



DeKalb County Government

178 Sams Street
Decatur, GA 30030

Meeting Minutes - Final-revised

Committee of the Whole

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

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

9:00 AM

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

Attendance

Present: 7 - Robert Patrick, Michelle Long Spears, Chakira Johnson, Mereda Davis Johnson, Ted Terry, Nicole Massiah and LaDena Bolton

*This meeting will be conducted via teleconference (Zoom).
Simultaneous public access to the meeting will be available
(1) via live stream on DCTV's webpage, and (2) on DCTVChannel23.TV*

Tentative Agenda

This Agenda is not final and subject to change, as the agenda for the Regular Board of Commissioners' meeting is set at the Committee of the Whole.

I. Committee of the Whole

A. Committee Reports

B. CEO Discussion

C. Water/Sewer Rates Discussion

D. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for January 28, 2025

PROPOSED 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.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the OPS-County Operations Committee

Planning and 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
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee due back on 1/28/2025 .

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.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

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
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee due back on 1/30/2025 .

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs

- [2025-0036](#) Commission District(s): 4 and 6
To approve the annual agreement for Little Creek Horse Park
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee due back on 1/28/2025 .

[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.

**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and
assigned to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development &
Community Services Committee due back on 1/28/2025 .**

[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.

**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and
assigned to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development &
Community Services Committee due back on 1/28/2025 .**

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.

**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and
assigned to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development &
Community Services Committee due back on 1/28/2025 .**

E. Review of Board of Commissioners Preliminary Agenda

APPOINTMENTS

Magistrate Court

[2025-0069](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts.
Request to Re-Appoint Senior Magistrate Court Judges
This agenda item was accepted to BOC agenda - Appointment

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”)
This agenda item was accepted to BOC agenda - Appointment

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
This agenda item was accepted to BOC agenda - Appointment
- [2025-0129](#) Commission District(s): District 7
Recording the Re-Appointment of Edward Patton to the Planning Commission
This agenda item was accepted to BOC agenda - Appointment

Tax Commissioner

- [2025-0050](#) To Record the Appointment of Nicole M. Golden to position of Chief Deputy Tax Commissioner
This agenda item was accepted to BOC agenda - Appointment

PRELIMINARY

Board Of Commissioners

- [2025-0127](#) Commission District(s): ALL
Approval of Minutes for the January 21, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent
- [2025-0135](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Placeholder - A Resolution Establishing the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners’ Committees
This agenda item was accepted to BOC agenda - Preliminary

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
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

District Attorney

[2025-0124](#) Commission District(s): all
Acceptance of Violence Against Women Act Grant for \$55,405 to
the District Attorney’s Office
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

F. Review/Recap of New Items for the BOC Agenda

G. Items Previously Heard

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

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.

"DECISION ONLY" ITEMS – NO PUBLIC HEARING

Watershed Management

[2024-1502](#) Commission District(s): 3 and 6
Septic to Sewer Petition - Cougar Court - Ellenwood, Georgia

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

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

[2025-0007](#) Commission District(s): ALL
Approval of Minutes for the January 7, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting

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.

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

[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

[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

[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

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
- [2024-0525](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
A Resolution to Establish a DeKalb Environmental Justice Commission
- [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
- [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.
- [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
- [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.

Board of Commissioners - District 7

- [2024-0347](#) Commission District(s): All Districts
Resolution to Address Eliminating Blight Caused by Unattended Donation Boxes.

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.

Public Safety

[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.

Public Works - Roads & Drainage

[2024-1284](#) Commission District(s): ALL
Stormwater Master Plan

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.

[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.

[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.

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.

[2024-1289](#) Commission District(s): ALL
CA - Sourcewell Cooperative Agreement No. 121522 MNF Purchase of Gasoline & Diesel Fuel: for use by Public Works-Fleet Management. Consists of the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel from the competitively let Sourcewell Contract for the operation of County vehicles and equipment. Awarded to Mansfield Oil Co. of Gainesville, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$8,500,000.00.

[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.

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.

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.

[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.

[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.

II. Special Called Meeting

A. Executive Session

B. Other Matters