

# DeKalb County Government

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, March 26, 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 Ernstes, County Attorney

**A. INSPIRATIONAL**

Pastor Jennifer Carner, M.Div.  
Executive Pastor of Membership Care  
The House of Hope Atlanta

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson  
District 7

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

Child Abuse Prevention Month  
National County Government Month  
Honoring Officer Knock 30 year service and retirement

**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. Henri Jordan, 763 Lee Andrews Ave. Atlanta, GA 30315 – Read Bible verses Philippians 2:9, Philippians 2:10, Romans 6:23, and Deuteronomy 32:39.
2. Jane Crain, 1996 Walton Woods Circle Tucker, GA 30084 – Spoke regarding problems encountered with the absentee ballot process.
3. Jonathan Grant, 3531 Evans Ridge Dr. Atlanta, GA 30341 – Spoke in support of the audit of DeKalb County’s voter registration and elections process.
4. Liz Throop, 612 Clifton Rd. NE Atlanta, GA 30307 – Spoke in opposition to DeKalb County’s purchase of new touch screen voting machines.
5. Joy Wasson, 612 Clifton Rd. NE Atlanta, GA 30307 – Spoke regarding opening more convenient early polling locations in DeKalb County
6. Joscelyn O’Neil, 3711 Larkspur Terr (no city), GA 30032 – Spoke regarding more ADA ramps at Peachcrest Elementary; support of MARTA rail down I-20 to support economic development; and broken poles and hanging wires in the 3rd and 5th districts.
7. Stephen Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021 – Congratulated Ed Williams on getting his appeal on the Commissioners raises to be heard by the Ga. Supreme Court; asked commissioners to not award the new EMS contract to American Medical Response company; Asked commissioners to do business with a bank other than Wells Fargo; and problems with DeKalb’s voting and elections process.
8. Bethann Frillman, 1659 E. Clifton Atlanta, GA 30307 – Stated that she worked on the Voter Protection Hotline and witnessed issues of citizens not receiving their absentee ballots. Also encouraged commissioners to do a broad audit of election issues.
9. Whitney McGinniss, 2883 Mount Olive Dr. Decatur, GA 30033 – Spoke regarding the need for an independent audit of the voter registration and elections process.
10. Sean Jenkins, 3547 Knollview Ct. Decatur, GA 30034 – Spoke regarding the poor return for taxpayers in South DeKalb on the MARTA tax.
11. Molly Perry, 1392 Cedar Post Ct. Decatur, GA 30033 – Spoke in support of the audit of the voter registration and elections department.

#### **D. 10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING**

Citizens may speak for or against an item that is considered by law to be a zoning ordinance and each side will have ten minutes to presents its case. Citizens may also speak for or against an item that is placed on the public hearing agenda but is not a zoning ordinance. In that case, each side will have five minutes to present its case. In the event there is more than one speaker per side, speakers must divide their time in order to complete their full presentation within the ten-minute time allotment, or the five-minute time allotment. When the buzzer sounds to indicate that time has run out, the speaker will be expected to immediately cease speaking and to leave the podium area. Prior to speaking, please complete a speaker card and present it when approaching the podium. If you have any documents for the Commissioners, please provide 10 copies when approaching the podium. Seven copies are for the Commissioners and the remaining copies are for the planning director, the county attorney and the clerk. Applicants or citizens speaking in favor of an item shall speak first and applicants in zoning ordinance cases shall have the right to reserve time for rebuttal. Opponents of a zoning ordinance item shall have no right of rebuttal. Once the citizens have finished speaking, staff shall make a recommendation for action to the commission. At this point, citizens are no longer allowed to speak unless called to the podium by an individual commissioner to answer questions or provide information. When speaking, always talk directly into the microphone and begin by stating your name, address and the name of any organization you represent. Abusive, profane or derogatory language will not be permitted. Holding up signs, clapping and yelling to show support for or opposition to a speaker will not be permitted, but a show of hands or quietly standing will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker's position.

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

**Planning and Sustainability**

[2018-3068](#)

**COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 3 & 6**

Application of Scott Bennett for a major modification to remove all conditions on property zoned MR-2 (Medium Density Residential -2) District, pursuant to CZ-05033 for 149 single-family attached townhomes in order to develop 291 apartment units at a density of 24 units per acre within Tier 2 of the I-20 Overlay District, at 2128 & 2170 Cook Road.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor with 8 staff conditions, removing condition #2, and a modification to condition #6. 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 3

[2019-3490](#) Commission District(s): District 3  
Appointment of Bobbie Sanford to the Charter Review Commission  
**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, 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 7

[2019-3467](#) Commission District(s): District 7  
Re-appointment of Jewel Crawford, M.D. to the DeKalb County Initiative for a Green DeKalb Advisory Council, District 7 Post  
**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-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

### 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 Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until April 9, 2019. 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 Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until April 9, 2019. 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 deferred to the next meeting, until April 9, 2019. Items 2019-3421, 2019-3427, 2019-3428 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson opposed. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Gannon

**No:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

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

[2019-3427](#)

Commission District(s): All

Appointment of Ms. Rita Scott to the MARTA Board of Directors

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until April 9, 2019. Items 2019-3421, 2019-3427, 2019-3428 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson opposed. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Gannon

**No:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

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

[2019-3428](#)

Commission District(s): All  
Appointment of Mr. Roderick Frierson to the MARTA Board of Directors

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until April 9, 2019. Items 2019-3421, 2019-3427, 2019-3428 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson opposed. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Gannon

**No:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

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

**ITEMS FOR RECORDING IN THE MINUTES**

**Board of Commissioners - District 5**

[2019-3381](#)

Commission District(s): District 5  
Recording of the appointment of Eric Hubbard to the District 5 Community Council

**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

**Board of Commissioners - District 7**



[2019-3460](#)

Commission District(s): District 7

Recording of the Re-appointment of Clifton Raines to the DeKalb County CATV Citizens Advisory Board, District 7 Post

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3460, 2019-3461, 2019-3462, 2019-3463, 2019-3464, 2019-3465, 2019-3466, 2019-3468, 2019-3469, 2019-3470, 2019-3471 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

[2019-3461](#)

Commission District(s): District 7

Recording of the Appointment of Randall Mangham to the DeKalb County Citizens Oversight Committee for SPLOST Revenues and Expenditures, District 7 Post

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3460, 2019-3461, 2019-3462, 2019-3463, 2019-3464, 2019-3465, 2019-3466, 2019-3468, 2019-3469, 2019-3470, 2019-3471 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

[2019-3462](#)

Commission District(s): District 7

Recording of the Re-appointment of Peggy Hobdy to the DeKalb County Community Council Board (CC3), District 7 Post

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3460, 2019-3461, 2019-3462, 2019-3463, 2019-3464, 2019-3465, 2019-3466, 2019-3468, 2019-3469, 2019-3470, 2019-3471 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

[2019-3463](#)

Commission District(s): District 7  
Recording of the Re-appointment of Samson Burrell to the DeKalb County Community Council Board (CC5), District 7 Post  
**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3460, 2019-3461, 2019-3462, 2019-3463, 2019-3464, 2019-3465, 2019-3466, 2019-3468, 2019-3469, 2019-3470, 2019-3471 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

[2019-3464](#)

Commission District(s): District 7  
Recording of the Re-appointment of N. Preston Mercer to the DeKalb County Community Council Board (CC5), District 7 Post  
**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3460, 2019-3461, 2019-3462, 2019-3463, 2019-3464, 2019-3465, 2019-3466, 2019-3468, 2019-3469, 2019-3470, 2019-3471 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

[2019-3465](#)

Commission District(s): District 7

Recording of the Re-appointment of Carolyn Jones to the DeKalb County Community Council Board (CC3), District 7 Post

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3460, 2019-3461, 2019-3462, 2019-3463, 2019-3464, 2019-3465, 2019-3466, 2019-3468, 2019-3469, 2019-3470, 2019-3471 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

[2019-3466](#)

Commission District(s): District 7

Recording of the Re-appointment of Joe Arrington to the DeKalb County Community Council Board (CC4)

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3460, 2019-3461, 2019-3462, 2019-3463, 2019-3464, 2019-3465, 2019-3466, 2019-3468, 2019-3469, 2019-3470, 2019-3471 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

[2019-3468](#)

Commission District(s): District 7

Recording of the Appointment of Lance Hammonds to the DeKalb County Parks Bond Citizen Advisory Committee, District 7 Post

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3460, 2019-3461, 2019-3462, 2019-3463, 2019-3464, 2019-3465, 2019-3466, 2019-3468, 2019-3469, 2019-3470, 2019-3471 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

[2019-3469](#)

Commission District(s): District 7  
Recording of the Re-appointment of Edward Patton to the DeKalb County Planning Commission, District 7 Post

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3460, 2019-3461, 2019-3462, 2019-3463, 2019-3464, 2019-3465, 2019-3466, 2019-3468, 2019-3469, 2019-3470, 2019-3471 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

[2019-3470](#)

Commission District(s): District 7  
Recording of the Appointment of Demetrius Myatt to the DeKalb County Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs Citizens Advisory Board, District 7 Post

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3460, 2019-3461, 2019-3462, 2019-3463, 2019-3464, 2019-3465, 2019-3466, 2019-3468, 2019-3469, 2019-3470, 2019-3471 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

[2019-3471](#) Commission District(s): District 7  
Recording of the Appointment of Jerome Edmondson to the DeKalb County Watershed Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Advisory Group, District 7 Post

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3460, 2019-3461, 2019-3462, 2019-3463, 2019-3464, 2019-3465, 2019-3466, 2019-3468, 2019-3469, 2019-3470, 2019-3471 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

[2019-3472](#) Commission District(s): District 7  
Recording of the appointment of Patricia Smith to the DeKalb County Watershed Customer Service and Billing Advisory, District 7 Post

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be withdrawn. 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

## G. CONSENT AGENDA

### Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO

[2019-3434](#) Commission District(s): All  
Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2019  
**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3434, 2019-3453, 2019-3454 were heard together. Commissioner Kathie Gannon abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Gannon

[2019-3453](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2019

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3434, 2019-3453, 2019-3454 were heard together. Commissioner Kathie Gannon abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Gannon

[2019-3454](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes of the Zoning Meeting of January 22, 2019

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3434, 2019-3453, 2019-3454 were heard together. Commissioner Kathie Gannon abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Gannon

**Independent Internal Audit**

[2019-3355](#)

Commission District(s): All

Acceptance of ACCG Grant Funds and Support for Creating Time-Limited Student Intern Positions to be Paid with ACCG Grant Funds and County Matching Funds

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, 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

### Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2019-3459](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

An Ordinance to amend the Code of DeKalb County, as Revised 1988, Chapter 13, Article IV, pertaining to Tourist Accommodations, and for Other Purposes.

**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 April 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

### Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO

[2019-3410](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 11, 2018

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, 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

**Human Services**

[2019-3407](#)

Commission District(s): Districts 1, 3 & 6  
Acceptance of a Grant from the Thanks Mom & Dad Fund to implement a Virtual Senior Center Program- at no cost to the County

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until April 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

**Purchasing & Contracting**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to FAB Committee*

[2018-3079](#)

Commission District(s): ALL  
RFP - Request for Proposals No. 18-500478 for Jail Fire Alarm System Replacement: for use by the Sheriff’s Office. Consists of design, construction and replacement of the fire detection and alarm system for the DeKalb County Jail. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer: Smart Building Systems, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,234,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, 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

*Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*



[2019-3366](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 18-101057 Refuse Transfer, Standard Aluminum Open Top Loading 53 Foot Trailer: for Public Works - Fleet Management to be used by Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of three (3) Refuse Transfer, Standard Aluminum Open Top Loading 53' Trailers for transporting garbage from the Central Transfer Station to the Seminole Landfill. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: East Manufacturing Corporation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$269,100.00.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until April 9, 2019. Items 2019-3366 and 2019-3370 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

[2019-3370](#)

Commission District(s): All

REN - Installation of Data, Voice & Multi-Media Cabling (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options To Renew): Contract No. 1058193 for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT). This contract consists of installing cabling in County-owned facilities. Awarded to GC&E Systems Group Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$165,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until April 9, 2019. Items 2019-3366 and 2019-3370 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*

[2019-3318](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 989165 for Rental of Trailers (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew) for use by Public Works - Sanitation and the Department of Beautification. The contract consists of the rental of five (5) trailers located at the South Collection Lot to house Sanitation and Beautification staff. This request is to purchase the remaining three (3) trailers currently being used by Beautification staff. Awarded to Spectrum Building Systems. Amount Not To Exceed: \$149,639.97.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3318, 2019-3422, 2019-3448 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

[2019-3422](#)

Commission District(s): 1 & 6

CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1038278 for Runway 21L Engineered Materials Arresting System, (EMAS) Project at the DeKalb Peachtree (PDK) Airport. The contract consists of the installation of an EMAS on Runway 21L Approach End to address the safety area limits required by the Federal Aviation Administration guidelines and the approved Airport Layout Plan. Awarded to Astra Group, Inc. CONTRACT TERM EXTENSION ONLY.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3318, 2019-3422, 2019-3448 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

[2019-3432](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO - Request approval to appropriate SPLOST funds for asphalt concrete pavement repair in the amount of \$500,000.00 from Transportation Category 1A and approve Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos. 1118591, 1118593 and 1115899 for use by Facilities Management (FM), Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D) and the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). These contracts consist of completing paving repairs to streets, parking lots and main roads. Awarded to Greenway One, Inc., A & S Paving, Inc. and HEH Paving, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$500,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved with an amendment to remove the verbiage "parking lots" from the agenda 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

[2019-3448](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

EM - CNG Fueling Stations (Emergency): for use by Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of purchasing fuel at the two (2) nearest CNG stations during the time the fuel stations located at Seminole Landfill are inaccessible due to the repairs on the natural gas pipeline by Atlanta Gas Light Company. Recommend approval of the emergency purchase of fuel with PS Energy Group, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$225,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3318, 2019-3422, 2019-3448 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

**Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs**

[2019-3399](#)

Commission District(s): District 5 and 7

Approval of the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Atlanta, Inc. Rental Agreement for Portions of the Redan Recreation Center

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, 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 April 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

**Sheriff's Office**[2019-3475](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Grant

**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

**Watershed Management**[2018-1851](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution by The Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia, to Set Miscellaneous Fees for Water and Sewer Services Offered by The County.

**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

**I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD**

**Board of Commissioners**

[2019-3360](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts  
DeKalb County Financial Disclosure Policy

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days, until April 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 5**

[2019-3379](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts  
A Resolution by The Governing Authority of Dekalb County to Request the DeKalb County Chief Audit Executive to Add an Operational Review to Include a Fiscal and Performance Audit of the Dekalb County Voter Registration and Elections Department to the 2019 Annual Workplan for the Office of Independent Internal Audit

**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

**Facilities Management**

[2019-3374](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Acceptance of Georgia Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) rental revenue and appropriation thereof for additional deferred Operations & Maintenance (O&M) work.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, 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

**Finance - Risk Management**

[2019-3260](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Employee & Early Retiree Health & Wellness Benefits  
**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, 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

**Public Works - Transportation**

[2019-3237](#) Commission District(s): 1, 3, 5, 6, and 7  
Acceptance of \$3,459,660 in GDOT Funds for Flat Shoals Road, Henderson Road, and Salem Road Sidewalks  
**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, 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 April 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

**Purchasing & Contracting**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee*

[2019-3348](#)

Commission District(s): All  
RFP - Request for Proposals No. 18-500503 for Customer Service Training Program Design and Implementation: for use by the Department of Human Resources & Merit System (HR). Consists of the design and implementation of a Customer Service Training Program. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer: Moran Consulting, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$323,788.00.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

*Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*

[2019-3284](#)

Commission District(s): All  
REN- Professional and Managed Support and Maintenance of Voice and Data Network Services (Annual Contract - 4th Renewal of 4 Options to Renew): Contract No. 967790 for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT). This contract consists of providing maintenance, support and repairs on the voice and data network services. Awarded to Layer 3 Communications, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,169,897.15.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3284, 2019-3322, 2019-3331 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

[2019-3322](#)

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 14-902797 for Lease of IBM Equipment (Multi-Year Contract): for use by the Department of Innovation & Technology (IT). This contract consists of the lease for equipment to serve as the host platforms for the Oracle E-Business Suite, PeopleSoft, email and several other application databases. Awarded to IBM Credit, LLC dba IBM Corp. Amount Not To Exceed: \$315,630.00.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3284, 2019-3322, 2019-3331 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

[2019-3331](#)

Commission District(s): All  
REN - Maintenance, Cleaning & Inspection of Fuel Tanks including Removal, Relocation and Installation (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1055622 for use by Public Works - Fleet Management. This contract consists of maintaining, cleaning and inspecting multiple fuel tanks as needed to ensure clean fuel is dispensed to County fleet. Awarded to SP Petroleum Transporters. Amount Not To Exceed: \$110,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3284, 2019-3322, 2019-3331 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 PECS Committee*



[2019-3329](#) Commission District(s): 5  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1012065 Lifeguard and Pool Services at Browns Mill Family Aquatic Facility (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of providing lifeguard services, supervision of pools and pool services. Awarded to StandGuard Aquatics, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$190,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until April 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

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee*

[2019-3205](#) Commission District(s): 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7  
LB - Invitation No. 18-101024 DeKalb Sidewalk Program Phase 2C - Salem Rd., Henderson Rd. and Flat Shoals Rd. - PI# 0007618/PI# 0008268 (548 days): for use by Public Works-Transportation. Consists of construction of sidewalks along Salem, Henderson and Flat Shoals Roads. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Precision 2000, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$5,996,003.45.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until April 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

## J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

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

- Thanked everyone who sent sympathy cards for the passing of his father
- Attended the Conley Area Business Association meeting
- Attended the ACTS annual conference
- Attended Antioch Lithonia Baptist Church's 150 year anniversary
- Attended the Organized Neighbors of Edgewood meeting
- Highlighted the movie Best of Enemies debut on April 5th, which deals with the desegregation of Durham North Carolina in 1971 and what it meant for America
- Participated in Single Parent Day at the capitol, recognizing single parents in the State of Georgia
- Attended a health fair at the bridge at Austin Drive Bethesda Church
- Kick off of County's Month with annual clean-ups, starting this Saturday and throughout the month of April
- Public Safety Town Hall meeting on April 16th at Bob Mathis Elementary School

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

Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer. Good Morning Everyone.

It was indeed an honor to attend the Medal of Valor ceremony for Master Police Officer Norman Larsen and K9 Officer Indi on March 12th. As you all know, K9 Officer Indi was wounded in the line of duty after being shot and losing an eye while helping his human handlers track down the assailant of Officer Edgar Flores on December 13, 2018. K9 Officer Indi is credited with saving the lives of DeKalb County police officers. It was a solemn and beautiful ceremony and we are all grateful for the service of our police officers: those on two legs and those on four legs.

It was great to attend the 23rd Annual Raising of the Green celebration which is a fundraiser for The Art Station in Stone Mountain on March 17th. As always the food and entertainment were excellent. And as someone who grew up in Savannah, I am always happy to party a little on St. Patrick's Day.

It was a pleasure to participate in a panel discussion at the Leadership DeKalb Open House on March 19th. As a proud member of the Class of 2016, I am always happy to extol the virtues of that great program. I would like to commend Leadership DeKalb's Executive Director Maria Balais and her entire team for the job that

they do. And I would like to thank Maria for asking me to participate on the panel.

Normally in this space I confine my comments to items that directly impact DeKalb County. However, today I will exercise a point a personal privilege by departing from that a bit.

A little less than two weeks ago on March 15th, 50 innocent people were killed as they worshipped in two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand. These were dastardly and cowardly acts of terrorism that I condemn in the strongest terms possible. I bring this up today because I have a significant and vibrant Muslim community in my district around the Clarkston area and beyond. These good people are my constituents and I am proud to represent them on this Board of Commissioners. Imam Wazir is my friend. The Imam called me the other day in the wake of the tragedy in New Zealand and shared with me that his community is on edge and feeling a certain amount of insecurity. I know that he shared similar concerns with Director Lumpkin and will be working with him to try to alleviate some of that insecurity. No one should have to feel insecure where they live and worship.

Today, my message to the Imam and to all of my Muslim brothers and sisters in District 4, is that your Commissioner stands in solidarity with you. And that I am here to offer my assistance in any way possible. Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer.

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

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

This morning, I would like to begin my comments by thanking all District 5 citizens who attended the SPLOST Town Hall meeting co-hosted by my colleague, Commissioner Cochran – Johnson. I would also like to thank our Chief Operating Officer, Zach Williams and Ernest Slaughter from our SPLOST Program Management group. I'd also like to give a special shout out to Ms. Lylah Lockridge who is the branch manager of the Stonecrest Library. I thank her and her staff for being a gracious host for our meeting.

This past weekend, Hank and I had the opportunity to attend the Pastoral Installation of my Chief of Staff, Demetrius McCoy and his wife Mariah. It was a wonderful occasion and we are so proud of the work that you will do in the future.

Last Friday, we toured Emory University Hospital where we received great information about the operations of Emory Hospital and we also toured the facility. I would like to thank Ms. Kendra Price for inviting us to tour. Thank you to Emory for continuing to provide great service to DeKalb.

I am looking forward to joining Browns Mill Recreation Center for their Health and Wellness Spring Fest Fair this Saturday, March 30th from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.. I invite all citizens of the 5th to come out and support this positive initiative. There will be breast cancer screenings, prostate cancer screenings, heart health screenings, men's health information, gymnastics & yoga demonstrations, voter registration, and information on eradicating Sex Trafficking & Bullying in our communities. For more information, please call 770-492-5453.

This Sunday, I am looking forward to joining Antioch AME for a celebration of Women's History Month. I

would also like to thank Antioch for recognizing me and other women in DeKalb who are creating change. The keynote speaker for this event is none other than Stacey Abrams. I am looking forward to joining Antioch and again, I appreciate the honor which is being bestowed upon me and others.

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, comments, concerns, or suggestions. Again, my number is 404-371-2159. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your District 5 Commissioner.

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

- I'd like to take a moment to thank retiring officer Richard Knock for his 30 years of service to DeKalb County, so would you please come up so that we can recognize you. You have worn many hats during your tenure with DeKalb County Police and your integrity, leadership, and perseverance has been a model for so many of our men and women in "blue" to emulate. We will miss you, and wish you the best. I personally want you to know how much I appreciated your efforts to make sure I safely made it home after evening zoning meetings. Thank you again. You have served the county well and it is an honor to recognize you for that

- We are six days into Spring and I can already feel a change in the air! The weekend is predicted to be fabulous, so if you want to enjoy the beginning of this season's weather change join me and my team Saturday at 9:30 a.m. for my first walk of the year highlighting the South River Trail. The walk will be a 3.4 mile trek from Georgia State's Perimeter Campus at 3251 Panthersville Road (where there is plenty of free parking) to Cedar Grove Middle School and back. Tykes in strollers and on scooters as well as fur babies on leashes are welcomed! It will be a crispy beautiful morning so bring your light jackets and don't forget your water bottles!

- The food drive numbers are in! Kudos DeKalb, the total amount of food donations and online donations were tripled this year, creating more than 10,000 meals for our DeKalb County neighbors in need of food. Thank you again to everyone who participated!

- I like to encourage my constituents to visit my website often since social media is one of the quickest ways for my office to distribute information. We recently shared that there will be major road work done on both North Druid Hills and I-285 Westbound exit ramp at Roswell Road which can greatly impact those who live and work around these areas. Visit [www.DeKalbWatershed.com](http://www.DeKalbWatershed.com) for specifics

- Do you or any family member or friends have unresolved traffic tickets from DeKalb County? If so, you're in luck because the county is running a time-limited traffic citation amnesty program! Any individual with overdue or unpaid citations from January 2010 to December 2018 can have their failure to appear fees waived if they dispose of their case through this program. The registration period for this program ends on May 17th. Sign up is available in person and online as well as at the beginning at 8:30 a.m., Monday thru Friday, at the courthouse. For more information about open citations or warrants issued by the DeKalb County State Court Traffic Division, please visit [www.DekalbStateCourt.net](http://www.DekalbStateCourt.net) or call 404-294-2099

- Are you an entrepreneur, looking for the right opportunity to pitch your business and its services to DeKalb

County? You may be interested in DeKalb County's third annual 'Business Opportunity Reverse Trade Show and Procurement Summit'. The event is this Thursday, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Porter Sanford III Performing Arts & Community Center at 3181 Rainbow Drive in Decatur. This event is free in celebration of National Procurement Month. During the summit, you will have the chance to market your services directly to department representatives. There will also be mini-workshops that detail how to prepare to bid on contracts and how to be a responsible contractor in fulfilling them. To register visit [www.thirdannualtradeshow.Eventbrite.com](http://www.thirdannualtradeshow.Eventbrite.com)

- DeKalb County Recreations, Parks and Cultural Affairs Department has recently announced that they have opened their application process for summer employment. If you know someone that is interested, act soon. Applications are being accepted now until the end of this week, Friday, March 29th. There are openings for food monitors, camp counselors, recreations assistants, and bus drivers. Applications can be completed online at DeKalb County's job search portal at [www.DekalbCountyga.gov](http://www.DekalbCountyga.gov)

- Experience one of DeKalb County's most exciting spring festivals this weekend at the Brookhaven Cherry Blossom Festival! This two day festival, located at Blackburn Park 3493 Ashford Dunwoody Rd., will feature an artists' market, pet world, kids zone, classic car show, and free music performances. Be sure not to miss this music and arts extravaganza!

- If you're looking for a more quiet spring activity this weekend, consider joining the rain barrel workshop hosted by Keep DeKalb Beautiful this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Dunwoody Community Garden, 4700 North Peachtree Road, Dunwoody. For just \$25 dollars, you can learn how to build a rain barrel and leave with your completed project. Space is limited, so please contact the DeKalb County Extension Office at 404-298-4080 to sign up. For more information please visit [www.KeepDekalbBeautiful.org](http://www.KeepDekalbBeautiful.org) or call 404-294-2010

- Congratulations to our two District 6 constituents who were recognized for their contributions to "Friends of Parks" at the annual Parks and Greenspace Conference yesterday! Bill Lide with Friends of Kittredge Park and Jessie Hayden with Friends of Briarlake Forest Park received "Impact Awards" honoring them as leaders who inspire others to expand and improve public parks and greenspaces through their actions. Kudos to both of you and to all our amazing Friends of Parks groups! If you are interested in becoming a "Friends of Parks" member, please email Kayla Altland at [kayla@parkpride.org](mailto:kayla@parkpride.org) and she can connect you to the "Friend Group" closest to you

- With wedding season approaching, Chief Magistrate Judge Anderson has announced the relocation and expansion of marriage services in DeKalb County's Magistrate. Beginning April 2nd, DeKalb's "One Stop" Wedding services will be available at a new location, 3630 Camp Circle in Decatur on Tuesdays through Fridays from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Ceremonies are performed on a first come, first serve basis and are always free of charge

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

- District 7 remains on the move. I'd like to begin by stating we had a great SPLOST TOWNHALL last

Thursday, March 21st at the Stonecrest Library. The TOWNHALL was co-hosted with fellow Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson. There was a comprehensive presentation provided by COO Zach Williams and the SPLOST program management team

- District 7 will be attending the 1st Maternal and Infant Mortality Conference hosted by the DeKalb County Board of Health under the leadership of Dr. Sandra Ford on Friday, March 29th at the Stonecrest Library. The conference will feature Judge Glenda Hatchett, as well as presenters Dr. Carolyn Aidman, Associate Director of the Urban Health Initiative at the Emory School of Medicine and Dr. Amy Patterson, Professor at Agnes Scott College
- One of District 7's focus areas that we strongly support is improving mental health. I will be attending an observation of court participants at the Misdemeanor Mental Health Court on Thursday, April 4th to see the hard work and progress of the court in improving mental health, especially among youth offenders
- 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 updated website at [www.commissionerrader.com](http://www.commissionerrader.com). I want to encourage you to sign up for news and updates where I have recently posted my 2018 year in review. I hope you will find the website helpful in contacting our office, viewing the agenda and requesting assistance electronically. Please also follow me on Facebook and Twitter using [@raderjeff](#) and on Instagram at [commissionerjeffrader](#).

Congratulations...

Bill Lide of Kittredge Park and Jessie Hayden with Briarlake Forest Park both received Inspiration Awards at yesterday's Park Pride Annual Conference. Thank you both for your incredible efforts to make your DeKalb park shine! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of DeKalb's Friends of Parks groups who work around the year to provide programming, grant proposals and new projects in all parks across DeKalb.

DeKalb Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs staff efforts are augmented by such a committed and active citizenry. We couldn't do it without you!

Upcoming...

- The District 2 Friends of Parks Group will be meeting tonight at the Mack Love center for their monthly informational exchange
- The PDK Master Planning Advisory Committee will be meeting tonight at 6 p.m. at the Chamblee Civic Center 3540 Broad Street, Chamblee GA 30341. The public is welcome to attend and observe
- On Wednesday, March 27th at 7 p.m. also at Mack Love, the Civic Association Network will host a SPLOST Update for those who can attend

- I also call your attention to three other SPLOST Open Houses in April being held around the county. Dates and locations are as follows:

Tuesday, April 9th, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Maloof Auditorium, 1300 Commerce Drive, Decatur, GA 30030

Wednesday, April 10th, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Central DeKalb Senior Center, 1346 McConnell Drive, Decatur, GA 30033

Thursday, April 11th, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Lou Walker Senior Center, 2538 Panola Road, Lithonia, GA 30058

In Library news...

- Tonight the Global Village Chorus will perform at the Decatur Library Auditorium at 7 p.m. Come hear these refugee girls from Afghanistan, Burma, Burundi, Congo, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Iraq, Nepal, Somalia and Syria perform!

- This Saturday, the DeKalb County Public Library Author Expo will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Tucker branch

- Almost April 15th and many library branches are offering 2019 Tax Assistance with AARP. Check your local library for the schedule

#### **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 Lorraine Cochran-Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson to recess the March 26, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:53 a.m. 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**



Jeff Rader  
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond  
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders-Norwood  
County Clerk