

DeKalb County Government

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



Summary

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

9:00 AM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

Board of Commissioners

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

Commissioner Robert Patrick, District 1

Commissioner Jeff Rader, District 2

Commissioner Larry Johnson, District 3

Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4

Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5

Commissioner Edward "Ted" Terry, Super District 6

Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Super District 7

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

This meeting will be conducted via teleconference (Zoom). Simultaneous public access to the meeting will be available (1) via live stream on DCTV's webpage, and (2) on DCTVChannel23.TV. Public Comment may be submitted by sending an email no longer than one page to PublicComment@dekalbcountyga.gov which must be received between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Only those emails received during the allotted time may be read aloud and broadcast. Emails received outside of the allotted time will be included in the Public Comments record for the next meeting after the receipt of those emails. The body of your email must include your first and last name, followed by your address. By submitting an email at any time for public comment, you agree to have your name, address, and email broadcast on the teleconference (Zoom) and entered in the record/minutes. Abusive, profane or derogatory language will not be permitted. The Public Comment segment will not exceed 30 minutes and individual emails will be read by the Clerk for no more than 3 minutes each. The County reserves the right, at the County's sole discretion, to (1) add your email to the record/minutes without reading any of it into the broadcast or (2) add your email to the record/minutes and read all or a portion of your email into the broadcast.

A. INSPIRATIONAL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Jeff Rader - District 2

B. PRESENTATIONS

COVID-19 Response

C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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1. Rev. Kate McGregor Mosley, 139 Candler Oaks Lane Decatur GA 30030 - Dear Dekalb County Commissioners, Thank you for your service on our behalf during this critical time that calls for compassionate and strategic leadership. The pandemic has added layers of complications to your work and requires even more vision to ensure all in DeKalb thrive. But right now, too many are barely surviving. Our neighbors without houses need our community to come together like never before. We need warming centers and safe shelter for those who are living on the streets of DeKalb County right now. We need safe places where they can gather. We need DeKalb neighbors to show up for this vulnerable population. I implore you to act now to open these centers and to continue working with private-sector providers like A Home For Everyone-DeKalb and my clergy colleagues across the county as they serve these marginalized neighbors. Together, we can help protect them from the harsh elements and set them up for success in returning to permanent housing. Thank you for your consideration of this request. In hope,

2. Barbara McLean, 1444 Cornell Rd Atlanta GA 30306 - Thank you for providing an opportunity to share my concerns and for the work that you are tirelessly doing to help all of us. As a nurse associated with emergency and critical care I am witness to any given night, when temperatures drop below freezing Georgia's emergency rooms are flooded with unhoused patients exhibiting severely Low heart rates (bradycardia), life threatening hypoperfusion (vasoconstriction) severe neurological impairments (disorientation to coma), along with several other serious conditions that require work up and intervention. Initiated by an EMS call (if they are lucky), followed by admission to a overwhelmed and expensive emergency room, created by an inhumane and preventable condition: failure to provide warm and safe places to sleep. The very signs and symptoms that are generated during moderate to severe hypothermia put our unhoused neighbors at more risk for assault, rape and other aggressive acts as they become confused, disoriented and sluggish from the cold. The AJC reports that "... The official number from Fulton's 2019 reports...Nine people experiencing homelessness in Fulton died from hypothermia in 2019 per county records, almost one in four" of the reported deaths. Inaccurate counts of the number of our community who are compromised, humiliated and even die during nights that are freezing hides the fact that this is a severe crisis. We ask that you continue and expand the good work of opening warm safe havens to assist our fellow Georgians. That your good work doesn't stop with five or ten shelters, but continues until all in need have a protected environment.

3. Paul McLennan, 851 Alberson Ct. Decatur, GA 30033 - Dear Commissioners, Thank you for your announcement last night about opening warming centers. We hope the county will continue to provide what is necessary for our unhoused residents, especially during cold weather. Everyone has the human right to an adequate standard of living which includes food, clothing, housing, medical care, and necessary social services. Truly affordable housing and the wraparound services required to sustain someone in a home must become a priority for all levels of government.

4. Dr. Sara Patenaude, 2417 Glenwood Ave SE Atlanta, GA 30317 - Dear Commissioners, We appreciate DeKalb County finally taking action to open three warming centers across the county for unhoused residents on freezing nights. As you no doubt realize, these centers are literal life savers. But we can and should do better. Our neighboring counties provide warming centers with a safe place to sleep, a warm meal, and available showers. They also take the opportunity to connect these people experiencing homelessness with the supportive services that can help them get off the street. In comparison, DeKalb County offers a folding chair in a fire station. What message does that send to the unhoused people of DeKalb County? Are they less worthy

of compassion and dignity by virtue of crossing over the DeKalb County line? As we enter into the holidays, please show your spirit of care. DeKalb County can and should do right by ALL of its residents. Any one of us is only 2 or 3 bad days away from experiencing homelessness ourselves. Providing a folding chair so folks don't freeze to death is the bare minimum. Let's set the bar higher in our county.

5. Stephen Binney (No Address) - Happy Holidays Commissioners, Santa Claus is coming to town later this week and I know what I want for Christmas. I want my County Commissioners to grow a spine. Either that or make a New Years resolution to govern like you have one. On Thursday evening, while changing the county redistricting meeting to 5pm to allow for more public participation, you decided not to allow the public to speak about the matter by only accepting public comments to be read into the minutes. Why is the commission afraid to allow the public to speak directly to them during public meetings? Mr Terry, your explanation while true was poorly stated. Under our current form of government in Dekalb County, commissioners are indeed mostly powerless, but to publicly state that all commissioners do is pass on requests for sanitation and water and sewage leaks so we do not need more commissioners because they would only get in the way is poorly stated. If that is the case, why do we have commissioners at all? Why are taxpayers paying out over \$250,000 a year to commissioners? Your examples of Gwinnett and Cobb as examples of counties with 5 commissioners does not sit well. Cobb and Gwinnett are democracies, Dekalb is more like a dictatorship. As proof of this, on Wednesday, during the OPS committee meeting, three recommendations to the Dekalb Legislative delegation failed to get an approval. A resolution to Eliminate Impediments To, Establishment, By Ordinance, Of A Transparent And Efficient County Procurement System, because as commissioners you are powerless to do so and Mr Thurmond is reluctant to do so. A resolution to Amend the DeKalb County Organizational Act Section 13 A to Allow the Board of Commissioners to make Appointments after a 90 Day Period, because the CEO is refusing to make some appointments. A resolution Relating To The Creation Of A Charter Review Commission To Study And Make Recommendations On The Governance Structure of DeKalb County because the CEO refuses to do so. Currently these three resolutions are now on hold because of promises made by the CEO's office. Do you cowardly lions believe his promises? Mr Thurmond has promised to make his appointments to the Charter Review Commission each of the last two years. What makes you believe him this time? Commissioners, you can be part of the solution or part of the problem. If you are not part of the solution you do not belong here. Am I reading Item #3533 correctly? Dekalb County is going to be accepting up to a monthly average of 375,000 gallons a day of Rockdale's County's sewage into Dekalb County's sewage system at Pole Creek. Dekalb County is currently spilling over 20 million gallons of it's own sewage a year into our rivers, streets, and people's yards. You must have been very bad this year South Dekalb as you are not just getting a lump of coal for Christmas but also millions of gallons of Rockdale County's waste. Have a Holly Jolly Christmas, It's the Best Time of The Year. Ryan Brown, 780 Rowland Rd Stone Mountain GA - Commissioners, I have concerns about the county commission redistricting proposal that you are voting to move forward for review today. Public review of the proposal has been extremely limited: •The final interactive map of the proposed district lines was first available to the public on December 17th (4 days ago), which was after the two public meetings and opportunities to comment on December 9th and 16th. • Maps were shown at the two public meetings and distributed by some commissioners, but they were not made widely publicly available or ever posted on the county website. • Additionally, these maps shown at the public meetings and that were commented on did not include street names and it was difficult to determine exactly where the proposed district lines would be. •The population numbers for each proposed district and the population differences between proposed districts of the final map have not been made available, except for on the live

county video of the December 12th meeting. The recorded video of that meeting is not yet available. You all can do better at allowing public review of and comment on this proposal that will affect everyone in the county for the next ten years. Is there a reason this is being rushed through with very limited public review and input? Additionally, the few public comments during the special meetings had consistent suggestions that were not considered. Commenters asked for a transparent public process, that the overall population deviation between districts should meet the best practice of less than 3%, and that communities/neighborhoods should not be split between more than one district. These deficiencies are not addressed in the proposed map and vote on the proposed redistricting resolution today. The state reapportionment map was outside of local control to make it an equitable map, but getting it right in DeKalb County is very possible and within your control. Let us all work together to conduct an appropriate public inspection/comment period and incorporate comments and suggestions that are consistent with reapportionment best practices and equitable district principles in DeKalb County. Sincerely,

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7. Dr. Ed Williams (No Address) - Good Morning Commissioners, My Name is Ed Williams, I have lived in unincorporated south DeKalb for over twenty years. I am the chair of the group Concerned Citizens for Effective Government. I have five major points to make this morning. 1. DeKalb County's method of funding the DeKalb Pension obligations is not equitable to all the residents in both unincorporated and municipalities of DeKalb County regarding legacy liability. 2. The BOC should require MARTA to restore all the Bus routes and schedules in DeKalb County. 3. The residents who live in unincorporated DeKalb interests are being neglected compared to the interests of the cities and the county as a whole. Unincorporated DeKalb must have proportional representation. 4. The CEO should appoint a new chair to the county charter review

commission. 5. DeKalb County should continue to invest in more coronavirus testing sites and quicker test results for the residents of DeKalb County. I have made several efforts to expose the inequities using the “see something and say something” approach and warn the commission. Today, I ask the board not to remain silent. Will you be the voice who says enough, and stand up and represent all the people? There is a disparity between municipalities and unincorporated residents in how the DeKalb Pension plan is being funded with the property tax funds. One of the problems with the DeKalb pension is that much of the liability was created before 2008 when more than 80 percent of residents lived in unincorporated DeKalb. The population has shifted to municipalities but the burden has not. The unfunded obligations of the pension should be paid from the county general fund. Other jurisdictions pay their pension liability from their General Fund. The commission should demand equity for MARTA services, Pension, and SPLOST funding. If you do nothing the people will seek redress from the courts. Thank You

8. Linda LeBron, 225 E Ponce de Leon Ave, Decatur, GA 30030 - I am Linda LeBron. I live in TowneSquare condo #512 at 225 E Ponce de Leon Ave, Decatur, GA 30030. Please open more warming centers. This county is blessed with too many resources to allow anyone to die in the cold. God bless all the volunteers in agencies working in this. Support them please!

9. Diana Berman, 128 Champlain Street Decatur, GA 30030 - Dear Commissioners- I want to thank the county for opening 3 warming centers beginning Wednesday night when the temperatures will dip below 35 degrees. Dekalb is a huge county. I would like to see more warming centers opened in different parts of the county located near public transportation. I'd like these centers to at least match the standards set by counties such as Gwinnett. For example, I think these centers should provide a warm meal, a safe place to sleep and showers. Transportation to these centers is also important. The county should provide this so our unhoused neighbors can reach the centers if they can't get there by public transportation. These centers are necessary. They provide life-saving food and shelter that our unhoused neighbors deserve. Thank you.

10. Ellen Gallow, 137 Inman Dr. Decatur, GA 30030 - Dear Mr. Thurmond and Commissioners, I am deeply saddened to see my neighbors and fellow DeKalb County citizens sleeping outdoors, especially on cold winter nights. Their very lives are at risk, and we, as a county, must respond. To as great an extent as possible, the county should provide motel accommodations with services to help move people into permanent housing. However, when this is not available, the county should provide easily accessible warming centers throughout the county. These can be at fire stations, police stations, recreation centers, other public buildings, and churches/houses of worship. Above all, the warming centers must be places where people feel welcomed and not shamed. As a county, we can, and must, take care of our neighbors who are at risk. Thank you.

11. Rev. Paul M. Turner, 601 West Ponce DeLeon Decatur, Georgia 30033 - Good Morning Commissioners, My name is Rev. Paul M. Turner, the Senior Pastor of Gentle Spirit Christian Church located at 601 West Ponce DeLeon Decatur, Georgia 30033. I want to thank DeKalb County for opening warming centers. However, 3 is only a start and is not close to the number needed for a county our size. I would call upon you to follow the standards set by our surrounding counties: more centers, providing a warm meal, showers, safe place to sleep, and transportation. I am sure you are aware, that Hypothermia begins with long term skin exposure of 50 degrees. Waiting till the temperatures have fallen to 35 degrees is waiting for people to die. Opening shelters at 40 degrees makes far more sense and will save lives. May each of you regardless if

you are a person of the Christian faith or not remember the teaching of Jesus: “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ Each of you Commissioners have the ability to make sure no one in DeKalb County freezes to death. My hope is that you will act today rather than when someone has died.

12. Nancy Barrow, 928 E. Lake Dr. Decatur 30030 - When and where will warming centers be open in Dekalb County? So many people on the streets need a place to go for cold days and nights. These are our people and we must care for them. They are OUR PEOPLE. Thank you.

13. Mai Cavalli, (No Address) - My name is Mai Cavalli. I volunteer at the Assistance Ministry at First Baptist Church of Decatur at 308 Clairmont Ave, in downtown Decatur. Weekly, we serve homeless people providing them various services, referrals, Marta cards, food gift cards, gas cards, and as our budget permits help with paying phone bills, utility bills, and some short term hotel stay for newly the employed or seniors and disabled living on SSI benefits. We have a fair amount of homeless individuals who have told us that because of the lack of shelters or the fear of going to unsafe shelters, they sleep in the cemetery, on church properties including ours, in their cars if they own one, in parking decks. This is a shame, dangerous, and inhumane. We can and should provide safe shelters for all homeless, particularly during the winter months when sleeping outdoors can lead to death! Please help our homeless neighbors.

14. Tammy Washington, 2033 Castlegate Ter Decatur, GA 30032 - Thanks for opening the warming stations during this time. I have a few questions: How are you getting this information out to the community who it's meant to serve and the groups who serve them? Do you know how many who can be housed at each location? Are there any other services being provided at the various warming stations? Happy Holidays,

15. Susan Gonzalez, 572 Emory Oaks Way Decatur, GA 30033 - Hello: I am writing today to ask that more warming shelters be available to the unsheltered in Dekalb County. Having worked in warming shelters in DeKalb, I can attest to the dire need to provide a safe place during freezing nights. We all have a real responsibility to help protect our citizens from possible exposure and death. We, as a community have an obligation to these men, women, and children living on the streets. I respectfully ask that more shelters be provided. Thank you

16. Catherine Carter, 531 S Candler St Decatur, GA 30030 - My name is Catherine Carter. I am a lifelong resident of Decatur. My email is cwcarter531@gmail.com. Of course there have always been homeless folks in our town, but it seems to have become more apparent in recent years. Yes, public funds have been allocated to assist the poor and lessen homelessness. However, this 78 year old has received the calls indicating the difficulty of assessing these funds. Consequently these folks are unhoused. Whole families live in their cars or in tents. Many seek shelter in the Decatur Cemetery. In recent years several local churches have provided shelter on the coldest winter days. However, since the advent of COVID, this has become difficult, as most of the volunteers are elderly and more vulnerable to infection. The most that we at A Home for Everyone and DPC's Threshold Ministry are able to do is to hand out jackets, blankets, etc along with MARTA cards for transport to Atlanta shelters This is offensive as numerous public buildings in DeKalb could be used to house the homeless. Please consider making shelter available in some DeKalb public buildings. Thank you,

D. 10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING

The DeKalb County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing during its Regular Business meeting on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will be conducted via teleconference (Zoom). Simultaneous public access to the meeting will be available (1) via live stream on DCTV's webpage, and (2) DCTVChannel23.TV. The public is invited to watch the broadcast on DCTV's UStream link (<https://video.ibm.com/channel/dctv-channel-23>), or join the meeting using the Zoom link

(<https://dekalbcountyga.zoom.us/j/7753778046>), or by telephone (602-333-0032 or 888-270-9936, conference code: 217687). For those joining the meeting by telephone, please be aware that your phone number may be displayed to the public viewing or participating in the online meeting. The Board will provide 15 minutes of time for citizens to speak in favor of an agenda item, and 15 minutes for citizens to speak in opposition. Citizens who attend the meeting via the Zoom link above may join the public comment queue by raising their hand in the Zoom application, while citizens who attend the meeting via telephone may join the comment queue by pressing # followed by 2. There will be no comment cards, so when you are called upon, please state your name and address for the record. Also, please be conscious of speaking time so that everyone has an opportunity to provide input in the allotted time. Citizens may also email documents for inclusion into the official record by submitting such materials by 9:00 a.m. on the date of the public hearing to PublicHearing@dekalbcountyga.gov.

“DECISION ONLY” ITEMS – NO PUBLIC HEARING**Planning & Sustainability**

[2021-3157](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): Commission District: 03; Super District 06

Application of VG First Baptist Senior, LP for a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) for a senior housing development of multi-family and detached dwelling units in an R-75 (Residential Medium Lot-75) District, at 2318 2nd Avenue.

Approved the substitute

E. APPEALS

NONE

F. APPOINTMENTS

Chief Executive Office

[2021-3398](#)

Commission District(s): All

Appointment of Jose Paniagua to the DeKalb County Public Library Board of Trustees

Approved

ITEMS FOR RECORDING IN THE MINUTES

Board of Commissioners - District 1

[2021-3566](#)

Commission District(s): District 1

Recording of the Appointment of Charles McDowell to the SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee

Approved

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Airport

[2021-3469](#)

Commission District(s): 1 and 6

Lease Amendment No. 5 to Contract No. 06-800202 with Mercury Air Center-Peachtree-DeKalb, LLC d/b/a Atlantic Aviation. There is no cost to the County.

Approved

[2021-3487](#)

Commission District(s): Commission Districts 1 & 6

Termination of Standardized T-Hangar Lease Agreement with Daniel Murray

Approved

Board of Commissioners

[2021-3575](#)**Commission District(s): All**

Approval of Minutes for the December 16, 2021 Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting

Approved**Board of Commissioners - District 4**[2021-3447](#)**Commission District(s): District 4**

Transfer \$32,000 from District 4 Reserve for Allocation funds to DeKalb Human Services R.I.S.E. UP Male Mentoring Program account for 2022 session. Project # 105538 and Cost Center #67510.

Approved**Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO**[2021-3536](#)**Commission District(s): All**

Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of December 14, 2021

Deferred to the next meeting, until January 11, 2022[2021-3565](#)**Commission District(s): all**

Approval of Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of December 7, 2021

Approved**H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS****Board of Commissioners**

[2021-3579](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia to the DeKalb County Delegation of the General Assembly to Authorize the Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office to Review Proposed District Maps

Approved the substitute and after review by the legislative redistricting office and its pronouncement that this item would return to the board of Commissioners prior to its formal submission as the commission's preferred map to the General Assembly delegation and advertise it for public hearing at our first meeting in January

Board of Commissioners - Legislative Items

[2021-3530](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution Of The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County, Georgia To The General Proposing A County Organizational Act Amendment To Ensure, And Eliminate Impediments To, Establishment, By Ordinance, Of A Transparent And Efficient County Procurement System

Deferred 45 days, until February 8, 2022

[2021-3531](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia to the DeKalb County Delegation of the General Assembly to Amend the DeKalb County Organizational Act Section 13A to Allow the Board of Commissioners to make Appointments after a 90 Day Period

Deferred for 45 days, until February 8, 2022

[2021-3532](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution Of The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County Georgia To The General Assembly Relating To The Creation Of A Charter Review Commission To Study And Make Recommendations On The Governance Structure of DeKalb County

Deferred for 45 days, until February 8, 2022

Board of Commissioners - District 1

[2021-3567](#)

Commission District(s): District 1

Extension of the Term of the Contract Agreement for Media Cause (Contract # 1256805) for an additional year.

Approved

Board of Commissioners - District 6

[2021-3564](#)

Commission District(s): Commission District 6

Approve a \$100,000.00 from District 6 ARP appropriations to Threshold Ministry to assist financially to those who are limited by physical and/or mental disability and who are able to prove a need for assistance for housing, utilities, transportation, communication, and/or related expenses needed as a result of COVID-19.

Approved

[2021-3569](#)

Commission District(s): Commission District 6

Approve a \$9,745.00 from District 6 ARP appropriations to install a bioswale to the East Decatur Greenway in the area now occupied by a large trench that channels water directly into the creek.

Approved

Chief Executive Office[2021-3580](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

To Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement between the DeKalb County Development Authority and the County for economic development services.

Approved the substitute**Facilities Management**[2021-3534](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Authorizing Funding for Renovation of the Maloof Annex Auditorium and Lobby

Deferred for 30 days and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on January 25, 2022**Police Services**[2021-3576](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

FY20 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP)/Narcan Grant, \$32,000.00

Approved**Purchasing & Contracting**

Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee

[2021-3468](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CA - Cooperative Agreement for NASPO Public Safety Two Way Radios: for use by Beautification/Code Enforcement. Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-SPD-NVPWA06913-0004 for the purchase of seventy- five (75) new mobile APX 900 single-band P25 portable two-way radios and chargers for safety and assistance communications between police officers and code enforcement administration. Awarded to Motorola Solutions, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$185,020.50.

Deferred to the next meeting, until January 11, 2022

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee[2021-3247](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

RFP - Request for Proposals No. 21-500570 On Call Architect and Engineering and Design Services for Facilities Management (Multiyear Contract): for use by Facilities Management (FM) and Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing on call architect and engineering design services for a variety of planning, design and construction projects for the County. Recommend multi-award to the five (5) highest scoring proposers: POND & Company; Lyman Davidson Dooley, Inc.; Pieper O'Brien Herr Architects; WOOD Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc.; and Axis Infrastructure, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$5,500,000.00.

Deferred for 30 days and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on January 25, 2022

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee**Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee*[2021-3455](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CA-Crawler Dozer with 170 HP (horsepower) Engine and Powershift Transmission: for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by Public Works-Sanitation. Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Sourcewell Cooperative Agreement No. 032119-CAT to purchase one (1) crawler dozer with 170 hp engine and powershift transmission to grade, control slopes and cover the working face of the Seminole Landfill. Awarded to Yancey Brothers Co. Amount Not To Exceed: \$415,098.00.

Deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on January 11, 2022

[2021-3465](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

LB-Invitation No. 21-101450-Trailer Mounted Diesel-Powered Tub Grinder: for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by Public Works-Sanitation. Consists of one (1) trailer mounted diesel-powered tub grinder to be used for grinding up yard waste such as cut trees, limbs and brush. Recommend award to Heavy Machines, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,056,988.00.

Deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI),and return to the Board on January 11, 2022

Watershed Management

[2021-3533](#)

Commission District(s): 5 & 7

Intergovernmental Agreement with Rockdale County, Georgia To Provide Sewage Services for Honey Creek Drainage Basin

Deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI),and return to the Board on January 11, 2022

Walk-on Items

2022-1002

Add Item

Approved

2022-1003

Commission District(s): All

Rescission - Cancellation of Contract No. 1176671 for County Street and Roadway Litter Removal (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew) for use by Public Works - Sanitation and Beautification. Consists of litter removal services for thirty-seven (37) locations within the County. Rescind Agenda Item 2021-3318 Substitute and approve cancellation of Contract No. 1176671. Awarded to DeAngelo Brothers, LLC.

Deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI),and return to the Board on January 11, 2022

2022-1004

Add Item

Approved

- 2022-1005** **Commission District(s):** Districts 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7
Rescission - Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 21-500567 Consent Decree - Design and Engineering Services for Shoal Creek Trunk Sewer Relief Project (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing design and engineering services for the upsizing of numerous trunk sewers to address seven (7) repeat sanitary sewer overflow areas in the County. Recommend rescission of Agenda Item 2021-3248 Substitute and award to the highest scoring proposer: Brown and Caldwell, Inc. Amount Not to Exceed \$3,498,795.00.
Deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on January 11, 2022
- 2022-1006** Add Item
Approved
- 2022-1007** **Commission District(s):** District 7
To appropriate Corona Virus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act "CARES ACT" assigned to POETA account #105424.63258.521209.01.07.602313 reserved for District 7 appropriations to the DeKalb County Human Services Department for the purpose of Emergency Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance for DeKalb County residents who have been impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic
Approved
- 2022-1008** Add Item
Approved

2022-1009**Commission District(s):** District 7

To Reallocate The Appropriation Of \$50,000 From The District 7 Reserve For Appropriation To The DeKalb County Office Of The Solicitor General

Approved**I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD****Board of Commissioners**[2021-3276](#)**Commission District(s):** All Districts

Resolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County Requesting the General Assembly Consider Revisions to O.C.G.A. Section 48-48-3(100)(C) to Extend the Sales Tax Exemption For Non-Profits For Certain Purposes

Approved the substitute**Board of Commissioners - Legislative Items**[2021-3279](#)**Commission District(s):** All Districts

A Resolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia, Requesting that the General Assembly Work to Support Legislation that Allows for Repayment Provisions within Municipal Annexation Agreements

Approved the substitute[2021-3285](#)**Commission District(s):** All Districts

The Governing Authority of DeKalb County Requests The DeKalb Delegation Of The General Assembly Work To Support Legislation Regulating Permission Of Solar Panels Within Homeowners' Associations In The State Of Georgia

Withdrawn

[2021-3286](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution of The Governing Authority of DeKalb County Requests The DeKalb Delegation Of The General Assembly Support Legislation That Generates Adequate Funding For Victim Advocate Services in the County Judicial System

Approved the substitute

[2021-3287](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia to the DeKalb County Delegation of the General Assembly Relating to Management of County Infrastructure Located in Public Rights-of-Way

Withdrawn

[2021-3291](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution of The Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Requests The DeKalb Delegation Of The General Assembly Support An Amendment To The Georgia Code, § 35-8-8, To Add Legally Permitted Residents To The Criteria Of Peace Officers In The State of Georgia.

Approved the substitute

[2021-3475](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution of The Governing Authority of DeKalb County, requesting the DeKalb Delegation of the General Assembly convene a Study Committee to Review Public Health Taxation Reform

Approved

Board of Commissioners - District 1

[2021-2851](#)

Commission District(s): All

A Request to Consider Establishing an Annual Traffic Count Program

Deferred to the next meeting, until January 11, 2022

[2021-2853](#)

Commission District(s): All

A Request to Consider Establishing a Sidewalk Mapping System

Deferred 60 days, until February 22, 2022

Board of Commissioners - District 3

[2021-3507](#)

Commission District(s): 3, 5 and 7

A Resolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia in Support of the Locally Preferred Alternative for the MARTA I-20 Transit Initiative

Deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on January 11, 2022

[2021-3548](#)

Commission District(s): 3, 6 and 7

Cedar Grove Road Traffic Calming

Approved

[2021-3550](#)

Commission District(s): 3, 6 and 7

Flat Shoals Parkway Traffic Signal at Warriors Path

Approved

Board of Commissioners - District 6

[2021-3336](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A Resolution of the DeKalb County Governing Authority to adopt a Vision and Transition Plan of 100% Clean Energy and Clean Transportation powering the County's need by 2050.

Approved the substitute

[2021-3544](#)

Commission District(s): District 6

Approve a \$100,000.00 from District 6 ARP appropriations to Clarkston Mental Health Alliance to increase the capacity to meet the critical need for COVID-19 pandemic mental health services for the Clarkston/Refugee community.

Approved

[2021-3546](#)

Commission District(s): District 6

Approve \$100,000.00 from District 6 ARP appropriations for The Refuge Coffee Company employment training initiative to further assist with the increased costs associated with un/under-employed and resettlement transition in the Clarkston/Refugee community due to COVID 19.

Approved

Chief Executive Office

[2021-3244](#)

Commission District(s): All

To appropriate 1 million dollars to the DeKalb County Development Authority for economic development purposes from the Non-Departmental -General Fund-Reserve for Contingencies.

Approved the substitute

[2021-3432](#)**Commission District(s): All**

Extension of the term of the 1984 operating agreement for Grady Hospital between Fulton County, DeKalb County, and the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority for an additional two years.

Approved the substitute

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO[2021-3488](#)**Commission District(s): All**

Approval of the Revised Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of October 12, 2021.

Deferred to the next meeting, until January 11, 2022

Community Development[2021-3333](#)**Commission District(s): Districts #4 and #6**

City of Decatur Legacy Park ADA Equipment Project

Approved

[2021-3347](#)**Commission District(s): Commission Districts #4 and #7**

Friends of Disabled Adults and Children Too! Inc. (FODAC) Renovation Project

Approved

GIS Department[2021-3382](#)**Commission District(s): 4&6**

A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of an Unredeemed and Unforeclosed Interest in Property at 3164 Chapel Street, Scottdale, GA 30079

Approved

[2021-3391](#)

Commission District(s): 4 & 6

To consider consenting to the deannexation of property located at 4640 East Ponce de Leon Avenue, Tucker, Georgia 30084.

Deferred to the next meeting, until January 11, 2022

Juvenile Court

[2021-3454](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Request for Grant Award Acceptance in the amount of \$ 425,000 from the Office of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

Approved

Public Works - Transportation

[2021-3353](#)

Commission District(s): 3, 5, and 7

Acceptance of Funds from the Atlanta Regional Commission for a Scoping Study for Extending the South River Trail from Waldrop Road to MLK High School

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to FAB Committee

[2021-3153](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 13-902703 for Banking and Financial Services: for use by the Department of Finance. This contract consists of providing all banking and financial services and earnings on cash accounts. Awarded to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$300,000.00.

Approved

[2021-3154](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1136419, Inventory of Capital Assets: for use by the Department of Finance. This contract consists of the inventory, appraisal, tagging and valuation of County Assets. Awarded to: HCA Asset Management LLC. CONTRACT TERM EXTENSION ONLY.

Approved[2021-3195](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract 1236388 for Retail Image Lockbox Services for use by the Department of Finance. This contract consists of the provision of lockbox services. Awarded to: Deluxe Corporation *dba* REMITCO LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$125,000.00.

Approved[2021-3359](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

SS - Odyssey SoftCode (Sole Source): for the State Court for use by the Marshal's Office. Consists of providing electronic real time updates by sending real time data to the case management system. Awarded to Tyler Technologies Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$307,748.00

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee

[2021-3150](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

COOP - Cooperative Agreement No. 012621-PPC, Open Air Structures and Accessory or Utility Buildings with Related Equipment and Services: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of the purchase, installation, and maintenance of pavilions, gazebos, shelters, walkway covers and shade structures at various DeKalb County Parks. Awarded to Halsey Recreation and Design, Inc. c/o Poligon by PorterCorp. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,225,000.00.

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee[2021-2565](#)**Commission District(s): All**

LB - Invitation No. 20-101309 On Call Concrete and Retainer Walls (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Departments of Watershed Management (DWM), Facilities Management (FM), Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA) Beautification and Public Works - Sanitation and Roads and Drainage (R&D) Divisions. Consists of forming, placing and finishing concrete as needed for curbs, gutters, sidewalks, retainer walls, cheekwalls, footings and steps. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Construction 57 Incorporated, SD&C Inc. and DAF Concrete, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$13,252,290.00.

Deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on January 11, 2022

Commission District(s): All[2021-3223](#)

CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1094348 Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study for Ongoing Sewer Assessment and Rehabilitation Program (OSARP): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of performing an evaluation study on wastewater collection system assets as part of the Consent Decree's Ongoing Sewer Assessment Program. This request is to increase the scope of work, funding, and the contract term through December 31, 2023. Awarded to Compliance EnviroSystems, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$5,590,272.50.

Deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on January 11, 2022

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs

[2021-3508](#)

Commission District(s): Commission District 5 and Super District 7

Extension of the Rental Agreement between DeKalb County, Georgia and the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Atlanta, Inc.'s for use of portions of the Redan Recreation Center.

Approved

Watershed Management

[2021-3404](#)

Commission District(s): All

City of Atlanta CIP Payment (3rd Quarter 2020- 2nd Quarter 2021) Cost: \$5,772,259.74

Deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on January 11, 2022

J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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.

2022-1013 Open ES

Approved

2022-1014 Close ES

Approved

2022-1015

Commission District(s): All

Proposed settlement of Slayton v. DeKalb County, Civil Action No. 1:18cv03869, pending in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia.

Approved

2022-1016

Adjournment

Approved