

# DeKalb County Government

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



## Summary

**Tuesday, March 22, 2022**

**9:00 AM**

**Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium**

## **Board of Commissioners**

*Comm. Robert Patrick, Presiding Officer, District 1*

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

*Commissioner Robert Patrick, District 1*

*Commissioner Jeff Rader, District 2*

*Commissioner Larry Johnson, District 3*

*Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4*

*Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5*

*Commissioner Edward "Ted" Terry, Super District 6*

*Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Super District 7*

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

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#### **A. INSPIRATIONAL**

Dr. Sherry Gaither- Stronghold Christian Church

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Jeff Rader- District 2

#### **B. PRESENTATIONS**

COVID-19 Response - Legislative Update

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

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1. Cynthia A. Houston, 5627 Stonington Trace Pkwy Stone Mountain, GA 30087- Mr. Rudolph Bradford's blatant disregard for the law and mistreatment of innocent animals has gone on long enough and DeKalb County needs to enforce the cease and desist ruling of the judge that was issued on behalf of Rudolph Bradford. His lack of concern for the law and obstinate behavior will encourage others to willfully disrespect the law and feel entitled to make their own decisions. Ecclesiastes 8: 11-14 Because sentence against a bad deed has not been executed speedily, the heart of men becomes emboldened to do bad. • Mr. Bradford is also infringing on surrounding neighbor's mental and emotional health by disturbing and disrupting their peace of mind. Neighbors experiencing anxiety attacks as a result of gunshots from Mr. Bradford killing his livestock in a RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY could and should lead to civil lawsuits! • Mr. Bradford is already running an illegal slaughterhouse in a residential community where people want to live in peace and quiet without fear of him mistreating or inhumanely killing and/or torturing an animal if the slaughter procedure is not quickly executed or professionally done! Based upon DeKalb County's Chapter 5 Animal Ordinance, Mr. Bradford is in violation of not providing adequate shelter Sec. 5-1. Definitions. Neglect means endangering an animal's health by failing to provide or arrange to provide the animal with food or drink if the animal is dependent upon a person for the provision of food or drink, or the act of restraining an animal in a manner that endangers the animal's life or health. Other acts considered to be neglect include, but are not limited to: 2) Leaving an animal outside and exposed to excessive heat or cold without providing the animal with adequate shelter or protection from the heat or cold, or exposing an animal to unsanitary conditions. Disposing of animal remains in an unsanitary way Sec. 5-1. Definitions. Unsanitary conditions means an animal living space, shelter, or exercise area contaminated by health hazards, irritants, pollutants, items, or conditions that endanger or pose a risk to an animal's health. Based upon DeKalb County's Chapter 5 Animal Ordinance, Mr. Bradford is in violation of slaughtering the animals in an inhumane way Sec. 5-8. Cruelty to animals. (b) The method used for killing the animal shall be as humane as possible under the circumstances. A person who humanely kills an animal under the circumstances indicated in subsection (a) of this section shall incur no penalty for such death. Proverbs 12:10 The righteous one takes care of his domestic animals, But even the mercy of the wicked is cruel. Mr. Bradford's defiant attitude displays a lack of regard for the life of INNOCENT animals and the LAW! Sec. 5-19. Enforcement generally. (a) As authorized by 1979 Ga. Laws 516, the police chief shall enforce the provisions of this chapter and applicable provisions of Chapter 13 of this Code. (b) Upon information learned by, or complaint lodged with, the police chief that an animal owner is in violation of this chapter, the police chief shall cause a summons to be issued requiring the owner of the animal to appear before a judge of the DeKalb County magistrate court, at a date and time certain, to stand trial for the violation. If a violation has not been personally witnessed by the police chief or other law enforcement officer, a subpoena shall be issued to the person making the complaint, along with any witness(es), to appear on the date and time set for trial, to testify on behalf of the county. (c) The police chief may respond to anonymous complaints of violations of this chapter. If the owner or custodian of an animal is unknown or not present, and such animal is upon the public streets, alleys, sidewalks, school grounds or other public places or premises, or is upon another person's property without permission or absent proper restraint, or is a classified animal as to which the registration, confinement or insurance requirements have not been met, the police shall immediately impound the animal in a facility designated for the detention of animals. Once impounded, the animal shall be kept for a period of time as set forth in section 5-22. Thereafter, if the animal is not claimed, the animal may be disposed of in a humane fashion in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 4-11-5.1, et seq.

2. Dr. Ed Williams (No Address)- Good Morning Commissioners: My Name is Ed Williams, I have lived in

unincorporated south DeKalb for over twenty years. I am the chair of the group Concerned Citizens for Effective Government. What is the price of freedom? The War in Ukraine reminds us what it means to be a citizen and to be willing to give up one's life for freedom. I don't want to study war anymore, but freedom is worth it. We are reminded of the prophetic words of Dr. King who once said that "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere" and let "justice runs down like water, and righteousness like a mighty stream." The People of Ukraine are not wrong, If they are wrong, the Constitution of the United States is wrong. And if they are wrong, God Almighty is wrong. If they are wrong, Jesus of Nazareth was merely a utopian dreamer that never came down to Earth. If they are wrong, justice is a lie, and love has no meaning. Today, we may be on the brink of another world war, so we must ask ourselves as citizens of DeKalb County are we ready, is the State of Georgia ready, and is the US ready to defend freedom and democracy around the world and here at home?? Dr. Martin Luther King noted that "[the ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. The true neighbor will risk his position, his prestige, and even his life for the welfare of others." There are some things so dear, some things so precious, some things so eternally true, that they are worth dying for. And I submit to you that if a man has not discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live." This is why we see in Ukraine the people seeking freedom from a tyrannical government that bans a free press and free speech. Where the citizens are jailed because they dare to speak out against the government. And where you can be detained and jailed without due process. This is why I love my country and freedom is worth defending. We must demand better accountability from government officials who have power because our freedom depends on it. We cannot take for granted the freedoms that we have, because they can be taken and lost for our posterity. Each link of the chain is important, because if one is broken then the system of justice is broken. We must hold government officials accountable in everything that they do that has an impact on your rights, property, representation, and wallet. When a government official abuses his authority as in Russia it can harm the entire organization and erode the faith and trust of citizens, in their government. One bad apple can spoil the whole barrel. The War in Ukraine reminds us why oversight is so important, As the commission, you must perform your oversight duty to ensure that government officials exercise their duty with care and honesty and have the proper training and resources to do their job correctly and with duty, honor, and care. When government officials find that they have acted wrong or in bad faith whether intentional or not, then their actions should be corrected. We have to ask ourselves how are we different from the Russian system and President Putin who has held power for over 20 years and surrounds himself with cronyism, officials who are indifferent to those that are suffering and incompetent people, All maintained by-elections that are not free controlled by the party are not transparent. Citizens who are afraid to speak out are punished or retaliated against if they dare speak out against the government or their political party and the government uses its authority, power, and public treasury to deny the citizens their right to petition their government, and where citizens have to pay to have access to basic resources such as clean water and are denied basic health services, and district lines are redrawn to deny citizens equal and fair representation. The responsibility to govern comes with great power and responsibility to do the right thing and exercise your power justly and with great care. This power must not be abused. We should stand for freedom and justice, and we should stand with the citizens of Ukraine. I believe that we as freedom-loving people of the US should support the freedom-loving people all over the world The winner will determine after it is over, who will control the resources, land, and run the government? The people will still have to provide for themselves. The question is under what type of system. Will citizens be free? Will there be fair trade? and Will it be a democracy? This is what is at stake. We cannot be blind to injustice and evil. I stand with the freedom-loving people all over the world. We cannot remain silent on the things that matter. We must stand

for the proposition that all freedom-loving people have the right to life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness, Thank You

3. Joy (No Last Name or Address)- Dear Commissioner: Nearly all the states provide by law that an animal must be "rendered insensible to pain" (e.g., made unconscious or killed) prior to being hoisted or shackled for slaughter. Most of these state laws also contain a religious/ritual slaughter exception whereby an animal may be killed by severing the carotid artery, causing loss of consciousness prior to be hoisted. About half of the states expand the definition of "livestock" to any animal used in the preparation of meat products. Even though the USDA passed the Federal Humane Methods of Slaughter Act of 1978, livestock (cows, pigs and others) are "still" being slaughtered as described below. This is a statement regarding the procedures that were taking place in the slaughterhouses in 1956 which are still being performed today due to lack of enforcement and greed. "Cattle, like horses, are slugged on the head with iron mallets. The first blow frequently fails to stun them – as they stumble, electric shocks force them to their knees so that they may be struck again and again. Calves, hogs, and lambs are strung up (conscious) by chains tied to their hind legs. When the chains slip or legs are disjointed and broken, they crash from high conveyor lines to slaughter house floors. The throats of the calves are severed by sawing motions; lambs are knifed behind an ear and slowly bleed to death; hogs with slit throats frequently pass still squealing into scalding vats." I have witnessed these violent acts as an advocate for animals through the eyes of the organization PETA and other animal advocacy organizations who capture these murderous acts in real time to provide the public with a "true and realistic" understanding of what really goes on in these slaughterhouses. The United States kills more than 60 billion animals each year excluding fish which are killed at an alarming rate of 200 million tons. Their lives are measured by weight not the weight they have on our planet's ability to function properly or the weight they have on us in bringing us joy and pleasure at the sight of their beauty. Seventy percent of the animals we farm live in factories. In the United States that number is 99%. In saying this, when we destroy nature we are destroying ourselves as we are all connected. One cannot function without the other. All of these animals have the ability to feel empathy and possess a soul just like your child or mine. This slaughterhouse is in violation of the Georgia State law and has already been issued a "cease and desist" order that has NOT been enforced by DeKalb County. Why not??? This will not go away and the voices like myself will continue to ring in your ears until you act and do your job as an elected official. You are only in your seat because "the people" put you there. Please do what's right and close this place down and remove these cows and place them in a sanctuary where they can live out their lives and place that owner in jail for violating the laws. I am not sure if you have ever been around these slaughterhouses, but you can hear the sounds of their screams. Do you really want a child who may live in the neighborhood to hear this and have that memory in their heads for the rest of their lives because it does stay with you. It is part of the reason I became a pescatarian. You can be that change we need in the world. I ask you to not only use your conscience, but to do your job as an elected official and enforce the laws that are already in place. You have the opportunity to do good and make the right choice. What will you do? Thank you for your time!

4. Soul Eubanks (No Address)- I am a DeKalb County resident who was recently made aware of Bradford Livestock, an illegal backyard slaughterhouse operating within minutes of my home and I am appalled to discover this slaughterhouse has been operating for over three years without the county shutting them down. As a tax paying Dekalb County resident it is disturbing to see that the cease and desist order hasn't been enforced in over 3 years. I strongly believe if this were virtually any other business ignoring a cease and desist order from the county, DeKalb's response would be much stronger and more swift. Would the county allow this

operation to continue if this location slaughtered over 4000 dogs and cats in the past 3 years instead of cows, pigs, sheep and goats? This is a huge disservice to the residents who have to live near this slaughterhouse everyday as it negatively impacts our neighborhood and the Dekalb community at large. This slaughterhouse is a health hazard to our local community that negatively impacts Dekalb's soil, wastewater and decreases the property value of our homes. CEO Michael Thurmond, COO Zach Williams and Dekalb commissioners, would you allow an illegal slaughterhouse that is a health hazard to your family to operate next door to you for over three years? Would you allow it to occur in your neighborhood? Would you allow it to continue down the road from your child's school. Redan Elementary school is one block from this slaughterhouse and their students and teachers deserve more. The community is not confident DeKalb County has done everything in their power to shut this slaughterhouse down and we demand more. We are asking you all to do what is right and exhaust all possible resources in shutting down Bradford's Livestock.

5. Stephen Binney (No Address)- Good Morning Commissioners and Citizens of Dekalb County, The most important process in Dekalb County over the last 40 years is set to start a week from Wednesday evening and not much has been said about it and it is not being publicized by the county at all. The Dekalb County Charter Review Commission will start meeting, discussing, debating and deciding on potential changes in our form and structure of government. Do we want to remain the only county in Georgia with a very powerful CEO and weak commissioners or do we want a more equitable distribution of power in Dekalb County? How many commission districts should Dekalb County have? Seven, nine or more. Should we maintain super districts or not? I personally like nine districts, seven individual and two super districts, but your preferences may be different and now is the time and place to voice your ideas and concerns. How much transparency should Dekalb County provide to its citizens? Hopefully more than it currently does. CEO Michael Thurmond said he was surprised to find out that Dekalb County does not have a Code Enforcement department. Do you think we need one. If you think Dekalb County needs stronger code enforcement now is the time to make you opinions known. A stronger form of Code Enforcement can be established through the Charter Review process but you must take part in it. How much should Dekalb County's CEO and Commissioners be paid? Should commissioners be allowed to set their own salary? Should potential pay increases be tied to judges salaries? Were you shocked or surprised the last time they increased their pay? If you think the current process should be changed or modified, the Charter Review Commission is the place where this can be done. Is the Dekalb County Ethics Board effective? Does the county need changes in it's ethics process or stiffer penalties? What about whistle blowers? Are they champions of the people or tattletales? When someone goes to Dekalb County government with reports of graft or poorly run departments the County's response in the past has been to fire the person and pay them off in court. Do we need a provision in our county charter to protect whistle blowers from retaliation by the county? Are you satisfied with Dekalb County's current Contract and Procurement process? A process that has been audited and criticized for many years. Would you like to make some adjustments to the process? Now, is the time. These and many other things can be changed during this process as our County Charter is rewritten. Regardless of your views your impute during the upcoming Charter Review process can be one of the most important things you can do for you, your children, loved ones, and all of us in Dekalb County. Now is the time for action. Thank you for your time and consideration,

6. Dana Davis (No Address)- To whom it may concern, I am a resident of DeKalb County, and horrified about what I've recently learned. Bradford's Livestock is a slaughterhouse- in a neighborhood, right by a school. I know in March 2019 a cease and desist order was issued against this place. Areas where residents

live in DeKalb County are not zoned for slaughterhouses, so I am incredibly confused as to why it still exists. If it is not legal, and it needs to be removed. There is a number allowed for animals that are on a residential property, which is no doubt being exceeded. So my questions are this: 1) Why is this being ignored by Michael Thurmond, Zach Williams, and the DeKalb commissioners? 2) How come a cease and desist was ordered, but not enforced for over three years? 3) Since the safety of DeKalb residents is not being taken into consideration at all, what other things is this county willing to overlook while they suffer? Im sure the people that have power to change this would do a lot more if it were affecting them. Thank you, and I await a response.

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

*The DeKalb County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing during its Regular Business meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will be conducted via teleconference (Zoom). Simultaneous public access to the meeting will be available (1) via live stream on DCTV's webpage, and (2) DCTVChannel23.TV. The public is invited to watch the broadcast on DCTV's UStream link (<https://video.ibm.com/channel/dctv-channel-23>), or join the meeting using the Zoom link (<https://dekalbcountyga.zoom.us/j/7753778046>), or by telephone (602-333-0032 or 888-270-9936, conference code: 217687). For those joining the meeting by telephone, please be aware that your phone number may be displayed to the public viewing or participating in the online meeting. The Board will provide 15 minutes of time for citizens to speak in favor of an agenda item, and 15 minutes for citizens to speak in opposition. Citizens who attend the meeting via the Zoom link above may join the public comment queue by raising their hand in the Zoom application, while citizens who attend the meeting via telephone may join the comment queue by pressing # followed by 2. There will be no comment cards, so when you are called upon, please state your name and address for the record. Also, please be conscious of speaking time so that everyone has an opportunity to provide input in the allotted time. Citizens may also email documents for inclusion into the official record by submitting such materials by 9:00 a.m. on the date of the public hearing to [PublicHearing@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:PublicHearing@dekalbcountyga.gov).*

#### **Public Works - Transportation**

##### [2022-1255](#)

#### **Commission District(s): 2 & 6**

Traffic Calming Petition - Briarwood Dr between Hancock Dr and Briarcliff Rd.  
No Cost to County.

**Approved**

##### [2022-1266](#)

#### **Commission District(s): 5 & 7**

Traffic Calming Petition - Norris Lake Road between Norris Lake Drive and  
Gwinnett County Line. Cost to the County is \$14,950.

**Approved**



[2022-1267](#)

**Commission District(s): 2 & 6**

Traffic Calming Petition - Cosmos Drive between Caladium Drive and Flair Knoll Drive. Cost to the County is \$19,790.

**Approved**

[2022-1292](#)

**Commission District(s): 3 & 6**

Traffic Calming Petition - West Side Pl between Dees Dr and Henrico Rd. Cost to the County is \$53,840.00.

**Approved**

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

**Planning & Sustainability**

[2021-3159](#)

**COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): All Districts**

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

**deferred the substitute to the next meeting, until April 12, 2022 for Decision Only**

[2021-3160](#)

**COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): All Districts**

Application of the Director of Planning and Sustainability to amend Section 27-7.5.3 (A)(1) of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance to refine variance criteria for the Zoning Board of Appeals. This text amendment is County-wide.

**Approved the substitute**

**E. APPEALS**

NONE

**F. APPOINTMENTS**

Chief Executive Office

[2022-1315](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

Appointment to the Perimeter Community Improvement District Board - Rebecca K. Buchanan

**Approved**

[2022-1317](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

Appointment to the DeKalb Regional Land Bank Authority Board - Inga Harmon

**Approved**

**G. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Airport**

[2022-1296](#)

**Commission District(s):** 1 and 6

Standardized T-Hangar Lease Agreement with Charles M. Link II. There is no cost to the County.

**Approved**

[2022-1301](#)

**Commission District(s):** 1 and 6

Standardized T-Hangar Lease Agreement with Rodman O. Paul. There is no cost to the County.

**Approved**

[2022-1307](#)

**Commission District(s):** 1 and 6

Standardized T-Hangar Lease Agreement with Scott W. Ducker. There is no cost to the County.

**Approved**

**Board of Commissioners**

[2022-1349](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

Approval of Minutes for the March 15, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting

**Approved**

**Board of Commissioners - District 1**

[2022-1379](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Board of Commissioners Community Spending Projects: Federal Funding Requests

**Approved the substitute**

**Board of Commissioners - District 2**

[2022-1383](#)

**Commission District(s):** 2 and 6

Transfer of Funds to DeKalb Avenue Quiet Zone Project

**Approved**

**Board of Commissioners - District 3**

[2022-1354](#)

**Commission District(s):** District 3

District 3 CARES: District 3 Senior Home Repair Program - To allocate an amount not to exceed \$120,000 from the District 3 Reserve for Appropriation Funds to the DeKalb County Special Purpose Home Repair Program and Neighbors in Need Program to provide aid to eligible District 3 Seniors in need of home repairs.

**Approved**

**Board of Commissioners - District 5**

[2022-1381](#)**Commission District(s):** District 5

To Allocate an Amount Not to Exceed \$150,000 from the District 5 Reserve for Appropriation Funds to the DeKalb County Special Purpose Home Repair Program to Provide Aid to Eligible District 5 Seniors in Need of Home Repairs.

**Approved**

[2022-1382](#)**Commission District(s):** District 5

An Item to Amend an Allocation of the American Rescue Plan Funds, Reserved for District 5 Appropriations to the DeKalb County NAACP for the Purposes of Eviction Forbearance, Utility and Water Billing Assistance, and Other Administrative Costs

**Approved**

**Board of Commissioners - District 6**[2022-1350](#)**Commission District(s):** District 6

To Appropriate \$20,000 from the District 6 Reserve for Appropriation to support the DeKalb County 2022 Age in Place with Dignity- Property Tax Workshops for Seniors By Seniors.

**Approved**

**Board of Commissioners - District 7**[2022-1365](#)**Commission District(s):** All

To Appropriate \$500,000 from the Tourist Product Development CIP Account to Fund the Remaining Phases of the Youth Farm Project

**Approved**

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

[2022-1342](#)

**Commission District(s): All**

Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of March 8, 2022

**Approved**

[2022-1363](#)

**Commission District(s): all**

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

**Deferred to the next meeting, until April 12, 2022**

**Magistrate Court**

[2022-1348](#)

**Commission District(s): All Districts**

Request to Accept Emergency Subgrant Award from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for State Fiscal Year 2022 for the benefit of the Magistrate Court of DeKalb County's Misdemeanor Mental Health Court (MMHC) in the sum of \$20,000.

**Approved**

**H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS**

**Board of Commissioners**

[2022-1390](#)

**Commission District(s): All Commission Districts**

Rescind the February 1, 2022 Appointment of the Chief Audit Executive to the Office of the Independent Internal Audit

**Rescinded**

**Executive Assistant - Chief Operating Office**

[2022-1370](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

**Plumbing Repair and Water Conservation Program “DeKalb Cares”**

**Approved**

**Finance**

[2022-1334](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Group Health & Wellness Benefits effective July 1, 2022

**Approved the substitute**

[2022-1355](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

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

**Deferred to the next meeting, until April 12, 2022**

**Purchasing & Contracting**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*

[2022-1106](#)

**Commission District(s): ALL**

LB - Invitation No. 21-101443 for the Maintenance of Swimming Pools and Lifeguard Services (Multi-Year): for use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM) and Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of the maintenance of on-site chlorinators, chemical maintenance, seasonal preparation, and lifeguard services for swimming pools and splashpads. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: StandGuard Aquatics, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,515,160.00.

**Approved**

[2022-1202](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

SWC - Statewide Contract No. 99999-SPD-0000100-083 for Office, Computer and Education: for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). This contract consists of the purchase of various office furniture and equipment. Awarded to: Spacesaver Storage Systems, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$115,997.14.

**Approved**

[2022-1237](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1175307 for On Call Roof Maintenance, Repair and Replacement Services: for use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM), Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA) and Library (DCPL). This contract consists of maintaining, repairing, and installing various types of roofs. Awarded to Hawk Construction Co., LLC. CHANGE TO FUNDING SOURCES ONLY.

**Approved**

[2022-1239](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 1191815 for General Contractor Services: for use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM), Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Fire Rescue Services (FR), and Library (DCPL). These contracts consist of providing general contracting work for construction projects throughout the County. Awarded to Kissberg Parker-Fry JV, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,451,397.00.

**Approved**

[2022-1271](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CA - 6 Yard Dump Truck: for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by the Department of Watershed Management and the DeKalb Peachtree Airport. Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Statewide Contract No. 99999-001-SPD00000155 to purchase three (3) 6-yard dump trucks used to transport dirt and gravel throughout DeKalb County for repairs and installation and for transporting dirt and gravel on the airport property. Awarded to Rush Truck Centers of Georgia, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$376,998.12.

**Approved**

[2022-1279](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

COOP - Cooperative Agreement for Maintenance, Repair, Operating Supplies, Industrial Supplies, and Related Products and Services: for use by the Departments Facilities Management (FM), Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Fire Rescue Services (FR), Fleet Management (Fleet), Watershed Management (DWM), Sanitation and Beautification. This contract consists of the purchase of maintenance, repair, operating and industrial supplies and related products and services for use in making repairs and improvements to County-owned facilities. Awarded to Home Depot U.S.A., Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$707,460.00.

**Approved**

[2022-1293](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Landscape Maintenance Services - Public Grounds and Parks (Annual Contract): Contract Nos: 1149305, 1149307 and 1149282 for use by Facilities Management (FM) and Public Works Sanitation-Beautification. These contracts consist of various landscape maintenance services for County sites. Awarded to: ArtScape, Inc., MJ Lawn & Maintenance Services, Inc. and The Simmons Group, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$737,000.00.

**Approved**



[2022-1294](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1272033 for Chemical Treatment for HVAC Equipment (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew) for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). This contract consists of providing water treatment, chemical treatment and technical services for County-owned HVAC equipment. Awarded to: Premier Water & Energy Technology, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$67,844.00.

**Approved**

[2022-1324](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 1000846 for the Public Sector Agreement for Oracle Cloud Services: for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). This contract consists of all products and services for the County's Oracle Cloud Services platform. Awarded to Oracle America, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,786,413.38.

**Approved**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee*

[2021-3460](#)**Commission District(s): All**

LB- Invitation No. 21-101459 Herbicide Growth Regulator Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for Public Works-Sanitation to be used by Beautification. Consists of providing herbicide application services on County roads, right of ways and other locations. Recommend award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder: American Eagle, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$138,777.20.

**Approved**

[2022-1225](#)**Commission District(s): All**

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

**Deferred to the next meeting, until April 12, 2022**

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

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

**Deferred to the next meeting, until April 12, 2022**

[2022-1268](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1093417 for Inspection of Sanitary Sewer Stream Crossings (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of inspections and assessments of sewer stream crossings. Awarded to River to Tap (R2T), Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$125,000.00.

**Approved**

[2022-1272](#)**Commission District(s): All**

REN - Granite Rubble Stone (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1214031 for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM), Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs (RPCA) and Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). Consists of the purchase of granite rubble stone used to address erosion control issues. Awarded to Bedrock Granite Co., Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,028,492.00.

**Approved****Watershed Management**[2022-1108](#)**Commission District(s): All**

Approval and authorization to execute the updated Cooperative Technical Assistance Intergovernmental Cost Sharing Agreement with the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC)

**Approved****Walk-On Items**

2022-1431

**Commission District(s): All Districts**

Add an Item to the Agenda

**Approved**

2022-1432

**Commission District(s): All Commission Districts**

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

**Deferred to the next meeting, and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board April 12, 2022**

**I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD**

**Board of Commissioners**[2021-3530](#)**Commission District(s):** All Districts

A Resolution Of The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County, Georgia To The General Proposing A County Organizational Act Amendment To Ensure, And Eliminate Impediments To, Establishment, By Ordinance, Of A Transparent And Efficient County Procurement System

**Withdrawn**

[2022-1311](#)**Commission District(s):** All

RFP - Request for Proposals No. 21-500597 DeKalb County Comprehensive Equity Strategy: for use by the Board of Commissioners (BOC). Consists of providing diversity, equity, and inclusion services to develop an innovative, ambitious, equitable, and data-driven comprehensive equity strategy with a sunset time horizon of June 15, 2023. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer: Partnership for Southern Equity, Inc. Total Amount Not to Exceed \$210,000.00

**Approved**

**Board of Commissioners - District 1**[2021-2851](#)**Commission District(s):** All

A Request to Consider Establishing an Annual Traffic Count Program

**Deferred to the next meeting, until April 12, 2022**

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

A Request to Consider Establishing a Sidewalk Mapping System

**Deferred to the next meeting, until April 12, 2022**

[2021-2855](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Districts

A Request to Consider Establishing County Website Update

**Deferred for 6 months, until September 27, 2022**

**Board of Commissioners - District 6**

[2021-3338](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

To Amend Chapter 20, Article X concerning domestic partnerships.

**Deferred 60 days, until May 24, 2022**

[2022-1259](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Commission District

Accept the offered technical advice and assistance from The Trust for Public Land and The Nature Conservancy in connection with our efforts to develop and sustain reliable, ongoing sources of funding for parks, trails and land and water conservation.

**Approved**

**Board of Commissioners - District 7**

[2022-1157](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Districts.

A Resolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia, to Adopt a Comprehensive Master Trail Development Plan by 2023

**Deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board April 12, 2022**

[2022-1299](#)

**Commission District(s):** District 7

A Resolution Requesting The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County Amend Chapter 15 Of The Code Of DeKalb County, Georgia As Revised 1988; To Provide For The Mandatory Used Of Video Surveillance Systems at Convenience Stores, And For Other Purposes

**Deferred the substitute**

**Finance**

[2022-1308](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

The Department of Watershed Management Funding Plan for Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the years 2021 through 2030 (CIP 2021)

**Approved the substitute**

**GIS Department**

[2022-1099](#)

**Commission District(s):** 4 & 6

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

**Deferred to the next meeting, until April 12, 2022**

[2022-1183](#)

**Commission District(s):** 4 & 6

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

**Deferred to the next meeting, until April 12, 2022**

[2022-1184](#)**Commission District(s): 4 & 6**

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

**Deferred to the next meeting, until April 12, 2022**

**Purchasing & Contracting**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to FAB Committee*

[2022-1197](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

REN - Development of Cost Allocation Plans for DeKalb County (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 4 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1193275 for use by the Office of Management & Budget (OMB). This contract consists of providing professional services for overhead and administrative cost studies for all County programs.

Awarded to MGT of America, Inc. dba MGT Consulting Group. Amount Not To Exceed: \$117,000.00.

**Approved**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee*

[2022-1201](#)**Commission District(s): 3**

REN - Maintenance of Sugar Creek Golf Course (Annual Contract - 3rd Renewal of 4 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1130987 for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of maintaining the golf course grounds and facilities. Awarded to: Cypress Golf Management, LLC dba Cypress Golf Course Services. Amount Not To Exceed: \$712,235.00.

**Approved**

**Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs**[2022-1190](#)**Commission District(s): All**

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs 10-Year Master Plan

**Deferred 45 days, until May 10, 2022**

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

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