



DeKalb County Government

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

Meeting Minutes - Final-revised

Committee of the Whole

Comm. Robert Patrick, Presiding Officer, District 1

Comm. Mereda Davis Johnson, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 5

Commissioner Robert Patrick, District 1

Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, District 2

Commissioner Larry Johnson, District 3

Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4

Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5

Commissioner Edward "Ted" Terry, Super District 6

Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Super District 7

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

9:00 AM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

Attendance

Present: 7 - Robert Patrick, Michelle Long Spears, Larry Johnson, Steve Bradshaw, Mereda Davis Johnson, Ted Terry and Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

Tentative Agenda

This Agenda is not final and subject to change, as the agenda for the Regular Board of Commissioners' meeting is set at the Committee of the Whole.

I. Committee of the Whole

A. Committee Reports

B. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for October 10, 2023

PROPOSED APPOINTMENTS

Chief Executive Office

[2023-1254](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

Reappointment to the DeKalb County Board of Assessors -Mr.

Robert A. Burroughs

This agenda item was accepted to BOC agenda - Appointment

- [2023-1262](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Reappointment to the DeKalb Regional Land Bank Authority Board
- Irvin J. Johnson
This agenda item was accepted to BOC agenda - Appointment

PROPOSED PRELIMINARY ITEMS**Airport**

- [2023-1132](#) Commission District(s): 1 and 6
Collateral Assignment of Rights Under Lease and Operating Agreement under DeKalb County Contract No. 15-801194 with Peachtree Aviation, Inc. There is no cost to the County.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent
- [2023-1219](#) Commission District(s): 1 and 6
Non-Federal Limited Design and Implementation Reimbursable Agreement Between Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and DeKalb County and DeKalb Peachtree Airport. There is a cost to the County in the amount of \$68,322.40.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the OPS-County Operations Committee due back on 10/3/2023 .

Chief Executive Office

- [2023-1260](#) Commission District(s): All
To Appropriate \$2,101,500 in the 2023 Budget to Recreation, Parks, & Cultural Affairs and \$1,110,864 to Contributions to CIP - Designated Services Fund
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda – Preliminary
- [2023-1261](#) Commission District(s): All
To Appropriate \$30,000 to Planning & Sustainability - Unincorporated Fund.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda – Preliminary

[2023-1277](#) Commission District(s): All
Centralized Warming Center for the Unhoused

To consider authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to accept and negotiate a proposal by Frontline Response to assist DeKalb County in serving those experiencing homelessness and/or in need of warming center services Fall/Winter 2023-24. Initial Cost to the County-\$135,000.

This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee due back on 10/10/2023 .

Finance

[2023-1244](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Healthcare, Pharmacy & Spending Account RFP
This agenda item was held off of the agenda (pending further review) to the Board of Commissioners due back on 10/24/2023

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to FAB Committee

[2023-1009](#) Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 23-101560 Family Function Therapy (FFT) and Multisystemic Therapy (MST) (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Juvenile Court. Consists of therapeutic services for Juvenile Court Programs. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder: Evidence-Based Associates. Amount Not To Exceed: \$383,700.00.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the FAB-Finance, Audit & Budget Committee due back on 10/10/2023 .

[2023-1073](#) Commission District(s): ALL
LB - Invitation No. 23-101581 Juvenile Justice Center Canopy Installation (180 Day Contract): for use by Facilities Management. Consists of construction services for the installation of a canopy over the Judges' parking lot at the DeKalb County Juvenile Justice Center. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder. Greenheart Construction, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$401,905.00.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the FAB-Finance, Audit & Budget Committee due back on 10/10/2023 .

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2023-0917](#) Commission District(s): ALL
CA - Cooperative Agreement for Audio Visual Equipment, Supplies, and Services (The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS USA) Contract No. 220704): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let TIPS USA Contract for the provision of audio-visual equipment, supplies, and services. This request will assist in the implementation of a complete Audio Visual (AV) solution at the Snapfinger Treatment Plant. Awarded to BIS Digital, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$130,670.36.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the OPS-County Operations Committee due back on 10/3/2023

[2023-0919](#) Commission District(s): ALL
Cooperative Agreement for Audio Visual Equipment, Supplies, and Services (The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS USA) Contract No. 220704): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let TIPS USA Contract for the provision of audio-visual equipment, supplies, and services. This request will assist in equipment replacement within the State and Magistrate courtrooms. Awarded to BIS Digital, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$367,005.15.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the OPS-County Operations Committee due back on 10/3/2023

[2023-0963](#)

Commission District(s): 1 & 2

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Parks and Recreation Equipment, Products, and Installation Services (BuyBoard Contract No. 679-22): for use by the DeKalb Peachtree (PDK) Airport. Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let BuyBoard Contract to purchase and install new playground equipment for an aviation themed playground at the PDK Airport. Awarded to Superior International Industries, dba Superior Recreational Products. Amount Not To Exceed: \$297,653.68.

This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the OPS-County Operations Committee due back on 10/3/2023

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[2023-1113](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract 1325124 and Change Order No. 1 to Contracts 1325126 and 1325127 Landscape Maintenance Services for Public Grounds (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Departments of Facilities Management and Public Works - Sanitation. These contracts consist of providing landscape maintenance services for public grounds. This request is to increase the contract funds to continue with the provision of services. Awarded to: Artscape, Inc., The Simmons Group, and Let Us Love Your Lawn. Total Amount Not To Exceed \$254,165.00.

This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the OPS-County Operations Committee due back on 10/3/2023

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Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee

[2023-1097](#)

Commission District(s): All

RFP - Request for Proposal No. 23-500644 In-Home Services for Seniors and Their Caregivers (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Human Services (HS). Consists of providing in home services to seniors who need assistance for their daily living. Recommend award to each proposer who is responsive and responsible: CSS Corp dba CSS Healthcare Services, Inc. and Trusted Hands Senior Care, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,561,500.00.

This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee due back on 10/10/2023 .

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee[2023-0973](#)

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1264488 Hauling Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Department of Watershed Management (DWM) and Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). This contract consists of providing hauling services. This request seeks to increase contract funds and term through October 31, 2024. Awarded to Brown Management Services Enterprises, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$650,000.00.

This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee due back on 10/3/2023 .

[2023-0979](#)

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1326920 Equipment Rentals and Related Products and Services (OMNIA Partners Contract No. 201900319): for use by the Department of Public Works -Sanitation. This contract consists of piggybacking off the competitively let OMNIA Partners contract to lease four (4) 11 - yard rear loader trucks for 26 weeks; four (4) 25 - yard rear loader truck for 52 weeks and eight (8) 25-yard rear loaders for 12 months. This request seeks to increase contract funds to support leasing nine (9) additional 25-yard rear loader trucks for 12 months. Awarded to Big Truck Rental. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,011,703.00.

This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee due back on 10/3/2023 .

[2023-1085](#)

Commission District(s): All
REN - Contract No. 1307662 County Abatement Lot Mowing and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of Two Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Sanitation and Beautification. This contract consists of mowing and maintenance services for the County's abate locations. This request seeks to exercise the 1st renewal option through December 31, 2024. Awarded to Executive Realty Solutions, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$180,000.00.

This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee due back on 10/3/2023 .

[2023-1096](#) Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 23-101563 Traffic Paint (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). Consists of providing traffic paint for various road striping projects. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Allstates Coatings, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$130,377.05.

This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee due back on 10/3/2023 .

[2023-1131](#) Commission District(s): ALL
LB - Invitation No. 22-101506 Small Domestic Brass Fittings and Gate Valves (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the purchase of small domestic brass fittings and gate valves. Recommend award to lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder: Delta Municipal Supply Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$16,608,990.00.

This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee due back on 10/3/2023 .

[2023-1162](#) Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1295610 for 2021 LMIG Road Resurfacing Projects (365 Day Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). This contract consists of resurfacing of County roads. This request seeks to increase the contract term through August 31, 2024. Awarded to HEH Paving, Inc. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY.

This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee due back on 10/3/2023 .

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs

[2023-1119](#) Commission District(s): 4 and 6
Acquisition of Land Property for the Expansion of Cedar Park
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee due back on 10/10/2023 .

- [2023-1187](#) Commission District(s): All Districts
Ratification of R. M. Richards LLC Consulting Contract Purchase Agreement 1266207
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee due back on 10/10/2023 .

C. Review of Board of Commissioners Preliminary Agenda

APPOINTMENTS

Board of Commissioners - District 2

- [2023-1243](#) Commission District(s): Commission District 2
Record the Appointment to the District 2 Community Council Board - Mr. Joel Thomas
This agenda item was accepted to BOC agenda - Appointment

PRELIMINARY

Board Of Commissioners

- 2023-1160** Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Support For ACCG’s Urging Resolution To Georgia Governor And Legislative Representatives In Support For Additional Mental Health Reform Efforts In The State Of Georgia
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee due back on 10/10/2023 .

- [2023-1172](#) Commission District(s): All
Approval of Minutes for the October 3, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

Board of Commissioners - District 1

- [2023-1200](#) Commission District(s): All Districts
A Request for the Director of Planning & Sustainability to amend the text of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance to expand commercial filming opportunities.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee due back on 10/10/2023 .
- [2023-1201](#) Commission District(s): District 1
To Approve the Appropriation of \$10,000 from Non-Departmental - Unincorporated Fund assigned to Account (09130.579002.272.0000.0000) to Grant Fund (09130.611250.272.0000.0000) Reserved for District 1 for the Purpose of Providing Funding to Women’s Resource Center to End Domestic Violence
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent
- [2023-1202](#) Commission District(s): District 1
To Approve the Appropriation of \$55,00 from Non-Departmental - Unincorporated Fund Assigned to Account (09130.579002.272.0000.0000) to Grant Fund (09130.611250.272.0000.0000) Reserved for District 1 for the Purpose of Providing Supplemental Communication Services
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

Board of Commissioners - District 2

- [2023-1273](#) Commission District(s): All Commission District
A Resolution Urging the Administration to Explore Use of Physical and Mental Health Advocates(s) for DeKalb Employees Needing Assistance Navigating Insurance and Healthcare Services
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the ERPS-Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee due back on 10/3/2023 .
- [2023-1274](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Appropriation of \$11,500 from District 2 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funding for the DeKalb Community Service Board Jail In-Reach Program for Aftercare Mental Health Professional
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

Board of Commissioners - District 3

- [2023-1276](#) Commission District(s): District 3
DeKalb County Board of Commissioners Supports Efforts Designed to Provide Every Citizen in Need to Have Accessible, Affordable, and Adequate Mental Health Services.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee due back on 10/10/2023 .

Board of Commissioners - District 4

- [2023-1141](#) Commission District(s): District 4
Allocation (not to exceed) \$25,000 of District 4 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) from POETA account #106388.63230.521209.10.4.602778 to DeKalb County Police Athletic League Plus (PAL Plus).
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent
- [2023-1227](#) Commission District(s): District 4
Allocation not to exceed \$5,000 of District 4 2023 Reserve for Appropriation Funds to Latin American Association 35th Latin Fever Ball highlighting the work of LAA, community stakeholders and business leaders' efforts to support Latinos in Georgia.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent
- [2023-1246](#) Commission District(s): District 4
Allocation not to exceed \$20,000 of 2023 District 4 Reserve for Appropriation funds to Save all Generations Inc. a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization "One World Mosaic Annual Fest" planned for March 30-31, 2024.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

Board of Commissioners - District 6

- [2023-1275](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Appropriation of \$11,500 from District 6 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funding for the DeKalb Community Service Board Jail In-Reach Program for Aftercare Mental Health Professional
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

Clerk to the Board of Commissioner and CEO

[2023-1223](#) Commission District(s): All
Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of September 26, 2023

This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

[2023-1224](#) Commission District(s): All
Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Zoning Meeting of September 28, 2023

This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

[2023-1245](#) Commission District(s): all
Approval of Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of September 19, 2023

This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

District Attorney

[2023-1124](#) Commission District(s): All
Acceptance of DeKalb County's Allocation of \$299,193, no required match, under the 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

[2023-1248](#) Commission District(s): all
Acceptance of \$533,200 for the Bureau of Justice Assistance's Cold Case Investigation and Prosecution Program Grant to District Attorney's Office; no match required

This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

[2023-1264](#) Commission District(s): all
Acceptance of \$373,847 for the Bureau of Justice Assistance's 2023 Smart Prosecution-Innovative Prosecution Solutions Program Grant for the District Attorney's Office to launch a Human Trafficking/Internet Crimes Against Children Investigations Project; no match required

This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

D. Review/Recap of New Items for the BOC Agenda

E. Items Previously Heard

APPEALS

Planning and Sustainability

[2023-1013](#) COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 2 & 6
Appeal of a Decision of the Historic Preservation Commission at 1853 North Decatur Road by Margarita Studemeister and Renee Nelson

APPOINTMENTS

Chief Executive Office

[2023-1168](#) Commission District(s): All
Appointment of Dr. Jada Bussey-Jones, MD to the DeKalb County Board of Health

ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD

Board of Commissioners - District 1

[2023-0792](#) Commission District(s): District 1
2023 Mid-Year Budget Request to Support the Creation of a Small Business Revolving Loan Fund and Technical Assistance Program to Expand Decide DeKalb’s Local Business Resources

Board of Commissioners - District 3

[2023-1190](#) Commission District(s): District 3
2023 Mid-Year Budget amendment request to purchase 2 mobile surveillance trailers to be used in the parks or any area within in the county that can help deter criminal activity

[2023-1198](#) Commission District(s): District 3
2023 Mid-Year Budget Amendment Request to Expand the Contractual Services with Clean Star National to Chemically Remove Graffiti from the County’s Property

Board of Commissioners - District 6

[2023-0526](#) Commission District(s): District 3, 6, and all commission districts
A Resolution to Encourage DeKalb County CEO Michael Thurmond to End the Executive Order Closing Intranchment Creek Park and to Reopen It to the Public As Soon As Possible

- [2023-0563](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
A Resolution Mandating Compost Facilities in DeKalb County Government Buildings by 2024, and Request for Proposals for Composting Services
- [2023-0680](#) Commission District(s): All DeKalb County Commission Districts
A Resolution to Update the DeKalb County Traffic Calming Program
- [2023-0902](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
To Approve a District 6 American Rescue Plan Funding of \$100,000 to Establish a DeKalb County Eviction Defense Fund to Assist Qualified Residents with Legal Representation
- [2023-1000](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Place Holder for Working Revisions to the Public Works and Infrastructure (PWI) Committee to Include Environmental Justice Matters That Fall Under this Committee of Jurisdiction.
- [2023-1052](#) Commission District(s): All
To Resolution to Urge DeKalb County CEO Michael Thurmond to Apply for the “Justice 40” Grants Under the Inflation Reduction Act for the Advancement of Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice in DeKalb County
- [2023-1178](#) Commission District(s): All
A Resolution by The DeKalb County Board of Commissioners to Support a Georgia Effort to Protect the Okefenokee Swamp

Budget

- [2023-1042](#) Commission District(s): All
2023 Budget Revision

Clerk to the Board of Commissioner and CEO

- [2023-1093](#) Commission District(s): all
Approval of Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of August 24, 2023

- [2023-1130](#) Commission District(s): All
Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of September 12, 2023

Community Development

- [2023-1121](#) Commission District(s): All
Approval of Agreements with Agencies to use HOME-ARP Funding to provide Rental Assistance and/or Supportive Services to DeKalb County, HOME-ARP Eligible Qualifying Populations in an amount not to exceed \$6,697,504.

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

- [2023-0830](#) Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1268548 (fka 1210485) and Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1208627 Consent Decree - Construction Management Services: Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation and Replacement (CD-GSRR): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). These contracts consist of providing construction management services for various gravity sewer collection system rehabilitation and replacement projects. This request is to increase contract funds to Contract Nos.: 1268548 (fka 1210485) and 1208627 and the contract term through December 31, 2025 to Contract No. 1268548 (fka 1210485). Awarded to Gresham Smith/CERM Joint Venture (GS/C-JV) and Benchmark Management, LLC. Total Amount Not to Exceed: \$5,930,000.00.

- [2023-0915](#) Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1301526 On-Call Water and Sewer (Multiyear Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing on-call services for the installation and repair of various sizes of water and sewer pipes. The work also consists of providing the means to respond to emergencies and unforeseen failures or malfunctions throughout the County's distribution system. This request is to increase scope of work and funds to allow for the completion of work. Awarded to Ruby-Collins, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed \$22,235,110.70.

[2023-1014](#) Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 23-101572 2023 LMIG Road Resurfacing Projects (Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). Consists of resurfacing DeKalb County roads. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder: C.W. Matthews Contracting Co. Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$25,692,675.58.

[2023-1081](#) Commission District(s): ALL
LB - Invitation No. 23-101579 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Fuel Station Operations, Preventive Maintenance, & Repair Services (Annual Contract with 3 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of providing on call operations, preventive maintenance, and repair services for the CNG fueling station. Recommend award to the overall lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Atlanta Gas Light Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$450,000.00.

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs

[2023-1100](#) Commission District(s): 4 and 6
To Increase Monthly Horse Boarding Fees at Little Creek Horse Farm

State Court

[2023-1183](#) Commission District(s): All
Approval of Tyler Technologies Civil Process software maintenance and support agreement.

Watershed Management

[2023-1049](#) Commission District(s): 3 & 6
Agreement for the Construction and Financing of Sewer Upgrades with Cielo Blu, LLC for a Contribution Amount of \$143,500

II. Special Called Meeting

A. Executive Session

B. Other Matters