

# DeKalb County Government

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, May 14, 2019**

**9:00 AM**

**Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium**

### **Board of Commissioners**

*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 Lorraine 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

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

#### **A. INSPIRATIONAL**

Chaplain Olivia Maxwell  
DeKalb County Police Services

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Steve Bradshaw  
District 4

#### **B. PRESENTATIONS**

I CARE, Inc.  
Dr. Sharon Bent-Harley  
Public Works Week

#### **C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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. Cards turned in to the clerk from the time the general meeting is convened (generally 9 A.M.) and by the beginning of public comment portion generally following presentations on the agenda. The clerk will accept cards on a first-come, first-served basis. Prior to the clerk's call for public comment, 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, yelling, standing or laying in the aisles to show support for or opposition to a speaker will not be permitted, but a show of hands or quietly standing in place will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker's position.

1. Dante Renzulli, 2602 Wood Trail Lane Decatur, GA 30033 – Spoke regarding a neighborhood nuisance of the delivery of a non-solicited free weekly newspaper.
2. Andy Morgan, 3560 Panthersville Rd. Decatur, GA 30034 – Spoke regarding an issue with abandoned condominium units in his complex.
3. Joscelyn O’Neil, (no address, DeKalb), GA 30032 – Spoke regarding downed poles on Candler Road, a downed tree on Sherrydale Lane, and informed commissioners that parking meters in downtown Decatur are not working properly.
4. Stephen Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021 – Spoke regarding building low income housing in place of the recently torn down Brannon Hills condominiums; the increased number of sanitary sewer overflows and water main breaks; and the lack of transparency in the current contract and procurement system.
5. Bonita Lacy, 180 Deep Springs Way Covington, GA 30016 – Spoke regarding a sink hole near McAfee Park that damaged her car, and the responsibility of the County to repair her car.
6. Kathleen Hall, 900 Tanner Dr. Scottdale, GA 30079 – Spoke urging commissioners to support the Traffic Calming petition for Tanner Drive.
7. Henri Jordan, 763 Lee Andrews Ave. Atlanta, GA 30315 – Read Bible verses Hebrews 12:1, Genesis 13:4, Revelations 3:11, and Genesis 4:10.

#### **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 present 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, a speaker shall complete a speaker card and present it when approaching the podium. If a speaker has any documents for the commissioners, the speaker shall 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. Speakers should always talk directly into the microphone and begin by stating their name, address and the name of any organization they represent. Abusive, profane or derogatory language will not be permitted. Holding up signs, clapping, yelling, standing or laying in the aisles to show support for or opposition to a speaker will not be permitted, but a show of hands or quietly standing in place will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker's position.

#### Public Works - Transportation

[2019-3560](#) Commission District(s): 4 & 6  
Traffic Calming Petition - Tanner Drive between McLendon Drive and East Avenue. No Cost to County.

*Kathleen Hall, 900 Tanner Dr. Scottdale, GA 30079, spoke in favor*

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3561](#) Commission District(s): 1 & 7  
Traffic Calming Petition - Tipperary Trail between Lake Erin Drive and Brown Road. No Cost to County.

*Shon Nguyen, 4004 Tipperary Trl Tucker, GA 30084, Erik Shepard, 3997 Tipperary Trl Tucker, GA 30084, spoke in favor*

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-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 Cochran-Johnson

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

**Public Works - Transportation**

[2019-3449](#) Commission District(s): 3 & 7  
Traffic Calming Petition - Wakefield Drive between Boring Road and Baxberry Court. Cost to the County is \$24,700.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-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 Cochran-Johnson

**E. APPEALS**

NONE

**F. APPOINTMENTS**

**Board of Commissioners - District 4**

[2019-3674](#) Commission District(s): District 4  
Appointment of Brandon D. Wagner to Charter Review Commission.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, 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 Cochran-Johnson

**Board of Commissioners - District 5**

[2019-3679](#)

Commission District(s): District 5

Appointment of Deborah A. Jackson to the DeKalb County Charter Review Commission

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry 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 Cochran-Johnson

**Chief Executive Office**[2019-3248](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

Appointment to the DeKalb County Department of Family and Children Services Board - Ms. Mercedes Ball

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3248 and 2019-3249 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3249](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

Appointment to the DeKalb County Department of Family and Children Services Board - Ms. Manomay Malathip

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3248 and 2019-3249 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3421](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

Appointment of Mr. Jim Redovian to the MARTA Board of Directors

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be denied. Commissioner Larry Johnson opposed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**No:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

## G. CONSENT AGENDA

### Board of Commissioners - District 1

[2019-3703](#)

Commission District(s): Districts 1, 7

To Appropriate \$50,000 from the Reserve for Appropriation to the City of Tucker for Economic Development

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3703, 2019-3630, 2019-3631, 2019-3632, 2019-3641, 2019-3647 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 Cochran-Johnson

### Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO

[2019-3630](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2019

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3703, 2019-3630, 2019-3631, 2019-3632, 2019-3641, 2019-3647 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3631](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 26, 2019

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3703, 2019-3630, 2019-3631, 2019-3632, 2019-3641, 2019-3647 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3632](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes of the Zoning Meeting of March 26, 2019

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3703, 2019-3630, 2019-3631, 2019-3632, 2019-3641, 2019-3647 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 Cochran-Johnson

**District Attorney**[2019-3641](#)

Commission District(s): all

Pre-acceptance of 2020 Child Support Contract Between the State of Georgia and the Office of the District Attorney

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3703, 2019-3630, 2019-3631, 2019-3632, 2019-3641, 2019-3647 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 Cochran-Johnson

**Fire & Rescue Services**



[2019-3647](#) Commission District(s): All  
To Accept A Grant From Buckle Up for Life, Inc., and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center For Car Seats and Related Items  
**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3703, 2019-3630, 2019-3631, 2019-3632, 2019-3641, 2019-3647 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 Cochran-Johnson

#### WorkSource DeKalb

[2019-3576](#) Commission District(s): ALL DISTRICTS  
Pre-acceptance of FY2019 SNAP ( Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Works 2.0 (Year 4) grant from the Georgia Department of Labor.  
**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry 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 Cochran-Johnson

## H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

#### Airport

[2019-3548](#) Commission District(s): 1 and 6  
License and Use Agreement for Airport Rental Car Operator with Gitibin & Associates, Inc. dba GO RENTALS. There is no cost to the County.  
**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-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 May 28, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

#### Board of Commissioners - District 1

[2019-3717](#) Commission District(s): Districts 1 & 7  
Agreement with the Chiefs Futbol Club, Inc. and the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs to Renovate the Pleasantdale Park Soccer Fields, Concession/restrooms

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, 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 May 28, 2019. Items 2019-3717 and 2019-3612 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 Cochran-Johnson

#### Community Development

[2019-3612](#) Commission District(s): 3, 5, 6 and 7  
Blight Inventory Survey in Southwest Unincorporated DeKalb County

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, 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 May 28, 2019. Items 2019-3717 and 2019-3612 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 Cochran-Johnson

#### Fire & Rescue Services

[2019-3676](#) Commission District(s): All  
Intergovernmental Agreement With The City Of Atlanta, Georgia  
For Mutual Aid Between The City Of Atlanta, Georgia and DeKalb  
County, Georgia

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by  
Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved.  
Items 2019-3676 and 2019-3600 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 Cochran-Johnson

#### Police Services

[2019-3600](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
FY18 Homeland Security Grant Program/Georgia Office of  
Homeland Security, GAN #EMW-2018-SS-00067-S01, Budget  
Worksheet #SH018-061, \$74,980.00

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by  
Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved.  
Items 2019-3676 and 2019-3600 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 Cochran-Johnson

#### Purchasing & Contracting

*Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee*

[2019-3575](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CA- Cooperative Agreement for Two Way Radio Equipment and Accessories: for use by Public Works - Sanitation and Police Services (PS). Consists piggybacking off the competitively let Statewide Contract (SWC) Number SWC980-2800008 for the purchase of new portable radios, new mobile radios and chargers. Awarded to Motorola Solutions, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,399,458.50.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-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 Cochran-Johnson

*Purchasing & Contracting - to FAB Committee*

[2019-3551](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1072167 for Customer Service Billing System Replacement (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Departments of Finance - Utility Customer Operations (UCO) and Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of the delivery, implementation, integration and annual maintenance and support of a state-of-the-art Customer Information System (CIS) solution for DeKalb County's customer billing system replacement project. Awarded to Systems & Software, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,795,040.61.

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Gannon

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

*Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*

[2019-3458](#)

Commission District(s): All  
REN - Supply and Service of Feminine Hygiene Disposal Units (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1064963 for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). This contract consists of providing feminine hygiene disposal units. Awarded to Southern Textile Rental Services, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$95,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, 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 May 28, 2019. Items 2019-3458, 2019-3516, 2019-3540, 2019-3572 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3516](#)

Commission District(s): ALL  
CA - Open Cab Skid Steer and Compact Rubber Track Excavator: for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by Beautification and the Department of Watershed Management. Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Sourcewell Contract No. 042815-CEC for the purchase of one (1) Open Cab Skid Steer and one (1) Compact Rubber Track Excavator. Awarded to Clark Equipment Company dba Bobcat Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$148,921.56.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, 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 May 28, 2019. Items 2019-3458, 2019-3516, 2019-3540, 2019-3572 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3540](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1021418 for Alternative Fuel Vehicles (Sole Source): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by Public Works-Sanitation. This contract consists of providing Ford Vehicles alternative fuel conversion package installation services and alternative fuel repair and maintenance services. Awarded to Allan Vigil Ford. Amount Not To Exceed: \$225,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, 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 May 28, 2019. Items 2019-3458, 2019-3516, 2019-3540, 2019-3572 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3572](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

REN - Card Access (Keyscan) Installation, Maintenance and Repair (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No.1119074 for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM) and Police Services (PS). This contract consists of the installation, maintenance and repair of all card access points. Awarded to Southeastern Security Professionals, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$351,263.68.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, 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 May 28, 2019. Items 2019-3458, 2019-3516, 2019-3540, 2019-3572 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 Cochran-Johnson

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee*

[2019-3246](#)

Commission District(s): All

CA - Cooperative agreement for Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation Services: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). The contract consists of providing sanitary sewer system pipe rehabilitation services. This request is to obtain 100,000 liner feet of sewer line rehabilitation services, to include cured in place pipe and point repairs. Awarded to Inland Pipe Rehabilitation (IPR) dba IPR Southeast, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$8,221,203.00

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until May 28, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2019-3505](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1012093 and 1012097 for Fire Hydrant Replacement, Repair Parts and Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). These contracts consist of providing service, repair and replacement of parts for fire hydrants. Awarded to Georgia Hydrant Services, Inc. and American Flow Services, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,300,000.00

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3754](#)

Add Item

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to Add an Item. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2019-3755](#) Commission District(s): 3 & 6  
Authorize the acceptance of the donation of 1305 Custer Avenue and 2518 Donzi Lane from Clark Atlanta University for the development of a pedestrian walking trail and the consolidation of four adjacent parcels owned by Clark Atlanta University.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on May 28, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**2019-3756** Add Item

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved to Add an Item. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**2019-3757** Commission District(s): All  
2019 Summer Food Service Program

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, 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 Cochran-Johnson

## I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD

Board of Commissioners



[2019-3325](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

Amendments to DeKalb County Purchasing Ordinance

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 60 days, until July 9, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Board of Commissioners - District 1**[2019-3522](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

An Ordinance by the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia, to Set Requirements for the Construction of New Educational Facilities within the County in the Building Code of DeKalb County Chapter 7 Article II Section 7-55

*Staff inadvertently added this item to the May 14, 2019 Agenda. This item will appear again on the June 11, 2019 Agenda, as previously voted upon by the Board of Commissioners on April 23, 2019.*

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred, until July 23, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Board of Commissioners - District 3**[2019-3537](#)

Commission District(s): District 3 and District 6

Change the Name of the Greater Conley Industrial CID

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be to approve the 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 Cochran-Johnson

**Finance**

[2019-3547](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
FEMA Reimbursement and Reserve Appropriations  
**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, 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 Cochran-Johnson

**Purchasing & Contracting**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee*

[2019-3504](#) Commission District(s): ALL  
RFP - Request for Proposals No. 18-500506: Internal Affairs Software Solution (Multiyear Contract) for use by Police Services (PS). Consists of a comprehensive software solution that meets the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA) requirements and support public safety operations to mitigate regulatory and compliance risks. Recommend award to the sole proposer, who is responsive and responsible: Benchmark Analytics, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$287,196.00.  
**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-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 Cochran-Johnson

*Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*

[2019-3353](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 18-101047 Tire Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Fleet Management. Consists of outside tire repair services to include foam filled tires with installation. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Southern Tire Mart, LLC., Setco, Inc., Atlanta Commercial Tire and Action Tire. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$475,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3373](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 18-101046 Purchase of Tires, Including Recapping & Repair (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for Public Works - Fleet Management. Consists of the purchase of new tires and tubes, tire recapping and/or repair services. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Best Drive, Southern Tire Mart, J&R Tire Inc., Nextire, Atlanta Commercial Tire, Action Tire and Midtown Tire. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,000,000.00

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Nancy Jester opposed. Commissioners Kathie Gannon and Lorraine Cochran-Johnson abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Davis Johnson

**No:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

**Abstain:** 2 - Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3398](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 18-101034 Parts for Vehicles and Off Road Equipment (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for Public Works - Fleet Management, Police Services and Department of Watershed Management. Consists of repair parts for all types of vehicles and equipment. Recommend award to the responsive and responsible bidders: (59 vendors, please see list below). Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$4,014,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Nancy Jester opposed. Commissioners Kathie Gannon and Lorraine Cochran-Johnson abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Davis Johnson

**No:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

**Abstain:** 2 - Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3419](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 18-101055 Filters (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for Public Works - Fleet Management. Consists of providing various filters for vehicles and equipment. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Interstate Truck Equipment, Inc., Napa Auto Parts, Truck Pro, IEH Auto Parts LLC dba Auto Plus Auto Parts, Cummins, Inc., Fleetpride, Inc., Yancey Brothers Co., Rush Truck Centers of Georgia, Inc., Southeastern Automotive Warehouse and Ag Pro, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$170,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3420](#)

Commission District(s): All

CA- Cooperative Agreement for Georgia Microsoft Premier Services: for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT).

Consists of piggybacking off the State of Georgia Contract SWC 9999-SPD-MSFTSVCS-031815 for consulting services, design and implementation of an Active Directory (AD), Office 365 Onboarding Services, and Privileged Access Workstation (PAW) configurations.

Awarded to Microsoft Corporation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$759,566.08.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3550](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1147259 for Elevator Maintenance Services: for use by Facilities Management (FM). This contract consists of monthly and preventative maintenance, inspections, and testing for the County's elevators. Request approval to appropriate SPLOST funds to repair and modernize elevators and associated equipment in the amount of \$1,862,678.62. Awarded to KONE, Inc. (US Communities Cooperative Agreement). Total Amount Not to Exceed: \$1,862,678.62.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor, and to note and correct a typographical error in the amount listed in the 3rd sentence to read: Request approval to appropriate SPLOST funds to repair and modernize elevators and associated equipment in the amount of \$1,862,678.62. Commissioner Nancy Jester opposed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**No:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

[2019-3603](#) Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1147259 for Elevator Maintenance Services: for use by Facilities Management (FM). This contract consists of monthly and preventative maintenance, inspections, testing and modernization of the County's elevators and associated equipment. Awarded to KONE, Inc. (US Communities Cooperative Agreement). Total Amount Not to Exceed: \$396,019.28.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, 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 Cochran-Johnson

**2019-3758** Convene Executive Session

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to convene an Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**2019-3759** Adjourn Executive Session

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved adjourn an Executive Session. Commissioners Larry Johnson, Mereda Davis Johnson, and Lorraine Cochran-Johnson were out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Gannon

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

## J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

**1. Commissioner Nancy Jester did not offer any comments****2. Commissioner Larry Johnson mentioned the following comments:**

- Thanked everyone that came out to the Opioid Summit
- Special thanks to Keep DeKalb Beautiful for more trash and litter being picked up on the roads
- Health Fair at the Intergenerational Center, 2771 Columbia Drive, from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m., as well as a celebrity basketball game
- Thanked citizens and staff for helping to move the district forward

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

Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer. Good Morning Everyone.

First of all, I would like to remind everyone that our next Quarterly in the Fourth Community Breakfast Meeting will be held this Saturday, May 18, at Freedom Middle School starting at 9 a.m. The primary objective will be to provide my district with a SPLOST update. Additional information about the meeting will be going out over our regular communications platforms. All are invited to attend.

As always, The DeKalb County Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial Service is a very solemn occasion. This year's ceremony on May 8 took on special resonance due to the recent and tragic loss of Officer Edgar Flores. I want to commend Public Safety Director Jack Lumpkin and his entire team for conducting a professional and dignified ceremony. Hopefully, it will be a very long, long time before we have to add another name to that memorial wall.

It was a pleasure for me to meet with the Carlisle Commonwealth Homeowner's Association Members on April 23rd. Carlisle is one of the lovely communities in District 4. That evening, the residents and I engaged in a very candid dialogue about our challenges and our opportunities. I would like to thank HOA President Karen Williams for the invitation. I look forward to returning in the future.

It was an honor for me to bring welcome remarks at the RISE UP End of Year Celebration on May 8th. DeKalb County's RISE UP Leadership Development Program is designed to provide middle school aged young men with weekly training in areas such as Character Development, Social Emotional Learning, Literacy, and Cultural Awareness over the course of an eight week program. It has been said that the children are our future, and I certainly believe that. I also believe that it is imperative that we try to reach them while they are young so that our lessons have a better chance of sticking.

That day in my remarks, I said that I am a 56 year old African American man. Which means that once upon a time, I was an African American boy. This is why programs such as RISE UP are very close to my heart. I want to commend the 25 certificate recipients for completing the program. I also want to commend RISE UP

Facilitator George Moore, Program Coordinator Jashawn Williams, and Wilbon Enterprises for their commitment to these young men. I would like to thank our Human Services and Youth Services team for supporting such programs. Going forward, you can count on me to be an advocate for this worthwhile endeavor that you are engaged in.

It was an honor for me to participate in the Career Day Program at Freedom Middle School on May 9th. I always seize the opportunity to share with our youth the importance of public service, particularly at the local level. A future District 4 Commissioner may very well be among that student body. I want to thank Principal Marchell Boston for the invitation and for the job that he and his team are doing.

Later that day, I attended the Women's Resource Center to End Domestic Violence Champions for Change Annual Luncheon. Obviously, domestic violence is something that we all must condemn in the strongest terms possible. Therefore, I am always happy to lend my support to this effort. I would like to thank my good friend and WRC Board member Virginia Rece for the invitation to attend.

It was a great pleasure to attend the Tucker State of the City address on May 10th. As you know, the southern portion of Tucker is in District 4. I want to applaud Mayor Frank Auman and the entire Tucker leadership team for the job that they are doing.

Yesterday, my team and I visited MARTA Headquarters to receive a briefing on their plans for the area around the Kensington Station among other things. I want to thank MARTA CEO Jeff Parker, Jacob Vallo, and Justin Kirnon for taking the time to meet with us. We look forward to a very productive working relationship.

Finally, I owe a big thanks to my good friend and Museum School Principal Katherine Kelbaugh for giving me a tour of the facility on May 8th. Currently, there is a waiting list of over 900 to enroll there, which indicates to me that they are doing something right.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call my office at 404-371-4749. And as always I want to thank the citizens of District 4 for affording me this opportunity to serve. Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer.

#### **4. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson read the following comments:**

Thank You, Mr. Presiding Officer, and Good morning everyone again.

I would like to begin my comments by continuing to express our sincerest condolences to the families of those who have lost their lives in the line of duty and showing my gratitude for the opportunity to attend the Fallen Officer Memorial service held last Wednesday at the Decatur Square. Also, yesterday, Fulton County Commissioner Emma Darnell was laid to rest. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends through this time. She was truly a fighter for the least of these.

I am excited to announce that the Fleet Management Apprenticeship Program which my office in partnership with DeKalb County Fleet and Georgia Piedmont Technical College is off to a successful start. There are



currently 4 apprenticeship positions filled and the students are getting hands on experience with Fleet Management's Fire/Rescue, Tire, Body, Automotive and Lubrication shops. One of the students was hired on full time and is now making a career. We are teaching young people skills that will help to provide livable wages for themselves and their families. Once a student completes the program they will be offered a Full-time position with DeKalb Fleet and will be awarded a two- year degree.

This Saturday District 5 will have our first Community Clean Up partnering with the Kings Ridge HOA. If your HOA, business, faith- based community or organization is interested in partnering us please contact our office via phone at 404-371-2412 or via email at: [dlpinkett@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:dlpinkett@dekalbcountyga.gov)

I would like to congratulate the South DeKalb Business Association on hosting another Book Scholarship Breakfast. The breakfast is this Thursday and I wish them well as they continue the effort to support our students in DeKalb.

This Thursday, I am looking forward to attending the ribbon cutting of the Southeast Atlanta Vascular Care and Preferred Vascular group for their grand opening in District 5. I am proud to see continued growth of business in the district.

For more information on any of the announcements, 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, concerns, or suggestions. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your District 5 Commissioner.

#### **5. Commissioner Kathie Gannon mentioned the following comments:**

- The 2020 Census is almost here and District 6 needs a representative to be a part of the Complete Count Committee (CCC). The CCC serves as a local "census ambassador" group that plays an integral part in ensuring a complete and accurate count of the community in the 2020 Census. DeKalb's committee will be comprised of Commissioner Larry Johnson, appointees from each Commission district, representatives of each of our cities, along with faith-based organizations and DeKalb County schools. We need help promoting the census through locally based, targeted outreach efforts. If you would like to be a part of this effort, email [kgannon@dekalbcountyGA.gov](mailto:kgannon@dekalbcountyGA.gov) by next Monday, May 20th

- If you have a high schooler who is entering grades 10, 11 or 12 next year who is interested in gaining experience in civic and community engagement, please consider having them apply for the 2019 DeKalb County Youth Commission. There are currently 18 vacancies on the DeKalb County Youth Commission and the deadline to fill a slot is July 17th. To register, contact youth services center coordinator, Jashawn Williams, at [JRWilliams@dekalbcountyGA.gov](mailto:JRWilliams@dekalbcountyGA.gov)

- This Thursday, the South DeKalb Business Association is hosting their annual "Book Scholarship" Breakfast at the Georgia Piedmont Technical College Conference Center. This breakfast benefits students at Georgia Piedmont Technical College studying business and various technical disciplines. To register visit [www.SDBA-INC.org/2019-scholarship-breakfast](http://www.SDBA-INC.org/2019-scholarship-breakfast)

- Do you have a green thumb and want to put it to use? If you live in the Fork Creek Mountain Park area and are interested in gardening, please make use of the community garden that is up and ready for plants. Please contact Park Community Garden Coordinator Jakequeline Walls at [elevatingscholars@outlook.com](mailto:elevatingscholars@outlook.com) to sign up!
  
- Many of you know by now that the “Georgia Drives” system will be implemented later this month. Due to the temporary closures from May 23rd to May 28th Memorial Drive’s Tag Office at 4380 Memorial Drive will have special opening hours on Saturday, May 18th, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., to accommodate tax payers’ needs. Please go to the front page of my website for a flyer with additional information
  
- Our South Police Precinct is hosting a community clean up this Saturday, May 18th. If you live, work, or visit the Gallery of South DeKalb Mall area please come out to help make a difference in this community. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Candler Inn, located at 2941 Ember Drive, Decatur 30034. The clean-up begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 11:00 a.m. Pre-registration for supplies can be done in advance by calling Kalema Thomas at 404-286-7955
  
- Next Friday, May 24th DeKalb County will be holding our Annual Memorial Day Program, at 11:00 a.m. here in the Maloof Auditorium. The Keynote Speaker will be Senator Tonya P. Anderson, who represents Georgia's 43rd District which includes parts of DeKalb, Rockdale, and Newton counties. Space may be limited so RSVP by this Wednesday, May 15th, to [Princeton101ST@yahoo.com](mailto:Princeton101ST@yahoo.com). Also, in honor of Memorial Day and recognizing those who have served, our offices will be closed Monday, May 27th, 2019. There will be no sanitation or recycling collection service on that Monday. Service will run one day late for all customers
  
- On Monday, May 20th at 6:30 p.m, I along with District 3 Commissioner Larry Johnson, will be co-hosting an informational meeting about the Blackhall Studios proposal to exchange land they own on Bouldercrest Road for a portion of Entrenchment Creek Park. The meeting will be held at McNair High School located at 1804 Bouldercrest Road
  
- Commissioner Gannon also expressed her disappointment with the current Ethics Legislation

#### **6. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran- Johnson read the following comments:**

We hope that all mothers had a very Happy Mother’s Day this past Sunday and had a wonderful time with family and friends!

- On Sunday, May 5th my chief of staff Leah Davis and I participated in Vaisakhi Day with the Sikh Study Circle of Stone Mountain where I was a speaker for the event along with state representative Viola Davis of District 87. Leah and I were presented with the Vaisakhi 2019 Award for Passion, Commitment and Dedicated Service. Vaisakhi Day is important as it marks the Sikh New Year and commemorates the formation of Khalsa Panth, the inner core of the Sikh faith, under the tenth Sikh Guru Gobind Singh in 1699. It is a spring harvest festival that also celebrates the Sikh community’s rich and diverse heritage. We greatly thank the Sikh Study Circle for inviting us to share in the celebration

- We also attended the DeKalb County Fallen Officers Memorial last Wednesday, May 8th. It was a very touching and moving ceremony where 41 officers killed in the line of duty since the establishment of the county police department were honored
  
- The demolition of 56 units at Brannon Hill (Phase III) on May 9th coordinated by Allen Mitchell of Community Development
  
- Homeless assistance will continue to be provided to DeKalb homeless citizens at Brannon Hill. Sink hole repairs will be initiated after the demolition is completed. I'd like to thank my fellow Commissioner Jester for bringing much needed attention to the problem of blight at Brannon Hills, which spurred the necessary action to properly address the issue
  
- I will be a co-sponsor with the Great American Franchise Expo to support my efforts to increase business ownership in DeKalb County. The Expo will take place on Saturday and Sunday, May 18th -19th at the Cobb Galleria. We are making history: this is the first time that the Great American Expo has partnered with a government entity. DeKalb residents will have the opportunity to gain valuable information on franchise opportunities from over 100 top franchises, including national and emerging businesses and chains. DeKalb County attendees are encouraged to visit the Super District 7 booth on Saturday, May 18th from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. to receive resources and literature from local lending and service partners
  
- District 7 will be launching its Books & More Women's Empowerment Club (a motivational and educational book club) on May 18th from 12 noon - 2:00 p.m. at the AEI Start-Up Factory with internationally known inspirational speaker Sherri Riley. Women are encouraged to attend this event where they will be able to purchase Riley's book Exponential Living and meet the renowned empowerment speaker. Please go onto the District 7 website to register for this event
  
- District 7 in partnership with the Greater Hidden Hills Community Development Corporation has launched a guerilla-style marketing effort designed to engage DeKalb residents to clean-up their communities, take ownership in positive community and environmental outcomes, and actively eliminate litter through clean up across the county. The campaign, Your Community, "Your Litter – Pick It Up!" will culminate with a county-wide community cleanup day on Saturday, June 1st, 2019. Seven communities have joined efforts in this litter campaign. If you are interested in participating, please contact the District 7 office
  
- Lastly, I've released my 2019 District 7 Update: The First 90 Days, which outlines my first three months in office. I am proud to announce that I have had a productive 90 days and I am eager to share the strides we've made with the residents of the 7th District. The highlights include several programs created through strategic partnerships with organizations like Operation HOPE, Promise Homes, and The Great American Franchise Expo, each of which touch on an area within eight key priority groups: economic development, job creation, entrepreneurship, public safety, blight, home ownership, education and senior initiatives. In addition to programming, the update also details how I have invested discretionary funds into several initiatives, including the Small Business Loan Fund, the Misdemeanor Mental Health Court, and the revitalization of the DeKalb County Land Bank. Residents are encouraged to view the update and reach out to the District 7 office with any questions or concerns

Please visit our website at [www.CommissionerLorraineCochranJohnson.com](http://www.CommissionerLorraineCochranJohnson.com) or call us at 404.371.2899.

**7. Commissioner Jeff Rader read the following comments:**

My office number is 404-371-2863 and my email is [jrader@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:jrader@dekalbcountyga.gov).

Please take the time to visit my website at [www.commissionerrader.com](http://www.commissionerrader.com) and sign up for news and information. Please also follow me on Facebook and Twitter using [@raderjeff](#) and on Instagram at [commissionerjeffrader](#).

I want to extend thanks to the DeKalb Board of Health and the DeKalb Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs Department as well as our partners, Park Pride, and all the volunteers who helped make Park Prescription Day in April a huge success. It was great so many came out to participate on such a beautiful day! I know this will become an annual event to encourage health and wellness in DeKalb Parks.

Also, I want to thank Lynwood Park for hosting their 41st annual community day on Saturday, May 4th. The parade and festival brought out lots of folks.

Finally, I hope all enjoyed a beautiful Mother's Day last Sunday.

Upcoming...

- Hope all are enjoying activities for Older Americans Month. The DeKalb Library has many activities to partake in from AARP Driver Safety to Senior Bingo, Hearing Device related programing, Dementia information, line dancing, computer literacy, book clubs, movies and much more. Check out the programming at your local branch and senior centers

- Join us for a FOREST WALK AND TALK IN THE PARK SERIES Saturday, May 18th at 9:00 a.m. in Deepdene and 11:00 a.m. in Springdale. Walter Bland of Rock Spring Restorations will be leading a walk through the Deepdene forest. He has been leading a project team and many volunteers to clear out invasive material and plant native plants. Please join us to hear about this work and the work to be done in the future. At 11:00 a.m., Jennie Richardson will lead a "Talk in the Park" where she will talk about the history of the park and neighborhood, the topography of the park and may even throw in a few scandalous stories from back in the day

- Briarlake Forest Park Work Day will take place Saturday, May 25th at 9:30 a.m.

**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 Commissioner Nancy Jester and seconded by Commissioner Kathie Gannon to adjourn the May 14, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:30 p.m. Commissioners Larry Johnson, Mereda Davis Johnson, and Lorraine Cochran-Johnson were out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 4 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Gannon**

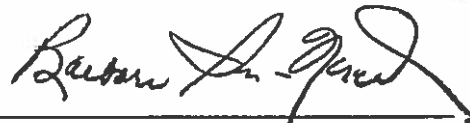
**Absent: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson**



Jeff Rader  
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond  
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders-Norwood  
County Clerk