

# DeKalb County Government

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, January 8, 2019**

**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 Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, 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 Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

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

## **A. INSPIRATIONAL**

Imam La Trina Jackson  
Atlanta Unity Mosque/ Muslims for Progressive Values

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Nancy Jester  
District 1

## **B. PRESENTATIONS**

Clarkston High School Award Winning Cook It Angoras and Chef Jess McNair

## **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. Jay Starkman, 1431 Stephens Dr. Atlanta, GA 30329 – Spoke asking commissioners to deny a Decision Only zoning item on the Agenda.
2. Joscelyn O’Neil, 3711 Larkspur Terr. (no city), GA 30032 – Spoke regarding some of the issues that need to be addressed in her community.
3. Connie F. Smith- Lindsey, 5690 Manassas Run Road Stone Mountain, GA 30087 – Spoke regarding the county allowing SDMC Inc. to secure a \$4 mil contract, and not repairing Stone Mountain-Lithonia Road.
4. Faye Coffield, 3261 Chaparral Way Lithonia, GA 30038 – Spoke regarding the crime within the last 20 days in which Police Officer Flores and a police dog was shot, and 2 shootings occurring in the last 8 days in the County.
5. Stephen M. Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021 – Spoke regarding Commissioner Bradshaw returning \$85,000 from his office Budget to the county’s general fund; The decline in walk-on Agenda items, and there still being a need for a better process; And CEO Thurmond’s lack of response to the report on the county’s procurement process.
6. Betty C. Prather, 2339 Rolling Rock Dr. Conley, GA 30288 – Spoke in support of the land swap between Black Hall Studios and DeKalb County’s Intrenchment Creek Park.
7. Patricia Culp, 3577 Bouldercrest Road Ellenwood, GA 30294 – Spoke in support of the proposed land swap between DeKalb County and Black Hall Studios.
8. Ingrid Buxbaum, 1126 Dobbs Dr. SE Atlanta, GA 30316 – Spoke regarding her concern for the Black Hall Studios land swap.
9. Priscilla Davenport, P.O. Box 370984 Decatur, GA 30032 – Spoke in support of the land swap between DeKalb County and Black Hall Studios.
10. Geraldine Stovall, 2271 Boulder Springs Dr. Ellenwood, GA 30294 – Spoke in support of the land swap between DeKalb County and Black Hall Studios.
11. Debbie Joudeh, 1086 Key Rd. Atlanta, GA 30316 – Spoke regarding concerns over the land swap between DeKalb County and Black Hall Studios.
12. Stacey Thibodeaux, 5429 Savoy Chase Xing Stonecrest, GA 30038 – Spoke regarding initiating communications between the DeKalb Association of Realtors and the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, so as to stay abreast of the different county Real Estate projects.

## 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.

### Public Works - Transportation

[2018-2902](#) Commission District(s): 4 & 6  
Traffic Calming Petition - First Avenue between Chestnut Street and Rockbridge Road. No Cost to County.

*Nathan Mutic, 289 First Ave. Avondale Estates, GA 30002, Suzanne Mutic, 289 First Ave. Avondale Estates, GA 30002, spoke in favor*

*James Alec Gelin, 277 First Ave. Avondale Estates, GA 30002, spoke in opposition*

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred 30 days, until February 12, 2019 for Public Hearing. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

### Watershed Management

[2018-2778](#)

Commission District(s): District 1

Sewer Petition-Winchester Trail (City of Brookhaven)

*James M. Occhiato, 1888 Winchester Trail Chamblee, GA 30341, spoke in favor*

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson

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

**Planning & Sustainability**

[2018-2502](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 2 & 6

Application of the Director of Planning & Sustainability for a Major Modification to zoning conditions to amend the site plan of a condominium subdivision to relocate one building and allow full access on Stephens Drive. The property is located on the southeast intersection of Briarcliff Road and Stephens Road.

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

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

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be taken off table. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor with 10 staff conditions, as well as the 11th condition listed in the Substitute submitted on November 13, 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 Cochran-Johnson**

[2018-2777](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 5 & 7

Application of Tycore Auto Services for a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) to allow major auto repair within Tier 1 of the Greater Hidden Hills Overlay District and the C-2 (General Commercial) District, at 5361 Covington Highway.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be denied on the grounds that it does not satisfy the criteria of Code Section 27-7.4.6 of the Code of DeKalb County, Georgia. Specifically, it does not comply with subsection (S), which requires that the proposed use be consistent with the needs of the neighborhood or the community as a whole, and not conflict with the overall objective of the comprehensive plan. The subject property is located in the Neighborhood Center character area of the Comprehensive Plan, and the proposed major auto repair does not constitute a neighborhood commercial use as contemplated by the policy objective of the Neighborhood Center of the Comp Plan. The existing and planned aesthetic improvements to the building and land do not change the fact that the proposed use contradicts the Comp Plan's policy objective for the area. Additionally, as indicated in the ESRI data which has been tendered to the clerk for inclusion in the record, there is a significant surplus of automobile repair-related business establishments in the immediate vicinity of the subject property, while there is a deficient amount of other needed business types. As such, adding an additional auto repair establishment to a location where another business type could better serve the neighborhood would not be consistent with the needs of the community. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2018-2794](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 2 & 6

Application of the Director of Planning and Sustainability for the Emory Jewish Student Center to rezone property from OI (Office Institutional) to OIT (Office Institutional n Transitional) to allow the use for an existing student center, at 1526 N. Decatur Rd (Application amended due to legal discovery).

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor with 6 staff conditions. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**E. APPEALS**

**F. APPOINTMENTS**

**Board of Commissioners - District 6**

[2018-3023](#)

Commission District(s): All

Reappointment to the Historic Preservation Commission - Ms. Deb Watts

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until January 22, 2019. Items 2018-3023 and 2018-3027 were heard together. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2018-3027](#) Commission District(s): All  
Reappointment to the Historic Preservation Commission - Mr. Jon Hart

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until January 22, 2019. Items 2018-3023 and 2018-3027 were heard together. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**ITEMS FOR RECORDING IN THE MINUTES**

**Board of Commissioners - District 4**

[2018-3151](#) Commission District(s): District 4  
Recording appointment of Tess Snipes to the Peachtree DeKalb Airport Master Plan Committee.

**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 Cochran-Johnson

**G. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Airport**



[2018-3042](#)

Commission District(s): Commission Districts 1 & 6  
Standardized T-Hangar Lease Agreement with Jonathan S.  
Goldmark

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3042, 2018-3043, 2018-3132, 2018-3133, 2018-3134, 2018-3135, 2018-3136, 2018-3137, 2018-3138, 2018-3144, 2018-3143, 2018-3109, 2018-3102 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2018-3043](#)

Commission District(s): Commission Districts 1 & 6  
Standardized T-Hangar Lease Agreement with Ralph "Joe" Hughes

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3042, 2018-3043, 2018-3132, 2018-3133, 2018-3134, 2018-3135, 2018-3136, 2018-3137, 2018-3138, 2018-3144, 2018-3143, 2018-3109, 2018-3102 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2018-3132](#)

Commission District(s): Commission Districts 1 & 6  
Standardized T-Hangar Lease Agreement with Lee C. Davis

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3042, 2018-3043, 2018-3132, 2018-3133, 2018-3134, 2018-3135, 2018-3136, 2018-3137, 2018-3138, 2018-3144, 2018-3143, 2018-3109, 2018-3102 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2018-3133](#) Commission District(s): Commission Districts 1 & 6  
Standardized T-Hangar Lease Agreement with Iyob Makonnen  
**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3042, 2018-3043, 2018-3132, 2018-3133, 2018-3134, 2018-3135, 2018-3136, 2018-3137, 2018-3138, 2018-3144, 2018-3143, 2018-3109, 2018-3102 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2018-3134](#) Commission District(s): Commission Districts 1 & 6  
Standardized T-Hangar Lease Agreement with Charles S. Conklin III  
**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3042, 2018-3043, 2018-3132, 2018-3133, 2018-3134, 2018-3135, 2018-3136, 2018-3137, 2018-3138, 2018-3144, 2018-3143, 2018-3109, 2018-3102 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2018-3135](#) Commission District(s): Commission Districts 1 & 6  
Standardized T-Hangar Lease Agreement with John V. Diciara  
**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3042, 2018-3043, 2018-3132, 2018-3133, 2018-3134, 2018-3135, 2018-3136, 2018-3137, 2018-3138, 2018-3144, 2018-3143, 2018-3109, 2018-3102 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 Cochran-Johnson

- [2018-3136](#) Commission District(s): Commission Districts 1 & 6  
Standardized T-Hangar Lease Agreement with Jon Vickers  
**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3042, 2018-3043, 2018-3132, 2018-3133, 2018-3134, 2018-3135, 2018-3136, 2018-3137, 2018-3138, 2018-3144, 2018-3143, 2018-3109, 2018-3102 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 Cochran-Johnson
- [2018-3137](#) Commission District(s): Commission Districts 1 & 6  
Termination of Standardized T-Hangar Space Agreement with David C. Lincoln  
**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3042, 2018-3043, 2018-3132, 2018-3133, 2018-3134, 2018-3135, 2018-3136, 2018-3137, 2018-3138, 2018-3144, 2018-3143, 2018-3109, 2018-3102 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 Cochran-Johnson
- [2018-3138](#) Commission District(s): Commission Districts 1 & 6  
Termination of Standardized T-Hangar Space Agreement with Wendell Todd  
**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3042, 2018-3043, 2018-3132, 2018-3133, 2018-3134, 2018-3135, 2018-3136, 2018-3137, 2018-3138, 2018-3144, 2018-3143, 2018-3109, 2018-3102 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 Cochran-Johnson

**Board of Commissioners**

[2018-3144](#) Commission District(s): All  
Amendment to Agenda Item 2018-3039 - Board of Commissioners' 2019 Regular Business and Committee of the Whole Meetings Calendar

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3042, 2018-3043, 2018-3132, 2018-3133, 2018-3134, 2018-3135, 2018-3136, 2018-3137, 2018-3138, 2018-3144, 2018-3143, 2018-3109, 2018-3102 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 Cochran-Johnson

**Juvenile Court**

[2018-3143](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Request for Grant Award Acceptance in the Amount of \$ 25,000 for the Fulton - DeKalb Hospital Authority (FDHA)

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3042, 2018-3043, 2018-3132, 2018-3133, 2018-3134, 2018-3135, 2018-3136, 2018-3137, 2018-3138, 2018-3144, 2018-3143, 2018-3109, 2018-3102 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 Cochran-Johnson

**Police Services**

[2018-3109](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Grant Acceptance - US Department of Homeland Security, United States Secret Service (USSS)  
FY 2019 Electronic Crimes Task Force (ECTF), \$4,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3042, 2018-3043, 2018-3132, 2018-3133, 2018-3134, 2018-3135, 2018-3136, 2018-3137, 2018-3138, 2018-3144, 2018-3143, 2018-3109, 2018-3102 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 Cochran-Johnson

**Public Works - Roads & Drainage**

[2018-3106](#)

Commission District(s): Countywide  
MARTA Bus Rapid Transit Candler Agreement CIP

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, 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 Cochran-Johnson

**Public Works - Transportation**

[2018-3102](#)

Commission District(s): 2 and 6  
Acceptance of \$125,000 from Ashton Atlanta Residential LLC for Access Improvements to South Fork Peachtree Creek Trail

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3042, 2018-3043, 2018-3132, 2018-3133, 2018-3134, 2018-3135, 2018-3136, 2018-3137, 2018-3138, 2018-3144, 2018-3143, 2018-3109, 2018-3102 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 Cochran-Johnson

## H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

### Board of Commissioners

[2019-3157](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
Nomination of a Presiding Officer  
**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the nomination of Commissioner Jeff Rader as Presiding Officer. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2019-3158](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
Nomination of a Deputy Presiding Officer  
**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the nomination of Commissioner Steve Bradshaw as Deputy Presiding Officer. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

### Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO

[2018-3152](#) Commission District(s): All  
Rescind the vote for item 2018-2983 on the November 13, 2018 Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda, approving the September 25, 2018 Zoning Meeting Minutes  
**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2018-3153](#)

Commission District(s): All  
Correct the motion verbiage for item 2018-2411 on the September 25, 2018 Zoning Meeting Minutes

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved.**

**Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Fire & Rescue Services**

[2018-3016](#)

Commission District(s): All  
Intergovernmental Agreement with Rockdale County, Georgia For Supplemental Fire and Rescue Services

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, 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 Cochran-Johnson

**Human Services**

[2018-3111](#)

Commission District(s): Districts 3, 5, 6 & 7.

Acceptance of a Grant from the United Way of Greater Atlanta to provide Food Pantry/Food Services to Intergenerational Families Living in South DeKalb- at no cost to the County

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on January 22, 2019. Items 2018-3111, 2018-3112, 2018-3140 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2018-3112](#)

Commission District(s): All

Accepting Additional Funds from the Atlanta Regional Commission for senior services for SFY 2019

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on January 22, 2019. Items 2018-3111, 2018-3112, 2018-3140 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 Cochran-Johnson

**Planning and Sustainability**



[2018-3140](#)

Commission District(s): ALL DISTRICTS

A resolution to renew the Service Delivery Strategy for DeKalb County, Georgia

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on January 22, 2019. Items 2018-3111, 2018-3112, 2018-3140 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 Cochran-Johnson

#### Purchasing & Contracting

*Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee*

[2018-3110](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 13-902723 for Uniformed Security Guard Services (Multi-year): for use by Police Services (PS) to be utilized by all County Departments. The contract consists of providing armed and unarmed security guard services at various County locations. Award to All(n)1 Security Services, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$680,000.00.

*Commission District(s): ALL CO - Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 13-902723 for Uniformed Security Guard Services (Multi-year): for use by Police Services (PS) to be utilized by all County Departments. The contract consists of providing armed and unarmed security guard services at various County locations. Award to All(n)1 Security Services, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$680,000.00.*

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

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

**Recused:** 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

*Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*

[2018-2527](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 18-101019 On-Call Plumbing Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). Consists of the repair, replacement, maintenance and installation of plumbing fixtures at county-owned facilities. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: J. Squared Plumbing Company, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$450,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on January 22, 2019. Items 2018-2527 and 2018-3058 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2018-3058](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 18-101013 Painting and Wallpapering Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM) and Fire Rescue Services (FS). Consists of providing painting and wallpapering services. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: The Rossum Group, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$260,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on January 22, 2019. Items 2018-2527 and 2018-3058 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee*

[2018-3054](#)

Commission District(s): 2, 3, 5, 6, 7

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Prefabricated Restroom Buildings: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of the purchase and installation of prefabricated restroom buildings at seven (7) County parks. Awarded to CXT, Inc. a L.B. Foster Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$434,424.28.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on January 22, 2019. Commissioner Larry Johnson was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee*

[2018-2991](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 18-101017 Closed Cab Boom Mower Tractor with Rotary Cutter: for Public Works - Fleet Management to be used by Public Works - Beautification. Consists of one (1) unit to mow behind guard rails, ditches and drains along the roadway and to trim tree limbs. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Ag-Pro. Amount Not To Exceed: \$151,034.00.

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2991 and 2018-3046 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2018-3046](#)

Commission District(s): 1 and 7  
LB - Invitation No. 18-101002 Tucker Streetscape - First Avenue, Second Street, Fourth Street, Lynburn Drive and Fellowship Road - PI #0010633/PI# 0012617 (365 days): for use by Public Works-Transportation. Consists of providing road improvements and enhancements in the City of Tucker. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: CMES, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,943,913.00

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2991 and 2018-3046 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 Cochran-Johnson

## I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD

### 2019 Legislative Agenda

[2018-3035](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts  
A Resolution Of The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County, Georgia To The General Assembly Relating To The Creation Of A Charter Review Commission To Study And Make Recommendations On The Governance Structure Of DeKalb County.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on January 22, 2019. Items 2018-3035, 2018-3036, 2018-3038, 2018-3086 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2018-3036](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution Of The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County, Georgia To The General Assembly To Amend O.C.G.A. § 36-62-5, Relating To The Appointment Of Members To The County Development Authority By The County Governing Authority.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on January 22, 2019. Items 2018-3035, 2018-3036, 2018-3038, 2018-3086 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2018-3038](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution Of The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County, Georgia To The General Assembly Relating To The Expansion And Support Of Mental Health Services Across The Continuum Of Care.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on January 22, 2019. Items 2018-3035, 2018-3036, 2018-3038, 2018-3086 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2018-3086](#)

Commission District(s): All

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

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on January 22, 2019. Items 2018-3035, 2018-3036, 2018-3038, 2018-3086 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 Cochran-Johnson

**Board of Commissioners**[2018-2265](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

Amendment To Board of Commissioners Standing Procedural Rules

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be to defer the substitute submitted from the floor as amended, until January 22, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Board of Commissioners - District 2**[2018-2912](#)

Commission District(s): Commission Districts 2 and 6

Appropriation of Funds for SPLOST Parks Drainage Projects

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2018-3020](#)

Commission District(s): All

A Resolution by the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia to Erect a Permanent Monument Memorializing DeKalb Victims of Racial Terrorism

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on January 22, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

#### Police Services

[2018-2978](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

MOU for Police - Business Partnership with Ring to Help Reduce Crime in Dekalb County

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

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

#### Purchasing & Contracting

*Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee*

[2018-2927](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO - Request approval to appropriate SPLOST funds for the purchase of 50 police vehicles in the amount of \$1,863,450.00 from line item 2F \$5,606,300.00 and approve Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1119777 for Purchase of Various Automobiles, Vans, Trucks, and Accessories (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Fleet Management. This contract consists of providing replacement vehicles to enable personnel to complete daily work activities and operations that require the use of automobiles, vans, and light trucks equipped with specific packages and accessories. Awarded to Hardy Chevrolet Buick GMC, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,863,450.00.

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

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

[2018-3041](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1016099 for Professional Services for Leadership Training: for use by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). This contract consists of the provision of leadership training. Awarded to Leadership DeKalb, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$60,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved with a friendly amendment to remove the age limitation verbiage. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Purchasing & Contracting - to FAB Committee*



[2018-2880](#)

Commission District(s): ALL  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 977680, Financial Advisory Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Finance. Consists of providing professional financial advisory services to the County. Awarded to Public Financial Management, Inc. Contract Term Extension Only.

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

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

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee*

[2018-2919](#)

Commission District(s): All  
REN - Nuisance Abatement and Remediation Services (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by Beautification - Keep DeKalb Beautiful (KDB). This contract consists of providing services to reduce blight in the County, including abatement of vacant and abandoned properties (houses and lots). Awarded to Samuel & AAK Company, Inc., AHB General Contractors, Inc. and Absolute Quality Services, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$100,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting until January 22, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee*

[2018-2337](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 18-100969 Lubricants (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Fleet Management and the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the purchase of lubricants (motor oil, hydraulic fluids, transmission fluids, etc.) used for County vehicles and on-site equipment. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Dilmar Oil Company, Lubrication Engineers, Inc., The McPherson Companies, Inc., Taylor Enterprises, Inc., Brewer Hendley Oil Co. and Northeast Lubricants, Ltd. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$356,726.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be to approve the item that has fleets identified that were used in the committee, and to include the email dated November 1, 2018 from Talisa Clark that gives an explanation on the substitute for justification of not using the low bid. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2018-2703](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 18-100946 Cement (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Road and Drainage (R&D) and Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the acquisition of various cement products for day to day operations. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Ferguson Enterprise, Inc. d/b/a Ferguson Waterworks, Freeman Resources Group, LLC and K2R Legacy Group, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$381,768.53.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be to approve the revised bid tabulation dated December 31, 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 Cochran-Johnson

**J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD****1. Commissioner Nancy Jester mentioned the following:**

- Congratulated Commissioners Jeff Rader and Bradshaw on their nominations for Presiding officer and Deputy Presiding Officer
- Hoped everyone had a restful and peaceful holiday season
- Wished everyone a great 2019
- Welcomed new District 7 Commissioner

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

- Completed the 20th anniversary of the Tree of Love Campaign
- 5th anniversary of the Act of Kindness program
- Thanked the people who attended his 5th inauguration
- This year's theme is "Connected the Unconnected"
- April is "County's Month" and will talk about innovations that the county's implementing around the 311 system
- MC'd the Let's Transform Haiti project in collaboration with the Cross Cultural Church

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

Good afternoon everyone. Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. It is good to be back for another year in the saddle.

At this point I will not review all of the events that we attended over the holiday season. However, I would like to highlight that on January 6th I was honored to speak at the Wynbrooke Home Owner's Association meeting. Wynbrooke is one of the great communities in District 4. And it is always good for me to engage in open dialogue with my constituents. I want to thank HOA President Catherine Howard for the invitation. I look forward to returning in the future.

I would like to congratulate Commissioner Jeff Rader for being elected to

another year as Presiding Officer. I look forward to your continued leadership. And I would like to thank all of my fellow board members for supporting me for another year as Deputy Presiding Officer of this great body. I will continue to work hard to prove myself worthy of the confidence that you have placed in me.

I would also like to congratulate my colleagues Commissioner Jeff Rader and Commissioner Larry Johnson on their respective re-elections to their commission seats. I was honored to attend both of your swearing in ceremonies. I look forward to continuing to serve with both of you.

And of course I would like to formally welcome Commissioner Lorraine Cochran Johnson to this Board of Commissioners. It was a pleasure to attend your swearing in ceremony as well. I look forward to working with you.

I would like to begin this year as I ended last year by thanking the citizens of District 4 for trusting me with this responsibility. It is indeed an honor to serve. Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer.

**4. 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 offering our sincerest condolences to the family of the late Rev. Cameron Alexander. Rev. Alexander always supported Hank and I throughout the years and we will miss him dearly. We attended the Memorial Service and the Funeral and the programs were so beautiful and full of celebration for a life well lived. Thank you Rev. Alexander for all you have done for us and for so many others.

Last week, Hank and I celebrated 39 years of marriage and it is just such a blessing. Hank is a great husband, father and my best friend. For the last 39 years, we have given each other unconditional love. I thank God for these 39 years for which we have surely enjoyed.

I would like to invite all of the residents of the 5th District to join us for a special edition Town Hall Meeting in partnership with the Probate Court of DeKalb County on next Thursday, January 17th. The meeting will take place at the Lou Walker Senior Center. The purpose of the meeting is to inform citizens of the functions of the Probate Court and to provide more about how the probate Court can help with Wills & Estates, Guardianships, Records and so much more.

I had a wonderful time with the Atlanta Branch of the NAACP for their annual Jubilee Day Celebration. Hank was the keynote speaker and it was a pleasure being with so many who were in attendance. The theme for this year was “United We Stand” and Hank served as the Keynote Speaker for this year’s program.

I would like to give a shout out to my Super District 7 Commissioner, Lorraine Cochran – Johnson for a job well done on her swearing in ceremony. I am looking forward to working with you to continue “Moving DeKalb Forward”.

Finally, I would like to thank our Fire Chief for his wonderful leadership. This morning, the Board of Commissioners voted on Item 2018-3016 to enter into an IGA with Rockdale County to help improve the response time as well as help address the concern of many residents who experienced an increase in their homeowners insurance. With this vote today, this will help to address the concern which many residents have brought to our attention. I just want the residents in the 5th to know that we hear you and that we will continue to make positive progress on the issues in an effort to improve the quality of life for all of the 5th District and all of DeKalb County.

For more information on any of the announcements, 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.

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

- Welcome back from the sunniest weekend we have had all year! And welcome 2019!! The holiday season was fabulous and I feel rested, rejuvenated, and ready to roll up my sleeves and get to work. It is exciting having Super District 7 Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson on my left at both the Dais and my office. I look forward to serving with you in our committees. I would also like to send out condolences to our dear friend, Joel Edwards, who recently lost his mother. My thoughts and prayers are with the Edwards family

- If you want to check out former NBA player and current broadcaster Mike “Stinger” Glenn’s collection of thousands of rare books, newspapers and magazines that document African American history and culture, there is an exhibit currently on display at the Decatur library focusing on women on the civil rights movement. The exhibit will focus on women’s roles in the Civil

Rights Movement and celebrate the 50-year anniversary of Shirley Chisholm's historic election to Congress. Mr. Glenn aims to shed light on the significant contributions that women of color made to pave the way for President Obama, Hillary Clinton and others. The exhibit will run through January 24th during library hours

- Coffee with a Cop launches its 2019 calendar tomorrow, January 9th, in Oak Grove Market from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. In case you did not know, the Oak Grove Market is located at 2757 LaVista Road in Decatur. Kick off your 2019 by joining your neighbors and police for a conversation and “cup of Joe”

- Join the Junior League of DeKalb County this Saturday January 12th at the Mary Gay House, located at 716 W. Trinity Place, right here in downtown Decatur to learn more about the devastating problem of human trafficking in our very own community. At this event you can learn how we, as a community, can raise awareness, support and advocate for victims. The rally will be held from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on the steps of the house, followed by speakers from the community. You are encouraged to wear blue to represent victims of human trafficking! For more information visit [www.jldekalb.org](http://www.jldekalb.org)

- Everyone is welcome to a celebration of Martin Luther King Jr., next Friday January 18th right here in the Maloof Auditorium. The program is from 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

- The annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service (MLK Day) is just 2 weeks away and many of our Super District 6 neighbors participate in efforts each year. If you haven't, I encourage you to get involved on MLK Day and dedicate your service to his memory. MLK Day is officially on Monday, January 21st, but volunteer service activities occur throughout the entire week (January 15th-21st ). Visit [www.nationalservice.gov](http://www.nationalservice.gov) or [www.handsonatlanta.org](http://www.handsonatlanta.org) for local opportunities where you can get involved. Also please remember that DeKalb County Government office will be closed on the 21st to honor Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy so sanitation collection will be delayed. Visit my Facebook page under Commissioner Kathie Gannon for the schedule once it has been provided

- Kudos to Special Collections Supervisor John Howard who was nominated by our Division for the Waste360 2019 40 under 40 Awards, and was chosen as one of the 40 nationwide winners. This award process recognizes and rewards young professionals and rising stars within the solid waste and recycling industries. The significance of this nomination and award process is reflected in the

following official Waste360 statement- “The awards honor the next generation of leaders who are shaping the future of the waste and recycling industries.” This was a very competitive nationwide nomination and selection process, and we are truly delighted that John was chosen by the selection committee as deserving of this recognition. John will be formally recognized during the 2019 WasteExpo conference in the coming months. Congratulations Supervisor Howard for this remarkable achievement!

- Super District 6 has a new Special Projects and Communications Intern Sanae Lahgazi Alaoui. Please welcome Sanae, our new Special Projects and Communications Intern!

**6. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran- Johnson read the following comments:**

- Congratulated Commissioners Rader and Bradshaw on their nominations for Presiding Officer and Deputy Presiding Officer, respectively
- Thanked everyone for the warm welcomes
- Thanked the Gresham Park Community Association, City of Stonecrest, and the Toney Valley community for a wonderful holiday outings
- Worked with the Africa’s Children fund and the Simba foundation to gather books and clothing for donations to Africa
- Please visit the website in the course of the next two weeks to look for events scheduled throughout the year

**7. Commissioner Jeff Rader 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 using [@raderjeff](#) and on Instagram [@commissionerjeffrader](#).

I want to take this opportunity to welcome everyone into the New Year. Happy New Year! 2019 is going to bring great things to DeKalb County.

Upcoming...

- Next Thursday, January 17th, DeKalb County will host Leadership DeKalb for Government Day. We look forward to meeting the class, hearing from them and

sharing information about county government

- DeKalb County Government will host the Annual MLK Day Celebration on Friday, January 18th at 11:30 a.m. in the Maloof Auditorium

In Library news...

- A special exhibit entitled “Expanding Civil Rights with a Focus on Women of the Movement” is now on display at the Decatur Branch. Enjoy articles, photos, books focusing on women of the civil rights movement. An opening reception will be held Thursday night, January 10th at 6:30 p.m.

- Also at the Decatur branch, the DeKalb Volunteer Lawyers Foundation attorneys will discuss information about debt cases and offer free consultations on Tuesday, January 8th and 22nd at 5:30 p.m. Bring documentation related to your case

- Tonight, enjoy musical offering by Wendlo, the Atlanta based folk pop duo of Jacob and Chelsea Hamilton, at the Decatur branch at 7 p.m.

- And at the Toco Hills-Avis G Williams library, enjoy movies every Friday in January at 1:30 p.m.

#### **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 Mereda Davis Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Kathie Gannon to adjourn the January 8, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:30 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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



Jeff Rader  
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond  
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders-Norwood  
County Clerk