

DeKalb County Government

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 11, 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: 6 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Kathie Gannon

Staff Present: Zachary Williams, Executive Assistant/Chief Operating Officer, Barbara Sanders-Norwood, County Clerk, Matthew Welch, Senior Assistant County Attorney

A. INSPIRATIONAL

The Sikh Study Circle, Inc.
Stone Mountain, GA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
District 7

B. PRESENTATIONS

The Sikh Study Circle of Stone
Mountain 2019 Building Safety Month
Jayla Dallis

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. Ingrid Buxbaum, 1127 Pluma Dr. SE Atlanta, GA 30316 – Spoke in favor of the Blackhall Studios land swap.
2. Patrick Coyne, 729 Needham Dr. Scottdale, GA 30079 – Spoke in opposition to the development of greenspace in Needham Park.
3. Robert Brock, 3566 E. Ponce de Leon Ave. Scottdale, GA 30079 – Spoke in opposition to the development of greenspace in Needham Park.
4. Martha Gross, 2855 Briarcliff Rd. Atlanta, GA 30329 – Spoke regarding questionable licensing of Vol Reparis at the intersection of Briarcliff and Clairmont Roads.
5. Paula V. Tate, 3200 Harbor Woods Rd. Decatur, GA 30034 – Spoke in favor of the Entrenchment Creek land exchange.
6. Jay Scott, 581 Angier Ave. Atlanta, GA 30308 – Spoke in favor of the Blackhall Studios land exchange.
7. Steve Funk, 1094 Pluma Dr. SE Atlanta, GA 30316 – Spoke in favor of the Blackhall Studios land swap.
8. Stephen Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021 – Spoke regarding inmate conditions at the jail; Thanked Mr. Quinton Spivey and the Watershed crew that repaired a water leak outside his house; and his opposition to the payout of \$750,000 to the federal government by DeKalb County.
9. Pat Culp, 3577 Bouldercrest Road Ellenwood, GA 30294 – Spoke in support of the Blackhall Studios land swap.
10. Betty Prather, Wishing Well Hills Conley, GA 30288 – Spoke in support of the Blackhall Studios land swap.
11. Ryan Millsap, 1504 Alcovy Trestle Rd. Social Circle, GA 30025 – Spoke in support of the Blackhall Studios land swap.
12. Bill Lide, 1535 Victoria Falls Dr. Atlanta, GA 30329 – Spoke in favor of the Toll Brothers withdrawing their proposal for development on the corners of Clifton and Briarcliff Rd.
13. Joel Edwards, 2129 Tudor Castle Way Decatur, GA (no zipcode) – Spoke in favor of the Blackhall Studios land swap because of the economic development that it will bring; and a problem with Roads and Drainage repairing a curb on Wesjay lane.

D. 10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING

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

Board of Commissioners

[2019-3802](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

Amendment to Section IV of the Board of Commissioners Standing Procedural Rules

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved.

Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

Finance

[2019-3748](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Home Rule Ordinance to amend the Pension Code of DeKalb County, Georgia, 1962 Ga. Laws 3088, as amended, to provide for a 2% cost of living increase to specified eligible retirees, joint annuitants and beneficiaries, and to change the limit on pension fund investments in debt or equity securities of foreign persons or entities from 10% to 15% of the pension fund's total assets at market value as approved by relevant plan participants and retirees by a vote conducted on March 5, 2019

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor for first reading, and deferred to the next meeting, until June 25, 2019.

Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson abstained.

Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson

Public Works - Transportation

[2019-3708](#) Commission District(s): 3 & 7
Traffic Calming Petition - Summit Crossing Drive between Chapel Ridge Circle and Oxford Crossing Drive. No Cost to County.

Willie Lane, 2937 Chapelview Place Decatur, GA 30034, spoke in favor

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved.

Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

[2019-3709](#) Commission District(s): 4 & 6
Traffic Calming Petition - First Avenue between Chestnut Street and Rockbridge Road. Cost to the County is \$10,020.

Laura Van Hermann Smith, 257 1st Ave Avondale Estates, GA 30002, Matthew Motic, 289 1st Ave. Avondale Estates, GA 30002, spoke in favor

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

“DECISION ONLY” ITEMS – NO PUBLIC HEARING

Planning & Sustainability

[2019-3526](#) COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 2 & 6
Application of Toll Bros., Inc. c/o Morris, Manning and Martin, LLP to rezone property from R-85 (Residential Medium Lot) District to HR-2 (High Density Residential-2) District to develop a student housing development consisting of 202 apartment units on 3.38 acres at a density of 60 units per acre, at 957, 961, 953, 949, 946, 948, 9552, 956 and 960 Milledge Place.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be withdrawn without prejudice. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

[2019-3529](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 3 & 6

Application of Erica Stewart for a Special Land Use Permit to operate a 24-hour in-home day care facility for up to six children in an RSM (Small Lot Residential Mix) District, at 2902 Cedar Trace Drive.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor with 7 staff conditions, dated May 28, 2019. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

[2019-3531](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 3 & 6

Application of J Alexander Brock to rezone property from R-75 (Residential Medium Lot) District to MR-1 (Medium Density Residential-1) District to allow the construction of 13 thirteen single-family attached townhomes, at 1936 Glenwood Avenue.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to table. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to take off the table. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved with a revised site plan and 15 conditions dated May 28, 2019 submitted by Commissioners Larry Johnson and Kathie Gannon, with an additional condition to require the owner to request and receive approval from DeKalb County before annexation to another jurisdiction is proposed. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

E. APPEALS

NONE

F. APPOINTMENTS

Board of Commissioners - District 1

[2019-3847](#)

Commission District(s): District 1

The Appointment of Lane Flynn to the Charter Review Commission

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved.

Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

ITEMS FOR RECORDING IN THE MINUTES

Board of Commissioners - District 5

[2019-3849](#)

Commission District(s): District 5

Recording of the Appointment of Tonya Tate to the Technical Board of Appeals for District 5

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Fire & Rescue Services

[2019-3765](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

FY2016 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Equipment Grant - Ballistic Gear

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2019-3848](#)

Commission District(s): Districts 2 & 6

To Approve the Submission of a HUD Section 108 Loan Application in the Amount of \$4.5 Million Dollars for Inland Fresh Seafood Corporation of America, Inc. to Expand its Location at 1651 Montreal Road, Tucker Georgia

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, 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 June 25, 2019. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

Police Services

[2019-3730](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

FY2016 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) \$10,275.00

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3730 and 2019-3740 were heard together. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

[2019-3740](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Grant Acceptance - FY19 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Grant, \$276,156.00

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3730 and 2019-3740 were heard together. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee

[2019-3682](#) Commission District(s): All
REN - Uniforms for County Employees Phase II (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 4 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1116727, 1116800 and 1117166 for use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM), Watershed Management, Beautification, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), DeKalb Peachtree Airport, Public Works - Sanitation, Public Safety - Police Services (PS), E911, Code Enforcement and Emergency Management. These contracts consist of the purchase of work uniforms. Awarded to E.R. Partridge, Inc., Reflective Apparel Factory and Galls, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$795,200.00.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee (ERPS), and return to the Board on June 25, 2019. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

[2019-3702](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CA - Purchase of Mobile Command Bus: for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by Fire Rescue Services. Consists of piggybacking off the competitively-let US Communities Contract #128867 (Emergency and Specialty Vehicles, Equipment and Accessories and any Related Equipment, Supplies or Services), Lead Agency - Port of Portland, OR to purchase one (1) mobile command vehicle to be used for special security events and other similar occurrences in which the communications infrastructure is inadequate or has been disrupted. Awarded to Farber Specialty Vehicles. Amount Not To Exceed: \$925,015.00.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3702 and 2019-3738 were heard together. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

[2019-3738](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 956098 for TriTech Software Support (Sole Source): for use by Police Services (PS). This contract consists of the provision of software support and updates for the software used for the records management system and field-based reporting. Awarded to TriTech Software Systems. Amount Not To Exceed: \$48,830.50.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3702 and 2019-3738 were heard together. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

Purchasing & Contracting - to FAB Committee[2019-3267](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

SS - Utility Billing Software Maintenance and Support (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Finance. This contract consists of maintenance and support of the software system (CPAK) utilized to process utility billing for various County departments. Awarded to AdaptToSolve, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$400,000.00.

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee[2019-3678](#)

Commission District(s): All

REN - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) One Stop Operator (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 3 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1061955 for use by WorkSource DeKalb (WSD). This contract consists of coordination and management of workforce services. Awarded to In The Door, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$125,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, 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 June 25, 2019. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee[2019-3589](#)

Commission District(s): All
REN - Asphaltic Concrete Pavement Repairs (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1115899, 1118591 and 1118593 for use by the Departments of Watershed Management (DWM), Facilities Management (FM) and Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). These contracts consist of completing paving repairs to streets and main roads. Awarded to A&S Paving, Inc., Greenway One, Inc. and HEH Paving, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$11,928,000.00.

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 June 25, 2019. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

[2019-3689](#)

Commission District(s): 3 & 6
REN - Installation and Fertilization of Bermuda Sod (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1119796 for use by Public Works - Sanitation. This contract consists of sod installation and fertilization for waste (landfill) operations - slope stabilization and areas that require final/intermediate ground cover. Awarded to Benson Construction Company, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed \$150,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3689, 2019-3700, 2019-3741 were heard together. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

[2019-3700](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 19-101076 County Abatement Lot Mowing and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works- Sanitation and Beautification. Consists of mowing and maintenance services for the County's abated locations. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Executive Realty Solutions, Inc. and Pro Cutter Lawnsapes, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$137,135.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3689, 2019-3700, 2019-3741 were heard together.

Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

[2019-3741](#)

Commission District(s): All

CA-Sanitation North Collection Lot Building Renovations: for use by Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let State of Georgia Contract (SWC) #99999-SPD-S20160216-012 for renovations and building upgrades to the Sanitation North Collection Lot building located at 2315 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Chamblee, GA 30341. Awarded to Osprey Management, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$225,442.09.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3689, 2019-3700, 2019-3741 were heard together.

Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

WorkSource DeKalb

[2019-3731](#)

Commission District(s): ALL DISTRICTS
Acceptance of Multiple Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Grants - Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth for Program Year 2019 from the Technical College System of Georgia not to exceed \$4,731,442.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, 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 June 25, 2019. Items 2019-3731, 2019-3736, 2019-3737, 2019-3822 were heard together. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

[2019-3736](#)

Commission District(s): ALL DISTRICTS
Request for Approval to transfer \$403,000 of FY 2019 Dislocated Worker funds to FY 19 Adult programs.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, 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 June 25, 2019. Items 2019-3731, 2019-3736, 2019-3737, 2019-3822 were heard together. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

[2019-3737](#)

Commission District(s): ALL DISTRICTS

Request for an Approval to Accept an increase of up to \$250,000 in PY 18 Youth grant funds from Technical College System of Georgia.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, 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 June 25, 2019. Items 2019-3731, 2019-3736, 2019-3737, 2019-3822 were heard together. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

[2019-3822](#)

Commission District(s): ALL DISTRICTS

Acceptance of grant increase for Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Grants - \$108,000 for Dislocated Worker Programs for Fiscal Year 2018 from the Technical College System of Georgia.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, 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 June 25, 2019. Items 2019-3731, 2019-3736, 2019-3737, 2019-3822 were heard together. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD

Airport

[2019-3721](#) Commission District(s): 1 and 6
Airport Engineering Design and/or Planning Assistance between Department of Transportation State of Georgia and DeKalb County. The Cost to the County is \$15,116.65.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved.

Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

Board of Commissioners - District 1

[2019-3522](#) Commission District(s): All Districts
An Ordinance by the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia, to Set Requirements for the Construction of New Educational Facilities within the County in the Building Code of DeKalb County Chapter 7 Article II Section 7-55

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred 60 days and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on August 13, 2019. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

Board of Commissioners - District 3

[2019-3799](#)

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

Reaffirm the support of the Board of Commissioners for Transit in South DeKalb County

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on June 25, 2019.

Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

Board of Commissioners - District 6

[2019-3755](#)

Commission District(s): 3 & 6

Authorize the acceptance of the donation of 1305 Custer Avenue and 2518 Donzi Lane from Clark Atlanta University for the development of a pedestrian walking trail and the consolidation of four adjacent parcels owned by Clark Atlanta University.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved.

Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

Community Development

[2019-3612](#)

Commission District(s): 3, 5, 6 and 7
Blight Inventory Survey in Southwest Unincorporated DeKalb County

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, 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 June 25, 2019. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee

[2019-3574](#)

Commission District(s): ALL
CO - Change Order No. 5 to Contract No. 13-902723 for Uniformed Security Guard Services (Multi-year): for use by Police Services (PS) to be utilized by all County Departments. Consists of providing armed and unarmed security guard services at various County facilities. Awarded to All(n)1 Security Services, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$450,049.00.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2019-3648](#)

Commission District(s): ALL
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1145455 On-Call Plumbing Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). This contract consists of the repair, replacement, maintenance and installation of plumbing fixtures at County-owned facilities. Awarded to J. Squared Plumbing Company, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$685,500.00.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee

[2019-3613](#)

Commission District(s): 3, 5 and 7
LB - Invitation No. 19-101086 Sodding of Soccer Fields - SE Athletic Park, Midway Park and Redan Park: for use by Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of the sodding of four (4) soccer fields at three (3) of the County's parks. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Tifton Athletic Inc. dba Tifton Turf Farms. Amount Not To Exceed: \$550,975.70.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2019-3246](#)

Commission District(s): All

CA - Cooperative agreement for Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation Services: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). The contract consists of providing sanitary sewer system pipe rehabilitation services. This request is to obtain 100,000 liner feet of sewer line rehabilitation services, to include cured in place pipe and point repairs. Awarded to Inland Pipe Rehabilitation (IPR) dba IPR Southeast, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$7,900,453.00

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

[2019-3624](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract Nos.: 1038377 and 1038378 for Storm Drainage Infrastructure System Construction for Public Works Stormwater Projects (Multi-Year Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). These contracts consist of providing storm drainage construction services. Awarded to A & S Paving, Inc. and Kemi Construction Company, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,400,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Nancy Jester opposed. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

No: 1 - Commissioner Jester

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

***** Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting**

1. Commissioner Nancy Jester did not offer any comments.

2. Commissioner Larry Johnson mentioned the following comments:

- June is National Homeownership Month, and there will be a town hall meeting on June 13th at Chapel Hill Park, with a “Screen on the Green” that evening
- Thanked the Heart of South DeKalb for the annual Officer Appreciation Fish Fry at the South Precinct
- Code Hack-A-Thon at the Omega World Center on this past weekend
- Private screening of the movie “Emanuel AME Church”
- Rise Church on Tilson Rd. will be opening their clinic for free and low cost health care services
- Happy belated birthday to Ms. Vivian Moore
- Thanked Bishop Reese, Sr. who celebrated his 50th Founders Day Anniversary at Bethesda Cathedral

3. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw read the following comments:

Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer. Good Morning Everyone.

Next Monday June 17th, we will be holding our next community meeting regarding the District 4 Senior Center. It will be held at Antioch AME Church starting at 6 p.m. We have arrived at the design and engineering phase of the process where public input is requested and needed. Representatives from the architecture firm and our Community Development Department will be there to answer your questions and take your comments. So, come on out and make your thoughts and opinions known.

It was a pleasure to address the Avonridge Community during their HOA meeting on June 1st. Avonridge is a wonderful community in District 4. They were joined in that meeting by people from the Carrollwood Estates community. As usual we engaged in a spirited dialogue with our constituents on a range of issues and concerns. I would like to thank Avonridge Block Captain Sandra Taylor for the invitation, and I look forward to returning in the future.

It was great to attend the Tucker Police Precinct’s Community Appreciation Cookout on June 8th. As usual, the food was excellent. I also got to meet some our Law Enforcement Explorers, high school students who have expressed an interest in pursuing law enforcement careers in the future, who go through a program affording them the opportunity to be exposed to such careers early. I think it is an excellent program. The young people that I met that day were very impressive. I would like to thank and commend Tucker Precinct Commander Maj. Craig Medlin and his entire team for everything they do for our community. Know that you

all are respected and appreciated.

Finally, I would like to commend the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) for providing us with the opportunity for Lifelong Learning. On June 6th and 7th, I took leadership development classes in Callaway Gardens, which were great as I continue the process of growing and developing in this job. I also enjoy meeting other County Commissioners from around the State of Georgia and hearing about their experiences in office as well. With this in mind, I want to give a shout out to my new friend, Baldwin County Commissioner Henry Craig. Henry is also and former Army Officer and a former tanker, which automatically makes him a good guy. He actually spent a tour of duty in Germany shortly before I did. I thank him for his service to our country and his service to his county. And I look forward to seeing him again at future training sessions.

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

4. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson read the following comments:

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

I would like to begin my comments by wishing my husband and my Congressman, Hank Johnson a Happy Father's Day. To all of my colleagues on the Commission and all fathers throughout DeKalb, Happy Father's Day. I hope that your day is filled with laughter and a day off from any Honey – Do's!

We have been very busy in District 5 and I want to give you all an update on some of the events that we have participated in over the last two weeks.

On two Friday's ago, I had the opportunity to join the Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area for the ribbon cutting on the newly restored Lyon Farm House. It really came full circle and I am proud to say that we are fulfilling the vision which was set for that property years ago.

Also on that same day I hosted the Inaugural South DeKalb County Senior Prom Night where over 200 seniors from Lou Walker, East DeKalb/Bruce Street, South DeKalb and DeKalb – Atlanta came to take a trip down memory lane. I want to thank all of the seniors who participated and who came out. We have gotten rave reviews and I can't wait until next year.

I would like to congratulate our Prom King and Prom Queen, from East DeKalb/ Bruce Street, Mr. James Scott and our Prom Queen from Lou Walker, Ms. Annie Lowe.

Last Saturday, I stopped by Redan High School for The African American Day of Prayer. I would like to thank Rev. Connie Anam for inviting me out to present a proclamation. I enjoyed myself and I look forward to seeing the continued positive impact that this day of organization has in DeKalb County!

On last Monday, I had a chance to join our Sheriff, Jeff Mann for a tour of the DeKalb County Jail. As we all know, we have heard the reports and concerns that have been raised about our jail. During our visit, we got a comprehensive look at the operations of the jail. We particularly got a chance to see the operations of the mental health and health clinic in the jail. I would like to thank our Sheriff and his staff for allowing us to come in and get a first-hand look at the operations.

Thank you to the Fulton – DeKalb Hospital Authority for hosting a training on ways and efforts to expand outreach when offering health services to our community. I appreciate your consistent support and your efforts to ensure a healthier DeKalb and Metro Atlanta area.

Lastly, I would like to introduce my new interns for District 5!

Lauryn James – Georgia State Senior

Deja Cole – Worksource DeKalb

For more information on any of the announcements, District 5 upcoming events, please feel free to visit my website at www.commissionermeredajohnson.com or you may call my office at 404-371-2159. And as always, don't hesitate to contact my office with any of your questions, concerns, or suggestions. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your District 5 Commissioner.

5. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran- Johnson read the following comments:

- On Monday, June 3rd, I along with members of the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners (BOC) toured the DeKalb County Jail to see firsthand the environment, meet with key service providers and ensure all individuals are treated with dignity and respect

- District 7 along with the Greater Hidden Hills CDC rallied for a successful cleanup day on Saturday, June 1st, 2019. The anti-litter campaign grew to include several neighboring communities and culminated in a collaborative DeKalb County Cleanup Day on June 1st. Green Forrest Civic Association, Meadowbrook Glen Homeowners Association and Sandstone Estates rallied community support to pick up litter in their areas. With the assistance of Keep DeKalb Beautiful, approximately 60 volunteers were provided trash bags, gloves, pick-up sticks and safety vests to collect and properly dispose of trash and discarded tires. We thank Sanitation Director Tracey Hutchinson for all of her and her team's assistance in making this event successful with providing t-shirts and equipment, as well as trash pick-up

- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is hosting the "HUD Small Business Opportunities by Investing in People Summit" on June 14th, 2019 and invite you to attend to take full advantage of this unique opportunity. Information will be provided about business opportunities, the HUD Section 3 Program contracting process and Business Registry, the Federal procurement and certification process for small disadvantaged and minority-owned businesses operating in Georgia

- Additionally, those in attendance will be able to learn about the federal Opportunity Zones enacted in the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017 and how it may help small businesses willing to work in federally designated Opportunity Zone low income and disadvantaged communities.

Location: Atlanta City Hall Council Chamber, 55 Trinity Avenue SW, 2nd floor Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Time: 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. (registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)

- We send our condolences to the family of Elyse Purefoy who passed suddenly yesterday. My heart goes out to her family. Elyse was a 17-year old student and dancer at Arabia Mountain High School in Lithonia and a District 7 resident

- Congratulations to my daughter Zion who graduated from Martin Luther King, Jr. High School with honors on Saturday, June 1st with an international baccalaureate degree. She will be attending Agnes Scott College in the fall

- Happy Father's Day to my husband and all fathers. My husband and I are looking forward to becoming empty nesters! Thank you to Lockheed Martin for providing him with the opportunity to work again with aircraft since retiring from the Air Force

Please write, send emails, photos, and visit our website at www.CommissionerLorraineCochranJohnson.com or call us at 404.371.2899. I appreciate the opportunity to serve.

6. Commissioner Jeff Rader read the following comments:

My office number is 404-371-2863 and my email is jrader@dekalbcountyga.gov.

Please take the time to visit my website at www.commissionerrader.com and sign up for news and information. Please also follow me on Facebook and Twitter using @raderjeff and on Instagram at commissionerjeffrader.

Thanks to all who attended the DeKalb County Transportation Master Plan Open Houses last week. Due to some scheduling changes for the Board of Commissioners, we rescheduled last Thursday's SPLOST update to Tuesday, June 18th at 2:30 p.m. Please note, Tuesday's COW will be in that evening at Stonecrest City Hall located at 3120 Stonecrest Blvd.

Upcoming...

- Many of you have communicated with my office about how pleased you are with the new Naturalist at Mason Mill Park, Jonah McDonald. Jonah hosts a Nature Walk every Thursday morning, but he is away from the park this week, so the next Nature Walk will be held Thursday, June 20th. Friday morning walks with seniors from the Central DeKalb Senior Center are not taking place during the summer but will resume in the fall. Tuesday's Bird Strolls with David Kuechenmeister and the Wednesday's 2 mile Just Walk program with Carolyn Hartfield are happening. Additionally, Jonah will lead a History Walk this Sunday, June 16th at 1 p.m. focusing on Native American peoples, early settlers, the Civil War and the Decatur Waterworks. A great activity to do for Father's Day! Meet at the trailhead near the tennis center. Finally, there will be a Solstice Night Walk on Friday, June 21st at 8:30 p.m. and a Creek Exploration and Walk on Sunday June 23rd at 1 p.m. Lots to enjoy at Mason Mill. Come join us for any and every opportunity!

- Pendergrast Park Work Day is scheduled this Saturday, June 15th at 9 a.m. Please come out with neighbors to clean up the greenspace. We are currently working with the Friends of Pendergrast Park and RPCA staff on another grant to combine with District 2 Bond funds to finish critical infrastructure to this greenspace and add much desired playground and trails

- Briarlake Forest Park Work Day will also be Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

- Deepdene will host Volunteer Appreciation Day and receive the Atlanta Audubon Society's Wildlife Sanctuary Certification at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Meet at the mead

In Library News...

- Both Adult and Children's Summer Reading Programs have kicked off. Visit your local branch for more information

- And it's a Fine Free Summer at the library. Once again, the library is eliminating overdue fines for children and teens to get more kids reading

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 Larry Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Nancy Jester to adjourn the June 11, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:50 a.m. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon



Jeff Rader
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders-Norwood
County Clerk