

DeKalb County Government

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

9:00 AM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

Board of Commissioners

*Commissioner Jeff Rader, Presiding Officer, District 2
Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 4*

*Commissioner Nancy Jester, District 1
Commissioner Jeff Rader, District 2
Commissioner Larry Johnson, District 3
Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4
Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5
Commissioner Kathie Gannon, Super District 6
Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Super District 7*

Present: 7 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Kathie Gannon, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

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

A. INSPIRATIONAL

Teresa Hardy
DeKalb County Branch, NAACP

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Nancy Jester
District 1

B. PRESENTATIONS

Youth Commissioner Swearing- In

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. Each speaker must complete a speaker card and present it to the clerk before the beginning of the public comment portion of the meeting. Cards 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, speakers who are residents of DeKalb County shall be allowed to speak before residents of other counties are allowed to speak. Once the public comment portion of the meeting begins, speaker cards will no longer be accepted. Speakers will be allowed to speak for three minutes each and public comment shall not exceed 30 minutes in length.

When the buzzer sounds to indicate that time has run out, the speaker will be expected to immediately cease speaking and to yield the podium. Those who submitted speaker cards but did not speak because of the time allotment will be allowed to speak first at the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting without regard to residence. Speakers should always talk directly into the microphone and begin by stating their name, full address and the name of any organization they represent. Abusive, profane or derogatory language, holding up signs, clapping, 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.

1. Martha Gross, 2855 Briarcliff Rd. Atlanta, GA 30329 – Spoke regarding concerns that night clubs in her community are operating without a SLUP.
2. Jerry Myer Jackson, 2587 Flat Shoals Rd. Decatur, GA 30034 – Spoke regarding the need for MARTA to extend hours for the restrooms, and the broken disability elevator at the Inman Park MARTA Station.
3. Bethann Frillman, 1659 E. Clifton Rd. NE Atlanta, GA 30307 – Spoke regarding the urgency for the improvement of the elections process in DeKalb County
4. Jamie L. Lavigne, Robins Landing Decatur, GA 30036 – Spoke regarding the inhumane conditions in the jail.
5. Prophet Curtis Hairston, (no address) Decatur, GA 30365 – Spoke regarding homelessness in DeKalb County, and the act of Police officers taking belongings of the homeless in an effort to clean up the area.
6. Stephen Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021 – Spoke regarding the use of Gift Cards by County employees; the need for an active Ethics Board; the need for more sewage repairs; and the need to decide on a new ambulance service contract.

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. Applicants or citizens speaking in favor of an item shall speak first and applicants in zoning ordinance cases shall have the right to reserve time for rebuttal. Opponents of a zoning ordinance item shall have no right of rebuttal. Once the citizens have finished speaking, staff shall make a recommendation for action to the Commission. At this point, citizens are no longer allowed to speak unless called to the podium by an individual commissioner to answer questions or provide information. 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.

Public Works - Transportation

[2019-4204](#) Commission District(s): 2 & 6
Traffic Calming Petition - Sylvan Ramble Road between Hawthorne Drive and Cravey Drive. No Cost to County.

Joan Frierson, 2928 Sylvan Rambles Rd. Atlanta, GA 30345, spoke in favor

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

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

E. APPEALS

NONE

F. APPOINTMENTS

Chief Executive Office

[2019-4272](#) Commission District(s): All
Appointment to the Fulton - DeKalb Hospital Authority (Grady) - Dr. Romeo P. Stockett

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on October 8, 2019. Items 2019-4272, 2019-4289, 2019-4291 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2019-4289](#)

Commission District(s): All
Appointment to the DeKalb County Hospital Authority (DCHA) -
Edna Zimmerman

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on October 8, 2019. Items 2019-4272, 2019-4289, 2019-4291 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2019-4291](#)

Commission District(s): All
Appointment to the DeKalb County Hospital Authority (DCHA) -
Tyler Reynolds, M.D.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on October 8, 2019. Items 2019-4272, 2019-4289, 2019-4291 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Airport

[2019-4193](#)

Commission District(s): 1 and 6
Termination of Standardized Office Space Agreement with Inspire Aviation Foundation, Inc. There is no cost to the County.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-4193, 2019-4194, 2019-4215 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2019-4194](#)

Commission District(s): 1 and 6

Termination of Standardized Office Space Agreement with Ryan Thornton. There is no cost to the County.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-4193, 2019-4194, 2019-4215 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Board of Commissioners - District 5

[2019-4318](#)

Commission District(s): District 5

To designate an amount not to exceed \$51,000 for the installation of four (4) radar speed signs and one (1) pedestrian crossing with a rapid flashing beacon at the following locations in District 5:

- Redan Road (2 radar speed signs and 1 pedestrian crossing w/ rapid flashing beacon)
- Pleasant Hill Road at Sierra Passage (1 radar speed sign)
- South Hairston @ Statler Drive (1 radar speed sign)

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Human Services

[2019-4215](#) Commission District(s): All
Acceptance of a Grant from the Georgia Department of Public Health for the DeKalb County Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program- at no cost to the County.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-4193, 2019-4194, 2019-4215 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Board of Commissioners

[2019-4293](#) Commission District(s): All
Amendment to the Board of Commissioners’ Standing Procedural Rules.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved for first reading, and deferred to the next meeting, until October 8, 2019 for Second Reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

District Attorney

[2019-4244](#) Commission District(s): all
Acceptance of DeKalb County’s allocation under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Finance - Risk Management

[2019-4267](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
2020 Medicare Retiree Health Plan

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

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

Police Services

[2019-4238](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Jupiter Entertainment, LLC and Discovery Communications, LLC - "In Pursuit with John Walsh" and DeKalb County Police Department

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

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

Public Works - Roads & Drainage

[2019-4217](#) Commission District(s): Commission District, County Wide
Speed Zone Order/Radar Permit Application

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2019-4240](#) Commission District(s): Commission District, County Wide Request for Funding from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the FY2020 Local Maintenance and improvement Grant Program

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on October 8, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Public Works - Transportation

[2019-4239](#) Commission District(s): All Districts
A Resolution to Commit to the Implementation of Certain Transportation Improvement Program Projects for the Purpose of, and to Authorize Submission of, an Application for Federal Grant Funds to the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC)

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee

[2019-4187](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Technology Products, Services, Solutions and Related Products and Services: for use by the Department of Police Services (PS). This contract consists of the purchase of docking stations, tough books and support services for police vehicles. Awarded to Insight Public Sector, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$32,314.50.

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

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

[2019-4303](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 13-800984 for Emergency (911) Ambulance Services and Billing and Collections for Ambulance Transport and Non-Transport Accounts (Revenue Generating Multiyear): for use by Fire Rescue Services. This contract consists of providing emergency ambulance services and billing and collections for ambulance transport and non-transport accounts. Awarded to Metro Ambulance Services, Inc. d/b/a American Medical Response, Inc. CONTRACT TERM EXTENSION ONLY.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Nancy Jester opposed. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Commissioner Jester

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2019-4195](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 18-101158 - Tandem Axle Front Loader Refuse Collection Truck with 37 Cubic Yard Compaction System: for Public Works - Fleet Management to be used by Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of purchasing eighteen (18) tandem axle front loader refuse collection trucks with 37 cubic yard compaction systems to be used to collect commercial garbage. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Peterbilt of Atlanta, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$6,262,020.00.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until October 8, 2019. Items 2019-4195 and 2019-4205 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2019-4205](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 1022166 for Building Automation Controls (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). Consists of the maintenance and servicing of automatic centralized control for heating, ventilation, air conditioning (HVAC), lighting and other systems. Awarded to TSG Automation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$254,000.00.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until October 8, 2019. Items 2019-4195 and 2019-4205 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2019-3874](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 18-101054 Fence and Gate Installation and Repair (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management, Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D) and Facilities Management (FM). Consists of the purchase of the installation and repair of fences and gates. Recommend award to the sole bidder, who is responsive and responsible: A.S.A.P. Management Group. Amount Not To Exceed: \$700,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3874, 2019-3949, 2019-4010, 2019-4121, 2019-4127, 2019-4192, 2019-4196, 2019-4212, 2019-4213 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2019-3949](#)

Commission District(s): All

REN - Panel Vaults and Traffic Meter Boxes (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1080358 for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing panel vaults and traffic meter boxes to house and protect electrical cables and other equipment. Awarded to KHAFRA Operations, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$280,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3874, 2019-3949, 2019-4010, 2019-4121, 2019-4127, 2019-4192, 2019-4196, 2019-4212, 2019-4213 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2019-4010](#)

Commission District(s): 5 & 7

RA - Purchase Order No. 1175616 for Meadow Vista Drive Manhole Riser and Top Replacement and Site Restoration Services

(Emergency): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This emergency procurement consisted of replacing a damaged manhole riser and top and site restoration. Recommend approval to ratify the emergency expenditure made to stop a sewage spill and complete repair services. Awarded to GS Construction, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$101,943.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3874, 2019-3949, 2019-4010, 2019-4121, 2019-4127, 2019-4192, 2019-4196, 2019-4212, 2019-4213 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2019-4097](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1043455 and 1043468 Construction Management Services: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). These contracts consist of the provision of on-call construction management services. This request will allow for the completion of construction management services needed to satisfy existing and upcoming capital improvement and consent decree projects. Awarded to BenchMark Management, LLC and Gresham Smith. Total Amount Not To Exceed \$4,900,000.00

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2019-4121](#)

Commission District(s): All
REN - PVC Sewer Pipes (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos. 1127742, 1127752 and 1127760 for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing PVC sewer pipes for replacement and/or installation in water lines. Awarded to FM Shelton, Inc., Fortiline Waterworks and Core & Main LP. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$505,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3874, 2019-3949, 2019-4010, 2019-4121, 2019-4127, 2019-4192, 2019-4196, 2019-4212, 2019-4213 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2019-4127](#)

Commission District(s): 1 and 7
RA - Emergency Purchase Order No. 1175082 for Hideaway Drive Camera Removal and Sewer Line Repair (Emergency): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This emergency procurement consisted of the removal of a camera and diversion flow plug lodged in a 15" sewer line segment. Recommend approval to ratify the emergency expenditure made for the removal of camera and subsequent repair services. Awarded to The Renee Group, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$307,920.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3874, 2019-3949, 2019-4010, 2019-4121, 2019-4127, 2019-4192, 2019-4196, 2019-4212, 2019-4213 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2019-4128](#)

Commission District(s): All
REN - Traffic Signal Equipment (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1128522, 1128551, 1125650, 1125675 and 1128705 for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). The contracts consist of providing traffic signal equipment and accessories for repair and new installation of traffic control devices. Awarded to Transportation Control Systems, Temple, Inc., Utilicom Supply Associates, General Traffic Equipment Corporation and Control Technologies, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,180,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting until October 8, 2019, and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), with a month to month extension until such time as the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI) acts on this item. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2019-4183](#)

Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 19-101125 2019 LMIG Road Resurfacing Projects (365 Day Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). Consists of patching, milling and resurfacing of County roads. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: HEH Paving Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$11,478,414.49.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on October 8, 2019. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson

[2019-4184](#)

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1039248, 1039255, 1039257, 1039275 and 1039279 for Professional Engineering and Design Services for Public Works Projects (Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). These contracts consist of the provision of professional engineering and design services for localized drainage repair, stormwater improvement, bridge repair, dam repair and other related civil engineering projects. Awarded to Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc., Arcadis U.S., Inc., Corporate Environmental Risk Management, Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. and AECOM. CONTRACT TERM EXTENSION ONLY.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved with the stipulation that funds will derive from both the Special Services Tax District and Stormwater Utility funds. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2019-4192](#)

Commission District(s): All
REN - Clearing of Vegetation and Hay Removal at Pole Bridge (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1126716 for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of the removal of hay and vegetation at the Pole Bridge Advanced Water Treatment Plant. Awarded to Mark L. Farms, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$80,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3874, 2019-3949, 2019-4010, 2019-4121, 2019-4127, 2019-4192, 2019-4196, 2019-4212, 2019-4213 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

[2019-4196](#)

Commission District(s): 3 and 6
REN - Environmental Monitoring and Gas Collection and Control System (GCCS) and Operations and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract - 3rd Renewal of 3 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1040979 for use by Public Works-Sanitation. This contract consists of providing environmental monitoring services, gas collection control system, operations and maintenance services and flare maintenance services related to municipal solid waste at the Seminole Road Landfill. Awarded to Oasis Consulting Services, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,227,575.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3874, 2019-3949, 2019-4010, 2019-4121, 2019-4127, 2019-4192, 2019-4196, 2019-4212, 2019-4213 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2019-4212](#)

Commission District(s): 5 & 7
RA - Purchase Order No. 1175308 for Sewer Line Replacement on Cedar Ridge Trail (Emergency): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This emergency procurement consisted of repairing a broken sewer line to stop sewage from spilling into the Snapfinger Creek. Recommend approval to ratify the emergency expenditure made for the repair services. Awarded to The Renee Group, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$208,690.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3874, 2019-3949, 2019-4010, 2019-4121, 2019-4127, 2019-4192, 2019-4196, 2019-4212, 2019-4213 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2019-4213](#) Commission District(s): 3
RA - Purchase Order No. 1175974 for Winters Chapel Camera Removal and Sewer Line Repair (Emergency): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This emergency purchase consisted of removing a camera that was stuck in a sewer line while conducting an assessment. Recommend approval to ratify emergency expenditure made for the removal of camera and repair services. Awarded to The Renee Group, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$536,715.70.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3874, 2019-3949, 2019-4010, 2019-4121, 2019-4127, 2019-4192, 2019-4196, 2019-4212, 2019-4213 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Watershed Management

[2019-4216](#) Commission District(s): 1 and 7
A Resolution Authorizing the Exercise of the DeKalb County Powers of Eminent Domain in the Acquisition of Certain Interests in Property Situated in DeKalb County, Georgia for Water and Sewerage Purposes

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on October 8, 2019 for Public Hearing. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

2019-4361 Add Item

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved to add an item. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

2019-4362 Commission District(s): 7

To appropriate a total of \$15,000 from the Reserve for Appropriation to Operation HOPE to Establish A HOPE Inside Program in DeKalb County.

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

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

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD

Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2019-3848](#) Commission District(s): Districts 2 & 7

To Approve the Submission of a HUD Section 108 Loan Application in the Amount of \$4.5 Million Dollars for Inland Fresh Seafood Corporation of America, Inc. to Expand its Location at 1651 Montreal Road, Tucker Georgia

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days, until October 22, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Community Development

[2019-3907](#) Commission District(s): Serves All
Intergovernmental Contract between DeKalb County, The City of Clarkston, and The City of Lithonia to Establish the DeKalb Regional Land Bank Authority

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days, until October 22, 2019. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2019-4027](#) Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1081988 for Professional Services for the Implementation of Oracle Hyperion Planning and Budgeting Cloud Services for Public Sector: for the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT) for use by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This contract consists of providing services that streamline the budget preparation process and enhance the County's ability to track and manage budgets in real-time. This request is to add an additional funding and extend the contract term to December 31, 2021. Awarded to Deloitte Consulting, LLP. Amount Not To Exceed: \$9,534.00.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-4027, 2019-4086, 2019-4112 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2019-4086](#)

Commission District(s): ALL
REN - Repair of Equipment: All Automobiles, On-the-Road, Off-the-Road, Vehicles, Motorcycles, Trucks, Trailers and Motorized Equipment (Annual Contract - 1st of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1131126, 1130730, 1131165, 1131291, 1130733, 1131262, 1130975, 1131127, 1131275, 1131352, 1130740, 1130827, 1130764, 1131128, 1131139, 1130747, 1131368, 1130750, 1130979, 1131371, 1131295, 1131268, 1135749, 1131132, 1130801, 1130726, 1130884, 1130795, 1130888, 1130960, 1131373, 1130885, 1130753, 1130767, 1130869, 1130727, 1131167, 1130770, 1131178, 1130972, 1130886, 1130729, 1130944, 1130822, 1130732, 1130828, 1130734, 1131269, 1130806, 1131264, 1131180, 1130889, 1131608, 1131436, 1130776, 1130775, 1131279, 1131370 and 1130717 for use by Public Works - Fleet Management. These contracts consist of obtaining repairs to keep vehicles on the road and equipment operating in the field from qualified and /or manufacturer dealers when the required repair is beyond the capability or expertise of Fleet Management personnel. Awarded to 59 vendors (please see list below). Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$5,972,000.00.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-4027, 2019-4086, 2019-4112 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2019-4112](#)

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 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: \$287,500.00.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-4027, 2019-4086, 2019-4112 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee

[2019-3912](#)

Commission District(s): ALL
REN - Asbestos Abatement, Demolition and Debris Removal (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1126726, 1126727 and 1126728 for use by the Department of Community Development (CD). These contracts consist of asbestos abatement, demolition and debris removal services. Awarded to Complete Demolition Services, LLC, Kissberg Construction & Demolition and Diversified Environmental Management, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$600,000.00.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2019-4024](#)

Commission District(s): 5 & 7
LB - Invitation To Bid No. 19-101084 Lou Walker Senior Center Classroom Renovation: for use by the Department of Community Development (CD). Consists of the augmentation of the Lou Walker Senior Center by converting offices into classrooms. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Ward-Humphrey, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$336,667.00.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Watershed Management[2019-3774](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval and Authorization to Execute Professional Consulting Services to DeKalb County Office of the Chief Executive Officer: for use by the Office of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing consulting services to review the County's Consent Decree Program. Awarded to VNF Solutions, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$200,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on October 8, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

1. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran- Johnson read the following comments:

- I am proud to announce that tomorrow, District 7 in partnership with Operation HOPE and RBC Bank will be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new HOPE Inside office that will be located in the AEI StartUp Factory. The event will take place at 10:00 a.m. Distinguished guests will include John Hope Bryant, Founder and CEO of Operation Hope, Bill Allen, Founder and CEO of the Allen Entrepreneurial Institute, and senior leadership from RBC bank. Immediately following will be a panel discussion about financial dignity, home ownership, and entrepreneurship moderated by Mr. Bryant. After the panel will be an opportunity to engage one-on-one with the panelists. Hope Inside will offer free services, workshops, and trainings for DeKalb residents and employees to increase home ownership, small business development, and credit and money management.

- On Sat, October 5, 2019 from 9 a.m. -2 p.m. DeKalb County District 7 will be co-hosting a breast cancer screening event for Cancer Awareness Week with Emory Healthcare, The Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority and BlueFlowers.org. Screenings will be FREE for the first 120 people who register. Screenings will take place at the following locations:

Emory Decatur Hospital, 2665 North Decatur Road, Suite 120 Decatur, GA 30033

Emory Hillandale Hospital, 2801 DeKalb Medical Parkway Lithonia, GA 30058

Transportation is available for those that need it. Space is limited. Additional Details can be found at www.DeKalbCancerAwareness.com. RSVP today by calling 404.501.WELL(9355)

- Next Thursday, October 4th, I am honored to be speaking on a panel at the Reclaiming Vacant Properties Conference in downtown Atlanta at the Marriott Marquis. The panel will be coordinated and moderated by the Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership, Inc.'s James Cromartie and John O'Callaghan, and will focus on the Home South DeKalb Initiative – Restoring Family Equity and Health Through Suburban Revitalization. This is an important conversation and we ask you to join us. For registration and conference information, please go to Reclaimingvacantproperties.org.

- Last Thursday, September 18, District 7 in partnership with the Beautification Department held a Code Compliance Town Hall (Code Compliance Posse) at Porter Sanford. We had a great turnout as residents learned about the most common code violations, code violation reporting, the code compliance process, safety, and code compliance sweep dates. We thank all those who participated on the panel: Tim Hardy, Tracey Hutchinson, Thomas Kemp, Andrew Baker, and Captain Hughes.

- On Saturday, Sept. 28, the DeKalb County Police Department, in partnership with the DeKalb County Police Alliance, will host the 5th Annual Beat the Badge 5K event at the Fire and Police Headquarters, located at 1960 W. Exchange Place, Tucker, at 8 a.m. The race route begins and ends at the 9/11 Memorial, in front of the building.

Please write, send emails, photos, and visit our website at www.CommissionerLorraineCochranJohnson.com or call us at 404.371.2899. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

2. Commissioner Kathie Gannon mentioned the following comments:

- Well, 2019 has reached its 3rd quarter. Monday was the first day of Autumn. It feels great in the mornings, but I believe that the afternoons are more like the “dog days of summer”. Each time the season changes, it’s a great time to start thinking ahead and prepare your body for tackling cold-weather ailments that could be heading our way. For many, allergies are an unwelcome visitor. Mold, dust, and fallen pollen are all culprits of change of season sniffles and wheezes. Now is the perfect time to boost your natural immunity and give your body the best chance at defending yourself against some of those pesky change-of-season bugs that will soon be floating around – not to mention, the dreaded cold and flu season. Flu season usually kicks off in October. The vaccine usually takes about 2 weeks after the shot to become effective, so doctors say that there’s no reason to wait to get one. Local drugstores are now offering Flu vaccinations for a reasonable cost. Our DeKalb County Board of Health will provide these vaccinations as well. Information about their services can be found at www.DekalbHealth.net

- My Fall “Walk & Talk” events launched September 19th. I want to thank Ranger Jonah McDonald for assisting and navigating the trail at Mason Mill. I also want to thank the folks that came out. The weather was beautiful and I had a lot of fun “walking and talking” with my constituents! This Friday, September 27th, I will be at Sugar Creek Golf and Tennis Center “walking” the renovated golf cart paths, and “talking” with constituents who come to join me at 10:00 a.m. Please visit my www.CommissionerKathieGannon.com for additional “Walk & Talk” opportunities in October and November

- Thank you DeKalb Community Service Board for the award

- Attended the Susan Neugent Animal Service Center Plaque Dedication

- Little Creek Horse Farm 2019 HorseFest

- National Voter Registration Day is a national holiday celebrating our democracy and is recognized on the 4th Tuesday of September, today, the 24th. It was first observed in 2012 and has been growing in popularity every year since. Please register and/or encourage someone who is not registered. Contact DeKalb County Voter Registration and Elections Office at 404-298-4020 for registration options

- The Atlanta Greek Festival returns this weekend with food, music and fun! The festival begins on Friday, September 27th at 5:00 p.m. at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Annunciation, located at 2500 Clairmont Road. Free Parking & Shuttle Buses to the Festival available at Century Center Office Park located at 1800 Century Center Blvd NE. It is off the Clairmont Rd. exit, 1 block north of the I-85 interchange. Visit www.AtlantaGreekFestival.org for ticket and festival information

- The DeKalb County Police “Beat the Badge” 5K is this Saturday, September 28th and the weather is set to be fabulous. If you have not registered, information is available on my website, under Events

- The DeKalb County Extension 2019 Fresh on DeK schedule has ended and they are closing this season with a bang!

- Fall Harvest Festival, also on Saturday, September 28th is from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the DeKalb County Extension office at 4380 Memorial Drive. Come out for some family friendly fun! There will be discounted produce, vendors, kid friendly games and activities and...giveaways!

- On Monday September 30th, The DeKalb County Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs will be holding a public meeting to review the draft plans for Avondale Dunaire Park and the George Luther Property. This meeting will be held at the DeKalb Watershed Management Building, located at 4572 Memorial Drive, Decatur in conference room B. Information will be provided on current park improvements and recreation projects

- South River Watershed Alliance is hosting its 2019 Rally for the River Jamboree on Saturday, October 5th from 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. The South River is a 63.5 mile long jewel that begins in Fulton County, runs through DeKalb County, and flows into Lake Jackson which is in a rural area situated within parts of Jasper, Newton, and Butts Counties, joining the Yellow River and the Alcovy River to form the Ocumulgee. This rally will be on the river at Eifrid Farm which is located at 4531 Flat Bridge Road SW., in Stockbridge. DeKalb County is invited to join the South River Watershed Alliance in an effort to support the restoration of the South River because securing the river's future depends on actively engaging individuals and communities through projects that raise awareness, educate, and connect people to the river. Visit www.SouthRiverGA.org for registration information and ways you can help long term restoration efforts

- Park Pride is offering a learn how to raise funds for your park workshop on Saturday, October 5th at 10:00 a.m. at the NH Scott Recreation Center on Tilson Road. Members and those interested in their local Friends of Parks groups are invited to attend. We are always looking to expand these groups because beautiful parks and community gardens are such a benefit to those who frequent parks in their respective neighborhoods. During this session, you will learn successful methods of fundraising and how to adapt these tactics to fit your own needs. Afterwards, you will be prepared to lead and organize a fundraising campaign for any sized park project. Contact Kayla at www.ParkPride.org for registration information

- Oak Groove Festival is hosting a FREE neighborhood festival on Sunday, October 6th featuring great local bands, activities and fun for all ages, and booths from local artists, businesses, restaurants and community organizations in the Oak Grove area along the Briarcliff and LaVista Road corridors. The festival will be held at the Oak Grove United Methodist Church on Oak Grove Road. Free parking and shuttle from Vista Grove Shopping Center on Lavista Road begins at 12:30 p.m. Proceeds from the event support community projects in the area. Visit www.oakgroove.org for line up information

- Do you have 3 or 4 year olds? If so, Scott Candler Library is hosting a free family reading program beginning Tuesday, October 8th - November 12th from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. What a great nighttime treat! Dinner, Bath, and an outing to read books! This may be an exciting addition to incorporate to your normal evening routine!

- Registration is open for DeKalb's 4th Annual Breast Cancer Run/Walk which will be held October 19th. Come join DeKalb County and Susan G. Komen Greater Atlanta to support the fighters, admire the survivors, honor the taken, and show in numbers, that we will never give up hope. Visit www.DekalbCountyGA.gov for registration and event information. All proceeds from the event go to Susan G. Komen Greater Atlanta, who

will direct those resources to initiatives in DeKalb

3. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson read the following comments:

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

Last week was a very sad week and a bit challenging as I lost a number of people that I consider close friends and quite frankly, family. This morning, I would like to express my deepest sympathy to the Abernathy Family in the passing of Mrs. Juanita Abernathy who was a foot soldier in the civil rights movement and a fearless leader during the movement and throughout her life. The family of Congressman Jim Clyburn of South Carolina who is the Majority Whip for the U.S. Congress. He lost his wife Dr. Emily England Clyburn last week. Emily was a fellow Congressional Black Caucus Spouse, but most of all, she was my friend. I will miss her. Barbara Campbell who laid her husband Sergeant Major Lovie Campbell to rest last week. And lastly the Cole Family – my neighbor and good friend who spent his life as an educator was laid to rest last week. We will continue to keep those families in prayer.

I would like to thank all of the 20+ volunteers and residents of the Hidden Creek Subdivision for coming out to our clean up on this past Saturday. We had the highest participation at this clean up, in comparison to any other this year. Thank you to Ms. Faye Vinson for inviting us out! We are thankful for everyone who came out and all who continues to ensure that we Keep DeKalb Beautiful. Thank you to my staff, Demetrius P. and Majenta for an excellent job.

A few weeks ago, I had the pleasure to attend the Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. The conference was very fruitful and beneficial. I attended the Congressional Black Caucus Essay Contest Reception, attended the evening of recognition and awards and my favorite activity each year – feeding the homeless which was held at Shiloh Baptist Church this year.

I would like to encourage all District 5 residents to sign up for the Code Red alerts which is used to communicate with residents during emergencies in DeKalb. You may visit <https://www.dekalbcountyga.gov/dema/codered>

I would like to remind everyone that today is National Voter Registration Day and I want to remind everyone who may be listening or who may view this later to ensure that you, your family, your friends and anyone that you know gets registered to vote. This is a very precious right and frankly a sacred right and we must exercise it. For more information on how to register to vote, you may contact DeKalb County Office of Voter Registration and Elections at 404-298-4020. The deadline to register to vote in the November General Election is Thursday, October 7, 2019.

I invite you to follow me on social media:

Facebook – Mereda Davis Johnson

Twitter - @MeredaDJohnson

Instagram - @MeredaDJohnson

For more information on any of the announcements, District 5 upcoming events, please feel free to visit my website at www.commissionermeredajohnson.com or you may call my office at 404-371-2159. And as always, don't hesitate to contact my office with any of your questions, concerns, or suggestions. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your District 5 Commissioner.

4. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw mentioned the following comments:

- Now is the best time to Fall in love! Check out your favorite rescue or DeKalb Animal Shelter for unlimited love in the form of a cuddly kitty or a playful puppy! Click here to see all adoptable animals

<http://dekalbanimalservices.com/>

- Are you an at-home candle maker, baker, basket weaver, or have too many eggs from your chickens? Want to barter your wares for cool new homemade goods? Come check out the Fresh Harvest Homemade Trade on October 5th from 10am –noon at the Fresh Harvest Garden, 4069 Norman Road. For more information and to register, click here

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-fresh-harvest-homemade-trade-tickets-71547072219?](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-fresh-harvest-homemade-trade-tickets-71547072219?fbclid=IwAR2TLO164xEK3wPkvnpAs0wUzPyJjJ9Ka2Bdkk1HlavcQPjRIQg41kBS2gQ)

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- The 19th Annual Pine Lake Fest is October 5th and 6th at the lake! Come out for two days of art, music, food, and fun! For more information, click here <http://pinelakefest.com/>

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- The 3rd Annual Love Your Smile 5k will be October 5th at 8 a.m. at Wade Walker Park. Proceeds from the race will benefit oral health education and wellness outreach initiatives across the nation. For more information and to register, click here [https://raceroster.com/events/2019/26240/love-your-smile-5k?](https://raceroster.com/events/2019/26240/love-your-smile-5k?fbclid=IwAR271HTMP-S4P1UwyR6Hw6kpnS-A5f6h9CI2HS8fS_ORm5BdRfiwFVd4AFA)

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- The 27th Annual DeKalb Fraternal Order of the Police Peacock Classic Golf Tournament is October 7th at 8:30 a.m. at the Providence Club Golf Course, 656 Providence Club Dr in Monroe, Ga. This is a fundraiser event to support the lodge and its many programs such as the school program, Christmas program, Leadership Awards, Officer Relief fund. For more information and to sign up, click here <http://dekalbfop.org/>

- The next Memorial Drive Revitalization Community Meeting will be October 7th from 5 p.m. -8 p.m. at the DeKalb Watershed Management Office, 4572 Memorial Drive. Come learn about the Corridor Recommendations and provide your feedback!

5. Commissioner Larry Johnson mentioned the following comments:

- Wished a Happy Birthday to his wife

- Congratulated Commissioner Gannon on her award from the Wright Foundation

- 7th Annual Heart of South DeKalb Festival, highlighting educators

- Friday September 27th, there will be a concert at Rainbow Park
- Thanked the Board of Commissioners for their appointments to the Complete Count Committee
- October 5th at 9 a.m., there will be a walk on the Michelle Obama Trail
- October 7th, annual town hall community empowerment session at the East Lake YMCA
- Upcoming “Going Green” event on October 13th from 2 p.m. – 7 p.m at Exchange Park
- “Mindful Mondays” at the Starbucks in the Kroger on Flat Shoals Parkway, focusing on mental health
- “Don’t Get Tricked” event October 29th at the Porter Sanford Performing Arts Center from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

6. Commissioner Nancy Jester mentioned the following comments:

- Recognized Jocelyn Whitfield from Grady

7. Commissioner Jeff Rader read the following comments:

My office number is 404-371-2863 and my email is jrader@dekalbcountyga.gov.

Please take the time to visit my website at www.commissionerrader.com and sign up for news and information

Please also follow me on Facebook and Twitter using [@raderjeff](#) and on Instagram at [commissionerjeffrader](#).

Upcoming...

- Briarcliff Corridor Water Infrastructure Replacement Project began Monday, September 22nd. Please refer to my website for a list of FAQs
- DeKalb Beat the Badge 5K will be this Saturday September 28th 8 a.m. at DeKalb Police Headquarters, 1960 W Exchange in Tucker
- The Callanwolde Concert Band, DeKalb County’s premiere symphonic wind ensemble, will perform this Sunday September 29 at 3:00 p.m at the First Baptist Church of Decatur, 308 Clairmont Avenue, Decatur, Georgia featuring works by Shostakovich, Mozart and Alfred Reed. Further information is available at www.calcb.org
- Callanwolde’s Jazz on the Lawn Series continues Friday October 4th with Joey “Papa J” Sommerville
- Join the DeKalb County Legislative Delegation for remaining Town Hall Meetings:
Oct 1st at 6:30 p.m. at the Tucker Reid Cofer Library, Tucker

Oct 15th at 6:30 p.m. at the Maloof Auditorium, Decatur

And Oct 21st at 6:30 p.m. at Brookhaven City Hall, Brookhaven.

- Annual Winship Win the Fight 5K takes place Saturday, October 5th at 8:30 a.m.. A family-friendly event dedicated to raising money for state-of-the-art cancer research, registration is open at Winship5k.emory.edu

- The Annual Oak Groove Festival is coming Sunday October 6th from 1 to 7 p.m. in Vista Grove Shopping Center at the corner of Oak Grove and LaVista, featuring great music, activities and fun for all ages

- 58th Annual Methodist Men's Barbecue will take place Saturday, October 19th 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. at Oak Grove UMC 1722 Oak Grove Rd. Oak Grove UMC is seeking volunteers to help serve over 5,000 meals as they raise funds for causes all over DeKalb County including New American Pathways, Toco Hills Community Alliance, Breakthru House, Mountain View Personal Care Home, Georgia Vietnam Veterans Alliance, Montclair Elementary School Blessing Bags, Boy Scout Troop 77, Cub Scout Pack 577, Venture Scout Troop, and many other organizations

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

DeKalb County Government does not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities or exclude them from participating in or receiving benefits of its services, programs, or activities, based on disability. Janet Essix, DeKalb County Government's Employee Relations Manager and ADA Coordinator, is designated to coordinate the County's compliance with Part 35 of the Department of Justice regulations regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act. Janet Essix may be contacted at 1300 Commerce Drive, 1st Floor, Decatur, GA 30030, 404.371.2309, to request information about access for persons with disabilities to County services, programs and activities, or to discuss a grievance regarding an impediment to such access. Ten days' notice is requested for special accommodations.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further official business, **MOTION** was made by **Commissioner Kathie Gannon** and seconded by **Commissioner Steve Bradshaw** to recess the **September 24, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:45 a.m.** The motion carried by the following vote:

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



Jeff Rader
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders-Norwood
County Clerk