# **DeKalb County Government**

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



## **Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, June 6, 2017 9:00 AM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

## **Special Called Meeting**

Commissioner Kathie Gannon, Presiding Officer, Super District 6 Commissioner Jeff Rader, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 2

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 Greg Adams, Super District 7

**Present** 

6 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader,
 Commissioner Steve R Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis
 Johnson, Commissioner Kathie Gannon, and Commissioner
 Gregory Adams

Absent

1 - Commissioner Larry Johnson

Administration: Michael Thurmond, CEO, Zachary Williams, Executive Assistant/ Chief Operating Office, Barbara Sanders-Norwood, County Clerk, O.V. Brantley, County Attorney, Viviane Ernstes, Deputy County Attorney, Dianne McNabb, Interim Finance Director

POST AGENDA/PRELIMINARY MINUTES: The Official Minutes of this meeting are tentative and have neither been ratified, nor approved, by the Board of Commissioners; and this Post-Agenda/Preliminary Minutes is not binding on the County or on any officer thereof.

#### Work Session

- I. Committee of the Whole
- A. Committee Reports
- B. Mid-Year Budget Presentation
- C. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for June 13, 2017
- II. Special Call Meeting

2017-0521 To Convene a Special Called Meeting

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Johnson was absent and not voting and Commissioner Davis Johnson was out of the room and not voting.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:

5 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader,
 Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Gannon,
 and Commissioner Adams

Not Present: 2 - Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Davis

Johnson

2017-0520 To Convene an Executive Session Meeting

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Cmmissioner Johnson was absent and not voting and Commissioner Davis Johnson was out of the room and not voting.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:

5 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader,
 Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Gannon,
 and Commissioner Adams

Not Present: 2 - Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Davis
Johnson

2017-0517 To Adjourn an Executive Session Meeting

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved.

Commissioner Johnson was absent and not voting and Commissioner Rader was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:

5 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Bradshaw,
 Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner
 Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

Not Present: 2 - Commissioner Rader, and Commissioner Johnson

2017-0522 Commission District(s): Enter all Commission Districts impacted by this item.

Proposed settlement of EEOC charge filed by Diana Watley against DeKalb Recorders Court

MOTION was made by Steve R Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved for a total payment of \$10,000 to settle the EEOC charge filed by Diana Watley against the DeKalb County Recorder's Court. To resolve this EEOC charge, the County will pay the total sum of \$10,000 to Ms. Watley in return for and conditioned upon her execution of a Conciliation Agreement approved by the EEOC and her execution of a separate waiver and release of claims acceptable to the County Attorney. The County Attorney or her designee is authorized to execute the settlement agreement.

Commissioner Johnson was absent and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes:

6 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader,
 Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis
 Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and
 Commissioner Adams

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

2017-0523 Commission District(s): Districts 3 and 6

Proposed settlement of claims asserted by Christopher and Leah McKinley

MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved for a total payment of \$60,000 to resolve claims asserted by Christopher and Leah McKinley related to a police shooting incident on August 31, 2015. To resolve these claims, the County will pay the total sum of \$60,000 to Christopher and Leah McKinley and their attorneys in return for and conditioned on the McKinleys' execution of a waiver and release of claims acceptable to the County Attorney. The County Attorney or her designee is authorized to execute the settlement agreement. Commissioner Johnson was absent and not voting.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:

6 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader,
 Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis
 Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and
 Commissioner Adams

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

2017-0524 Commission District(s): Districts 4 and 7

Proposed settlement of claims asserted by Brook & Luke Development, Inc.

MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved for a total payment of \$25,290.71 to resolve claims asserted by Brook & Luke Development, Inc. related to the 2004 tax sale of parcel i.d. 16 098 01 001, in Civil Action 16CV5704-9 pending in the Superior Court of DeKalb County.

To resolve these claims, the County will pay the total sum of \$25,290.71 to Brook & Luke Development, Inc. and its attorneys in return for and conditioned on Brook & Luke Development, Inc.'s execution of a waiver and release of claims acceptable to the County Attorney. The County Attorney or her designee is authorized to execute the settlement agreement. Commissioner Johnso was absent and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:

6 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader,
 Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis
 Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and
 Commissioner Adams

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

### 2017-0525 Commission District(s): 2 and 6

Proposed settlement of lawsuit filed by Jefferson Davis and related purchase of property at 338 Ponce de Leon Place, Decatur. MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Steve R Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved for a total payment amount not to exceed \$900,000 for purchase of property located at 338 Ponce De Leon Place, Decatur, Georgia and to settle the lawsuit filed by Jefferson James Davis against DeKalb County, Civil Action No. 17-CV-3485 in the Superior Court of DeKalb County, Georgia. To resolve this lawsuit, the County will pay a total amount not to exceed \$900,000 to Mr. Davis and his counsel for purchase of property located at 338 Ponce De Leon Place, Decatur, Georgia, in return for (1) Plaintiffs dismissal with prejudice of the above-referenced lawsuit in the Superior Court of DeKalb County, Georgia and (2) execution of a release and waiver acceptable to the County Attorney. Authorize the County Attorney or her designee to execute the settlement agreement. Commissioner Johnson was absent and not voting.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:

6 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader,
 Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis
 Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and
 Commissioner Adams

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

### 2017-0519 To Adjourn a Special Called Meeting

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Johnson was absent and not voting.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:

6 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader,
 Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis
 Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and
 Commissioner Adams

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

### ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Commissioner Jeff Rader and seconded by Commissioner Jester to adjourn the June 6, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting at 12:03 p.m.

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Kathie Gannon Presiding Officer

Michael Thurmond
Chief Executive Officer

Barbara Sanders-Norwood County Clerk