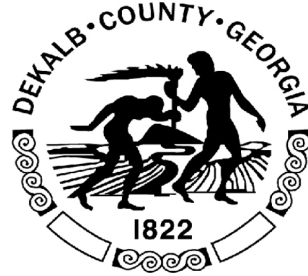


# DeKalb County Government

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, March 13, 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, Interim County Attorney

## **A. INSPIRATIONAL**

Rev. Allysen Schaaf  
Associate Pastor for Youth and their Families  
Decatur Presbyterian Church

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Kathie Gannon  
District 6

## **B. PRESENTATIONS**

Women's History Month- Honoring Gale Karabeika  
Procurement Month  
Love Rolls, Inc. founder, Kendall Anita Mae Robinson  
Department of Watershed Management

## **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. Susan Avent, 230 E. Ponce de Leon Ave. Decatur, GA 30030 – Speaker was not present but sent someone on her behalf to present documents to the Commissioners.
2. Roderick Frierson, 1528 Hidden Hills Parkway Stone Mountain, GA 30088 – Spoke regarding the development of the Hidden Hills Golf Course to make it an attraction for DeKalb County.
3. Henri Jordan, 763 Lee Andrew Ave. Atlanta, GA 30315 – Read Bible verses I Corinthians 2:1, Isaiah 37:17, Romans 10:13, Psalms 94:20.
4. Charles McCorkle, Apostle, 4225 Snapfinger Woods Drive Decatur, GA 30035 – Spoke regarding the CEO's lack of transparency, and the deliberate plausible deniability within the CEO's office.
5. Martha Gross, 2855 Briarcliff Rd. NE Atlanta, GA 30328 – Spoke regarding a direct correlation between the water main break and the incomplete permits for businesses in the shopping centers on the corners of Briarcliff and Clairmont Roads and Briarcliff and Woodcliff Roads, and the need for more oversight on issuing liquor and business licenses.
6. Stephen Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021 – Spoke regarding Commissioner's raises and the lack of raises for Police and Fire; the federal evaluation of the sewer and water system not being released; the no bid process for sewage and water main work; and the resignation of Scott Towler.
7. Larry Foster, 2572 Raintree Dr. NE Atlanta, GA 30345 – Commended the Board of Commissioners for taking action on raising Commissioner's salaries.
8. Joe Arrington, 466 S. Rays Rd. Stone Mountain, GA 30083 – Spoke regarding the way in which Commissioner's handled their pay increase.
9. Lloyd Alaman, 2879 Creole Landing Lithonia, GA 30038 – Spoke regarding trash on Fairington Road and Snapfinger Woods Drive.
10. Melissa Thackery, 3982 Francine Dr. Decatur, GA 30033 – Spoke regarding an ongoing issue between herself and Roads and Drainage.
11. Ann Brown, 3096 San Jose Dr. Decatur, GA 30032 – Commended Commissioner Larry Johnson on his continuing efforts in District 3, and supports an increase in Commissioner's salaries.

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

Citizens may speak for or against an item that is considered by law to be a zoning ordinance and each side will have ten minutes to 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**

[2017-1476](#) COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): All Commission districts  
Amendment to Chapter 27-7.2.2, D of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance related to the duties and procedures for the Planning Commission to be consistent with the amended Bylaws. The amended Bylaws are in accordance with Sec. 21, Amendments of the DeKalb County Planning Commission Bylaws, dated July 9, 2003.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Gregory Adams, 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 March 27, 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 Works - Transportation**

[2018-1720](#) Commission District(s): 2 & 6  
Traffic Calming Petition - Landover Drive between N. Decatur Road & Scott Blvd. Estimated cost \$10,530.00

*Peter Durbetaki, 451 Landover Dr. Decatur, GA 30030, Stephen Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021, spoke in favor*

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, 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

**E. APPEALS**

NONE

**F. APPOINTMENTS**

**ITEMS FOR RECORDING IN THE MINUTES**

**Board of Commissioners - District 4**

[2018-1745](#) Commission District(s): District 4  
Record the Appointment of Isaac Blythers to the Citizens Oversight Committee for SPLOST Revenues and Expenditures.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1745, 2018-1760, 2018-1765 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

[2018-1760](#) Commission District(s): District 4  
Appointment of Norman Powell to the Animal Services Advisory Board

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1745, 2018-1760, 2018-1765 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

#### Board of Commissioners - District 5

[2018-1765](#) Commission District(s): District 5  
Recording of the Appointment of Dr. Thomas Coleman to the Citizens Oversight Committee for SPLOST Revenues and Expenditures

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1745, 2018-1760, 2018-1765 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

## G. CONSENT AGENDA

#### Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2018-1787](#) Commission District(s): Commission District 2  
To transfer \$30,000.00 from 2001 Parks Bond District 2 Development Account 100585.80314.541200.05.600020 to Zonolite Park Account 104187.80314.541200.06.600020

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, 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

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

[2018-1742](#) Commission District(s): All  
Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 23, 2018  
**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on April 10, 2018. Items 2018-1742 and 2018-1743 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

[2018-1743](#) Commission District(s): All  
Approval of Minutes of the Zoning Meeting of January 23, 2018  
**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on April 10, 2018. Items 2018-1742 and 2018-1743 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS**

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**Executive Assistant - Chief Operating Office**[2018-1794](#)

Commission District(s): All

Conveyance of the remaining Tucker park property to the City of Tucker and related intergovernmental agreement.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, 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 April 10, 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*

[2018-1658](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 17-100902 for Uniforms for County Employees (Annual Contract with 4 Options to Renew): for use by the Departments of Public Works (Roads & Drainage, Fleet Management and Sanitation), Public Safety (Police Services, E911, and Fire Rescue Services), Watershed Management, Beautification, Code Enforcement, Solicitor General's Office, Marshal's Office, Facilities Management, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs and DeKalb Peachtree Airport. Consists of the purchase of work uniforms. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: NAFECO and E.R. Partridge, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,049,161.74.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee (ERPS), and return to the Board on March 27, 2018. Items 2018-1658 and 2018-1789 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



[2018-1789](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Two Way Radios: for use by Fire Rescue Services (FRS). Consists of the purchase of 333 portable radios and accessories. Awarded to Motorola Solutions, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,800,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee (ERPS), and return to the Board on March 27, 2018. Items 2018-1658 and 2018-1789 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*

[2018-1666](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

REN - Installation of Voice, Data and Multi-Media Cabling (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1058193 for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT). Consists of installing cabling in County-owned facilities. Awarded to GC&E Systems Group, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$300,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on March 27, 2018. Items 2018-1666, 2018-1689, 2018-1690, 2018-1699, 2018-1788 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

[2018-1689](#)

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 977669 for Keyscan Access Systems, Installation, Maintenance and Repairs: for use by the Department for Facilities Management (FM). Consists of installation, maintenance and repair services for the Aurora Keyscan Access Systems hardware. Awarded to Southeastern Security Professionals, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$200,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on March 27, 2018. Items 2018-1666, 2018-1689, 2018-1690, 2018-1699, 2018-1788 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

[2018-1690](#)

Commission District(s): ALL  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1024762 for Maintenance, Support, and Professional Services for Comprehensive Property Tax Billing and Collections System (iasWorld) (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT). Consists of updating property values and expanding the iasWorld application for data access and transparency. Awarded to Tyler Technologies, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$381,705.00

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on March 27, 2018. Items 2018-1666, 2018-1689, 2018-1690, 2018-1699, 2018-1788 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

[2018-1699](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 13-902635 for Outsourcing of Animal Services for DeKalb County, Georgia (Multiyear Contract): for use by Animal Services Enforcement. Consists of providing animal sheltering operations and services. Awarded to Lifeline Animal Project, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,038,288.58.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on March 27, 2018. Items 2018-1666, 2018-1689, 2018-1690, 2018-1699, 2018-1788 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

[2018-1788](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1052207 and 1052210 for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). Consists of providing on-call HVAC services for residential, commercial and industrial properties. Awarded to Mann Mechanical Company, LLC and Galgon HVAC Mechanical Services, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,000,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on March 27, 2018. Items 2018-1666, 2018-1689, 2018-1690, 2018-1699, 2018-1788 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

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*Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee*[2018-1656](#)

Commission District(s): 3

LB - Invitation No. 17-100904 for Sugar Creek Tennis Courts Resurfacing: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of resurfacing hard and clay tennis courts. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: McGrath Industries dba Talbot Tennis. Amount Not To Exceed: \$107,050.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on March 27, 2018. Items 2018-1656, 2018-1659, 2018-1664, 2018-1687 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

[2018-1659](#)

Commission District(s): 5

REN - Lifeguard and Pool Services at Browns Mill Family Aquatic Facility (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1012065 for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of providing lifeguard services. Awarded to StandGuard Aquatics, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$190,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on March 27, 2018. Items 2018-1656, 2018-1659, 2018-1664, 2018-1687 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

[2018-1664](#)

Commission District(s): All  
C - Cancellation of Contract No. 995553 for Landscape Maintenance Service for use by Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of providing landscaping and maintenance services for County public grounds and parks sites. This request is to terminate for convenience and award to MJ Lawn and Maintenance Services, Inc. and Flex Landscaping. Monthly Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$100,000.00

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on March 27, 2018. Items 2018-1656, 2018-1659, 2018-1664, 2018-1687 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

[2018-1687](#)

Commission District(s): 3 & 6  
CA - Cooperative Agreement for Picnic Pavilions at Fork Creek Mountain Park: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of purchase and installation of picnic pavilions at Fork Creek Mountain Park. Awarded to Poligon by PorterCorp. Amount Not To Exceed: \$147,675.50.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on March 27, 2018. Items 2018-1656, 2018-1659, 2018-1664, 2018-1687 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

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*Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee*[2017-1313](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 17-100894 Sanitary Sewer System Easement Clearing Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of clearing vegetation along the County Sanitary Sewer System Easements. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Georgia Power Company Forestry Services and Casey Tree Experts, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,348,900.00

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on March 27, 2018. Items 2017-1313, 2017-1320, 2017-1460, 2017-1468, 2018-1530, 2018-1570, 2018-1582, 2018-1661, 2018-1684, 2018-1691 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2017-1320](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 17-100892 Sanitary Sewer Chemical Root Control (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of sanitary sewer chemical root control. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Duke's Root Control, Inc. Amount Not to Exceed: \$1,853,600.00

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on March 27, 2018. Items 2017-1313, 2017-1320, 2017-1460, 2017-1468, 2018-1530, 2018-1570, 2018-1582, 2018-1661, 2018-1684, 2018-1691 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2017-1460](#)

Commission District(s): All  
REN - Hydrofluosilicic Acid (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1054131 for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of the purchase of Hydrofluosilicic Acid to treat DeKalb County's drinking water. Awarded to UNIVAR USA Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$202,320.00.

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on March 27, 2018. Items 2017-1313, 2017-1320, 2017-1460, 2017-1468, 2018-1530, 2018-1570, 2018-1582, 2018-1661, 2018-1684, 2018-1691 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2017-1468](#)

Commission District(s): All  
RFP - Request for Proposals No. 17-500456 Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study for Ongoing Sewer Assessment and Rehabilitation Program (OSARP): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of performing an evaluation study on wastewater collection system assets as part of the Consent Decree's Ongoing Sewer Assessment Program. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer: Compliance EnviroSystems, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$6,753,291.00

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on March 27, 2018. Items 2017-1313, 2017-1320, 2017-1460, 2017-1468, 2018-1530, 2018-1570, 2018-1582, 2018-1661, 2018-1684, 2018-1691 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

[2018-1530](#)

Commission District(s): All

REN - Fence and Gate Installation and Repair (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1005787 for use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM), Watershed Management (DWM) and Recreation Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA) and Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). This contract consists of the purchase of the installation and repair of fences and gates. Awarded to ASAP Landscape Management Group. Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,000,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on March 27, 2018. Items 2017-1313, 2017-1320, 2017-1460, 2017-1468, 2018-1530, 2018-1570, 2018-1582, 2018-1661, 2018-1684, 2018-1691 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

[2018-1570](#)

Commission District(s): All

REN - Ready Mix Concrete (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1009130 for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D) and Transportation. This contract consists of providing ready mix concrete for road patching, curbs and sidewalks. Awarded to SiteMix, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$250,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on March 27, 2018. Items 2017-1313, 2017-1320, 2017-1460, 2017-1468, 2018-1530, 2018-1570, 2018-1582, 2018-1661, 2018-1684, 2018-1691 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



[2018-1582](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 17-100907 Purchase of Supply, Installation and Removal of Traffic Signs: for use by Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). Consists of the supply, installation and removal of traffic signs. Recommend award to the lowest, responsible and responsive bidder: Blackjack Paving, Sealing & Stripping, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$265,080.00.

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on March 27, 2018. Items 2017-1313, 2017-1320, 2017-1460, 2017-1468, 2018-1530, 2018-1570, 2018-1582, 2018-1661, 2018-1684, 2018-1691 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

[2018-1661](#)

Commission District(s): All

RFP - Request for Proposals No. 17-500466 Land and Easement Acquisition Services (Annual with 3 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing land and easement acquisition services and other related activities related to land and easement acquisition. Recommend award to highest scoring proposer: Moreland Altobelli Associates, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,000,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on March 27, 2018. Items 2017-1313, 2017-1320, 2017-1460, 2017-1468, 2018-1530, 2018-1570, 2018-1582, 2018-1661, 2018-1684, 2018-1691 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

[2018-1684](#)

Commission District(s): All

REN - Stone, Crushed Granite (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1007554 and 1007556 for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D) and the Departments of Watershed Management (DWM) and Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). These contracts consist of providing crushed granite stone for use in various applications. Awarded to F.M. Shelton, Inc., and Stephens Industries, LP. Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,135,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on March 27, 2018. Items 2017-1313, 2017-1320, 2017-1460, 2017-1468, 2018-1530, 2018-1570, 2018-1582, 2018-1661, 2018-1684, 2018-1691 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

[2018-1691](#)

Commission District(s): All

SS -Rockwell Automation Software and Services (Sole Source): Contract No. 1042136 for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing support and services for Rockwell Automation software products currently being utilized to run Scott Candler Plant computerized control system. Awarded to McNaughton-McKay Southeast Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$250,000.00

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on March 27, 2018. Items 2017-1313, 2017-1320, 2017-1460, 2017-1468, 2018-1530, 2018-1570, 2018-1582, 2018-1661, 2018-1684, 2018-1691 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

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs

- [2018-1786](#) Commission District(s): Districts 4 & 6  
GA DOT George Luther Drive Acquisition  
**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 March 27, 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

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

Airport

- [2017-1363](#) Commission District(s): 1 and 6  
Lease Agreement with BJS Plaza Fiesta, LLC. There is no cost to the County.  
**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred, until April 10, 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

- [2017-1294](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
Legislative Remedies for Blight; Residential and Commercial  
**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be withdrawn. The motion carried by the following hand vote:**
- Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2018-1577](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution Requesting that the DeKalb Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly to have incorporated areas to share in the unfunded legacy cost for employees who provided services to those areas.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be withdrawn. The motion carried by the following hand vote:**

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

**Board of Commissioners - District 3**[2017-1367](#)

Commission District(s): 3 &amp; 6

Establishment of a Railroad Quiet Zone at Fayetteville Road, Constitution Road, and Henrico Road Crossings

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred, until April 10, 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**[2017-1480](#)

Commission District(s): All

Reallocation parking revenues

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be withdrawn. The motion carried by the following hand 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***Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*[2018-1616](#)

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1070267 for Technology Solutions with Related Equipment and Accessories: for the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT). Consists of utilizing the competitively let National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) cooperative agreement to purchase Apple computer hardware, tablets peripherals, printers, network gear and other approved software. Awarded to CDW Government, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$750,000.00

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1616 and 2018-1617 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

[2018-1617](#)

Commission District(s): ALL  
REN - Professional and Managed Support and Maintenance of Voice and Data Network Services (Annual Contract - 3rd Renewal of 4 Options to Renew): Contract No. 967790 for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT). Consists of providing support, maintenance and repair of voice and data network services. Awarded to Layer 3 Communications, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$851,128.47.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1616 and 2018-1617 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, until April 10, 2018. 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

[2018-1595](#)

Commission District(s): 3 & 4  
CA - Cooperative Agreement for Poured-in-Place (PIP) Surfacing for the Playgrounds at Hairston Park and Shoal Creek 1 Park: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of installation of rubber surfacing at Hairston Park and Shoal Creek I Park. Awarded to PlayPower, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$146,646.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1595, 2018-1634, 2018-1554 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

[2018-1634](#) Commission District(s): 1 & 7  
CA - Cooperative Agreement for Poured-in-Place (PIP) Surfacing for the Playground at Henderson Park: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of installation of rubber surfacing at Henderson Park. Awarded to Kompan, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$102,014.37.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1595, 2018-1634, 2018-1554 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

#### Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs

[2018-1554](#) Commission District(s): Districts 3 and 7  
Transfer of \$50,000 for Funding of Capital Improvement Project at Porter Sanford Art Center

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-1595, 2018-1634, 2018-1554 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

#### Tax Commissioner

[2017-1004](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between DeKalb County, The DeKalb County Tax Commissioner, and the Cities of Avondale Estates, Chamblee, Clarkston, Doraville, Lithonia, Pine Lake, Stonecrest, Stone Mountain, and Tucker for the billing and collection of taxes and fees.

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred, until April 10, 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**

[2018-1589](#) Commission District(s): 2,3,4,6 and 7  
Adoption of Precinct Boundary Changes due to the Cities of Atlanta and Avondale Annexations.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, 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

**Watershed Management**

[2018-1593](#) Commission District(s): Districts 5 and 7  
Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area & Recreational Tourism Development - Lyon Farm Restoration

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

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

**2018-1844** Executive Session (Convene)

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to convene Executive Session. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was present and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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



**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Gannon

**2018-1845** Executive Session (Adjourn)

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn Executive Session. Commissioners Jeff Rader and Kathie Gannon were out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

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

**2018-1836** Add Item

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved to add an item. Commissioners Jeff Rader and Kathie Gannon were out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

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

**2018-1837** Walk-on Item Settlement of lawsuits against the County and County Officials relating to the Clifton Ridge Subdivision in the Druid Hills Historic District

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve a settlement of Carrera Homes, Inc. et al. v. DeKalb County Board of Commissioners et al., Civil Action File No. 16-CV-1196; Andrew Hutton et al. v. Lee May, et al., Civil Action File No. 16-CV-1815; and Robert H. Buckler et al. v. Jeff Rader and Kathie Gannon, Civil Action File No. 14CV11336, by agreeing to pay Robert Buckler the total sum of \$639,000 and agreeing to enact an Ordinance to remove the Clifton Ridge Subdivision from the Druid Hills Historic District , in return for Buckler, Hutton, and Carrera Homes' execution of a Settlement Agreement and Full and Final Release of Claims that requires them to dismiss with prejudice all claims in the aforementioned lawsuits and sign a waiver and release of claims acceptable to the County Attorney. The Ordinance to remove Clifton Ridge Subdivision from the Druid Hills Historic District will be considered by separate action today and that Ordinance will become effective only after its final adoption and approval by the DeKalb County Governing Authority and upon filing of a Consent Order, signed by Superior Court Judge Asha Jackson, that ratifies the Ordinance as a necessary component of this settlement. The County Attorney is authorized to sign the Settlement Agreement, which includes a waiver of certain claims by the County, and to allow the Clerk to provide the Court with certified copies of the actions being taken today, without having formally adopted and ratified the Minutes. Commissioners Jeff Rader and Kathie Gannon were out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

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

**2018-1834** Add Item

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to add an item. Commissioners Jeff Rader and Kathie Gannon were out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

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

**2018-1835** Walk-on Item Adopt an Ordinance to amend the Code of DeKalb County, Ga, as Revised, 1988, Section 13.5-7, related to the Druid Hills Historic District

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the Ordinance to amend the Code of DeKalb County, Ga as revised, 1988, Section 13.5-7, as authorized under State law, to remove the 4 acres belonging to Mr. Buckler and what is commonly called the Clifton Ridge Subdivision, from the Druid Hills Historic District. Commissioners Jeff Rader and Kathie Gannon were out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Not Present:** 2 - Commissioner Rader, and Commissioner Gannon

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

On Thursday, March 1, I enjoyed the Leadership DeKalb luncheon with my fellow Commissioners. It was great to hear the engaging questions from the emerging leaders as they learn about the issues facing the region and the impact they can have as well informed leaders. Thank you Commissioner Jeff Rader and Caroline for coordinating good food and good company.

March 2nd -6th, 2018, I had the pleasure of attending NACo's Legislative Conference. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting with other elected and appointed county officials to focus on federal policy issues that impact counties and our residents. It was a good time for all.

Saturday, March 10th, my wife and I enjoyed attending the Cultural Exchange breakfast hosted by Rob and Vickie Turner. It's always a great time seeing and mixing with our state legislators and community leaders.

As we celebrate Women's History Month, I would like invite you out to my Hidden Figures of DeKalb event on Thursday, March 29th at the Porter Sanford III Performing Arts and Community Center. We're going to have a great time honoring the Hidden Women Figures of DeKalb County.

For information on this and other events in Super District 7, please visit my website at: [www.CommissionerGregoryAdams.com](http://www.CommissionerGregoryAdams.com). As always, thanks to my district for allowing me the honor to serve. If you would like to contact me regarding questions, scheduling an event or meeting, please feel free to contact our office at 404-371-2899 or [gregoryadams@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:gregoryadams@dekalbcountyga.gov).

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

- I would like to thank the Department of Watershed Management, DEMA, and our first responders for working diligently to restore DeKalb County's Water
- Women's History Month is recognized in March. In the spirit of celebration I'd like to leave you with a quote from astronaut Mae Jemison who made history as the first woman African-American: "Never limit yourself because of others' limited imagination; Never limit others because of your own limited imagination"
- This Saturday May 17th may seem a little "greener" and many, either Irish by

blood or spirit, will be celebrating this lucky day. So my Irish blessings to you, may your day be touched with a bit of Irish luck, brightened by a song in your heart, and warmed with smiles by the people you love. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

- On March 17th, dogs and their owners can celebrate St. "PAW-tricks" Day at the Rescue Dog Olympics at Brook Run Park, 4770 North Peachtree Road, Dunwoody. From 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., dogs and owners can enjoy fun and competitive games, dog training sessions, a costume contest, and so much more! The Rescue Dog Olympics is all about spreading awareness of pet adoption. This is a great opportunity to find a pet that best fits your home. Visit [www.KathieGannon.com](http://www.KathieGannon.com) for a link to learn more about the Rescue Dog Olympics

- The Animal Service Advisory Board will be conducting a public meeting in the Maloof Auditorium. The meeting will take place March 20th from 7 p.m - 9 p.m. This Advisory Board will discuss important information and could use your input in future plans. With your support, animal services in DeKalb will definitely improve

- Expressed support for Common Sense Gun Laws

- Tomorrow marks one month after our nation stood in solidarity with the students, families, administration, and community of Parkland, Florida, mourning the loss of the 17 lives from the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. In recognition of this, students across the country will be walking out of their high schools for 17 minutes. They will be honoring the 17 victims of Parkland and making a statement about the lack of gun legislation to protect them. In Decatur, where students have been threatened with suspension if they walk out, a group of folks will be waiting outside and are asking for adults to show up wearing white shirts to show support to the students. Their objective is to garner enough people to encircle Decatur High School with a "hug". If you are interested in participating, the adults will meet at 9:30 am at the Chik-Fil-A in downtown Decatur

### **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 our CEO, acting Watershed Director Reggie Wells, and all of the women and men who worked tirelessly to ensure that the water main break that occurred last Thursday morning was addressed appropriately and in a timely manner. I was very proud to know that

because of their work, the project was completed 24 hours ahead of schedule. Thank you so much for your hard work and continued dedication.

I would like to wish ALL women and my colleagues on this Board, a Happy Women's History Month. I would like to pay homage to the Late Congresswoman Barbara Jordan who was the first black elected to the Texas State Senate and the first black Texan to be elected to Congress. There are many women today who are making history each and every day. Today, I salute you for taking a stand for equality and for breaking glass ceilings and breaking the silence on issues that affect us each and every day!

I would like to invite all residents of the 5th District to join me for a Town Hall Meeting on the ABC's of Doing Business with DeKalb County. We will have representatives from our Procurement Department there to present on the process for bidding on contracts and doing business with the County, and our Community Development Department will be there to talk about funding opportunities that are available to small business owners. This town hall meeting will take place on Thursday, March 22nd at 6:00 pm at the Lou Walker Senior Center located at 2538 Panola Road, Lithonia, Georgia 30058. For more information, please visit my website at [www.commissionermeredajohnson.com](http://www.commissionermeredajohnson.com) or call my office at 404-371-2410.

Last week, I had the pleasure of attending the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. It was great to join my colleagues and Commissioners from counties across the United States for this very informative and educational training session. I would like to give a shout out to my colleague, Commissioner Larry Johnson who has offered himself to be the next 2nd Vice President for the organization. Larry, I know that you will make a great leader for the organization and you have my full support as you run for the 2nd Vice President of the National Association of Counties.

A couple of weeks ago, I had the pleasure of joining the residents of the Lithonia Park area for the public meeting on the new plans for redevelopment in the park. I would like to thank Director Chuck Ellis, Deputy Director Marvin Billups, and Ms. Revonda Cosby for their leadership on this effort. I would also like to give a special shout out to my Director of Constituent Services Demetrius Pinkett, D2, for his leadership and for serving as a dedicated liaison from my staff on this project.

Thank you to Commissioner Rader and his Chief of Staff Caroline for inviting me and my colleagues to participate in the Leadership DeKalb Government Day

Luncheon. It was great to sit and talk with Leaders of DeKalb about the significant strides and progress that our County is making. I was especially inspired to see and hear the optimism that many of our leaders in DeKalb have for the future.

Last week, my office joined the First Afrikan AME Church in Lithonia for their Community Discussion with elected officials. Thank you to Pastor Dr. Lomax for inviting us and thank you for continuing to provide opportunities for civic engagement and education in the 5th District.

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

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

Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer. Good morning everyone.

On March 1st I was honored to speak for the residents of The View Senior Residences in Stone Mountain. It is really a beautiful facility and the seniors present were very engaged in the discussion that we had. As one of them said to me "we like to know what is going on and be involved too." I'd like to thank Mr. Ed Barnes for the invitation. It was indeed a pleasure to be there.

On March 9th I was privileged to give introductory remarks at the first annual Immigrant Rights & Responsibilities Conference in Clarkston. As you know Clarkston is one of the most diverse communities in America and the conference was a great success. I would like to commend Clarkston Mayor Ted Terry and Imam Wazir for pulling the conference together and for the great work that they are doing on behalf of our refugee and immigrant communities.

On March 11th I attended a dedication service for the newly remodeled sanctuary at Antioch AME Church. I would like to commend Pastor Vandy Simmons and the entire congregation for their continued great work in our community.

On March 12th I was honored to speak to the Governmental Affairs Committee of

the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce. Members asked very insightful questions and it was a spirited exchange of ideas. I used to be a member of that committee and it was a pleasure to be back with them. I would like to thank Katerina Taylor and Kim Childs from the chamber for the invitation.

Also, on March 12th I was happy to present greetings at the SMILE (Stone Mountain Improving Lives Everyday) meeting. I commend my friend Debra Greenwood for pulling this group together, and I thank her for the invitation to be there.

As always you may call our office at 404-371-4749 for any assistance that you might need. Once again I would like to thank the citizens of District 4 for trusting me with this responsibility. It is indeed an honor to serve. Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer.

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

- Special “Thank You” to the Watershed Department for a speedy response to the water main break
- Tonight is the 3rd annual Black History Month program “Reclaiming Our Roots”
- Attended the Fulton/DeKalb County quarterly Health Strategies meeting
- Attended the 90th birthday party for Mrs. Mary Morgan, one of the first few African American females employed by the CDC
- A panel discussion at the Inter-Generational Center at Exchange Park on March 17th at 1 p.m. with Mrs. Antoinette Tuft

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

- Dunwoody City Hall Open House on March 15th from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Rescue Dog Olympics at Brook Run Park on March 17th from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- March 17th from 8 a.m. – 12 noon, a Household Hazardous Waste Event at 3720 Leroy Scott Dr. Decatur, GA 30032
- March 20th Public Meeting of the Animal Services Advisory Board from 7 p.m.- 9 p.m



at the Maloof Auditorium

- March 24th from 12 noon – 3 p.m. at the Tucker Recreation Center, will be a Recycling Roll Cart Exchange Program
- Today in history in 1942, the U.S. Army began training dogs for their new War Dog program, the Canine Corps
- Thanked Watershed Management for their hard work on the water main break, and mentioned R. Kennedy and Alvester Williams for working 24 hours straight on the issue, and Margaret Tanner

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

My office number is 404-371-2863 and my email is [jrader@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:jrader@dekalbcountyga.gov). My website is [www.commissionerrader.com](http://www.commissionerrader.com). Also, please follow me on Facebook and Twitter at [#raderjeff](https://twitter.com/raderjeff).

Thank you to the Parks Department and community members who helped us get to the ribbon cutting for Briarlake Forest Park held last Friday, March 9th. It was a wonderful event and we appreciated the opportunity to show the new Parks Director, Chuck Ellis, a fine example of what county resources partnered with community resources can create in DeKalb County.

Also, thank you to my colleagues and to the CEO for your participation in Leadership DeKalb Government Day on March 1st. The feedback has been tremendous and thank you for your time.

Upcoming...

- WD Thomson Park Workday will be held this Sunday, March 18th at 2pm. Come out for a Sunday workday in the Park!
- Animal Services Advisory Board will host a public meeting regarding the 5-Year progress report and future plans on Tuesday March 20th at 7pm in the Maloof Auditorium. Please join us as we chart the next course for animal services in DeKalb County.
- Join Jennie Richardson for Talk in the Park, part of the Atlanta Preservation Center and Phoenix Flies events in Olmsted Linear Park Saturday March 24th 10am at Dellwood Park and Sunday the 25th at 1pm in Springdale Park.

In Library news...

- Tonight at the Decatur Library at 7pm Susan Ottzen, an accomplished harpist, will perform accompanied by master guitarist Mark Karrell.
  
- Fridays in March at the Avis G. Williams library branch, join us at 1:30pm for feature films. Also at this branch on Thursday March 15th and 22nd, health and wellness coach Naomi Salberg will discuss ways to plan for a healthier you in this two part healthy aging series.
  
- Many branches of the library are offering AARP 2018 Tax Assistance for lower and middle-income taxpayers, with special attention to those 60 years of age and older from now until April 17th. Check your local branch!
  
- And the Senior Advisory Board meeting will take place at the Decatur Branch on Wednesday April 25th at 1:30pm. Join us as we plan programming for senior citizens.

#### **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 Steve Bradshaw and seconded by Commissioner Nancy Jester to adjourn the March 13, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:46 p.m. Commissioners Jeff Rader and Kathie Gannon were out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

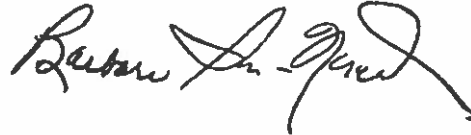
**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Rader, and Commissioner Gannon



Jeff Rader  
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond  
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders-Norwood  
County Clerk