, and spoke at both Commissioners' meetings in September. We were told that you are investigating and looking into this matter. We are requesting an update on this matter and looking for a resolution. We know that bureaucracy exists in county, state, and federal levels. However, as elected officials, you are public servants who support and govern not only your constituents, but business and commerce in DeKalb County as well. Also, as elected officials, we hope that you will act on this matter and let's come up with a resolution. I have no doubt in my mind that if you were in our shoes, you would want some answers. Do for us what you would want done for yourselves. We are asking you to practice being a public servant on this matter and give us an update to come to a resolution. I have used the word resolution four times because this is our request. We look forward to hearing from you.*

2. *Ed Williams (No Address)- Dear Commissioners: I believe that the unincorporated areas of DeKalb deserve more attention and a specific person that will represent the unincorporated areas of DeKalb County. At present, the CEO and County manager have overall county duties. Unincorporated DeKalb needs commissioners and an executive management team that will focus on the interests of the residents who live in unincorporated DeKalb County. The law can be written that provides that the residents of those unincorporated areas have similar representation for those services that are provided by the county similar to those areas that have municipalities. The DeKalb SPLOST projects are being distributed unfairly. I had expressed my concern about how DeKalb County chose to divide up the SPLOST revenue that the citizens of DeKalb voted for in November 2017, and I hope the county does not repeat this in 2023. I believe that the government should treat all its citizens equitably and that the government should be transparent and its officials are held accountable. I have a huge concern with the use of the unincorporated residents' portion of the revenue to pay for what I consider to be county-wide projects where the municipalities are not sharing in the cost even though their residents use the services and facilities equally with unincorporated residents. I have reviewed the 2019 County SPLOST. I have concluded that the method and formula used are not equitable to all the residents in both unincorporated and municipalities of DeKalb County. There is a disparity in the application of the SPLOST tax funds. I hope that the County does not repeat the same inequities as was done in 2017. I hope that we can find a more equitable solution to address the county-wide projects being funded by unincorporated SPLOST revenue. The SPLOST legislation HB215*

*passed in 2015, and SB143 passed in 2017. The 2017 SPLOST was voted on by all the citizens of DeKalb, and it was divided up with the other 12 municipalities excluding the Atlanta portion of DeKalb County. I am certainly sure that you are aware that a sales tax voted on at the county level should be shared fairly throughout the district across the municipalities. I do not think the allocation of 2017 SPLOST money as it relates to the portion allocated to repair the courthouse, fire department, and other facilities that are used by the entire county should only be carried by unincorporated residents' portion of the SPLOST sales revenue. The SPLOST MOU that was signed with the other municipalities appeared to put the unincorporated residents at a disadvantage. The 2017 SPLOST of the unincorporated share of the total revenue was used to pay for those county-wide projects where these costs should have been shared by all the other municipality districts. The constitution does not authorize special districts to exempt or roll back a county or municipal ad valorem tax as a service as a premise for the special district's existence. Homestead exemptions are specifically authorized by the constitution for state, county, and municipality purposes. Special districts are limited to services and the right to tax for those services is limited under the constitution. There is no authorization to equalize municipalities' and counties' ad valorem tax in a special district outside a political subdivision of the state. The EHOST statute contorts a uniform special sales tax levy to equalize various homestead exemptions of independent separate political subdivisions disguised as a funding service. Respectfully,*

*3. Debra Phifer, 8339 Falling Rocks Way Lithonia, GA 30058- Good morning, I'm writing to advise of the damage I know that my home (and others) has experienced with the blasting that took place with the new subdivision DR Horton is building behind our subdivision. Even though there has been denial of any damages done to our homes, we honestly know there is damage. When I have experienced the blasting, there is no way the way our house shook that no damage was done, especially when they felt like earthquakes. I can visibly see the damage in my cracked walls, ceilings, uneven floors, stucco (which was just painted last year so there should be no cracks in it), etc. We have been in our home for 29 years and have kept up on maintenance just to see damage in the Fall last year after the blasting. This is just the visual damage. I shudder to think what structural damage has done that we cannot see.*

**Public Comments: October 10, 2023- Read Emails**

1. William Lentjes, 1219 N Valley Brook Rd, Decatur, GA 30033- Hello Board of Commissioners. I'm writing today to ask you about eliminating minimum parking requirements for new buildings and developments here in Dekalb. As an architect, it's something I deal with on a daily basis. Parking minimums are not only extremely expensive to the developer, taxpayer, and the county, but they are also completely unnecessary! By that, I mean that eliminating parking minimums has been shown to not affect business or revenue, as many fear. Instead of forcing developers to build large surface lots and parking decks, let them decide how much parking their project needs! Of course, the main reason this is such a cause of my concern is the serious detriment to the environment. The furthering of sprawl and the increasing of car dependency here in Dekalb county is not sustainable for us, our children, or the planet. Getting rid of minimum parking requirements has been done all over the country. The nearest example is the city of Dunwoody, where they actually changed their previous parking "minimums" into parking "maximums". This change has encouraged sustainable modes of transit -- walking, cycling, and buses. Is this something that we, Dekalb county citizens and our county commissioners, can address together? Can you adopt the Municode language used in the city of Dunwoody related to parking? This would be a great first step towards equity, justice, and change as it relates to car dependency here in unincorporated Dekalb. Thank you!

2. Lakeisha Lewis, 8459 Falling Rocks Way Lithonia GA 30058- Dear Board of Commissioners, Thank you for taking the time out to read my letter. My name is Lakeisha Lewis and my husband, and I have been homeowners in the Sierra Highlands Subdivision for 7 years. When we moved into the neighborhood we instantly fell in love with this beautiful subdivision and our forever home. This is also the only home our 7-year-old has ever known. When we originally moved here the neighboring land was filled with beautiful trees and now as we ride around our neighborhood there's nothing but flat land. It was our understanding that the neighboring land wouldn't be developed due to it being preserved as a green space because of the amount of rock that was below the land. However, over the years and during the height of the pandemic (when families were dealing with the devastating illness of covid and the loss of loved ones) Dekalb County approved for D.R. Horton to develop homes on this preserved land. Since the blasting started, our beautiful home are now left with cracks going down our walls, nail pops, peeling tape and cracks in our ceiling and concrete. Prior, to the blasting we did not have any of these issues. Our home is almost 30 years old, and any settling has already occurred. It's unfair that after putting so much time and effort and money into our homes that now here we are asking and pleading for D.R. Horton to do the right thing. This is one of the biggest

*investments that any of us will ever make in our lifetime and this isn't right. Although, the blasting company is stating that they were in the correct limits to blast this does not negate that the damages occurred to our home as well as many of our neighbors due to the blasting. This needs to be made right and we are asking for you to please assist with making it right. In addition to the blasting D.R. Horton is also now asking to change from their original development of single family detached homes to 2 and 3 story town homes. This development is not consistent with the current homes in the area. Please help us to continue to keep our community what it currently is, beautiful and thriving. It is our hope and prayer that as residents affected by the blasting of the D.R. Horton development, this will be made right. Sincerely,*

*3. Shirley Jackson, 1714 Limestone Terrace, Lithonia, GA 30058- I SHIRLEY JACKSON, at 1714 Limestone Terrace, Lithonia, GA 30058. In Sierra Highlands Subdivision I like to begin with my home is my sanctuary of peace. Which is also, my Generational Wealth. (Proverbs 13:22) . I didn't realize during all that excavation being performed for new homes that I would suddenly, become victimized during it's development. I could see, hear, feel trembles of all the loud and blasting outdoor sounds on the new land for the many many new homes to come in during 2022. Until one day I notice I was constantly, tripping over new wider and deeper cracks in my driveway foundation which, lead me to observe closer to more new damages at the perimeter at my home had separated wider and more deeper cracks. Inside my home the kitchen floor tiles showed cracks and loose grout when I sweep the kitchen floor, the elevation also has slump, Last but not least, cracks have materialize in the basement foundation. This injustice need to be corrected A.S.A.P.! I 'am frustrated, I get stressful, along with anxiety. So, please be FAIR to my family, neighbors, friends and all the other property homeowners who were here first. Sincerely,*

**Public Comments: In Person**

*Gary Tapp- 454 Emory Circle Atlanta Ga 30307, Norma Herd- 2687 Brianlake Woods Way Atlanta 30345, Pamela PRIVETTE- 111 Mockingbird Lane Decatur GA 30030, Steve Binney- 1083 Seville Drive Clarkston GA 30021, Joscelyn O'Neil- 3711 Larkspur Terrace, Charles Bailey-Musgray- 3329 York Place Decatur GAS 30032, Renee Nelson- 526 Emory Circle Atlanta GA 30307, Margarita Studemeisfer- 520 Emory Circle Atlanta GA 30307, Andrew Bell (No Address)*

**D. 10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING**

Citizens may speak for or against an item that is considered by law to be a zoning ordinance and each side will have ten minutes to present its case. Citizens may also speak for or against an item that is placed on the public hearing agenda but is not a zoning ordinance. In that case, each side will have five minutes to present its case.

In the event there is more than one speaker per side, speakers must divide their time in order to complete their full presentation within the ten-minute time allotment, or the five minute time allotment. When the buzzer sounds to indicate that time has run out, the speaker will be expected to immediately cease speaking and to leave the podium area. Prior to speaking, a speaker shall complete a speaker card and present it when approaching the podium. If a speaker has any documents for the commissioners, the speaker shall provide 10 copies when approaching the podium. Seven copies are for the commissioners and the remaining copies are for the planning director, the county attorney and the clerk. In all zoning ordinance and traffic calming cases, staff shall make their recommendation for action to the Commission first followed by applicants or citizens speaking in favor of the item. 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. For all other items placed on the public hearing agenda, applicants or citizens speaking in favor of the item shall speak first followed by opponents of the item. Once the citizens have finished speaking, staff shall make a recommendation for action to the Commission. At this point, citizens are no longer allowed to speak unless called to the podium by an individual commissioner to answer questions or provide information. Speakers should always talk directly into the microphone and begin by stating their name, address and the name of any organization they represent. Abusive, profane or derogatory language will not be permitted. Holding up signs, clapping, yelling, standing or laying in the aisles to show support for or opposition to a speaker will not be permitted, but a show of hands or quietly standing in place will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker's position.

**NONE**

**“DECISION ONLY” ITEMS – NO PUBLIC HEARING**

**Planning & Sustainability**

**N6**      [2023-0876](#)

**COMMISSION DISTRICT(S):** Commission District 05 Super District 07  
Application of Jonathon L. Yates for Diamond Communications and Verizon Wireless for a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) to allow a stealth monopine-style wireless telecommunications facility within an R-100 (Residential Medium Lot-100) zoning district in Lithonia, Georgia.

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

**Yes:**                    7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson



**E. APPEALS**

**Planning and Sustainability**

[2023-1013](#)

**COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 2 & 6**

Appeal of a Decision of the Historic Preservation Commission at 1853 North Decatur Road by Margarita Studemeister and Renee Nelson

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to Affirmed the decision of the Historic Preservation Commission at 1853 North Decatur Road and denied the appeal by Margarita Studemeister and Renee Nelson. Commissioner Michelle Long Spears Recused herself from any involvement in this appeal. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**No:** 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Recused:** 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

**F. APPOINTMENTS**

**Chief Executive Office**

[2023-1168](#)

**Commission District(s): All**

Appointment of Dr. Jada Bussey-Jones, MD to the DeKalb County Board of Health

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-1254](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Districts

Reappointment to the DeKalb County Board of Assessors -Mr. Robert A. Burroughs

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-1254, 2023-1262 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-1262](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Reappointment to the DeKalb Regional Land Bank Authority Board - Irvin J. Johnson

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-1254, 2023-1262 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**ITEMS FOR RECORDING IN THE MINUTES**

**Board of Commissioners - District 2**

[2023-1243](#)

**Commission District(s):** Commission District 2

Record the Appointment to the District 2 Community Council Board - Mr. Joel Thomas

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**G. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Airport**

[2023-1132](#)

**Commission District(s):** 1 and 6

Collateral Assignment of Rights Under Lease and Operating Agreement under DeKalb County Contract No.

15-801194 with Peachtree Aviation, Inc. There is no cost to the County.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until October 24, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Board of Commissioners**

[2023-1172](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

Approval of Minutes for the October 3, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-1172, 2023-1201, 2023-1202, 2023-1274, 2023-1141, 2023-1275, 2023-1245, 2023-1124, 2023-1248, 2023-1264 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved as amended during the October 24, 2023 Board of Commissioners Meeting via Item 2023-1326.. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Board of Commissioners - District 1**

[2023-1201](#)

**Commission District(s):** District 1

To Approve the Appropriation of \$10,000 from Non-Departmental - Unincorporated Fund assigned to Account (09130.579002.272.0000.0000) to Grant Fund (09130.611250.272.0000.0000) Reserved for District 1 for the Purpose of Providing Funding to Women’s Resource Center to End Domestic Violence

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-1172, 2023-1201, 2023-1202, 2023-1274, 2023-1141, 2023-1275, 2023-1245, 2023-1124, 2023-1248, 2023-1264 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-1202](#)

**Commission District(s):** District 1

To Approve the Appropriation of \$55,00 from Non-Departmental - Unincorporated Fund Assigned to Account (09130.579002.272.0000.0000) to Grant Fund (09130.611250.272.0000.0000) Reserved for District 1 for the Purpose of Providing Supplemental Communication Services

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-1172, 2023-1201, 2023-1202, 2023-1274, 2023-1141, 2023-1275, 2023-1245, 2023-1124, 2023-1248, 2023-1264 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Board of Commissioners - District 2**

[2023-1274](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Appropriation of \$11,500 from District 2 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funding for the DeKalb Community Service Board Jail In-Reach Program for Aftercare Mental Health Professional

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-1172, 2023-1201, 2023-1202, 2023-1274, 2023-1141, 2023-1275, 2023-1245, 2023-1124, 2023-1248, 2023-1264 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Board of Commissioners - District 4**[2023-1141](#)

**Commission District(s):** District 4

Allocation (not to exceed) \$25,000 of District 4 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) from POETA account #106388.63230.521209.10.4.602778 to DeKalb County Police Athletic League Plus (PAL Plus).

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-1172, 2023-1201, 2023-1202, 2023-1274, 2023-1141, 2023-1275, 2023-1245, 2023-1124, 2023-1248, 2023-1264 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-1227](#)

**Commission District(s):** District 4

Allocation not to exceed \$5,000 of District 4 2023 Reserve for Appropriation Funds to Latin American Association 35th Latin Fever Ball highlighting the work of LAA, community stakeholders and business leaders' efforts to support Latinos in Georgia.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute. Items 2023-1227, 2023-1246 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-1246](#)

**Commission District(s):** District 4

Allocation not to exceed \$20,000 of 2023 District 4 Reserve for Appropriation funds to Save all Generations Inc. a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization "One World Mosaic Annual Fest" planned for March 30-31, 2024.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute. Items 2023-1227, 2023-1246 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Board of Commissioners - District 6**

[2023-1275](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Appropriation of \$11,500 from District 6 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funding for the DeKalb Community Service Board Jail In-Reach Program for Aftercare Mental Health Professional

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-1172, 2023-1201, 2023-1202, 2023-1274, 2023-1141, 2023-1275, 2023-1245, 2023-1124, 2023-1248, 2023-1264 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO**

[2023-1223](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of September 26, 2023

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until October 24, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-1224](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Zoning Meeting of September 28, 2023

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until October 24, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-1245](#)

**Commission District(s):** all

Approval of Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of September 19, 2023

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-1172, 2023-1201, 2023-1202, 2023-1274, 2023-1141, 2023-1275, 2023-1245, 2023-1124, 2023-1248, 2023-1264 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**



**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**District Attorney**

[2023-1124](#)

**Commission District(s): All**

Acceptance of DeKalb County’s Allocation of \$299,193, no required match, under the 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-1172, 2023-1201, 2023-1202, 2023-1274, 2023-1141, 2023-1275, 2023-1245, 2023-1124, 2023-1248, 2023-1264 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-1248](#)

**Commission District(s): All**

Acceptance of \$533,200 for the Bureau of Justice Assistance’s Cold Case Investigation and Prosecution Program Grant to District Attorney’s Office; no match required

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-1172, 2023-1201, 2023-1202, 2023-1274, 2023-1141, 2023-1275, 2023-1245, 2023-1124, 2023-1248, 2023-1264 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-1264](#)**Commission District(s): All**

Acceptance of \$373,847 for the Bureau of Justice Assistance's 2023 Smart Prosecution-Innovative Prosecution Solutions Program Grant for the District Attorney's Office to launch a Human Trafficking/Internet Crimes Against Children Investigations Project; no match required

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-1172, 2023-1201, 2021202, 2023-1274, 2023-1141, 2023-1175, 2023-1245, 2023-1124, 2023-1248, 2023-1264 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS****Airport**[2023-1219](#)**Commission District(s): 1 and 6**

Non-Federal Limited Design and Implementation Reimbursable Agreement Between Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and DeKalb County and DeKalb Peachtree Airport. There is a cost to the County in the amount of \$68,322.40.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Board of Commissioners - District 1**

[2023-1200](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Districts

A Request for the Director of Planning & Sustainability to amend the text of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance to expand commercial filming opportunities.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until November 8, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Board of Commissioners - District 2**

[2023-1273](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Commission District

A Resolution Urging the Administration to Explore Use of Physical and Mental Health Advocates(s) for DeKalb Employees Needing Assistance Navigating Insurance and Healthcare Services

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until October 24, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Board of Commissioners - District 3**

[2023-1276](#)

**Commission District(s):** District 3

DeKalb County Board of Commissioners Supports Efforts Designed to Provide Every Citizen in Need to Have Accessible, Affordable, and Adequate Mental Health Services.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meetings, until October 24, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:**            7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Chief Executive Office**

[2023-1260](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

To Appropriate \$2,101,500 in the 2023 Budget to Recreation, Parks, & Cultural Affairs and \$1,110,864 to Contributions to CIP - Designated Services Fund

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-1260, 2023-1261 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:**            7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-1261](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

To Appropriate \$30,000 to Planning & Sustainability - Unincorporated Fund.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-1260, 2023-1261 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-1277](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

Centralized Warming Center for the Unhoused

To consider authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to accept and negotiate a proposal by Frontline Response to assist DeKalb County in serving those experiencing homelessness and/or in need of warming center services Fall/Winter 2023-24. Initial Cost to the County-\$135,000.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Purchasing & Contracting**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to FAB Committee*

[2023-1009](#)**Commission District(s): All**

LB - Invitation No. 23-101560 Family Function Therapy (FFT) and Multisystemic Therapy (MST) (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Juvenile Court. Consists of therapeutic services for Juvenile Court Programs. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder: Evidence-Based Associates. Amount Not To Exceed: \$383,700.00.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until October 24, 2023. Items 2023-1009, 2023-1073 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-1073](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

LB - Invitation No. 23-101581 Juvenile Justice Center Canopy Installation (180 Day Contract): for use by Facilities Management. Consists of construction services for the installation of a canopy over the Judges' parking lot at the DeKalb County Juvenile Justice Center. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder. Greenheart Construction, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$401,905.00.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until October 24, 2023. Items 2023-1009, 2023-1073 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

*Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*

[2023-0917](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Audio Visual Equipment, Supplies, and Services (The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS USA) Contract No. 220704): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let TIPS USA Contract for the provision of audio-visual equipment, supplies, and services. This request will assist in the implementation of a complete Audio Visual (AV) solution at the Snapfinger Treatment Plant. Awarded to BIS Digital, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$130,670.36.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0917, 2023-0919, 2023-0963, 2023-1113 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0919](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

Cooperative Agreement for Audio Visual Equipment, Supplies, and Services (The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS USA) Contract No. 220704): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let TIPS USA Contract for the provision of audio-visual equipment, supplies, and services. This request will assist in equipment replacement within the State and Magistrate courtrooms. Awarded to BIS Digital, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$367,005.15.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0917, 2023-0919, 2023-0963, 2023-1113 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0963](#)**Commission District(s): 1 & 2**

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Parks and Recreation Equipment, Products, and Installation Services (BuyBoard Contract No. 679-22): for use by the DeKalb Peachtree (PDK) Airport. Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let BuyBoard Contract to purchase and install new playground equipment for an aviation themed playground at the PDK Airport. Awarded to Superior International Industries, dba Superior Recreational Products. Amount Not To Exceed: \$297,653.68.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0917, 2023-0919, 2023-0963, 2023-1113 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:**                7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-1113](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract 1325124 and Change Order No. 1 to Contracts 1325126 and 1325127 Landscape Maintenance Services for Public Grounds (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Departments of Facilities Management and Public Works - Sanitation. These contracts consist of providing landscape maintenance services for public grounds. This request is to increase the contract funds to continue with the provision of services. Awarded to: Artscape, Inc., The Simmons Group, and Let Us Love Your Lawn. Total Amount Not To Exceed \$254,165.00.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0917, 2023-0919, 2023-0963, 2023-1113 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**



**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee*

[2023-1097](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

RFP - Request for Proposal No. 23-500644 In-Home Services for Seniors and Their Caregivers (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Human Services (HS). Consists of providing in home services to seniors who need assistance for their daily living. Recommend award to each proposer who is responsive and responsible: CSS Corp dba CSS Healthcare Services, Inc. and Trusted Hands Senior Care, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,561,500.00.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until October 24, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee*

[2023-0973](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1264488 Hauling Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Department of Watershed Management (DWM) and Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). This contract consists of providing hauling services. This request seeks to increase contract funds and term through October 31, 2024. Awarded to Brown Management Services Enterprises, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$650,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0973, 2020979 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

2023-0979

**Commission District(s):** All

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1326920 Equipment Rentals and Related Products and Services (OMNIA Partners Contract No. 201900319): for use by the Department of Public Works -Sanitation. This contract consists of piggybacking off the competitively let OMNIA Partners contract to lease four (4) 11 - yard rear loader trucks for 26 weeks; four (4) 25 - yard rear loader truck for 52 weeks and eight (8) 25-yard rear loaders for 12 months. This request seeks to increase contract funds to support leasing nine (9) additional 25-yard rear loader trucks for 12 months. Awarded to Big Truck Rental. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,011,703.00.

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0973, 2020979 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

2023-1085

**Commission District(s):** All

REN - Contract No. 1307662 County Abatement Lot Mowing and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of Two Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Sanitation and Beautification. This contract consists of mowing and maintenance services for the County’s abate locations. This request seeks to exercise the 1st renewal option through December 31, 2024. Awarded to Executive Realty Solutions, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$180,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-1096](#)**Commission District(s): All**

LB - Invitation No. 23-101563 Traffic Paint (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). Consists of providing traffic paint for various road striping projects. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Allstates Coatings, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$130,377.05.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-1131](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

LB - Invitation No. 22-101506 Small Domestic Brass Fittings and Gate Valves (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the purchase of small domestic brass fittings and gate valves. Recommend award to lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder: Delta Municipal Supply Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$16,608,990.00.

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until October 24, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-1162](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1295610 for 2021 LMIG Road Resurfacing Projects (365 Day Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). This contract consists of resurfacing of County roads. This request seeks to increase the contract term through August 31, 2024. Awarded to HEH Paving, Inc. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs**[2023-1119](#)**Commission District(s): 4 and 6**

Acquisition of Land Property for the Expansion of Cedar Park

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until October 24, 2023. Items 2023-1119, 2023-1187 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-1187](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Districts

Ratification of R. M. Richards LLC Consulting Contract Purchase Agreement  
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**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until October 24, 2023. Items 2023-1119, 2023-1187 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD**

**Board of Commissioners - District 1**

[2023-0792](#)

**Commission District(s):** District 1

2023 Mid-Year Budget Request to Support the Creation of a Small Business Revolving Loan Fund and Technical Assistance Program to Expand Decide DeKalb's Local Business Resources

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until October 24, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Board of Commissioners - District 3**

[2023-1190](#)

**Commission District(s):** District 3

2023 Mid-Year Budget amendment request to purchase 2 mobile surveillance trailers to be used in the parks or any area within in the county that can help deter criminal activity

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

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-1198](#)

**Commission District(s):** District 3

2023 Mid-Year Budget Amendment Request to Expand the Contractual Services with Clean Star National to Chemically Remove Graffiti from the County's Property

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

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Board of Commissioners - District 6**

[2023-0526](#)

**Commission District(s):** District 3, 6, and all commission districts

A Resolution to Encourage DeKalb County CEO Michael Thurmond to End the Executive Order Closing Intrenchment Creek Park and to Reopen It to the Public As Soon As Possible

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days, until November 8, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0563](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

A Resolution Mandating Compost Facilities in DeKalb County Government Buildings by 2024, and Request for Proposals for Composting Services

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until October 24, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0680](#)

**Commission District(s):** All DeKalb County Commission Districts

A Resolution to Update the DeKalb County Traffic Calming Program

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until October 24, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0902](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

To Approve a District 6 American Rescue Plan Funding of \$100,000 to Establish a DeKalb County Eviction Defense Fund to Assist Qualified Residents with Legal Representation

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until October 24, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-1000](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Place Holder for Working Revisions to the Public Works and Infrastructure (PWI) Committee to Include Environmental Justice Matters That Fall Under this Committee of Jurisdiction.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the October 26, 2023 Committee of the Whole, until November 08, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson



[2023-1052](#)

**Commission District(s): All**

To Resolution to Urge DeKalb County CEO Michael Thurmond to Apply for the “Justice 40” Grants Under the Inflation Reduction Act for the Advancement of Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice in DeKalb County

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the October 17, 2023 Committee of the Whole, until October 24, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:**            7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-1178](#)

**Commission District(s): All**

A Resolution by The DeKalb County Board of Commissioners to Support a Georgia Effort to Protect the Okefenokee Swamp

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the County Operations Committee (OPS), until October 24, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:**            7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Budget**

[2023-1042](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

2023 Budget Revision

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the Finance, Audit & Budget Committee (FAB), until October 24, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO**

[2023-1093](#)

**Commission District(s):** all

Approval of Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of August 24, 2023

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-1093, 2023-1130 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-1130](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of September 12, 2023

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-1093, 2023-1130 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Community Development**

[2023-1121](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

Approval of Agreements with Agencies to use HOME-ARP Funding to provide Rental Assistance and/or Supportive Services to DeKalb County, HOME-ARP Eligible Qualifying Populations in an amount not to exceed \$6,697,504.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Purchasing & Contracting**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*

[2023-1020](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

LB - Invitation No. 23-101578 Installation of Data, Voice and Multimedia Cabling (Annual Contract with 4 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). Consists of providing low-voltage and security camera installations, as well as moves, adds and changes of data, voice and multimedia cabling at various facilities within the County. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: R. B. Communications, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$300,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee*

[2023-0830](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1268548 (fka 1210485) and Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1208627 Consent Decree - Construction Management Services: Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation and Replacement (CD-GSRR): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). These contracts consist of providing construction management services for various gravity sewer collection system rehabilitation and replacement projects. This request is to increase contract funds to Contract Nos.: 1268548 (fka 1210485) and 1208627 and the contract term through December 31, 2025 to Contract No. 1268548 (fka 1210485). Awarded to Gresham Smith/CERM Joint Venture (GS/C-JV) and Benchmark Management, LLC. Total Amount Not to Exceed: \$5,930,000.00.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0915](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1301526 On-Call Water and Sewer (Multiyear Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing on-call services for the installation and repair of various sizes of water and sewer pipes. The work also consists of providing the means to respond to emergencies and unforeseen failures or malfunctions throughout the County's distribution system. This request is to increase scope of work and funds to allow for the completion of work. Awarded to Ruby-Collins, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed \$22,235,110.70.

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-1005](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

LB - Invitation No. 23-101562 Residential Single-Stream Recycling Materials, Commercial Cardboard & Mixed Paper (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works-Sanitation. Consists of processing residential single-stream recycling materials, commercial cardboard, and mixed paper collected by the recycling program. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Pratt Recycling, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,170,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until October 24, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**2023-1014**      **Commission District(s): All**

LB - Invitation No. 23-101572 2023 LMIG Road Resurfacing Projects (Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). Consists of resurfacing DeKalb County roads. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder: C.W. Matthews Contracting Co. Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$25,692,675.58.

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-1014, 2023-1081 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:**                      7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**2023-1081**      **Commission District(s): ALL**

LB - Invitation No. 23-101579 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Fuel Station Operations, Preventive Maintenance, & Repair Services (Annual Contract with 3 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of providing on call operations, preventive maintenance, and repair services for the CNG fueling station. Recommend award to the overall lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Atlanta Gas Light Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$450,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-1014, 2023-1081 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:**                      7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs**

[2023-1100](#)

**Commission District(s):** 4 and 6

To Increase Monthly Horse Boarding Fees at Little Creek Horse Farm

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred, until November 14, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**State Court**

[2023-1183](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

Approval of Tyler Technologies Civil Process software maintenance and support agreement.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the Finance, Audit & Budget Committee (FAB), until October 24, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Watershed Management**

[2023-1049](#)

**Commission District(s):** 3 & 6

Agreement for the Construction and Financing of Sewer Upgrades with Cielo Blu, LLC for a Contribution Amount of \$143,500

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

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

**K. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**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 Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn the October 10, 2023 Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:47 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson,




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Robert Patrick  
Presiding Officer



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Michael Thurmond  
Chief Executive Officer



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Barbara Sanders (Oct 24, 2023 10:06 EDT)

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Barbara Sanders-Norwood  
County Clerk