

# DeKalb County Government

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, February 26, 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 Loraine 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**

Bishop Dr. Barbara L. King  
Hillside International Truth Center

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson  
District 5

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

Dwayne Boyd Premier Actors Network

**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. Apostle Charles McCorkle, 4225 Snapfinger Woods Drive Decatur, GA 30035 – Spoke regarding SPLOST and HB 961; Beautification and Blight allocations in the FY2019 Budget; and Transparency and Accountability being critical to the success of the SPLOST.
2. Jerry Myer Jackson, 2587 Flat Shoals Rd. Decatur, GA (no zipcode) – Welcomed new Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson and thanked her and Commissioners Nancy Jester and Steve Bradshaw for being members of Reform DeKalb; and spoke concerning the condition of roads.
3. Joscelyn O’Neil, 3711 Larkspur Terr. (no city, no zipcode) – Spoke regarding a metal plate on Tulip Dr. for several years; the condition of the Family Dollar stores at Covington Hwy and Glenwood Rd.; and the operation of an illegal car lot on Austin Dr.
4. Joel Edwards, 2129 Tudor Castle Way Decatur, GA 30035 – Thanked Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson for a speedy response to a request to remove a downed tree at West Jay Lane; acknowledged Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson’s Chief of Staff Demetrius McCoy for the ride along on Flat Shoals Pkwy and Snapfinger Rd. to assess potholes.
5. Charles E. Peagler, 4534 Dover Castle Dr. Decatur, GA 30035 – Spoke regarding the Code Enforcement process and the fining system.
6. Stephen Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021 – Thanked Commissioners for the 2% increase for retired DeKalb County employees; the \$500,000 allocated in the FY2019 Budget for each Commissioner to spend as they see fit; and problems with the CEO’s office and the procurement process.
7. Joe Arrington, 466 S. Rays Rd. Stone Mountain, GA 30083 – Spoke asking commissioners to help with keeping the identity of Central DeKalb; Thanked Chief Conroy for his 30 years of service; and thanked commissioners for supporting the Audit Oversight and Ethics Office.
8. Ms. Sophia Khalid c/o Threshold Ministries, 205 Sycamore St. Decatur, GA 30030 – Spoke regarding senior citizens being deceived about being able to live at the newly built Sterling at Candler Park Village Apartments.
9. Henri Jordan, 763 Lee Andrews Ave. Atlanta, GA 30315 – Read Bible verses Acts 3:12, Isaiah 52:4, Leviticus 22:32, I Corinthians 8:1, Proverbs 17:13

## 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.

### Chief Executive Office

[2019-3323](#)

Commission District(s): All

To Adopt the 2019 Operating Budget

*Apostle Charles McCorkle, 4225 Snapfinger Woods Dr. Decatur, GA 30035,  
Jerry Myer Jackson, (no address), Mike Cooper, 663 Ridge Ave. Stone Mountain,  
GA 30083, spoke in favor*

*Ms. Sophia, (no address), spoke in opposition*

*Joe Arrington, 466 S. Rays Rd. Stone Mountain, GA 30083, Rhonda Mangum,  
3481 Hollow Tree Dr. Decatur, GA 30034, made general comments*

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor. 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

**E. APPEALS**

NONE

**F. APPOINTMENTS**

**Board of Commissioners - District 2**

[2019-3358](#)

Commission District(s): District 2  
Reappointment of Dave Butler to the Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs Citizen Advisory Board

**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

**G. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Board of Commissioners - District 2**

[2019-3357](#)

Commission District(s): Districts 2 and 6  
Zonolite Park Community Building Grant Match in the Amount of \$43,500.00 from 2001 Parks Bond District 2 Account

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3357 and 2019-3359 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 3**

[2019-3359](#) Commission District(s): ALL  
2020 Census - To Establish a Complete County Committee  
**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3357 and 2019-3359 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

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

[2019-3218](#) Commission District(s): All  
Approval of the amended (Item 2018-2411) Minutes of the Zoning Meeting of September 25, 2018  
**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3262](#) Commission District(s): All  
Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2018  
**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3263](#) Commission District(s): All  
Approval of Minutes of the Zoning Meeting of November 13, 2018  
**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**District Attorney**

[2019-3333](#) Commission District(s): all  
Acceptance of Victims of Crimes Act Grant to District Attorney's Office  
**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3333, 2019-3337, 2019-3328 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

[2019-3337](#) Commission District(s): all  
Acceptance of Victims of Crimes Act Grant to District Attorney's Office-SAKI Advocate  
**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3333, 2019-3337, 2019-3328 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

**Juvenile Court**

[2019-3328](#) Commission District(s): All Commission District  
Request for Grant Award Acceptance in the Amount of \$891,935 from the US Department of Labor- Employment and Training Administration (DOL/ETA)

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3333, 2019-3337, 2019-3328 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

[2019-3360](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
DeKalb County Financial Disclosure Policy

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days, until March 26, 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

[2019-3291](#) Commission District(s): ALL  
Amendment #3 to Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs (ACE) contract #1075460 to add an additional \$450,000 and extend the contract term for a period of one year; ending on August 26, 2020. No cost to the County.

**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 March 12, 2019. Items 2019-3291, 2019-3293, 2019-3295, 2019-3296 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

[2019-3293](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

Approval of Contract with Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership, Inc. using HUD - HOME CHDO Funds

**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 March 12, 2019. Items 2019-3291, 2019-3293, 2019-3295, 2019-3296 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

[2019-3295](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

Appropriate \$200,000 from the Reserve for Appropriation to the DeKalb County Community Development Department for housing and services for individuals who cannot be served through federally funded homelessness assistance programs.

**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 March 12, 2019. Items 2019-3291, 2019-3293, 2019-3295, 2019-3296 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

[2019-3296](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

Approval of Contract with Alliance of DeKalb, Inc. using HUD - HOME CHDO Funds

**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 March 12, 2019. Items 2019-3291, 2019-3293, 2019-3295, 2019-3296 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

#### Police Services

[2019-3371](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

Resolution to Set Fees for Booting Services and Permits in DeKalb County Georgia

**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 - Transportation

[2019-3237](#)

Commission District(s): 1, 3, 5, 6, and 7

Acceptance of \$3,459,660 in GDOT Funds for Flat Shoals Road, Henderson Road, and Salem Road Sidewalks

**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 March 12, 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

**Purchasing & Contracting**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee*

2019-3208

Commission District(s): All  
CA - Cooperative Agreement for Homeland Security, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Equipment and Related Services: for use by Fire Rescue Services (FR). This contract consists of the purchase of equipment for onsite cleaning of Firefighter’s turnout gear. Awarded to Safeware, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$165,027.87.

**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

2019-3348

Commission District(s): All  
RFP - Request for Proposals No. 18-500503 for Customer Service Training Program Design and Implementation: for use by the Department of Human Resources & Merit System (HR). Consists of the design and implementation of a Customer Service Training Program. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer: Moran Consulting, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$323,788.00.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days and assigned to the Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee (ERPS), and return to the Board on March 26, 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

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee*2018-2026

Commission District(s): 5 & 7

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Playground Equipment at Lithonia Park: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). The contract consists of the removal of existing obsolete playground equipment and installation of new playground equipment. Awarded to Kompan, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$365,706.80.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-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 March 12, 2019. Items 2018-2026, 2019-3301, 2019-3334 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

2019-3301

Commission District(s): 4

RFP - Request for Proposals No. 18-500498 for Renovation of Stone Mountain-Sue Kellogg Library: for use by the Library. Consists of upgrading all functional systems at the library located at 952 Leon Street. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer: CT Darnell Construction. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,200,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-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 March 12, 2019. Items 2018-2026, 2019-3301, 2019-3334 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

[2019-3334](#)

Commission District(s): All  
RFP - Request for Proposals No. 18-500505 for Revitalization of Memorial Drive Commercial Corridor for the Department of Planning and Sustainability (P&S). Consists of research and development of a plan to revitalize the commercial corridor of Memorial Drive. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer: Pond & Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$174,500.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-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 March 12, 2019. Items 2018-2026, 2019-3301, 2019-3334 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*

[2019-3179](#)

Commission District(s): ALL  
REN - Uniforms for County Employees (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 4 Options To Renew): Contract Nos.: 1104015 and 1104021 for use by the Departments for Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D), Fleet Management and Sanitation, the Departments for Public Safety - Police Services (PS), E911, Fire Rescue (FR), Marshall's Office, Animal Services and Enforcement, DeKalb Emergency Management Agency (DEMA), and the Departments of Watershed Management (DWM), Beautification, Code Enforcement, Facilities Management (FM), Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA) and DeKalb Peachtree Airport. These contracts consist of the purchase of work uniforms. Awarded to NAFECO and E.R. Partridge, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,155,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3179, 2019-3201, 2019-3287 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

2019-3201

Commission District(s): 2 & 6  
LB - Invitation No. 18-100944 Decatur Water Storage Tank Demolition: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the demolition and removal of an elevated 100 ft. tall steel water tank located at 1129 W. Howard Avenue in Decatur, Georgia. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Complete Demolition Services, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$165,400.00.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3179, 2019-3201, 2019-3287 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

2019-3205

Commission District(s): 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7  
LB - Invitation No. 18-101024 DeKalb Sidewalk Program Phase 2C - Salem Rd., Henderson Rd. and Flat Shoals Rd. - PI# 0007618/PI# 0008268 (548 days): for use by Public Works-Transportation. Consists of construction of sidewalks along Salem, Henderson and Flat Shoals Roads. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Precision 2000, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$5,996,003.45.

**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 March 12, 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

[2019-3287](#) Commission District(s): 5 & 7  
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1059161 Lithonia Boulevard Extension, Phase II, PI 0006889 (12 months): for use by Public Works - Transportation. This contract consists of extending Lithonia Industrial Boulevard. Awarded to E.R. Snell Contractor, Inc. Contract Term Extension Only.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3179, 2019-3201, 2019-3287 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

**2019-3385** Add an Item

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Larry Johnson, 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

**2019-3335** Commission District(s): All Commission Districts Will Be Impacted Approval to Accept the FY18 Office On Violence Against Women (OVW) - Consolidated Youth Grant for the Office of the Solicitor General's Men Engaging Boys Program Collaboration w/ Men Stopping Violence.

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, 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

## I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD

**2019 Legislative Agenda**[2018-3035](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution Of The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County, Georgia To The General Assembly Relating To The Creation Of A Charter Review Commission To Study And Make Recommendations On The Governance Structure Of DeKalb County.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved to re-direct this Resolution to the CEO's office rather than the General Assembly. 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

[2018-3036](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution Of The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County, Georgia To The General Assembly To Amend O.C.G.A. § 36-62-5, Relating To The Appointment Of Members To The County Development Authority By The County Governing Authority.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be withdrawn. 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

[2018-3086](#)

Commission District(s): All

A Resolution Of The Board of Commissioners Of DeKalb County, Georgia To The General Assembly Proposing A County Organizational Act Amendment To Ensure, And Eliminate Impediments To, Establishment, By Ordinance, Of A Transparent And Efficient County Procurement System.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until March 12, 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

**Finance - Risk Management**

[2019-3260](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Employee & Early Retiree Health & Wellness Benefits  
**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until March 12, 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

**Purchasing & Contracting**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*

[2018-3097](#) Commission District(s): ALL  
CA - Cooperative Agreement for On-Call Painting Services: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of providing painting services at various County Parks and Recreation Centers. Awarded to A&D Painting, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$640,000.00.  
**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3097 and 2019-3225 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

[2019-3225](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CA - Cooperative Agreement for HVAC Equipment, Installation, Service and Related Products: for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). The contract consists of providing additional heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) services as needed. Awarded to Daikin Applied Americas Inc. dba Daikin Applied. Amount Not To Exceed: \$350,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3097 and 2019-3225 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*

[2018-3013](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - ITB No. 18-100975 Tree Cutting and Removal Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Departments of Watershed Management (DWM), Facilities Management (FM), Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Public Works - Beautification (PWB) and Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). Consists of providing tree cutting and removal services countywide on an as needed basis. Recommend a multi-award to the responsive and responsible bidders: Arborserv Tree Care, Casey Tree Experts and K2R Legacy Group. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,435,000.00.

**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

[2018-3103](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 18-100994 for Landscape Maintenance Services - Public Grounds and Parks (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Departments of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Facilities Management (FM) and Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of various landscape maintenance services for County sites. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: ArtScape Inc., M.J. Lawn & Maintenance Services, Inc. and The Simmons Group, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,515,486.25

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, 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

## **J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

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

- District 7 celebrated Black History Month with our first event, A Conversation on Wealth and Empowerment, which was the first in a series of conversations on promoting economic development in DeKalb County. The event was held this past Saturday, February 23, 2019 at the AEI Start-up Factory in Stonecrest. We had a little over 80 people in attendance, including Stonecrest Mayor Jason Lary. Our panel featured top business and franchise owners: Sterling Coleman, Mack Wilbourn, and Yolanda Owens. In addition, community business owners Clinton Raines and Herbert Love provided personal insight on owning their own business in DeKalb County. Following the conversation, there were agencies onsite to assist attendees in taking the next steps for business expansion or start-up. Sponsors/ partners for the event were Decide DeKalb, DeKalb County Community Development, Operation Hope, Wells Fargo, EdwardJones, The Place for Franchising, and Kuntz Coffee Company. We thank everyone who took part in making this a very successful event
  
- The second conversation series event, The Franchise and Business Expo, will take place on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at the Porter Sanford Performing Arts Center in Decatur. Part I will be a panel discussion and Q&A. Part II will be the Ultimate Franchise Expo featuring over 20 franchises and businesses that will be on hand to provide information and franchise and business opportunities for those interested in starting or expanding a franchise or business. This will be a phenomenal opportunity to connect with franchise and business opportunities in every industry at every investment level
  
- March is Women's History Month and I will be kicking off the Books & More Women's Empowerment Club, which is a motivational and educational book club featuring the amazing books and poetry of highly accomplished females. The first book club will take place on Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 12 noon-2:00 p.m. Our guest author is Sheri Riley, referred to as The Peace Activator, who has earned a reputation for teaching high achievers, celebrities, athletes, and influencers all over the globe the power of Exponential Living, which is the title of her latest book that we will be reading. She has appeared on The Steve Harvey Show, NewsOne with Roland Martin, Sister Circle Live, and Great Day Live, as well as numerous radio shows and in Essence Magazine

### **2. Commissioner Kathie Gannon mentioned the following comments:**

- Come out and meet your precinct commanders during February's Coffee (Cake) with a Cop at the City BBQ, located at 2511 Blackmon Dr. Decatur, GA 30033, on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. This is a super sweet treat since CITY will be serving up some of their infamous cakes! Come out for lunch and have... cake and coffee!
  
- We are in the final stretch of our 10th annual food drive and thanks to the community generosity, we have already exceeded our online donations from last year! Time is running out so if you are able to, we need your help. The deadline is March 8th. The donation process is just a click away. You're your smartphone, tablet or computer, visit [www.CommissionerKathieGannon.com](http://www.CommissionerKathieGannon.com) for the link to donate or find locations where you can drop off food. Thank you to everyone who has participated so far!

- DeKalb's UGA Extension is accepting plant orders for their annual sale through March 8th. Orders must be turned in to DeKalb County Extension by March 8, 2019, 5:00 p.m.! All orders will be available for pick up on Saturday, March 16, 2019 ONLY from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at their office at 4380 Memorial Drive, Ste. 200, Decatur. I have a link to their website on my Facebook. They have made it so easy by providing a fillable order form, but don't procrastinate...March 8th is right around the corner!
  
- The Decatur Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is hosting a free event on Saturday, March 2nd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The "Spring into Reading" event will have reading activities, entertainment, arts, and crafts, a guest author, and other surprises. Bring your students K-12 to the Galleria of South DeKalb Mall to enjoy this event and select a free, new book. There also will be storytime for younger students
  
- Kudos to Friends of Briarlake Forest Park and our DeKalb County Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs for all your collaborative efforts in getting Briarlake Forest Park recognized as a certified bird sanctuary. This distinction, from the Atlanta Audubon Society, places our Super District 6 Park as a conservation where birds thrive and people thrive. This gem is a perfect place to get out this spring and go bird watching. Learn more about trails in the park at [www.Briarlakeforestpark.com](http://www.Briarlakeforestpark.com)
  
- Registration is open now for Decatur's largest 5K event, the Tour deCatur which will be held on Saturday, March 9th. Every age group can participate in the fun. You can run or walk one mile, participate in the tot trot if you're under 4 years old, or show off in the 5K. Volunteer opportunities are also available if walking or running is not really your thing. I have information about the event and registration on my Facebook page that automatically links to my website
  
- You can expect increased safety in our DeKalb County parks now, thanks to the new park rangers overseen by our DeKalb County Police, now patrolling seven days of the week. This initiative, which I endorsed with my fellow Commissioners, is a positive development in keeping our parks safe. Now as the weather is getting better, stop in and say hello!
  
- My office number is 404-371-4909. Thank you if your community group has forwarded your updated contact information. If you haven't please email [kgannon@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:kgannon@dekalbcountyga.gov) with your 2019 Board members names, contact information and meeting/activities. And please remember that if your Super District 6 community group is planning Spring community events, please let us know as well. I look forward to opportunities to connect. Also visit my Facebook or [www.CommissionerKathieGannon.com](http://www.CommissionerKathieGannon.com) regularly for additional events and happenings in Super District 6!

### **3. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson read the following comments:**

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

This morning, we remember the life of 19 year old Ethan Wooten who tragically lost his life last Thursday evening. We continue to keep his family in prayer and our entire Dekalb County Fire Department. Let us take a brief moment of silence.

I would like to begin my comments by thanking all District 5 and DeKalb County residents who attended the District 5 Black History Program on last Thursday. The program was truly an event to remember! We have received so many calls and messages from people who stated that the program was very soul stirring and moving. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this program a success.

I would like to send a special shout out to the 115th Graduating Class of the DeKalb County Police Academy. I was unable to attend the graduation due to a funeral out of town, however, I did want to take a moment of privilege to say thank you and we know that you will serve DeKalb with honor and distinction as you start your new careers!

I would like to congratulate Longtime District 5 Resident the Rev. Dr. Lawrence Edward Carter who is the Dean of the Martin Luther King, Jr. International Chapel. Dr. Carter has recently won the 2019 Gold Illumination Award for his new book “A Baptist Preacher’s Buddhist Teacher” which discusses how Dr. Carter’s inner faith journey with his Buddhist teacher made him a better Christian. Dr. Carter was in the 10th grade when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. recruited him to attend Morehouse College. Congratulations!

I would like to inform all District 5 residents in the City of Stonecrest about calls that we have been receiving. Over the last couple of weeks, my office has received calls from the citizens in the City of Stonecrest about potholes on roads that are within the City Limits of Stonecrest. Many citizens have asked what will the County do with SPLOST funding to address potholes in the City of Stonecrest. I would like to be clear, the County has no jurisdiction or control of what roads and potholes will be addressed in the City of Stonecrest relating to any of the projects, not limited to but to include Roads. The County is not looking at filling potholes, we have done all we can with filling potholes. We are looking at repaving the roads that are in desperate need of repair. My office is amenable to collaborate with any of the cities in District 5 on projects that will help to ensure that we repave the roads that are in desperate need of repair.

For more information on any of the announcements, District 5 upcoming events, please feel free to visit my website at [www.commissionermeredajohnson.com](http://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. Again, my number is 404-371-2159. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your District 5 Commissioner.

#### **4. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw mentioned the following comments:**

Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer. Good Morning Everyone.

It was honor to host a breakfast for our pastors in DeKalb County on February 15th. As the grandson of two pastors myself, I have long understood the importance that the faith community plays in our civic lives. I am committed to seeking ways to form more meaningful partnerships with our faith community as we work to make DeKalb County a better place. I would like to thank my pastor Rev. Karl D. Moore of Clarkston First Baptist Church and our First Lady Angela Moore for teeing up this idea and helping us to make it happen. And I would like to thank the good folks at This Is It! for providing us with an excellent breakfast meal. I’m already looking forward to our next such gathering.

It was such a pleasure to attend the Chinese New Year Dinner hosted by the National Association of Chinese Americans Atlanta Chapter on February 16th. It is now year 4717 which is The Year of the Pig. The food and entertainment that evening were excellent. I would like to thank State Senator Steve Henson for sponsoring our table at the event.

Later that evening, I was able to attend a 60th Birthday Party for my friend Lawrence Sharp. As I am now within hailing distance of 60 myself I appreciate the importance of such milestone birthdays. I wish Lawrence many happy returns.

Today I would like to close by commending the Museum School of Avondale Estates for being named the Georgia Charter School Association's 2019 Charter School of the Year. This is a significant accomplishment. My good friend Katherine Kelbach is Principal of The Museum School. I would like to commend her and her entire team for this honor.

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. Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer.

**5. Commissioner Larry Johnson mentioned the following comments:**

- Offered condolences to Angela Patrick and family on the loss of her mother Margaret Williams
- Thanked the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Decatur for the First Inaugural Community Impact Award
- Attended The Breakthrough House Graduation at the United Methodist Church in Decatur
- Partnered with the Ellenwood area and Poplar Springs Church to talk about the landfill
- Attended the book signing of Buck Godfrey
- Met with business owners on Candler Rd. about safety and environment
- Thanked TJ Siegler, Zack Williams, Commissioner Irvin Johnson, and the Deputy Director of Code Enforcement for the great Budget meeting
- Attended a Black History Month reception given by the Lt. Governor
- "Reclaiming Our Roots" on March 12th
- April 16th will be a Public Safety Townhall Meeting at Bob Mathis Elementary School from 6 p.m- 7:30 p.m.

**6. Commissioner Nancy Jester mentioned the following comments:**

- Today in 1929, the Grand Teton Park was established by Calvin Coolidge

**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 updated website at [www.commissionerrader.com](http://www.commissionerrader.com). I hope you will find the new features helpful in contacting our office, viewing the agenda and requesting assistance electronically. Also, please follow me on Facebook and Twitter using @raderjeff and on Instagram at commissionerjeffrader.

Congratulations...

- To Olmsted Linear Parks Association for a successful Carnival Under the Canopy last Sunday evening. The hard work to maintain and improve the linear parks along Ponce de Leon takes an incredible amount of volunteer effort in partnership and coordination with DeKalb County Parks staff. The financial support generated by fundraisers like the Carnival go a long way to augment tax dollars for the improvement of the Olmsted Parks and for the enjoyment of the public

Upcoming...

- Join me at the Central DeKalb Senior Center this Thursday, February 28th at 12 noon for a listening session with seniors.
- Coffee with a Cop will take place Wednesday, February 27th from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at City Barbeque located at 2511 Blackmon Drive, Decatur, 30033
- This Saturday, March 2nd from 9 a.m. - 11a.m. in support of Frazier-Rowe Park, Marshall Berch Realty is hosting a Shredding Event in Vista Grove Shopping Center. There will be two trucks and donations will be for the park
- Attend a Second Round of Open Houses for DeKalb County Transit Master Plan –The first will be tonight at 6:00 p.m. at the Flat Shoals Library, the second meeting will be February 27th at 6 p.m. at the Wesley Chapel Library and the third meeting will take place February 28th at 5:30 p.m. at the Central DeKalb Senior Center located at 1346 McConnell Drive. For more information visit the web at [www.DeKalbtransitmasterplan.com](http://www.DeKalbtransitmasterplan.com) or [info@dekalbtransitmasterplan.com](mailto:info@dekalbtransitmasterplan.com)
- The next Briarlake Forest Park Work Day will be held Saturday, March 16th at 9:30 a.m.
- Don't forget now thru April 15th many branches are offering 2019 Tax Assistance with AARP. Check your local library for the schedule



**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 Nancy Jester and seconded by Commissioner Larry Johnson to adjourn the February 26, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:57 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

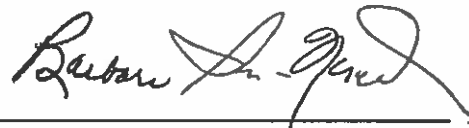
**Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson**



Jeff Rader  
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond  
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders-Norwood  
County Clerk