

DeKalb County Government

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

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 Loraine Cochran-Johnson, Super District 7

Present 7 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Kathie Gannon, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

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

Work Session

I. Committee of the Whole

A. Committee Reports

B. ARC Presentation

C. GIS Department Update

D. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for November 12, 2019

E. Review of Board of Commissioners Preliminary Agenda

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

G. Items Previously Heard

II. Special Call Meeting

A. Executive Session

B. Other Matters

2019-4571 Commission District(s): All
To Convene a Special Called Meeting
MOTION was made by Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Comissioner Kathie Gannon, 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 Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

2019-4572 Commission District(s): All
To Convene an Executive Session Meeting

MOTION was made by Commissioner Kathie Gannon, seconded by Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, 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 Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

2019-4573 Commission District(s): All
To Adjourn an Executive Session Meeting

MOTION was made by Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn 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 Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

2019-4574 Commission District(s): All
Proposed settlement of the lawsuit filed by Charity and Anthony Chambers and the lawsuit filed by Diane and Andre Johnson against DeKalb County and police officers Fulton and Bowe, civil action nos. 1:17cv2591 and 1:17cv02601.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Nancy Jester, seconded by Commissioner Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be to approve a total payment of \$122,500 (one hundred twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars) to settle the lawsuit filed by Charity and Anthony Chambers and the law suit filed by Diane and Andre Johnson against DeKalb County and police officers Fulton and Bowe, Civil Action nos. 1:17cv2591 and 1:17cv02601 in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia. To resolve these lawsuits, the County will pay the total sum of \$122,500 (one hundred twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars) to the Chambers, the Johnsons, and their counsel in return for and conditioned on dismissal with prejudice of both lawsuits and execution of a release and waiver of claims satisfactory to the County Attorney. Approval of this settlement is also conditioned on the trustee for Charity Chambers' bankruptcy either approving the settlement or disclaiming interest in the settlement proceeds. 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 Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

2019-4575 Commission District(s): All
Proposed settlement of Michael Brierley's claims against a watershed department employee in Civil Action No. 14A65687 in the State Court of DeKalb County.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Larry Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be to approve a total payment of \$22,500 (twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars) to resolve the claims against LaCresha Johnson in the lawsuit filed by Michael Brierley, Civil Action No. 17A65687 in the State Court of DeKalb County. To resolve such claims, the County will pay the total sum of \$22,500 (twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars) to Michael Brierley and his counsel in the return for and conditioned on Mr. Brierley's dismissal with prejudice of his claims against Ms. Johnson and execution of a release and waiver of claims satisfactory to the County Attorney. The 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 Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

2019-4577 Commission District(s): All
Proposed settlement of Maltese Family Holdings, LLP's claims against DeKalb County in Civil Action No. 17A63760 in the State Court of DeKalb County.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Commissioner Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be to approve a total payment of \$350,00 (three hundred fifty thousand dollars) to resolve the claims against DeKalb County in the lawsuit filed by Maltese Family Holdings, LLLP and its counsel in return for and conditioned on a dismissal with prejudice of it's claims against DeKalb County and execution of a release and waiver of claims satisfactory, to the County Attorney. The 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 Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn the November 5, 2019 Special Called Meeting at 11:16 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

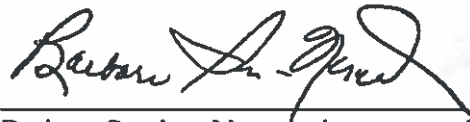
Yes: 7 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Kathie Gannon, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson



Jeff Rader
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders-Norwood
County Clerk