

DeKalb County Government

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



Summary

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

9:00 AM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

Board of Commissioners

*Comm. Robert Patrick, Presiding Officer, District 1
Comm. Mereda Davis Johnson, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 5*

*Commissioner Robert Patrick, District 1
Commissioner Jeff Rader, District 2
Commissioner Larry Johnson, District 3
Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4
Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5
Commissioner Edward "Ted" Terry, Super District 6
Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Super District 7*

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

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A. INSPIRATIONAL

Dr. Rashad Richey- University Professor and Radio Personality for News/Talk
1380-WAOK and V-103FM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Larry Johnson- District 3

B. PRESENTATIONS

COVID-19 Response- National County Government Month

C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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1. Beth Thompson, 780 Rowland Rd Stone Mountain, GA 30083- Thank you for the opportunity for public comment. Below is my comment for today: I've been a DeKalb resident since 2013. I live in a lovely and established neighborhood in unincorporated DeKalb County with many wonderful neighbors who have a strong sense of community. When we bought our home, I never imagined that a business slaughtering and selling animals would be allowed to come into our neighborhood and operate out of a residentially zoned property on my street in direct violation of the DeKalb County Codes. I'm not sure how you would feel about witnessing animals being mistreated, animals being slaughtered, and people coming in and out to buy them in your neighborhood, but for my neighbors and for me, it was very distressing. I can only imagine what it has been like for the nearby neighbors of Bradford's Livestock who have experienced the same type of emotional roller coaster for years. In 2019, DeKalb County advised Bradford's Livestock to rezone their property so they could continue their slaughterhouse. A blow for the neighbors. DeKalb County issued a cease-and-desist order, but slaughter continued. Then, the rezoning request was denied. This should have been a victory, but the illegal business just continued to operate. While the county should have asked the court to grant preliminary injunctive relief to shut this illegal business down, they did not. Now 3 years and more than 4,000 animals slaughtered later, the neighborhood is still waiting for the case to make it through the appeals process, in hopes that DeKalb County will finally make this request when they again have the opportunity. It is 2022. We should not be in the same place that we were in 2017. Following the operational failures of both DeKalb Code Enforcement and DeKalb Animal Enforcement, my neighbors and I went directly to our commissioner, Steve Bradshaw to request help. When this was unsuccessful, we went higher up. We went directly to COO Zach Williams. We went directly to CEO Michael Thurmond who told me that was aware of the problem and that his Chief of Staff La'Keitha Carlos would take care of it. We met with COO Zach Williams. We met with Chief of Staff La'Keitha Carlos. We requested that each of them work towards fixes that would address not just illegal slaughter in neighborhoods, but how DeKalb Code Enforcement responds to other illegal slaughter businesses happening in neighborhoods. COO Zach Williams and Chief of Staff La'Keitha Carlos said that they were committed to addressing the County's response to these situations so that there wouldn't be a next time. CEO Thurmond, COO Zach Williams, Chief of Staff La'Keitha Carlos, and Commissioners, I'm here today in 2022, 5 years after living through the horrors of being next door to a slaughter business in my neighborhood. I am aware that the slaughter business in my neighborhood and Bradford's Livestock are not the only ones in DeKalb since 2017 or currently. I am asking you again, how many next times are there going to be? I implore you to move forward on enforcing the 2019 cease-and-desist. More than that, I'd like to hold you to what the chief executive office told me almost 5 years ago when you said this wouldn't happen again, because you were on it. You said if we just gave you some time you would make sure there were procedures and a plan in place so that DeKalb County would have an immediate response when it received complaints about disruptive and illegal businesses operating in residential neighborhoods. When is addressing the failures of DeKalb County Code Enforcement that were identified in 2017 going to be a priority? When are you going to have a plan of how to respond to illegal slaughter businesses operating in neighborhoods? When are you going to have a plan of how to respond to illegal businesses in neighborhoods, period? Neighbors deserve to be able to live in homes in residential neighborhoods without fear that our county will stand idly by when illegal businesses move in and disrupt the neighborhood. Sincerely,

2. Jessi Key, 4380 Stonington Cir Dunwoody, GA 30338- Good morning, When I learned about the illegal slaughterhouse activity by Bradford Livestock, I was shocked and appalled. This activity is especially concerning to me as a new DeKalb County resident, and I do not understand why it has been allowed to

continue for over 3 years. On March 1, 2019 DeKalb County issued a cease and desist order against Bradford's Livestock, an illegal slaughterhouse operating in a residential neighborhood in Lithonia within one block of Redan Elementary School. For over 3 years Bradford Livestock has continued to ignore DeKalb County's cease and desist order. Under the watch of Dekalb County CEO Michael Thurmond and COO Zach Williams, this illegal slaughterhouse has grown its illegal slaughter operation slaughtering 4019 animals since the cease and desist order according to the Georgia Dept of Agriculture records. According to GDA records, the leftover animal remains are buried or composted on the property, a property which also contains a pond that drains into Pole Bridge Creek and runs through many neighborhoods. This means that there is potential for the water to be contaminated by blood, feces, urine, animal flesh, organs and various animal remains. In January and February of this year alone Bradford's Livestock slaughtered 9 cows, 75 sheep and 102 goats for a total of 186 animals. Residential neighborhoods are not zoned for private residents to slaughter at a commercial scale of this nature due to the detrimental impact it has on residential neighborhoods. Dekalb County and Dekalb residents are on the same page, they both agree Dekalb residents should not live next door to slaughterhouses. If the county continues to allow a business to operate that they have ordered to shut down it sets a dangerous precedent. What will Dekalb County allow next? This is not a small business owner, this is an illegal operation that has been told to cease and desist by DeKalb County and that DeKalb residents have petitioned against for over three years. Mr. Thurmond and Mr. Williams, when will you stop this illegal business and protect our neighborhood? Sincerely,

3. Dr. Ed Williams (No Address)- Good Morning Commissioners: Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me. Fool me three times, shame on both of us. A MARTA lawsuit has been appealed against MARTA in the Georgia Court of Appeals on March 28, 2022, in regards to the one percent sales tax that has been extended without a referendum to 2057 by MARTA and the DeKalb Governing Authority to fund projects. MARTA had no legal authority to pass any resolutions approving the extension or amendments of the RTCAA without a referendum to extend the one percent sales tax beyond August 31, 2021. A citizen-taxpayer has standing to seek injunctive relief to enjoin MARTA officials from continuing to extend and enforce the 1971 sales tax and transit contract beyond 50 years without a referendum in DeKalb and Fulton Counties. MARTA has extended the 1971 sales tax and transit contract referred to as the RTCAA to 2057 without voter approval in DeKalb and Fulton. See MARTA Act section 24(g). MARTA claims that the General Assembly levied the MARTA sales tax in the MARTA Act section 25. The only thing that the General Assembly did in the MARTA Act was to authorize that a local jurisdiction could call for a referendum to levy a sales tax. MARTA, Bus services were not extended to Clayton County until there had been a referendum. Similarly, In Gwinnett County, both the MARTA board and Gwinnett County Commission passed resolutions to join MARTA and signed a contract. However, a sales tax was not levied because it was contingent on voter approval. The City of Atlanta had a new referendum in 2016 for an additional half-penny. In Gwinnett County, the voters did not approve the contract which had a sales tax embedded in it, as such the contract was not executed and the sales tax was never levied despite the fact that the General Assembly authorized through the MARTA Act section 25 that a one percent sales tax could be levied in the Fulton, DeKalb, Clayton, and Gwinnett. The Gwinnett contract failed despite the fact that MARTA board approval and the Gwinnett commission voted to approve the resolution. It should be noted that Gwinnett has had two referendums in 1990 and in 2019 both failed to be approved by voters. If the General Assembly in the MARTA Act had levied the one percent sales tax then there would be no reason to obtain voter approval through a local referendum and Gwinnett County would be part of the MARTA system, but this is not the case. The power of taxation lies with the state and the General

Assembly. There is no SPLOST, T-SPLOST, HOST, E-HOST, LOST, E-SPLOST, or any other local sales tax that can be levied or extended without a referendum. The General Assembly, nor MARTA Act nor the 1964 local constitutional amendment authorized MARTA to extend a sales tax beyond 50 years without a referendum to fund a project or projects. The commission and the county law department are supposed to serve the public interests. Thank you

4. Jan Costello (No Address)- Commissioners, Since the cease-and-desist order was issued March 1, 2019, against Rudolf Bradford, he has slaughtered 4,088 animals in his backyard. He lives at 1676 Rice Road, just down the street from Redan Elementary School. More than 6,000 animals have been slaughtered at his home since the state began keeping records. I know you are aware of our grave concerns about the ongoing lack of enforcement. We urge you to take action and enforce DeKalb County codes.

5. Ryan Brown, 780 Rowland Road- Commissioners, Thank you for the opportunity to make public comments today. As you know, the residential neighborhood slaughterhouse business of Bradford Livestock continues to operate despite being in clear and open violation of the county laws. Over 4,000 animals have been slaughtered since the planning department sent Bradford Livestock a request to cease and desist all operations and thousands more prior to DeKalb County code enforcement and animal enforcement taking any action. A slaughterhouse in a suburban residential neighborhood is not allowed by DeKalb rules. Additionally, a business should not be allowed to continue operations if the county denies a business license application. However, for years and to the detriment of the surrounding neighborhood this has been allowed to happen. In my neighborhood, five years ago, it took almost a year of my community advocating to our commissioner, COO Zach Williams and CEO Micheal Thurmond to get the animal slaughter business in our neighborhood stopped. This neighborhood business ultimately left due to the business owner's decision to leave our neighborhood and the work on behalf of the community by the DeKalb Solicitor's office. My community's efforts identified severe deficiencies in the DeKalb code enforcement department's operations and standard practice. A 2017 Audit of this department documented that this department was failing and could not effectively do its job. In 2018, the department head of code enforcement was replaced by CEO Thurmond and COO Williams, after the previous director was caught defrauding the county of thousands of dollars and working a consulting job during county paid time. A 2021 follow up audit of code enforcement identified many of the same issues as the 2017 audit and new issues not in the 2017 audit. Unfortunately, the man chosen to lead code enforcement by CEO Micheal Thurmond and COO Zach Williams has not addressed DeKalb code enforcement's known failings after four years on the job. What does it take to ensure that the laws of our county are followed? Why are disruptive illegal businesses in residential neighborhoods allowed to operate for years, with clear knowledge of the county? In 2017, my community asked our commissioner, Steve Bradshaw, the county COO Zach Williams, and CEO Micheal Thurmond to make sure that a system and plan were in place to not let what happened in our neighborhood in 2017 harm other neighborhoods. Yet here we are five years later without a system and a plan. Commissioners, CEO, and COO this is a lack of leadership at the top when after five years known deficiencies have not been addressed. The resolution today to address "Revitalization and Elimination of Blight Goals and Task Plan" does not incorporate anything to address the findings of the 2017 and 2021 audits of DeKalb code enforcement or ensure that the law is followed in our DeKalb neighborhoods. Let's not still be in this same place five years from today. We need leadership to fix these well known, longstanding problems. Sincerely,

6. Christopher Eubanks, 1610 Woodcrest Walk, Lithonia, Ga, 30058- I am a DeKalb County resident who was recently made aware of Bradford Livestock, an illegal backyard slaughterhouse operating within minutes of my home and I am appalled to discover this slaughterhouse has been operating for over three years without the county shutting them down. As a tax paying Dekalb County resident it is disturbing to see that the cease and desist order hasn't been enforced in over 3 years. I strongly believe if this were virtually any other business ignoring a cease and desist order from the county, DeKalb's response would be much stronger and more swift. Would the county allow this operation to continue if this location slaughtered over 4000 dogs and cats in the past 3 years instead of cows, pigs, sheep and goats? This is a huge disservice to the residents who have to live near this slaughterhouse everyday as it negatively impacts our neighborhood and the Dekalb community at large. This slaughterhouse is a health hazard to our local community that negatively impacts Dekalb's soil, wastewater and decreases the property value of our homes. CEO Michael Thurmond, COO Zach Williams and Dekalb commissioners, would you allow an illegal slaughterhouse that is a health hazard to your family to operate next door to you for over three years? Would you allow it to occur in your neighborhood? Would you allow it to continue down the road from your child's school. Redan Elementary school is one block from this slaughterhouse and their students and teachers deserve more. The community is not confident DeKalb County has done everything in their power to shut this slaughterhouse down and we demand more. We are asking you all to do what is right and exhaust all possible resources in shutting down Bradford's Livestock.

7. Karen Hirsch, 865 Ashfield Dr Decatur, GA 30030- Good Morning, There is an illegal slaughterhouse operating in a residential neighborhood in Lithonia just one block from Redan elementary school. On 3/1/2019, DeKalb County issued a cease and desist order against Bradford's Livestock who owns the operation, however for the past three years, Bradford Livestock has ignored this cease and desist order, and the illegal slaughter operation has slaughtered 4019 animals since then. According to Georgia Dept of Agriculture records, the leftover animal remains are buried or composted on the property, a property which also contains a pond that drains into Pole Bridge Creek and runs through many neighborhoods. This means that there is potential for the water to be contaminated by blood, feces, urine, animal flesh, organs and various animal remains. In January and February of this year alone Bradford's Livestock slaughtered 9 cows, 75 sheep and 102 goats for a total of 186 animals. Residential neighborhoods are not zoned for private residents to slaughter at a commercial scale of this nature due to the detrimental impact it has on residential neighborhoods. Slaughterhouses "increase total arrest rates, arrests for violent crimes and arrests for sex offenses in comparison with other industries. Neighbors have reported hearing gunshots and they question potential health impacts on their families. Additionally, having a slaughterhouse in the area brings down the value of homes in the community. Why is the county allowing a business to operate that it has ordered to shut down? Sincerely,

8. Stephen Binney (No Address)- Good Morning Commissioners, A happy birthday to you Mr Bradshaw. I apologize ahead of time for missing your party in Brookhaven tomorrow night but I can't afford the \$1000 entry fee. I have seen more notifications of your birthday party Mr Bradshaw than I have of the upcoming Charter Review Committee meeting currently scheduled for next Monday, April 18th @ 6pm. No press release has been made about it and it is not on the Public Meetings calendar either. Where is it going to be held at? Will it be in person or on Zoom? If on Zoom what is the address to be able to view it and give public comments? If one didn't know better, we might think Dekalb County Government doesn't want the public to know when the meetings are going to be. Doesn't want public ideas or input on the future form and type of Dekalb County government there will be in the future. That is, of course, assuming there will be a meeting next Monday. The

last two scheduled meetings have been cancelled and rescheduled. I also want to thank Ms Davis-Johnson for finally making her Charter Review appointment today. Better late than never. If the County does not want to publicize the Charter Review Commission process I will try. This is the most important process Dekalb County will be going through in over 40 years. It is the responsibility of the citizens of Dekalb County to participate and let your opinions be know. Do you want more districts? Do you want to keep Super Districts? Do you want to change our CEO form of government? Would you like NPU style neighborhood entities. Over the last 40 years Dekalb County has told you what to do. Now you have the opportunity to tell Dekalb County what you want them to do. Please do not waste this opportunity my friends and neighbors. In July 2021, the US Census Bureau reported that approximately 16 percent of DeKalb County residents live in poverty. That is over 100,000 people. To put that in real terms that means one out of every seven people you see in Dekalb County each day lives in poverty. These people are not evenly distributed throughout our county either. North of Memorial Drive the poverty rate is way less than 16%. South of Memorial it is more likely that 1 out of every 4 people, if not more, live in poverty. Gentrification is not an answer and our current affordable housing programs fall way short of helping these people. Most affordable housing is based on 80% or less of median family income which in 2021 was \$69,000 for a family of four. That is almost 3 times the poverty level. Food giveaways are nice but are only a short term and never-ending remedy. Good paying jobs, education and community support are required. The County can be a vital part of this process. Dekalb County gives millions of dollars in tax breaks and special favors to businesses and developers but throws crumbs to those people who are working the hardest just to survive on a day to day basis. On today's agenda the County is spending \$600,000 to enlarge the sewer lines for a Pepsi company expansion so they can send their increased waste to the Snapfinger treatment facility that currently can not handle it's current load when we get over half an inch of rain, compared to \$80,000 of federal funds for student jobs over the summer. There is an old song where the chorus ask "which side are you on?". Well CEO and Commissions, which side are you on? Remember that actions always speak louder than words. Thank you for your time and consideration,

9. Colleen Cousineau, 1031 Emory Parc Place Decatur 30033-4060, | Representing the HOA of both Villas of Emory Parc and Emory Parc Manor- Comments on Viral Solutions Preliminary Zoning Site Plan proposed for 1799 and 1805 Clairmont Road, Zoned O-I (Office-Institutional) -OPPOSED 1. The proposed development cannot be adequately built on the two properties. Inadequate Transitional Buffer- • Required: 50 ft. • Proposed: 20 ft. This does not meet mandatory buffer requirements. Lack of On-site Stormwater Retention- • None is proposed – no space is available unless placed underground. The outlet would be located where it already is causing erosion and impacts to the adjacent neighborhood. Inadequate Parking Lot Landscaping- • Required: 10% of parking area must be landscaped; providing one tree per 8 spaces and 1 island per 10 parking spaces; the 25 spaces shown require a minimum of 4 trees and 3 islands • Proposed: 2 islands and no trees are shown. Parking lot landscape area available does not meet the required 10% landscaping. Size prohibits the site from meeting parking lot regulations. The parking lot is within restricted areas at both the street and side property lines. No Open Space- • Required: 15% of lot, or 4,850 square feet. • Proposed: none – There is no room for open space unless the area of the buffer is double-counted. The development contains just 0.75 acres of land, of which 25% is part of the required transitional buffer. The remaining buildable area is approximately 22,500 square feet – approximately one-half acre of usable land. 2. The proposal has unacceptable and unmitigated impacts on adjacent residential property (Villas of Emory Parc and Emory Parc Manor) Offsite Drainage Impacts- There is no on-site retention currently on these lots. The drainage follows a rock drainage channel and is inadequate in capacity and design, resulting in erosion. It

illegally directs runoff to properties at Emory Parc Way, 1781 Clairmont Road, and 1985 Mason Mill Road. There is no retention pond at the outflow. Proposed Retaining Wall- A proposed 9 ft tall retaining wall to support the proposed parking lot is planned. The wall and the parking lot are located in the required buffer where parking is not allowed and no retaining walls are allowed by code. Construction would destroy a stand of mature trees and vegetation. The permitted height of a retaining wall for non-residential property is 8 ft. per ordinance and cannot be located within the buffer. 3. Additional Concerns- Traffic (Clairmont Road/North Druid Hills Road) corridors already are severely congested; there is no left turn lane into the development; unscheduled visits at the facility contribute to additional stresses on traffic; ambulance access will be difficult; the area already is oversaturated with urgent/immediate care facilities; minute clinics; and hospitals. Idling cars emit exhaust and will be a source of constant noise.

D. 10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING

The DeKalb County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing during its Regular Business meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will be conducted via teleconference (Zoom). Simultaneous public access to the meeting will be available (1) via live stream on DCTV's webpage, and (2) DCTVChannel23.TV. The public is invited to watch the broadcast on DCTV's UStream link (<https://video.ibm.com/channel/dctv-channel-23>), or join the meeting using the Zoom link (<https://dekalbcountyga.zoom.us/j/7753778046>), or by telephone (602-333-0032 or 888-270-9936, conference code: 217687). For those joining the meeting by telephone, please be aware that your phone number may be displayed to the public viewing or participating in the online meeting. The Board will provide 15 minutes of time for citizens to speak in favor of an agenda item, and 15 minutes for citizens to speak in opposition. Citizens who attend the meeting via the Zoom link above may join the public comment queue by raising their hand in the Zoom application, while citizens who attend the meeting via telephone may join the comment queue by pressing # followed by 2. There will be no comment cards, so when you are called upon, please state your name and address for the record. Also, please be conscious of speaking time so that everyone has an opportunity to provide input in the allotted time. Citizens may also email documents for inclusion into the official record by submitting such materials by 9:00 a.m. on the date of the public hearing to PublicHearing@dekalbcountyga.gov.

“DECISION ONLY” ITEMS – NO PUBLIC HEARING

Planning & Sustainability

[2021-3159](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): All Districts

Application of the Director of Planning & Sustainability to amend Section 7.4.6 of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance to modify criteria to be considered in evaluating and deciding an application for a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP).

Approved the substitute

E. APPEALS

NONE

F. APPOINTMENTS

Chief Executive Office

[2022-1447](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

To Appoint Sheriff Melody M. Maddox to the DeKalb County Community Service Board, Replacing Dr. Dude's Vacant Position Due to His Resignation as the Superintendent for Decatur City Schools.

Deferred to the next meeting, until April 26, 2022

[2022-1449](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

To appoint Joseph N. Kusmik to the Board of Tax Assessors to Fill the Slot Vacated by John W. Lawson.

Deferred to the next meeting, until April 26, 2022

ITEMS FOR RECORDING IN THE MINUTES

Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2022-1492](#)

Commission District(s): District 2

To Record the Appointment of Sally Sears to the Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs Citizen Advisory Board

Approved

Board of Commissioners - District 5

[2022-1494](#)

Commission District(s): District 5

An item to appoint Clara Black Delay to the DeKalb Charter Review Commission, District 5 Seat

Approved

G. CONSENT AGENDA**Airport**[2022-1340](#)**Commission District(s):** 1 and 6

Standardized T-Hangar Lease Agreement with Robert Saunders. There is no cost to the County.

Approved[2022-1403](#)**Commission District(s):** 1 and 6

Termination of Standardized T-Hangar Lease Agreement with John P. Post. There is no cost to the County.

Approved[2022-1405](#)**Commission District(s):** 1 and 6

Termination of Standardized T-Hangar Lease Agreement with Michael P. Sarsfield. There is no cost to the County.

Approved**Board of Commissioners**[2022-1406](#)**Commission District(s):** All

Approval of Minutes for the April 5, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Approved**Board of Commissioners - District 2**

[2022-1434](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Appropriation of District 2 ARP Funding to DeKalb Habitat for Humanity for Seniors and Veteran Home Repairs

Approved

[2022-1491](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

To appropriate \$5,000 from District 2 ARP Funding for Park Naturalist Jonah McDonald Programming and Gear for use in Mason Mill Park.

Approved

Board of Commissioners - District 3

[2022-1440](#)

Commission District(s): District 3

To allocate an amount not to exceed \$70,000 from the District 3 Reserved for Appropriation Funds for the completion of the Rainbow Park Amphitheater and District 3 Concert Series.

Approved

Board of Commissioners - District 4

[2022-1400](#)

Commission District(s): District 4

Allocation to appropriate (not to exceed) \$50,000 to Scottdale Early Learning Inc. of Federal America Rescue Plan Funds reserved for District 4 in POETA Account # ARP POETA #105726-69110-521209-01-602476 for the purpose of daycare vouchers, housing insecurity, rental, utility assistance, community food distribution, technology, health and mental health transportation and other essential needs for individuals and families impacted by COVID-19 pandemic.

Approved

Board of Commissioners - District 5[2022-1493](#)**Commission District(s):** District 5

An item to allocate \$50,000 of the American Rescue Plan funds, reserved for District 5 appropriations to The Hank Stewart Foundation for the for the purposes of eviction forbearance, utility and water billing assistance, and other administrative costs for District 5 residents.

Approved**Board of Commissioners - District 7**[2022-1401](#)**Commission District(s):** District 7

To Appropriate \$50,000 In American Rescue Plan Grant Funds Assigned to POETA Account 105744.63258.521209.01.07.602479 Reserved For The District 7 Appropriation To The Steed Society To Mitigate The Public Health Emergency Created By The COVID-19 Pandemic.

Approved[2022-1437](#)**Commission District(s):** District 7

To Appropriate \$75,000 In American Rescue Plan Grant Funds Assigned to POETA Account 105744.63258.521209.01.07.602479 Reserved For The District 7 Appropriation To Hosea Feed The Hungry & Homeless To Mitigate The Public Health Emergency Created By The COVID-19 Pandemic.

Approved**Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO**[2022-1410](#)**Commission District(s):** all

Approval of Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of March 15, 2022

Approved

[2022-1425](#)**Commission District(s): All**

Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of March 22, 2022

Approved[2022-1426](#)**Commission District(s): All**

Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Zoning Meeting of March 24, 2022

Approved**Community Development**[2022-1336](#)**Commission District(s): All**

2022 CDBG Youth Set-Aside Fund for Summer Voucher Program

Approved**GIS Department**[2022-1411](#)**Commission District(s): 1 & 6**

Resolution to Set Public Hearing Date for Consider Abandonment of a 577 S.F. Section of Right of Way at Clairmont Road, Chamblee, GA 30341.

Approved**Juvenile Court**

[2022-1378](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts Will Be Impacted
Approval To Accept the FY22 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council -
Emergency Grant Fund for the Rebound Juvenile Drug Court In The Amount Of
\$7,500

Approved

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs

[2022-1395](#)

Commission District(s): 2 and 6
Zonolite Park Donation

Approved

H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Planning and Sustainability

[2022-1366](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts
Establishment of a Tree Bank Fund and Acceptance of Private Proceeds.

Deferred for 30 days, until May 10, 2022

[2022-1392](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts
To adopt a resolution to establish a Revitalization and Elimination of Blight
Goals and Task Plan for 2022-2026.

Deferred for 30 days, until May 10, 2022

[2022-1393](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts
Establishment of a Sidewalk Fund for the Acceptance Private Donations/
Proceeds.

Deferred for 30 days, until May 10, 2022

Public Works - Roads & Drainage[2022-1377](#)

Commission District(s): County Wide Speed Zone Order/
Radar Permit Application

Deferred to the next meeting, until April 26, 2022

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee

[2022-1339](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1257650 BodyWorn™ Body Camera System (Multi-Year): for use by the Marshal' Office and Police Services (PS). Consists of the purchase of the BodyWorn™ Comprehensive Body Camera System and supporting hardware and software accessories. Awarded to: Utility Associates, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$25,000.00.

Deferred to the next meeting, until April 26, 2022

[2022-1428](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract Nos. 1213056 and 1213057 for Temporary Personnel Services (Four (4) Year Multi-Year Contract): for use by all DeKalb County departments through the Department of Human Resources & Merit System (HRMS). The contracts consist of the provision of temporary staffing. Awarded to: Howroyd-Wright Employment Agency, Inc. dba AppleOne Employment Services and Corporate Temps, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$5,000,000.00.

Deferred to the next meeting, until April 26, 2022

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2022-1221](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 5 to Contract Nos.: 1191813, 1191815, 1191816, 1191817 and 1191818 for General Contractor Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM), Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA) and Fire Rescue Services (FR). These contracts consist of providing general contracting work for construction projects throughout the County. Awarded to: AUTACO Development, LLC, Kissberg/Parker-Fry JV, LLC, SoCo Contracting Company, Inc., Engineering Design Technologies, Inc. (EDT) and Greenheart Construction, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,400,000.00.

Approved the substitute

[2022-1352](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO- Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1223931 for Professional Services for the Implementation of an Oracle HCM Cloud System: for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). This contract consists of providing professional services for the implementation of an Oracle HCM Cloud system. Awarded to Deloitte Consulting, LLP. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,694,940.00.

Approved

[2022-1373](#)**Commission District(s): All**

LB - Invitation No. 21-101455 Purchase, Inspection, Service and Repair of Fire Extinguishers (Annual Contract with 2 Options To Renew): for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM) and Fire Rescue (DCFR). Consists of the purchase, inspection, service and repair of fire extinguishers. Recommend award to the sole responsive and responsible bidder: All-Star Fire, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$115,000.00.

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee

[2022-1356](#)**Commission District(s): All**

LB - Invitation No. 21-101420 Nuisance Abatement and Remediation Services (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by Code Compliance (CC). Consists of providing services to reduce blight in the County including abatement of vacant and abandoned properties (houses and lots). Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Neda Inc. dba Garden of Aden Landscaping and Executive Realty Solutions Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$300,000.00.

Deferred to the next meeting, until April 26, 2022

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2022-1286](#)**Commission District(s): 3 & 7**

SS - Phase II of Bandalong Trash Trap Project (Construction of the Servicing Area): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the completion of the purchase and installation of a river litter trap and boom system. Recommend award to Site Engineering, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$65,343.00.

Approved

[2022-1323](#)**Commission District(s): 2 and 6**

LB - Invitation No. 21-101463 North Decatur Road Roundabout Improvements (120 days): for use by Public Works-Transportation. Consists of the construction of mini-roundabouts at the North Decatur Road intersections with Springdale Road and Oakdale Road, including related curb, ramps, and sidewalks. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: S D & C, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$627,165.71.

Approved

[2022-1325](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Consent to Assignment of Contract No. 1176858 from Otto Environmental Systems North American, Inc. to Duramax Holdings, LLC: for use by PW-Sanitation. Consists of the Consent to Assignment to transfer remaining funds and contract term to Duramax Holdings LLC, dba Otto Environmental Systems. No change in the contract's terms, conditions or prices.

Deferred to the next meeting, until April 26, 2022

[2022-1337](#)**Commission District(s): All**

REN - HDPE Pipe Liners (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1223623 for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). Consists of providing High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) pipe liners. Awarded to Contech Engineered Solutions, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$476,000.00.

Approved

[2022-1367](#)**Commission District(s): All**

RA - Ratification of PO No. 1283762 for the Animal Crematory (Emergency): for use by the Department of Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of the ratification of the purchase of the incinerator that replaced the existing incinerator that reached end of life. Recommend approval to ratify the emergency service from Bestech Environmental Recourse, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed \$137,221.00.

Deferred to the next meeting, until April 26, 2022

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs[2022-1372](#)**Commission District(s): 3 and 7**

To authorize the sale of a permanent easement over 1.82 acres of County owned property located at 3181 Rainbow Drive with such easement area to be utilized by GA Power to install a standard transmission line as part of the Austin Drive - Morrow 115 KV (OHGW) Phase 3 Project (GA Power LIMS project 2019010053 - parcel 055).

Deferred to the next meeting, until April 26, 2022

[2022-1417](#)**Commission District(s): 3 & 6**

To consider authorizing the sale of County owned property in fee simple and authorizing temporary easements and Rights of Entry to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to allow GDOT to make roadway improvements on I-285 at Bouldercrest Road (PI # 713300).

Deferred to the next meeting, until April 26, 2022

Watershed Management[2022-1384](#)**Commission District(s): 2 & 6**

Change Order to Agenda Item 2020-0509 & 2021-2153 Water and Sewer Facilities Project PI0009400 Buford Hwy/SR13 from Afton Ln/CS8 to Shallowford Terrace/CS750 for an additional \$1,825,771.89

Deferred to the next meeting, until April 26, 2022

[2022-1495](#)**Commission District(s): 4 & 7**

Agreement for the Construction and Financing of Sewer Upgrades with Bottling Group, LLC a Delaware limited liability company and an indirect subsidiary of PepsiCo, Inc. not to exceed \$600,000

Approved

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD**Board of Commissioners - District 1**[2021-2851](#)**Commission District(s): All**

A Request to Consider Establishing an Annual Traffic Count Program

Deferred for 30 days, until May 10, 2022

[2021-2853](#)**Commission District(s):** All

A Request to Consider Establishing a Sidewalk Mapping System

Deferred for 6 months, until October 11, 2022**Board of Commissioners - District 5**[2022-1432](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

To enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the DeKalb County Development Authority and the County for economic development purposes.

Approved the substitute**Board of Commissioners - District 6**[2021-3499](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

DeKalb County's adoption of a safe gun storage ordinance to impact and prevent accidental injuries and deaths.

Deferred for 90 days, until July 12, 2022**Board of Commissioners - District 7**[2022-1157](#)**Commission District(s):** All Districts.

A Resolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia, to Adopt a Comprehensive Trails Master Plan by 2023 and to Appropriate \$400,000 for the Development of the Trails Master Plan

Approved the substitute**Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO**

[2022-1363](#)

Commission District(s): all

Approval of Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of March 1, 2022

Approved

Finance

[2022-1355](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a second Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA 2) Loan Agreement and Note

Deferred to the next meeting, until April 26, 2022

GIS Department

[2022-1099](#)

Commission District(s): 4 & 6

A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of an Unredeemed and Unforeclosed Interest in Property at 3200 Kelly Street, Scottdale, GA 30079.

Approved

[2022-1183](#)

Commission District(s): 4 & 6

A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of an Unredeemed and Unforeclosed Interest in Property at 3172 Zion Street, Scottdale, GA 30079.

Approved

[2022-1184](#)

Commission District(s): 4 & 6

A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of an Unredeemed and Unforeclosed Interest in Property at 3152 Zion Street, Scottdale, GA 30079.

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee[2022-1225](#)**Commission District(s): All**

REN - Asphalt Cement Cutback and Emulsified (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1210222 for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R& D). The contract consists of supplying liquid adhesive to be utilized for roadway repairs or construction to bond old asphalts with new asphalts. Awarded to Infinite Estates, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$142,160.00

Approved

[2022-1265](#)**Commission District(s): All**

REN - Water Meter Upgrade and Replacement Program (Annual Contract - 3rd Renewal of 3 Options to Renew): Contract Nos. 1133840 and 1133841 for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). These contracts consist of the provision and management of upgrade and replacement of existing water meters and new water meter installations. Awarded to RTS Water Solutions, LLC and Grid One Solutions, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$8,800,000.00

Approved

J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**K. EXECUTIVE SESSION****POLICY OF NON-DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY IN COUNTY SERVICES.**

DeKalb County Government does not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities or exclude them from participating in or receiving benefits of its services, programs, or activities, based on disability. Janet Essix, DeKalb County Government's Employee Relations Manager and ADA Coordinator, is designated to coordinate the County's compliance with Part 35 of the Department of Justice regulations regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act. Janet Essix may be contacted at 1300 Commerce Drive, 1st Floor, Decatur, GA 30030, 404.371.2309, to request information about access for persons with disabilities to County services, programs and activities, or to discuss a grievance regarding an impediment to such access. Ten days' notice is requested for special accommodations.