

# DeKalb County Government

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, April 9, 2019**

**9:00 AM**

**Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium**

### **Board of Commissioners**

*Commissioner Jeff Rader, Presiding Officer, District 2  
Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 4*

*Commissioner Nancy Jester, District 1  
Commissioner Jeff Rader, District 2  
Commissioner Larry Johnson, District 3  
Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4  
Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5  
Commissioner Kathie Gannon, Super District 6  
Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Super District 7*

**Present:** 7 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Kathie Gannon, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

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

#### **A. INSPIRATIONAL**

Perry Mitchell  
Atlanta Free Thought Society/Atheist

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Nancy Jester  
District 1

#### **B. PRESENTATIONS**

Park Prescription Day  
Crime Victim's Rights Week 2019  
Honoring Police Chief James Conroy  
Moment of Silence for Firefighter Recruit Jackson Poole

#### **C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The purpose of public comment is to allow the public to voice county-related requests, concerns or opinions during the Commission meeting. Speakers will only have the opportunity for one public comment per meeting. Each speaker must complete a speaker card and present it to the clerk before the beginning of the public comment portion of the meeting. Cards turned in to the clerk from the time the general meeting is convened (generally 9 A.M.) and by the beginning of public comment portion generally following presentations on the agenda. The clerk will accept cards on a first-come, first-served basis. Prior to the clerk's call for public comment, speakers who are residents of DeKalb County shall be allowed to speak before residents of other counties are allowed to speak. Once the public comment portion of the meeting begins, speaker cards will no longer be accepted.

Speakers will be allowed to speak for three minutes each and public comment shall not exceed 30 minutes in length. When the buzzer sounds to indicate that time has run out, the speaker will be expected to immediately cease speaking and to yield the podium. Those who submitted speaker cards but did not speak because of the time allotment will be allowed to speak first at the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting without regard to residence. Speakers should always talk directly into the microphone and begin by stating their name, full address and the name of any organization they represent. Abusive, profane or derogatory language, holding up signs, clapping, yelling, standing or laying in the aisles to show support for or opposition to a speaker will not be permitted, but a show of hands or quietly standing in place will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker's position.

1. Mary Oneal, 3147 Wesley Chapel Rd. Decatur, GA 30034 – Spoke regarding problems with speeding on Wesley Chapel Rd.
2. Jennie Brown, 3135 Wesley Chapel Rd. Decatur, GA 30034 – Spoke regarding problems with speeding on Wesley Chapel Rd.
3. Howard Tompkins, 1247 Rowland Rd. Stone Mountain, GA (no zipcode) – Spoke regarding a blighted property owned by DeKalb County on Rowland Rd. and Snapfinger Creek; also, the need for sidewalk repairs on Rowland Rd.
4. Ken Royal, 516 Mosswood Shoals Stone Mountain, GA 30087 – Spoke regarding the rise in the murder rate in the County; the County fully funding the Sheriff’s Department; the current Sheriff having no arrest powers; and DeKalb County’s stance on Marijuana reform.
5. Ms. Sophia (Ms. Safiya A. Khalid), (no address) – Spoke regarding a conspiracy among DeKalb County and the DeKalb Housing Authority to deny her housing.
6. Dr. Ed Williams, P.O. Box 361626 Decatur, GA 30034 – Spoke regarding the passage of the Ordinance to increase Commissioner’s raises and the way that it was done being unlawful; and to renegotiate the MARTA contract.
7. Stephen Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021 – Spoke regarding the replacement of water meters and the continuous water billing problems; problems with the final structure of the DeKalb County Ethics bill; and encouraged everyone to attend the SPLOST meetings.
8. Jenna Bernstein, 701 S. Howard Av. (no city, no zipcode) – Spoke regarding the defacement of the Confederate monument in Decatur Square, and as a State monument, not being cleaned.
9. Ray Ruffin, 3315 Wakefield Dr. Decatur, GA 30034 – Spoke regarding the speeding problems and the need for street tables on Wakefield Dr.
10. Calvin Espy, 3295 Wakefield Dr. Decatur, GA 30034 – Spoke regarding problems with speeding on Wakefield Dr.

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

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

**Public Works - Transportation**

[2019-3413](#) Commission District(s): 2 & 6  
Traffic Calming Petition - Willow Lane between Scott Boulevard  
and Pensdale Road. Cost to the County is \$9,940.00.

*Melissa Mathews, 215 Willow Ln. Decatur, GA 30030, spoke in favor*

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

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

[2019-3447](#) Commission District(s): 1 & 7  
Traffic Calming Petition - Payton Road between Payton Oaks Drive and Briarcliff Road. Cost to the County is \$24,670.

*Robert Howell, 3095 Payton Rd. NE Atlanta, GA 30345, Tom DeMagini, 2991 Payton Rd. NE Atlanta, GA 30345, Gail Stallard, 2874 Payton Rd. Atlanta, GA 30345, spoke in favor*

*Kelly Weirich, 2802 Payton Oaks Dr. Atlanta, GA 30345, Elvira Delurgio, 4512 Payton Oaks Place Atlanta, GA 30345, spoke in opposition*

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

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

[2019-3449](#) Commission District(s): 3 & 7  
Traffic Calming Petition - Wakefield Drive between Boring Road and Baxberry Court. Cost to the County is \$24,700.

*Cheryl Espy, 3295 Wakefield Dr. Decatur, GA 30034, Rev. Steven D. Jones, 3247 Wakefield Dr. Decatur, GA 30034, spoke in opposition*

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days, until May 14, 2019 for Decision Only. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

## E. APPEALS

NONE

## F. APPOINTMENTS

Board of Commissioners - District 6

[2019-3554](#)

Commission District(s): District 6

Appointment of Jim Grubiak to Charter Review Commission

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Chief Executive Office**[2019-3248](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

Appointment to the DeKalb County Department of Family and Children Services Board - Ms. Mercedes Ball

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days, until May 14, 2019. Items 2019-3248 and 2019-3249 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2019-3249](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

Appointment to the DeKalb County Department of Family and Children Services Board - Ms. Manomay Malathip

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days, until May 14, 2019. Items 2019-3248 and 2019-3249 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2019-3421](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

Appointment of Mr. Jim Redovian to the MARTA Board of Directors

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks, until April 23, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2019-3427](#)

Commission District(s): All

Appointment of Ms. Rita Scott to the MARTA Board of Directors

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved with a friendly amendment given by Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson that the term of 4 years will start on April 9, 2019. Commissioners Jeff Rader and Kathie Gannon abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Abstain:** 2 - Commissioner Rader, and Commissioner Gannon

[2019-3428](#)

Commission District(s): All

Appointment of Mr. Roderick Frierson to the MARTA Board of Directors

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved with a friendly amendment given by Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson that the term of 4 years will start on April 9, 2019. Commissioners Jeff Rader and Kathie Gannon abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Abstain:** 2 - Commissioner Rader, and Commissioner Gannon



## ITEMS FOR RECORDING IN THE MINUTES

## Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2019-3511](#)

Commission District(s): District 2

Record the Re-appointment of April Atkins to DeKalb County Planning Commission, District 2

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3511 and 2019-3515 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2019-3515](#)

Commission District(s): District 2

Record Appointment of Mark Goldman to the Zoning Board of Appeals for District 2

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3511 and 2019-3515 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**G. CONSENT AGENDA**

## Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO

[2019-3518](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2019

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3518, 2019-3519, 2019-3520, 2019-3521, 2019-3537, 2019-3451 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2019-3519](#)

Commission District(s): All  
Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 26, 2019  
**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3518, 2019-3519, 2019-3520, 2019-3521, 2019-3537, 2019-3451 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2019-3520](#)

Commission District(s): All  
Approval of Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of March 5, 2019  
**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3518, 2019-3519, 2019-3520, 2019-3521, 2019-3537, 2019-3451 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2019-3521](#)

Commission District(s): All  
Approval of Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of March 19, 2019  
**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3518, 2019-3519, 2019-3520, 2019-3521, 2019-3537, 2019-3451 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Board of Commissioners - District 3**

[2019-3537](#)

Commission District(s): District 3 and District 6

Change the Name of the Greater Conley Industrial CID

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3518, 2019-3519, 2019-3520, 2019-3521, 2019-3537, 2019-3451 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**WorkSource DeKalb**

[2019-3451](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts are impacted

Pre-Acceptance of Civic Affairs Foundation (an ACCG Initiative) Grant for the Georgia County Internship Program (GCIP) Grant for the Summer 2019 Grant Period.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3518, 2019-3519, 2019-3520, 2019-3521, 2019-3537, 2019-3451 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS**

**Board of Commissioners - District 1**

[2019-3522](#)

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

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, 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 April 23, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**District Attorney**

[2019-3483](#)

Commission District(s): All  
Grant Acceptance - United States Department of Justice, Federal Fiscal Year 2018 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be to defer the substitute submitted from the floor for 2 weeks and assigned to the Finance, Audit & Budget Committee (FAB), and return to the Board on April 23, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Juvenile Court**

[2019-3533](#) Commission District(s): All District Commissioners impacted by this item

Amendment to the Code of DeKalb County, Georgia, Chapter 20, Article I, Section 20-4 Relating to Merit Exempt Positions.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

#### **Purchasing & Contracting**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee*

[2019-3424](#) Commission District(s): ALL  
CA - Cooperative Agreement for Technology Products, Services, Solutions and Related Products and Services: for use by Police Services (PS). This contract consists of the purchase of docking stations, toughbooks and support services for police vehicles. Awarded to Insight Public Sector, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$177,250.00.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*

[2019-3271](#)

Commission District(s): All  
LB - Invitation No. 18-101045 Purchase, Delivery, Installation, Maintenance and Repair of Propane Fuel Tanks (Annual Contract with Two Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Fleet Management. Consists of purchasing and delivering of propane gas to propane tanks, to include tanks rental, maintenance, repair, removal or relocation on an as needed basis at various locations in the County. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Blossman Gas Inc. of Georgia. Amount Not To Exceed: \$150,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, 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 April 23, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee*

[2019-3238](#)

Commission District(s): ALL  
RFP - Request for Proposals No. 18-500492 New Noise Operations and Monitoring System (NOMS) with Installation of New Noise Monitoring Terminals (NMTS), Including Flight Tracking and Compliant Management Software and NOMS/NMTS Service Maintenance (Multi-Year Contract): for use by DeKalb Peachtree Airport (PDK). Consists of providing the purchase, installation and maintenance of four (4) NOMS and NMTS systems. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer: Harris Corporation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$521,565.00.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3238 and 2019-3426 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2019-3426](#) Commission District(s): All  
REN - Purchase of Mobile Office Trailers (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options To Renew): Contract No. 1109393 for use by Public Works - Sanitation. This contract consists of providing two (2) new mobile office trailers to be located at North Collection Lot and the Seminole Road Landfill. Awarded to Mobile Modular Management Corp. Amount Not To Exceed: \$224,942.00

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3238 and 2019-3426 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

## I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD

### Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2019-3459](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
An Ordinance to amend the Code of DeKalb County, as Revised 1988, Chapter 13, Article IV, pertaining to Tourist Accommodations, and for Other Purposes.

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

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

### Human Services

[2019-3407](#) Commission District(s): Districts 1, 3 & 6  
Acceptance of a Grant from the Thanks Mom & Dad Fund to implement a Virtual Senior Center Program- at no cost to the County

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

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

#### Public Works - Transportation

[2019-3237](#) Commission District(s): 1, 3, 5, 6, and 7  
Acceptance of \$3,459,660 in GDOT Funds for Flat Shoals Road, Henderson Road, and Salem Road Sidewalks

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Jeff Rader opposed. Commissioner Kathie Gannon abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**No:** 1 - Commissioner Rader

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Gannon

#### Purchasing & Contracting

*Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*

[2019-3366](#) Commission District(s): ALL  
LB - Invitation No. 18-101057 Refuse Transfer, Standard Aluminum Open Top Loading 53 Foot Trailer: for Public Works - Fleet Management to be used by Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of three (3) Refuse Transfer, Standard Aluminum Open Top Loading 53' Trailers for transporting garbage from the Central Transfer Station to the Seminole Landfill. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: East Manufacturing Corporation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$269,100.00.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3366 and 2019-3370 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**



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

[2019-3370](#)

Commission District(s): All  
REN - Installation of Data, Voice & Multi-Media Cabling (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options To Renew): Contract No. 1058193 for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT). This contract consists of installing cabling in County-owned facilities. Awarded to GC&E Systems Group Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$165,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3366 and 2019-3370 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee*

[2019-3329](#)

Commission District(s): 5  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1012065 Lifeguard and Pool Services at Browns Mill Family Aquatic Facility (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of providing lifeguard services, supervision of pools and pool services. Awarded to StandGuard Aquatics, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$190,000.00.

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

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

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee*

- [2019-3205](#) Commission District(s): 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7  
LB - Invitation No. 18-101024 DeKalb Sidewalk Program Phase 2C - Salem Rd., Henderson Rd. and Flat Shoals Rd. - PI# 0007618/PI# 0008268 (548 days): for use by Public Works-Transportation. Consists of construction of sidewalks along Salem, Henderson and Flat Shoals Roads. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Precision 2000, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$5,996,003.45.  
**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioners Nancy Jester and Jeff Rader opposed. Commissioner Kathie Gannon abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson
- No:** 2 - Commissioner Jester, and Commissioner Rader
- Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Gannon

#### Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs

- [2019-3399](#) Commission District(s): District 5 and 7  
Approval of the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Atlanta, Inc. Rental Agreement for Portions of the Redan Recreation Center  
**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Gannon
- Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

#### J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

**1. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran- Johnson read the following comments:**

- I am excited to host my first major town hall meeting along with the Stonecrest Citizens' Coalition on Thursday, April 25, 2019, at the Lou Walker Senior Center, 2538 Panola Rd., Lithonia, GA 30058. I have participated in several smaller conversations, but this event will help me provide information and bridge the gap between questions and answers for my constituents. The District 7 town hall will feature representatives from MARTA and various DeKalb County departments including Code Enforcement, Parks and Recreation, Sanitation, Watershed Management, Public Safety and Roads and Drainage

- WorkSource DeKalb has launched the 2019 DeKalb Works Summer Youth Employment Program. The application process opened on April 1st for both internship seekers and worksites providers. The six-week program runs from June 3rd - July 26th. Interns will be paid \$10 per hour. DeKalb residents ages 14-24 are invited to apply at [www.dekalbcountyga.gov/intern](http://www.dekalbcountyga.gov/intern)

- On Friday, March 15, 2019 District 7 in partnership with the Greater Hidden Hills Community Development Corporation launched a guerilla-style marketing effort designed to engage DeKalb residents to clean-up their communities, take ownership in positive community and environmental outcomes, and actively eliminate litter through clean up across the county. The campaign will culminate with a county-wide community cleanup day on Saturday, June 1, 2019. The campaign seeks to lead by example through a collaborative effort that will produce a massive presence along roadsides and in high-traffic areas within the four corners of the Hidden Hills Overlay District

- DeKalb County Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs will host its 2nd Annual Egg Extravaganza on April 13, from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. at Exchange Park, 2771 Columbia Drive, Decatur, GA 30034. The event that will include vendors, face painting, a bounce house, giveaways and photos with the Easter Bunny. Participants should bring their own basket and children must be accompanied by an adult. The event is free to attend. The event is held in partnership with Amerigroup RealSolutions in healthcare, CLASSIX 102.9, Columbia Residential, the DeKalb Kids Project, The Salvation Army Peachcrest Boys & Girls Club and The Urban League of Greater Atlanta. For more information, contact LaShanda Davis, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs public relations specialist, at 404-371-3643 or [lsdavis@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:lsdavis@dekalbcountyga.gov)

- Last but not least, Wade Walker Park and Redan Park will be celebrating Baseball Hall of Famer Jackie Robinson on Sat, April 13, 2019 at 10:00am. I am honored to be throwing the first pitch at Redan Park. Commissioner Bradshaw will be throwing the first pitch at Wade Walker Park, along with our CEO Mike Thurmond. The Atlanta Braves community event team will be in both parks. Please come join us in celebrating Jackie Robinson! For more information, please contact Eric Evans, Wade Walker Youth Baseball Volunteer at 678-886-3082

Please visit our website at [www.CommissionerLorraineCochranJohnson.com](http://www.CommissionerLorraineCochranJohnson.com) or call us at 404.371.2899

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

- I want to remind that you can now track SPLOST “pennies at work” and the progress of the approved

projects online. If you go to my website at [www.CommissionerKathieGannon.com](http://www.CommissionerKathieGannon.com) you will find the link to direct you to SPLOST project information on the County home page. This is a great feature that allows you to track pavement and resurfacing, as well as library, parks, and public safety projects

- If you know a DeKalb County resident between the ages of 14-24 who is looking to gain work experience through an internship, applications have opened for the 2019 DeKalb Works Summer Youth Employment Program. This six-week program runs from June 3rd through July 26th. Interns will be paid \$10 dollars an hour. To apply go to [www.DekalbCountyGA.gov/intern](http://www.DekalbCountyGA.gov/intern). WorkSource DeKalb is also seeking worksites for interns. With DeKalb Works, WorkSource DeKalb will provide intern training prior to the start of the work assignments. They will also cover all intern's payroll and workers' compensation. If you are an employer interested in participating as a worksite, please register on the DeKalb County website

- On April 28th, get your park prescription for "health and wellness" filled at parks around our county. Whether in yoga, or in an obstacle course, by planting milkweed, or doing archery, there is a way to stay healthy and be active for everyone. Check out the details for District 6 park events on my website. Park Rx is not just a one-day occurrence... the initiative's objective hopes to encourage regular visits to your local parks. These parks are "natures gems" that offer opportunities to enhance mental, physical and spiritual wellness! So continuing this effort, I am planning another Super District 6 opportunity to "trek" the Fork Creek Mountain park trail with me on Saturday, May 4th at 10 a.m.

- To celebrate the last season of Game of Thrones which airs this weekend, the shelter pets of LifeLine Animal Project, invite you to adopt them for free during LifeLine's "Game of Homes" adoption event that runs through Sunday, April 14th. Any dog, cat, puppy or kitten may be adopted for free, and this includes spay or neuter, microchip and vaccinations, which is a \$300 dollar value, at no additional cost. Visit [www.LifeLineAnimal.org](http://www.LifeLineAnimal.org) for location and hours

- This Saturday, you can enhance your skills with a "plant, eat and repeat" workshop at Mason Mill Recreation Center, 1340 McConnell Drive in Decatur hosted by Park Pride and the Atlanta Botanical Garden at 10 a.m. This free workshop will feature light refreshments, opportunities to network, and instructions on horticulture 101 and crop planning, seeds, starts and transplants, and soil, nutrients and fertility

- Did you know you can grow a vegetable garden in a space as small as a square foot? Learn how at the DeKalb Cooperative Extension's Square Foot Gardening Workshop this Thursday, April 11th at the DeKalb County Cooperative Extension Auditorium located at 4280 Memorial Drive in Decatur. During this class, you will learn how to use a small space to grow an intensive vegetable garden. The cost to attend is just \$10 dollars. If flowers are more your thing, learn how to build a hanging basket or container garden at another workshop, next Tuesday, April 16th from 10 a.m.-12 noon. This is also part of the 2019 Gardening in Georgia series hosted by the DeKalb Cooperative Extension. You will leave the class with a hanging basket or container and learn how to make it last throughout the summer. Once again the cost for this class is also \$10 dollars. For more information about the array of classes offered, visit [www.ugaextension.com/dekalb](http://www.ugaextension.com/dekalb)

- Get out and go egg hunting with your little ones this Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at Exchange Park on 2771 Columbia Drive in Decatur. The event is free and children must be accompanied by an adult and bring

their own basket. There will be vendors, face painting, a bounce house, giveaways and photos with the Easter Bunny. Egg hunters will be split into age groups of 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-14, and 15 and up

- There will be a discussion about the Little Creek Horse Farm and DeKalb's Park Master Plan this Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at the DeKalb County Fire Rescue Headquarters in Suite 400, 1950 West Exchange Place. The community is invited to voice interest and concerns. The County would like to understand the community's recreational interests, desired park amenities and ideas for possible park improvements for Little Creek Horse Farm and the adjoining 14-acre Park Open Space along Orion Drive

- Next Saturday, April 20th, the Clarkston Community Center will hold its second annual International Spring festival. The festival starts at 10 a.m. Bring your family and enjoy the international food, art from around the globe, live entertainment, and children's activities. There will also be tons of plants and flowers to choose from, and just in time for spring gardening. Entry is \$5 dollars for ages 12 and up. Tickets can be purchased on the Clarkston Community Center website at [www.ClarkstonCommunityCenter.org](http://www.ClarkstonCommunityCenter.org)

- My office number is 404-371-4909. Thank you if your community group has forwarded your updated contact information. If you haven't please email [KGannon@DeKalbCountyga.gov](mailto:KGannon@DeKalbCountyga.gov) with your 2019 Board members names, contact information and meeting/activities. And please remember that if your Super District 6 community group is planning Spring community events, please let us know as well. I look forward to opportunities to connect. Also visit my Facebook page or [www.CommissionerKathieGannon.com](http://www.CommissionerKathieGannon.com) regularly for additional events and happenings in Super District 6!

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

Thank you, Mr. Presiding Officer, and Good morning everyone again. I want to begin my comments by inviting all HOA's, Community Organizations, Church Organizations, businesses and anyone interested in partnering with my office for a community clean up. We will partner with and host community cleanups from May – September. Our first community clean –up is on Saturday, May 18th and we have partnered with the Kings Ridge Homeowners Association. We are currently scheduling the dates out through September, and we look forward to continuing to work to Keep DeKalb Beautiful. Again, I encourage all organizations to reach out to my office or visit my website to sign up for a date.

I encourage all District 5 citizens to come out to the DeKalb County SPLOST open house this Thursday at the Lou Walker Senior Center from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The County will be sharing updated information regarding the County SPLOST and the projects. If you are unable to attend on Thursday, there will be other open houses hosted: Tonight from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Maloof Auditorium, 1300 Commerce Drive in Decatur; and tomorrow, April 10 from 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Central DeKalb Senior Center, 1346 McConnell Drive in Decatur.

Last Sunday I had the opportunity to attend Antioch AME Church for their celebration of women. Stacey Abrams did a phenomenal job, and the program was excellent. Great job to Rhonda Tayler for putting on an awesome event and congratulations to Teresa Hardy, DeKalb NAACP; Valerie Morgan, On Common Ground; and Katerina Taylor, DeKalb Chamber, on being honored as well.

I invite all District 5 youth ages 14 – 24 to apply for the DeKalb Works Summer Youth Internship Program. You may visit [www.dekalbcountyga.gov/intern](http://www.dekalbcountyga.gov/intern) to apply. Also, I would encourage each District 5 youth to send their resume to my office for consideration.

I want to shout out the DeKalb County NPHC for their support and donation at the Browns Mill Recreation Center Community Health Fair. Also, a special shout out goes Mr. Haygood, the center director at Browns Mill who did a phenomenal job hosting the event.

Finally, my office was pleased to join the symposium on Human Trafficking this past weekend at the Stonecrest Library. I commend DeKalb NAACP for their efforts to continue to bring awareness to this issue and for working to make DeKalb a better place for us all.

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 mentioned the following comments:**

Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer. Good Morning Everyone.

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who has expressed an interest in serving on the Charter Review Commission. In a district of well over 140,000 people, there are plenty of talented people who want to be of service to DeKalb County. Most of these individuals do not have the time or the inclination to sit in a County Commission meeting every other week. Even so, they still have a lot to offer. Because of the process that I am executing, I think I have a very good pool of candidates from which to select. Moreover, it liberates me from being forced to choose from the same pool of people as before. As previously stated, there are a lot of talented people with good intent in District 4 who can render honorable service. In the coming weeks I will be meeting with multiple candidates with the objective of making the best selection possible within the allotted time.

I was honored to attend the program at Antioch AME Church honoring National Women's History Month. The featured speaker for the occasion was Stacey Abrams, former candidate for Governor who did an excellent job. Additionally, it was an honor to witness my good friend and colleague Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson as she was recognized as being a Woman on the Move in the Government sector during the program. I want to commend Commissioner Davis Johnson for how she represents District 5 and DeKalb County. And I want to thank her for being my friend.

Yesterday was the ribbon cutting ceremony kicking off the City of Tucker's Spring 2019 SPLOST – funded road resurfacing initiative. The southern portion of Tucker is in District 4. It was a pleasure to join Mayor Frank Auman and the other members of Tucker's city leadership as they continue to make critical infrastructure improvements.

Later that afternoon, I attended the grand opening of the new Atlantic Aviation passenger terminal at Peachtree DeKalb Airport. It is truly a beautiful facility. I want to thank Atlantic CEO Lou Pepper for the \$20 million investment that his company has made in DeKalb County, and I wish Atlantic many prosperous years ahead! As I have said before, PDK is a jewel in DeKalb County, and Airport Director Mario Evans does an excellent job. Keep up the good work!

Last night I also attended the State of the City Address in Avondale Estates. Avondale Estates is one of the great municipalities in District 4 I want to commend my friend Mayor Jonathan Elmore for delivering an excellent update. And I would like to commend the entire Avondale Estates city leadership for the job that they are doing.

Finally, I would also like to commend my friend Jacqui Steele for her 16 years of service as President of the Deer Creek Civic Association. Deer Creek is one of the outstanding communities in District 4, and they held a ceremony in her honor on March 23rd. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend that evening, but I did speak with Jacqui beforehand and personally thanked her for her service to this community. Ms. Steele was presented with a proclamation from Districts 4 and 7, and I want to thank Commissioner Lorraine Cochran Johnson for partnering with me on that.

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

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

- Condolences to DeKalb School Board member Stan Jester on the loss of his mother
- Condolences to Police Chief Conroy and the Poole family
- Thanked residents who helped with the District 3 clean-up
- Attended a luncheon for Special Needs children at the Barack Obama Elementary school
- The importance of the 2020 Census
- Kick-off for National Financial Literacy Month tomorrow at Cedar Grove Elementary School, and will be delivering calculators to Canby Lane and Kelly Lake Elementary schools
- “Don’t Be Tricked” campaign for seniors
- Public Safety Town Hall meeting on April 16th

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

- Thanked Commissioners for their condolences on the passing of her husband's mother
- Governor Kemp has signed Senate Bill and its importance to Grady and the uninsured
- Thanked Chief Conroy for his service to the County
- Today is the last issue of the Dunwoody Crier
- Reminded residents to watch out for children as there are only 33 days left of school!
- Today in history at 2 p.m., Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Grant ending the U.S. Civil War
- Today in history in 1979, NASA introduced the first 7 astronauts

**7. Commissioner Jeff Rader read the following comments:**

My office number is 404-371-2863 and my email is [jrader@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:jrader@dekalbcountyga.gov).

Please take the time to visit my updated website at [www.commissionerrader.com](http://www.commissionerrader.com). I want to encourage you to sign up for news and updates where I have recently posted my 2018 year in review. I hope you will find the website helpful in contacting our office, viewing the agenda and requesting assistance electronically. Please also follow me on Facebook and Twitter using @raderjeff and on Instagram at commissionerjeffrader.

Upcoming...

- LifeLine Animal Project to Hold "Game of Homes" Free Adoption! To celebrate the last season of Game of Thrones which airs on April 14th, the shelter pets of LifeLine Animal Project, first pets of their name, kings and queens of Atlanta, invite you to adopt them for free during our "Game of Homes" adoption now through Sunday, April 14th. Free adoptions include spay or neuter, microchip and vaccinations, a \$300 value, at no additional cost!

- SPLOST Open Houses held this week:

Tuesday, April 9th, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m., Maloof Auditorium, 1300 Commerce Drive, Decatur, GA 30030

Wednesday, April 10th, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m., Central DeKalb Senior Center, 1346 McConnell Drive, Decatur, GA 30033

Thursday, April 11th, 6:30 a.m. - 8 p.m., Lou Walker Senior Center, 2538 Panola Road, Lithonia, GA 30058

- Coffee With A Cop Wednesday, April 10th, 2019 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at Chick-fil-A on 2340 North Druid Hills Road @ Briarcliff Rd. Atlanta, GA 30329

- WD Thomson Park Work Day this Saturday, April 13th at 9 a.m.

- PARK Rx Day April 28th – enjoy greater health and wellness in DeKalb Parks on Sunday the 28th. Check



my website for specific locations and events

In Library news...

- Avis G Williams is hosting a 4-part series on Tips for Taking Better Pictures with the first one on April 11th at 10:30 a.m.
- April in National Poetry Month – visit a local library this month and browse the poetry selections offered
- Musical bookings at the Decatur Branch: April 23rd at 7 p.m. listen to Veronika Jackson’s acoustic folk music and R&B and April 26th at 7 p.m. enjoy The Hollands, a multinational family band with roots in Australia and the US
- Also at the Decatur branch, Scrabble Saturday at 1pm this weekend and a Tenants’ Right Clinic with DeKalb Legal Aid attorneys on Tuesday, April 16th at 5:30 p.m.

#### **POLICY OF NON-DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY IN COUNTY SERVICES.**

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


ADJOURNMENT:

**There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Commissioner Larry Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson to adjourn the April 9, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:07 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

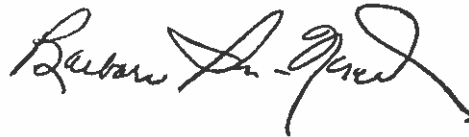
**Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson**



Jeff Rader  
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond  
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders-Norwood  
County Clerk