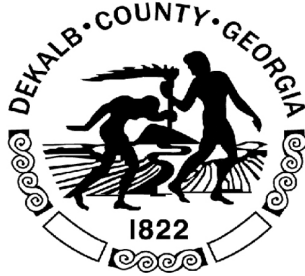


# DeKalb County Government

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, July 23, 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**

Josh Cusick  
Frazer Center

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Steve Bradshaw  
District 4

## **B. PRESENTATIONS**

National Night Out 2019

## **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. Melba Fudge, 2214 Cherokee Valley Circle Lithonia, GA 30058 – Spoke regarding a problem with unkempt lawns, dugs, and dump trucks in her community.
2. Lisa Allen, 2210 Jonathan Ave. Lithonia, GA 30058 – Spoke regarding rental properties not adhering to the Noise Ordinance, and no one in the County to enforce the Ordinance.
3. Shell Brown, 4674 Bexley Drive Stone Mountain, GA 30083 – Spoke regarding fireworks in her community.
4. Martha Gross, 2855 Briarcliff Rd. Atlanta, GA 30329 – Spoke regarding a 2015 Parks Study by the Matrix Group that has not been released, as well as an annexation and cityhood study that has not been done.
5. Jay Scott, 1415 Constitution Atlanta, GA (no zipcode) – Spoke in support of the Blackhall Studios land swap.
6. Selma Camron, 3449 Cobb Ferry Dr. Decatur, GA 30032 – Spoke regarding problems with the Columbia Square Condominiums HOA Board.
7. Joscelyn O’Neil, 3711 Larkspur Terr. Decatur, GA 30032 – Spoke regarding tree limbs and signs that state “lights coming”, left by Georgia Power; and problems with contractors that work for utility companies that leave debris behind in the community.
8. Stephen Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021 – Spoke regarding the creation of an Executive Evaluation Committee; thanked the Audit Department for lowering the water meter procurement; and the increasing cost of the incomplete Snapfinger Wastewater Treatment Plant.
9. Bethann Frillman, 1659 E. Clifton Rd. Atlanta, GA 30307 – Spoke regarding problems with the Voter and Elections process in DeKalb County.
10. Betsy Schwalbach, 536 Hardendorf Ave. NE Atlanta, GA 30307 – Spoke regarding problems with the Voter and Elections process in DeKalb County.
11. Jamie L. Lavigne, 913 N. Decatur Rd. Decatur, GA 30706 – Spoke regarding the inhumane conditions at the DeKalb County jail.

## 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.

NONE

## E. APPEALS

NONE

## F. APPOINTMENTS

### Board of Commissioners

[2019-3963](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

Appointment of Dianne Hiltman to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) Region 3 Advisory Council

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

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

## Chief Executive Office

[2019-4000](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

Appointment to the DeKalb County Historic Preservation

Commission - Ms. Katherine Candler

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-4000, 2019-4003, 2019-4004, 2019-4005 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

[2019-4003](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

Appointment to the DeKalb County Historic Preservation

Commission - Ms. Leslie Spencer

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-4000, 2019-4003, 2019-4004, 2019-4005 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

[2019-4004](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

Appointment to the DeKalb County Historic Preservation

Commission - Ms. Heather Shuster

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-4000, 2019-4003, 2019-4004, 2019-4005 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

[2019-4005](#)

Commission District(s): ALL  
Appointment to the DeKalb County Historic Preservation  
Commission - Ms. Sarah Pitts

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-4000, 2019-4003, 2019-4004, 2019-4005 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

#### ITEMS FOR RECORDING IN THE MINUTES

##### Board of Commissioners - District 3

[2019-3926](#)

Commission District(s): District 3  
Resolution to Remove One Appointee and Appoint a New Board  
Member to the East Metro Community Improvement District (CID)

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be withdrawn. 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

##### Airport

[2019-3921](#)

Commission District(s): Commission Districts 1 & 6  
Termination of Standardized T-Hangar Space Agreement with  
Kenneth Green

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3921, 2019-4040, 2019-3968, 2019-3969, 2019-3970, 2019-4038, 2019-3927, 2019-3940, 2019-3996, 2019-3687 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

[2019-3922](#) Commission District(s): Commission Districts 1 & 6  
Standardized T-Hangar Shop Space Lease Agreement with Ralph S. Cohen

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

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

**Board of Commissioners - District 6**

[2019-4040](#) Commission District(s): District 6  
To Appropriate \$140,000 from the Reserve for Appropriation for Two (2) Park Patrol Vehicles and Invasive Plant Removal at Mason Mill Park

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3921, 2019-4040, 2019-3968, 2019-3969, 2019-3970, 2019-4038, 2019-3927, 2019-3940, 2019-3996, 2019-3687 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

[2019-4041](#) Commission District(s): District 6  
To Appropriate \$360,000 from the Reserve for Appropriation for Three (3) Capital Improvement Projects requested by the DeKalb Community Service Board

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, 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

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

[2019-3968](#) Commission District(s): All  
Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 28, 2019  
**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3921, 2019-4040, 2019-3968, 2019-3969, 2019-3970, 2019-4038, 2019-3927, 2019-3940, 2019-3996, 2019-3687 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

[2019-3969](#) Commission District(s): All  
Approval of Minutes of the Zoning Meeting of May 28, 2019  
**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3921, 2019-4040, 2019-3968, 2019-3969, 2019-3970, 2019-4038, 2019-3927, 2019-3940, 2019-3996, 2019-3687 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

[2019-3970](#) Commission District(s): All  
Approval of Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of June 4, 2019  
**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3921, 2019-4040, 2019-3968, 2019-3969, 2019-3970, 2019-4038, 2019-3927, 2019-3940, 2019-3996, 2019-3687 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

[2019-3971](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 11, 2019

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

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Gannon

**Executive Assistant - Chief Operating Office**

[2019-4038](#)

Commission District(s): All

Conveyance of Stonecrest Park Property to the City of Stonecrest and Related Intergovernmental Agreement

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3921, 2019-4040, 2019-3968, 2019-3969, 2019-3970, 2019-4038, 2019-3927, 2019-3940, 2019-3996, 2019-3687 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

**Fire & Rescue Services**

[2019-3927](#)

Commission District(s): All

To Accept A Grant From F M Global To Purchase Pre-Incident Planning Software

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3921, 2019-4040, 2019-3968, 2019-3969, 2019-3970, 2019-4038, 2019-3927, 2019-3940, 2019-3996, 2019-3687 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

#### Human Services

[2019-3940](#)

Commission District(s): All

Domestic Violence Intervention and Advocacy Services contract between DeKalb County, Georgia and Women Moving On, Inc. (d.b.a. Women's Resource Center to End Domestic Violence)- Transfer funds from the Victim Assistance Fund to the Grant Fund for a State-Certified Victim Assistance Agency- Cost to the County \$150,000

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3921, 2019-4040, 2019-3968, 2019-3969, 2019-3970, 2019-4038, 2019-3927, 2019-3940, 2019-3996, 2019-3687 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

[2019-3996](#) Commission District(s): All  
Revenue Contract between DeKalb County Georgia and the Georgia Department of Human Services for transportation services for Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities- Cost to the County \$666,503.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3921, 2019-4040, 2019-3968, 2019-3969, 2019-3970, 2019-4038, 2019-3927, 2019-3940, 2019-3996, 2019-3687 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

#### Public Works - Transportation

[2019-3687](#) Commission District(s): 3, 6, and 7  
Acceptance of Additional \$140,000 from the Georgia Department of Transportation for the South River Trail Phase V Project.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3921, 2019-4040, 2019-3968, 2019-3969, 2019-3970, 2019-4038, 2019-3927, 2019-3940, 2019-3996, 2019-3687 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

#### Fire & Rescue

[2019-3944](#) Commission District(s): All  
To Authorize The Use Of County Nomenclature Or Symbols  
**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

#### Juvenile Court

[2019-3973](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Request to accept the FY20 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council - Justice Incentive Grant for Juvenile Court's Commitment Alternative Program (CAP) in the amount of \$439,939.  
**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Kathie Gannon, 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

#### Planning & Sustainability

[2019-3876](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
An ordinance to amend the Code of DeKalb County, as revised 1988, Chapter 14, principally to modify the Floodplain Management regulations to comply with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and higher Metropolitan area standards.  
**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, 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 August 13, 2019 for Public Hearing. Items 2019-3876 and 2019-3877 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

[2019-3877](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

An ordinance to amend the Code of DeKalb County, as revised 1988, Chapter 14 principally to modify the County's Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, 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 August 13, 2019 for Public Hearing. Items 2019-3876 and 2019-3877 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

*Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*

[2019-3706](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

REN - Home Depot Convenience Contract for In-Store Purchases (Cooperative Agreement - 3rd Renewal): Contract No. 1060382 for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). Consists of the purchase of materials for use in making repairs and improvements in County facilities. Awarded to The Home Depot. Amount Not To Exceed: \$240,446.17.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on August 13, 2019. Items 2019-3706, 2019-3872, 2019-3905, 2019-3914 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

[2019-3872](#)

Commission District(s): All

CA - Safety Shoes (Cooperative Agreement): for use by all County departments. This contract consists of the purchase of various styles, types, and sizes of safety shoes and boots for County employees. Awarded to Saf-Gard Safety Shoe Co. Amount Not To Exceed: \$534,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on August 13, 2019. Items 2019-3706, 2019-3872, 2019-3905, 2019-3914 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

[2019-3905](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

REN - Cooperative Purchase Agreement: BL061-17/GCID#20170684 for the Purchase of Gasoline and Diesel Fuel (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 4 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Fleet Management. Awarded to Mansfield Oil Company of Gainesville, Inc. and Petroleum Traders Corporation. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$8,000,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on August 13, 2019. Items 2019-3706, 2019-3872, 2019-3905, 2019-3914 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

[2019-3914](#)

Commission District(s): All  
RA - Windows and Glass Doors (Emergency): for use by Facilities Management (FM). Consists of the replacement of smashed windows and broken glass doors at the Maloof Administration Building and Annex. Recommend approval to ratify the emergency purchase of windows and glass doors from Midtown Glass Co. LLC d/b/a Glass Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$115,779.72.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on August 13, 2019. Items 2019-3706, 2019-3872, 2019-3905, 2019-3914 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*

[2019-3899](#)

Commission District(s): 3, 6, 7  
LB - Invitation No. 18-101031 South River Trail Phase 5: PI# 0009029: for use by Public Works - Transportation. Consists of extending the existing South River Trail approximately 2.2 miles from the Georgia State University Perimeter College Campus to Waldrop Road. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Massana Construction, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,885,998.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, 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 August 13, 2019. Items 2019-3905 and 2019-3914 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

[2019-3909](#)

Commission District(s): 1, 2 and 4-7

RA - Contract No. 1090279 DeKalb County Toddler Pool

Conversions: by the Department of Facilities Management for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA).

This contract consists of providing toddler pool conversions to meet ADA compliance for five (5) County pools. Awarded to Sunbelt Pools of Georgia, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$67,951.79.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, 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 August 13, 2019. Items 2019-3905 and 2019-3914 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 PWI Committee*

[2019-3377](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 18-101004 Water Meters and Parts (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the purchase of water meters and parts. Recommend award to the sole bidder who is responsive and responsible: Kendall Supply, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$8,000,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3377, 2019-3924, 2019-4039 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



[2019-3833](#)

Commission District(s): 4

LB - Invitation No. 19-101072, Road Widening, Sidewalks, Bike Lanes (Rockbridge Road - Allgood to Rowland Road) - PI#s

008121/0012789: for use by Public Works - Transportation. Consists of the widening of Rockbridge Road from Allgood to Rowland Road to allow for the construction of sidewalks and bike lanes. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: E. R. Snell Contractor, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,223,197.45.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2019-3924](#)

Commission District(s): All

REN - Bulk Liquid Oxygen (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1118334 for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of supplying bulk liquid oxygen to utilize as the primary disinfectant in water treatment. Awarded to Airgas USA. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$192,400.00.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3377, 2019-3924, 2019-4039 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

[2019-4039](#) Commission District(s): 3,7  
LB - Invitation No. 19-101118 South River Trash Trap (One Time Buy) for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). Consists of the purchase and installation of a river litter trap and boom system. Recommend award to the sole bidder who is responsive and responsible: Site Engineering, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$549,144.00

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3377, 2019-3924, 2019-4039 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

[2019-3988](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
Adoption of a Resolution by the Governing Authority for a DeKalb County Transit Master Plan

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved with a friendly amendment to adopt a resolution that will serve as a transit element of the DeKalb County Comprehensive Transportation Plan update. 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 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 Nancy Jester, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until August 13, 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

**Board of Commissioners - District 2**[2019-3848](#)

Commission District(s): Districts 2 &amp; 7

To Approve the Submission of a HUD Section 108 Loan Application in the Amount of \$4.5 Million Dollars for Inland Fresh Seafood Corporation of America, Inc. to Expand its Location at 1651 Montreal Road, Tucker Georgia

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred, until September 24, 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

[2019-3925](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Fireworks Ordinance to Amend the Code of DeKalb County, as revised 1988, Chapter 16 Pertaining to Noise, and for Other Purposes

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

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

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

[2019-3866](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2019

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be Approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Community Development**

[2019-3612](#)

Commission District(s): 3, 5, 6 and 7

Blight Inventory Survey in Southwest Unincorporated DeKalb County

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred, until August 27, 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

[2019-3900](#)

Commission District(s): Serves All

The 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Programs, including the 2019 Annual Action Plan - Federally Funded, No Cost to the County

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, 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*

[2019-3715](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

RFP - Request for Proposals No. 19-500513 Uniformed Security Guard Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by Police Services (PS) to be utilized by all County departments. Consists of providing armed and/or unarmed, uniformed security guards at various County Facilities. Awarded to: All N One Security Services, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$10,520,383.06.

**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 - to OPS Committee*

[2019-3704](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 19-101079 On Call Roof Maintenance, Repair & Replacement Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Facilities Management (FM), and Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of maintaining, repairing and installing various types of roofs on County owned facilities. Recommend multi-award to the responsive and responsible bidders: Hawk Construction Company, LLC, RYCARS Construction, LLC and National Building Contractors, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$8,750,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on August 13, 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

[2019-3850](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

AP - Closed Cab Boom Mower Tractor with Rotary Cutter: Invitation No. 18-101017 for Public Works - Fleet Management to be used by Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of the purchase of one (1) Closed Cab Boom Mower with Rotary Cutter used to cut ponds, embankments and ditch lines too difficult for regular mowing tractors. Awarded to Ag-Pro. Amount Not To Exceed: \$151,034.00.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, 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*

[2018-2357](#)

Commission District(s): All

SS - MARS Company (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the purchase of a MARS Test Bench System. Recommend award to MARS Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$548,220.80.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2357, 2019-3713, 2019-3830 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

[2019-3321](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 07-901001 Engineering Services for Snapfinger and Pole Bridge Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing professional engineering services to Pole Bridge Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Phase 2 expansion of the Snapfinger Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility. Awarded to Parsons Water and Infrastructure, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,129,255.00.

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

[2019-3713](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 19-101074 Sand (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) and Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). Consists of providing various types of sand. Recommend award to the sole bidder who is responsive and responsible: F.M. Shelton. Amount Not To Exceed: \$110,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2357, 2019-3713, 2019-3830 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

[2019-3830](#)

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1048832 for Disaster Recovery and Sewage Cleaning Services: for use by the Departments of Watershed Management (DWM) and Facilities Management (FM). This contract consists of disaster recovery cleaning and supplementary services for repairs to heating, ventilation, air conditioning and plumbing systems affected by water and sewer spills. Awarded to Bell Restoration Services, Inc. dba Servpro of Stone Mountain/Clarkston. Amount Not To Exceed: \$637,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2357, 2019-3713, 2019-3830 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

**Voter Registration & Elections**[2019-3792](#)

Commission District(s): Commission Districts 2, 3, 4 and 6  
Adoption of Election Precinct Boundary Changes due to the Cities of Atlanta and Brookhaven Annexations and to reduce overcrowding in Clarkston Precinct.

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

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

**No:** 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson

**J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**



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

- I would like to give an official congratulations to Commissioner Larry Johnson who was elected as the 2nd Vice President of the National Association of Counties (NACo) last week. Larry is very deserving of this opportunity to serve and I am very happy for him
  
- I have been invited to speak at the Council for Quality Growth's DeKalb Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, August 1st where I will be discussing economic and community development in District 7. This event will take place at 8:30 a.m. at the Druid Hills Country Club. You are invited to come join me and can register on the Council for Quality Growth's website. I would love to see you in the audience
  
- I would like to thank Peachtree DeKalb Airport Director Mario Evans for giving me a presentation and an extensive tour of the airport last Thursday along with my Chief of Staff. As you know, the PDK Airport brings value to the community and is the second busiest airport in the state, behind only Hartsfield Jackson. I am excited about the future growth and development of PDK in terms of jobs, improvement of facilities, and its role in generating additional revenue
  
- Last Monday, July 15th, I attended the official ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly renovated playground at Lithonia Park. A total of \$365,000 was allocated from Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, me, and SPLOST funds to complete the project and make it a reality
  
- Due to the inclement weather last Saturday, the second installment of the Books & More Women's Empowerment Club Series has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 24th, 2019, from 12 noon - 2 p.m., at the Smoke Rise Country Club, 4900 Chedworth Dr., Stone Mountain, GA 30087
  
- The Women's Empowerment Book Club will feature seasoned golfer and founder of Golf Women Mean Business, Patrina King, who will share her advice on what it takes to be successful in business from the teachings in her book, 9 Holes 9 Goals, A Beginner's Guide to Doing Business on the Golf Course
  
- Attendees will get an introduction to these steps, a signed copy of King's book, tea, hors d'oeuvres, and advice on how to improve their golf swing. Registration is \$35 per person. To register, visit our website or contact Allison M. Slocum in the District 7 office
  
- This past Saturday I attended the Jazz on the Lake sponsored by the Deer Creek HOA. I enjoyed entertainers such as Milkshake and other entertainers. I had a very nice time
  
- On Sunday July 14th, I attended the Covenant Church with Bishop Carswell as they celebrated their 26th anniversary. Congratulations to the Covenant Church. It was a great celebration
  
- Congratulations to Melody Maddox who was appointed by Sheriff Mann as the new Chief Deputy Sheriff of the DeKalb County Jail. As Chief Deputy Sheriff, she will oversee the department's law enforcement operations at the courts, the jail and in the field. Melody spent the last three years as Chief of Police for Georgia Piedmont Technical College. I look forward to her service and her making a difference at the jail

Please write, send emails, photos, and visit our website at [www.CommissionerLorraineCochranJohnson.com](http://www.CommissionerLorraineCochranJohnson.com) or call us at 404.371.2899. Thank you for the opportunity to serve

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

- Congratulated Commissioner Larry Johnson on his appointment as the 2nd Vice President of NACO
- Attended a Transit Link meeting
- Thanked citizens for coming out to various meetings throughout the County
- Super District 6 needs your help! I am still looking for a volunteer to represent Super District 6 on the DeKalb County Complete Count Committee. As a volunteer, you will receive training and work with some other really dedicated people, raising awareness and educating the residents of DeKalb County on how important it is to "be counted". Please email me at [Kathie.Gannon@DeKalbCountyGA.gov](mailto:Kathie.Gannon@DeKalbCountyGA.gov) for consideration. The deadline to register your neighborhood with your local police precinct is July 25th. Contact 311 to confirm which precinct your neighborhood is in. My office would also love to share your event information, so please forward your National Night Out details to [Kgannon@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:Kgannon@dekalbcountyga.gov)
- This Saturday, you can treat yourself at Storefront Saturday in Decatur, featuring some of Decatur's finest small local businesses. From 12 noon - 5 p.m. you can shop, win prizes, enjoy pop-up shops, get snacks, and more. To learn more check out the calendar at [www.VisitDecaturGeorgia.com](http://www.VisitDecaturGeorgia.com)
- Dunwoody Nature Center is hosting a Back to School Battle of the Bands for the first time ever for their Summer Concert Series this Saturday. They will feature three local student bands and opening individual young performers from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. The Dunwoody Nature Center is located at 5343 Roberts Drive. At admission you will get to vote for your favorite band and the group with the most fans at the show will win the grand prize! For ticket information, visit [www.DunwoodyNature.org/battle-of-the-bands](http://www.DunwoodyNature.org/battle-of-the-bands)
- With the nights cooling down, what better time is there to watch an outdoor movie? There are three free outdoor movie events coming up: Tonight there will be a screening of "Aquaman" at Mason Mill Park at 1350 McConnell Drive in Decatur at 8:30 p.m. organized by DeKalb County Parks and Rec
- This Friday, get the family together for a free outdoor screening of Disney's "Moana"! The screening will begin at 8:30 p.m. at Briarwood Park at 2235 Briarwood Way
- Enjoy a 'movie in the moonlight' on Friday, August 2nd, at Blackburn Park with the City of Brookhaven's outdoor movie series. Starting at 7:30 p.m. they will be showing "Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom" and the movie is free of charge with concession stands available to purchase snacks. Blackburn Park is located at 3493 Ashford Dunwoody Road. Go to [www.BrookhavenGA.gov/parksrec](http://www.BrookhavenGA.gov/parksrec) to learn more
- The Chamblee Police Department is hosting their annual 'Cop-N-Stuff' back to school bash. They will be

giving out more than 650 brand new book bags stuffed with school supplies for children ages K- 5th grade. There will also be music, games, and some hot dogs on the grill on August 3rd from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Dresden Park which is located at 2301 Dresden Drive in Chamblee. If you wish to donate to this event or get more information, email Captain Ernesto at [EFord@ChambleeGA.gov](mailto:EFord@ChambleeGA.gov) or call 770-986-5005

- Registration for the September 23th DeKalb County Police "BeatThe Badge" 5K Road Race is open. Spaces are limited. I have a link on my website [www.CommissionerKathieGannon.com](http://www.CommissionerKathieGannon.com) to link you to the registration sight where you can register for yourself or sponsor an officer from your precinct to run and represent your community!

- 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 summer community events, please let us know as well. I look forward to opportunities to connect. Also visit my Facebook 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 would like to begin my comments by congratulating my colleague and one of the Johnson's, Commissioner Larry Johnson on his election as the 2nd Vice President of the National Association of Counties. Your win was huge and very well deserved. We know that you will represent DeKalb very well and you are the perfect representative to lead the over 3,000 counties in America!

With that said, I had a wonderful opportunity to attend the National Association of Counties Annual Conference which was hosted in Clark County, Nevada. There were many sessions that I thought were very beneficial. I am looking forward to taking some of the initiatives that I learned about at the conference and working with this board and our CEO to continue to "Move DeKalb Forward".

This past weekend, I had the opportunity to participate in the Congressional Black Caucus PAC retreat. We discussed the 2020 Elections and the importance of ensuring that everyone's vote gets counted in that election, which brings me to my next announcement. I want to shout out my colleague once again, Commissioner Larry Johnson as he has been chosen as the chair of the Census Complete Count Committee for DeKalb County. This initiative is very important and we must do all that we can to ensure that every person is counted so that we will have the necessary resources for the County. I am looking forward to working with Commissioner Larry Johnson and the entire committee.

This past weekend, our office partnered with the Murfield Subdivision on a collaborative community clean- up. I would like to thank the ladies of the subdivision who came out to help. A special thanks to the HOA President, Diane Parks for working with us to keep DeKalb Beautiful.

Last week, my Director of Constituent Services, Demetrius Pinkett had an opportunity to present Refining Fire with a proclamation. This organization allows youth to combat mental illness and other mental conditions through dance. I understand that this event was very successful and I was proud to hear how this is helping so many youth in DeKalb.

Last Monday, my office joined the Parks and Recreation Department for the Ribbon Cutting of the all new playground set at Lithonia Park. I would like to give a special thanks to the Friends of Lithonia Park group, Director Chuck Ellis, Mayor Deborah Jackson and Park Pride for all of their work on this. I encourage all residents in the 5th to stop by Lithonia Park and check out the new playground set.

This Thursday, I will have an opportunity to meet with the District 5 Boards and Commission Appointees to receive updates on what is happening on the various bodies which we appoint citizens to. We host these meetings to ensure that we are working together to move things forward and to remain consistent with sharing information that is vital to the citizens of the 5th.

This Friday, July 26th you are invited to join me and the Arabia Mountain National Heritage Alliance for the ribbon cutting of the Lithonia Gateway Signage project which will take place at the Lithonia Women's club. The event will take place at 9:30 a.m. For more information, please visit my social media pages on Facebook at Mereda Davis Johnson or Twitter and Instagram at Mereda D Johnson.

District 5 is pleased to announce the 2019 Homeowner's Association President's Roundtable which will take place on August 1, 2019. If you are the President of your homeowners association or you are the elected representative from your neighborhood, please email [dmccoy@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:dmccoy@dekalbcountyga.gov) to confirm your contact information so that you can receive the latest information on the Roundtable. More details will be forthcoming as we approach the meeting date.

Attention all Homeowner's Associations and Community Organizations in District 5, National Night Out is coming up on Tuesday, August 6th and my office wants to make plans to join you for your events. Please send us the details of your national night out event to [dmccoy@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:dmccoy@dekalbcountyga.gov) so that we can plan to stop through and show our support during the event. We are looking forward to getting out to support each of you as we all come together to take a stand against crime!

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, concerns, or suggestions. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your District 5 Commissioner.

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

Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer. Good Morning Everyone.

Today, I would like to begin by congratulating my friend and colleague Commissioner Larry Johnson for being elected as Second Vice President of the National Association of Counties (NACO). This is a great

achievement and Commissioner Johnson's election brings great credit upon DeKalb County and the State of Georgia. I know how much effort went into making this happen and I was honored to bear witness during the voting at the recent NACO Conference as Commissioner Johnson went over the top. I know that he will do an outstanding job in this critical leadership role. Now, I guess I will have to start addressing him as "Mr. Vice President". But, in my heart he will always be "Larry the Cable Guy". Congratulations once again! We are very proud of you!

Our next Quarterly in the Fourth Community Breakfast Meeting will be held this Saturday July 27, 2019 at Stone Mountain Middle School starting at 9 a.m. More details will be available across our communications platforms. Everyone is invited to attend.

Our first community public meeting for the Avondale Dunaire Park Master Plan Study was held on July 17th. I would like to thank our Parks and Recreation Department for putting the meeting together and our consultants from Wood for guiding us through the process. I would also like to thank Commissioner Kathie Gannon for being there to lend her support. There were some really great ideas that emerged from that meeting. When details about our next public meeting are finalized, we will let you know as we work to make this a destination park in DeKalb County.

It was a great honor for me to speak to the Mandela Washington Fellows at Georgia State University on July 18th. The Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders is the flagship program of the Young African Leadership Initiative that empowers young people through academic coursework, leadership training and networking. The fellows are between the ages of 25 & 35, and represent a diverse group of leaders from countries across sub Saharan Africa. During my visit, we engaged in a highly spirited dialogue across a range of issues and it was really enjoyable for me to spend some time with these very bright and capable young people. I would like to thank GSU Professor Dr. Sharon Hill for managing this program and for the invitation to participate.

At this point, I will ask the Chair and my colleagues for their indulgence as I exercise a point of personal privilege by acknowledging the passing of Mr. Jim McMahan and Ms. Carrie Briscoe.

I announced my candidacy for this office in June of 2015. At my kickoff event, Jim McMahan was one of the event Co – Chairs. My brother Ken, who worked for the DeKalb School System for many years actually knew Jim better than I did. But, when I asked Jim to lend his support to my efforts he agreed without hesitation. I will always be grateful for that. I knew Jim to be a dedicated public servant. His years on the DeKalb Board of Education underscores this point. I also knew him to be a good man, and fun to play a round of golf with. The last time I saw Jim was just a few weeks ago, coincidentally at an event for me. He was gregarious and full of energy, still demonstrating his support. He will most certainly be missed.

I also met Ms. Carrie Briscoe when I was campaigning for this office. What I encountered was an absolute dynamo who really cared about her community. And she was never shy about pointing out the problem areas. I recall talking with her on a number of occasions at her condo in Inverness Woods and meeting with her community. I also recall how she rallied that community to support me. I will always be grateful for that. Recently, due to her illness she was not quite as active. But, every now and then she would still call my office to

tell us about something that we needed to be focused on. Obviously, I was very saddened to learn of her passing. A few days later I received a call from a mutual friend of ours. He had seen Carrie within the past few weeks and she knew that the end was near. He further shared that Carrie had asked him to deliver a message to just a handful of people, and that I was one of those people. But, the caveat was that the message could not be delivered until after she had passed and after the service had been held. The message was very simple. Miss Carrie wanted me to know that she loved me and that she was proud of me. Needless-to-say, I was deeply moved. Going forward, I will try to continue to make her proud. May Mr. Jim McMahan and Ms. Carrie Briscoe rest in peace.

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 this opportunity to serve. Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer.

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

- Attended the Tony Elementary School Crashers renovations project, sponsored by Georgia United Credit Union
- Attended the re-opening of the Kirkwood Library
- Thanked the staff who attended the Kirkwood Neighborhood Association and Gresham Hills Association Meetings
- Reminder of the soft move and outreach on August 6th for the Census Complete Count effort
- 9th Annual “Let’s Move DeKalb” campaign on Saturday July 27th 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Intergenerational Center at Exchange Park
- Annual NAACP Back to School event on Saturday August 3rd from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Thanked the people who supported him for the 2nd Vice Presidency of NACO

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

- Congratulated Commissioner Larry Johnson on appointment as the 2nd Vice President of NACO
- Attended event sponsored by Council member Ann Learner at Northlake Senior Apartments
- 50th Anniversary of Apollo 11
- 23rd Anniversary of the Olympics
- Condolences to the family of Mr. McMahan

**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 website at [www.commissionerrader.com](http://www.commissionerrader.com) and sign up for news and information. When issues arise in the community and the county responds, my office often sends notice out to residents. From road closures to water main breaks to office closings and calendar events, we try to keep you informed with up to the minute information. Continuing to enlist your help in identifying areas of the county that need attention from our Beautification Division. Reporting this concern is as easy as taking a picture and typing a quick description on your phone. Just go to [www.commissionerrader.com](http://www.commissionerrader.com) and click 'Report a Concern' to reach us.

Please also follow me on Facebook and Twitter using [@raderjeff](#) and on Instagram at [commissionerjeffrader](#).

Upcoming in Library News...

- Tomorrow, July 24th at 1:30 p.m. the Senior Advisory Board will meet at the Decatur Branch to plan programing for seniors
- Friday, July 27th at 11:30 a.m. the Decatur Branch will host a blood drive
- The Decatur Branch will also feature a one-woman show entitled *Jordan Is So Chilly: An Encounter with Lillian Smith* on Thursday the 25th at 7:15 p.m. and a local poetry reading Monday, July 29th at 7:15 p.m.
- At Toco Hills branch, don't forget Friday Movies beginning at 1:30 p.m., with this Friday featuring *The Professor*. The Friends of Toco Hills-Avis G Williams Library meet next Tuesday, July 30th at 5 p.m. for monthly book sorting and meeting
- And outside the Library, join Pub Fiction Book Discussion on *The Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty Thursday, July 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Wahoo! Grill in Decatur

**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 Mereda Davis Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson to recess the July 23, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:40 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

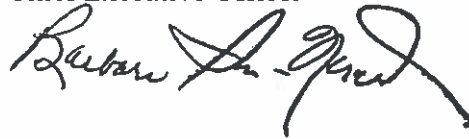
**Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson**



Jeff Rader  
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond  
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders-Norwood  
County Clerk