

DeKalb County Government

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



Minutes

Thursday, June 28, 2018

9:00 AM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

Special Called Meeting

*Commissioner Jeff Rader, Presiding Officer, District 2
Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 4*

*Commissioner Nancy Jester, District 1
Commissioner Jeff Rader, District 2
Commissioner Larry Johnson, District 3
Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4
Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5
Commissioner Kathie Gannon, Super District 6
Commissioner Gregory Adams, Super District 7*

Present 7 - Nancy Jester, Jeff Rader, Larry Johnson, Steve Bradshaw, Mereda Davis Johnson, Kathie Gannon, and Gregory Adams

Administration: Michael Thurmond, CEO, Zachary Williams, Executive Assistant/ Chief Operating Office, Barbara Sanders-Norwood, County Clerk, Viviane Ernstes, Interim County Attorney

Work Session

I. Committee of the Whole

A. Committee Reports

B. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for July 10, 2018

II. Special Call Meeting

2018-2346 Commission District(s): All
To Convene a Special Called Meeting
MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved to convene a Special Called Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Kathie Gannon, and Commissioner Gregory Adams

2018-2347 Commission District(s): All
To Convene an Executive Session Meeting
MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved to convene an Executive Session Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Kathie Gannon, and Commissioner Gregory Adams

- 2018-2348** Commission District(s): All
To Adjourn an Executive Session Meeting
MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn an Executive Session Meeting. Commissioners Mereda Davis Johnson and Gregory Adams were out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, and Commissioner Kathie Gannon
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Gregory Adams
- 2018-2350** Commission District(s): All
Proposed settlement of Gary Maddox and Wiletta Gray's lawsuit against DeKalb County Sheriff officers E. Mayo and R. Lampkin, Civil Action No. 15-VS-000548 pending in the State Court of Fulton County.
MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Gregory Adams, to approve a total payment of \$187,500 to settle the lawsuit filed by Gary Maddox, Individually, and as Administrator for the Estate of Godfrey Cook, and Wiletta Gray, Individually, against DeKalb County Sheriff Officers E. Mayo and R. Lampkin, Civil Action No. 15-VS-000548A, pending in the State Court of Fulton County. To resolve this lawsuit, the County will pay the total sum of \$187,500 to Gary Maddox and Wiletta Gray and their counsel in return for Gary Maddox and Wiletta Gray's dismissal with prejudice of their lawsuit and execution of a release and waiver of claims satisfactory to the Interim County Attorney. The Interim County Attorney or her designee is authorized to execute the settlement agreement. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Kathie Gannon, and Commissioner Gregory Adams

2018-2351 Commission District(s): All
Proposed settlement of lawsuit filed by Estelle Smith, et al., against police officers Richard A. LePage, Jr., and Charles Alexander Ings, Civil Action No. 1:12-CV-00740-AT in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia.

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Kathie Gannon, to approve a total payment of \$475,000 to settle the lawsuit filed by Estelle Smith and others against Officers Richard A. LePage, Jr., and Charles Alexander Ings, Civil Action No. I: 12-CV-00740- AT, in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. To resolve this lawsuit, the County will pay the total sum of \$475,000 to Plaintiffs and their counsel in return for Plaintiffs' dismissal with prejudice of their lawsuit and execution of a release and waiver of claims satisfactory to the Interim County Attorney. The Interim County Attorney or her designee is authorized to execute the settlement agreement. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Kathie Gannon, and Commissioner Gregory Adams

2018-2352 Commission District(s): 3 and 7
Proposed settlement in the case of Ophelia Lee-Ferguson v. DeKalb County, Georgia, Civil Action File No. 14-CV-4789-5 in the Superior Court of DeKalb County.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Gregory Adams, to approve payment in the total amount of \$19,150.00 to resolve the claims filed by Ophelia Lee-Ferguson, of 2121 Chevy Chase Lane, Decatur, against DeKalb County in Civil Action File No. 14-CV-4789-5 in the Superior Court of DeKalb County. To resolve those claims, the County will pay to Ophelia Lee-Ferguson and her counsel the total sum of \$19,150.00 in return for dismissal with prejudice of Ms. Lee-Ferguson's lawsuit and a waiver and release of claims from Ms. Lee-Ferguson that is satisfactory to the Interim County Attorney. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Kathie Gannon, and Commissioner Gregory Adams

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 Gregory Adams, seconded by Kathie Gannon, to adjourn the June 28, 2018 Special Called Meeting at 9:36 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Kathie Gannon, and Commissioner Gregory Adams



Jeff Rader
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders-Norwood
County Clerk