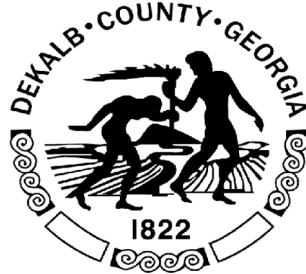


DeKalb County Government

*178 Sams Street
Decatur, GA 30030*



Summary

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

9:00 AM

178 Sams Street, Decatur, GA 30030

Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Presiding Officer, District 5

Commissioner Robert Patrick, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 1

Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, District 2

Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4

Commissioner Edward "Ted" Terry, Super District 6

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

A. INSPIRATIONAL

Vonetta Daniels- Veteran

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. PRESENTATIONS

Commissioner Michelle Long Spears- District 2

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.

David Wheaton- 6423 Ivey Terrace Drive Mableton Georgia 30126, Katherine Maddox- 616 McDonald Street Southeast Atlanta Georgia 30312 Stephen Binney- 1083 Seville Drive Clarkson Georgia 30021, Tina Price Hart- 1093 Clifton Road Northeast Atlanta Georgia 30307, Bob Dallas- 1445 Valley View Road Dunwoody Georgia 30338, Sue Sullivan- 2 Lullwater Place Atlanta Georgia 30307, Cynthia Hoadley Waterbury- 1186 Clifton Road Northeast Atlanta Georgia 30307, Joscelyn O'Neil- 3711 Larkspur Terrace

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

[2024-1295](#)

Commission District(s): 1 & 7

Traffic Calming Petition - Overlook Way between Foster Ridge Road and Overlook Drive. Cost to the County is \$9,860.

Deferred until December 10, 2024 for Public Hearing

E. APPEALS

NONE

F. APPOINTMENTS

Chief Executive Office

[2024-1262](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Appointment to the DeKalb County Board of Health - Ms. Shatrina Cosby.

Approved

[2024-1397](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission - Ms. Haley Harben

Deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until December 17, 2024

[2024-1398](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission - Mr. Clayton Daspit.

Deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until December 17, 2024

[2024-1399](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Reappointment to the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority (Grady) - Dr. Karen Leeper Bennett

Deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until December 17, 2024

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Airport

[2024-1288](#)

Commission District(s): 1 and 6

Standardized T-Hangar Space Lease Agreement with Eric W. Davis. There is no cost to the County.

Approved

[2024-1292](#)

Commission District(s): 1 and 6

Standardized T-Hangar Shop Space Lease Agreement with J. Steve Mew.

There is no cost to the County.

Approved

[2024-1300](#)

Commission District(s): 1 and 6

Standardized T-Hangar Space Lease Agreement with Charles L. Woodyard, Jr.

There is no cost to the County.

Approved

Board of Commissioners

[2024-1340](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes for the October 24, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Approved

Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2024-1313](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Appropriation of \$10,000 from the 2024 District 2 Reserve for Appropriations to the Georgia Humane Society, Inc. for preproduction activities for DeKalb Animal Services Training Development

Approved

[2024-1314](#)

Commission District(s): Commission District 2

Appropriation of \$46,000 from District 2 American Rescue Plan Tranche II POETA Account 106388.63258.521209.01.02.602778 to the United Way's AARP Experience Corps to Assist with Critical Reading Proficiency Efforts at Briar Vista Elementary School

Approved

[2024-1315](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Appropriation of \$50,000 from the District 2 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Tranche II POETA Account 106388.63258.521209.01.02.602778 for Paws Between Homes

Deferred to the next meeting, November 19, 2024

[2024-1316](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Appropriation of \$175,000 from District 2 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Tranche II POETA Account 106388.63258.521209.01.02.602778 to Fernbank Science Center for an Instructional Science/STEM Exhibit.

Deferred to the next meeting, November 19, 2024

[2024-1317](#)

Commission District(s): District 2

Appropriation of \$50,000 from District 2 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Tranche II POETA Account 106388.63258.521209.01.02.602778 to DeKalb Schools Educational Foundation, Inc to provide Financial Support for Science Education Field Trips

Approved

[2024-1318](#)

Commission District(s): District 2

Appropriation of \$50,000 from District 2 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Tranche II POETA Account 106388.63258.521209.01.02.602778 to The GLOBE Academy for Remediation Summer Camp for 2025 and 2026

Approved

[2024-1323](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Appropriation of \$68,000 from District 2 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Tranche II POETA Account 106388.63258.521209.01.02.602778 to LifeLine Animal Project for DeKalb County Spayathon 2025

Deferred to the next meeting, November 19, 2024

Board of Commissioners - District 6

[2024-1305](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

To appropriate an Amount Not to Exceed \$10,000 from the District 6 Reserve for Apparitions to Support the Efforts to Identify and Implement Collaborative Programs That Coincide With Cultural Programs To Enhance Local and Global Engagement

Approved the substitute

[2024-1306](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

To appropriate an Amount Not to Exceed \$10,000 from the 2024 District 6 Reserves for Appropriations for Science for Georgia (Sci4Ga) to Complete the Statement of Work “DeKalb County Environmental Education & Engagement”.

Approved the substitute

[2024-1307](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

To Approve an Amount Not to Exceed \$10,000 to Support the “Environmental” Justice Piece of the Leadership DeKalb’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Day Program 10/24/2024

Approved the substitute

[2024-1308](#)

Commission District(s): District 6 and District 4

To approve a District 6 Reserve for Appropriations of an Amount Not to Exceed \$10,000.00 to Assist in the Mandatory Repairs, Mold Remediation, and Renovation Repairs to the Clarkston Community Center Caused By Flood damage this Summer

Approved the substitute

[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 December 10, 2024

Budget[2024-1403](#)

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

Amend the FY2024 Operating Budget for Probate Court

Deferred with a stop in the Finance, Audit & Budget Committee (FAB), until December 17, 2024

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO[2024-1324](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of October 15, 2024.

Deferred to the next meeting, November 19, 2024

Police Services

[2024-1298](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Acceptance of State of Georgia FY25 Gang Activity Prosecution (GAP) Grant for \$9,000.00

Approved

Public Safety - DEMA

[2024-1279](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Request to Amend Agenda Item 2024-0219 to Accept an Additional \$7,000 from the FY21 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Subgrant Agreement through the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC).

Approved

Sheriff's Office

[2024-1291](#)

Commission District(s): All DeKalb County Commission Districts will be positively impacted by this grant

SFY25 Georgia Gang Activity Prosecution (GAP) Grant

Approved

H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Chief Executive Office

[2024-1418](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Allocate \$3 million ARP funds, with an option to add an additional \$3 million ERA2 funds, to the Housing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia for Construction and/or Renovation of Transitional Housing.

Deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until November 19, 2024

Planning and Sustainability

[2024-1297](#)

Commission District(s): ALL DISTRICTS

Trees Atlanta Contract Renewal

Deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until November 19, 2024

Police Services

[2024-1296](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

FY 2025 Metro Atlanta Multi-Jurisdictional DUI Task Force (HEAT) Grant, \$149,468.80.

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2024-1047](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1335341, 1335342, 1335468, and 1355409 and Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1335343 Pond Maintenance Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D) and the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). These contracts consist of cutting, cleaning, spraying and repair/maintenance of stormwater retention and detention ponds. This request seeks to increase the contract funds for all awarded contracts. Awarded to KSK Landscaping, Inc.; ASAP Landscape Management Group, LLC; Mariani Enterprises, LLC dba Ed Castro Landscape; Executive Realty Solutions, Inc.; and Phillips Lawncare & Services, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$4,300,000.00.

Deferred with a stop in the Planning with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until December 10, 2024

[2024-1189](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract Nos.: 1302439, 1302440, and 1302441 Tree Cutting and Removal Services (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by Departments of Watershed Management (DWM), Facilities Management (FM), Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Public Works - Beautification (PWB) and Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). These contracts consist of providing countywide tree cutting and removal services on an as needed basis. This request seeks to increase the contract funds only. Awarded to One Two Tree, LLC, Neda, Inc. dba Garden of Aden, and Sesmas Tree Service, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$400,000.00.

Approved

[2024-1203](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1266498 Machine Shop Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by Departments of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of machine shop services for various industrial equipment at the wastewater plants and lift stations. This request seeks to increase the contract term through December 31, 2025. Awarded to Cole Technology, Inc. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY.

Approved

[2024-1247](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1349683 2023 LMIG Road Resurfacing Projects (Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). This contract consists of providing road resurfacing on DeKalb County roads. This request seeks to increase the contract term through June 30, 2025. Awarded to C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY.

Approved

Walk-On Items**2024-1469**

Add an Item

Approved

- 2024-1453** **Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts
To Approve A Resolution Reappointing David Littlefield to the DeKalb County Pension Board of Directors

Deferred with a stop in the Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee (ERPS), until December 10, 2024

- 2024-1471** Add an Item

Approved

- 2024-1454** **Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts
To Approve A Resolution Reappointing John McMullan to the DeKalb County Pension Board of Directors

Deferred with a stop in the Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee (ERPS), until December 10, 2024

- 2024-1473** Add an Item

Approved

- 2024-1474** **Commission District(s):** All Districts

Board of Commissioners' 2025 Regular Business and Committee of the Whole Meetings Calendar

Approved

- 2024-1475** Add an Item

Approved

- 2024-1476** **Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Upgrade to 911

Deferred with a stop in the Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee (ERPS), until December 10, 2025

- 2024-1477** Add Item

Approved

2024-0985 **Commission District(s): ALL**
 CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1200066 for Emergency Ambulance Service Provider for DeKalb County, Georgia (Multiyear Contract): for use by Fire Rescue Services. Consists of providing emergency (911) ambulance services and direct billing and collections for ambulance transport and non-transport accounts to DeKalb County citizens. This request is to extend the contract term through June 30, 2026, and provide an annual subsidy payment in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the final executed Amendment. Awarded to: Metro Ambulance Services, Inc. d/b/a American Medical Response, Inc. Annual Amount Not To Exceed: \$4,892,000.00.

Deferred with a stop in the Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee (ERPS), until December 10, 2024

2024-1479 Add an Item
Approved

2024-1480 **Commission District(s): All Commissioner District**
 Intergovernmental Agreement for SPLOST II proceeds to fund capital outlay and infrastructure projects.

Deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until December 10, 2024

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD

Chief Executive Office

[2024-1333](#)

Commission District(s): Commission District(s): All
 Reallocation of Funding from American Rescue Plan Act - State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and Appropriate Funding from FY24 Operating Budget

Approved

Finance

[2024-1326](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

Adoption of the Attached Resolution Approving 6% Rate Increases on January 1 for the Years 2025, 2026 and 2027 and a 2024 Bond Issuance, Not to Exceed \$225 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.

The Bond Issue Will Be Sold Through a Competitive Bid Process Managed by PFM, the County’s Financial Advisor.

Deferred to the next meeting November 19, 2024

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 December 17, 2024

Public Works - Transportation

[2024-1126](#)

Commission District(s): 3 and 7

Payment of \$171,378.67 to Georgia Power for LED Conversion of Columbia Drive at I-20 Interchange Lighting

Deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until December 10, 2024

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee

[2024-1127](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 2 for Contract No. 1367273 Demolition of Residential and Commercial Buildings (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of providing demolition services for County owned facilities. This request seeks to increase contract funds, through the existing contract term to include asbestos abatement prior to demolition. Awarded to: Complete Demolition Services, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$23,800.00.

Deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until November 19, 2024

[2024-1180](#)**Commission District(s): All**

SWC - Statewide Contract (SWC) 99999-SPD0000175-0003 All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV), Utility Vehicles (UTV), Golf Carts and Low Speed Vehicles (LSV) with Associated Parts, Options and Accessories: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This request seeks to utilize the SWC for a five (5) year lease of 72 electric golf carts, and 2 utility carts with associated parts, options and accessories for Mystery Valley Golf Course. Awarded to Textron E-Z Go LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$760,951.20.

Deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until November 19, 2024

[2024-1187](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1269307 and Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1269304, 1269305, Asbestos Abatement, Demolition and Debris Removal (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Community Development (CD). This contract consists of providing asbestos abatement, demolition, and debris removal services. This request seeks to increase funds and extend the contract through December 31, 2025. Awarded to: Southern Demolition LLC., Kissberg Construction Inc., and Diversified Environmental Management, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$600,000.00.

Deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until November 19, 2024

[2024-1190](#)**Commission District(s): 3, 4 & 6**

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1343881, GA - Statewide Georgia Area - General Construction (Sourcewell Contract No. GA-ST04-040820-BDG): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of purchasing from the competitively let Sourcewell contract for indefinite quantity construction contract services. This request is to increase the contract scope and funds. This request will provide improvements at Fork Creek, Needham, Belvedere, Cedar and Gresham Parks. Amount Not To Exceed: \$4,570,482.40.

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2024-1052](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1272495 Sanitary Sewer Chemical Root Control (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of treating portions of the County's gravity sewer system with a chemical root control herbicide. This request is to increase the contract amount. Awarded to Duke's Root Control, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,950,000.00.

Approved

[2024-1069](#)**Commission District(s): All**

LB - Invitation No. 24-101659 2024 LMIG Road Resurfacing Projects for use by Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). Consists of resurfacing DeKalb County roads. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder: E.R. Snell Contractor, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$20,821,478.20.

Approved

[2024-1359](#)**Commission District(s): All**

LB - Invitation No. 24-101673 Stormwater Drainage Infrastructure System Repair for Public Works - American Rescue Plan Act Projects (Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). Consists of providing storm drainage construction services. Recommend award to all bidders who are responsive and responsible: Kemi Construction, Inc., Jewel of the South, Inc., and GS Construction, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$7,500,000.00.

Approved

J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**K. EXECUTIVE SESSION****2024-1481**

Convene Executive Session

Approved

2024-1482

Adjourn Executive Session

Approved

2024-1483 Add an Item
Approved

2024-1484

Commission District(s): All

Proposed approval of settlement between DeKalb County and Ralph Joseph Hughes: Atlanta Air Tours, LLC; N7020L, LLC; and Biplane Rides over Atlanta Inc., a Delaware Corporation; to resolve Civil Action No. 21-cv-9686-10 in the Superior Court of DeKalb County.

Approved

2024-1485 Add an Item
Approved

2024-1486

Commission District(s): All

Proposed settlement of Sheba Ethiopian Restaurant, Inc.'s lawsuit against DeKalb County and related appeal, Civil Action No. 1:17cv04400 in the U.S. District Court, N.D. Ga., and Appeal No. 23-14139 in the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Approved

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.