

DeKalb County Government

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



Summary

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

9:00 AM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

Board of Commissioners

*Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Presiding Officer, District 4
Comm. Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 7*

Commissioner Robert Patrick, District 1

Commissioner Jeff Rader, 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

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

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A. INSPIRATIONAL

Rev., Dr. Louis L. Ferguson, Sr. Pastor
Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Ted Terry
District 6

B. PRESENTATIONS

COVID -19 Response - CEO Michael Thurmond

C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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1. John Winterhawk, 1210 Carson Graves Rd. Watkinsville, GA 30677 - My name is John Winterhawk. I want to speak to you this morning about the cannon on the Decatur Square. I want people to know that I am half Muscogee Indian, about a quarter Scotch-Irish, and a quarter Cherokee. My mission is to have equal treatment among people. This is such a big task that it seems impossible to do but my heart yearns for it so much that I am trying to do anything I can to have it come about. When I see one race or the other trying to be the supreme being, I ask what is supremacy? In my mind, it is trying to take the place of Creator. The reason slavery happened in this country is because there was a crack in the wall and supremacy slipped through. In our hearts, we have to be equal to each other or we will never get to the place we want to be. The Muscogee Nation raised our children here on this land which is a gift from Creator. It is not to be taken lightly. This ground supported us in raising crops to feed our families and to hold the green corn ceremony which is a celebration of the first fire that Creator gifted us. Creator drew us together and said I want man to carry my fire and carry my heart and carry my spirit for one another. He said I give you this fire for one common reason. I have placed this fire in the hearts of all people to come and stand at the fire and have peace together. Let there be no more war. No more fighting. No more arguing. No petty beliefs. Only honor, love, respect, and kindness will be shared. Until that moment happens there will be no peace. We have these weapons we're showing that have been historically used in battle. Do we still need to do this in modern times? To show how one group lorded over another? I don't see what that gets us but more lording over each other. It's time to bring that to a stop and ask ourselves why we needed to do that. It's not fair to lord over each other because we are just humans, wonderful humans. There is a place in all our hearts where we have glorious wonder and when we touch that in each other, we glow in the dark. Our teachings have been erased. They have been replaced by supremacy teachings and weapons of war for people to look at every day. Do we want to tell stories of war and being supreme and taking over people's lands, destroying their way of life, and removing them to another place they don't know? I believe we have lost the ability to ask the question, "Have I turned around right? Am I walking in the light?" You can judge yourself. Which do I want? To walk in the dark or the light? Respect, honor, and wisdom is what we are trying to gain in our journey back home. We must stop and speak to our hearts. Please remove this weapon of war. Thank you for your time

2. Mary Hinkel, 1718 Mason Mill Rd. NE Atlanta, GA 30329 - Even though the Board's Consent Agenda withdraws Item 2020-1415 asking the County's State Legislative Delegation to pass a resolution allowing the Board of Commissioners to make appointments after the CEO delays doing so for 120 days, DeKalb Citizens Advocacy Council would like to alert the Board of Commissioners to the CEO's failure to appoint a Chair for the Charter Review Commission after his appointee, Judge Gregory Adams, resigned in March 2020. We believe the CEO's inaction represents a clear violation of a promise to the citizens of the county. Recognizing that the pandemic has required the CEO's attention, members of the Charter Review Commission have been respectful of his unilateral suspension of the Commission's work after only one informational meeting. Nevertheless, it has now been a year with little communication from the CEO. Other County boards are working, and sufficient time has passed that the Commission should get to work, but no Chair has been appointed. The Commission is being held hostage by the CEO's lack of action. Several members of the Charter Review Commission have called upon the CEO to appoint a Chair so the Commission can officially begin its work. In the meantime, a draft of bylaws for the Commission, begun last February, has been created and Commission members are participating in unofficial educational sessions to begin to review the Organizational Act. The CEO's lack of action in this matter has been disrespectful to the citizens of DeKalb County, who have been calling for a Charter Review Commission for nearly a decade, and disrespectful to the

appointed members and the appointing authorities. The CEO'S inaction in this matter speaks to why the Commission should review the County's board appointment process and take specific action to engage DeKalb's citizens in a more organized and transparent process

3. Martha Gross, North Druid Hills Residents Association - Picture a high-profile corner lot operated as a junk yard storing a couple hundred abandoned vehicles. Imagine an old gas station without a tenant for the past 20 years, broken windows, huge weeds growing in the asphalt, and a roof that has caved in. Or an old nightclub that had been shut down as a public safety hazard by the Fire Marshall now trash-filled and covered in graffiti. What goes through your mind? Most people assume there is something seriously wrong with the area and assume it is undesirable and a risky investment. DeKalb allows those conditions to exist on commercial properties for years, even decades! No matter how many complaints residents raise, the situations persist. Many of these owners allow these properties to attract rodents, drugs and other dangers to nearby residents. After years of serious neglect, they sell the sites for 10 times appraised value for tax purposes and the buyer takes it through rezoning, telling the residents they should be glad he is ridding them of that eyesore. There is an easy solution to this problem. Pass an ordinance that stipulates that a property which has received a code violation that is not corrected within 45 days, must wait one year before going through rezoning. The clock would be reset for any future code violations. Our county would look better and residents would not need to apologize to guests for the appearance of commercial sites near our homes

4. Debra Vidali, PhD, 1557 Dickey Drive Atlanta, GA 30322 - To the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners. I am writing to urge you to remove the 1836 "Indian War" cannon that sits just outside the old DeKalb County courthouse. The cannon is a symbol and a weapon of genocide. For as long as it continues to remain on our square, the cannon stands as a symbol of white supremacy. The cannon sends a violent message of harm and exclusion to the Native American residents of DeKalb County. It communicates a violent message to all Indigenous and non-Indigenous people who live, work, and visit here. The cannon that sits on our square was part of the 1836 forced removal of Muscogee Creek people from Alabama to Oklahoma. History professor Claudio Saunt at UGA has called this a "mass deportation." We know that the aggressive removal of Native Americans in this region was a precondition for the expansion of the plantation economy, and the increased enslavement of Africans. By removing the cannon from the square, my hope is that DeKalb County can begin to more accurately represent and better reckon with these historical atrocities and their enduring consequences. In so doing, we can pursue a path of greater social justice and ethical alignment. My hope also is that DeKalb County can begin to (1) develop positive relations with the Muscogee Creek nations and peoples in Georgia, Alabama, and Oklahoma, and (2) commit to reparative actions that recognize Muscogee and other Indigenous peoples who are living and working in our county. Removing the cannon is a first step towards healing. Thank you for everything you do for our county, and thank you for considering these remarks

5. Dr. Sara Patenaude, 2803 Oakland Terrace Decatur, GA 30032 - Dear Commissioners, we write as an assembled group of historians who live or work in DeKalb County, study the American South and Indigenous History, or have expertise in the presentation of history to the public, to voice our support for the removal of the 1836 "Indian War" cannon from Decatur Square. The forced removal of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation was one of the darkest chapters in the long history of white supremacy and settler colonialism that imbues every aspect of American history. In Georgia, state and local governments, often acting through militias such as the one formed in DeKalb County, willfully stripped sovereign indigenous people of rights that were guaranteed

them by legally signed treaties and decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court. In violation of these rights, native peoples were forcibly dispossessed of their ancestral homelands, while the Georgia legislature seized the ground from under their feet to offer in lotteries for white Georgians. These shameful actions took place across Georgia, including on the very land on which the cannon in question now sits. By 1836, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation had been largely displaced from Georgia. Yet in that year, the cannon that now resides at Decatur Square was dragged from Decatur to the Georgia/Alabama border for use against Muscogee people attempting to protect the last few acres of land they controlled in Alabama. Following their failed engagement with Muscogee fighters, the DeKalb Cavalry returned home with the cannon, which then became a popular marker of celebration for white locals, fired off at weddings and the Fourth of July. In 1906, the United Daughters of the Confederacy mounted the cannon onto a stone, creating the monument now sitting in front of the historic DeKalb County Courthouse. Monuments are not simple representations of history, nor is this cannon a historic artifact devoid of meaning. This is a symbol of oppression sitting in the heart of our community, celebrating the ethnic cleansing of a sovereign people to allow white people to take control of their land. It is a piece of propaganda meant to support a version of history in which white people led the nation towards a “more civilized” future, purposely denigrating the value of those who already inhabited and cared for this land. That the United Daughters of the Confederacy were involved in such propaganda is not unusual, as they led similar campaigns across DeKalb County and elsewhere to support their white supremacist agenda. Allowing this monument to sit in the heart of our community continues to show support for white supremacy, reveling in the harms at the very core of our history. It is not representative of the diverse community we have in DeKalb County, and should be removed. Signed,

Dr. Sara Patenaude, DeKalb County Resident

Dr. Joseph Bagley, Assistant Professor of History, GSU Perimeter College, DeKalb County Resident

Dr. Jody Noll, Lecturer of History, GSU Perimeter College, DeKalb County Resident

Alex McCreedy, Georgia State University, DeKalb County Resident

Dr. Megan Piorko, Science History Institute, former DeKalb County resident

Dr. Dylan Ruediger, former DeKalb County Resident

Ness A. Creighton, former DeKalb County resident

Dr. Kenja McCray, Associate Professor of History, Atlanta Metropolitan State College

Dr. Lauren McIvor Thompson, Lecturer of History, GSU Perimeter College

Dr. Suzanne Litrel

Juan P. Valenzuela, Instructor of History, Kennesaw State University

Charles Boyd, Instructor of History, GSU Perimeter College

Christopher Staaf, History Faculty, Georgia Gwinnett College

Brittany Cathell

Javier Garcia

Kailey McAlpin

6. Paul McLennan, 851 Alberson Ct. Decatur, GA 30033 - To the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, the Beacon Hill Black Alliance for Human Rights urges you this morning to finish the job you started on the eve of Juneteenth last year when the monument to white supremacy in Decatur Square came down. On this Martin Luther King Day, Beacon Hill's youth committee and the Black Student Union at Decatur High School were recognized by you for their role in making that historic moment possible. At your last meeting, you voted to recognize John Lewis with a statue in the place where that monument once stood. You cannot go forward with

that plan while still allowing another memorial to white supremacy to remain just a few feet away. What we call the genocide cannon was placed there in 1906 two years before the confederate monument by the same racist organization - the United Daughters of the Confederacy. This war relic honors the 1836 “Indian War” that was a part of violent removal process of the Mvskoke (Muscogee/“Creek”) Nation from the state of Georgia. As a Black-led organization, we are very clear that the first objective of settler colonialism was the removal of the Indigenous people from their land. The second was to bring enslaved Africans to work that land so that a plantation economy could flourish and provide the wealth that built this country. Particularly in light of the rise of white violence that we recently witnessed, we must clear our public spaces of any memorial to hate and terror. Last May in response to racist incidents in the city of Decatur targeting our Black youth, in particular, Beacon Hill Black Alliance for Human Rights co-chair Mawuli Davis challenged our community to “invest in anti-racist, anti-white supremacist work...to root it out.” We see removal of this object as part of our task. The Beacon Hill Black Alliance for Human Rights is inspired by the young people who have taken on the cause of removing this cannon. They took their concerns to the Decatur City Commission which passed a resolution on December 21st to remove it. Follow the lead of these courageous youth and use your authority to remove it now. Thank you. Beacon Hill Black Alliance for Human Rights

7. Koan Roy-Meighoo, Sophia Norton, Bethani Thomas, Erin Gaul, Daxton Pettus, Genesis Reddicks, Julian Fortuna, 310 N McDonough St. Decatur, GA, 30030 - To the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County. As students of Decatur High School, we are writing to demand that the County Commission take action to remove the cannon erected by the Daughters of the Confederacy that lies in Decatur Square. Memorializing the genocide of Indigeneous peoples in Georgia during the “Indian Wars of 1836”, this symbol of white supremacy stands in direct contradiction to our county’s ideals and mission. The students of Beacon Hill were recently commemorated by CEO Thurmond for removing another artifact of white supremacy, the Lost Cause Monument that stood a mere 20 feet away from the cannon. Furthermore, as the John Lewis memorial is going to be placed where the Lost Cause Monument once stood, the county contradicts itself and dishonors Congressman Lewis’s legacy by keeping a symbol of white supremacy in Decatur. By allowing this cannon to stand in Decatur, Dekalb County is choosing to remain ignorant of the widespread negative effects of colonialism which are apparent in our climate crisis, our education system, and our very notions of beauty, art, and history. By allowing this cannon to stand in Decatur, Dekalb County is promoting violence against already-marginalized groups. By allowing this cannon to stand in Decatur, Dekalb County is complicit in the perpetuation of white supremacy. We call upon the county, as the next generation of leaders in our community, to take action and remove this cannon

8. Karen Ship (no address) - To the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County. As Christian clergy and staff who serve a variety of communities in the Decatur area, we are writing to insist that the cannon commemorating the “Indian Wars of 1836” be removed from Decatur Square, as the city has recommended in a resolution passed in December 2020. Placed in the Square in 1906 by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the cannon memorializes the malicious, violent removal of the Mvskoke (Muscogee/“Creek”) Nation from their ancestral lands in Georgia, including what is now Decatur. The cannon remains on the square as a symbol that glorifies, not only war, but also white Eurocentric Christian nationalism. With roots that go back as far as the Doctrine of Discovery, Christian nationalism emboldened European settlers to commit genocide against Indigenous peoples who had lived for centuries, if not millennia, on this continent, clearing the land to make way for a plantation economy made possible only by the enslavement of Africans and other

people of color. Given John Lewis' unwavering support for justice for Indigenous peoples, it would be the height of irony for a statue celebrating his life and work to be erected just feet away from a cannon used in the effort to disinherit the Mvskoke Nation. This artifact does not belong in a public space that purports to be open and inclusive to all people. We strongly insist on its removal.

Rev Karen Bryant Shipp, Minister of Music, Oakhurst Baptist Church

Rev. Amantha Barbee, Senior Pastor, Oakhurst Presbyterian Church

Iyabo Onipede, Compassion & Anti Racism Educator/Co-Director,
Compassionate Atlanta

Rev. Tom Query, United Church of Christ, Wellspring Counseling Center

Rev. Fahed AbuAkel, Presbyterian Minister, President, Friends of PMRS, Inc.

Rev. David Lewicki, co-pastor, North Decatur Presbyterian Church

Andy Otto, Pastoral Associate, St. Thomas More Church

Rev. Melanie Vaughn-West, Pastor, Oakhurst Baptist Church

Rev. Lauren Colwell, Pastor, Oakhurst Baptist Church

The Rev. Mary Anona Stoops, North Decatur Presbyterian Church

Rev. Heather Chase, Oakhurst Presbyterian Church (USA)

The Rev. Dr. James L. Brewer-Calvert, Senior Pastor, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Rev. Beth Waltemath, North Decatur Presbyterian Church

Josh Linman, Common Table Decatur

Rev. Paul M. Turner, Sr. Pastor Gentle Spirit Christian Church

Rev. Tom Hagood, Columbia Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert V. Thompson, Chair of the Board and Co-Founder, Compassionate Atlanta

Rev. Dr. Erin Reed Cooper, Children, Youth and Family Minister, North Decatur Presbyterian Church

Rev. Caley Hargrove, First Christian Church of Decatur

Rev Lanny Peters, Retired Pastor, Oakhurst Baptist Church

Rev. Patrick Faulhaber, Pastor, North Decatur United Methodist Church

Dr. David Jordan, First Baptist Decatur

Steven Good, Lead Pastor, All Souls Fellowship

9. Dr. Ed Williams, P.O. Box 361626 Decatur, GA 30036 - Good Morning Commissioners

My Name is Ed Williams, I have lived in unincorporated south DeKalb for over twenty years. I am the chair of the group Concerned Citizens for Effective Government. Today is a special election day to fill the House District Seat vacated by Representative Pam Stephenson. I encourage all registered voters in house district 90 to vote in South DeKalb. The commission is called to serve and there are residents who need your help. I have met one such person, whose name is Ms. Turner. She is a spirit of caring and love. She lost a loved one named Secoriea Turner. Ms. Turner a fellow resident lives near the corner of Snapfinger Wood and Wesley Chapel where she has erected a public memorial of several young people who have been killed at hands of guns. The DeKalb County governing authority should help to provide a permanent visible location to memorialize the epidemic going on in our communities where young people are dying too young at the hands of guns As in the song Lean on Me song by Bill Withers, Ms. Turner needs a hand as she grieves for the loss of her loved one and those other young people. She weeps for someone to care. "We all need somebody to lean on I just might have a problem that you'll understand We all need somebody to lean on Lean on me, when you're not strong And I'll be your friend I'll help you carry on For it won't be long 'Til I'm gonna need

Somebody to lean on... You just call on me brother, when you need a hand Michael Jackson also sang about the same thing in his songs We are Not alone, We Are the World, and They Don't Care About Us. All I wanna say is that they don't really care about us Tell me what has become of my rights Am I invisible 'cause you ignore me? ...I'm tired of bein' the victim of shame ..You know I really do hate to say it The government don't wanna see The county commission should make its mission true its words that are posted on the walls of the Maloof auditorium and the county website. There should be a public wall of the faces of tears for those who have died at the hands of guns. As the BOC mission states that it "is committed to excellence in public service as a way for the people to participate in a responsive government". For several months Ms. Turner has brought attention to this problem, she has set up a memorial made out of concrete road blocks, lumber, and pictures of the slain children on vinyl. We have come to know this too well, as a silent killer that no one seems to want to talk about or speak about. This Black on Black crime has to be addressed and Ms. Turner is trying in her own way to stand up and say no more killing. What manner of person would not care, that our children are killing each other and will not lend a hand to help their fellow citizen. The words in the song when you are not strong, I will be there I am here to say Ms. Turner keep doing what you are doing. There are people in the community who do care and are watching you. You are not alone. I ask this commission and the CEO to take a lead and to make a difference, to take the road less travel and give this woman a hand

10. Natsu Taylor Saito, 2198 Venetian Dr. SW Atlanta, GA 30311 - To the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners. I write to urge you to remove the cannon that sits just outside the DeKalb County Courthouse and commemorates the "Indian War of 1836." This monument characterizes the forced removal of members of the Muskogee Creek Nation from their homelands, and their subsequent slaughter, as a "war" that, presumably, "we" won. As such, it glorifies and thereby perpetuates a history of genocide. It also sends a resounding message to the tens of thousands of American Indians who live in Georgia today, a message that says, "you no longer exist," or "you do not belong here." A message to Indian children that their histories, cultures, and identities have no place in DeKalb County. I appreciate your recognition of the need to remove symbols celebrating the Confederacy and hope that you will recognize--as did the Daughters of the Confederacy--that the elimination of Indigenous peoples and the enslavement of African peoples are inextricably linked "causes." If, as a society, we wish to proceed in unity we will have to be honest about our histories. Removing this cannon--a symbol of violence, conquest, and racialized hatred--would be a good step in that direction. Thank you for your consideration of this very important issue

11. Stephen Binney, (no address) - Good morning Commissioners, Mr. Patrick, you did something I have never heard before at a Zoning meeting and I want to thank you very much for doing it. You publicly stated which developers or individuals had contributed to your campaign before you voted on their rezoning requests when applicable. I hope that the other Commissioners will follow your example in future meetings. Your honesty, openness, and transparency is what the public should expect from it's Dekalb County elected officials. On the other hand Mr Bradshaw your performance was less than stellar and more in line with business as usual in Dekalb County. After the presentation on the Erskine road proposed development Commissioner Terry was about to make a motion when you interrupted him. You told us that of the many people you had spoken with, absolutely no one had said they were in favor of this development. There were traffic concerns, sewage concerns but especially loss of property value concerns. You said there was no need to defer this item for further negotiation and made a motion for a denial of the request. What you did not tell us was that you live on property bordering this proposed development and had a direct financial interest in the final decision. During the

November Zoning Meeting you abstained because of the possible appearance of conflict but in January you led the effort to deny the application. What changed? Why didn't you withdraw from the process and abstain from voting like last time? That would not only have been the morally right thing to do but was also the legally required thing to do. How can the citizens of Dekalb County trust you Chairman Bradshaw when you openly abuse your power. I watched the OPS meeting last Tuesday and Mr. Terry you are not ready for prime time. You could not do anything without asking for Mr Bradshaw's OK. Your OPS committee is recommending withdrawing 1413,1414, and 1415 today. Do you know any of the history behind these legislative requests? Negotiations on a transparent and efficient procurement system began before February 5th, 2019. That was over 2 years ago. Mr Thurmond promised to put the Charter Review Commission together over 2 years ago. He delayed making his appointments to the board and they finally met for one meeting over a year ago and have not met since. Yet a phone call and promise from Mr Thurmond and a naive new commission backs down. If you had been watching Dekalb County government over the last four years you would know that in these cases Mr. Thurmond's promises are not worth the letters they are put together with

12. Charles Benson, (no address) - Relative to this program, is there any way to gain access to this program if you have not already gone to court. I have a 60+ year old tenant who has paid very little rent in the past year. She is thousands of dollars in arrears in rent. However, I have not initiated eviction preceding because I do not want to put an elderly woman in the street. I have just taken the losses. How can I get help from this program?

D. 10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING

The DeKalb County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing during its Regular Business meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will be conducted via teleconference (Zoom). Simultaneous public access to the meeting will be available (1) via live stream on DCTV's webpage, and (2) DCTVChannel23.TV. The public is invited to watch the broadcast on DCTV's UStream link (<https://video.ibm.com/channel/dctv-channel-23>), or join the meeting using the Zoom link (<https://dekalbcountyga.zoom.us/j/7753778046>), or by telephone (602-333-0032 or 888-270-9936, conference code: 217687). For those joining the meeting by telephone, please be aware that your phone number may be displayed to the public viewing or participating in the online meeting. The Board will provide 15 minutes of time for citizens to speak in favor of an agenda item, and 15 minutes for citizens to speak in opposition. Citizens who attend the meeting via the Zoom link above may join the public comment queue by raising their hand in the Zoom application, while citizens who attend the meeting via telephone may join the comment queue by pressing # followed by 2. There will be no comment cards, so when you are called upon, please state your name and address for the record. Also, please be conscious of speaking time so that everyone has an opportunity to provide input in the allotted time. Citizens may also email documents for inclusion into the official record by submitting such materials by 9:00 a.m. on the date of the public hearing to PublicHearing@dekalbcountyga.gov.

Budget

[2020-1643](#)

Commission District(s): All FY2021 Budget Adoption

Deferred to the next meeting, until February 23, 2021 for Public Hearing

Public Works - Transportation

[2021-2042](#)

Commission District(s): 3 & 7

Street Light Special Tax District - Lumby Drive, Gus Place

Approved

“DECISION ONLY” ITEMS – NO PUBLIC HEARING

Planning & Sustainability

[2020-0836](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 1 & 7

Application of Embry Hills Church of Christ c/o Michelle Battle for a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) to add a new 700-seat sanctuary and expand the parking lot to accommodate 243 parking spaces, at 3214 Chamblee-Tucker Road.

Approved per staff's conditions and the concept plan submitted on January 28, 2021 Zoning meeting, with a friendly amendment by Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson to add (1) condition that the applicant shall provide the neighborhood and community with a single point of contact including name, phone number, and email contact information to serve as community liaison during the project construction

[2020-1539](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 2 & 6

Application of The Church in Atlanta Inc c/o Dennis Webb, Jr. to request a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) to rebuild and expand a Place of Worship in the R-100 (Single-family Residential) District, at 2345 Shallowford Road.

Approved with substitute conditions dated February 8, 2021

E. APPEALS

NONE

F. APPOINTMENTS

Chief Executive Office

[2021-2148](#)

Commission District(s): All

Appointment to the Fulton DeKalb Hospital Authority - Karen Leeper Bennett

Deferred to the next meeting, until February 23, 2021

ITEMS FOR RECORDING IN THE MINUTES

Board of Commissioners - District 4

[2021-2084](#)

Commission District(s): District 4

Reappointment of LaSonya Osler to the Planning Commission.

Approved

[2021-2142](#)

Commission District(s): District 4

Appointment of Teresita Reid to the District 4 Community Council Board.

Approved

[2021-2143](#)

Commission District(s): District 4

Appointment of Brock Beisel to the District 4 Community Council Board.

Approved

Board of Commissioners - District 6

[2021-2097](#)

Commission District(s): District 6

Record the Appointment of Ward Silver to the Citizens Oversight Committee for SPLOST.

Approved

[2021-2098](#)

Commission District(s): District 6

To record the appointment of Dan Wright to the DeKalb County Zoning Board of Appeals (“ZBA”)

Approved

[2021-2100](#)

Commission District(s): District 6

Recording of the Appointment of Robert Murphy to the District 3 Community Council.

Approved

Chief Executive Office

[2021-2147](#)

Commission District(s): All

Record the Appointment to the DeKalb County Board of Health - Stephen R. “Steve” Bradshaw

Approved the substitute

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Board of Commissioners

[2021-2060](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes for the February 2, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Approved

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO

[2021-2088](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 26, 2021

Approved

District Attorney

[2021-2065](#)

Commission District(s): all

Acceptance of Violence Against Women Act Grant for \$20,000 to the District Attorney's Office

Approved

Human Services

[2021-2028](#)

Commission District(s): All

Acceptance of a Donation of School Supplies with an Estimated Value of \$10,000 from Walmart- At A Cost to the County of \$340

Approved

H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2021-2145](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of DeKalb County, Georgia, as Revised 1988, to Expand Characteristics Protected by Law in DeKalb County and Protect those Characteristics Similarly and Equally throughout the Code of DeKalb County

Approved the substitute

Chief Executive Office

[2021-2092](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A resolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia declaring its intent to enter into a lease/purchase agreement with a third party vendor to finance the cost of the acquisition of certain sanitation vehicles and other vehicles and equipment now estimated not to exceed \$6.7 million and to reimburse itself for expenditures made in connection with the acquisition of such vehicles and equipment.

Deferred the substitute and assigned to the Finance, Audit & Budget Committee (FAB), and return to the Board on February 23, 2021

Community Development

[2021-2039](#)

Commission District(s): All

Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Program Funds, to include Funding allocations for CDBG-CV1 and CV3 of \$6.8 million; ESG-CV1 and CV3 of \$5.4 million in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic for a total of \$12.2 million.

Deferred to the next meeting, until February 23, 2021

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee

[2020-1647](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 20-101279, Roof Replacement at Various DeKalb County Fire Stations (270 days): for use by the Department of Fire Rescue Services. Consists of the removal and replacement of roofs at Fire Stations 4, 6, 18, 19, 20 and 25. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Hawk Construction Company LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,136,640.00.

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2021-2010](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to CPA 1213433 - Installation of Data, Voice and Multimedia Cabling (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT). Consists of providing low-voltage installations, moves, adds and changes of data; voice and multimedia cabling at various locations within the County facilities. Awarded to R. B. Communications, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$100,000.00.

Approved

[2021-2016](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 2 for Contract Nos.: 1191813, 1191815, 1191816, 1191817 and 1191818 for General Contractor Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM), Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA) and Fire Rescue Services (FR). These contracts consist of providing general contracting work for construction projects throughout the County. Awarded to AUTACO Development, LLC, Engineering Design Technologies, Inc. (EDT), Greenheart Construction Inc., Kissberg/Parker-Fry JV, LLC, and SOCO Contracting Company, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,100,000.00.

Approved

[2021-2018](#)**Commission District(s): All**

REN - Implementation of Cityworks Asset Management Platform (Annual Contract 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No.: 1171242 for the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D) and the Department of Facilities Management (FM). Consists of providing implementation services for Cityworks Asset Management software. Awarded to Woolpert, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$240,000.00.

Approved

[2021-2027](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1175305, 1175306 and 1175307 for use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM) and Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). These contracts consist of maintaining, repairing and installing various types of roofs. Awarded to National Building Contractors, Inc. (NBC), RYCARS Construction, LLC and Hawk Construction Co., LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: - \$851,723.20.

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee

[2020-1470](#)**Commission District(s): 4**

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (FF&E) at the Stone Mountain-Sue Kellogg Library: for use by the Library (DCPL). Consists of piggybacking from the competitively let Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-001-SPD0000100 for FF&E to accompany the renovation of the Stone Mountain-Sue Kellogg Library. Awarded to Agati, Inc., Arcadia Chair Company, Ditto Sales, Inc. dba Versteel, Egan Visual International, Everest Expedition, LLC dba SNAP! Office, Keilhauer LTD, Krueger International, Inc., LIAT, LLC and Safco Products, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$209,528.51.

Deferred to the next meeting, until February 23, 2021[2021-2151](#)**Commission District(s): 3 & 6**

CO - Change Order No.1 to Contract No.1233520 for Glen Emerald Lake Dam Repair (365 days): for used by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of the rehabilitation of the dam located at Glen Emerald Lake Park. Awarded to Reeves Young, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$470,913.63.

Deferred to the next meeting, until February 23, 2021

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2020-1269](#)**Commission District(s): 1 and 6**

LB - Invitation No. 20-101212 Scott Candler Water Treatment Plant - Ozone Generators Design and Installation: for use by The Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the design, installation, and the commission of two (2) ozone generators, including all supporting components, to operate in parallel with two existing generators. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Heavy Constructors, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed \$7,112,900.00.

Deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on February 23, 2021

[2021-2015](#)**Commission District(s): 4, 5, 6 & 7**

Change Order No. 2 to Agenda Item 2020-0345 Water Facilities to resurface SR13/Buford Hwy from Chamblee Tucker Rd to Gwinnett County Line additional \$63,336

Approved the substitute

[2021-2026](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 8 to Contract No.: 14-902868 for Engineering and Design Services for Public Works Transportation and Infrastructure Improvements: for use by the Department of Public Works - Transportation. This contract consists of the design and construction of various roadway projects. Awarded to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed \$1,100,000.00.

Approved

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs[2021-2149](#)**Commission District(s): Districts 3 and 6**

GEFA Loan for Glen Emerald Lake and Dam Renovation

Deferred to the next meeting, until February 23, 2021

2021-2196**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Add an item

Approved**2021-2197****Commission District(s):** All Commission DistrictsU.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY EMERGENCY RENTAL
ASSISTANCE**Approved****I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD****Board of Commissioners**[2020-1413](#)**Commission District(s):** All DistrictsA Resolution Of The Board of Commissioners Of DeKalb County, Georgia
To The General Assembly Proposing A County Organizational Act
Amendment To Ensure, And Eliminate Impediments To, Establishment, By
Ordinance, Of A Transparent And Efficient County Procurement System.**Withdrawn**[2020-1414](#)**Commission District(s):** All DistrictsResolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County to request that the
members of the DeKalb County Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly
establish a Charter Review Commission.**Withdrawn**

[2020-1415](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution Of The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County, Georgia To The DeKalb County Delegation Of The General Assembly To Amend The DeKalb County Organizational Act Section 13A To Allow The Board Of Commissioners To Make Appointments After A 120 Day Period

Withdrawn

[2020-1420](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution Of The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County, Georgia To The DeKalb County Delegation Of The General Assembly To Institute A Transparency Policy For Public Safety Officers Whereby Complaints Are Available For Public Review

Approved the substitute

[2020-1421](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution Of The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County, Georgia To The DeKalb County Delegation Of The General Assembly To Institute A Body Camera Policy

Withdrawn

Chief Executive Office

[2021-2041](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Resolution to authorize the execution and delivery of an intergovernmental contract (the “Ponce de Leon Contract”) between DeKalb County and The Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority (the “Authority”) related to the renovation of the Grady Health System’s infectious disease program facility (the “IDP Project”), pursuant to which the Authority will agree, among other things, to facilitate the IDP Project and to continue to provide medical services and hospital facilities needed to serve the indigent sick of DeKalb County, and the County will agree, among other things, to make payments to the Authority in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$4,000,000..

Approved the substitute

Executive Assistant - Chief Operating Office

[2021-2011](#)

Commission District(s): Districts 2 & 6

Authorize the amendment of the real estate exchange agreement to extend the closing date to a date not to exceed June 30, 2022. The County will exchange the Dresden Tag Office site, located at 1358 Dresden Drive, Brookhaven, Georgia for the property located at 3653 Clairmont Road, Chamblee, Georgia which includes a building that will be renovated prior to the exchange so it can serve as the new North Tag Office

Approved and to authorize the amendment and direct the County Attorney to move forward with the Memorandum of Understanding

GIS Department

[2020-0954](#)

Commission District(s): 4 & 6

A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of an Unredeemed and Unforeclosed Interest in Property at 3089 Robinson Avenue, Scottdale, GA 30079.

Withdrawn

Planning and Sustainability[2020-1521](#)**Commission District(s):** All Waiver of Penalties and Fees**Approved the substitute dated January 27, 2021****Purchasing & Contracting***Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee*[2020-1634](#)**Commission District(s):** All

LB - Invitation No. 20-101281 2020 LMIG Road Resurfacing Projects (365 Day Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). Consists of patching, milling and resurfacing County Roads. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Pittman Construction Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$13,156,361.97.

Approved**J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD****K. EXECUTIVE SESSION****POLICY OF NON-DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY IN COUNTY SERVICES.**

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