

DeKalb County Government

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

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 Gregory Adams, Super District 7*

Present: 7 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Kathie Gannon, and Commissioner Gregory Adams

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

A. INSPIRATIONAL

Rev. Dr. William E. Flippin, Sr.
Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Larry Johnson
District 3

B. PRESENTATIONS

Annual Watershed Calendar Contest
Dr. Florence Shafiq
McNair Discovery Academy
Fire Rescue Heroes

C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Public Comments portion of this meeting is reserved exclusively for comments from the public, and not for immediate reply. Statements made during the Public Comments portion do not necessarily reflect the Opinions of the Board or the Administration of DeKalb County Government. 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. The clerk will accept cards on a first-come, first-served basis.

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 and yelling will not be permitted. A show of hands or quietly standing will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker's position

1. Charles McCorkle, Apostle, 4225 Snapfinger Woods Drive Decatur, GA 30035 – Spoke regarding issues that the County needs to address in 2018; business and occupancy tax, more economic development, and MARTA rail down I-20.
2. Stephen Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021 – Spoke regarding the withdrawing of the Insurance Broker Services contract, Systems and Solutions evaluation score of 70, more important issues than removing a monument, reworking the cash-bail system, and decriminalizing marijuana.
3. Roderick Frierson, 1528 Hidden Hills Pkwy Stone Mountain, GA 30088 – Spoke on behalf of the Hidden Hills Civic Association, soliciting Commissioners’ continued assistance to support the Hidden Hills Community’s request for street resurfacing services.
4. Sara Patenaude, 2558 Crestdale Cir. Atlanta, GA 30316 – Spoke on behalf of Hate Free Decatur in support of the Resolution to relocate the confederate monument in Decatur Square.
5. Hannah Hill, 725 Twin Oaks Drive Decatur, GA 30030 – Spoke in support of relocating the confederate monument in Decatur Square.
6. Paul McClellan, 851 Alberson Ct. Decatur, GA 30033 – Spoke in support of relocating the confederate monument in Decatur Square.
7. Chris Billingsly, 5236 Antelope Lane Tucker, GA 30087 – Spoke in opposition of removing the confederate monument in Decatur Square.
8. Mawuli Davis, (no address) Decatur, GA 30030 – Spoke on behalf of the Beacon Hill and DeKalb NAACP in support of removing the confederate monument in Decatur Square.
9. Dr. Ed Williams, P.O. Box 361626 Decatur, GA 30036 – Spoke requesting pay raises for DeKalb Police Officers, filling the vacant positions on the MARTA Board, and to fix the water billing issues.
10. Lorraine Fontaine, (no address) Atlanta, GA (no zipcode) – Spoke in support of removing the confederate monument in Decatur Square.
11. Henri Jordan, 763 Lee Andrews Ave. Atlanta, GA 30315 – Read Bible verses I Corinthians 2:6, Isaiah 33:1, Matthew 10:33, and Romans 10:8.

D. 10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

E. APPEALS

NONE

F. APPOINTMENTS

Board of Commissioners - District 5

[2018-1549](#) Commission District(s): District 5
Appointment of Mike Reeves to Airport Advisory Board - District 5

Attachments: [Mike Reeves](#)

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

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

Magistrate Court

[2018-1546](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Senior Magistrate Court Judge Appointment-Richard C. Foxworth

Attachments: [Agenda RCF](#)

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until February 13, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ITEMS FOR RECORDING IN THE MINUTES

Board of Commissioners - District 7

- [2018-1548](#) Commission District(s): District 7
Record Appointment of Sandy Johnson as the District 7 Representative to the Watershed Customer Service and Billing Advisory Group
MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams
- 2017-1498** Commission District(s): Districts 4 and 6
Recording of the Appointment of Argarita Stewart to the District 4 Community Council
MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved to add an item. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams
- MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

G. CONSENT AGENDA

District Attorney

[2018-1532](#) Commission District(s): all
Acceptance of Victims of Crimes Act Grant to District Attorney’s
Office - \$98,963

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda
Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items
2018-1532, 2018-1526, 2018-1527, 2018-1528 were heard
together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

Juvenile Court

[2018-1526](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts Will Be Impacted
Approval To Accept The FY18 Supplemental Grant Awarded By
The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) For The DeKalb
Juvenile Court’s Rebound Drug Court Program In The Amount Of
\$12,714.

Attachments: [Supporting Documents Rebound Supplemental Grant](#)

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda
Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items
2018-1532, 2018-1526, 2018-1527, 2018-1528 were heard
together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2018-1527](#) Commission District(s):All Commission Districts Will Be Impacted
Approval To Accept The FY18 Supplemental Grant Awarded By
The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) For The DeKalb
Juvenile Court’s Journey Mental Health Court Program In The
Amount Of \$4,500.

Attachments: [Supporting Documents Journey Supplemental Grant](#)

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda
Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items
2018-1532, 2018-1526, 2018-1527, 2018-1528 were heard
together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2018-1528](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts Will Be Impacted Approval To Accept The FY18 Community Health Partnership Grant Awarded By The Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority (FDHA) For The DeKalb Juvenile Court’s Community Health & Wellness Program In The Amount Of \$7,400.

Attachments: [Supporting Documents Community Health Partnership Grant](#)

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1532, 2018-1526, 2018-1527, 2018-1528 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Board of Commissioners - District 6

[2018-1538](#) Commission District(s): All Districts
Resolution to Create a Citizen Oversight Committee for SPLOST Revenues and Expenditures

Attachments: [\(Substitute\) Citizens Oversight Group Resolution 1-18](#)
[Citizens Oversight Group Resolution_1.2.18 clean v](#)

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

GIS Department

[2018-1511](#) Commission District(s): 4 & 6
Resolution to set a date and time for a public hearing related to consideration of abandonment of a 0.336 acre section of Patterson Avenue right of way.

Attachments: [signed res Patterson Ave pub hearing v 4](#)
[map Patterson Ave row aband 10102017](#)
[Patterson Ave RW Abandonment 7-26-17 Legal](#)
[abandonment survey of East Ponce Patterson 7-26-17](#)

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until February 13, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Planning and Sustainability

[2018-1533](#) Commission District(s): All
An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 15 of the DeKalb County Code regarding Business Occupancy Taxes

Attachments: [Business License Ordinance Clean Copy 10-10-17](#)

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred, until March 27, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Police Services

[2017-1484](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
FY2015 & FY2016 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Attachments: [2015_2016UASI_EODAward](#)

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2017-1497](#)

Commission District(s): All

Acceptance of the Distribution of State Forfeited Property

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Public Works - Transportation

[2018-1503](#)

Commission District(s): 5 and 7

Georgia Power Relocations for Panola Road at Marbut Road

Traffic Signal Improvements

MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on February 13, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee

[2017-1402](#) Commission District(s): ALL
REN - Law Enforcement Accessories (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1052959, 1053036, 1053037, 1053041 and 1053043 for use by Police Services (PS), Sheriff's Office and Marshal's Office. Consists of providing law enforcement accessories and equipment. Awarded to Dana Safety Supply, Galls, LLC, GT Distributors, Inc., Proforce Law Enforcement and Smyrna Police Distributors. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$101,000.00.

Attachments: [Agenda Notes](#)

[UD Recommendation Form](#)

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-1402 and 2017-1499 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2017-1499](#) Commission District(s): ALL
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 989901 for Cleaning & Repair of Fire Rescue Turnout Clothing (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Fire Rescue Services. Consists of the repair and cleaning of firefighter's turnout gear which increases safety and reduces health risks. Awarded to Gloves, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$75,000.00

Attachments: [Agenda Notes](#)

[UD Change Order Form](#)

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-1402 and 2017-1499 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Purchasing & Contracting - to FAB Committee

[2018-1500](#) Commission District(s): ALL
REN - Print and Mail Services for Property Tax and Appraisal Statements (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 3 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1001000 for use by Tax Commissioner and Property Tax Assessors Offices. Consists of providing printing and mail services to the citizens of DeKalb County. Awarded to Diversified Companies, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$148,000.00

Attachments: [Agenda Notes - 2018-1500](#)

[UD Renewal Forms](#)

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

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

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2017-1474](#) Commission District(s): 3 and 6
CA - Cooperative Agreement for Refurbishing Office and Locker Room Building: for use by Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of renovating offices, employee locker room and adding an awning to the side of the building. Awarded to Osprey Management, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$104,779.40.

Attachments: [Agenda Notes](#)

[UD Recommendation 2017-1474](#)

[SWC Contract Information](#)

MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-1474 and 2017-1485 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2017-1485](#) Commission District(s): 3 & 6
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1040979 for Environmental Monitoring and Gas Collection Control System (GCCS) and Operations and Maintenance Services: for use by Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of providing environmental monitoring services, GCCS, operations and maintenance services; and flare maintenance services related to municipal solid waste at the Seminole Road Landfill. Awarded to Oasis Consulting Services. Amount Not To Exceed: \$160,909.00.

Attachments: [Agenda Notes](#)
[Change Order Request 2017-1485](#)
[Price Quote](#)

MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-1474 and 2017-1485 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2018-1600](#) Commission District(s): ALL
Add an Item to the Agenda

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved to add an item. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2018-1601](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts are affected by this item
Repeal of Monument Law as it Relates to County-Owned Property

Attachments: [Monument Repeal Resolution](#)

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Nancy Jester opposed. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams
- No:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD

Airport

[2017-1363](#) Commission District(s): 1 and 6
Lease Agreement with BJS Plaza Fiesta, LLC. There is no cost to the County.

Attachments: [Lease Agreement with BJS Plaza Fiesta, LLC](#)

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred, until February 27, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2017-1370](#) Commission District(s): 1 and 6
Lease Agreement with Outfront Media, LLC. There is no cost to the County.

Attachments: [Lease Agreement with Outfront Media, LLC](#)

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred, until February 27, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Board of Commissioners

[2017-1443](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Resolution to Relocate or Transfer the Confederate Monument on the Decatur Square.

Attachments: [Substitute 1-14Transfer Resolution 2017-1443 Transfer Resolution.pdf](#)

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted during the January 16, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Commissioner Nancy Jester opposed. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Commissioner Jester

Board of Commissioners - District 3

[2017-0086](#) Multi-Family Housing Blight Resolution

Attachments: [Multi-Family Housing Blight Resolution](#)

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred, until March 27, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Board of Commissioners - District 5

[2017-1457](#) Commission District(s): All Districts
A Resolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia to the DeKalb County Delegation of Georgia General Assembly relating to annexation and creation of new cities.

Attachments: [2017-1457 12.6 Resolution.pdf](#)
[2017-1457 12.6.17 Exhibit 1 to 12.6.pdf](#)

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be withdrawn. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2017-1393](#) Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 17-100897 Title Research Services (Annual Contract - 3 Options to Renew): for the Tax Commissioners Office. Consists of title research services. Recommend award to the only bidder, who is responsive and responsible: Standard Title & Abstract Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$292,350.00.

Attachments: [AGENDA NOTES](#)
[User Department Recommendation](#)
[Bid Tabulation - 2017-1393](#)
[Market Survey - 2017-1393](#)

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

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

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee

[2017-0997](#) Commission District(s): 3 and 6
CA - Cooperative Agreement Lease of Utility Vehicles for Sugar Creek Golf and Tennis Club: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Awarded to Club Car, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$243,360.00.

Attachments: [Agenda Notes](#)
[UD Recommendation Form 2017-0997](#)

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred, until March 13, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2017-1404](#) Commission District(s): 1 & 7
LB - Invitation No. 17-100878 for Site Clearing and Construction at Henderson Park: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of preparing the site for installation of a new playground and a modular restroom building. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Ed Castro Landscape, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$129,398.41.

Attachments: [Agenda Notes](#)
[DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION FORM on 10-4-17 TEMPLATE](#)
[Bid Tabulation 2017-1404](#)
[Market Survey 2017-1404.xlsx](#)

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until February 13, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2017-1405](#) Commission District(s): 3
CA - Cooperative Agreement for the construction of the Chapel Hill Park fishing pier: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of the construction of the Chapel Hill Park fishing pier and paving of the trail. Awarded to Centennial Contractors Enterprise, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$148,502.96.

Attachments: [Agenda Notes](#)
[UDR Chapel Hill Signed 121117](#)
[Vendor Quote](#)

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved with a friendly amendment to enumerate the sources of funding for the improvement. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs

[2017-1470](#)

Commission District(s): Districts 3 & 4
Funding for playground surfacing at Shoal Creek I Park and Hairston Park

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

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

Tax Commissioner

[2017-1004](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between DeKalb County, The DeKalb County Tax Commissioner, and the Cities of Avondale Estates, Chamblee, Clarkston, Doraville, Lithonia, Pine Lake, Stonecrest, Stone Mountain, and Tucker for the billing and collection of taxes and fees.

Attachments: Tax Commissioner and City IG for Tax Services (2017 AVONDALE ESTATES).pdf

[Tax Commissioner and City IG for Tax Services \(2017 CHAMBLEE\).pdf](#)

[Tax Commissioner and City IG for Tax Services \(2017 CLARKSTON\).pdf](#)

[Tax Commissioner and City IG for Tax Services \(2017 DORAVILLE\).pdf](#)

[Tax Commissioner and City IG for Tax Services \(2017 LITHONIA\).pdf](#)

[Tax Commissioner and City IG for Tax Services \(2017 PINE LAKE\).pdf](#)

Tax Commissioner and City IG for Tax Services (2017 STONE MOUNTAIN).pdf

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred, until February 27, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**1. Commissioner Nancy Jester mentioned the following:**

- Wished a Happy Early Birthday to her husband Sam
- Wished a Happy Late 15th Birthday to her daughter
- Today in 1997, Madeline Albright was sworn in as the first female Secretary of State
- Today in 1849, , Elizabeth Blackwell, a graduate of Geneva College, was the first woman medical doctor recognized in the United States
- Today in frivolous history in 1871, the first Frisbees were manufactured in the United States

2. Commissioner Larry Johnson mentioned the following:

- Wished a Happy belated birthday to his daughter
- Town Hall meeting yesterday with the Georgia Department of Transportation regarding the 285 Flat Shoals bridge project. Asked constituents to visit www.285FlatShoals.org for more information, and that meetings are every 3 months
- Sympathy goes out to the family of community activist Dr. Gil Turman who passed on last week
- January 13th, unveiled a new park trail named a after First Lady Michelle Obama at Panthersville, and thanked the Parks and Recreation staff for making this possible
- Thanked the PAT Foundation for paving the way for wellness in our community.
- A fitness EXPO at Stonecrest as part of the “Let’s Move” campaign
- Thanked Roads and Drainage, Fire, Police, and DEMA for keeping our roads safe during the winter event on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Also thanked the CEO for getting our roads paved

3. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw read the following comments:

Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer... Good morning everyone.

The MLK Day program here on January 12th was excellent. The guest speaker for the program, Judge Penny Brown Reynolds, gave an amazing and inspiring talk. Obviously, it is fitting for us to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. I commend everyone who had a hand in putting that program together. It was indeed a pleasure to be in attendance.

On January 20th I was honored to attend our library system's strategic planning retreat. The event was very well attended and a lot of important information was distributed. I am a big supporter of our libraries. I want to commend our Library Director, Alison Weissinger, the Library Board of Trustees, and everyone involved in putting the event together. It was certainly time well spent.

Last evening I was honored to join my colleagues Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson and Commissioner Gregory Adams for a town hall meeting to discuss the very serious issue of grocery store departures. I also want to thank our COO, Zach Williams and our Planning Director, Andrew Baker for their presentations. The meeting was very well attended and there were many insightful questions and comments from the audience. I took plenty of notes.

As I said last night, we all know that the nature of retail is changing. It is impacting numerous sectors of the industry. Unfortunately, grocery stores are not immune from what is happening. But, we should do more than just rail at these macro trends. It is up to us as leaders to work collaboratively with our business interfacing agencies like Decide DeKalb and the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce to come up with solutions. I am committed to being a part of this process.

Once again I want to commend my colleague Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson for hosting the meeting and for her leadership on this front.

Finally, I am very pleased to announce "Quarterly in the Fourth" which is a series of breakfast meetings that I will be hosting in my district for the citizens of District 4 and any other interested parties. Our first meeting will be this Saturday January 27th from 9 am-11 am at Clarkston High School. For more information please contact Robin Flieg in my office at 404-371-4749. 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 thanking the residents of District 5 for attending last night's town hall meeting at the Lou Walker Senior Center. A very special thank you to my colleagues Commissioner Steve Bradshaw and Commissioner Greg Adams for partnering with me on this meeting. I would also like to thank our COO Zach Williams and Andrew Baker for participating in the meeting. Finally, thank you to Allen Mitchell & Betty Davis for allowing us to host the town hall at Lou Walker last night.

This past Sunday, Hank and I enjoyed worshipping with our friends at Welcome Friend Baptist Church. Thank you to Pastor John H. Smith, Sr. for his hospitality, and to my friends Betty & Eugene for inviting us.

Last Sunday, we had an opportunity to worship with our friend, Senator Cory Booker of New Jersey at Saint Phillip AME Church where Rev. Dr. William D. Whatley is the Senior Pastor. We had a wonderful time and it was a phenomenal service.

This past Saturday, I had the opportunity to be surrounded by thousands of women and men in honor of the 1st Anniversary of the Women's March. What a remarkable movement. I was humbled and honored to be a part of the movement.

Last week, I had the opportunity to join State Representative Vernon Jones and other elected officials in a Town Hall Meeting to discuss the abrupt closing of Sam's Club at Stonecrest. I was very proud to see so many residents of the 5th come out and express your concern and stand together to send a message. I encourage everyone in the 5th to remain engaged with what's going on in the County and with business in the County. It is unfortunate the way that the Sam's Club closed, adversely affecting so many employees, vendors and our community.

It was a pleasure to join the Justice, Equality & Economics known as JEE for their vision presentation social hour last Thursday. It was great to see so many justice fighters out for their meeting last week.

Finally, I would like to give a special shout out to the DeKalb Pastoral Alliance. Last week they hosted their Unity Service at St. Phillip AME Church. It is always good to see our leaders in the faith community come together to promote unity, something that is needed more than ever in the world we live in today!

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

5. Commissioner Kathie Gannon mentioned the following:

- Condolences to the family of Gil Turman
- Commended Districts 4, 5, and 7 Commissioners on their work regarding the Sam's Club issue

- Visit www.KathieGannon.com for a link to apply for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Applications are now being accepted for the DeKalb Mobile Farmers Market, Fresh on Dek stops for 2018. The deadline to apply is Thursday February 1st. To apply to be a Fresh on Dek stop, visit www.KathieGannon.com for a link to their website
- The 8th Annual Shredfest at the Vista Grove Shopping Center, located at 2860 Lavista Road on February 3rd from 9 am-11 am. They ask that you do not bring binders, folders, clips, etc. There is also a limit of 4 boxes per vehicle of documents to be shredded. For more information, contact Tina Kalvelage at 404-889-5132
- Lifeline Animal Project has a dog and pup adoption event at several locations. Visit www.LifelineAnimal.org for event locations to adopt a wonderful pet ready to call you their own!
- If there is anyone in DeKalb County that has not, please sign up for the CODE RED Community Alerts. This system issues alerts regarding severe weather or other emergencies. Sign up for alerts today on www.KathieGannon.com
- Please stay connected with District 6 by contacting my office at 404-371-4909, or for more information on District 6 happenings visit www.KathieGannon.com

6. Commissioner Gregory Adams read the following comments:

Friday, January 12th, I was honored to attend the DeKalb County 34th annual birthday celebration for Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The event, “50 Forward, Together We Win” was hosted by our CEO Michael Thurmond and Judge Penny Brown Reynolds was the keynote speaker. We also had a great time celebrating other events during the weekend honoring the works of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Great job to our friends at DeKalb County Helping Hands Coalition for their event Saturday, January 13th. The Symposium is designed to provide motivation, resources and wrap-around services to students and parents, targeting males in the 3rd-12th grade. Special thanks to Major KD Johnson and staff for their service to the community.

I’d like to say THANK YOU to our Public Works Department and DeKalb Sanitation and Roads and Drainage for their service during the inclement weather with modified schedules and double duty.

As always, thanks to my district for allowing me the honor to serve. If you would

like to contact me regarding questions, scheduling an event or meeting, please feel free to contact our office at 404-371-2899 or gregoryadams@dekalbcountyga.gov.

7. Commissioner Jeff Radar read the following comments:

My office number is 404-371-2863 and my email is jrader@dekalbcountyga.gov. My website is www.commissionerrader.com. Also, please follow me on Facebook and Twitter at [#raderjeff](#).

The Civic Association Network will host their next potluck meeting this Wednesday, January 24th at 7pm at the Mack Love Center in Mason Mill Park.

The DeKalb Volunteer Lawyers Foundation will be hosting a Debt Clinic at the Decatur Branch tonight at 5:30pm. Come for free one on one consultation.

Are you retired and want to help your local community? Get involved with the Senior Advisory Board and help plan events for seniors. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 24th at the Decatur Library at 1:30pm.

Finally, a book discussion for Guardians of the Dead by Karen Healey will be held at 6pm on January 24th at Toco Hills Avis G Williams branch. And a book discussion for The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce will take place next Wednesday, January 31st at 7pm at the Decatur branch.

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 Steve Bradshaw and seconded by Commissioner Nancy Jester to recess the January 23, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:47 a.m. Commissioner Kathie Gannon left the meeting at approximately 11:43 a.m. and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

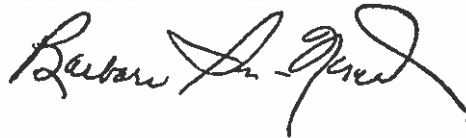
Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon



Jeff Rader
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders-Norwood
County Clerk