

DeKalb County Government

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

9:00 AM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

Board of Commissioners

*Commissioner Kathie Gannon, Presiding Officer, Super District 6
Commissioner Jeff Rader, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 2*

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

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

Staff Present: Zachary Williams, Executive Assistant/Chief Operating Office, Barbara Sanders Norwood, County Clerk, Andrew Cauthen, Communications Manager, O.V. Brantley, County Attorney, Viviane Ernestes, Deputy County Attorney

A. INSPIRATIONAL

Pastor Gabriel Adams
Restoration in Christ Ministries International, Inc.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Larry Johnson
District 3

B. PRESENTATIONS

Mental Health Month
57th Annual National Public Works Week in Georgia
(APWA) International Internal Audit Awareness Month

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 – Presented a voice recording of a conversation with Assistant Attorney General Wright Banks in reference to the distance restrictions in Subsection B of an Ordinance pertaining to restaurants, stating that the Legal Department and Planning and Sustainability needs work in deciphering County Codes.
2. Attorney Nick A. Dodys, 3060 Peachtree Rd. Ste. 300 Atlanta, GA 30305 – Spoke on behalf of Velocity Ventures and Express Oil Change in reference to the SPLOST 6 Amendment and Section 27-4.2.14 regarding automotive sales and service.
3. Debbie Miller, 2978 McCully Dr. Atlanta, GA 30345 – Spoke on behalf of the Peachtree Creek Greenway to thank Commissioners for their support of the Peachtree Creek Greenway, specifically Commissioners Radar, Jester, Adams, and Gannon for meeting with them and re-educating themselves on the DeKalb 2000 plan and the new plan for the Peachtree Creek Greenway.
4. Theresa Woodgeard, 4210 Durham Circle Stone Mountain, GA 30083 – Spoke on behalf of the Rowland Allgood Durham Circle Neighborhood Association, regarding the activities at the 11.5 acres located at 832 Rowland Rd. and asked the DeKalb Planning Department to clarify the Zoning Code specific to Community Urban Gardens, and considering the scope of activities and significant community interest at that location, is asking that any Community Urban Garden activities be permitted through the SLUP process.
5. Martha Gross, 1467 Berkely Ln NE Atlanta, GA 30329 – Spoke on behalf of the Druid Hills Residents Association, to urge Commissioners to put some “teeth” in the SLUP conditions for denying a SLUP in the way that helps all of DeKalb County.
6. Betsy Eggers, 1408 Tugaloo Dr. Brookhaven, GA (no zipcode) – Spoke as the Board Chair of the Peachtree Creek Greenway to give good news on the Peachtree Creek Greenway, concerning the areas of great progress: Atlanta, Brookhaven, Chamblee, and DeKalb.
7. Stephen M. Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021 – Spoke about the current DeKalb County Ethics Board being declared unconstitutional by the court and that the current Commissioners should move forward with setting up a new and effective Ethics Board before 2018 to tackle the current 3 year old ethics cases on the docket, CEO Thurmond’s response to the Water Department problem, and former CEO Burrell Ellis receiving 7% interest on his settlement with DeKalb County while police and fire have not received a raise.
8. Linda McCormick, 1361 Lakeview East Dr. Atlanta, GA 30316 – Spoke on behalf of Glen Emerald Lake Dam Park and the Homeowner’s Association of Lakeview at East Atlanta, requesting DeKalb County to replace and/or repair the aging infrastructure in and around Glen Emerald Lake and Dam before any new development takes place.
9. Teresa Darrisan, 4526 Yorkdale Dr. Decatur, GA 30035 – Spoke on behalf of the residents of Stratton Hills, requesting a red light at the section of Statler Road and South Hairston Road because of the fatal accidents that happen at that intersection.

10. Lisa Allen, 2210 Jonathan Ave Lithonia, GA 30058 – Spoke on behalf of the Marbut Panola Community regarding the DeKalb County Housing Authority and Code Enforcement’s lack of response to complaints on the same property within the community as well as gangs in the community.

11. Tara Edwards, 2215 Cherokee Valley Cir. Lithonia, GA 30058 – Spoke in regards to the DeKalb County Housing Authority taking responsibility for problem tenants in LLC property and Section 8 housing.

12. Sharon Simmons, 2009 Singer Way Lithonia, GA 30058 – Spoke regarding the responsibility of DeKalb County Housing Authority and Code Enforcement to regulate the many LLC and Section 8 properties in her community.

13. Henri Jordan, 763 Lee Andrews Ave. Atlanta, GA 30315 – Read bible verses James 5:1, James 5:12, James 5:3, James 5:14, and spoke about fighting evils and corruption through Jesus Christ and our actions.

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.

Board of Commissioners - District 6

[2017-0329](#) Commission District(s): Districts 3 and 6
Major modification of SLUP 12-18066

Attachments: [Clifton Springs Major Mod Application
Item 2017-0329 Conditions.pdf](#)

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be deferred for a full cycle, until July 27, 2017; Zoning Evening Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Planning & Sustainability

[2017-0266](#) Commission District(s): 4 & 6
Sidewalk waiver request for the deletion of the improvement along the property frontage of 422 DeKalb Industrial Way.
18-048-02-002.

Attachments: [422 DeKalb Industl Way Sidewalk Waiver attachments](#)

MOTION was made by Steve R Bradshaw, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on May 23, 2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2017-0299](#) Commission District(s): All commission districts
Special Land Use Permit Ordinance (SLUP6 Ordinance)

Attachments: [Substitute - 5-23SLUP6ORDINANCE.pdf](#)
[Item 2017-0299 Bernard Knight 2.pdf](#)
[Item 2017-0299 Bernard Knight.pdf](#)
[Item 2017-0299 Planning dept.pdf](#)
[Item 2017-0299 Viviane Ernst 2.pdf](#)
[Item 2017-0299 Viviane Ernst.pdf](#)

Gunter Sharp, 2209 Street Deville Atlanta, GA 30345, spoke in favor

Bernard Knight, P.O. Box 29156 Atlanta, GA 30359 (submitted documents for the record), Sam L. Brannen Jr., 191 Peachtree St. NE, 2900 Atlanta, GA 30303, spoke in opposition

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on May 23, 2017. Deputy County Attorney Viviane Ernstes submitted a copy of the PowerPoint presentation and report that was presented by Dr. Dean Dabney of Georgia State University. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Public Works - Transportation

[2017-0170](#) Commission District(s): 4 & 6
Traffic Calming Petition- Decatur Ave (between Kentucky Street & East Ponce De Leon) & and Hempstead Street (between North Decatur Road & Exchange Avenue). No Cost to the County.

Attachments: [Decatur Avenue & Hempstead Street Design](#)

Stephanie Shulenberger, 549 Hempstead St. Scottdale, GA 30079, Candy Crane, 518 Hempstead Street Scottdale, GA 30079, spoke in favor

Kathleen Andres, 537 Hempstead St. Scottdale, GA 30079, G. Mitch Blackwell on behalf of R. Blazer Trust, 3000 East Ponce DeLeon Decatur, GA 30300, spoke in opposition

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

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

[2017-0171](#) Commission District(s): 4 & 6
Traffic Calming Petition- Creekdale Drive (Between Deleon Drive and Deleon Lane). No Cost to the County

Attachments: [Creekdale Drive Resolution](#)
[Creekdale Drive Design](#)

Mark Augustyn, 1113 Creekdale Clarkston, GA 30021, spoke in favor

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

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

“DECISION ONLY” ITEMS – NO PUBLIC HEARING

Planning & Sustainability

[2017-0262](#) Commission District(s): 1 & 7
Land Use Amendment - LP-17-21187 - Cortland Partners
Deferred from 3/28/2017 BOC Zoning meeting for Decision Only

Attachments: [Courtland Partners, LLC LP 17 21187](#)
[Items 2017-0262 & 2017-0269 Acknowledgment of Intent.pdf](#)
MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0262 and 2017-0269 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2017-0269](#) Commission District(s): 1 & 7
Rezone - CZ-17-21185 --- Courtland Partners
Deferred from 3/28/17 BOC Zoning meeting for Decision Only

Attachments: [Conditions, Staff Report, Application](#)
[Items 2017-0262 & 2017-0269 Acknowledgment of Intent.pdf](#)
MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be approved per staff's 3 conditions. Commissioner Nancy Jester submitted Acknowledgment of Intent Letter into the Record. Items 2017-0262 and 2017-0269 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

E. APPEALS**F. APPOINTMENTS****ITEMS FOR RECORDING IN THE MINUTES**

Board of Commissioners

[2017-0341](#)

Commission District(s): District 2
Record Appointment of Star McKenzie as the District 2 Representative to the Watershed Customer Service and Billing Advisory Group

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Steve R Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0341 and 2017-0322 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2017-0322](#)

Commission District(s): 4
Re-appointment Conward Jones Community Council, District 4.

Attachments: [Conward Jones](#)

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Steve R Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0341 and 2017-0322 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Public Works - Roads & Drainage

[2017-0239](#) Commission District(s): All
Request for Additional Funding from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the FY2017 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant Program. Approximate cost to the county \$43,000.00 Operating Budget

Attachments: [Retro-Reflexivity Area 5 Col.pdf](#)

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0239, 2017-0247, and 2017-0278 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2017-0247](#) Commission District(s): All
Reimbursement for Traffic Signal Equipment Relocations, Upgrades, Recycling, and Damage. No Cost to the County. Accepting Funds from Various Sources

Attachments: [050917 Agenda Item-SIGNAL Reimbursements Attachment](#)

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0239, 2017-0247, and 2017-0278 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Public Works - Transportation

[2017-0278](#) Commission District(s): 4 and 7
Acceptance of Additional \$8,000.64 in Funding from GDOT for South Stone Mountain-Lithonia Road Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities - No Additional Cost to the County.

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0239, 2017-0247, and 2017-0278 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Community Development

[2017-0287](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

Approval of Contract with Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership, Inc. using HUD - HOME CHDO Funds. Federally Funded, No Cost to the County.

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on May 23, 2017. Items 2017-0287, 2017-0290, 2017-0291, and 2017-0267 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2017-0290](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

Approval of Contract with The Alliance of DeKalb County, Inc. using HUD - HOME CHDO Funds. Federally Funded, No Cost to the County

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on May 23, 2017. Items 2017-0287, 2017-0290, 2017-0291, and 2017-0267 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2017-0291](#) Commission District(s): ALL
Approval of Contract with DeKalb Habitat Community Housing Development, LLC using HUD - HOME CHDO Funds. Federally Funded, No Cost to the County.

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on May 23, 2017. Items 2017-0287, 2017-0290, 2017-0291, and 2017-0267 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Human Services

[2017-0267](#) Commission District(s): All
Grant Acceptance from the Atlanta Regional Commission - Aging Services for DeKalb County Seniors - SFY 2018. The Cost to the County is \$123,108.

Attachments: [ARC Funding Allocation - SFY 2018](#)
[ARC Funding Allocation SFY 2017-2018](#)

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on May 23, 2017. Items 2017-0287, 2017-0290, 2017-0291, and 2017-0267 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee

[2017-0261](#) Commission District(s): ALL
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 13-902594 for False Alarm Billing and Tracking Services (Revenue Sharing) Sole Source for use by Police Services (PS). Awarded to AOT Public Safety Corporation. Amount not To Exceed: \$950,000.00

Attachments: [CPO Notes](#)

[Change Order Request Memo](#)

[False Alarm Revenue Recap Contract YTD](#)

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

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

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2017-0246](#) Commission District(s): All
EM - PO #1043222 County Wide Commercial Janitorial Services (Emergency) for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). Awarded to KSL Professional Janitorial Cleaning, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$113,752.16

Attachments: [Emergency Janitorial Services.Memo](#)

[Emergency Form.Janitorial Services.Signed](#)

[Janitorial Agenda Notes](#)

MOTION was made by Steve R Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on May 23, 2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2017-0270](#) Commission District(s): All
REN - Annual Cement (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 970209 for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) and Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D) Awarded to Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. dba Ferguson Waterworks. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$250,000.00.

Attachments: [AGENDA NOTES-Annual Cement - ITB No. 3003458 Renewal Request Forms.pdf](#)

MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0270, 2017-0271, and 2017-0281 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2017-0271](#) Commission District(s): All
REN - Common Brick (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1015802 and 1015797 for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D) and the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Awarded to MACVEL International, LLC and Ferguson Enterprise, Inc., dba Ferguson Waterworks. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$25,400.00

Attachments: [AGENDA NOTES Renewal Request Forms](#)

MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0270, 2017-0271, and 2017-0281 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2017-0281](#) Commission District(s): All
REN - Pond Maintenance Services (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1013915, 1013916 and 1013917 for use by Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D) and Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Awarded to A.S.A.P. Landscape Management Group, Williams Icon Homes and Properties, LLC and Charity Lawn and Turf Care. Total Amount No To Exceed: \$1,259,500.00

Attachments: [AGENDA NOTES](#)

[Renewal Request Forms](#)

MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0270, 2017-0271, and 2017-0281 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2017-0190](#) Commission District(s): All
RA - PO# 1052626 for Street Sweeping Services (Ratification) for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). Awarded to Sweeping Corporation of America, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$125,464.50.

Attachments: [Agenda Notes.doc](#)

[Emergency Purchase Request and Supporting Documents.pdf](#)

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

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

No: 1 - Commissioner Jester

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee

[2017-0264](#) Commission District(s): All
RFP - Request for Proposals No. 17-500428 for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity (WIOA) Act One Stop Operator (Annual Contract with three (3) Options to Renew): for use by DeKalb WorkSource. Highest Scoring Proposer: In The Door, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$125,000.00.

Attachments: [Agenda Notes](#)
Recommendation
[Cumulative Score Sheet](#)

Market Survey

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Steve R Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on May 23, 2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD

Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2017-0327](#) Commission District(s): All
15th Amendment to the MARTA Rapid Transit Contract and Assistance Agreement. No Cost to the County.

Attachments: [15th Amendment to Rapid Transit Contract and Assistance Agreement.pdf](#)

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Larry Johnson opposed. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee

[2017-0227](#) Commission District(s): ALL
Contract for the Administering of a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) for DeKalb County Small Businesses with Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs, Inc. (ACE). An Amount Not to Exceed \$450,000 Would be Federally Funded by HUD at No Cost to the County.

Attachments: [Contract Document - Administering RLF for DeKalb Small Businesses with ACE 25 April BOC](#)

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

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

Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee

[2017-0191](#) Commission District(s): All
CO. Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 957615 for Fire Captain Promotional Testing (Multi-year Contract) for use by Fire Rescue Services. Awarded to Cooperative Personnel Services, dba CPS HR Consulting. Amount Not To Exceed: \$115,000.00

Attachments: [CPO Notes - Fire Captain Promotional Testing UD Change Order Form](#)

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0191, 2017-0193, 2017-0197, and 2017-0204 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2017-0193](#) Commission District(s): ALL
REN. Pre-Employment Background Investigative Services
(Cooperative Agreement - 1st Renewal Option): Contract No. 1019635
for use by the Human Resources and Merit System Department
(HRMS). Awarded to HR TruCheck, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed:
\$75,000.00

Attachments: [AGENDA NOTES](#)

[SWC data sheet](#)

[UD Renewal Recommendation Form](#)

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0191, 2017-0193, 2017-0197, and 2017-0204 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2017-0197](#) Commission District(s): ALL
REN. Police Body Cameras (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 4
Options to Renew): Contract No. 1022922 for use by Police Services
(PS). Awarded to Utility Associates, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed:
\$359,400.00

Attachments: [UD Renewal Form](#)

[AGENDA NOTES.doc](#)

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0191, 2017-0193, 2017-0197, and 2017-0204 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2017-0204](#) Commission District(s): ALL
REN. Cleaning and Repair of Fire Rescue Turnout Clothing (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew). Contract No. 989901 for use by Fire Rescue Services. Awarded to Gloves, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$100,000.00

Attachments: [CPO Notes](#)

[UD Recommendation Memo](#)

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0191, 2017-0193, 2017-0197, and 2017-0204 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2017-0120](#) Commission District(s): All
AP. Additional Purchase-110 HP Open Cab Backhoe Loader with Extended Boom: Invitation No. 16-100683 for Public Works - Fleet Management to be used by the Department of Watershed Management. Awarded to Flint Equipment Co. Amount Not To Exceed: \$85,800.00

Attachments: [departmental recommendation for ITB#16-100683-Additional Purchase.pdf](#)

[Statement from Flint Equipment Co. for 16-100683.pdf](#)

[Agenda Notes](#)

MOTION was made by Steve R Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0120 and 2017-0228 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2017-0228](#) Commission District(s): All
LB. Invitation No. 17-100822 Supply and Service of Feminine Hygiene Disposal Units (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): For use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). Awarded to Southern Textile Rental Services, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$144,000.00

Attachments: [AGENDA NOTES ITB 17-100822](#)
[Market Research ITB 17-100822](#)
[Department Recommendation ITB 17-100822](#)
[Bid Price Tabulation - Excel](#)

MOTION was made by Steve R Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0120 and 2017-0228 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

1. Commissioner Gregory Adams read the following comments:

Thank you, Madame, Presiding Officer and Deputy Presiding Officer, Jeff Rader.

I would like to give special recognition and thanks to my colleague and friend Commissioner Larry Johnson, for allowing me to take part in such an important fight against the prescription opioid abuse and heroin epidemic. It was good to see such a great turnout, involving the community and all the associated partners. The information shared with those in attendance was vital in helping to gain more of a clearer understanding and the importance of this initiative, which is claiming the lives of tens of thousands of Americans each year. I look forward to furthering the conversation on this issue as we continue to escalate the fight against this epidemic.

On Thursday, May 4th, I had the pleasure of attending the National Day of Prayer at The Covenant Church located at 1700 Corey Blvd, in Decatur. I really enjoyed myself as, the magnitude of the spirit was electrifying from the feeding of all the Pastors and Clergy United under ONE ROOFTOP for a night of POWERFUL Prayer and Worship! Special thanks to Bishop Quincy L. Carswell for hosting the event, the Pastors, Clergy and Government Officials in attendance to experience such a sprit filled evening.

Wow! I must say on Thursday "I attended The Destiny Achievers Academy of Excellence (DAAOE) Massive Revitalization Community Kick-Off Event, located at 3595 Linecrest Road in Ellenwood; it was outstanding and deserves tremendous recognition". It was a fantastic opportunity for the school to be selected by the T-Mobile Huddle Up Program, because it focuses on commitment to community and education. The sponsorship was generous and provided a variety of external and internal school improvements, such as, overall painting; transforming the school's science classrooms; beautifying the cafeteria; building a recreation area that includes picnic tables, and more much needed school improvements. It's exciting to mention, there were over 150 volunteers onsite, which included a variety of community activist, partners, and representatives from the DeKalb County Board of Education, local elected officials, staff and construction professionals. It was thrilling to see such support of this event, as it brought the community together in a positive light. A big thanks to T-Mobile, Principal Dr. Kelvin Griffin, VP Business Development -Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, students, faculty, staff, the community and all other participants for such an unforgettable major event. To learn more about the T-Mobile Huddle Up revitalization efforts, you may call Kristy Ivey at 404-328-0898.

Special thanks to Matt Hicks and Jocelyn Whitfield for the informative Grady tour on Friday, May 5th. The overview of Grady's historical trends, current services and future strategies is none the less noteworthy, as one of the largest public healthcare systems in the United States.

On Saturday, May 6th, I had the pleasure of attending the 2nd Annual, My Brother's Keeper Summit DeKalb at Miller Grove High School; an initiative by President Barack Obama to build support to tackle the opportunity gaps for boys and young men of color, and to ensure that all young people reach their full potential. This was a fun family oriented event that provided workshops for the students and parents with helpful information that covered an assortment of topics, such as, Dress for Success, Healthy Teen Relationships, Violence Prevention, Goal Setting, Supporting Your Children's Education, Raising Males of Color, Family Dynamics, and Bullying Prevention. Let's all strive in providing these key essentials to our youths.

Also, thank you so much to my friends at Johns Homestead Park. The community picnic celebration on Saturday was most enjoyable. A special thanks goes out to Ryan Brown and Beth Ganga for hosting such a great community event for all.

Saturday, I also attended the Hats Heels & Horses event at the Atlanta Motor Speedway hosted in partnership with She STEAMS. I truly enjoyed myself, being able to support such a compassionate cause in aiding women and families affected by domestic violence is a special contribution.

My sincerest congratulations to all of you 2017 graduates. May you soar like eagles and realize the sky is the limit. Always DREAM BIG and your desires will become reality!

I would like to give special recognition to all of the Mothers. Mother's Day is a true celebration honoring the mother of the family, motherhood, and motherly bonds. The influence of mothers goes without saying, our mothers deserve all the love, care, and support they can get to help ease their daily duties, which they always provide 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. Happy Mother's Day!

2. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson: Recognized Mental Health Month and gave some facts regarding Mental Health issues in the United States. Commissioner Davis Johnson also spoke about Trump Care and its potential adverse effects on the poor, elderly, and Planned Parenthood, and urged constituents to contact their U.S. Senator to voice their opposition to the GOP

Bill, also known as Trump Care. Commissioner Davis Johnson ended by wishing all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

3. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw read the following comments:

Thank you Madam Presiding Officer...Good afternoon everyone.

First and foremost, I want to thank all of the department heads and employees of DeKalb County for their hard work and on-going dedication to this county.

I would like to thank Major Greg Padrick, Commander of the Tucker Police Precinct, for inviting me over to his office and taking the time to talk with me about some of his initiatives and challenges. He provided me with some great insights. As always, I am very appreciative of the work of our public safety personnel. Speaking of which, it was great to stop by the Safe Kids DeKalb Fun Day this past Saturday, May 6th, which was sponsored by DeKalb County Fire and Rescue Department. The event was well organized and the kids seemed to be having a good time.

I would also like to thank Marvin Billups, Revonda Cosby, and Paige Singer from the DeKalb County Parks and Recreation Department for putting together an excellent tour of the parks in District 4 this past Friday, May 5th. It is very obvious that they really care about our parks. Despite the weather, it was a wonderful day. As I learned as a soldier, the mission does not stop just because of a little rain. I am happy to report that we visited a number of parks that I had never been to before. What I discovered is that there are some really beautiful park spaces in District 4. Therefore, I am committed to being supportive of our park spaces to the fullest extent possible.

It was an honor to be invited to the celebration at John's Homestead Park on Saturday, May 6th. John's Homestead is another beautiful, historic site in District 4. It was indeed a privilege for me to allocate \$150,000 earlier this year to help with upgrades and improvements at the park. I want to commend the Friends of John's Homestead for being well organized in their efforts. I'm confident that the money will be put to good use.

I would also like to commend the folks at Lifeline Animal Project for sponsoring the Healthy Pets DeKalb event this past Saturday, May 6th, at Wade Walker Park. They provided free vaccinations for over 650 dogs and cats in addition to other services. When I was there, there was a very long line of people and pets

waiting to be attended to. What a great public service that was provided by Lifeline Animal Project.

I would like to remind everyone that the County Operations Committee will be meeting this afternoon at 2pm.

Of course you are always welcome to reach our team in the office:
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Constituent Coordinator, Robin Detar 404-371-4749 rldetar@dekalbcountyga.gov,
Me, srbradshaw@dekalbcountyga.gov

As always I want to thank the citizens of District 4 for trusting me with this responsibility. It is indeed an honor to serve. Thank you Madam Presiding Officer.

4. Commissioner Larry Johnson: Mentioned the following:

- Thanked everyone that came out to the Opioid Summit and talked about the history of opioids and the epidemic of opioid use in the state.
- Thanked people who participated in the cleanups around the District 3 over a 6 week span: Keep DeKalb Beautiful, DeKalb Sheriff's Department, Code Enforcement, and citizens.
- Thanked New York Life for their partnership in the Black Friday Event on May 8th, which focused on Black Wealth in the community.
- Thanked Planning, Code Enforcement, and the CEO's Office for their attendance at the Cherry Ridge HOA meeting, and announced the continuation of the dialog from that meeting on Thursday May 11th at 6pm at New Life Church in collaboration with Senator Jones and the State Education Department, to talk about the bill that was passed for underperforming schools, and the Georgia Department of Transportation about the 285 Bridge at Flat Shoals Road.
- Thanked Deanna Carthen for the Facebook Live STEM event on last Friday with a Senior at Columbia High School who, with a few students, repaired robots previously used in a robotics program and are now competing at the state level in which they are placed number 15 in the state.

- Save the date for the HOA Boot Camp on May 24th.

5. Commissioner Jeff Radar read the following comments:

District 2 Activities and Events May 9th

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

Announcement...

Briarlake Forest Park was formally inducted into the Old Growth Forest Network on Tuesday, April 25th, at a special event to honor Atlanta's Original Forest. This was a spectacular event with over 300 people in attendance as well as local officials and Parks staff from the City of Atlanta and DeKalb County. It was quite a night!

Upcoming...

Lifeline has a new promotion to encourage adoptions. Throughout May, all dogs over 25 lbs. and all cats may be adopted for half price, including their spay/neuter microchip and vaccines, during their "Adopt a May Flower" promotion.

Briarlake Forest Park 2017 Little Porch Concert Series kicks off Sunday, May 14th with a performance by Elise Witt. Bring your mother and enjoy the concert...AND...next park work day will be May 27th from 9:30am to 12:30pm.

Tickets on sale now for Callanwolde's Jazz on the Lawn Series that begins in June and runs throughout the summer. Bring your picnic and blanket and enjoy these outdoor concerts in Callanwolde's Amphitheater. The first concert is June 16th 7:30pm featuring Rhonda Thomas. Doors open at 6:30pm.

Library Happenings...

Tonight at 7pm at the Decatur branch, Cowboy Envy will perform western music. The DeKalb County Library is accepting applications from local authors to participate in the 2017 Author Expo. Call 404-508-7190 x2225 for more information.

The Adult and Senior Wellness Health Fair will take place Wednesday, May 24th 10am to 2pm at the Central DeKalb Senior Center. Enjoy sessions on reflexology, acupuncture, and writing. Free health Screenings and giveaways will be available.

And the May Festival of Writers brings Kate Moore on May 10th, Keith Law on May 16th and Chuck Klosterman on May 22nd. Enjoy these authors at the Decatur Branch all beginning at 7:15pm.

Congratulations to Decatur High Girls Varsity Soccer, Region 6 AAAAA Champs. They made it to elite 8 but fell to Whitewater in Friday's cold and rainy game.

Congratulations also to Druid Hills Boys Varsity Soccer who made it to final four. Game against Blessed Trinity tonight. Come out and support the Red Devils!

6. Commissioner Nancy Jester: Mentioned the following:

- Town Hall meetings at the Tucker Library on May 10th at 6:30pm- 8pm, and on May 24th at the Chamblee Civic Center.
- Fallen Officers Memorial Service at 10am on May 10th.
- Announced that on this day in 1914, Mother's Day was officially established by President Woodrow Wilson.
- May 4th was International Firefighters Day, and thanked Commissioner Bradshaw for representing the Commissioners at Fire Station #23 on International Firefighters Day.

7. Commissioner Kathie Gannon: Mentioned the following:

- Older Americans Month, with the DeKalb County Public Library Office of Senior Affairs; Office of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs; the Lou Walker Senior Center; the Central DeKalb Senior Center; and Decatur Active Living working in collaboration to sponsor events throughout the month of May.
- Commissioner Gannon's re-election to the ACCG Board of Managers, and looking forward to another successful year of service.
- Yoga in the Park on May 11th at 6:30pm at Frazier Rowe Park.
- Decatur Lantern Parade on May 12th at 8pm at the Color Wheel Studio.

- Volunteer Day on May 13th from 10pm-4pm at Murphy- Candler Park.
- Encouraged the use of the scenic cycling routes around District 6.
- Dunwoody Arts Festival on May 13th – 15th from 10am- 5pm.
- Movie with the Major on May 20th at the Gallery at South DeKalb.
- Announced Brookhaven Food Truck Wednesdays every Wednesday through October 25th from 6pm-9pm.
- Kick-off of the DeKalb Mobile Farmers Market on May 20th at 4380 Memorial Drive, Decatur, from 10am-2pm.
- CEO Water Billing Update on May 23rd at 6:30pm.
- Reminded constituents of the County drought currently in place and that DeKalb Watershed Department is offering “low flow” shower attachments.
- DeKalb Mobile Career Center offering job assistance and resources throughout the month of May.


Commissioner Gannon also wished all mothers a Happy Mother’s Day, and stated that all info regarding events around DeKalb can be found on her website, www.KathieGannon.com or Commissioner Gannon’s Facebook page.


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

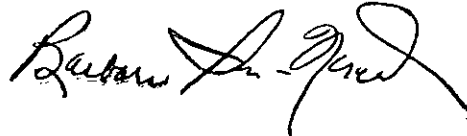
DeKalb County Government does not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities or exclude them from participating in or receiving benefits of its services, programs, or activities, based on disability. Janet Essix, DeKalb County Government’s Employee Relations Manager and ADA Coordinator, 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 Jeff Radar and seconded by Commissioner Nancy Jester to adjourn the May 9, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:30 p.m.


Kathie Gannon
Presiding Officer


Michael Thurmond
Chief Executive Officer


Barbara Sanders-Norwood
County Clerk