

# DeKalb County Government

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, May 8, 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**

Orrin Hudson, Executive Director  
Be Someone, Inc.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Steve Bradshaw  
District 4

## **B. PRESENTATIONS**

Older Americans Month  
Dr. Elizabeth Kiss, Agnes Scott College

## **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. Henri Jordan, 763 Lee Andrews Ave. Atlanta, GA 30315 – Read Bible verses I Corinthians 2:16, Matthew 28:18, Matthew 24:35, and Mark 3:35.
2. Martha Gross, 2855 Briarcliff Rd. Atlanta, GA 30329 – Spoke asking Commissioners to consider the criteria for the SLUP request at Briarcliff and Clairmont roads.
3. Apostle Charles McCorkle, 4225 Snapfinger Woods Drive Decatur, GA 30035 – Spoke regarding transparency in government, urged citizens to be knowledgeable of candidates running for office, and the importance of citizen involvement.
4. Beau Williams, 2840 Briarcliff Rd. Atlanta, GA 30329 – Spoke in support of removing the confederate monument in Decatur Square.
5. Brenda Butler, 506 Rosemont Dr. Decatur, GA 30032 – Spoke concerning the need for more space at the Senior Center located at Hosea Williams and Warren streets.
6. Stephen Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021 – Spoke regarding finding a more effective way to fix sewage system problems, the allocation and proper usage of SPLOST funds, reconsidering the process for paying CH2M Hill, and to reconsider the reallocation of the County's 2011A Watershed bond funds.

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

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

**NONE**

**E. APPEALS**

NONE

**F. APPOINTMENTS**

Board of Commissioners

[2018-2020](#)

Commission District(s): District 5

Appointment of Dennis Allen to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Citizens Advisory Board, District 5 Post

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2020 and 2018-2023 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

Board of Commissioners - District 5

[2018-2023](#)

Commission District(s): District 5

Appointment of Nicholas Allen - Tunsil to the Initiative for a Green DeKalb Advisory Council, District 5 Post

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2020 and 2018-2023 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

**G. CONSENT AGENDA**

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**Airport**[2018-1807](#)

Commission District(s): 1 and 6

Approval of Consent to Sublease of Leased Premises on DeKalb Peachtree Airport by PDK, LLC to Jet Linx Atlanta, LLC. There is no cost to the County.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1807, 2018-1982, 2018-2016, 2018-2018, 2018-1973, 2018-1944, 2018-1946 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

**Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO**[2018-1982](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 13, 2018

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1807, 2018-1982, 2018-2016, 2018-2018, 2018-1973, 2018-1944, 2018-1946 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

[2018-2016](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of the Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of January 19, 2018

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1807, 2018-1982, 2018-2016, 2018-2018, 2018-1973, 2018-1944, 2018-1946 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

**Board of Commissioners - District 4**

[2018-2018](#)

Commission District(s): District 4

To transfer \$250,000.00 from 2001 Park Bond District 4 account 100629.80314.541100.05.600012 and to set-up a new District 4 Development account for the Tobie Grant Recreation Center.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1807, 2018-1982, 2018-2016, 2018-2018, 2018-1973, 2018-1944, 2018-1946 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

**Community Development**

[2018-1973](#)

Commission District(s): Districts 4 and 6

Contract with the City of Clarkston for Construction of New Sidewalks using CDBG funds.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1807, 2018-1982, 2018-2016, 2018-2018, 2018-1973, 2018-1944, 2018-1946 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

**Human Services**

[2018-1944](#)

Commission District(s): All

Transferring of Funds from the General Fund to Senior Citizens Grant Fund19

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1807, 2018-1982, 2018-2016, 2018-2018, 2018-1973, 2018-1944, 2018-1946 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

[2018-1946](#) Commission District(s): All  
Grant Acceptance from the Atlanta Regional Commission for SFY 2019

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1807, 2018-1982, 2018-2016, 2018-2018, 2018-1973, 2018-1944, 2018-1946 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

[2018-2052](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
2018 Blight Resolution

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, 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

**Board of Commissioners - District 1**

[2018-2015](#)

Commission District(s): ALL  
Request Approval of Concept of 30-Year Lease Agreement between REC Solar Commercial Corporation and DeKalb County, Georgia, Whereby Hannah Solar LLC under The Georgia Power Redi Program Would Construct and Maintain a Floating Solar Array at The Scott Candler Water Filter Plant.

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, 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

**Executive Assistant - Chief Operating Office**

[2018-2053](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Intergovernmental Agreement for the Distribution of Homestead Option Sales Tax Proceeds and Equalized Homestead Option Sales Tax Proceeds.

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be to defer the substitute submitted from the floor, and assigned to the Finance, Audit & Budget Committee (FAB), and return to the Board on May 22, 2018. Commissioner Kathie Gannie was out of the room 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

**Public Works - Transportation**



[2018-1939](#)

Commission District(s): 1 and 7  
Memorandum of Agreement with GDOT for Replacement of  
Mercer University Drive Bridge

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor, with a friendly amendment to strike the word "expected" and to maintain the verbiage "the funding source is". 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*

[2018-1875](#)

Commission District(s): All  
REN - Inspection and Maintenance of FM 200 Fire Suppression  
Systems (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew):  
Contract No. 1015889 for use by the Department of Facilities  
Management (FM). The contract consists of providing equipment  
inspection and repair services for the existing fire suppression systems.  
Awarded to Century Fire Protection, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed:  
\$15,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on May 22, 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

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*Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee*[2018-1792](#)

Commission District(s): All  
RFP - Request for Proposals No. 17-500464 Surveying and Easement Mapping Services (Multi-Year Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing on-call surveying and easement mapping services. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposers: McKim and Creed Inc., Cardno, Inc. and Accura Engineering and Consulting Services, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,500,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1792, 2018-1917, 2018-1920, and 2018-1921 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

[2018-1917](#)

Commission District(s): 3 and 6  
CO- Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1104699 Refurbishing Office and Locker Room Building: for use by Public Works-Sanitation. The contract consists of renovating offices, employee locker room and adding an awning to the side of the Central Collection Lot Building. Awarded to Osprey Management, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$10,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1792, 2018-1917, 2018-1920, and 2018-1921 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

[2018-1920](#)

Commission District(s): All  
REN - Chemicals for Odor Control (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1015893 for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing chemicals for odor control. Awarded to Peoples Janitorial S&C. Amount Not To Exceed: \$90,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1792, 2018-1917, 2018-1920, and 2018-1921 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

[2018-1921](#)

Commission District(s): All  
REN - Pond Maintenance Services (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1013915, 1013916 and 1013917 for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA) and Public Works- Roads and Drainage (R&D). These contracts consist of maintenance services for retention and detention ponds. Awarded to A.S.A.P Landscape Management Group, Williams Icon Homes and Properties, LLC and Charity Lawn and Turf Care. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,275,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1792, 2018-1917, 2018-1920, and 2018-1921 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

**Sheriff's Office**[2018-2051](#)

Commission District(s): ALL  
DeKalb County Jail - Shower repair and Mold Remediation/Restoration

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

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

#### Watershed Management

[2018-2054](#) Commission District(s): All  
Easement Agreement with Fuqua BCDC Decatur Crossing Project Owner, LLC et al. (collectively, "Fuqua")

**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

**2018-1929** Commission District(s): All  
Motion to Add an Item to the Agenda

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, 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

[2018-1995](#) Commission District(s): All  
To Approve the Submission of a HUD Section 108 Loan Guarantee Application in the amount of \$7,836,375 for the Design, Engineering, and Construction of a Senior Center with Pool in Districts 4 & 7 - Cost to County -Annual Debt Service on the Loan - \$547,664 Per Year

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on May 22, 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

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

**Board of Commissioners - District 3**

[2017-1367](#) Commission District(s): 3 & 6  
Establishment of a Railroad Quiet Zone at Fayetteville Road, Constitution Road, and Henrico Road Crossings  
**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved, pending negotiations with Norfolk Southern in anticipation of their approval. 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 6**

[2018-1930](#) Commission District(s): All  
Resolution Regarding Parkland School Shooting and Other Matters  
**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor. 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

**Chief Executive Office**

[2018-1974](#)

Commission District(s): All

Appropriation of Anticipated SPLOST Funds in Accordance with the Referendum Approved by the Voters on November 7, 2017.

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be to defer the substitute submitted from the floor and assigned to the Finance, Audit & Budget Committee (FAB), and return to the Board on May 22, 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

#### Facilities Management

[2018-1933](#)

Commission District(s): All

A.R.T Station Lease Agreement

Amendment No. 1 - No cost to the County

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

#### Purchasing & Contracting

*Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*

[2018-1790](#)

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Disaster Recovery & Sewage Cleaning Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1048832 for use by the Departments of Watershed Management (DWM) and Facilities Management (FM). This contract consists of disaster recovery cleaning and supplementary services for repairs. Awarded to Bell Restoration Services Inc., dba Servpro of Stone Mountain/Clarkston. Amount Not To Exceed: \$765,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1790, 2018-1861, 2018-1866 were heard together. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was out of the room 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

[2018-1861](#)

Commission District(s): All  
AP - Additional Purchase - Invitation No. 17-100886 Tandem Axle CNG Powered Manual Automated Side Loader, Refuse Collection Truck with 28 Cubic Yard Compaction System: for Public Works - Fleet Management to be used by Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of (10) ten units used for residential garbage collection. Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,441,680.00.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1790, 2018-1861, 2018-1866 were heard together. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was out of the room 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

[2018-1866](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

REN - Supply and Service of Feminine Hygiene Disposal Units (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1064963 for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). Consists of providing feminine hygiene disposal units. Awarded to Southern Textile Rental Services, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$144,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1790, 2018-1861, 2018-1866 were heard together.**

**Commissioner Kathie Gannon was out of the room 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

[2018-1874](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1025662, 1023197 and 1031586 for Architectural and Engineering Design Services (Multi-year Contract): for the Departments of Facilities Management (FM) and Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of the provision of architectural and engineering design services for various facilities projects. Awarded to AMEC Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure, Inc., Brown Design Group, Inc. and Pond & Company. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,800,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until May 22, 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



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*Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee*[2018-1876](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

C- Cancellation of Contract No. 995564 for Landscape Maintenance Services for use by Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of providing landscaping and maintenance services for County public grounds and park sites. This request is to terminate for convenience with Dante's Lawn Manicures and award their sites to Artscape, Inc. for four (4) months. Amount Not To Exceed: \$120,000.00.

**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

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee*[2017-0630](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 14-902800 Consent Decree Program Management Services: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Awarded to CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$11,363,633.00.

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until May 22, 2018. Items 2017-0630 and 2018-1757 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

[2018-1657](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 17-100913 for Sidewalks and Roadways (Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works - Transportation and Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of sidewalks, drainage improvements and minor road improvements. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Autaco Development and SD&C, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$9,000,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until May 22, 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

[2018-1757](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1063708 Professional Consulting Services to DeKalb County Office of the Chief Executive Officer: for use by the Office of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing consulting services to review the County's Consent Decree Program. Awarded to VNF Solutions, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$100,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until May 22, 2018. Items 2017-0630 and 2018-1757 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

**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..

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on May 22, 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

**Watershed Management**[2017-1184](#)

Commission District(s): All  
Reallocation of Project Budgets Within the 2011A Bond Fund

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until May 22, 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 Gregory Adams read the following comments:

Good Morning! Happy Teacher Appreciation Day! I also want to take a moment to highlight our many volunteers that I meet when I am out in the community. Your time is so valuable and we appreciate all you do for our county.

SECOND, I'd like to give a shout out to our Fleet Management Department on receiving the "Best Fleet" in North America Award. We received FIRST PLACE out of 38,000 public fleets in the nation and was recognized for distinguished customer service, sustainability practices, and employee training. The award is sponsored by 100 Best Fleets in America and Governing Magazine. Kudos to CEO Thurmond and the division on a job well done!

While we're at it... I want to give another shout out to our Sanitation Division on receiving state-wide recognition on 2 awards. Congratulations to Division Director, Ms. Tracy Hutchinson on being nominated in two categories... 1. The Award of Excellence and 2. The Environmental Project category for the countywide glass recycling program, with a particular focus on the branding and implementation of the program. Great job to our Sanitation Division and Tracy for your leadership excellence and your continued contributions toward ensuring a more vibrant and sustainable DeKalb.

On Wednesday, May 2, I had an outstanding time with our seniors! Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs hosted our kick-off to our Annual Senior Olympics, which takes place thru this Friday. We had an exciting time and I encourage you all to get out and TRY to match the energy level of our DeKalb County Seniors. The Senior community makes up roughly 11% of our county's population and we are happy to have them in our communities. Great job Parks & Rec!

For more information on THIS and other happenings in Super District 7, please go to my website at [www.commissionergregoryadams.com](http://www.commissionergregoryadams.com) Or, if you would like to contact me, please feel free to contact our office at 404-371-2899 Or [gregoryadams@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:gregoryadams@dekalbcountyga.gov). As always, thanks to my district for allowing me the honor to serve.

### 2. Commissioner Kathie Gannon mentioned the following comments:

- There is just a few more weeks for early voting. Saturday and Sunday polls will be ending this weekend and the other early voting polls will be closing on the 18th! Don't hesitate, vote today! Use your vote for who you want to dictate your

future. Polling locations and additional information can be found at [www.KathieGannon.com](http://www.KathieGannon.com)

- I would like to recognize DeKalb County Fleet Management Department and congratulate them on a job well done. They recently received the “Best Fleet” in North America Award! Kudos to Director Hutchinson and team for winning the Award of Excellence, and Sanitation won in the Environmental Project category for the countywide glass recycling program, with particular focus on the branding and implementation of the program. Our Sanitation Division continues to raise its profile on a statewide, national and international level

- Each year in May, Law enforcement agencies throughout the country pay tribute to fallen officers and their families. DeKalb County will be honoring our fallen heroes on Wednesday, May 9th, at the DeKalb History Center, 101 East Court Square from 10 a.m.- 11 a.m. Please join the DeKalb County Police Department, surviving family members, local law enforcement agencies, elected officials, community groups and friends to commemorate the lives of our fallen heroes

- If you know anyone looking for a job, the DeKalb County E-911 communications is hiring! Applications will be accepted until May 31st. For more information or to apply, their link can be found at [www.KathieGannon.com](http://www.KathieGannon.com)

- Attention residents of Bouldercrest, Cedar Grove, Moreland, and Conley! Join me and the DeKalb County Planning and Sustainability for a public meeting on the proposed text amendment (SLUP) change to the Moreland Overlay District Tier 5 Section to allow daycare facilities in the neighborhoods, at the Welcome Friend Baptist Church, located 3198 Bouldercrest Road on May 15th, from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. This is a perfect time to voice any concerns about the text amendment change. A copy of the text amendment can be viewed at [www.KathieGannon.com](http://www.KathieGannon.com)

- DeKalb County will be hosting the 2nd Annual Landfill Amnesty Day at the Seminole Landfill, located at 4203 Clevemont Road on May 19th from 8 a.m. – 4p.m. The Amnesty Day is part of the county’s “Operation Spring Clean Sweep 2018” campaign, an initiative focused on litter removal. You will have a chance to dispose of bagged garbage, yard trimmings, bulky items and special collections items. This event is free and open only to DeKalb County residents, so proof of residency must be shown. For more information call Pauline Andrea at 404-971-2892.

- Wished Happy Mother's Day to her Daughter-in-Law

**3. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson read the following:**

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

I would like to begin my comments by reminding everyone that early voting is going on in DeKalb County. There are several locations that you can go to vote. Early voting ends on Friday, May 18th.

Voter Registration Office located at 4380 Memorial Drive, Suite 300 (7a.m. – 7 p.m)

The Gallery at South DeKalb Mall – 2801 Candler Road (9 a.m- 8 p.m)

Dunwoody Library – 5339 Chamblee Dunwoody Road (7 a.m – 7 p.m)

This past weekend, it was such an honor to gather with stakeholders and friends for the DeKalb Lawyers Association Annual Scholarship Breakfast. I would like to give a special shout out to my good friend and our speaker, Tharon Johnson. He did a phenomenal job and thank you to all who helped to bring this event together and those who faithfully support our efforts.

Last week, it was so wonderful to join our CEO along with Commissioners Johnson and Adams for the Kick Off of the Senior Olympics at Exchange Park. Always good to see our seniors active and excited to participate each year. I didn't participate this year, but as soon as I can get all of my Commissioners and CEO to compete, I'll join in!!!

I would like to give a shout out to Bettye Davis and the Stone Mountain-Lithonia and Decatur Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta for putting on a successful Delta Day in DeKalb County. I enjoyed being a part of this very important day and program!

Last week, I joined about 100 seniors at the Grand Opening of the newly renovated JenCare Senior Medical Center in District 3 on Candler Road. Thank you to Commissioner Larry Johnson for allowing me to come in his district and be a part of this wonderful occasion. We had Little Richard and even got our exercise on! I had a really great time!

Finally, I want to say congratulations to the more than 160 volunteers who were

honored at Lou Walker Senior Center last Thursday for their work and efforts in the Community. This year, the volunteers have already delivered more than 800 meals to seniors.

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

**4. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw read the following:**

Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer. Good Morning Everyone:

On April 27th, I attended an Association of County Commissioners of Georgia training class on County Government Law. It was the next in a series of professional development classes I have been taking in pursuit of my Certified County Commissioner designation. The class was very informative and I came away with a better appreciation for our Law Department and the work that they do on our behalf. My personal thanks to Interim County Attorney Viviane Ernstes and the entire Law Department for always having our backs.

On April 28th, we held our second Quarterly in the Fourth Community Breakfast meeting at Stephenson High School. We had over 80 people in attendance and engaged in a lively back and forth with our constituents. I want to thank Principal Michael Jones and his entire team for their courtesy and professionalism in hosting us. I also want to thank all of the representatives from the administration who came out in force to support us that day. We really appreciate it.

Our next breakfast meeting will be on July 28th at Elizabeth Andrews High School. We look forward to seeing you then.

Later that day, I attended the Clarkston Culture Fest which was held at James Hallford Stadium. It was such a pleasure to walk around and see our beautiful diversity on full display. I heard some good music. I ate some good food. And I had a great time. I want to commend the event organizers Angela Moore and Adam Nykamp for doing a wonderful job.

On May 3rd, I was honored to speak at the DeKalb County School District

Recycling Program Closing Event. This is a great partnership between our Sanitation Department and the DeKalb School System and could serve as a model for other collaboration efforts between our respective organizations. I commend our Sanitation Director, Tracy Hutchinson and her entire team for the excellent job that they do.

That evening, there was a Tobie Grant Intergenerational Center Engineering Design Presentation. I was unable to attend due to a prior commitment, but my highly capable Chief of Staff, Alesia Brooks filled in and reported back that it was a very good presentation that was well received by the people in attendance.

I am also very proud that my office has allocated \$250,000 from our District 4 Park Bond account to this very worthwhile project. We will continue to make such allocations as we work to improve the quality of life for the citizens and District 4 and DeKalb County. I would also like to commend our Presiding Officer, Jeff Rader for chairing a very productive BOC retreat this past Friday May 4th. It was well planned and well executed. Also, I want to thank our BOC Chief of Staff, Antwyn Brown and his team for their work in pulling the retreat together. I also commend our colleague Commissioner Nancy Jester for a lively and inspiring presentation that day.

Also today marks the 73rd anniversary of Victory in Europe Day which brought that theatre of World War II to an end. We are so grateful for the sacrifice of the generations that went before to help ensure the way of life that we have in this country today. We should never take it for granted.

Once again I would like to thank the citizens of District 4 for trusting me with this responsibility. It is indeed an honor to serve. Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer.

**5. Commissioner Larry Johnson mentioned the following comments:**

- Congratulated JenCare for opening their first location on Candler Road
- Opening ceremony for the Inter-Generational center on Columbia Drive
- Mental Health Awareness Month
- Congratulated the Latino community on Cinco De Mayo
- East Decatur Greenway opening



- Thanked Keep DeKalb Beautiful, Code Enforcement, the Sheriff's Department, Greenforest 8th grade class, Gresham Hills, Concerned Neighbors, Highland Park, Toney Valley, Wesley Chapel, Leslie Estates, and all the neighborhoods who have helped with clean-ups in the community
- Congratulated his chief of Staff, Colet Odenigbo, on his promotion to Juvenile Court

**6. Commissioner Nancy Jester mentioned the following:**

- Congratulations to Commissioner Gannon on becoming a grandmother!
- Kudos to all moms!
- Congratulations to all school Valedictorians in District 1
- Congratulated Georgia Jester for earning a Varsity letter in gymnastics
- Dunwoody Kids-to-Park day on Saturday May 19, from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. in Brookrun Park
- Movies Under the Stars resumes in Doraville, the last Friday of every month from May-August
- Residents of Doraville can now have their home improvement permit and inspection fees waived for certain type of permits, from May- June 30th
- The Chamblee Police Department invites students ages 13-15 to register for the Junior Police Academy from June 4th – 8th, for details visit [www.Chambleega.gov](http://www.Chambleega.gov)
- Tucker Day on Saturday May 12th from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.
- Brookhaven's Wednesday night Food Truck Round-Up, at Blackburn Park from 6p.m.- 9p.m
- Dunwoody Food Truck night on Thursdays

**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 using @raderjeff.

I would like to welcome all of our Seniors here today for Older Americans Month. You truly do “Engage at Every Age” as this year’s theme suggests and we welcome you anytime to our meetings.

Upcoming...

- May is Older Americans Month and this year’s theme is “Engage at Every Age.” The DeKalb County Library is celebrating our seniors with events throughout the month. From health and fitness, to classes in computers and online dating, to creative ventures in craft making, sewing and soap creation, your local library branch will be open and active with seniors this month. The DeKalb Parks and Recreation Department is hosting Senior Olympic Games now thru May 11th. And, our Senior Centers are hosting special events to celebrate our seniors all month long. We hope seniors will join us at one or more of these venues to celebrate as they engage at every age!

- Deepdene Park Workday will be Saturday, May 19th, from 9 – 11am

Remembering my mother on Mother’s Day and wishing all mothers a Happy Day this Sunday, May 13th.

#### **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 Kathie Gannon and seconded by Commissioner Gregory Adams to adjourn the May 8, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:46 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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



Jeff Rader  
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond  
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders-Norwood  
County Clerk