

# DeKalb County Government

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, August 14, 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:** 6 - Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Kathie Gannon, and Commissioner Gregory Adams

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Nancy Jester

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

### **A. INSPIRATIONAL**

The Rev. Greg Tallant  
Rector, Holy Trinity Parish

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Steve Bradshaw  
District 4

### **B. PRESENTATIONS**

2018 Digital Counties Award

### **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. Apostle Charles McCorkle, 4225 Snapfinger Woods Drive Decatur, GA 30035 – Spoke regarding more constituent involvement with MARTA, amending the Chapter 15 Ordinance, and the booting regulation.
2. Martha Gross, 2055 Briarcliff Rd. NE Atlanta, GA 30329 – Spoke regarding the Business License Ordinance process.
3. Madeleine Soloway, 744 Park Lane Decatur, GA 30033 – Asked commissioners to institute paper ballots with an optical scanner for the upcoming election.
4. Dr. Ed Williams, P.O. Box 361626 Decatur, GA 30036 – Congratulated commissioners on presenting tax bills to citizens of DeKalb County; asked commissioners to change the Minutes process for adding them to the website; and asked commissioners to rescind the vote for the BOC raises.
5. Stephen Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021 – Spoke regarding cancelling the county’s contract with AMR, and the effects of gentrification around Kensington station.
6. Faye Coffield, 3261 Chaparral Way Lithonia, GA 30038 – Spoke regarding the lack of MARTA accessibility in South DeKalb, the lack of work being done on the Lithonia Industrial connection extension in 6 weeks, and the crime rate in DeKalb county.
7. Caroline Stover, 3136 Smoketree Rd. NE Atlanta, GA 30345 – Spoke regarding the need for new voting systems in DeKalb County.
8. John Askins, 4537 Lavista Rd. Tucker, GA 30084 – Spoke regarding the need to institute a paper ballot system with optical scanners for the upcoming election.
9. Amy Swygert, 1473 Mile Post Dr. Dunwoody, GA 30338 – Spoke regarding the need to institute a paper ballot system with optical scanners for the upcoming election.
10. Mary Lou McClosky, 1958 Starfire Drive NE Atlanta, GA 30345 – Spoke regarding the security of the DeKalb voting system and the need to institute a paper ballot system with optical scanners for the upcoming election.
11. Lois Berthaume, 1727 Ridgewood Dr. Atlanta, GA 30307 – Spoke on behalf of the Emory Village Alliance, in support of no booting on public property and regulated booting on private property in Emory Village.

**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.

**GIS Department**

[2018-2409](#)

Commission District(s): 5 & 7

Resolution to Consider Abandonment of a 0.539 acre Section of Marshalls Industrial Drive Right of Way

*Joseph Fucile, 284 Ferguson Street Atlanta, GA 30307, Harold Brown, 2300*

*Miller Rd. Decatur, GA 30035, spoke in favor*

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

**Planning and Sustainability**

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

*Martha Gross, 2855 Briarcliff Rd. Atlanta, GA 30329, Apostle Charles McCorkle, 4225 Snapfinger Woods Dr. Decatur, GA 30035, Stephen M. Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021, spoke in opposition*

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be to defer the substitute submitted from the floor and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on August 28, 2018. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

#### Public Works - Transportation

[2018-2378](#) Commission District(s): 3 & 7  
Traffic Calming Petition - Wakefield Drive between Boring Road and Baxberry Court. No Cost to County.

*Rochelle Callender, 3839 Tawny Birch Ct. Decatur, GA 30034, spoke in favor*

*Peggy I. Hagan, 3166 Wakefield Dr. Decatur, GA 30034, Virginia Hardeman, 3167 Wakefield Dr. Decatur, GA 30034, spoke in opposition*

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

**“DECISION ONLY” ITEMS – NO PUBLIC HEARING**

**Planning and Sustainability**

[2018-2456](#) COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 3 and 7  
Ali Ihsan & Associates.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks, until August 28, 2018 for Decision Only. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was out of the room and not voting. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Adams

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Jester, and Commissioner Gannon

**E. APPEALS**

NONE

**F. APPOINTMENTS**

**Chief Executive Office**

[2018-2505](#) Commission District(s): ALL  
Confirmation of County Attorney appointment; Viviane Ernstes

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

**G. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Airport**

[2018-2376](#)

Commission District(s): 1 and 6  
Termination of Standardized Lease Agreement with Scott Elmore.  
There is no cost to the County.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2376, 2018-2501, 2018-2407, 2018-2344, 2018-2356, 2018-2361, 2018-2431 were heard together. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

**Board of Commissioners - District 2**

[2018-2501](#)

Commission District(s): Districts 2 and 6  
Transfer of Funds to Callanwolde Foundation

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2376, 2018-2501, 2018-2407, 2018-2344, 2018-2356, 2018-2361, 2018-2431 were heard together. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

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**Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO**[2018-2405](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 22, 2018

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2505 and 2018-2406 were heard together. Commissioners Larry Johnson and Gregory Adams abstained. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Gannon

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

**Abstain:** 2 - Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Adams

[2018-2406](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes of the Zoning Meeting of May 22, 2018

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2505 and 2018-2406 were heard together. Commissioners Larry Johnson and Gregory Adams abstained. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Gannon

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

**Abstain:** 2 - Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Adams

[2018-2407](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 12, 2018

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2376, 2018-2501, 2018-2407, 2018-2344, 2018-2356, 2018-2361, 2018-2431 were heard together. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**



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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

#### Police Services

[2018-2344](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Donation Of A Speed Trailer From Emory University

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2376, 2018-2501, 2018-2407, 2018-2344, 2018-2356, 2018-2361, 2018-2431 were heard together. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

#### Purchasing & Contracting

[2018-2356](#)

Commission District(s): 6

LB - Invitation No. 18-100959 for Deepdene Park Bridge Repair: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of the repair and/or replacement of the Deepdene Bridge. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Suncoast Restoration and Waterproofing, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$129,495.40.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2376, 2018-2501, 2018-2407, 2018-2344, 2018-2356, 2018-2361, 2018-2431 were heard together. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

[2018-2361](#)

Commission District(s): 3 & 6

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Picnic Pavilion at Gresham Park: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of the purchase, replacement, and installation of a picnic pavilion at Gresham Park. Awarded to Halsey Recreation, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$72,930.00.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2376, 2018-2501, 2018-2407, 2018-2344, 2018-2356, 2018-2361, 2018-2431 were heard together. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

#### Watershed Management

[2018-2431](#)

Commission District(s): 1

Termination of easements - As part of new development (Alexan on Clairemont), a sewer main was re-located. A new easement was established for that new sewer main and this item is for the abandonment of portions of the previous easement. Cost to the County: \$0 - no cost

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2376, 2018-2501, 2018-2407, 2018-2344, 2018-2356, 2018-2361, 2018-2431 were heard together. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

## H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

### Board of Commissioners - District 1

[2018-2533](#) Commission District(s): 1 & 6  
Request Approval License Agreement between DeKalb Watershed Solar, LLC and DeKalb County, Georgia, Whereby DeKalb Watershed 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 Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks, until August 28, 2018. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

### Purchasing & Contracting

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*Purchasing & Contracting - to FAB Committee*[2018-2365](#)

Commission District(s): All  
CO- Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1081988 for Professional Services for the Implementation of Oracle Hyperion Planning and Budgeting Cloud Services for Public Sector: for the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT) for use by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Consist of providing services to streamline the budget preparation process and to enhance the County's ability to track and manage budgets in real-time. Awarded to Deloitte Consulting, LLP. Amount Not To Exceed: \$249,000.00.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

*Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*[2018-2294](#)

Commission District(s): All  
CA - Microsoft Premier Support: for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT). Consists of support service to supply support to the Office 365, SharePoint and Windows Operating Systems. Awarded to Microsoft Corporation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$150,390.00.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on August 28, 2018. Items 2018-2294 and 2018-2299 were heard together. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

[2018-2299](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 18-100961 for Maintenance and Repair of Overhead Doors (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). Consists of the purchase and installation, preventative maintenance, repair and/or replacement of all overhead doors. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Overhead Door Company of Atlanta. Amount Not To Exceed: \$300,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred 2 weeks and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on August 28, 2018. Items 2018-2294 and 2018-2299 were heard together. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:**               1 - Commissioner Jester

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee*

[2018-2263](#)

Commission District(s): 1 and 6

RFP - Request for Proposals No. 17-500472 Design Build Services for Scott Candler Water Treatment Plant - High Services Pump Station (HSPS) Header & Transfer Pumps Replacement: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing the design and construction services to remove and replace the transfer pump station's main intake header, which is showing severe signs of corrosion, and to include the removal and replacement of four (4) small transfer pumps with two (2) large transfer pumps. Recommend award to the sole proposer, who is responsive and responsible: Reeves Young, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,961,915.00.

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2263, 2018-2331, 2018-2335, 2018-2362, 2018-2529 were heard together. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

[2018-2331](#)

Commission District(s): All

AP - Additional Purchase - Invitation No. 17-100849 49 Metric Ton Excavator with Long Reach Heavy Duty Boom: for Public Works - Fleet Management to be used by Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of one (1) 49 Metric Ton Excavator with Long Reach Heavy Duty Boom to be used to continue to build cells, dredge out retention ponds, and complete various projects essential to the efficient operation of the landfill. Awarded to: Tractor and Equipment Co. Amount Not To Exceed: \$449,700.00.

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2263, 2018-2331, 2018-2335, 2018-2362, 2018-2529 were heard together. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

[2018-2335](#)

Commission District(s): All

AP - Additional Purchase - Invitation No. 18-100940 Toro Groundmaster 4000-D Mower: for Public Works - Fleet Management to be used by Public Works - Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of purchasing three (3) additional units to mow approximately 22 parks and 36 football fields. Awarded to: Jerry Pate Turf & Irrigation, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$183,906.15.

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2263, 2018-2331, 2018-2335, 2018-2362, 2018-2529 were heard together. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

[2018-2340](#)

Commission District(s): All

REN - Concrete Forming, Placing, Finishing and Retainer Walls (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1030383 and 1030316: for use by the Departments of Watershed Management (DWM) and Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA) and Public Works - Sanitation and Roads and Drainage (R&D). These contracts consist of forming, placing and finishing concrete as needed for curbs, gutters, sidewalks, retainer walls, cheekwalls, footings and steps. Awarded to Crawford Enterprises, Inc. and The Renee Group, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,552,653.00.

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks, until August 28, 2018. Items 2018-2345 and 2018-2340 were heard together. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

[2018-2345](#)

Commission District(s): All  
LB - Invitation No.18-100937 Professional Inspection Services for Public Works (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). Consists of providing on-call professional services to inspect Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s). Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Lowe Engineering, LLC, Moreland Altobelli, LLC and International Design Services, Inc., d/b/a IDS-Global, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,010,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks, until August 28, 2018. Items 2018-2345 and 2018-2340 were heard together. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

[2018-2362](#)

Commission District(s): 3 & 6  
REN - Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Events (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1094267 for use by Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of the collecting, handling, packing and lawful transporting of household hazardous wastes. Awarded to MXI Environmental Services, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$150,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2263, 2018-2331, 2018-2335, 2018-2362, 2018-2529 were heard together. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester



- [2018-2529](#) Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 924827 for Water Meters and Parts (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the provision of water meters and associated parts. Awarded to Kendall Supply, Inc. Contract Term Extension ONLY.
- MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2263, 2018-2331, 2018-2335, 2018-2362, 2018-2529 were heard together. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams
- Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

#### Voter Registration & Elections

- [2018-2495](#) Commission District(s): Districts 5 and 7  
Adoption of Precinct Boundary Changes to evenly distribute voters and eliminate overcrowding in the Woodrow Road Precinct.
- MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on August 28, 2018. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams
- Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

- 2018-2552** Add An Item
- MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved to add an item. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

[2018-2553](#)

Commission District(s): District 3 & 6  
ITB No. 18-100987 Greens Renovation for Sugar Creek Golf and Tennis Facility as a part of the overall golf course renovation plan. Approval will allow sprigging renovations to be completed on or before spring of 2019.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on August 28, 2018. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

## I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD

### Board of Commissioner

[2018-2388](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts  
Request approval of a Memorandum of Agreement for the Development of a Transit Master Plan between the Atlanta Regional Commission and DeKalb County, Georgia.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

**Board of Commissioners - District 2**

[2018-2342](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Carl Vinson Institute of Government Contract for the Study of the Impact of Potential Municipal Expansions on County and municipal service provision

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks, until August 28, 2018. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

**Board of Commissioners - District 6**

[2018-2428](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
Booting Regulation Ordinance

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days, until September 11, 2018. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

**Economic Development**

[2018-2359](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
A Resolution to make DeKalb County a Welcoming County  
**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

#### Facilities Management

[2018-2307](#)

Commission District(s): 4 and 7

Approval of Tower Site Lease Agreement between DeKalb County and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on August 28, 2018. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

#### Finance

[2018-2106](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

The adoption of the County Debt Management Policy for the purpose of setting forth parameters for issuing debt and managing outstanding debt. The intent is to provide structure for decisions regarding types and amounts of permissible debt, method of sale that may be used, structural features that may be incorporated, and the timing and purposes for which debt may be issued.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days, until September 11, 2018. Items 2018-2106 and 2018-2108 were heard together. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

[2018-2108](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Adoption of an updated County Investment Management Policy for the purpose of providing guidance and direction on best practices to ensure the prudent management of public funds, the availability of operating and capital funds when needed.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be to defer the substitute submitted from the floor for 30 days, until September 11, 2018. Items 2018-2106 and 2018-2108 were heard together.**

**Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

**Purchasing & Contracting**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*

[2018-2200](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 13-902748 for Professional Elevator Maintenance Services: for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). Consists of providing preventative and general maintenance for elevators including testing, inspection and emergency repairs. Awarded to ThyssenKrupp Elevator Corporation.

CONTRACT EXTENSION ONLY.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on August 28, 2018. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson was out of the room and not voting. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Jester, and Commissioner Davis Johnson

[2018-2211](#)

Commission District(s): All

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Kronos Technical Software and Equipment Support Services: for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT). Consists of maintenance, support and upgrade of the Kronos equipment. Awarded to Kronos Incorporated. Amount Not To Exceed: \$121,060.87.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson was out of the room and not voting. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Jester, and Commissioner Davis Johnson

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee*

[2018-2282](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 18-100949 Neighborhood Stabilization Program One (NSP1) and Program Three (NSP 3): for use by the Department of Community Development. Consists of acquiring, rehabilitating and selling DeKalb residential properties. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Synergy Real Estate Developers, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$4,000,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson was out of the room and not voting. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Jester, and Commissioner Davis  
Johnson

**J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

**\*\* Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting**

**1. Commissioner Gregory Adams read the following comments:**

Good morning, everyone, I would like to take this time to extend my sincerest condolences to Master firefighter Barry Everett, a nine-year veteran, and Master firefighter who was assigned to DeKalb Fire Station 25's B shift. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

I was pleased to join CEO Thurmond and my fellow colleagues at the SPLOST Open House on July 26th. Hosted in downtown Decatur, DeKalb residents were provided with updates on the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST). In addition, all attendees were formally introduced to the SPLOST Oversight Committee as well as the SPLOST program management team, Moreland Altobelli. For more information about the SPLOST, visit [www.dekalbsplost.com](http://www.dekalbsplost.com).

I would like to take this time to thank my team for doing a wonderful job providing Super District 7 representation at the South Precinct Outreach event on July 31st as well as at DeKalb Public Library and PBS's The Great American Read on August 3rd.

Neighborhoods around DeKalb joined law enforcement to celebrate the 35th Annual National Night Out on August 7th. I, along with my team, visited several communities that hosted a variety of family-friendly activities which encouraged strengthening relationships between members of the community and law enforcement! Thanks to all that participated and helped make this year's event a momentous success!

On August 4 as well as August 11, I attended several events that celebrated the youth's return to school and community unity:

- Kolorbar Hair Salon's grand opening and back-to-school bash on Saturday August 4th
- DeKalb Democrats annual picnic, 6th annual community day, and Rainbow Creek's back-to-school bash and pool party on Saturday August 11th

Special shout out to Ceasar Gaithers, DeKalb Democrats, Rainbow Creek Community and Clerk of DeKalb Superior Court Debra DeBerry for hosting as well as providing book bags and supplies!



In addition, I would like to acknowledge that this week is National Health Center week. National Health Center Week (August 12th- 18th) is an annual celebration with the goal of raising awareness about the mission and accomplishments of America's health centers over the past five decades. Please take time this week to celebrate and recognize your amazing health care heroes– individuals who live and breathe the health center mission and exceed the call of duty to support health centers in providing quality health care for patients in the community.

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 my 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:**

- Wished husband a Happy Anniversary
  
- The Decatur Third Friday Bike Ride will be held this Friday, August 17th at 6:30 p.m. This month's theme is "Ride Like a Pirate." So please, don your pirate garb (optional) and join the group for some fun. The ride is a 6 miles excursion around Decatur neighborhoods at a social pace then a visit to a local watering hole for refreshments. Once again, pirate garb is optional, but encouraged. Meet in front of the Decatur Recreation Center located at 231 Sycamore Street, Decatur, and be ready to put wheels down at 6:30 pm. Please note that this ride is not recommended for children. And helmets are required for all city-sponsored rides. For more information contact [cheryl.burnette@decaturga.com](mailto:cheryl.burnette@decaturga.com)
  
- DeKalb County Library has many opportunities for youth and adults. Among the many programs, I am listing a couple that are being featured in August in Super District 6! August Festival of writers Author Lectures at the Decatur Library, August 15th,16th, and 21st. Active Shooter Awareness Class. Learn what you should do to stay safe if an active, mass casualty shooting occurs. At the Clarkston Library, August 15th. For program information or additional library events throughout DeKalb, visit [www.dekalblibrary.org/events](http://www.dekalblibrary.org/events)
  
- DeKalb County and Decide DeKalb are hosting a project kickoff, open house for the community as part of the 2023 Strategic Economic Development Plan update on August 21st from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at the Maloof Auditorium. Join in on a conversation with business owners, community leaders, and interested parties to find out more about the update process, the project deliverables, and

how to get involved. For questions about the plan or this project initiation meeting, please contact Project ManaJen Yun, Project Manager at [jyun@decidedekalb.com](mailto:jyun@decidedekalb.com)

- Fall soccer registration is now open. Our Park and Rec's gears this program for youth ages 5-14. It focuses on skill development, fitness and team training drills. To register, visit [dekalbcountyga.gov/parks](http://dekalbcountyga.gov/parks) or register in person at any recreation center. Registration is open until August 24th. Call the DeKalb County Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs Athletics Office at 770-414-2111 for additional registration information

- The DeKalb History Center and the Flat Rock Archives will host an evening reception to announce the opening of an exhibit dedicated to the historic Flat Rock Community – one of the oldest African American communities in DeKalb County. This event will take place on August 24th from 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. at the Historic DeKalb Courthouse, 101 E. Court Square. The Flat Rock exhibit will officially launch in February of 2019. The reception is free and open to the public and will include wine and light refreshments. Guests will have a chance to preview the upcoming exhibit and the opportunity to view current exhibits. Visit [flatrockarchives.com](http://flatrockarchives.com) for more information about Flat Rock Archives

- Join Saint Philip AME Church resource ministry for their 11th Annual S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fair. This event will be held at Saint Philip AME Church, 1607 Richard Allen Drive, in the Marcia Moss Family Life and Administration Center, August 25th from 8:30 a.m.- 12 noon. The fair is geared to expose students to S.T.E.M. careers through hands-on activities with professionals in science, engineering, and math, as well as a variety of technical careers. There will be parent workshops on how to prepare students for college and information on summer programs to supplement students' educational experience. To register for this free event, I have linked their page to [www.KathieGannon.com](http://www.KathieGannon.com). The deadline to register is August 19th!

- Welcome Friend Baptist Church is having their 2018 Women's Day celebration! This event will take place at the Welcome Friend Baptist Church, 3198 Bouldercrest Rd August 26th at 10 a.m. Social Justice Advocate and Judge from the daytime television court series, Family Court with Judge Penny, the Honorable Penny Brown Reynolds is the guest speaker. This will be a wonderful and inspiring worship service honoring women who are creating pathways for future generations

- SAVE THE DATE! DeKalb County and MARTA will be hosting TWO (2)

Public open houses on the I-20 East Transit Oriented Development Strategic Plan. Attending will give YOU an opportunity to learn more about the project, provide feedback on the vision for the I-20 corridor, and to interact with the project team. The two open house opportunities are:

Stonecrest Library,  
3123 Klondike Road, from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Porter Sanford Community Center,  
3181 Rainbow Drive, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

For more information, Greg Floyd at [gfloyd@itsmarta.com](mailto:gfloyd@itsmarta.com)

- The DeKalb Symphony Orchestra (DSO) is launching their upcoming 54th concerto season. Along with concerts featuring outstanding soloists, the season will also include their annual Children's Concert, summer Pops Concert, and the third annual DSO Young Artists Concerto Competition. The DSO is a community orchestra that delights in providing audiences an enjoyable, affordable symphonic experience of amazing quality. Purchase your season tickets today! At [www.KathieGannon.com](http://www.KathieGannon.com), you will find a link to more information

- Unfortunately, I have been out of the country and couldn't attend any National Night Out events. I would love to post pictures of how you and your neighbors celebrated the 35th National Night Out so please email photos to [kgannon@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:kgannon@dekalbcountyga.gov) so I can share how District 6 participated in "bringing back a true sense of community"

- WorkSource DeKalb has announced its August Mobile Career Center schedule. The center will be stationed at various locations in efforts to help put DeKalb County citizens back to work. If you or someone you know is in need of employment, dates and locations when the Mobile Career Center will be visiting Super District 6 can be found on my website, [www.KathieGannon.com](http://www.KathieGannon.com)

- With over 900 dogs currently in their care, both DeKalb and Fulton Animal services are out of space! They are expecting 40-60 new animals every single day and have nowhere to put them. With your help, we can alleviate the stress placed on the Animal shelters with the overwhelming amount of animals taken in. If you cannot foster, there are other ways to help. You can donate supplies, like crates, food, leashes, and collars by dropping them off at the DeKalb Animal Shelter at 3280 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd, Chamblee, GA

**3. 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 offering our deepest sympathy for the families of Firefighter Barry Everett, a nine year veteran of DeKalb County Fire Rescue, who passed away while on watch at Station 25 and Ms. Margaret Brown who was the widow of Former District 5 Commissioner Bill Brown who represented the 5th with honor and distinction. Let us take a moment of silence to honor their lives.

We have been very busy over the last couple of weeks and I would like to share with you all of the great things that have been going on.

Thank you to Dr. Stephen Green, DeKalb County Superintendent for hosting a Back to School Bash at three locations. It is my understanding that the School System was able to serve over 2,000 parents at each location. I had an opportunity to speak with Dr. Green and I am thankful to live in a County where the School System puts students first. We wish you much success as you work hard this year!

Hank and I also had the opportunity to attend the City of Clarkston's Back to School celebration in partnership with ICNA USA. It was so great to see so many children receive the school supplies that they need for the upcoming year.

We also stopped by the AMR Back to School Safety Jam at the Redan Recreation Center where we got an opportunity to talk to residents and learn more about youth and safety. We heard an inspirational story from a young man, who shared the importance of vehicle safety and making the right decisions. Thank you to Ms. Jakequeline Walls, AMR Ambassador and Major K D Banks of the East Precinct for working to put this event together.

On the following day, Hank and I had an opportunity to join Atlanta Rapper, 21 Savage for a Back to School Supply Drive which was hosted off of Glenwood Road. Students received Free Hairstyles, Free Haircuts, School Uniforms, School Supplies and we had a great time. I read an article in the AJC that stated the supply drive provided more than 2,500 DeKalb County school children with school supplies.

On last Monday, we had the pleasure of joining our CEO Michael Thurmond, Mike Render, known as "Killer Mike", Reggie Bullock of the Detroit Pistons,

Commissioner Larry Johnson and my husband Congressman Hank Johnson for a tour of our jail and a panel discussion on Prison Reform. We were able to hear from a few of the inmates in the jail regarding what tools can be put in place to help with Reentry & Recidivism as they plan to make their transitions back into the world. I would like to thank our Sheriff, Jeff Mann for hosting us and his amazing team for all of their hard work.

Last week, I had the opportunity to attend the Congressional Black Caucus Annual Policy in Tunica, Mississippi. We had several panel discussions on topics such as The Future of Work: Human Capital Skills and Education, the Front-lines of Change: Women, Minorities and Millennials and Opioid Addiction in the African – American Community: Public Health Emergency or Criminal Justice Crisis? The conference was amazing.

We invite any HOA's or Community Organizations to partner with us on your next clean up. We are moving those clean – ups from the 2nd Saturday in the month to the 3rd Saturday in the month. If you are interested, please sign up to be placed on our newsletter distribution list to receive the Community Clean Up Collaboration registration link. You can sign up on my website at [www.commissionermeredajohnson.com](http://www.commissionermeredajohnson.com).

Finally, I would like to invite all District 5 residents out to have Coffee with me tomorrow, August 15th in the morning from 8 Aa.m.- 9 a.m. at Panera Bread, located at 8200 Mall Parkway in the City of Stonecrest. This is an opportunity for me to meet residents and share some of the exciting things that we have going on in DeKalb. We will have representatives there from departments to help with any concerns that residents may have. We look forward to seeing you there.

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 comments:**

Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer. Good Morning Everyone.

On July 25th I held the first District 4 Mayor's Roundtable meeting. The objective of this meeting was to bring together the mayors of the four

municipalities that are wholly within District 4 to have an open discussion about issues of mutual concern. The mayors were all very appreciative of being invited to such a gathering and expressed enthusiasm for meeting on a regular basis. My objective in hosting such a meeting was to underscore the fact that we are all in this together. Irrespective of whether one resides in a city or in unincorporated DeKalb County, we are all in this together. This sentiment needs to be demonstrated with more than just words, which is why I convened the meeting. I would like to personally thank:

- Avondale Estates Mayor Jonathan Elmore
- Clarkston Mayor Ted Terry
- Pine Lake Mayor Melanie Hammet
- Stone Mountain Mayor Pat Wheeler
- For their participation and support

I really appreciate it!

On July 26th I attended the Opioid Summit at the Porter Sanford Center. We all know that opioid abuse is a serious problem that requires serious and sustained solutions. Anything that we can do to shine a light on this challenge is a good thing. I would like to commend Commissioner Larry Johnson for doing just that by hosting this informative gathering. That evening I attended the SPLOST Kick Off Meeting. We all know that SPLOST is probably the biggest thing that we have done in DeKalb County. It is imperative that we get this right. I want to commend CEO Thurmond and the entire administration for their efforts on this front.

On July 27th I attended the Minority Mental Health Symposium at Clarkston First Baptist Church. We all know that there are mental health issues that plague many of our communities. Shining a light on these issues is important as well. I commend the members of the Urban Health Initiative for sponsoring this event. And Pastor Karl D. Moore and First Lady Angela Moore for hosting the event at their church. That evening I attended the Summer After Dark Basketball League Recognition Ceremony also at Clarkston First Baptist Church. This is a great program that helps to keep our young people off the streets. I commend Det. Khary Ricketts and all the members of the DeKalb Police Athletics League for their engagement in this wonderful program.

On July 28th we held our third Quarterly in the Fourth Community Breakfast at Elizabeth Andrews High School. As usual, it was nice to have a spirited exchange of ideas with my constituents. They know that they have a

commissioner who is accessible to them. I want to thank the members of the administration who were there to support our efforts. And I would like to thank Principal Merlon Jones for hosting us at his wonderful facility. I would also like to thank the Clarkston High School Cooking Angoras for once again providing us with a wonderful breakfast meal. August 8th was National Night Out. That evening I was able to hit three events: Clarkston, Avonridge subdivision and Water's Edge subdivision. At each stop the fellowship was wonderful and the food was excellent.

On August 11th I was happy to attend the Rockborough Subdivision Back to School Block Party. Neighborhood kids were provided with free school supplies and it was a very delightful event. I would like to commend Stone Mountain City Council Members Shawnette Bryant and Diana Roe Hollis for hosting the event. Later that day I attended the Sixth Annual Community Appreciation Day hosted by our Clerk of the Superior Court Debra DeBerry at the Browns Mill Aquatic Facility. It was my first time at that facility and I was very impressed. The event was very well attended and everyone seemed to be having a great time. I commend Debra DeBerry for giving back to the community.

On August 12th I attended the 19th church anniversary service at First St. Peter AME Church. It was a wonderful celebration. During my remarks I mentioned that I had grown up in the AME Church in Savannah, GA where my grandfather, Rev. Jack Johnson Bradshaw was pastor. It turns out the some of the church members actually knew my grandfather back in the day. Small world. I would like to thank Pastor Marcus Green for the invitation and I look forward to returning in the future.

On August 13th I was pleased to attend the Legislative Breakfast at Oakhurst Medical Center as they kicked off National Health Center Week. Health centers of this type deliver high quality, cost effective, accessible care while serving as critical economic engines helping to power local economies. This facility is a jewel in District 4 and DeKalb County. I commend CEO Jeff Taylor and his entire staff for the tremendous service that they are providing to our community.

As always you may call my office with any questions or concerns at 404-371-4749. And I thank the citizens of District 4 for affording me the opportunity to serve. Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer.

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

- Thanked the South Precinct, Major Johnson, and the Parks and Recreation

department for hosting a volunteer youth program every Friday

- Thanked everyone that attended the 2nd annual Opioid symposium
  
- Thanked the Atlanta Hawks for the book bag drive at the N.H. Scott Recreation Center on July 28th
  
- Attended the 8th annual “Let’s Move Event” at the Intergenerational Center on July 28th
  
- Thanked the DeKalb NAACP for the Health Fair at The Gallery at South DeKalb Mall
  
- Attended the back to school rally with the DeKalb Superintendent
  
- Attended the HOA Boot Camp on August 11th
  
- Thanked Ms. Coat, the president of the Cedar Grove Homeowner’s Association, for hosting a meeting at the Sugar Creek Golf Course
  
- Attended the National Night Out activities of the Belvedere Community Achievement Center, Trinity Triumph Outreach, Southern Manor, Brook Glen, Chapel Lake, Toney Valley, Chapel Meadows, Monterrey Community, Kingsbrook, and Riverwest subdivisions
  
- Offered condolences to the family of Cassie Bennet, who was the founder and coordinator of the M.O.R.E program (Mothers Offering Resources Everywhere)
  
- Offered condolences to the family of fireman Everett

**6. Commissioner Jeff Radar read the following comments:**

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

Upcoming...

- The start of a new school year is upon us. Please be mindful of walkers, scooters and bike riders in your neighborhoods as students begin the trek back to school



- Briarlake Forest Park Work Day will be held Saturday August 18th 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

In library news...

- This Thursday, August 16th at 7:30 p.m. at the Decatur Branch, join the Library as we honor the writers and illustrators whose works are featured on the 2018 Books All Georgians and Young Georgians Should Read
- The 2018 Author Expo will be held Saturday, August 25th from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. at the Tucker-Reid H. Cofer Library. Authors from across the metro area will be celebrated and on hand to discuss their work and talk about their personal journeys as authors
- Senior Programming at the library includes a workshop on Instagram this Saturday at 12:30 p.m. at the Decatur Branch. Come learn how to post new photos to share with friends who follow you on Instagram. In addition, there will be a food and health workshop at the Northlake Library beginning at 11 a.m. on September 8th and 15th

#### **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:**

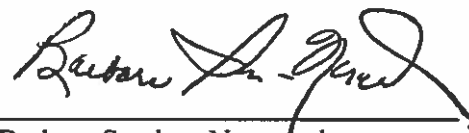
**There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, to adjourn the August 14, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:44 a.m. Commissioner Nancy Jester was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

  
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Jeff Rader  
Presiding Officer

  
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Michael Thurmond  
Chief Executive Officer

  
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Barbara Sanders-Norwood  
County Clerk