

DeKalb County Government

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

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 Gregory Adams, 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 Gregory Adams

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

A. INSPIRATIONAL

Munir Meghjani
Ismaili Muslim Community of DeKalb County

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Gregory Adams
Super District 7

B. PRESENTATIONS

Youth Commission Swearing-In
National Senior Center Month

C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Public Comments portion of this meeting is reserved exclusively for comments from the public, and not for immediate reply. Statements made during the Public Comments portion do not necessarily reflect the Opinions of the Board or the Administration of DeKalb County Government. 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. The clerk will accept cards on a first-come, first-served basis.

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 and yelling will not be permitted. A show of hands or quietly standing will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker's position

1. Viola Davis, 909 Rays Road Stone Mountain, GA 30083 – Spoke regarding MARTA’s inequity in funding in South DeKalb.
2. Johnny Roberts 3219 McHenry Dr. Scottdale, GA 30079 – Spoke regarding conditions and the treatment of employees at the DeKalb Watershed Department.
3. Joe Arrington, 466 S. Rays Rd. Stone Mountain, GA 30083 – Spoke regarding MARTA and the lack of services received, and the distribution of SPLOST funds.
4. Henri Jordan, 263 Lee Andrews Ave. Atlanta, GA 30315 – Read Bible verses Jeremiah 51:9, James 1:21, Amos 2:14, I John 2:15.
5. Josie Dean, 1524 Flat Shoals Rd. Conyers, GA 30094 – Spoke regarding funding of MARTA heavy rail in DeKalb.
6. Ruby Bozeman Davis, 5854 Golden West Trl. Lilburn, GA 30047 – Spoke regarding MARTA and the lack of open restrooms at the stations.
7. Alice Bussey, 2297 Verna Dr. Decatur, GA 30034 – Spoke regarding SPLOST funds available for Park improvements in the South end of the County.
8. John Evans, 6382 Isle of Palms Lithonia, GA 30058 – Spoke regarding the need for more MARTA rail transit down I-20 in DeKalb County.
9. Apostle Charles McCorkle, 4225 Snapfinger Woods Drive Decatur, GA 30035 – Spoke regarding the lack of leadership displayed by the CEO.
10. Teresa Hardy, 2575 Raindrop Ct. Decatur, GA 30034 – Spoke regarding the need for MARTA rail down I-20 in South DeKalb.
11. Judy M. Kelley, 3602 Crown Pt. Court Decatur, GA 30032 – Spoke regarding a problem with her property tax assessment.
12. Martha Gross, 2855 Briarcliff Rd. NE Atlanta, GA 30329 – Stated that the intersection of Briarcliff and Clairmont needs to be added to the North Druid Hills LCI, for the 2019 Budget.

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 presents 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, please complete a speaker card and present it when approaching the podium. If you have any documents for the Commissioners, please 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. When speaking, always talk directly into the microphone and begin by stating your name, address and the name of any organization you represent. Abusive, profane or derogatory language will not be permitted. Holding up signs, clapping and yelling to show support for or opposition to a speaker will not be permitted, but a show of hands or quietly standing will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker's position.

Planning & Sustainability

[2018-1533](#) Commission District(s): All
An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 15 of the DeKalb County Code
regarding Business Occupancy Taxes

*Viola Davis, 909 Rays Rd. Stone Mountain, GA 30083, R. Lule Williams, 309
Sycamore St. Decatur, GA 30030, spoke in favor*

*Martha Gross, 2055 Briarcliff Rd. NE Atlanta, GA 30329, Apostle Charles
McCorkle, 4225 Snapfinger Woods Dr. Decatur, GA 30035, Joe Arrington, 466
S. Rays Rd. Stone Mountain, GA 30083, spoke in opposition*

*Joscelyn O'Neil, 3711 Larkspur Terr Decatur, GA 30032, Chief Earnest Calvin
Marshall, 4200 Wesley Club Dr. Decatur, GA 30034, spoke in protest to time
limitation during Public Comment*

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry
Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days, until
October 23, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2018-2157](#)

Commission District(s): 4 & 6

Rezone - Sam Artopoulos & R. Kyle Williams Z-18-22285

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be to defer the substitute submitted from the floor for 2 weeks, until October 9, 2018 for Decision Only. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Public Works - Transportation

[2018-2644](#)

Commission District(s): 4 & 7

Traffic Calming Petition - Cloud Street between Gordon Street and Sheppard Road. Estimated cost \$24,435.00

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be approved to table. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved to take off the table. Commissioner Mereda Davis 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 Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson

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 Adams

“DECISION ONLY” ITEMS – NO PUBLIC HEARING

Planning & Sustainability

[2017-1130](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 4&6

Text Amendment - DeKalb County-Scottsdale Overlay District and Map.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor, with the map dated September 25, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

E. APPEALS

F. APPOINTMENTS

ITEMS FOR RECORDING IN THE MINUTES

Board of Commissioners

[2018-2695](#)

Commission District(s): All

To Record Appointments to the Transit Master Plan Stakeholder Advisory Committee

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks, until October 9, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Board of Commissioners - District 4

[2018-2663](#)

Commission District(s): District 4
To Record the Appointment of Wesley A. Brooks to Community Council Board, District 4.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, 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 Adams

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Airport

[2018-2589](#)

Commission District(s): Commission Districts 1 & 6
Termination of Standardized T-Hangar Space Agreement with Jonathan S. Goldmark

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2589, 2018-2590, 2018-2591, 2018-2624, 2018-2704, 2018-2676, 2018-2680, 2018-2691, 2018-2692, 2018-2546, 2018-2575, 2018-2642, 2018-2719, 2018-2622 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 Adams

[2018-2590](#)

Commission District(s): Commission Districts 1 & 6
Termination of Standardized T-Hangar Space Agreement with R. Doyle Stulting.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2589, 2018-2590, 2018-2591, 2018-2624, 2018-2704, 2018-2676, 2018-2680, 2018-2691, 2018-2692, 2018-2546, 2018-2575, 2018-2642, 2018-2719, 2018-2622 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 Adams

[2018-2591](#)

Commission District(s): Commission Districts 1 & 6
Termination of Standardized T-Hangar Space Agreement with Mark D. Frost

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2589, 2018-2590, 2018-2591, 2018-2624, 2018-2704, 2018-2676, 2018-2680, 2018-2691, 2018-2692, 2018-2546, 2018-2575, 2018-2642, 2018-2719, 2018-2622 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 Adams

[2018-2624](#)

Commission District(s): Commission Districts 1 & 6
Standardized T-Hangar Lease Agreement with Adam G. Merlin

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2589, 2018-2590, 2018-2591, 2018-2624, 2018-2704, 2018-2676, 2018-2680, 2018-2691, 2018-2692, 2018-2546, 2018-2575, 2018-2642, 2018-2719, 2018-2622 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 Adams

Board of Commissioners

[2018-2704](#)

Commission District(s): All

Regular Board of Commissioners' Meeting Date Change

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2589, 2018-2590, 2018-2591, 2018-2624, 2018-2704, 2018-2676, 2018-2680, 2018-2691, 2018-2692, 2018-2546, 2018-2575, 2018-2642, 2018-2719, 2018-2622 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 Adams

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO

[2018-2676](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 10, 2018

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2589, 2018-2590, 2018-2591, 2018-2624, 2018-2704, 2018-2676, 2018-2680, 2018-2691, 2018-2692, 2018-2546, 2018-2575, 2018-2642, 2018-2719, 2018-2622 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 Adams

[2018-2678](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes of the Zoning Meeting of July 24, 2018

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioners Jeff Rader and Gregory Adams abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Gannon

Abstain: 2 - Commissioner Rader, and Commissioner Adams

[2018-2680](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of August 7, 2018

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2589, 2018-2590, 2018-2591, 2018-2624, 2018-2704, 2018-2676, 2018-2680, 2018-2691, 2018-2692, 2018-2546, 2018-2575, 2018-2642, 2018-2719, 2018-2622 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 Adams

District Attorney

[2018-2691](#)

Commission District(s): All

Acceptance of Victims of Crimes Act Grant to District Attorney's Office - \$616,327

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2589, 2018-2590, 2018-2591, 2018-2624, 2018-2704, 2018-2676, 2018-2680, 2018-2691, 2018-2692, 2018-2546, 2018-2575, 2018-2642, 2018-2719, 2018-2622 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 Adams

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be to rescind the action on Item 2018-2691 at the November 13, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting, as the grant award amount listed was incorrect. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be to approve the amended version of item 2018-2691 with the corrected amount for the annual Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council in the amount of \$598,170 for the District Attorney's Office Victim Assistance Program for the grant year October 01, 2018-September 30, 2019.

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

2018-2692

Commission District(s): All
Acceptance of Victims of Crimes Act Grant-Compensation Advocate to District Attorney's Office - \$72,160

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2589, 2018-2590, 2018-2591, 2018-2624, 2018-2704, 2018-2676, 2018-2680, 2018-2691, 2018-2692, 2018-2546, 2018-2575, 2018-2642, 2018-2719, 2018-2622 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 Adams

Fire & Rescue Services

2018-2546

Commission District(s): All
Acceptance of Donation of Equipment from CityDog Market of DeKalb County.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2589, 2018-2590, 2018-2591, 2018-2624, 2018-2704, 2018-2676, 2018-2680, 2018-2691, 2018-2692, 2018-2546, 2018-2575, 2018-2642, 2018-2719, 2018-2622 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 Adams

Public Works - Roads & Drainage

[2018-2575](#)

Commission District(s): 3, 6
Amberwood Sign Topper Placement

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2589, 2018-2590, 2018-2591, 2018-2624, 2018-2704, 2018-2676, 2018-2680, 2018-2691, 2018-2692, 2018-2546, 2018-2575, 2018-2642, 2018-2719, 2018-2622 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 Adams

Public Works - Sanitation

[2018-2642](#)

Commission District(s): No commission districts will be impacted.
Intergovernmental Agreement For The Provision Of Solid Waste Management Services Between DeKalb County, Georgia & The City Of Stone Mountain, Georgia

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2589, 2018-2590, 2018-2591, 2018-2624, 2018-2704, 2018-2676, 2018-2680, 2018-2691, 2018-2692, 2018-2546, 2018-2575, 2018-2642, 2018-2719, 2018-2622 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 Adams

[2018-2719](#) Commission District(s): All commission districts
Intergovernmental Agreement for The Provision Of Solid Waste Management Services between DeKalb County, Georgia & the City of Pine Lake, Georgia

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2589, 2018-2590, 2018-2591, 2018-2624, 2018-2704, 2018-2676, 2018-2680, 2018-2691, 2018-2692, 2018-2546, 2018-2575, 2018-2642, 2018-2719, 2018-2622 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 Adams

Public Works - Transportation

[2018-2622](#) Commission District(s): 4 and 7
Reimburse Georgia Power for Relocation of Overhead Lines for Rockbridge Road Improvements

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2589, 2018-2590, 2018-2591, 2018-2624, 2018-2704, 2018-2676, 2018-2680, 2018-2691, 2018-2692, 2018-2546, 2018-2575, 2018-2642, 2018-2719, 2018-2622 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 Adams

H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

District Attorney

[2018-2706](#)

Commission District(s): all
Pretrial Justice Division-1st Appearance Hearings At Jail--District Attorney, Public Defender and Magistrate Court/Pretrial Release
MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days, until October 23, 2018. Commissioner Mereda Davis 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 Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson

Executive Assistant - Chief Operating Office

[2018-2662](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Acceptance of Georgia Department of Family and Children Services (DFACS) rental revenue and appropriation thereof to various projects specified below.
MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on October 9, 2018. Commissioner Mereda Davis 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 Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson

[2018-2717](#)

Commission District(s): All
Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Brookhaven for Public Safety, Fire and Emergency parking and break facilities
MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days, until October 23, 2018. Commissioners Larry Johnson and Mereda 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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Davis Johnson

Finance - Risk Management

[2018-2656](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
2019 Medicare Retiree Renewal Rates

MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Mereda Davis 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 Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson

Public Works - Transportation

[2018-2377](#)

Commission District(s): 4 & 7
Intergovernmental Agreement for the Installation and Maintenance of Traffic Calming Measures with the City of Stone Mountain on Cloud Street. Cost to County: Not to Exceed \$24,435.00

MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Mereda Davis 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 Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2018-2538](#)

Commission District(s): All

REN - Cooperative Purchase Agreement: BL061-17/GCID#20170684 for the Purchase of Gasoline and Diesel Fuel (Annual Contract -1st Renewal of 4 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management. Awarded to Mansfield Oil Company of Gainesville, Inc. and Petroleum Traders Corporation. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$8,000,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on October 9, 2018. Items 2018-2538, 2018-2539, 2018-2585 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 Adams

[2018-2539](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB- Invitation No.18-100989 Repair of Equipment: All Automobiles, On-the-Road, Off-the-Road, Vehicles, Motorcycles, Trucks, Trailers and Motorized Equipment (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Fleet Management. Consists of obtaining repairs to County vehicles to include on the road and off the road equipment. Recommend award to all (59) responsive and responsible bidders. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$5,500,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on October 9, 2018. Items 2018-2538, 2018-2539, 2018-2585 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 Adams

[2018-2585](#)

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1021418 for Alternative Fuel Vehicles (Sole Source): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management. Consists of providing alternative fuel conversion package installation services and alternative fuel repair and maintenance services for Ford vehicles. Awarded to Allan Vigil Ford. Amount Not To Exceed: \$500,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on October 9, 2018. Items 2018-2538, 2018-2539, 2018-2585 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 Adams

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee

[2018-2537](#)

Commission District(s): 4
LB - Invitation No. 18-100979 Horse Park Fencing: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of wood fence installation at Little Creek Horse Park. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: A.S.A.P. Management Group. Amount Not To Exceed: \$195,350.00.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on October 9, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2018-2368](#)

Commission District(s): All

REN - Electric Switchgear Inspection and Repair (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1034154 for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of inspection and repair of switchgear equipment at water treatment facilities. Awarded to Cleveland Electric Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,891,250.00.

MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2368 and 2018-2567 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 Adams

[2018-2370](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 18-100957 Traffic Signal Equipment (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). Consists of providing traffic signal equipment. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Temple, Inc., General Traffic Equipment Corporation, Transportation Control Systems, Control Technologies and Utilicom Supply Associates. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,180,000.00.

MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Kathie Gannon, 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 Adams

No: 1 - Commissioner Jester

[2018-2503](#)

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1034376, 1034377, 1034379 and 1034381 for Engineering Services (Multi-Year Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing on-call engineering services that include engineering studies, design, land surveying and construction administration services for water and sewer consent decree projects in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Awarded to Atkins North America, Inc., Arcadis U.S., Inc., Brown & Caldwell, Inc. and Black & Veatch Corporation. Total Amount Not To Exceed \$6,000,000.00.

MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks and assign to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on October 9, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2018-2567](#)

Commission District(s): 3 and 6
REN - Environmental Monitoring and Gas Collection and Control System (GCCS) and Operations and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract - 2nd 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 Gregory Adams, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2368 and 2018-2567 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 Adams

[2018-2647](#) Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 18-100921 Phase One SPLOST Road Resurfacing Project (365 Day Contract): for use by Public Works - Road and Drainage (R&D). Consists of the patching, milling, leveling and resurfacing of roads. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: C. W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc. and Pittman Construction Company. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$34,331,532.86. Recommend the Appropriation of SPLOST Funds from line item 1A - Road Resurfacing, Not to exceed \$34,331,532.86.

MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Kathie Gannon, 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 Adams

No: 1 - Commissioner Jester

Watershed Management

[2018-2290](#) Commission District(s): All Districts
An Ordinance to Update the Requirements for Automobile Wash Services to Require Recycling of Water.

MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on October 9, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

2018-2735 Add Item

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Gregory Adams, 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 Adams

2018-2679 Commission District(s): Commission District 5 and 7
Authorize Acquisition of Land with Option Agreement for the Construction of the Bruce Street Senior Center

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Gregory Adams, 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 Adams

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD

Planning and Sustainability

[2018-2293](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Bond and Escrow Requirements (NO COST TO THE COUNTY)

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on October 23, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2018-2417](#)

Commission District(s): All

REN - Inspection & Testing of Water Based Fire Protection Systems (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1043261 for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). Consists of providing inspection, testing, maintenance and repair to all components of fire suppression systems. Awarded to All-Star Fire, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$140,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2417, 2018-2453, 2018-2517, 2018-2526, 2018-2530 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 Adams

[2018-2453](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

REN - On Call Electrical Services (Annual Contract - 3rd Renewal of 3 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 987271 and 987269 for use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM), Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Watershed Management (DWM), PW- Fleet Management, Police Services (PS) and Fire Rescue Services (FRS). Consists of providing electrical services as needed. Awarded to D&R Construction and Contracting, LLC and GC&E Systems Group, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$793,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2417, 2018-2453, 2018-2517, 2018-2526, 2018-2530 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 Adams

[2018-2517](#)

Commission District(s): All
REN - Testing Services for Soil and Materials (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1073330, 1073319, 1073328, 1073331 for use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM), Watershed Management (DWM), Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA) and Public Works - Transportation and Roads and Drainage (R&D). Consists of providing testing services for soils and materials. Awarded to Matrix Engineering Group, Inc., Corporate Environmental Risk Management, LLC, Oasis Consulting Services, and Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$830,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2417, 2018-2453, 2018-2517, 2018-2526, 2018-2530 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 Adams

[2018-2521](#)

Commission District(s): All
RFP - Request for Proposals No. 17-500471 for Federal Legislative Lobbying Services (Multi-Year Contract): for use by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the Board of Commissioners (BOC). Consists of providing federal legislative lobbying services. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer: Dentons US LLP. Amount Not To Exceed: \$468,000.00.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, 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 Adams

[2018-2526](#)

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 987317 for On-Call Plumbing Services (Annual Contract with 3 Options to Renew): for use by Facilities Management (FM). Consists of the repair, replacement, maintenance and installation of plumbing fixtures at the County's residential, commercial and industrial properties. Awarded to Mann Mechanical Company, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$98,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2417, 2018-2453, 2018-2517, 2018-2526, 2018-2530 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 Adams

[2018-2530](#)

Commission District(s): All
REN - Light Bulbs, Fixtures, Lamps and Ballasts (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1037005 for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). Consists of providing light bulbs, fixtures, lamps, and ballasts. Awarded to Atlanta Light Bulbs, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$90,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2417, 2018-2453, 2018-2517, 2018-2526, 2018-2530 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 Adams

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee

[2017-0997](#)

Commission District(s): 3 and 6

CA - Cooperative Agreement Lease of Utility Vehicles for Sugar Creek Golf and Tennis Club: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Awarded to Club Car, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$243,360.00.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks, until October 9, 2018. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2018-2337](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 18-100969 Lubricants (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Fleet Management and the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the purchase of lubricants (motor oil, hydraulic fluids, transmission fluids, etc.) used for County vehicles and on-site equipment. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Dilmar Oil Company, Lubrication Engineers, Inc., The McPherson Companies, Inc. and Taylor Enterprises, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$330,000.00.

MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks, until October 9, 2018. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs

[2018-2553](#)

Commission District(s): District 3 & 6
ITB No. 18-100987 Greens Renovation for Sugar Creek Golf and Tennis Facility as a part of the overall golf course renovation plan. Approval will allow sprigging renovations to be completed on or before spring of 2019.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks, until October 9, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Watershed Management

[2017-1184](#)

Commission District(s): All
Reallocation of funding sources for certain previously approved CIP project budgets between the 2011 Bond Fund and the Renewal & Extension (R&E) Fund

MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks, until October 9, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

11:55 A.M. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Dr. Ed Williams, P.O. Box 361626 Decatur, GA 30036 – Expressed his disappointment in the way the meeting has been conducted in the interest of the Public; and expressed the need for rail down I-20.
2. Stephen M. Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021 – Spoke regarding Commissioner Bradshaw not explaining his vote on the Valley Brook development; addressed Commissioner Gannon’s response of him not understanding the request; and issued an apology to commissioners for his outburst at the last meeting.

J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**1. Commissioner Nancy Jester mentioned the following:**

- Taste of Chamblee on Saturday October 6th from 4 p.m.- 8 p.m. Details can be found at www.ChambleeGA.com
- In cooperation with Trees Atlanta and the Daffodil Project, the City of Dunwoody will be hosting a volunteer day on Saturday October 13th from 9 a.m.-12 noon at Brook Run Park. For more information visit www.DunwoodyGA.gov/parks to register
- The City of Doraville reminds commuters that starting tomorrow on September 26th, Chess Norman Way will be closed while doing stormwater infrastructure improvements
- The City of Brookhaven continues their Wednesday Food Truck event at Blackburn Park on October 26th from 6 p.m.- 9 p.m.
- Expressed appreciation for the collegiality of her colleagues, and the importance of respecting each other's judgment

2. Commissioner Larry Johnson mentioned the following:

- Thanked the Community Development Department for doing an outstanding job on the Homeless Symposium
- Asked residents to donate to North and South Carolina for hurricane relief
- Thanked St. Philips AME Church for honoring elected officials on September 20th
- Did the first pavement of roads for the "Smooth Streets" campaign
- Wished a Happy Birthday to his wife

3. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw read the following:

Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer. Good Morning Everyone.

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who helped to make our First Veterans Resource Expo a tremendous success. That day we attended to the needs of over

80 veterans who seemed really appreciative of the information that was provided. I would also like to thank my colleagues, Commissioner Larry Johnson and Commissioner Gregory Adams, for stopping by to show their support. That really meant a lot to me. Likewise, I would like to thank Superior Court Judge J.P. Boulee for dropping by as well. Judge Boulee started the Veterans Treatment Court and does an excellent job. And I am happy to support his efforts. Of course I would like to thank my amazing team for their hard work in pulling this all together. Constituent Coordinator Robin Flieg and Chief of Staff Alesia Brooks. As I often say in my community meetings, the citizens of District 4 are fortunate to have these two dedicated public servants working on their behalf. Our intent will be to do this Veterans Resource Expo on an annual basis going forward, around the same time of year as close as possible to my father's birthday.

It was an honor to speak at the Stone Mountain Women's Club monthly meeting on September 13th. Based upon hearing all of the committee reports, those are some busy ladies. I commend them for their service to the community. And I would like to thank my friend Kim Cumbie for the invitation.

It was a pleasure to attend a meet and greet for Patrick Bryant, the new City Manager of Avondale Estates on September 14th. Avondale is one of the great municipalities in District 4, and I am always happy to be supportive of events in our cities. I wish Mr. Bryant well in his new role and look forward to working with him.

Later that day, I attended a community gathering of the Belle Glade/Settlement Neighborhood Association. It is always nice to interact with our constituents. I want to thank Bruce and Phyllis Rooney for opening up their beautiful home for the event and for the invitation.

It was a pleasure to attend the English Manor Estates community meeting on September 22nd. This is also one of the great communities in District 4, and it was a good opportunity to hear citizen concerns. I would like to thank HOA President Katherine Holmes for the invitation.

On September 23rd, I was honored to present a proclamation on behalf of the citizens of District 4 to Antioch AME Church to commemorate the 150th church anniversary. This is truly a momentous milestone, and I was happy to be a part of the celebration. I grew up in the AME Church and therefore have a deep appreciation for what such an anniversary means. We are honored to have such a venerable house of worship in District 4.

On September 24th, I attended the Homelessness Symposium at the Porter Sanford Performing Arts Center. It was enlightening to hear experts in the field discuss this very serious challenge. Likewise, it was encouraging to see that DeKalb County is taking up this challenge head on. I would like to commend Community Development Director Allen Mitchell and his entire department for their efforts on this front. And I would like to commend Commissioner Larry Johnson for his long standing commitment to issues of social justice.

Also, I would like to commend our CEO, Michael Thurmond, for his leadership on the SPLOST. As you know, the county has embarked upon repaving the first of more than 300 miles of the worst streets and roads in DeKalb County. It is not an overstatement to say that the SPLOST would not have happened without leadership from the CEO's office.

As always, you may call my office with any questions or concerns at 404-371-4749. And I thank the citizens of District 4 for affording me the opportunity to serve.

One more thing, on a lighter note. As someone who attempts to play the game of golf, it was nice to see Tiger Woods win again on Sunday at East Lake which is in DeKalb County. Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer.

4. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson read the following comments:

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

A couple of weeks ago, I had the pleasure of attending the Congressional Black Caucus' Annual Legislative Conference. This year's theme was "The Dream Still Demands", emphasizing the importance of the role that each of us have to play in making our communities, this nation, and this world a better place for all of us to live. It is our collective responsibility to make the future better for our children than the world we grew up in. I had an opportunity to attend Hank's Short Film Festival where we learned from film makers the ins and outs of their experiences both in front and behind the camera.

Last week my office attended a community meeting with the Southeast DeKalb Concerned Citizens Group. Thank you to all of the residents who attended and who are engaged in the great progress that we are making in DeKalb County.

Also, last Wednesday, I had an opportunity to visit St. Phillip AME where Elected Officials from DeKalb and the City of Atlanta gathered for a revival. It

was so great to see so many people. Hank and I sat with Felecia Moore, the President of the Atlanta City Council. It was a great experience and I would like to send a shout out to Rev. William D. Whatley for his wonderful hospitality.

Last Friday, I had the distinct honor and pleasure of presenting a \$7,000 check to Tabitha's House in support of their efforts to eradicate Sex Trafficking. I would like to say a huge thank you to our sponsors who helped to make this possible. We would not be able to provide the resources that we do to Tabitha's House each year without your support.

Southern Company
Fulton DeKalb Hospital Authority
Universoul Circus
CrossRoads News
JHC Lawyers
Clerk Deborah DeBerry (DEH – BERRY)
Tax Commissioner Irvin Johnson
St. Fleur Law Group
Benchmark Management
Empowerment Resource Center
Planned Parenthood
Keep DeKalb Beautiful
The Collaborative Firm

I would like to give a shout out to Allen Mitchell and his staff for a successful Homeless Symposium yesterday discussing the State of Homelessness in DeKalb County. This is an especially important topic as major events such as the Super Bowl and other major events are coming into Atlanta. Thank you for compiling resources to help address this issue.

I want people to know that this department does great work. We had someone who had been sleeping in their care for two years contact our office, and Allen and his team were able to help that gentleman find housing. So this morning, I say a special thanks!

Our office has launched a new section of our weekly newsletter which is a Community Spotlight section. If you have a community or organization that you would like to nominate, please send a little information on the community and why you are nominating them to me at mdjohnson@dekalbcountyga.gov.

We invite any HOA's or Community Organizations to partner with us on your

next clean up. Our last clean-up day will be the 3rd Saturday in October. If you are interested, please sign up to be placed on our newsletter distribution list to receive the Community Clean-Up Collaboration registration link. You can sign up on my website at www.commissionermeredajohnson.com.

For more information on any of the announcements, District 5 upcoming events, please 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, comments, concerns, or suggestions. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your District 5 Commissioner.

5. Commissioner Kathie Gannon mentioned the following comments:

- Tonight at 6:30 p.m. join Major Johnson's South Precinct Command Staff to discuss important safety issues at their monthly community outreach meeting at the South Precinct Meeting Room, 2842 HF Shepherd Drive. Be an advocate for your community. This is always a great way to build relationships and improve communication with your local police department

- Also tonight, the DeKalb Symphony Orchestra will be kicking off the 2018-2019 concert season with cellist Benjamin Karp performing a very popular selection. Karp is a professor of music and Director of Chamber Music at the University Kentucky School of Music and has toured worldwide with the Chattanooga Symphony Opera. The performance will take place at Georgia State University, Clarkston Campus, in the Marvin Cole Auditorium. A pre-concert conversation with the conductor begins at 7 p.m. and the performance starts at 8 p.m. This may be a sold out event so be there early to purchase your tickets!

- Lifeline Animal services has turned homeless, hungry, lonely - • animals into loving, healthy, joyous pets that are ready for a new home. You can support the 40-60 homeless animals that come through our shelter each day, with a donation of supplies, time, or love! There are a few days left in the month of September's "sweet treat" of free adoptions. And don't forget to forward your "proof of adoption" to www.kgannon@dekalbcountyga.gov and get a FREE donut!

- DeKalb County Animal Services and Enforcement receives about 1,000 calls per month on stray dogs and in an attempt to combat this, they are offering free Dog leashes to pet owners! Animal services has placed 100 leashes in each DeKalb Fire Station and will be given out on a first-come, first served basis. They also encourage pet owners to have I.D. tags, microchips or collars with the owners contact information. To find a list of DeKalb's Fire Station, visit my

website at www.CommissionerKathieGannon.com

- Join DeKalb's "Fresh on Dek" as they promote the health and well-being of our community with the Fall Harvest Festival. Featured at the festival, will be discounted produce, a selection of vendors, giveaways and kid-friendly games & activities. This fun event will be held this Saturday, September 29th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the DeKalb County Extension office, 4380 Memorial Drive. For more information call, 404-298-4080

- The City of Chamblee is set to host "The Taste of Chamblee", October 6th, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the heart of Chamblee, at 5468 Peachtree Road. Experience the "spirit of Chamblee" through tastes, sounds, and fellowship. Foodies will experience a range of cuisines from around the world! Celebrate the diverse restaurant community in this year's Taste of Chamblee! For more information, visit www.TasteOfChamblee.net

- Spoke regarding the County Government Procedural Rules, and wanted to note that the Procedurals Rules are something that the Board adopts. The Public Comment portion is a Procedural Rule adopted by the Board of Commissioners and can be changed as the Board desires. The Public Hearing Portion is a legal rule, requiring legal adherence by the Board of Commissioners

- Spoke regarding the SPLOST and MARTA deals; stating that Commissioners do lobby for the best interests of their constituents

6. Commissioner Gregory Adams read the following comments:

Good afternoon all, I am pleased to announce that I attended the Emory Healthcare Partnership Celebration and the new name unveiling at the Hillandale location on September 14th. It was a great success with many elected officials, employees and local media in attendance! Participants received a warm welcome from Emory's senior executive team and witnessed the reveal of the newly-named Emory Hillandale Hospital.

I also attended the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority's 7th Annual Health Summit on September 15th. The event was held at the beautiful Loudermill Center in Atlanta, Georgia. This year's focus was to educate constituents so they could empower themselves to advocate for improvements to the overall health and wellness of themselves, their families and communities.

I attended the Saint Phillip AME Church had their Annual Fall Revival on

September 20th to show my support and express my gratitude for their continued service within DeKalb County.

I was honored to speak at the Picture of Health Foundation's (POHF) 8th Annual Family Fun 5K Bubble Run & Walk on September 22nd, on various health issues such as Health & Wellness, Obesity as a Whole, Unity within the Community and Diet & Nutrition – all of which are factors that affect communities as a whole.

In addition, I served as a panelist at the Operation Street Harvest's Teen Achievement Summit on September 22nd. Each panelist provided participants with advice on leadership development and strategies for success in their personal and emerging professional lives.

My prayers are with those who suffered loss due to the recent hurricane. Also, my prayers go out to Mayor Jason Lary who has been diagnosed with cancer.

I am pleased to announce that I, along with City of Stonecrest District 1 Councilman Jimmy Clanton will host the inaugural Collaborative Town Hall Meeting this Thursday, September 27th at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited for an evening of community conversation about safety, home security and more. It will be held at the Lou Walker Senior Center. The address is 2538 Panola Road, Lithonia, GA 30088. Please come out and voice your concerns and hear what we have to offer!

In addition, I am glad we are able to put your SPLOST dollars to work. We began resurfacing some roads last Thursday.

On October 27th, I am hosting an Art Festival at Wade Walker Park from 1 p.m. – 6 p.m. More information is forthcoming.

The NAACP DeKalb is seeking assistance with upcoming Voter Registration activities in preparation for the November 6th election. Interested persons can respond to naacpdek@comcast.net.

The Heart of South DeKalb Festival will be held at the Porter Sanford III Performing Arts & Community Center on September 29th from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The Center's address is 3181 Rainbow Drive, Decatur, GA 30034.

The Stonecrest Fest will be held at Stonecrest Mall on October 6th from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The Mall address is 8010 Mall Parkway, Stonecrest, GA 30038.

All faith-based organizations are encouraged to conduct voter registration drives on a weekly basis leading up to October 7th. Please note that October 9th is the last day to register to vote for the upcoming November 6th election. For more information, please contact the NAACP DeKalb County Branch at 404-241-8006.

For more information on THIS and other happenings in Super District 7, please go to my website at www.commissionergregoryadams.com or if you would like to contact me, please feel free to contact my office at 404-371-2899 or gregoryadams@dekalbcountyga.gov. As always, thanks to my district for allowing me the honor to serve.

7. Commissioner Jeff Radar read the following comments:

My office number is 404-371-2863 and my email is jrader@dekalbcountyga.gov. My website is www.commissionerrader.com. Also, please follow me on Facebook and Twitter using [@raderjeff](#)

Upcoming...

- Peachtree Creek Greenway September 29th Walk @ 10 a.m. Model Mile's northernmost section. Park at Northeast Plaza and walk down Briarwood Rd. southeast to the bridge. Walk to end at the trail head with Q&A and refreshments courtesy of REI. Raindate, Sunday September 30th at 1 p.m.

- Enjoy the 47th Season of the Callanwolde Concert Band's public concert on Sunday, September 30th, 2018 at 3:00 p.m., at the Callanwolde Fine Arts Center, 980 Briarcliff Road, Atlanta. This outdoor concert will be held in the newly renovated Amphitheatre at the Callanwolde Fine Arts Center. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets, and picnic lunch/early dinner. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be held indoors at the same location.

- Emory Village Volunteer Work Day in the Village to take place Saturday, October 13th 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Join your neighbors for weeding, planting ground cover, and helping do general maintenance on the roundabout and the islands throughout the public streetscape of the village. For more information, contact, Todd Hill at thill@dtjdesign.com

- The 6TH ANNUAL OPEN STREETS EMORY VILLAGE, Sunday, October 28th, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Walk, bike, or roll into Emory Village for family friendly, car-free fun!

In library news...

- Tomorrow night at 7 p.m. at the Decatur Branch, join the book discussion of *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah.

- Thursday, September 27th at 12 noon at the Toco Hills-Avis G Williams branch, Senior programming will present *Healthy Aging: Social Networking with Wellness Coach Naomi Salberg* who will help you navigate the world of social networking, learn about Facebook, online dating and more ways to get connected.

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 Steve Bradshaw and seconded by Commissioner Nancy Jester to recess the September 25, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:26 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

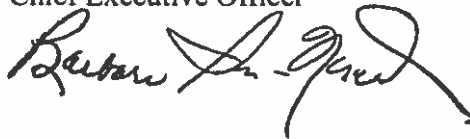
Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams



Jeff Rader
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders-Norwood
County Clerk