

# DeKalb County Government

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, June 13, 2017**

**9:00 AM**

**Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium**

### **Board of Commissioners**

*Commissioner Kathie Gannon, Presiding Officer, Super District 6*

*Commissioner Jeff Rader, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 2*

*Commissioner Nancy Jester, District 1*

*Commissioner Jeff Rader, District 2*

*Commissioner Larry Johnson, District 3*

*Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4*

*Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5*

*Commissioner Kathie Gannon, Super District 6*

*Commissioner Gregory Adams, Super District 7*

**Present:** 7 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve R 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, Andrew Cauthen, Communications Manager, O.V. Brantley, County Attorney, Viviane Ernstes, Deputy County Attorney

## **A. INSPIRATIONAL**

Pastor Darrius Moore  
China Grove Missionary First Baptist Church

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson  
District 5

## **B. PRESENTATIONS**

Commissioner Jeff Radar 10 Year Service Recognition  
Men's Health and Wellness  
World Refugee Day  
Girl Scouts of America "DeKalb County Stormwater Badge"

## **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. Charles McCorkle, 4225 Snapfinger Woods Dr. Decatur, GA 30035 – Spoke regarding illegally operating hotels, the lack of the DeKalb County Legal Department in interpreting its own codes and ordinances relating to illegally operating hotels, and the need for County Commissioners to be paid more so they can devote more time to what needs to be done.
2. Faye Coffield, 3261 Chaparral Way Lithonia, GA 30038 – Acknowledged the City of Clarkston for openly allowing refugees and the need for Commissioners to put more emphasis on the city's efforts. Ms. Coffield also spoke in favor of pay raises for DeKalb Public Safety employees.
3. John Evans, 6382 Isle of Palms Lithonia, GA 30058 – Spoke in favor of pay raises for DeKalb Public Safety and Sanitation employees.
4. Travis L. Pinson, 1670 Clifton Rd. Atlanta, GA 30329 – Spoke in favor of pay raises for DeKalb Public Safety Employees.
5. David Light, 236 Warren St. NE Atlanta, GA 30317 – Spoke representing the Kirkwood Neighborhood Organization in requesting that the DeKalb Commissioners approve a 20% raise for DeKalb Public Safety employees and reinstate the Merit Base system for annual raises.
6. Roderick Frierson, 1528 Hidden Hills Parkway Stone Mountain, GA 30088 – Spoke representing the Hidden Hills Civic Association regarding Board Approval for the installation of directional signage on County property within the community, implementing a road resurfacing project, and the problem of low hanging trees.
7. Stephen M. Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021 – Thanked Commissioner Gannon for her comments regarding the inflated payment of our Tax Commissioner through additional cities in the County, Commissioners Johnson and Adams for their support for higher wages for Public Safety, Commissioner Bradshaw for reminding that the SPLOST is about repaving roads, Commissioner M. Johnson for looking after the interests and concerns of the 5th District, Commissioner Radar for questioning contracts and spending patterns, and Commissioners Jester and L. Johnson for bringing the subject of blight and substandard housing to the attention of the County.
8. Sharon Simmons, 2009 Singer Way Lithonia, GA 30058 – Spoke about the blight in South DeKalb County as it relates to the Housing Choice Voucher Program and LLC'S buying up foreclosed homes, and the need for stricter enforcement and modification of existing laws surrounding the Housing Choice Voucher Program.
9. Lisa Allen, 2210 Jonathan Ave. Lithonia, GA 30058 – Spoke regarding the need for stricter enforcement of DeKalb Housing Authority codes and ordinances.
10. Mayor Patricia Wheeler, 689 Stoneside Dr. Stone Mountain, GA 30083 – Thanked Commissioner Steve Bradshaw for relocating the money to revitalize the Sue Kellogg Library.

**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**

[2017-0454](#) Commission District(s): 2 &7  
Land Use Amendment, LP-17-21281, InLine Communities

**Attachments:** [D2 Inline Communities LP 17 21281](#)

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0454 and 2017-0459 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

[2017-0459](#) Commission District(s): 2 & 7  
Rezoning, Z-17-21428, Inline Communities

**Attachments:** [Z-17-21428 zoning conditions](#)  
[N1 Inline Communities Z 17 21428](#)  
[Exhibits for Zoning Conditions](#)

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be approved with 10 staff conditions and revised site plan. Items 2017-0454 and 2017-0459 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

**“DECISION ONLY” ITEMS – NO PUBLIC HEARING**

**Planning & Sustainability**

[2017-0266](#) Commission District(s): 4 & 6  
Sidewalk waiver request for the deletion of the improvement along the property frontage of 422 DeKalb Industrial Way.  
18-048-02-002.

**Attachments:** [422 DeKalb Industl Way Sidewalk Waiver attachments](#)

**MOTION was made by Steve R 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

**E. APPEALS**

**F. APPOINTMENTS**

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**Board of Commissioners - District 6**

[2017-0226](#) Commission District(s): All  
Appointment of Jon West by the Board of Commissioners to the DeKalb County Planning Commission

**Attachments:** [Jon West](#)

[JAWest Resume 2017](#)

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Steve R Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Chief Executive Office**

[2017-0280](#) Commission District(s): All  
Appointment to the DeKalb County Board of Health

**Attachments:** [Sonia Alvarez-Robinson CV Nov 2016](#)

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Steve R Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**ITEMS FOR RECORDING IN THE MINUTES****Board of Commissioners - District 1**

[2017-0447](#) Commission District(s): 1  
Record Appointment of Gaye Stathis as the District 1 Representative to the Watershed Customer Service and Billing Advisory Group.

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0447, 2017-0409, 2017-0429, 2017-0443, 2017-0466 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 - District 4**

[2017-0409](#) Commission District(s): District 4  
Appointment of Alfred Fowler to the Beautification Board

**Attachments:** [2017 Bio for Alfred Fowler](#)

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0447, 2017-0409, 2017-0429, 2017-0443, 2017-0466 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

[2017-0429](#) Commission District(s): District 4  
Re-appointment Heidi Pollyea Animal Service Advisory Board

**Attachments:** [Resume Animal Advisory Appointee District 4 as of 2017](#)

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0447, 2017-0409, 2017-0429, 2017-0443, 2017-0466 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

[2017-0443](#) Commission District(s): District 4  
Recording of appointment of Roslyn D. Allison to the Community Council Board.

**Attachments:** [DeKalb Community Development letter](#)  
[Resume Social Work 5pg 2017 3C](#)

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0447, 2017-0409, 2017-0429, 2017-0443, 2017-0466 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 - District 5

[2017-0466](#) Commission District(s): District 5  
Appointment of Mary - Pat Hector to the Watershed Customer Service & Billing Advisory Group

**Attachments:** [Hector Bio](#)

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0447, 2017-0409, 2017-0429, 2017-0443, 2017-0466 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

## G. CONSENT AGENDA

#### Board of Commissioners - District 4

[2017-0497](#) Commission District(s): District 4  
Repurposing of Wade Walker Library Funds

**Attachments:** [Sue Kellogg Library.pdf](#)  
[2005CIP ProjectList Libraries.pdf](#)

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Steve R Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0497, 2017-0444, 2017-0445, 2017-0413, 2017-0430, 2017-0461, 2017-0462, 2017-0463 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 - District 6**

[2017-0446](#) Commission District(s): District 6 and District 3  
Expansion of Greater Conley Industrial Community CID

**Attachments:** [Copy of GCI CID Members -- as listed by Tax Comm 2017 FINAL List 6-9.pdf](#)  
[GCI CID Board Mtg Minutes 5-10-2017](#)  
[Tax Commissioner Certification](#)  
[2017 6.13 Item 2017-0446 Subst.pdf](#)

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved with 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 Adams

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

[2017-0444](#) Commission District(s): All  
Approval of Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of April 18, 2017

**Attachments:** [2017 04.18 SCM](#)

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Steve R Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0497, 2017-0444, 2017-0445, 2017-0413, 2017-0430, 2017-0461, 2017-0462, 2017-0463 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

[2017-0445](#) Commission District(s): All  
To Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 11, 2017

**Attachments:** [2017 04.11 BOC Minutes.pdf](#)

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Steve R Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0497, 2017-0444, 2017-0445, 2017-0413, 2017-0430, 2017-0461, 2017-0462, 2017-0463 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

#### State Court

[2017-0413](#) Commission District(s): All  
GRANT ACCEPTANCE - FY'17 Supplemental Award for Technology in the amount of \$8016 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and Ga Accountability Courts Grant Project to benefit DeKalb County's DUI Court Program.

**Attachments:** [Attachment 1 - Supplementa Grant Award](#)

[Attachment 2 - FY'17 Supplement Grant Award Letter](#)

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Steve R Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0497, 2017-0444, 2017-0445, 2017-0413, 2017-0430, 2017-0461, 2017-0462, 2017-0463 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

[2017-0430](#) Commission District(s): All  
Acceptance of FY'18 Grant from the Council of Accountability  
Court Judges Funding Committee and the Criminal Justice  
Coordinating Council in the amount of \$103,879.

**Attachments:** [DeKDUI Award letter from Gov Deal](#)  
[DeKDUI Subgrant Award](#)  
[DeKDUI Subgrant Adjustment](#)  
[DeKDUI Special Conditions of Award](#)  
[DeKDUI Grant Reimbursement Selection Form](#)  
[DeKDUI Designation of Grant Officials](#)

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Steve R Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0497, 2017-0444, 2017-0445, 2017-0413, 2017-0430, 2017-0461, 2017-0462, 2017-0463 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

#### Superior Court

[2017-0461](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Grant to the DeKalb County  
Superior Court Drug Court - \$246,489.00

**Attachments:** [FY 18 CJCC Drug Court Award](#)

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Steve R Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0497, 2017-0444, 2017-0445, 2017-0413, 2017-0430, 2017-0461, 2017-0462, 2017-0463 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

[2017-0462](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Grant to the DeKalb County Superior Court Felony Mental Health Court - \$145,457.00

**Attachments:** [FY 18 CJCC Mental Health Court Award](#)

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Steve R Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0497, 2017-0444, 2017-0445, 2017-0413, 2017-0430, 2017-0461, 2017-0462, 2017-0463 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

[2017-0463](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Grant to the DeKalb County Superior Court Veteran's Treatment Court - \$138,939.00

**Attachments:** [FY 18 CJCC Veterans Treatment Court Award](#)

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Steve R Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0497, 2017-0444, 2017-0445, 2017-0413, 2017-0430, 2017-0461, 2017-0462, 2017-0463 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

### Chief Executive Office

[2017-0469](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Tucker - Election Management Services

**Attachments:** [Elections IGA](#)

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0469 and 2017-0470 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

[2017-0470](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Tucker - Fire and Rescue Services

**Attachments:** [Fire IGA](#)

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0469 and 2017-0470 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

[2017-0471](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Tucker - Solid Waste Services

**Attachments:** [Tucker Solid Waste IGA\\_5-2017.pdf](#)  
[2017 6.13 Item 2017-0471 Subst.pdf](#)

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be approved with 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 Adams

#### Police

[2017-0494](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
Police Nomenclature Request

**Attachments:** [061317 Police Nomenclature - Detective Andre Hardaway](#)

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Mereda Davis 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 Adams

**Purchasing & Contracting**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*

[2017-0353](#) Commission District(s): All  
(CA) - Purchase of New Computers, Laptops, Scanners and Accessories: for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT). Awarded to Dell Marketing, L.P. Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,300,000.00

**Attachments:** [AGENDA NOTES](#)  
[UD Memo](#)  
[SWC Information](#)

**MOTION was made by Steve R Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on June 27, 2017. 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

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*Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee*

[2017-0366](#) Commission District(s): 1 & 7  
(CA) - Playground Equipment for Henderson Park: for use by Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Awarded to Kompan, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$113,691.96.

**Attachments:** [Agenda Notes](#)  
[Departmental Recommendation Form for Playground Equipment at Henderson Park](#)  
[Quote for Playground Equipment at Henderson Park](#)  
[Information for US Communities Contract# 110171](#)

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Gregory Adams, 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 June 27, 2017. 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*

[2017-0333](#) Commission District(s): All  
(LB) - Invitation No. 17-100816 Blue Residential Single Stream Recycling Bags with DeKalb County Logo (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Sanitation. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Waste Zero, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$117,900.00.

**Attachments:** [Market survey](#)  
[Bid Tabulations](#)  
[User Dept. recommendation](#)  
[Agenda Notes](#)

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0333, 2017-0335, 2017-0337, 2017-0344, 2017-0345, 2017-0346, 2017-0347, 2017-0348, 2017-0355, 2017-0465 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

[2017-0335](#) Commission District(s): 3 & 6

(REN) - Installation of Bermuda Sod (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 974549 and 973083 for use by Public Works - Sanitation. Awarded to TRI Scape, Inc. and Benson Construction Company, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$200,000.00.

**Attachments:** [Agenda Notes](#)[CONTRACT RENEWAL FORM](#)

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0333, 2017-0335, 2017-0337, 2017-0344, 2017-0345, 2017-0346, 2017-0347, 2017-0348, 2017-0355, 2017-0465 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

[2017-0337](#) Commission District(s): All

(REN) - Antifreeze (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 973239 and 973235 for use by Public Works - Fleet Management. Awarded to McPherson Companies, Inc. and Fleetpride, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed \$70,000.00.

**Attachments:** [Agenda Notes](#)[User Department Contract Renewal Request Form](#)

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0333, 2017-0335, 2017-0337, 2017-0344, 2017-0345, 2017-0346, 2017-0347, 2017-0348, 2017-0355, 2017-0465 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



[2017-0344](#) Commission District(s): All  
(REN) - Portable Toilet Rentals (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1021260 for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D), the Departments of Watershed Management (DWM) and Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Public Works - Sanitation and the DeKalb Peachtree Airport. Awarded to M.A.S.S. Services, Inc., dba Comfort Zone Portables. Amount Not To Exceed: \$43,400.00

**Attachments:** [AGENDA NOTES](#)  
[Renewal Forms](#)

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0333, 2017-0335, 2017-0337, 2017-0344, 2017-0345, 2017-0346, 2017-0347, 2017-0348, 2017-0355, 2017-0465 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

[2017-0345](#) Commission District(s): All  
(REN) - Asphalt Cement Cutback and Emulsified (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1019677 for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). Awarded to Infinite Estate, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$95,000.00.

**Attachments:** [AGENDA NOTES](#)  
[Approved Contract Renewal Request Form for ITB No. 16-100700](#)

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0333, 2017-0335, 2017-0337, 2017-0344, 2017-0345, 2017-0346, 2017-0347, 2017-0348, 2017-0355, 2017-0465 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

[2017-0346](#) Commission District(s): All  
(REN) - Copper Tubes and Fittings (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1020070 for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Awarded to Delta Municipal Supply Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,879,133.08

**Attachments:** [AGENDA NOTES](#)  
[Renewal Request Form](#)

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0333, 2017-0335, 2017-0337, 2017-0344, 2017-0345, 2017-0346, 2017-0347, 2017-0348, 2017-0355, 2017-0465 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

[2017-0347](#) Commission District(s): All  
(REN) - PVC Sewer Pipes and Accessories (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 973193, 973232, 973196, 973200 and 973194 for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Awarded to HD Supply, Fortiline Waterworks, Ferguson Waterworks and F.M. Shelton, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$324,334.00.

**Attachments:** [AGENDA NOTES](#)  
[Renewal Request Form](#)

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0333, 2017-0335, 2017-0337, 2017-0344, 2017-0345, 2017-0346, 2017-0347, 2017-0348, 2017-0355, 2017-0465 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

[2017-0348](#) Commission District(s): All  
(REN) - Traffic Signal Equipment (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 974131, 973835, 973846, 973847 and 973552 for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). Awarded to Control Technologies of Central Florida, Inc., Traffic Parts, Inc., Southern Lighting & Traffic and Temple, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,076,817.00

**Attachments:** [AGENDA NOTES](#)  
[Renewal Request Form](#)

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0333, 2017-0335, 2017-0337, 2017-0344, 2017-0345, 2017-0346, 2017-0347, 2017-0348, 2017-0355, 2017-0465 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

[2017-0355](#) Commission District(s): All  
(REN) - Decals for DeKalb County Vehicles (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1022754 for use by Police Services (PS) and Public Works - Fleet Management. Awarded to AKO Signs Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$70,000.00.

**Attachments:** [AGENDA NOTES](#)  
[UD Renewal Request Form - PS](#)  
[UD Renewal Request Form - PW-FM](#)

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0333, 2017-0335, 2017-0337, 2017-0344, 2017-0345, 2017-0346, 2017-0347, 2017-0348, 2017-0355, 2017-0465 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

[2017-0465](#) Commission District(s): 1  
CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 14-801145 for Buford Highway Bus Transit Traffic Signal/Priority Cooperative Subgrant Agreement for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). Grantor is Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA).

**Attachments:** [Agenda Notes](#)

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0333, 2017-0335, 2017-0337, 2017-0344, 2017-0345, 2017-0346, 2017-0347, 2017-0348, 2017-0355, 2017-0465 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

## I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD

### Board of Commissioners - District 5

[2017-0149](#) To Consider the Proposed Resolution Calling for a SPLOST and E-HOST Referendum on NEXT AVAILABLE DATE

**Attachments:** [Resolution calling for a SPLOST and E-HOST referendum](#)

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until June 27, 2017. 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

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*Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*

[2017-0315](#) Commission District(s): All  
REN-Keyscan Access Systems Installation, Maintenance and Repair  
(Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No.  
977669 for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM).  
Awarded to Southeastern Security Professionals. Amount Not To  
Exceed: \$385,000.00.

**Attachments:** [KEYSCAN AGENDA NOTES WO UNIQUE CIRC.](#)  
[UPDATED CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR KEYSCAN ACCESS](#)  
**MOTION was made by Steve R Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy  
Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0315 and  
2017-0320 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

[2017-0320](#) Commission District(s): All  
REN-Purchase of Automobiles, Vans and Trucks with Turnkey  
Packages and Accessories (Annual Contract-2nd Renewal of 2 Options  
to Renew): Contract Nos. 970026, 970029 and 970051 for use by  
Public Works - Fleet Management. Awarded to Wade Ford, Hardy  
Chevrolet and Wamar Technologies. Total Amount Not To Exceed:  
\$8,500,000.00.

**Attachments:** [Agenda Notes for ITB#3003445-2nd Renewal](#)  
[Renewal Request for ITB#3003445- 2nd Renewal.pdf](#)  
**MOTION was made by Steve R Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy  
Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0315 and  
2017-0320 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

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*Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee*

[2017-0317](#) Commission District(s): 3 & 7  
Request for Proposals No. 17-500433 for Design-Build of Rainbow Park Amphitheater and Gardens (285 days): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Sole proposer who is responsive and responsible: Astra Group, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$500,000.00

**Attachments:** [Agenda Notes](#)  
[Market Survey for RFQ 17-500433 No.2](#)  
[UD Recommendation Letter 041017.pdf](#)  
[Cumulative Score Report](#)

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0317 and 2017-0318 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

[2017-0318](#) Commission District(s): 3& 6  
Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1016530 for Exchange Park Football Field Renovations with the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) cooperative agreement: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Awarded to Astra Group, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$11,525.86.

**Attachments:** [Agenda Notes](#)

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0317 and 2017-0318 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

**J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD****1. Commissioner Gregory Adams read the following comments:**

Good Morning,

Presiding Officer Gannon, fellow Commissioners and all of our guests in attendance today.

I would like to thank CEO Michael Thurmond for presenting his strategically planned vision on June 6, for ending deficit spending and building the County's fund balance. His strategy clearly demonstrates a systematic plan for resource and organizational development sure to enhance transparency, accountability and build a sustainable fund balance for a promising future of DeKalb County Government.

Thursday, May 25th, I had an opportunity to attend the Discover DeKalb Apex Awards. It was a celebratory community event honoring businesses for their exemplary standards in business development, employee programs, business innovation and contribution to DeKalb County. I would like to give special recognition to the keynote speaker, Catherine Downey, who delivered such a powerful message.

I attended the Atlanta DeKalb Carnival on Saturday, May 27th. It was a great community event, with thousands of excited parade goers, vibrant colors, festive music, performers and food.

From June 1st thru the 3rd, I attended the NOBCO conference with Commissioner Larry Johnson, the conference focused on beneficial details related to Economic Development and Growth in our area. I learned what other counties across the country are doing to encourage businesses, new and old, to establish jobs and employment stability into the counties. I also learned about the negative changes that we are about to face within this country. We, the elected officials, need to focus on these changes by alerting our constituents that their vote is their voice, and that they need to speak up and speak out by going to the polls demonstrating solidarity, as we all work together towards the betterment of economics and growth.

On Saturday, June 10th, I attended the Good Neighbor Day Open House Airshow in honor and celebration of its 100 Year Anniversary of Camp Gordon- DeKalb-Peachtree Airport. The attractions, activities for the kids, food, and performers were exceptional.

Taxpayers can request a Georgia Department of Revenue payment agreement to settle debt over time for individuals and businesses that owe a tax debt to the Georgia Department of Revenue and cannot afford to pay it all at once. For more information on payment agreements, visit <https://dor.georgia.gov/payment-agreements>.

I want to give a shout out to the following students who were nominated to service the academy and recognized by U.S. Rep. Hank Johnson's Extending the Legacy Celebration, marking the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War:

**Air Force Academy Nominees**

Andrew Crites, Lakeside  
Edgar Woods, Miller Grove  
Queen Dais, Arabia Mountain  
Emari Hill, Chamblee Charter

**Military Academy:**

Christopher Terry, Stephenson High  
Maya McCollum, Arabia Mountain  
Justin Tilghman, Miller Grove

**Naval Academy:**

Darion Isom, Southwest DeKalb  
Timothy Callaway, Arabia Mountain

**Merchant Marines:**

Ebitanbo Okorowanta, Stephenson  
Jahfel Jones, Chamblee

In support of our loving animals, DeKalb Animal Services is offering a "clear the shelter" promotion throughout the month of June, including a Mega Adoption event on June 17th, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 845 Camp Rd. in Decatur, before the new facility opens in July. For more information, call (404) 294-2165.

DeKalb County Emergency Management Agency will be hosting a free emergency response nine-week workshop training for residents beginning June 15th. For more information, contact Emergency Management Specialist, Thomas Paige at 678-406-7858.

If you're in need of job related services, The WorkSource DeKalb Mobile unit can help. The unit brings a variety of job assistance to residents and help



with recruiting for businesses of DeKalb by conveniently traveling all over the county. For more information, please contact Brandon Carter at (404) 709-4090 or (404) 687-3400.

I would like to give honor and recognition for World Refugee Day that is observed June 20th each year, established by the United Nations to celebrate the courage, strength and determination of men, women and children forced to flee their homes under threat of conflict and violence. There will be a free event in celebration at 12 noon on June 21st at the Clarkston Community Center located at 3701 College Ave., Clarkston, GA.

Happy Father's Day wishes to all the men in celebration of honoring fathers, and thanks to my lovely wife for allowing me the honor of being her husband.

Thanks to my district for allowing me the honor to serve. If you would like to contact me for scheduling an event or meeting, please contact Sonia Gilbert at 404-371-3681 or [sagilbert@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:sagilbert@dekalbcountyga.gov).

You may also visit my website [www.CommissionerGregoryAdams.com](http://www.CommissionerGregoryAdams.com) for more information on upcoming events.

**2. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson read the following comments:**

Thank You Madam Presiding Officer, and good morning everyone again.

I would like to begin my comments this morning by inviting everyone out to the 2nd Annual Old School New School Block Party & Community Concert. The Block Party will be held from 4pm to 6pm at Lithonia Park located at 2515 Park Drive in Lithonia. We will have face painting, basketball, swimming, a petting farm and much more. For more information, please visit [www.Eventbrite.com](http://www.Eventbrite.com) and search keywords Old School Block Party.

The concert will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Lithonia Amphitheater and will feature artist Kermit Quinn, formerly of Blackstreet, HBO Comedian Big Sean, and special performances by Kev. & Ms. Connie, Key LeBeaud of the Key Sound out of New Orleans, and DeKalb's Own Emmy Award Winning poet, Hank Stewart. The concert will be hosted by Kiss 104.1's Sasha the Diva! You don't want to miss this event. For more information or to purchase tickets please visit [www.goo.gl/4MRxww](http://www.goo.gl/4MRxww) or you may call 404-371-2410. Thank you to our sponsors for making this event possible.

I would like to wish all fathers in DeKalb and around the world a Happy Father's Day. A special Happy Father's Day to my colleagues on this board and to the love of my life, Hank Johnson, I hope that you enjoy a weekend of relaxation.

Finally, I would like to say how proud I am of my sweetie, Hank. Hank who will be participating in the re-grand opening ribbon cutting at Harriet Beecher Stowe "Inspiration Gallery" in Hartford CT. Hank's photo and the following quote will be included in a contemporary exhibit in Harriet Beecher Stowe's home entitled, "Inspiration Gallery":

*"One woman dropping...like a pebble in a still pond with the ripples going out in all directions. That was Harriet Beecher Stowe. She probably did not know how profound her actions in writing this book would be... we each have that same potential to make a unique contribution in our lives and in our times."*  
- Hank Johnson (b. 1954) U.S. Representative from Georgia

This room will feature a collage of images and quotes including Stowe and individuals from the past and present and their quotes that reflect the enduring and complicated impact of Uncle Tom's Cabin. Other individuals included are: Stowe, Abraham Lincoln, Barack Obama, Eleanor Roosevelt, Michelle Alexander, Alex Haley, Langston Hughes, James Baldwin, Frederick Douglass, George Eliot, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Nicholas Kristoff and Sheryl WuDunn, and Laura Bush. Visitors will be invited to choose a quote to read aloud, react to it, and encouraged to contemplate their significance.

For more information on any of the announcements and 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.

**3. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw read the following comments:**

Thank you Madam Presiding Officer...

Good morning everyone.

I usually start my comments by thanking the employees of DeKalb County for

their hard work and dedication. This is most appropriate, as I was able to attend the employee recognition ceremony on June 8th where numerous employees were recognized. In particular, we had 7 employees recognized for over 30 years of service to DeKalb County. This is a great thing. I want to commend HR Director Benita Ransom and her team for putting together a great program.

On May 24th, my team and I got a tour of our fleet facilities, which was very enlightening. I want to thank and commend Fleet Director, Robert Gordon and his team for the excellent job that they do. The tour included a visit to the Seminole Land Fill. Going up to the observation deck was very interesting and as I stood up there it underscored for me the myriad of activities that DeKalb County is engaged in.

Moreover, I want to commend our Fleet Department for recently being ranked Number 5 on the list of the 100 best fleets in America for 2016. This is a tremendous recognition and one that all of DeKalb County can be proud of. Also, I want to congratulate our own Fleet Director Robert Gordon for being awarded the Windell T. Mitchell Memorial Humanitarian Award for 2017 for his exceptional contributions to the industry and society. I have said it before and I will say it again: we have all sorts of wonderful talent right here in DeKalb County, and we should acknowledge that at every opportunity. Congratulations again, Robert.

I want to thank James Touchton and Michael Paris of the Council for Quality Growth for inviting me to speak at their breakfast on June 1st. The Council for Quality Growth is a great organization and I was honored to be invited.

It was also great to attend the 100 year anniversary reception at DeKalb Peachtree Airport on June 7th. I have previously stated that the airport is a jewel in DeKalb County, and the rich history of that location serves to underscore that point. I want to commend our Airport Director, Mario Evans and his team for the great job that they do on a daily basis.

It was an honor to attend the annual fundraising luncheon for The Women's Resource Center to End Domestic Violence on June 8th. I was happy to lend my support to that great organization in the work that they are doing to end the problem of domestic violence. I owe a big thank you to my good friend and board member Virginia Rece for inviting me to attend the event.

I want to thank HOA President Karen Williams and the residents of the Carlisle Commonwealth Community for inviting me to speak at their community

meeting on June 8th. The questions that were asked were tough but fair. And I always enjoy a thoughtful back and forth with my constituents. I also want to thank Officer Jamila DeWitt and Special Projects Coordinator Kelly Parry from Code Enforcement for attending as well. Carlisle is one of the many beautiful communities in District 4 and I look forward to being invited back in the future.

At this point I will ask for the indulgence of my peers as I would like to share something that is on my mind and on my heart this morning. Last Tuesday was June 6th, and the day basically came and went without a whole lot of fan fair. But, June 6th is a very important day in American history, and in fact a very important day in world history. 73 years ago on June 6th, 1944, allied forces landed in Normandy on the northern coast of France to begin the liberation of the European Continent to break the grip of Nazi oppression. It was indeed a momentous day. It was D – Day.

Many years ago when I was a young Army officer, I got to visit Normandy. Standing on the heights that overlook code name Omaha Beach I was struck by two things:

- I was struck by what a beautiful place it is. After all, it is the northern coast of France.
- Then, I was overwhelmed by the thought of the magnitude of the violence and bloodshed that occurred at that very sight all those years ago.

And there, in the heights above Omaha Beach is an American cemetery, where over 9,000 Americans are buried... essentially where they fell. I share this all to remind us that FREEDOM IS NOT FREE. Sometimes, the freedoms that we enjoy, and frankly take for granted, come at a very high price. This morning, I simply ask that we be mindful of that sacrifice.

At this point I would like to thank all of my colleagues on this Board of Commissioners for your support and comradeship, and for making me feel like one of your number. I am really proud to be a member of this body. In particular I would like to acknowledge my colleagues Commissioner Gregory Adams and Commissioner Jeff Rader for their service to the United States of America.

And as always, I want to thank the citizens of District 4 for trusting me with this responsibility. It is indeed an honor to serve DeKalb County.

I would also like to say an early Happy Father's Day to my dad, Mr. Raymond Bradshaw in Savannah, GA who is a veteran to the U.S. Navy.

Thank you Madam Presiding Officer.

**4. Commissioner Larry Johnson mentioned the following:**

- Thanked citizens of District 3 for attending the Town Hall meeting about the SPLOST and Economic Development.
- Live and Learn Health Fair on Saturday June 10th .
- Congratulated Mr. Alexander on the grand re-opening of the Golden Glide Skating Rink.
- Thanked Taylor Mason for being very active in the community.
- I AM A Father 5k Walk/Run at the Porter Sanford Performing Arts Center and the Juneteenth Event on June 17th.
- June 19th Town Hall follow-up at New Life Church with Senator Emmanuel Jones to focus on Flat Shoals and 285 Bridge Project.
- June 24th Second Annual Homeowner's Association Boot Camp.
- Offered condolences to the family of Mr. Danny Edwards, long time Clerk at Travelers Rest Church.
- National nomination to be a part of the Satcher Health Leadership Institute focusing on Opioids and Mental Health, to receive a special initiative grant going towards the DeKalb County Community Service Board.

**5. Commissioner Jeff Radar read the following comments:**

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

Lots of Park happenings....

- WD Thomson Park work day, Saturday, June 17th 9am to 12 noon.
- Briarlake Forest Park work day will be this Saturday, June 17th 9:30am to 12:30pm.
- Also this Saturday, Olmsted Linear Park Alliance will be celebrating its 20th Anniversary with an evening Garden Party at S. Ponce and Oakdale Road.
- Jane and John Miller will host a Singalong in Frazier Rowe Park this Monday evening at 7pm.
- Saturday, June 24th at 10am, join us for the ribbon cutting to open new trails in Mason Mill Park. DeKalb's Transportation Department along with the PATH Foundation has finished the S. Peachtree Creek Trail from N. Druid Hills to Mason Mill Park. Additionally, DeKalb's Facilities and Parks Departments have been busy with improved connections from this new trail to the Jamestown

Dog Park and improvements to the Ira B. Melton trail with new creek crossing. We look forward to celebrating with the community next Saturday morning.

- Also on Saturday the 24th earlier that morning at 8:30am, Walter Bland will host a Plant Walk in Deepdene Park. Volunteers have been busy cleaning out invasive plant material and replacing it with bird-friendly plantings.

And in Library News...

- Tonight, New York Times bestselling author Ann Taylor Kidd discusses *The Shark Club* at 7pm at Holy Trinity Parish, 515 E. Ponce de Leon Ave in Decatur.
- This Saturday, June 17th @ 4pm enjoy a beginning yoga class with Rama Chandrasekhar at the Decatur branch.
- Check out the Summer Movie Marathon, *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings* trilogies, at the Avis G. Williams library that began yesterday and continues this week and next.

Hope all Dads enjoy a relaxing and restful Father's Day this weekend!

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

- Wished all colleagues and fathers a happy Father's Day.
- Thanked everyone for allowing her to participate in a meeting at the White House about infrastructure and federal funding.

**7. Commissioner Kathie Gannon mentioned the following:**

- Next Committee of the Whole Meeting on June 20, 2017 at the Scott-Candler Library on Candler Road in Decatur, GA, with the Business Meeting at 5:30pm and the Public Comment portion at 6:30pm.
- The Georgia Early Education Alliance is doing a Summer Reading Program, coordinated by the Junior League of DeKalb County.
- DeKalb Seamless Summer Feeding Program - Please share with others that all DeKalb students, 18 or younger, can receive free breakfasts and lunches through July 31st at any school that hosts summer school classes. Visit [www.dekalbschoolsga.org](http://www.dekalbschoolsga.org) to find a school near you.
- Natural Gas Vehicle Road Rally (NGV America) - Thank you to NGV America, Atlanta Gas Light and all of our other event partners and sponsors, for inviting me to the Road Rally event to speak about the benefits of cleaner energy. Now more than ever, DeKalb must continue to press on to convert more of our petroleum usage to renewable, alternative fuel. To learn more, visit [www.ngvamerica.org](http://www.ngvamerica.org).

- Dive-in Movie Night – Enjoy the Star Wars Rogue One movie on June 16th at 8pm at the Murphy-Candler Park. This is a great way to put a smile on your “tween” or “trekies” face, as part of the “Dive-In Movie Night” series. The Murphy-Candler Park pool is allowing you to jump into the pool and watch!
- Fernbank Museum’s “Mammoths and Mastodons” – Mammoths and Mastodons, an exhibition featuring nearly 100 real fossils and artifacts, will be on view from June 17th- August 27th at Fernbank Museum. The Ice Age Fest will take place on Saturday, June 17th from 10am-2pm and will show the history of these mighty animals through crafts, games, demonstrations and more!
- Mosquito Safety - Mosquito season has arrived! The Department of Public Health has a few tips on how to keep you and your family safe this summer; Wear light colored clothing with loose fitting sleeves, use insect repellent containing DEET, and get rid of household items that hold water. For more tips on stopping mosquitos from ruining your summer, visit my website at [www.KathieGannon.com](http://www.KathieGannon.com).
- Senior Connections Senior Prom – Put on your dancing shoes for an evening of good times and fundraising efforts to benefit seniors in the greater Atlanta area on June 17th at the Carlos Hellenic Center. For more information about how you can get involved, visit my website [www.KathieGannon.com](http://www.KathieGannon.com).
- I AM A Father 5k – The third annual I AM A Father 5k will be held at Porter Sanford Performing Arts Center on June 17th, and will include a 5K Road Race, live entertainment and more! Come out to celebrate fathers as they strengthen families “one mile at a time”. For more information and to register, visit [www.iamafather5k.org](http://www.iamafather5k.org).
- Urban League Resource Fair – Are you thinking about buying a home? Attend the 2017 Super Saturday Homebuyer Education Workshop and Resource Fair on June 24th at the Maloof Auditorium from 8am-4pm. The Fair will give attendees opportunities to speak with representatives from various mortgage lenders, closing attorneys, first-time home buyer groups and more! For more information, visit [www.ulgatl.org](http://www.ulgatl.org).
- Pool Fun in DeKalb – All of DeKalb’s pools have officially opened for summer! To get a list of locations and times for pool fun, visit my website, [www.KathieGannon.com](http://www.KathieGannon.com).
- DeKalb Mobile Market Stops – Stops for DeKalb’s Mobile Farmer’s Market have been released. Head over to [www.KathieGannon.com](http://www.KathieGannon.com) to find out when the Mobile Market will make a stop near you!
- PDK Good Neighbor Day - Congratulations and happy 100th Year anniversary to the partnership of Camp Gordon / DeKalb Peachtree Airport / Naval Air Station! Hats off to the PDK Good Neighborhood team that made Saturday’s event possible! See you next year!
- Path Walk – Save a spot on your calendars for Saturday, June 24th at 10am to

celebrate the grand opening of a new PATH connection at South River near Mason Mill Park. Join Commissioner Radar and I for a walk to explore this new PATH connection in our community. Parking will be at the tennis center. Continue to check for updates about our upcoming walk. We hope to see you there!

- Happy Father's Day to my husband and all fathers!
- Captain Ruth Stringer, Deputy Director in the Sheriff's Department, has been appointed Interim Sheriff by the DeKalb Superior Court, and we wish her well during this very difficult time.
- Thank you to all of my colleagues for working together and making the meetings productive.
- Please be sure to check your Commissioners' website as well as mine, [www.KathieGannon.com](http://www.KathieGannon.com), for various schedules and things to do around the County.

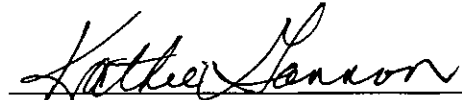
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DeKalb County Government does not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities or exclude them from participating in or receiving benefits of its services, programs, or activities, based on disability. Janet Essix, DeKalb County Government's 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.

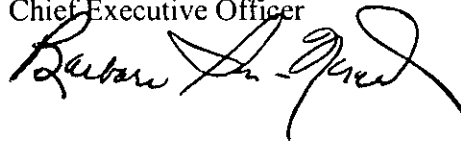


ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Jeff Radar to adjourn the June 13, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:30a.m.

  
Kathie Gannon  
Presiding Officer

  
Michael Thurmond  
Chief Executive Officer

  
Barbara Sanders-Norwood  
County Clerk