

DeKalb County Government

*178 Sams Street
Decatur, GA 30030*



Summary

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

9:00 AM

178 Sam's Street, Decatur, GA 30030 (Multipurpose Room A1201)

Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Presiding Officer, District 2

Commissioner Nicole Massiah, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 3

Commissioner Robert Patrick, District 1

Commissioner Chakira Johnson, District 4

Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5

Commissioner Edward "Ted" Terry, Super District 6

Commissioner Dr. LaDena Bolton, Super District 7

Administration: Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, CEO, Zachary Williams, Executive Assistant/ Chief Operating Officer, Barbara Sanders-Norwood, County Clerk, Viviane Ernstes, County Attorney

A. INSPIRATIONAL

Alaric Jason Tyler, 7th grader
Druid Hills Middle School

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Nicole Massiah
District 3

B. PRESENTATIONS

None

C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The purpose of public comment is to allow the public to voice county-related requests, concerns or opinions during the Commission meeting. Speakers will only have the opportunity for one public comment per meeting. Each speaker must complete a speaker card and present it to the clerk before the beginning of the public comment portion of the meeting. Cards turned in to the clerk from the time the general meeting is convened (generally 9 A.M.) and by the beginning of public comment portion generally following presentations on the agenda. The clerk will accept cards on a first-come, first-served basis. Prior to the clerk's call for public comment, speakers who are residents of DeKalb County shall be allowed to speak before residents of other counties are allowed to speak. Once the public comment portion of the meeting begins, speaker cards will no longer be accepted.

Speakers will be allowed to speak for three minutes each and public comment shall not exceed 30 minutes in length. When the buzzer sounds to indicate that time has run out, the speaker will be expected to immediately cease speaking and to yield the podium. Those who submitted speaker cards but did not speak because of the time allotment will be allowed to speak first at the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting without regard to residence. Speakers should always talk directly into the microphone and begin by stating their name, full address and the name of any organization they represent. Abusive, profane or derogatory language, holding up signs, clapping, yelling, standing or laying in the aisles to show support for or opposition to a speaker will not be permitted, but a show of hands or quietly standing in place will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker's position.

Lynn Teddlie- 1842 Chrysler Drive Atlanta Georgia 30345, Clarence Willims- 3736 Seton Hill Drive Decatur Georgia 30034, Ayesha Watson- 4645 Jady Bell Drive Decatur Georgia 30034, Marh Capps- 1842 Chrysler Drive Atlanta Georgia 30345, Marya Levine- 1212 Clifton Road Northeast Atlanta Georgia 30307, Ali Abdu'samad- 751 North Indian Creek Drive Apt 683 Clarkston Georgia 30021, Kevin Baker- 2718 Johnnys Lane Doraville Georgia 30360, Helen Rice- 1110 Clifton Road Northeast Atlanta Georgia 30307, Dusty Goossens- 826 Clifton Road Atlanta Georgia 30207, Williams Hilmes- 1222 Clifton Road Atlanta Georgia 30307, Stephen Binney- 1083 Seville Drive Clarkston Georgia 30021, Charles Bailey-Musgray- 3329 York Place Decatur Georgia 30032

D. 10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING

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

Public Works - Transportation

[2024-1447](#)**Commission District(s):** 2 & 6

Traffic Calming Petition - Clifton Road between Ponce De Leon Avenue and North Decatur Road. No Cost to County.

Approved the substitute

“DECISION ONLY” ITEMS – NO PUBLIC HEARING

Watershed Management

[2024-1502](#)**Commission District(s):** 3 and 6

Septic to Sewer Petition - Cougar Court - Ellenwood, Georgia

Approved

E. APPEALS

NONE

F. APPOINTMENTS

Chief Executive Office

[2024-1657](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Appointment to the DeKalb County Public Library Board of Trustees - Ms. Hillary Gardner

Approved

Magistrate Court

[2025-0069](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts.

Request to Re-Appoint Senior Magistrate Court Judges

Approved

ITEMS FOR RECORDING IN THE MINUTES

Board of Commissioners - District 6[2025-0141](#)**Commission District(s):** Commission District 6

Recording of the Removal of the District 6 Dan Wright the District 6 Appointee and the Recording of the Appointment of Dr. Juaney A. Lynn-Rigsby as the District 6 Appointee to the DeKalb County Zoning Board of Appeals (“ZBA”)

Deferred to the next meeting, February 11, 2025

Board of Commissioners - District 7[2025-0128](#)**Commission District(s):** District 7

Recording the Re-Appointment of Reuben D. Jones to the DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board, District 7 Post

Approved

[2025-0129](#)**Commission District(s):** District 7

Recording the Re-Appointment of Edward Patton to the Planning Commission

Approved

Tax Commissioner[2025-0050](#)**Commission District(s):** ALL

To Record the Appointment of Nicole M. Golden to Position of Chief Deputy Tax Commissioner

Approved

G. CONSENT AGENDA**Board of Commissioners**[2025-0127](#)**Commission District(s):** ALL

Approval of Minutes for the January 21, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Approved

Board of Commissioners - District 2[2025-0123](#)**Commission District(s):** District 2

Appropriation of \$32,110 from District 2 Parks Bond Funding for Installation of an Aluminum Fence at Mason Mill Park

Approved**District Attorney**[2025-0124](#)**Commission District(s):** all

Acceptance of Violence Against Women Act Grant for \$55,405 to the District Attorney's Office

Approved**Police Services**[2025-0053](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

FY24 Homeland Security Grant Program (EOD K9) from the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS), \$3,000.00.

Approved**H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS****Airport**[2025-0002](#)**Commission District(s):** 1 and 6

Non-Federal Reimbursable Agreement Between Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and DeKalb County, DeKalb Peachtree Airport. There is a cost to the County in the amount of \$177,648.76.

Deferred with a stop in the County Operations Committee (OPS), until February 11, 2025

Board of Commissioners[2025-0135](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Placeholder - A Resolution Establishing the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners' Committees

Approved the substitute

Planning & Sustainability[2025-0130](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

A Resolution Supporting a Grant Match for an Application for the 2025 Historic Preservation Fund Clg Survey & Planning Grant

Approved

Public Works - Roads & Drainage[2025-0048](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Authorizing Georgia Power Easement Request on DeKalb County's Property - 727 Camp Road, Decatur, GA 30032

Deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until February 11, 2025

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs[2025-0036](#)**Commission District(s):** 4 and 6

To approve the annual agreement for Little Creek Horse Park

Deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until February 11, 2025

[2025-0037](#)**Commission District(s): 2 and 6**

Acceptance of FY2024 Economic Development Initiative - Community Project Funding (CPF) - Congressional Grants Division Grant Award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the total amount of \$850,000.00 for the Kittredge Park Renovations.

Deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until February 11, 2025

[2025-0039](#)**Commission District(s): 3 and 7**

Acceptance of FY2024 Economic Development Initiative - Community Project Funding (CPF) - Congressional Grants Division Grant Award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the total amount of \$850,000.00 for the County Line Park Improvements, with no match required.

Deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until February 11, 2025

WorkSource DeKalb[2025-0078](#)**Commission District(s): ALL DISTRICTS**

Acceptance of Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Rapid Response Grant for Dislocated Worker - Fiscal Year 2025 from the Technical College System of Georgia not to exceed \$70,000.

Deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until February 11, 2025

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD**Board of Commissioners**

[2024-0935](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Resolution Establishing an Affordable Housing Trust Fund for DeKalb County, Georgia

Deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until February 25, 2025

[2025-0007](#)**Commission District(s):** ALL

Approval of Minutes for the January 7, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Approved

Board of Commissioners - District 1[2024-1233](#)**Commission District(s):** All Districts

A Resolution Asking for The DeKalb County Police Department to Develop a Diversion Policy Regarding Unhoused Individuals that Considers Other Options to Arresting and Jailing Them.

Deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS) and Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee (ERPS), until February 25, /2025

[2025-0122](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Resolution In Support of the City of Chamblee's Request that the General Assembly Amend the City of Chamblee's Charter to Provide for the Election of City Council Members by Single District and to Urge the Review of Other Similar Charters.

Deferred with a stop in the County Operations Committee (OPS), until February 11, 2025

Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2024-0190](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

An Ordinance for Companion Animal Litter Permit and Transfer and Sale of Dogs and Cats in DeKalb County, Georgia

Deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until February 25, 2025

[2024-1273](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, Georgia, to Establish a Plan for Addressing Homelessness and to Support the Housing First Model

Deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PEC), until February 25, 2025

[2024-1357](#)**Commission District(s):** All Districts

Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County Supporting Policy Changes to Protect Seniors, Disabled Individuals, and Low-Income Residents Against Upcoming Water Rate Increases

Deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until February 11, 2025

[2024-1564](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

A Resolution to Allocate DeKalb County Funding for the Creation of a Land Trust for DeKalb County

Deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee, until February 11, 2025

Board of Commissioners - District 6

[2023-1137](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Resolution Encouraging the DeKalb County Governing Body to Collaborate with Metro Atlanta Counties and Their Health Departments to Support Access to Abortion Health Services and Resources and To Match the City of Atlanta's \$300,000 Commitment.

Deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until February 11, 2025

[2024-0525](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

A Resolution to Establish a DeKalb Environmental Justice Commission

Deferred the substitutewith a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until February 25, 2025

[2024-1007](#)**Commission District(s):** All DeKalb County Commission Districts

A Resolution to Create a “Sustainability Fund” to Support Mitigating Climate Change, Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Reaching Clean Energy Goals, Improving Resiliency in Our Neighborhoods and County Facilities, and Creating Local, Green Jobs

Withdrawn

[2024-1405](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County Requesting an Operational Audit of the DeKalb County Watershed Department.

Deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until February 25, 2025

[2024-1548](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

A Resolution by The Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County Designating 1% Of The 8% Hotel-Motel Tax Revenue for An Affordable Housing Trust Fund Beginning in 2025, Pending Fund Approval

Deferred for 30 days, February 25, 2025

[2024-1591](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

To Approve a Resolution to Affirm the Provisions of Section 13(d) of the DeKalb County Organizational Act, Emphasizing the Chief Executive, Executive Assistant, or His or Her Designee's Lack of Authority to Appoint, Remove, and Fix the Compensation of the DeKalb County Board of Commission's Employees.

Withdrawn

Board of Commissioners - District 7

[2024-0347](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

Resolution to Address Eliminating Blight Caused by Unattended Donation Boxes.

Withdrawn

Finance

[2024-1326](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

Adoption of the Attached Resolution Approving Ten Annual 8% Rate Increases to be Effective on May 1, 2025 and on January 1 for the Years 2026 Through and Including 2034 and a 2025 Bond Issuance, Not to Exceed \$375 Million in Total Par Amount, for the Purpose of Rehabilitating of the Scott Candler Water Treatment Facility and Other Crucial Projects, for the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) CIP.

Deferred the substitute the substitute with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until February 11, 2025

Public Safety - E911

[2024-1476](#)**Commission District(s): All**

RA - Ratification of Contract No. 2000023 DeKalb County E-911 Call Handling System (Emergency Purchase): for use by E911 Communications (E911). This contract consists of a five (5) year agreement with AT&T for the upgrade to the County's 911 system. This request seeks to ratify the emergency purchase of the sole source "ESinet" 911 system with the "APEX" add on features from Carbyne Ltd. and authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to execute all of the necessary documents, including but not limited to the "Master Agreement", two (2) "Price Lists" from AT&T, the I Flex contract and the ADI Contract, as well as the "Terms and Conditions" from Carbyne. Awarded to AT&T Enterprises, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$8,128,791.04.

**Deferred with a stop in the Employee Relations & Public Safety
Committee (ERPS), until February 11, 2025**

Public Works - Roads & Drainage[2024-1284](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

Stormwater Master Plan

**Deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure
Committee (PWI), until February 11, 2025**

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to FAB Committee

[2024-1258](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 1236388 Retail Image Lockbox Services: for use by the Department of Finance. This contract consists of the provision of lockbox services. This request is to increase the contract funds and extend the term through December 31, 2025. Awarded to REMITCO LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$134,000.00.

**Deferred with a stop in the Finance, Audit & Budget Committee
(FAB), until February 11, 2025**

[2024-1394](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 6 to Contract No. 988895 Print & Mail Services, Electronic Billing Presentment and Data Processing (Annual Contract with 4 Options To Renew) for the Department of Finance-UCO to be used by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM), Public Works-Sanitation and the Peachtree DeKalb Airport. This contract 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. This request seeks approval to increase the contract fund and to extend the contract term for twelve (12) months through December 31, 2025. Awarded To Level One, LLC/a Doxim Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,328,219.68.

Deferred with a stop in the Finance, Audit & Budget Committee (FAB), until February 11, 2025

[2024-1451](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

REN - Contract No. 1365832 Law Enforcement Accessories (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal Option of 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Police Services (PS) and the Marshal's Office (Marshal). This contract consists of the purchase of various law enforcement accessories. This request seeks to exercise the 1st renewal option through January 31, 2026. Awarded To: Dana Safety Supply, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$356,168.54.

Deferred with a stop in the Finance, Audit & Budget Committee, until February 11, 2025

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2024-0902](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 7 to Contract Nos.: 1213631, 1213634 and 1213635

Commercial Janitorial Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM) and Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA).

These contracts consist of the development, management, and monitoring of high quality commercial janitorial/cleaning/ custodial services and Day Porters. This

request seeks to ratify payments made to close out October through December 2024 invoices. This request also seeks to ratify a previously provided (45) forty-five day

contract term increase, effective December 31, 2024. Lastly, this request seeks to

increase contract funds and term through June 30, 2025. Awarded to: Building

Maintenance Services, Cleanstar National, Inc., and A-Action Janitorial. Amount Not

To Exceed: \$3,684,471.76.

Deferred with a stop in the County Operations Committee (OPS), until February 11, 2025

[2024-1289](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Fuel Delivery with Related Services (Sourcewell

Contract No. 121522-MNF): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management. Consists

of a one (1) year purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel from the competitively let

Sourcewell contract in support of the operation of County vehicles and equipment.

Awarded to Mansfield Oil Co. of Gainesville, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed:

\$7,300,000.00.

Approved the substitute reducing the amount not to exceed \$7,300,000

[2024-1428](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Maintenance, Repair and Operations (MRO) Supplies, Parts, Equipment, Materials, and Related Services (OMNIA Partners Contract No. 240078-01) (Multi-year with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM), Watershed Management (DWM), Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Police Services (PS), Property Appraisal & Assessment, Fire Rescue (FR), Sanitation, Beautification (PWB), DeKalb County Emergency Management Agency (DEMA), Voter Registration and Elections (VRE), and Fleet Management. Awarded to W. W. Grainger, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,323,000.00.

**Deferred with a stop in the County Operations Committee (OPS),
until February 11, 2025**

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee

[2024-1419](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

REN - Contract Nos.: 1359735, 1360830, and 1363193 Tree Cutting and Removal Services for RPCA (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). These contracts consist of providing tree cutting and removal services for County owned facilities. This request seeks to exercise the 1st renewal option through January 31, 2026. This request also seeks to reserve the right to transfer funds between contracts based on the needs of the County. Awarded to: One Two Tree LLC, Sesmas Tree Service LLC, and Casey Tree Experts Inc. Total Amount Not to Exceed: \$450,000.00.

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2024-1261](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 3 for Contract Nos.: 1231540, 1231542, 1231546, 1231550 and 1231552 Engineering and Design Services for Public Works Transportation & Infrastructure (Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works-Transportation (PW-T). These contracts consist of providing engineering services to initiate design of selected public works infrastructure improvement projects for the County. This request seeks approval to increase contract funds and term through December 31, 2025. Awarded to: AtkinsRealis USA, Inc., Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB), Inc.; Arcadis U.S. Inc.; Atlas Technical Consultants and AECOM Technical Services, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,000,000.00.

Deferred the substitute with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until February 11, 2025

[2024-1301](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 6 to Contract No. 1124403 Teledyne ISCO Training and Support, Equipment, Software and Licenses, Part and Related System Components for Sanitary Sewer Flow Monitoring (sole Source): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of the provision of vendor support and training in the installation and maintenance of equipment, flow monitoring equipment, parts and related system components used in the completion of existing hydraulic modeling and sewer monitoring programs related to Consent Decree requirements. This request is to increase funding and continue with the use of the existing sole source vendor through December 31, 2025. Awarded to Teledyne Instruments, Inc. as a business unit Teledyne ISCO. Amount Not to Exceed: 3,000,000.00.

Deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until February 11, 2025

[2024-1336](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 6 to Contract No. 1177081 Trenchless Sewer Line Rehabilitation and Construction and Televising Inspection Services (Savannah Contract: Event No. 5937/Buyer Contract No. 886 [DeKalb Cooperative Agreement]): for use by Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract is a cooperative agreement and consists of providing sewer line rehabilitation services; to primarily include inspections, sewer line cleaning, and cured in place pipe. This request is to increase the contract scope of work, term through December 31, 2026, and funding. This request will allow for the continuation of existing sanitary sewer line rehabilitation services. Awarded to Insituform Technologies, LLC. Amount Not to Exceed \$11,897,964.10.

Approved

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

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