

DeKalb County Government

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1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30030*



Summary

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

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*

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

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A. INSPIRATIONAL

Rev. Daniel Trout- St. Barnabas Anglican Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Steve Bradshaw- District 4

B. PRESENTATIONS

COVID-19 Response

C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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1. Kevin Slote (No Address)- Please vote yes on this resolution. The destruction of the public park puts me at a higher risk of flooding. We need to know if we need additional flood insurance. Additionally, everyone in our community are outraged by the removal of Weelaunee People's park, formerly known as intrenchment creek park. For years, we have been hoping for an expansion of the park to incorporate the prison farm into one big green space for public use. This area of Atlanta has too much to offer and we are squandering it on something we do not want. We want less gun shots, not more, more green space not less. We are also concerned about the implicit environmental racism in the black halls studio swap. Most importantly, the destruction of the park may put my property into a flood zone. Please, do the needed research. Thanks,

2. Gina DiPietro (No Address)- Hi. I want to express my concern for the development of the South River Forest. I am in support of resolution 2022-1953 and ask for it to be approved. I am greatly concerned about the environmental and societal harm that will come with the deforestation and development of Atlanta Police Department's training facility Thank you for your time and consideration.

3. Suzanna Harati, 987 Allene Ave SW, Atlanta- Hello my name is Suzanna Harati. I live at 987 Allene Ave SW, Atlanta in Adair park. I am a local to Atlanta and was born and lived not far from where they are trying to build the APSTC. When I heard that one of the last urban forest in Atlanta is now under attack to be a facility for a system (APD) that is NOT for the people I was immediately enraged! This facility is not for protection but to more tactfully learn how to MURDER and silence us as they have done to the poor and marginalized people for centuries. I personally have almost been raped by cops, seen cops racially profile my friends, and only care about the white and privileged in this city time and time again. On July 4th I saw cops spray an 8th month old pregnant woman in the face with a fire extinguisher and then force us off the streets over false accusations! They lied on social media as they tried to claim that they saved a man's life on the sidewalk of the Capitol when really it was the same Protesters they forced to leave who saved his life with Narcan 5 mins before they arrived. How are the people supposed to trust and feel safe with funding \$90 million dollars to a system of people who are trained to lie, deceive, and treat others with utter disrespect and bias? Atlanta needs more efficient ways of protecting their citizens like more local community shelters, mental health responders and facilities, De-escalation response teams, local and free recovery centers. A great use of that space would be a tent city for our un-housed population that has now grown to 10,234 people and rising in Georgia. Governor Kemp said in a CNN article recently "Since taking office in 2019, our family has committed to serving Georgia in a way that cherishes and values each and every human being, and today's decision by the 11th Circuit affirms our promise to protect life at ALL stages." Is serving and protecting for all stages of life having 7,700 in foster care and 10,234 on the streets? Is serving and protecting killing it's people? The Washington Post updated data collection where is it states " In 2015, The Washington Post began to log every fatal shooting by an on-duty police officer in the United States. In that time there have been more than 5,000 such shootings recorded by The Post." It also states " Although half of the people shot and killed by police are White, Black Americans are shot at a disproportionate rate. They account for less than 13 percent of the U.S. population, but are killed by police at more than twice the rate of White Americans." There is a map provided below and shows the EXTREME abundance of killings that happened in Atlanta alone. If the Dekalb County Commissioners seek to protect and serve the people they would consider approving the 2022-1953 resolution as there has been no comprehensive Phase II Environmental Site Assessment or noise study completed and the impacts on the ecology and surrounding community remain unknown. Sources:
<https://amp.cnn.com/cnn/2022/07/20/politics/georgia-six-week-abortion-law/index.html>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/investigations/police-shootings-database/>

<https://www.usich.gov/homelessness-statistics/ga/>

https://dfcs.georgia.gov/sites/dfcs.georgia.gov/files/related_files/site_page/DFCS.Foster%20Care.5.12.pdf

4. Mary Hinkel, 1718 Mason Mill Road NE- Atlanta, GA- Speaking on behalf of DeKalb Citizens Advocacy Council, we support the appointment of Elisa Murphy as the new DeKalb County Ethics Officer and thank the members of the Board of Ethics for identifying and recruiting this outstanding candidate. We urge the Board of Commissioner to follow the code and confirm the Board's selection without any further delay.

5. Darby Guinn, (No Address)- Dear Governing Body, I am a concerned citizen of Dekalb County, and after a few years of living here, I have started to realize how powerful we are. I hope you see that, too. The money that you are considering putting toward police should be instead pointed toward supporting the people. We don't need a larger police facility. We need support for our homeless population and for those who need aid after years of a pandemic. The police are absolutely fine, and you know it. Support the homeless. Support education and the library budget. Support these and other resources so we can grow through city grants for the arts and local studies so we can understand where we are at. Take this opportunity to turn away from enforcing and punishing with the police. Turn to growing and nurturing. Teachers need you. Librarians need you. Bus drivers need you. Answer them. And if you don't know how, we are here to help.

6. Jon Wierenga (No Address)- To the Dekalb County Board of Commissioners, My name is Jonathan Wierenga, and I am a resident of Dekalb County, district 4, super district 6. I am contacting you today to voice my support for resolution 2022-1953. I think that additional studies and accountability measures for the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center are desperately needed. Please pass this resolution. I have many concerns around the building of this training center. I'll start with the environmental concerns. With climate change already severely impacting our weather, we cannot afford to be destroying existing forests. The flood mitigation and natural cooling effects would be entirely lost by cutting down these trees, and paving the land would increase the urban heat island effect, which is already devastating to the health and air conditioning costs of Georgians, and that need for AC further exacerbates climate change. Beyond that, I am concerned that the lead and other metals from the spent munitions will leach into the groundwater in Dekalb County. Another concern I have regarding the training center is how it will further entrench a violent and antiquated form of law enforcement that the community does not want. Our current system of policing creates a cycle of harm that negatively impacts the health, finances, and overall quality of life of residents, especially the BIPOC members of our communities. The resources spent on policing are much better spent on programs that actually address the cause of crime: underinvestment in education, housing, and mental health. For the good of Dekalb County, representatives would do well to do everything in their power to prevent the "Atlanta Public Safety Training Center" from being built. The absolute bare minimum that the county government could do is pass this resolution, to make sure that the impacts of this construction are properly studied, and weighed against the value of the lives this project will probably harm. The resolution seems a small positive against this morass of bad policy and shortsightedness, but it's an important step. Please pass resolution 2022-1953. Thank you,

7. Dr. Ed Williams (No Address)- Good Morning Commissioners: I am a resident of DeKalb County and the chair of the Concerned Citizens for Effective Government. I participated in the charter review commission meeting that was held last week July 20, 2022, where I made public comments regarding the need for the

commission to be transparent and comply with the Open Meetings Act in regards to the agenda items and provide adequate public notice of items that will be voted on by the charter commission. I noted that just because the commission was created from an executive order does not mean that it is excluded from following the Open Meetings Act. The Charter Review Commission had a particular duty to comply with the Open Meetings Act. I would like to know what authority the CEO Michael Thurmond had to create the charter review commission and make appointments. I have concerns about 3 of the current members and their conflict of interests. I do not believe that the current DeKalb County School Board chair who is a constitutional officer should be a voting member of the county charter review commission. The county school board is supposed to be completely independent and separate from the operations of the county government. In addition, I am concerned about having sitting members of the General Assembly on the charter review commission that will be at some point required to vote on any recommendations made by the charter commission. It is a conflict of interest for a General Assembly member to serve as a voting member of a county charter review commission. The Georgia Constitution prohibits elected officials from serving in two positions, and certainly in positions in which they are supposed to be independent of, and should not have any control or legislative power over. I think the charter review commission should first review those charter sections that would be applicable no matter the form of government DeKalb ultimately has first. I strongly believe that the charter commission also put on its agenda to review the form of government in terms of a chairman of the commission instead of a CEO. It is time for DeKalb to stop trying to act like it is a municipality, it has lost that battle. I do not see the benefit of DeKalb continuing to maintain the CEO form of government. It is the only county of the 159 counties in Georgia with a CEO and we have nothing to show for it. We have one of the highest sales taxes in the state, and inadequate transit services although we have been a part of MARTA for more than fifty years, and property taxes have increased more than thirty percent even though we have SPLOST and are the only county in Georgia with an E-HOST that is supposed reduce our property taxes. Citizens passed a SPLOST a few years ago and we still have bad roads and potholes all over the place. The quality of the road pavement is suspect and not many roads have been paved. What has happened? The truth of the matter is that our county government is spending too much and has over-extended itself as the county budget continues to increase along with our property taxes. I have concerns in regards to the formation of the charter review commission and a few of the members that are currently serving on the charter commission. I noticed that CEO Michael Thurmond's executive order did not cite a single legal authority in his creation of the county charter review commission. There was local legislation being considered in the General Assembly in 2017 but did not become law. The CEO seemed to have copied some of the languages from the proposed legislation SB 246 and used it in his executive order. I noticed that the executive order was not signed by anyone in the law department. It should be noted that the legislation only proposed a commission of 13 members. Does the Charter Review Commission have the legal authority to create its bylaws? I didn't see any reference to that in the executive order. Where does the Charter Review Commission derive its legal authority to do so? I did not see any references to the CEO's executive orders powers or charter review commission in the DeKalb County Organizational Act. I am aware that the previous charter reviews group were called citizen groups - task forces and groups in 2014. The county needs to revamp its law department with more attorneys who respect citizens' rights and the law. It seems that anything goes on in this current government. What is the purpose of the DeKalb law department? One of the first things the Charter Review Commission reviews is who the county attorney serves and represents. The Open Meetings Act was written to make government records accessible to the public and shed sunshine on the operations of government and hold its officials accountable. The Charter Review Commission meeting minutes should comply with the Open Meetings Act and the mission of the

DeKalb County government. Thank You

8. JeanPierre-Foy (No Address)- Hello, My name is Andrew JeanPierre-Foy. I am a landscape designer, husband, dad, and Dekalb County resident currently living in District 3, represented by Commissioner Representative Larry Johnson. I am urging Rep. Johnson and the rest of the Dekalb County Board of Commissioners to approve resolution 2022-1953, asking the CEO to request additional studies & accountability measures around the development of the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center (APSTC). It is my firm belief that the \$90 million of taxpayer funds proposed for this training center would be infinitely more effective if invested elsewhere. If the ultimate goal of policing is to create a safe, healthy community, we ought to start investing in restorative and preventative endeavors like increased mental health services in schools & hospitals, more rehabilitative services homeless folks, and more drug treatment centers. A police training center takes us in the wrong direction as a city, and will only further entrench the Atlanta metro area in an outdated & ineffective form of policing that does not keep communities safe, but actually perpetuates violence & poverty, overwhelmingly in Black & Brown communities. If the aforementioned reasons aren't enough, the proposed site of APSTC will demolish an actively regenerating 85 acres of native Atlanta forest. This amount of forest provides invaluable environmental services - including habitat, carbon sequestration & water infiltration & retention - to the Atlanta metro area & its ecosystem. Demo-ing it for this APSTC will only be to the detriment of the surrounding community. For financial, social, and environmental reasons, the plan for the APSTC needs to undergo serious re-evaluation & assessment. This is why I support resolution 2022-1953 and again urge the Dekalb Board of Commissioners to do the same. Thank you for your time & consideration

9. Amanda Buzzeo, 2853 Horse Shoe Dr, Atlanta, GA 30316- My name is Amanda Buzzeo, I live at 2853 Horse Shoe Dr, Atlanta, GA 30316. I am a resident of Dekalb County. I live in District 3 and Super District 6. I am asking you to approve resolution 2022-1953 requesting that our county demands additional studies and accountability measures around the development of the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center. This center will be in my neighborhood's backyard. We are already regularly forced to hear a barrage of gunfire each week from the current police shooting range (Old Atlanta Prison Farm). They practice with multiple styles of guns and high magazine rifles that loudly go off hour after hour from early morning to night. It is traumatic to our community to have to deal with this as it is, living almost everyday next to gunfire. During the planning for this project, DeKalb residents on the Stakeholder Committee repeatedly requested that the new gun range be enclosed instead of outdoors, and this request was ignored. Gunfire will increase due to this development and this is trauma and violence against our community. Please stop the development of the APSTC for our community and for all Dekalb County residents.

10. Lily Ponitz, 1849 Stanton Street, Decatur- Hello, my name is Lily Ponitz and I am a resident of DeKalb County, at 1849 Stanton Street, Decatur. My commissioners are Larry Johnson and Lorraine Cochran-Johnson. I am asking for the commissioners to vote to approve resolution 2022-1953. As a DeKalb resident who was undemocratically removed from the community stakeholder advisory committee for the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center, I can say first-hand that DeKalb needs to request additional additional studies and accountability measures for this development. Please do what you can to put pressure on the CEO to take action to guarantee DeKalb residents are heard and not harmed in this process. The development team has not disclosed the anticipated noise increases from the outdoor gun range and driving course. Like with any other noise-producing development, the County deserves the ability to understand, and ask for mitigation of,

noise that will impact quality of life of their residents. These residents are also going to bear the burden of 85 acres of forest in their backyards being bulldozed, degrading the natural cooling and stormwater infiltration effects that currently keep their utility bills down. Your residents also deserve to know the cultural history of this property. The City of Atlanta operated a prison farm in Southwest DeKalb County for 70 years, and newspaper accounts as late as the 1980s compared the work undertaken by people incarcerated at the farm to “slave labor” with this work undertaken disproportionately by Black prisoners. The City of Atlanta then abandoned the property for 30 years. It would be a continuation of injustice to develop this property without any public reconciliation with the history and impact of the last 100 years. Do not allow the Atlanta Police Foundation to bury this legacy of harm and hide behind a veil of public safety promises that will not even affect DeKalb residents. Please approve resolution 2022-1953 and take action for your residents. Thank you.

11. Stephen Binney (No Address)- Good Morning Commissioners, A few weeks ago, in a committee meeting, commissioners were discussing pay levels for county employees and what could or should be done for employees who were barely above the 15 dollar an hour rate when Dekalb County raised the minimum wage for county workers. Mereda Davis-Johnson appeared to be unreceptive to the idea of raising the pay levels of those employees who were making just above 15 dollars an hour to reward their experience and commitment to our county. She said something to the effect of \$31,200 dollars is a lot of money. First off when you deduct taxes, social security, pension, and health insurance that gross income is a lot less than 31 thousand dollars. As of 2019 Households in South DeKalb County have a median annual income of \$58,084, which is less than the median annual income of \$65,712 across the entire United States. As of 2020, 15.8% of Dekalb County lives below the poverty line compared to a national average of 12.3%. This is up from 15.1% in 2019. This stat is increasing not decreasing. Per capita income as of 2020 was \$37,523 dollars. All of this is to say that \$31,200 dollars a year is not a lot of money. The usual guidelines say that 30% of a person's income should be spent on housing. 30% of 31 thousand a year comes out to \$775 dollars a month to be spent on housing. How many places can you live in Dekalb County for \$775 dollars a month? In 2020 Dekalb County's median gross rent was \$1260 dollars. Ranging from \$1025 dollars for a one bedroom to \$1824 dollars for a 4 bedroom. Using these numbers, a person will need to be making \$41,000 dollars a year to afford a median one bedroom apartment. That calculates out to an hourly wage of nearly \$20 dollars an hour. What percentage of Dekalb County employees are making \$20 dollars an hour or more, not to mention all the workers we have contracted out who are not held to the \$15 an hour minimum. As we all know, rents are raising up at a much faster rate during our current times of corporate buying. Most of the purchases being made in Dekalb county are in south dekalb, where the residents can least afford rising rental rates. I was looking on line at apartment complexes with vacancies in south dekalb and the current rates seem to run between \$1300 and \$1700 dollars a month, depending on the number of bedrooms. Mereda Davis-Johnson I submit that \$31,200 dollars a year is more than the nearly 16% of Dekalb county residents living in poverty have but it is not a lot of money. As a final thought I would like to bring your attention to Item #1935 on today's agenda. This contract was awarded by the BOC in 2014 for an amount not to exceed \$14.8 million dollars to CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc. In the agenda notes there are no monetary amounts listed in the document for LSBE payments. \$42% of this contract was listed as LSBE but there is no record of how much of the \$43 million dollars spent so far has gone to the listed LSBE's, if any at all. Do we know? Do we even care? Thank you for your time and consideration,

12. Submitted by Verdaillia Turner, on behalf of the consortium for the Commemoration of Rev. Dr. Hosea Williams, 1990 Lakeside Pkwy., Ste. 230 Tucker, GA 30084- A consortium in and of DeKalb County is

asking the Board of Commissioners to commission a statue in honor of the late Civil Rights leader Rev. Dr. Hosea Williams. The consortium is also specifically requesting that the statue be placed on the grounds of the DeKalb County Court House. The consortium includes Restore DeKalb, the Georgia Federation of Teachers, the DeKalb NAACP, the Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda, the Chairman of the Georgia House of Representatives Democratic Caucus, the Honorable Billy Mitchell, the Minority Leader of the Georgia Senate Democratic Caucus, the Honorable Senator Gloria Butler and the eldest daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Hosea Williams. A letter with more details has been emailed to each commissioner and is attached to this request. Thank you,

13. Will Thurston (No Address)- Please approve resolution 2022-1953. I do not support the expensive & wasteful creation of this police training facility. Police are being asked to do too much and solve problems they aren't meant to solve. All of the money should go to health services, education, housing and other projects for the citizens of Dekalb county. Those services would prevent crime and allow people to live better lives. The forest can be used as a park and place for the community and nature to thrive. Police can funnel people into the criminal justice system, which is profitable for the government and private corporations. But they cannot improve the lives of everyday people by providing needed resources and support. Best,

14. Allison Mercer and Family, 6949 Kimberland Gardens Ln, Lithonia, GA 30058- Please approve resolution 2022-1953. While we do not want the development of cop city AT ALL, the studies on how this will affect our community are the least of what we deserve. Removing so much forest for development can raise the temperature and cause flooding in the county and compound with ongoing climate change. We deserve a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment and noise study.

15. Natalija Moss, 633 Warren Ave- Hi, my name is Natalija Moss, I live at 633 Warren Ave in unincorporated DeKalb, which puts me in commissioner district 4 or super commissioner district 6. I am asking y'all to APPROVE resolution 2022-1953 to have the CEO conduct additional studies, and provide for actual meaningful engagement with the public regarding the proposed development on the site of the old Atlanta Prison Farm. I do NOT support the proposed development of a police training centre in the middle of a forest wetland during the ongoing climate emergency. We are already clear-cutting way too much land in DeKalb to make property developers rich -- that needs to stop. Our county needs to protect our trees and forests, and the county needs to DENY any permit for development, construction, or land disturbance on the property in question.

16. Kelsey Lamb, Dear board of commissioners, My name is Kelsey Lamb, and I live in Sandy Springs, GA. Although I am not a resident of Dekalb County, I am opposed to the building of the police training facility, as it will negatively impact the greater Atlanta area. We are in the middle of a climate crisis, with Georgia already experiencing 20 days of dangerous heat per year. This number is expected to rise to 90 dangerous heat days per year by 2050. Days like this are particularly threatening to unhoused people, who are at a greater risk of experiencing heat-related medical emergencies, and Black and Brown communities, who tend to have less vegetation in their neighborhoods, causing higher and more dangerous temperatures. It is imperative that we make decisions right now to reverse the effects of climate change, rather than adding to the problem by cutting down more trees and adding to air pollution with smoke from guns. I urge you to consider how decisions like this will impact current air quality and future climate extremes for generations to come, especially to your

marginalized neighbors. It is time to start making responsible decisions for our communities, and I hope you will see the harm this training facility would cause and put a stop to it. Sincerely,

17. Dabney P. Evan (No Address)- I am writing in support of approval of resolution 2022-1953 to ask the Dekalb County CEO to request additional studies and accountability measures around the development of Cop City. Thank you.

18. Hannah Hawkins (No Address)- Hello, My name is Hannah Hawkins and I live at 603 Tahoe Circle in Stone Mountain, GA near Clarkston. I vehemently oppose the bulldozing of the forest in order to build a bizarre and environmentally toxic amusement park for cops. The entire project has been marked by obvious corruption and complete disdain for the wellbeing of the regular homeowners and citizens of Dekalb. This project will not improve our public safety and will actively harm our quality of life. I call on you to approve resolution 2022-1953 to ask the CEO to request additional studies and accountability measures around the development of the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center. Regards,

19. Laya ByrnZhan (No Address)- Hi, My name is Laya B. and I live in incorporated DeKalb. 30341 is my zip code. I would like to leave my comment on the Key road / south river forest / police training facility. I am extremely disappointed with the way this plan passed city council despite over 16 hours of mostly negative public comment from constituents. It makes me feel like the city of Atlanta government is more beholden to special interests like the Atlanta Police Foundation and Cox Enterprises than the people who they are supposed to be responsible for. Even the limited manner in which the board of commissioners are allowing us to submit public comment - only from 9-10 am on one single day - is undemocratic and stifles the ability of the public to express our opinion. Also, the way that the sole critical member of the citizen review board has been voted out by a group that is mostly yeasayers is just ridiculous. This proposal has been rammed through without the consent or input of constituents, Commissioner Terry, or anyone who is in any way skeptical. Also, APF has been completely dishonest about the environmental impacts of this plan. I am calling for you to approve resolution 2022-1953, which will demand more accountability and a study of the environmental impacts of the proposed Key Road facility.

20. Aaron Zimlich (No Address)- My name is Aaron Zimlich. I live in Atlanta council district 5 and my representative is Liliانا Bakhtiari. I'm also in DeKalb super commissioner district 6 where the commissioner is Ted Terry. I'm asking for you to approve resolution 2022-1953. I respectfully request additional studies concerning the development of the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center. This land is needed by the community. There are many proposals other than a police training facility that serves the community and the community actually wants these things. From parks and sports fields to community gardens and cultural events. Training more police officers doesn't serve the community and is a slap in the face to those that suffered under the brutal, slave conditions of the old prison farms. This space belongs to the people. Not the contractors that will benefit from the construction of a facility that the people do not want.

21. Chuck Thompson (No Address)- Greetings, I urge you to pass this resolution, further investigating the impact of the desecration of Atlanta's forest. Upon review you may find that the county cannot afford to lose such a large swath of trees. In today's deadly heat, trees are our best defense. Ecologic integrity aside, the project would be a huge pitfall of taxpayer money. Especially since the massive facility wouldn't directly service

the community. The people of DeKalb County do not support this project. If that hasn't been made clear, pass this resolution to find out through the appropriate bureaucratic channels. Sincerely,

22. Karl Peterson (No Address)- This comment relates to the proposed APSTC development. I am a resident and taxpayer in southwest Dekalb county and I have been closely following the activity and public discourse around development in this area. I visit the area frequently and it is a special place. I have been appalled by the lack of public transparency and civic due diligence for this project. It has become clear that there is limited support and considerable concern from the public for this massive undertaking, and it begs the question whether the lack of accountability and appropriate process is an effort to minimize attention and resistance from the community in Dekalb County and further afield. I would like to say - first of all - that I oppose the facility for many good reasons. Here we have a public investment that touches on so many important modern issues: •Historical reconciliation •Racial justice and healing •Environmental responsibility and preservation •Police militarization and funding •Public transparency, accountability, and democracy •Indigenous land rights In each of these respects, the APSTC project is a blatant example of backward progress. We need to invest in resources that actually help improve the safety and health of our community and work towards healing past wounds. The land is publicly held for the benefit of the community at large, and the public deserves a voice in whether this project represents and productive or appropriate use of public resources. The process, so far, has sidestepped opportunities for democratic and responsible decision making. There has been no comprehensive Phase II Environmental Site Assessment, nor has there been a noise study relating to gunfire, etc. The Stakeholder Committee has been crippled and development activity has proceeded without permits or transparency. The ask here is that site developers and public officials respect the normal zoning and land development approval process, and that we take the time to have an appropriate public conversation about whether this development is what our county and community needs. Thanks for your time and please do the right thing.

23. Donald Fontenot, 3320 Beech Drive in Decatur, GA- I am Donald Fontenot, i live at 3320 Beech Drive in Decatur, GA and I am demanding an end to the hostile actions being taken by our local governments against our citizens and the forest. For months the public has expressed disapproval and outrage that Atlanta would destroy so many acres of wetland, forest, and history to create this huge, bloated cop training facility. Cops do not keep us safe. Housing keeps us safe, transit keeps us safe, WE keep us safe. And we have been ignored at the behest of the Police foundation and their corporate funders, all opposed to the public welfare and our beautiful forest. We're saying stop. Listen to us, even though we aren't bankrolling you.

D. 10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING

The DeKalb County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing during its Regular Business meeting on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will be conducted via teleconference (Zoom). Simultaneous public access to the meeting will be available (1) via live stream on DCTV's webpage, and (2) DCTVChannel23.TV. The public is invited to watch the broadcast on DCTV's UStream link (<https://video.ibm.com/channel/dctv-channel-23>), or join the meeting using the Zoom link (<https://dekalbcountyga.zoom.us/j/7753778046>), or by telephone (602-333-0032 or 888-270-9936, conference code: 217687). For those joining the meeting by telephone, please be aware that your phone number may be displayed to the public viewing or participating in the online meeting. The Board will provide 15 minutes of time for citizens to speak in favor of an agenda item, and 15 minutes for citizens to speak in opposition. Citizens who attend the meeting via the Zoom link above may join the public comment queue by raising their hand in the Zoom application, while citizens who attend the meeting via telephone may join the comment queue by pressing # followed by 2. There will be no comment cards, so when you are called upon, please state your name and address for the record. Also, please be conscious of speaking time so that everyone has an opportunity to provide input in the allotted time. Citizens may also email documents for inclusion into the official record by submitting such materials by 9:00 a.m. on the date of the public hearing to PublicHearing@dekalbcountyga.gov

Planning & Sustainability

[2022-1866](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

Small Box Discount Retail Store Moratorium Extension.

Approved substitute extending the Small Box Discount Store Moratorium Extension until September 30, 2022

Public Works - Transportation

[2022-1822](#)

Commission District(s): 2 & 6

Traffic Calming Petition - Springdale Rd between The By Way and The City Limits of Atlanta. No Cost to County.

Approved

“DECISION ONLY” ITEMS – NO PUBLIC HEARING

Planning & Sustainability

[2022-1477](#)

Commission District(s): Commission District 03 Super District 07
Application of Kova Real Estate, LLC to rezone property from R-75 (Residential Medium Lot-75) to R-60 (Residential Medium Lot-60) to allow an 11-lot subdivision for single-family detached homes, at 1500 Columbia Drive.

Approved with 5 conditions

E. APPEALS

NONE

F. APPOINTMENTS

Board of Commissioners

[2022-1111](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Appointment to the Oversight Committee of the Office of the Independent Internal Audit - Gloria G. Gray

Approved the substitute

Chief Executive Office

[2022-1939](#)

Commission District(s): All

Appointment to the DeKalb County Historic Preservation Commission - Dr. Pamela Scully

Deferred to the next meeting, until August 09, 2022

Ethics Board

[2022-1695](#)

Commission District(s): All

Appointment of the new Ethics Officer Elisa Murphy

Approved

G. CONSENT AGENDA**Board of Commissioners**[2022-1902](#)**Commission District(s):** All

Approval of Minutes for the July 19, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Approved**Board of Commissioners - District 2**[2022-1947](#)**Commission District(s):** District 2

District 2 ARP Funding for We Love Buford Highway, Inc.

Approved**Board of Commissioners - District 6**[2022-1950](#)**Commission District(s):** Districts 4 & 6

Rescind BOC Agenda Item 2022-1819

Approved[2022-1951](#)**Commission District(s):** 4 & 6

Amend American Rescue Plan Fund allocation of \$75,000.00 from D6 ARP funds to Soccer in the Streets.

Approved the substitute[2022-1952](#)**Commission District(s):** Districts 4 & 6

Approve \$100,000.00 from District 6 ARP appropriations to support a Brannon Hills Public Health and Public Safety Fund

Approved

Board of Commissioners - District 7[2022-1928](#)**Commission District(s):** District 7

To Appropriate \$25,000 In American Rescue Plan Grant Funds Assigned to POETA Account 105744.63258.521209.01.07.602479 Reserved For The District 7 Appropriation To The Rotary Club of Tucker To Mitigate The Public Health Emergency Created By The COVID-19 Pandemic

Approved

[2022-1929](#)**Commission District(s):** District 7

To Appropriate \$75,000 In American Rescue Plan Grant Funds Assigned to POETA Account 105744.63258.521209.01.07.602479 Reserved For The District 7 Appropriation To Frontline Response To Mitigate The Public Health Emergency Created By The COVID-19 Pandemic

Approved

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO[2022-1876](#)**Commission District(s):** All

Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of July 12, 2022

Approved

Public Safety - DEMA[2022-1878](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

FY 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), \$50,000.00

Approved

H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS**Board of Commissioners - District 3**[2022-1948](#)**Commission District(s):** Districts 3 & 6

2022 Mid-Year Budget Request to Support Cedar Grove Traffic Calming Initiative Phase II Easabouts/Roundabouts

Deferred to the next meeting, until August 09, 2022**Board of Commissioners - District 6**[2022-1949](#)**Commission District(s):** All Districts

To Approve the Continuation of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County to Intervene in the 2022 Public Service Commission Rate Case, as a Member of the "Local Government Coalition."

Deferred to the next meeting, until August 09, 2022**Commission District(s):** All Districts[2022-1953](#)

Approve a Resolution to ask the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County to Request A Phase II Environmental Site Assessment and a Noise Study for the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center Development Proposal.

Deferred for 30 days, due back until August 23, 2022**Chief Executive Office**[2022-1938](#)**Commission District(s):** All

Leadership DeKalb Contract

Approved

Fire & Rescue Services[2022-1879](#)**Commission District(s):** All

Amendment to DCFR Medical Director Contract

Approved**Human Services**[2022-1849](#)**Commission District(s):** All

Acceptance of a Grant from the Atlanta Regional Commission for DeKalb Senior Services in the Amount of \$2,109,586.94- At A Cost to the County of \$160,564.73

Deferred to the next meeting, until August 9, 2022**Public Safety - DEMA**[2022-1877](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

2019 - 2021 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), \$420,638.20

Approved**Public Works - Transportation**[2022-1626](#)**Commission District(s):** 2 and 6

Authorize the Transfer of Property and Permanent Easement to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for Traffic Signal Improvements Project - PI # 0002669

Approved**Purchasing & Contracting***Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee*

[2022-1602](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 1126717 for Payroll Tax, Wage Deduction, Employment Verification and Affordable Care Act Compliance Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Finance - Risk Management. Consists of providing payroll tax filing, wage deductions, employment verification and Affordable Care Act compliance services. Awarded to: ADP, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$150,000.00

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting - to FAB Committee

[2022-1845](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1092093 for Auditing Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Finance. This contract consists of auditing services of the County's financial statements. Awarded to Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$29,500.00.

Deferred to the next meeting, until August 9, 2022

[2022-1896](#)**Commission District(s): All**

REN - Family Function Therapy FFT and Multisystemic Therapy (MST) Services (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1219482 for the use by the Juvenile Court. This contract consists of therapeutic services. Awarded to Evidence-Based Associates. Amount Not to Exceed: \$383,700.00.

Deferred to the next meeting, until August 9, 2022

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2022-1621](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CA-Cooperative Agreement for Rapid 7 Insight IDR and Insight VM Renewal: for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Statewide Contract (SWC) No.99999-SPD-SPD-0000060-0003 for the maintenance and support of the County's software system. Awarded to SHI International Corporation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$181,300.00.

Approved

[2022-1780](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1150081 Jcats DeKalb License & Support (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT). This contract consists of providing software maintenance, customization, and support for the Juvenile Court system. Awarded to Canyon Solutions, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$80,000.00.

Approved

[2022-1813](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CA-Cooperative Agreement-Diesel Powered Tractor with Flail Cutter: for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by Public Works-Beautification. Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Statewide Contract No. 99999-001-SPD0000177-0026 (Tractors, Mowers and Earthmoving Equipment), to purchase two (2) diesel powered tractors with flail cutters for cutting grass and brush beside roadways and highways all around the County. Awarded to Ag-Pro, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$138,658.10.

Approved

[2022-1834](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract Nos: 1175305 and 1175307, On Call Roof Maintenance, Repair and Replacement Services for use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM) and Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). These contracts consist of maintaining, repairing, and installing various types of roofs. Awarded to National Building Contractors, Inc. (NBC) and Hawk Construction Co., LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$150,000.00.

Approved

[2022-1844](#)**Commission District(s): All**

SS - (Sole Source) Cityworks Public Asset Management System (AMS)-Multi-Year Contract: for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). Consists of the implementation of a custom AMS for the Department of Facilities Management, Public Works - Roads and Drainage, Public Works - Traffic Engineering and the Department of Watershed Management (Pump Stations). Awarded to Woolpert Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$225,000.00

Approved

[2022-1851](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

SS - Renovation and Development of the 178 Sams Street Facility (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Facilities Management. Consists of the renovation and development of the 178 Sams Street Facility. Awarded to: Hogan Construction Group, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,720,784.10.

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee

[2022-1692](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement Contract No. 185181 for Sports Lighting with Related Supplies and Services: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of the purchase, installation of lighting and related supplies and services. Awarded to Musco Sports Lighting, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$733,047.00.

Deferred to the next meeting, until August 9, 2022

[2022-1832](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

LB - Invitation No. 22-101510 Feed, Hay and Shavings for Little Creek Horse Farm (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of the purchase of Feed, Hay and Shavings for Little Creek Horse Farm. Recommend award to the sole bidder who is responsive and responsible: Conyers Pet and Livestock Supply, Inc. dba The Stock Market. Amount Not To Exceed: \$224,773.92.

Deferred to the next meeting

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2022-1825](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CA-Cooperative Agreement for Garage and Recycling Roll Carts: for use by Public Works-Sanitation. Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let contract Cooperative Council of Governments (COG) No. 2113B for the purchase of various sizes garbage and recycling roll carts. Awarded to Otto Environmental Systems North America, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed \$2,000,000.00.

Approved[2022-1854](#)**Commission District(s): 3 and 7**

LB - Invitation No. 22-101498 McAfee Road Sidewalk from Candler Road to East Lakeside Drive (180 days): for use by Public Works-Transportation. Consists of construction of curb and sidewalk along the south side of McAfee Road from Candler Road to Barker Bryant Park. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: DAF Concrete, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$375,132.00.

Approved

[2022-1935](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 4 for Contract No. 14-902800 Consent Decree Program Management Services: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing program management services in furtherance of the Consent Decree Program. This request is to add the Department of Public Works - Roads and Drainage (PW-RD) to the contract and increase the scope of work and funding. Awarded to CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc. aka Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$500,000.00.

Approved

WorkSource DeKalb[2022-1917](#)**Commission District(s): ALL DISTRICTS**

Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between DeKalb County Government and Georgia Piedmont Technical College for the purpose of joint administration of the DeKalb Virtual Career Academy 2022 and not to exceed \$160,000.

Deferred to the next meeting, until August 9, 2022

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD**Board of Commissioners - District 1**[2021-2851](#)**Commission District(s): All**

A Request to Consider Establishing an Annual Traffic Count Program

Deferred for 30 days, until August 23, 2022

Board of Commissioners - District 6[2021-3499](#)**Commission District(s): All Commission Districts**

DeKalb County's adoption of a safe gun storage ordinance to impact and prevent accidental injuries and deaths.

Deferred for 45 days, until September 13, 2022

[2022-1543](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

An item of the DeKalb County Governing Authority to Adopt a Vision and Transition Plan for all library landscapes in DeKalb County by 2023

Approved the substitute

[2022-1656](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

To Amend the Code of DeKalb County, Georgia, As Revised 1988, Chapter 20, Article VIII, to Recognize General Election Day as a Paid County Holiday.

Deferred for 30 days, until August 23, 2022

Board of Commissioners - District 7

[2022-1299](#)

Commission District(s): District 7

A Resolution Requesting The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County Amend Chapter 15 Of The Code Of DeKalb County, Georgia As Revised 1988; To Provide For The Mandatory Used Of Video Surveillance Systems at Convenience Stores, And For Other Purposes

Deferred to the next meeting, until August 9, 2022

[2022-1764](#)

Commission District(s): District 7

A Resolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia to Acknowledge Gun Violence as a Public Health Crisis and to Call upon Federal, State and Local Legislators and Elected Officials to Pass Common Sense Gun Control Legislation to Reduce Gun Violence, Homicides and Mass Murders.

Deferred for 45 days until September 13, 2022

[2022-1765](#)**Commission District(s):** District 7

A Resolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia to Acknowledge an Affordable Housing Crisis in DeKalb County and to Call upon Federal, State and Local Legislators and Elected Officials to Pass Legislation Supporting Home Ownership and Rent Stabilization.

Deferred for 30 days, until August 23, 2022

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to FAB Committee

[2022-1743](#)**Commission District(s):** All

C - Cancellation of Contract No. 1224752 for the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Juvenile Court. Consists of procuring substance abuse counseling and test services for at risk County youths. Awarded to Family Children First, LLC dba Georgia Hope LLC. Cancellation of Contract ONLY.

Approved

[2022-1786](#)**Commission District(s):** ALL

REN - Cooperative Agreement for Facility Maintenance Solutions Contract No. 1262442: for use by the Sheriff's Office. This contract consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-SPD0000154-0001 for preventative maintenance services for the County Jail. Awarded to: CGL Facility Management LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$939,741.39.

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2022-1788](#)**Commission District(s):** ALL

CA - Cooperative Agreement for General Office Supplies: for use by all County departments through the Oracle punch-out site, (The County's on-line shopping site for supplies). Awarded to Office Depot, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$5,000,000.00.

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee[2022-1678](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1277636 for Poured In Place (PIP) Installation Services (Annual with 2 Options to Renew) for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of Poured In Place (PIP) installation and repair services for playgrounds throughout the DeKalb County Park System. Awarded to: Playworx Playsets LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$285,705.00.

Approved[2022-1751](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1289411 for Cooperative Purchase Agreement for Public Restroom & Other Structures: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of the purchase and installation of a Storage/Scorekeeper Booth at Midway Park and the installation of three (3) restroom buildings at Exchange Park. Awarded to Romtec, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,590,000.00.

Approved[2022-1755](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 4 to Cooperative Agreement Contract No. 1237719 for Athletic Surfacing with Related Materials, Supplies, Installation and Services: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of the purchase, design, construction and installation of synthetic turf. Awarded to: Advanced Sports Group, LLC.

Approved*Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee*

[2022-1726](#)**Commission District(s): All**

RG - Request for Proposals No. 21-500595 for Start-up, Operation and Maintenance of DeKalb County's Renewable Fuels Facility (RFF) (Multi-Year): for use by the Department of Public Works-Sanitation. Consists of the start-up, operations, maintenance, and conversion of renewable natural gas at the County's renewable fuels facility (RFF). Recommend approval of the highest scoring proposer: Conyers Renewable Power, LLC. Estimated 7-Year Total Revenue Amount: \$26,973,333.00.

Approved

Watershed Management[2022-1805](#)**Commission District(s): 3, 5 & 7**

Georgia Department of Transportation Contract Item Agreement - Water and Sewer Facilities Project PI M006292 resurface State Route 155 from the Henry County Line to Interstate 20 in DeKalb County - Resurfacing - Estimated \$432,500

Approved

[2022-1809](#)**Commission District(s): 2, 4, 6, & 7**

Georgia Department of Transportation Contract Item Agreement - Water and Sewer Facilities Project PI M006326 resurface State Route 10 from State Route 8 to the Gwinnett County Line in DeKalb County - Resurfacing - Estimated \$706,000

Approved

[2022-1810](#)**Commission District(s): 1 & 7**

Georgia Department of Transportation Contract Item Agreement - Water and Sewer Facilities Project PI M006327 resurface State Route 236 from Interstate 285 to State Route 8 in DeKalb County - Resurfacing - Estimated \$242,500

Approved

[2022-1811](#)**Commission District(s): 1 & 7**

Georgia Department of Transportation Contract Item Agreement - Water and Sewer Facilities Project PI M006336 resurface State Route 13 Connector from State Route 141 to State Route 13 in DeKalb County - Resurfacing - Estimated \$50,000

Approved

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.

2022-1985 Convene Executive Session

Approved

2022-1986 Adjourn Executive Session

Approved

2022-1987 Add item

Approved

2022-1989

Commission District(s): All Districts

To enter into a Reciprocal Easement Agreement with Henrico 183, LLC for park improvement and economic development purposes.

Deferred to the next meeting

2022-1990 Adjournment

Approved