

# DeKalb County Government

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, August 28, 2018**

**9:00 AM**

**Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium**

### **Board of Commissioners**

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

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

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

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

## **A. INSPIRATIONAL**

Reverend Owen Stepp  
Clairmont Presbyterian Church

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson  
District 5

## **B. PRESENTATIONS**

None

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

The Public Comments portion of this meeting is reserved exclusively for comments from the public, and not for immediate reply. Statements made during the Public Comments portion do not necessarily reflect the Opinions of the Board or the Administration of DeKalb County Government. The purpose of public comment is to allow the public to voice county-related requests, concerns or opinions during the Commission meeting. Speakers will only have the opportunity for one public comment per meeting. Each speaker must complete a speaker card and present it to the clerk before the beginning of the public comment portion of the meeting. The clerk will accept cards on a first-come, first-served basis. Speakers who are residents of DeKalb County shall be allowed to speak before residents of other counties are allowed to speak. Once the public comment portion of the meeting begins, speaker cards will no longer be accepted. Speakers will be allowed to speak for three minutes each and public comment shall not exceed 30 minutes in length.

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

1. Apostle Charles McCorkle, 4225 Snapfinger Woods Drive Decatur, GA 30035 – Spoke regarding commissioners' lack of obtaining pertinent information to make decisions, and being opposed to amending the Chapter 15 Ordinance.
2. Martha Gross, 2055 Briarcliff Rd. NE Atlanta, GA 30329 – Spoke regarding the Clean Air Act and the lack of enforcement.
3. Chris Billingsly, 5236 Antelope Lane Tucker, GA 30087 – Spoke regarding a problem with a missing sanitation container, and to commend the sanitation workers who helped with this issue.
4. Stephen Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021 – Recognized DeKalb police for the handling of a situation on Valley Brook Road, expressed opposition to the Arrowhead development, the billing problems with the Watershed department, and to review rules for Open Records requests.
5. Caroline Stover, 3136 Smoketree Rd. NE Atlanta, GA 30345 – Spoke regarding the need for paper ballots and optical scanners for the upcoming election.
6. John Askins, 4537 Lavista Road Tucker, GA 30084 – Spoke regarding the need for paper ballots and optical scanners for the upcoming election.

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

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

Planning & Sustainability

[2018-1533](#)

Commission District(s): All

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 15 of the DeKalb County Code regarding Business Occupancy Taxes

*Martha Gross, 2855 Briarcliff Rd. NE Atlanta, GA 30329, Apostle Charles McCorkle, 4225 Snapfinger Woods Drive Decatur, GA 30035, D.J. Broussard, 1786 Alderbrook Atlanta, GA 30345, spoke in opposition*

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be to defer the substitute submitted from the floor, and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on September 25, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2017-1130](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 4&6

Text Amendment - DeKalb County-Scottsdale Overlay District and Map

*Tracy T. Minich, 194 N. Clarendon Ave Avondale Estates, GA 30002, Tom Stoskopf, 3129 Rockingham Dr. NW Atlanta, GA 30327, spoke in opposition*

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be to defer the substitute submitted from the floor to the next meeting, until September 11, 2018 for Decision Only. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2018-1537](#) Commission District(s): 4 & 6  
Rezone - LDG Development Z-18-22040

*James Gelin, 227 First Ave. Avondale Estates, GA (no zipcode), Victoria Webb, 3137 Rockbridge Rd. Avondale Estates, GA 30002, Michelle Battle, One West Court Sq. Suite 750 Decatur, GA 30030, Emily Halevy, 659 Farrar Ct. Decatur, GA 30032, Marty Collier, 1702 Dancing Fox Rd. Decatur, GA 30032, Melissa Manrow, 2061 Hessian Ct. Stone Mountain, GA 30087, Stephen Binney, 1083 Sevilla Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021, spoke in favor*

*Linda Dunlavy, 1026 B Atlanta Ave. Decatur, GA 30030, Dee Mirriam, (no address), Melissa O'shield's, 1170 Bromley Rd. Avondale Estates, GA 30002, Jane Howe, 3292 Wiltshire Dr. Avondale Estates, GA 30002, Erika Brown, 7 Berkeley Rd. Avondale Estates, GA 30002, Booker Warren, 15 Reese Way Avondale Estates, GA 30002, spoke in opposition*

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor with 15 staff conditions. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2018-1912](#) COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 4 & 6  
Major Modification - Carlos Arenas.

*Felipe Castellanos, Avondale Park, Emily Halevy, 659 Farrar Ct. Decatur, GA 30032, spoke in favor*

*Joe Arrington, 466 S. Rays Rd. Stone Mountain, GA 30083, made general comments*

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor with 24 conditions. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2018-1913](#) Commission District(s): 4 & 6  
Rezone - Arrowhead Investors - Z-18-22138

*Bryan Flint, 2026 Mason Mill Rd. Decatur, GA 30033, Rose Wallace, 2184 Forestglade Dr. Stone Mountain, GA 30087, Elizabeth Roberts, 3069 Leafwood Drive Decatur, GA 30033, Erik Spalvins, 2781 Orion Dr. Decatur, GA 30033, spoke in favor*

*James Illingworth, 2955 Fantasy Lane Decatur, GA 30033, Ellen Wan, 2955 Fantasy Lane Decatur, GA 30033, Sandra McFarland, 2959 Lowrance Dr. Decatur, GA 30033, Tammy Davis, 2971 Lowrance Dr. Decatur, GA 30033, spoke in opposition*

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be to defer the substitute submitted from the floor, until September 11, 2018 for Decision Only. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2018-2157](#) Commission District(s): 4 & 6  
Rezone - Sam Artopoulos & R. Kyle Williams Z-18-22285

*R. Kyle Williams, 309 Sycamore St. Decatur, GA 30030, Joe Arrington, 466 S. Rays Rd. Stone Mountain, GA 30083, Emily Halevy, 659 Farrar Ct. Decatur, GA 30032, spoke in favor*

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be to defer the substitute submitted from the floor for 30 days, until September 25, 2018 for Public Hearing. Commissioner Larry Johnson was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2018-2165](#) Commission District(s): 4 & 6  
 Major Modification - Century Communities of GA - CZ-18-22314  
*Ted Turner, 3901 Governors Lake Dr. #200 Norcross, GA 30071, Michelle Battle One West Court Sq. Suite 750 Decatur, GA 30030, Joe Arrington 466 S. Rays Rd. Stone Mountain, GA 30083, Emily Halevy, 659 Farrar Ct. Decatur, GA 30032, spoke in favor*

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor with 32 staff conditions, as amended and annotated by the Board of Commissioners. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Public Works - Transportation**

[2018-2504](#) Commission District(s): 2 & 6  
 Traffic Calming Petition - Willivee Drive between Scott Circle & Vistamont Drive. Estimated cost \$14,800.00.  
*Mary Ellen Kalinowski-Diehl, 867 Willivee Dr. Decatur, GA 30033, spoke in favor*

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

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

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

**Planning & Sustainability**

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

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor with 10 staff conditions. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**E. APPEALS**

NONE

**F. APPOINTMENTS**

**Board of Commissioners**

[2018-2573](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
Appointment of Jeanne Williams to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Region 3 Advisory Council  
**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2573 and 2018-2574 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2018-2574](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
Appointment of Evelyn Phillip-Cunningham to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Region 3 Advisory Council  
**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2573 and 2018-2574 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**2018-2630** Add Item  
**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to add an item. The motion carried by the following vote:**



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

**2018-2631** Appointment of Claire Cousins to the Audit Oversight Committee  
**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

### G. CONSENT AGENDA

#### Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2018-2572](#) Commission District(s): Districts 2 and 6  
Pendergrast Park Development  
**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2572, 2018-2543, 2018-2544 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

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

[2018-2543](#) Commission District(s): All  
Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 26, 2018  
**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2572, 2018-2543, 2018-2544 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2018-2544](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of the Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of July 17, 2018

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2572, 2018-2543, 2018-2544 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Police Services**

[2018-2525](#)

Commission District(s): Commission District 4

Five Year Lease of Space Atop Stone Mountain for County Radio Communications with Pinnacle Towers LLC.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor, in a form acceptable to the County Attorney. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS**

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**Human Services**[2018-2461](#)

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 Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry 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 September 11, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Public Safety**[2018-2592](#)

Commission District(s): All

Resolutions Authorizing and Confirming 911 Charges

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

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

**Public Works - Fleet Management**[2018-2511](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)

Auction List of DeKalb County Vehicles &amp; Pieces of Equipment

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on September 11, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Purchasing & Contracting**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee*

[2018-2284](#)

Commission District(s): All  
LB - Invitation No. 18-100966 Fire Pumper, 1000 GPM with Fire and EMS Equipment: for Public Works - Fleet Management to be used by Fire Rescue Services. Consists of five (5) fire pumpers used to pump water to extinguish fires and haul EMS equipment. Recommend award to Sutphen Corporation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,391,110.00.

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, 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 Adams

[2018-2547](#)

Commission District(s): ALL  
Request the appropriation of SPLOST funds for upfitting 10 Fire Quick Response Vehicles totaling \$1,496,580.00 and approve CA - Cooperative Agreement for upfitting of Quick Response Vehicles: for use by Fire Rescue. Awarded to Farber Specialty Vehicles. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,496,580.00.

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

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

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*Purchasing & Contracting - to FAB Committee*[2018-2439](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

RFP - Request for Proposals No. 18-500480 Insurance Broker Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by Finance - Risk Management. Consists of providing brokerage services for Property and Casualty Insurance and Owner Controlled Insurance Program (OCIP) fees for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer: Marsh & McLennan Companies. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,474,000.00.

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

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

*Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*[2018-2367](#)

Commission District(s): All

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Avaya Telephone and Voicemail System Upgrades: for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT). Consists of upgrading the County's existing telephone and voicemail system. Awarded to Carousel Industries of North America, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$702,246.00.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, 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 September 11, 2018. Items 2018-2367, 2018-2399, 2018-2467, 2018-2484 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2018-2399](#)

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 990712 for Painting and Wallpapering Maintenance Services: for the Department of Facilities Management. This contract consists of providing painting and drywall services at County-owned facilities. This request is for the Exterior Restoration Project to the Airport Administration Building and Air Traffic Control Tower. Awarded to A & D Painting, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$120,004.00.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, 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 September 11, 2018. Items 2018-2367, 2018-2399, 2018-2467, 2018-2484 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2018-2467](#)

Commission District(s): ALL  
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract 990712 for Painting and Wallpaper Maintenance Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). Consists of providing paint and wallpaper maintenance services. Awarded to A&D Painting, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$150,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, 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 September 11, 2018. Items 2018-2367, 2018-2399, 2018-2467, 2018-2484 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2018-2484](#)

Commission District(s): All

CA - Cooperative Agreement for NetApp System: for the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT). Consists of the lease of NetAPP data storage equipment to expand the County's data storage capacity. Awarded to ProSys Information Systems. Amount Not To Exceed: \$376,891.92.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, 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 September 11, 2018. Items 2018-2367, 2018-2399, 2018-2467, 2018-2484 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee*

[2018-2369](#)

Commission District(s): 1 and 7

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Restroom Building at Henderson Park: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of the purchase and installation of a prefabricated restroom between the tennis and soccer field. Awarded to CXT Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$137,827.94.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry 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 September 11, 2018. Items 2018-2369 and 2018-2464 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2018-2464](#)

Commission District(s): 3 & 6

LB - Invitation No. 17-100931 Construction of Hard Trails at Fork Creek Mountain Park: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of constructing hard trails and making public access improvements within the park. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Civil Works, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$121,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry 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 September 11, 2018. Items 2018-2369 and 2018-2464 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee*

[2018-2337](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 18-100969 Lubricants (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Fleet Management and the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the purchase of lubricants (motor oil, hydraulic fluids, transmission fluids, etc.) used for County vehicles and on-site equipment. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Dilmar Oil Company, Lubrication Engineers, Inc., The McPherson Companies, Inc. and Taylor Enterprises, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$330,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until September 11, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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



[2018-2371](#)

Commission District(s): All

REN - Panel Vaults and Traffic Meter Boxes (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No.: 1080358 for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing panel vaults and traffic meter boxes. Awarded to KHAFRA Operations, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$280,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2371 and 2018-2440 were heard together. 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 Adams

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

[2018-2379](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 18-100973 Ferric Chloride (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew) for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). Consists of providing sludge dewatering agent. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: PVS Technologies, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$805,200.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on September 11, 2018. Items 2018-2379, 2018-2416, 2018-2421, 2018-2485, 2018-2493 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2018-2416](#)

Commission District(s): All

REN - Recycling Tires (1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1087107 for use by Public Works - Sanitation and Fleet Management. The contract consists of picking up and removing discarded tires from various County locations. Awarded to Quality Tire Recycling, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed \$120,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on September 11, 2018. Items 2018-2379, 2018-2416, 2018-2421, 2018-2485, 2018-2493 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2018-2421](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 995550 for Landscape Maintenance Services: for the Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs (RPCA) for use by Public Works -Sanitation. This contract consists of providing landscape maintenance services to County-owned facilities and grounds. This request is for mowing and ground keeping services of all Sanitation office buildings. Awarded to Artscape, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$75,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on September 11, 2018. Items 2018-2379, 2018-2416, 2018-2421, 2018-2485, 2018-2493 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2018-2440](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

REN - Print & Mail Services, Electronic Billing Presentation and Data Processing (Annual Contract - 3rd Renewal of 4 Options to Renew): Contract No. 988895 for the Finance Department to be used by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) and the Peachtree DeKalb Airport. Consists of providing customized bill formatting, print and mail services, hosting the County's water and sewer portal and other miscellaneous statements to citizens and businesses. Awarded to Level One, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$226,110.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2371 and 2018-2440 were heard together. 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 Adams

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

[2018-2485](#)

Commission District(s): All

RFP - Request for Proposals No. 18-500485 Landfill Professional Engineering and Surveying Services (Annual Contract with Three (3) Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of providing engineering and surveying services related to municipal solid waste landfills, including services related to construction, operating, permitting and compliance at the County's solid waste management facilities. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer: SCS Engineers. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,000,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on September 11, 2018. Items 2018-2379, 2018-2416, 2018-2421, 2018-2485, 2018-2493 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2018-2493](#) Commission District(s): All  
SS - Smith & Loveless Parts & Service (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing proprietary lift and pumping station parts to service the existing 60-plus stations. Awarded to Smith & Loveless, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$600,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on September 11, 2018. Items 2018-2379, 2018-2416, 2018-2421, 2018-2485, 2018-2493 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

## I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD

### Board of Commissioners

[2018-2265](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
Amendment To Board of Commissioners Standing Procedural Rules  
**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred, until October 9, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Board of Commissioners - District 1**

[2018-2533](#)

Commission District(s): 1 & 6  
Request Approval License Agreement between DeKalb Watershed Solar, LLC and DeKalb County, Georgia, Whereby DeKalb Watershed Solar, LLC under The Georgia Power Redi Program Would Construct and Maintain a Floating Solar Array at The Scott Candler Water Filter Plant

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioners Jeff Rader, Larry Johnson, Steve Bradshaw, Mereda Davis Johnson, and Gregory Adams opposed. The motion failed by the following vote:**

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

**No:** 5 - Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Adams

**Substitute MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be withdrawn. Commissioner Nancy Jester opposed. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**No:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Gannon

**Board of Commissioners - District 2**

[2018-2342](#)

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

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, 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 Adams

**Chief Executive Office**

[2018-1974](#)

Commission District(s): All  
Appropriation of Anticipated SPLOST Funds in Accordance with the Referendum Approved by the Voters on November 7, 2017.  
**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred, until October 9, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Facilities Management**

[2018-2307](#)

Commission District(s): 4 and 7  
Approval of Tower Site Lease Agreement between DeKalb County and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC  
**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on September 11, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Planning and Sustainability**

[2018-2293](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Bond and Escrow Requirements (NO COST TO THE COUNTY)  
**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred 30 days, until September 25, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

### Purchasing & Contracting

#### *Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*

#### 2018-1874

Commission District(s): ALL  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1025662, 1023197 and 1031586 for Architectural and Engineering Design Services (Multi-year Contract): for the Departments of Facilities Management (FM) and Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of the provision of architectural and engineering design services for various facilities projects. Awarded to AMEC Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure, Inc., Brown Design Group, Inc. and Pond & Company. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,800,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred 60 days, until October 23, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

#### 2018-2200

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

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be to defer the substitute submitted from the floor, until December 11, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

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

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

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor, and to extend the contract to no later than December 31, 2018 for time only. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2018-2294](#)

Commission District(s): All

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

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2294 and 2018-2299 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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



[2018-2299](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

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

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2294 and 2018-2299 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee*

[2017-0997](#)

Commission District(s): 3 and 6

CA - Cooperative Agreement Lease of Utility Vehicles for Sugar Creek Golf and Tennis Club: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Awarded to Club Car, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$243,360.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until September 11, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

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*Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee*[2018-2195](#)

Commission District(s): 3 & 7  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 972548 Snapfinger Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facilities Expansion - Phase 2: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of the phase 2 expansion to the Snapfinger Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility; inclusive of site preparation, modification of existing structures, and the construction of new structures. This request is to extend the contract term and to increase the funding to allow for completion of eight (8) proposed design and construction changes. Awarded to Archer Western Construction, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed \$350,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred, until October 9, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2018-2340](#)

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

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until September 11, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2018-2345](#) Commission District(s): All  
LB - Invitation No.18-100937 Professional Inspection Services for Public Works (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). Consists of providing on-call professional services to inspect Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s). Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Lowe Engineering, LLC, Moreland Altobelli, LLC and International Design Services, Inc., d/b/a IDS-Global, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,010,000.00.

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

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

#### Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs

[2018-2553](#) Commission District(s): District 3 & 6  
ITB No. 18-100987 Greens Renovation for Sugar Creek Golf and Tennis Facility as a part of the overall golf course renovation plan. Approval will allow sprigging renovations to be completed on or before spring of 2019.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until September 11, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

#### Voter Registration & Elections

[2018-2495](#) Commission District(s): Districts 5 and 7  
Adoption of Precinct Boundary Changes to evenly distribute voters and eliminate overcrowding in the Woodrow Road Precinct.

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

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

**Watershed Management**

[2017-1184](#)

Commission District(s): All

Reallocation of funding sources for certain previously approved CIP project budgets between the 2011 Bond Fund and the Renewal & Extension (R&E) Fund

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until September 11, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD****1. Commissioner Gregory Adams read the following comments:**

Hello and good morning to everyone. Hope you all doing well today. On August 17th, I along with my wife attended Master Firefighter Barry Everett's funeral service at New Birth Missionary Baptist Church. It was well-attended by many family, friends and fellow colleagues of Master Firefighter Everett. I would like to commend the entire Fire Rescue command team for their moral support of Master Firefighter Everett and his family during this time.

On August 18th, I along with my wife attended Druid Hills High School's Annual Alumni Cookout at Wade Walker Park. We had an exciting time and enjoyed the fellowship with Druid Hills High School alumni and community members. Later that evening, we attended Greater Hidden Hills CDC's 2nd Annual Music on Main fundraiser. Proceeds from the event help to benefit Greater Hidden Hills' streetscapes program. Local iconic jazz and blues artist Theresa Hightower wowed the crowd with an amazing performance! Kudos to both the Druid Hills High School Alumni Association as well as Greater Hidden Hills CDC on the great success of their events!

In addition, I would like to inform everyone that there will be a couple of road resurfacing projects in the Super District 7 area. The first project is the repaving between Stone Mountain Lithonia Road and Stephenson Road. The project began on Monday, August 27th, and is scheduled to be completed on October 5th. The second project will be between S. Hairston Road to Stone Mountain Lithonia Road. This project began on Monday, August 27th as well and is scheduled to be completed on November 16th.

Additionally, DeKalb County and MARTA are hosting the I-20 East Transit-Oriented Development Strategic Plan Public Open House today. The public is invited to learn more about the project, provide feedback on your vision for the future of DeKalb's I-20 East Corridor, review and give input on the preliminary designs for selected station areas as well as interact with the project team. There are two opportunities to participate. The first session is from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Stonecrest Library. The address is 3123 Klondike Road, Stonecrest, GA 30088. The second session will take place at Porter Sanford III Performing Arts and Community Center from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The address is 3181 Rainbow Drive, Decatur, GA 30034. For more information, please contact Sylvia Smith at [sasmith@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:sasmith@dekalbcountyga.gov) or Greg Floyd at [gffloyd@itsmarta.com](mailto:gffloyd@itsmarta.com).

I'm very pleased to announce the anticipated partnership between DeKalb Medical and Emory Healthcare system on September 1st. The Georgia Attorney General's Office announced the final integration on August 10th. The merge will include name changes for the following former DeKalb Medical campuses: DeKalb Medical's hospital on North Decatur Road will be named Emory Decatur Hospital; DeKalb Medical Hillandale will be named Emory Hillandale Hospital; and DeKalb Medical Long Term Acute Care at Downtown Decatur will be named Emory Long Term Acute Care.

Both Emory Healthcare and DeKalb Medical have strong roots in the community and the state of Georgia. Emory has had a presence in DeKalb County for more than 100 years, with more than half of its employees residing in DeKalb and the surrounding vicinity. DeKalb Medical has been serving the region's patients and families for more than 57 years.

I would like to mention that September 3rd is Labor Day and I want to wish everyone and their families a safe and happy holiday! Please take time to honor the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. Due to the holiday, garbage, recyclable materials and yard trimmings collection for residential customers will be based on the revised schedule:

Monday, Sept. 3rd – Labor Day observed. No sanitation collection service.

Tuesday, Sept. 4th – Residential customers whose regularly scheduled collection day is Monday, Sept. 3rd, will be serviced on Tuesday, Sept. 4th.

Wednesday, Sept. 5th – Residential customers whose regularly scheduled collection day is Tuesday, Sept. 4th, will be serviced on Wednesday, Sept. 5th.

Thursday, Sept. 6th – Residential customers whose regularly scheduled collection day is Wednesday, Sept. 5th, will be serviced on Thursday, Sept. 6th.

Friday, Sept. 7th – Residential customers whose regularly scheduled collection day is Thursday, Sept. 6th, will be serviced on Friday, Sept. 7th.

For more information on THIS and other happenings in Super District 7, please go to my website at [www.commissionergregoryadams.com](http://www.commissionergregoryadams.com) or, if you would like to contact me, please feel free to contact my office at 404-371-2899 or [gregoryadams@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:gregoryadams@dekalbcountyga.gov). As always, thanks to my district for allowing me the honor to serve.

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

- Offered condolences to the family of Senator John McCain
  
- Labor Day is Monday, September, 3rd and in observance, our office will be closed and will reopen on Tuesday the 4th. Also the DeKalb County Sanitation Division will be closed. There will be no collection service on Monday, September 3rd. Collection service will run one day late through Friday. Have a great Labor Day District 6!
  
- Please check my website at [www.KathieGannon.com](http://www.KathieGannon.com) for other announcements and happenings around 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 thanking everyone who attended our 1st “Coffee with the Commissioner” Meet and greet a couple of weeks ago. We had over 40+ residents who came out and discussed their concerns and some who came out to express their appreciation for the work that is being done in DeKalb.

Last week my office attended the Reception Announcement for the Flat Rock Archives. In February 2019, there will be a new exhibit coming to the DeKalb History Center entitled “Deep Roots in DeKalb” which will detail important history about the Flat Rock Community.

We had a busy weekend. Got a chance to stop by Chris Tucker’s Annual Celebrity Golf Classic Dinner and saw Jeffery Osbourne, Johnny Gill and Glenn Turman. I would like to thank Chris Tucker for all that he does for DeKalb County.

My office is still searching for an appointee to the DeKalb County Transit Master Plan Stakeholder Committee. If you are interested in serving, please send *your* resume to my office at [dmccoy@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:dmccoy@dekalbcountyga.gov).

This evening there will be a Public Open House for the I – 20 East Transit Oriented Development Strategic Plan. The first session is being held this morning from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Stonecrest Library. The second session is being held this evening at the Porter Sanford III Performing Arts & Community

Center.

I would like to give a shout out to the Kings Ridge Homeowners Association who is celebrating 50 years of existence. My office is going to spotlight the Kings Ridge Homeowners Association in the newsletter this week where you can find out more information about the community.

Our office has launched a new section of our weekly newsletter which is a Community Spotlight section. If you have a community or organization that you would like to nominate, please send a little information on the community and why you are nominating them to me at [mdjohnson@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:mdjohnson@dekalbcountyga.gov).

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

For more information on any of the announcements, District 5 upcoming events, please visit my website at [www.commissionermeredajohnson.com](http://www.commissionermeredajohnson.com) or you may call my office at 404-371- 2159. And as always, don't hesitate to contact my office with any of your questions, comments, concerns, or suggestions. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your District 5 Commissioner.

**4. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw mentioned the following:**

- *September is National Self Care Awareness Month. As life gets busy with work, school, pets, sports, grocery shopping, and yard work, be sure to take time to care of yourself!*
- September 3rd is Labor Day! County offices will be closed
- Need assistance with your application for social benefits such as Medicaid and food stamps? The Clarkston Library is holding a Social Benefits and Employment Assistance class September 7th from 11a.m.-1p.m. A caseworker from the International Rescue Committee will assist you on a first-come, first-served basis
- Did ya'll know there is a Waffle House Museum right here in Avondale Estates? In celebration of the museum's 10th anniversary, and the end of National Waffle Week, this replica of the very first Waffle House will be having a



party! Come out for some free food, fun, and to meet ‘Whisperin’ Bill Anderson!

- The 50th Annual Yellow Daisy Festival is September 6th- 9th. Come check out one of the Nation’s top arts and crafts festivals in Stone Mountain Park. With more than 500 artists, live entertainment, and delicious food, there is something for everyone! Visit <https://www.stonemountainpark.com/Events/Yellow-Daisy-Festival> for more information

- Looking for a vegan farmers market? The Avondale Estates Vegan Market will be held September 9th from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. at 22 N Avondale Road. Come meet other vegans and take home some yummy foods and eco-friendly clothing!

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

- Offered condolences to the family of Aretha Franklin
- Offered condolences to the family of Senator John McCain
- Offered condolences to the family of former School Board member Sarah Woods
- Attended the Health and Human Services committee meeting held by ACCG
- Attended the Gresham Hills HOA town hall surrounding issues of crime in the area
- Received a humanitarian award, the Black Men Acknowledgement award
- Attended the East Lake Healthy Connections’ “Soccer in the field” event, and an early morning walk on the Michelle Obama Trail with the South DeKalb Striders, on Saturday August 25th

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

- Congratulated Judge JP Boule on his nomination to the Federal Bench
- Offered condolences to the family of Sarah Woods
- Offered condolences to the family of Senator John McCain

- Happy 80th birthday to her father who received the Silver Star and Purple Heart

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

Dear Members of the Marta Board of Directors,

Your September 6, 2018 Board Agenda includes the deferred consideration of a contract between MARTA and Gwinnett County to structure Gwinnett's membership in MARTA, subject to that County's voter referendum, scheduled for March of 2019. That contract, negotiated by MARTA's staff and Chairman, and the State statute that underpins it represents a significant departure from the structure and allocation of costs and authority that have defined MARTA from its inception in 1972. While we welcome new Participating Jurisdictions to MARTA, we must address important deficiencies in the Contract that has been negotiated on your behalf, and in the level and quality of service that MARTA has delivered in DeKalb. As a jurisdiction that has participated in MARTA from the beginning and provided billions of dollars in local sales tax support for the system since then, DeKalb County observes that the proposed Contract discounts the interests of long time members in favor of a lower threshold for new entrants. Accordingly, we are writing to express DeKalb's expectations for maintenance and expansion of service under the existing MARTA penny, and conditions necessary for the success of proposals for an additional levy in the future. On behalf of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, we believe it is as important for MARTA to renew its commitment to its original members with the same specificity and deference as the proposed contract offers to its newest prospective member.

Of greatest concern to our stakeholders is the financial commitment that is proposed for the new jurisdiction to the operation of the existing system. The new Contract limits their operating contribution to only 29% of sales taxes collected. While that amount is supposed to cover the cost of service within the new jurisdiction and some of MARTA's general overhead, it does nothing to abate rising pressure on the system wide fare box, or to incrementally expand the quality of existing service within the entire MARTA service area. Unlimited access to our existing extensive system, to essential destinations including the region's thriving urban cores, the Central Perimeter area and the world's best airport is made available at no expense to newcomers. Were they to contribute the 50% or more of its sales tax revenues that DeKalb, Fulton, Atlanta and Clayton County contribute, the interests of all would be served, including the many new riders bound for destinations outside of their County. While these

constrained operating contributions can be adjusted later, that action would require their approval, and the initial benchmark clearly demonstrates a cost nexus attached only to service within the new jurisdiction's geographical boundaries. That will be difficult to supersede if revenues prove inadequate to maintain current fares, or if MARTA needs to add service elsewhere in the system. Moreover, by incorporating their entire Comprehensive Transit Plan into the MARTA's Engineering Report Capital Plan, the Contract insures that our new partner's (and MARTA's) focus will be on building out their system.

What we need from MARTA is a tangible and specific commitment to correct long standing deficiencies within the existing service area, including the extent, quality and reliability of DeKalb County bus service, paratransit, and transit amenities like bus stops and shelters. For several years now, MARTA has made quarterly presentations to the DeKalb County Commission alluding to upgraded bus stops, improved amenities at MARTA rail stations, and new technologies MARTA is planning to deploy, but many of these improvements have not been accomplished. MARTA's Comprehensive Operations Analysis has largely been experienced in DeKalb as the consolidation and elimination of routes that MARTA deems marginal, but new services and technologies purported to replace the obsolete ones have been conditioned on additional funding from DeKalb. This is fundamentally inequitable in light of the terms offered to newcomers, and the system in DeKalb must be stabilized and restored to its former utility before new resources are committed.

If the Contract is approved, we also expect implementation of strategies to maximize the benefit to DeKalb residents of new service traversing DeKalb, including stops in DeKalb and reverse commute scheduling. Routes such as the East Line and the Clifton Corridor that will become transfer destinations for cross county travelers should likewise be extended to logical termini rather than inundating DeKalb neighborhoods with connecting traffic, and our new partner's contribution to such improvements should not be diminished due to their extraterritorial location.

Like you, DeKalb County's Governing Authority believes in and relies on transit as a fundamental mobility strategy for our population and economy. As others at long last awaken to the necessity of transit to their future prosperity, and seek to integrate the systems serving their communities into the comprehensive system that has been developed over the past half century in DeKalb and Fulton County, MARTA must maintain its solemn commitment to its founding jurisdictions, and resist an increasingly evident tendency to demand more from its existing stakeholders than from new entrants. While our foundational system will remain

the core of the regional system, we cannot accept the continuing erosion of service from levels that we have enjoyed in the past, while others receive more for the same level of financial effort we exert. We hope that the Board and management of MARTA will respond with tangible and constructive proposals to meet these objectives.

**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 Gregory Adams and seconded by Commissioner Nancy Jester to adjourn the August 28, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting at 1:33 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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



Jeff Rader  
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond  
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders-Norwood  
County Clerk

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