

DeKalb County Government

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

9:00 AM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

Board of Commissioners

*Comm. Robert Patrick, Presiding Officer, District 1
Comm. Mereda Davis Johnson, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 5*

*Commissioner Robert Patrick, District 1
Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, District 2
Commissioner Larry Johnson, District 3
Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4
Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5
Commissioner Edward "Ted" Terry, Super District 6
Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Super District 7*

Present: 7 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

A. INSPIRATIONAL

Rev. Dr. Gerald Durley, Civil Rights Advocate and Chairman of Interfaith Power & Light

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Larry Johnson- District 3

B. PRESENTATIONS

Older Americans Month - Senior Olympics
National Therapy Animal Day
Earth Day

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. Public comments may be made in person or submitted by sending an email no longer than one page to PublicComments@dekalbcountyga.gov which must be received between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Only those emails received during the allotted time may be read aloud. Public comment emails received outside of the allotted time will be included in the public comment record for the next meeting after receipt of those emails. The body of your email must include your first and last name, followed by your address.

By submitting an email for public comment at any time, you agree to have your name, address and email entered into the record/minutes. Each in-person speaker must complete a speaker card and present it to the clerk before the beginning of the public comment portion of the meeting.

Cards must be 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, in-person 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 in-person attendees 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. If time remains in the proscribed public comment portion of said meeting, email comments will be read into the record by the clerk or designee. Any remaining email public comments received between 9:00 am and 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting not read into the record will be submitted into the minutes by the clerk or designee and shall be forwarded to each commissioner by email. 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.

Public Comments: April 11, 2023- Unread Emails

1. *Latiqua Farley, 2121 Glenwood Downs Drive Decatur 30035- I had 2 different leaks and I got it fixed but the water bill shot up once i started paying the first bill down another leak accrued and now that bill is high i have no way of paying even with the payment plans but i need my water I'm a mother of 5 and don't know what to do and is worried my water will be cut off*

2. *Catherine Bailey, 3022 Stonebridge Creek Dr Lithonia 30058- I, Catherine Bailey, is writing with the concern of how Dekalb Watershed is ripping their Consumers off. I have Dekalb Water shed as my water supply. I find it very disturbing that I have been getting ripped off every 3rd cycles. I have made several complaints going back too "2010" and I am still very disappointed with this Company and how they treat their Customers(speaking for myself) They have been overcharging me since I have been living here starting back to "2010" Inspectors from the Company have been to my house several times. I have spoken to many Representatives and only was told" We will not reimburse you for only up to a year! I had a my pipes burst in January and I have not received any compensation for my invoice I have submitted. I am tired of the neglect and having to get meters replaced every year, until they recently change (so they say), but yet, I am still getting overcharge. I just hope they start looking out for their consumers more than their pockets. p.s. I am so upset with this company and how irresponsible they are with their Consumers! Thank you*

3. *Deirdre Dean (No Address)- My water bill is now higher than it has ever been since living here 14yrs now. This is ridiculous and don't make any since for us to have to pay so much for water.*

4. *Elizabeth Moore (No Address)- Please vote no on Cop City. It would be an environmental disaster and puts the surrounding community at risk. Thank you*

5. *Ed Williams (No Address)- Good Morning Commissioners: My Name is Ed Williams, I have lived in unincorporated south DeKalb for over twenty years. I am the chair of the group Concerned Citizens for Effective Government. It is my understanding the County is planning another SPLOST referendum in November without providing any details regarding costs and projects to be funded. Any SPLOST agreement should anticipate and plan for any future additional municipalities being created in DeKalb County. As the SPLOST voted on in November 2017, I have a huge concern with the use of the unincorporated residents' portion of the revenue to pay for what I consider to be county-wide projects where the municipalities are not sharing in the cost even though their*

residents use the services and facilities equally with unincorporated residents. I believe that government should treat all its citizens equitably and that the government should be transparent and its officials held accountable. The 2017 County SPLOST method and formula used were not equitable to all the residents in both unincorporated and municipalities of DeKalb County. There is a disparity in the application of the SPLOST tax funds. The SPLOST legislation HB215 passed in 2015, and SB143 passed in 2017 in hopes that we could find a more equitable solution to address the county-wide projects being funded by unincorporated SPLOST revenue. There has never been a tax that the DeKalb Government didn't like. The 2017 SPLOST voted on by the residents of DeKalb County was the first in its history, even though the SPLOST has been around since the eighties. The SPLOST was voted on by all the citizens of DeKalb, and it was divided up with the other 13 municipalities excluding the Atlanta, portion of DeKalb County. I am certainly sure that you are aware that a sales tax voted on at the county level should be shared fairly throughout the district across the municipalities. The annual sales tax revenue for SPLOST was expected to be over 100 million a year. The total SPLOST revenue for the 6 years was expected to be over 638 million, where 388 million is to go to unincorporated DeKalb County. The County divided the SPLOST revenue up by population, where the unincorporated district of DeKalb of 431,250 residents will receive about 60.94 percent of the sales tax revenue for 6 years. I do not think the allocation of SPLOST money as it relates to the portion allocated to repair the courthouse, fire department, and other facilities that are used by the entire county should only be carried by the unincorporated residents' portion of the SPLOST sales revenue. . The future obligations of SPLOST proceeds should be shared by more DeKalb residents certainly more transparently and equitably. The Powers of all public officers are defined by law and all persons must take notice thereof. Thank You

6. Star McKenzie (No Address)- As a lifetime Dekalb resident and water affordability advocate I call on the BOC to Cancel the Water Debt. One Board Members response to this demand was that it is financially unreasonable and would cost too much. You know what else is financially unreasonable? Residents in your County on fixed incomes getting bullied into payment plans they cannot afford for fear of losing access to water. Do I believe everyone should be responsible to pay for the water they've used? Absolutely. However, many residents continue to face issues with billing accuracy due to the archaic billing system, human error and a lack of response to residents data backed requests for dispute resolution. Families are struggling to pay their water bills—and this is happening on your watch. The County has a budget surplus. Meanwhile I am hearing daily from elderly, disabled and vulnerable residents who are in distress. How would you feel if your ability to afford a basic human necessity was in

jeopardy? I recently requested information from the CFO on the water billing arbitration process that has supposedly been in place for years. I implore you to request information about it as well. The right to due process for residents facing 20K plus water bills is worth your attention. The shortlist of those who I know have requested arbitration are still waiting on the County to give them next steps to resolve their disputes. As liens and collections processes ramp up please take the time to follow up on these incredibly important issues.

7. Susan Perz, Ph.D (No Address)- Hi, I am writing to ask you to stop the police training center project in Weelaunee Forest—demilitarize it—and move it somewhere else. Here are my reasons: 1. The City Council already voted to restore this forest and create a park and other amenities for local residents. The proposal to build a police training center violates that vote. People in power, emboldened by corporate sponsors and the private equity funded police foundation (which is so wrong) basically commandeered this project and are ramming it through—ignoring the MASSIVE protest by Atlanta residents—and using police to terrorize and kill forest protectors instead of LISTENING TO THE VOICES OF CONSTITUENTS AND ALLOWING THEIR VOICES AND WISHES TO HAVE MORE POWER THAN CORPORATIONS AND CORPORATE DONORS! THIS IS A VIOLATION OF YOUR OATHS OF OFFICE. Are you building a private army for corporations? THIS IS CORPORATE FASCISM. 2. THE MILITARIZATION OF ATLANTA POLICE IS DEEPLY CONCERNING. Why does a police training center need a bomb testing site, military style training, practice for urban warfare against our own citizens, a Black Hawk landing pad, shooting ranges for machine guns and heavy weaponry—against U.S. citizens?????? WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS???? THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE MILITARIZATION OF THE POLICE!!!! POLICE SHOULD NOT BE USING MILITARY WEAPONS AGAINST CITIZENS!!!! THE MILITARY SHOULD NOT BE DONATING ITS LEFTOVER EQUIPMENT TO POLICE FORCES. THIS IS NOT A FASCIST COUNTRY!!!! ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE GEORGIA A FASCIST STATE? 3. The residents who live there do not want this training center. THEIR WISHES SHOULD BE RESPECTED. THE LIVE THERE!!!! 4. The destruction of forest and the destruction of wetlands will cause flooding. 5. Destruction of the forest destroys needed green space, canopy, and carbon sequestration in the Atlanta area that is largely devoid of trees and green spaces. It is ill-advised and irresponsible in this time of climate change. 6. The training facility should be built elsewhere—perhaps in areas that need renovation. For example, there are areas of the city with shot-out windows and semi-demolished buildings. It would be more appropriate to buy those properties, clear them, and build a training center there and put some green areas in. 7. Part of the concerns about the training center are its goals for

militarization of the police. A citizens panel of local people and relevant nonprofits should be formed to advise the goals of the training center. For example, Atlanta police should not be using military weapons against citizens. 8. The aggression already used by police against tree sitters is a frightening example of the inappropriate use of police presence, police militarization—pointing AK-15s at nonviolent forest protectors and killing THE FIRST ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST IN ENTIRE U.S. HISTORY TO BE KILLED IN THIS COUNTRY—WHERE PEACEFUL PROTEST IS LEGAL!!!! ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF OUR COUNTRY BECOMING A BANANA REPUBLIC????? BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT THIS LOOKS LIKE!!!! THIS IS ABSOLUTELY ABHORRENT AND DESPICABLE!!! IT IS MURDER!!!! So now you want to further empower a police force in Atlanta THAT ALREADY RANKS 10 IN THE COUNTRY FOR WRONGFUL KILLINGS OF BLACK AND BROWN MEN!!!! AND PUT MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING IN THEIR HANDS????!!!! HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MINDS???? I AM WHITE. THIS IS RACIST. 9. It is legal in this country to peacefully protest. Arresting forest protectors and charging people who are simply handing out flyers with terrorism—or any protestor with terrorism is FASCISM! THESE ARE FASCIST ACTIONS! DO YOU WANT GEORGIA TO BE A FASCIST STATE? THAT IS WHAT THIS IS!!! 10. The year 2030 is LESS THAN 7 YEARS AWAY! BY THAT TIME WE WILL BE DESPARATE FOR TREE AND SHADE SPACES—AND YOUR ACTIONS TO DESTROY THIS FOREST WILL MAKE THE CITY HOTTER AND WILL BE DECRIED AS A CRIMINAL ACTION AND ECOCIDE. 11. Construction of the police training center at this site would destroy a historic cemetary. 12. The Weelaunee Forest is a Native Indigenous Forest and should be respected and kept intact. 13. IF GEORGIA CONTINUES IN ITS FASCIST ACTIONS PEOPLE WILL LEAVE THE CITY. That means there will be no labor for corporations to hire to do their grunt work. 14. I think every person who voted for or approved this training center in this forest and its militarization should be legally removed from office. Sincerely,

Public Comments: In Person

Joel Edwards-2129 Turdor Castle Way Decatur 30035, Charles Peaglor- Turdor Castle Dr Decatur 30035, Jocelyn O'Neil- 3711 Larkspur Terrace 30032, Stephen Binney- 1083 Seville Drive Clarkston 30021, Imam Plemon El-Amin- 560 Fayetteville Road Atlanta 30316, Laura Kearns- 2149 azalea circle 30033

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

[2023-0302](#)

Commission District(s): 3 & 6

Traffic Calming Petition - Whites Mill Lane between Summerland Drive and Whites Mill Road. No Cost to County.

Support: Anthony Stovall- 2476 White Mills Lane Decatur 30032, George H. Sims- 2524 Whites Mills Lane Decatur 30032

Opposition: None

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

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

“DECISION ONLY” ITEMS – NO PUBLIC HEARING

Planning & Sustainability

[2022-2253](#)

Commission District(s): Commission District 04 Super District 06
Application of D.A. Edwards & Company c/o Dennis J. Webb, Jr., Smith, Gambrell & Russell to rezone property from R-75 (Residential Medium Lot) zoning district to RSM (Residential Small Lot Mix) zoning district to allow the construction of cottage-style urban single-family detached homes, at 1251 Robinwood Road.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute dated April 10, 2023 with conditions. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2022-2262](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): Commission District 3 Super District 6
Application of Toll Brothers c/o Kathryn Zickert, Smith, Gambrell, & Russell LLC to rezone property from O-I (Office Institutional) zoning district to RSM (Small Lot Residential Mix) zoning district to allow the construction of single-family attached townhomes, at 1065 Fayetteville Road.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until April 25, 2023 for Decision Only. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2022-2269](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): Commission District 2 Super District 6
Application of the Director of Planning & Sustainability for text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 27-3.22-Emory Village Overlay District-to update permitted and prohibited uses; revise minimum parking requirements; and to address building design and other overlay district enhancements.

MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until April 25, 2023 for Decision Only. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2022-2540](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 4 & 6

Application of MARTA c/o Debbie Frank to rezone properties from R-75 (Residential Medium Lot-75), MR-2 (Medium Density Residential-2), and C-1 (Local Commercial) zoning districts to MU-5 (Mixed Use Very High Density) zoning district to allow a future mix of land uses to implement the LCI Plan and transit-oriented development goals, at 3350 Kensington Road.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute dated April 10, 2023 with conditions. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

E. APPEALS

F. APPOINTMENTS

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Board of Commissioners - District 5

[2023-0411](#)

Commission District(s): District 5

District 5 Allocation to appropriate American Rescue Plan Award funds assigned to POETA #105744.63258.521209.01.05.602479 reserved for District 5 (Amount Not To Exceed) \$50,000 to iCare to provide rides to medical appointments for seniors in District 5 qualified census tracts that have been impacted by COVID-19 and any other essential needs caused by the global pandemic.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0411, 2023-0410, 2023-0327, 2023-0385, 2023-0415, 2023-0393, 2023-0345, 2023-0387, 2023-0392, 2023-0312, 2023-0313 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Board of Commissioners - District 7

[2023-0410](#)

Commission District(s): District 7

To Appropriate A Total Of \$150,000 From The District 7 Reserve For Appropriation To The Bryant Group Advisors For Professional Services Consulting

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0411, 2023-0410, 2023-0327, 2023-0385, 2023-0415, 2023-0393, 2023-0345, 2023-0387, 2023-0392, 2023-0312, 2023-0313 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO

[2023-0327](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of March 14, 2023

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0411, 2023-0410, 2023-0327, 2023-0385, 2023-0415, 2023-0393, 2023-0345, 2023-0387, 2023-0392, 2023-0312, 2023-0313 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0385](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of March 21, 2023.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0411, 2023-0410, 2023-0327, 2023-0385, 2023-0415, 2023-0393, 2023-0345, 2023-0387, 2023-0392, 2023-0312, 2023-0313 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

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

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item was deferred to the next meeting, until April 25, 2023. The motion carried

[2023-0395](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of March 28, 2023

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0411, 2023-0410, 2023-0327, 2023-0385, 2023-0415, 2023-0393, 2023-0345, 2023-0387, 2023-0392, 2023-0312, 2023-0313 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0415](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Zoning Meeting of March 30, 2023

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0411, 2023-0410, 2023-0327, 2023-0385, 2023-0415, 2023-0393, 2023-0345, 2023-0387, 2023-0392, 2023-0312, 2023-0313 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Community Development[2023-0393](#)**Commission District(s): All**

Consider Accepting Funding for Temporary Shelter, including associated costs, from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs in the Amount of \$532,158 for the purpose of providing temporary shelter for homeless and at-risk households affected by the Coronavirus-19 Pandemic. No Cost to the County.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0411, 2023-0410, 2023-0327, 2023-0385, 2023-0415, 2023-0393, 2023-0345, 2023-0387, 2023-0392, 2023-0312, 2023-0313 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Fire & Rescue[2023-0345](#)**Commission District(s): All Commission Districts**

Acceptance of a Donation from Belfor USA Group in the amount of \$1,000.00.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0411, 2023-0410, 2023-0327, 2023-0385, 2023-0415, 2023-0393, 2023-0345, 2023-0387, 2023-0392, 2023-0312, 2023-0313 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Magistrate Court[2023-0387](#)**Commission District(s): All**

Request To Accept Emergency Subgrant Award from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for State Fiscal Year 2023 for the Benefit of the Magistrate Court of DeKalb County's Misdemeanor Mental Health Court (MMHC) in the Sum of \$14,820.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0411, 2023-0410, 2023-0327, 2023-0385, 2023-0415, 2023-0393, 2023-0345, 2023-0387, 2023-0392, 2023-0312, 2023-0313 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0392](#)**Commission District(s): All**

Request to Accept Technology Subgrant Award from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for State Fiscal Year 2023 for the Benefit of the Magistrate Court of DeKalb County's Misdemeanor Mental Health Court in the Sum of \$4,176.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0411, 2023-0410, 2023-0327, 2023-0385, 2023-0415, 2023-0393, 2023-0345, 2023-0387, 2023-0392, 2023-0312, 2023-0313 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Police Services

[2023-0312](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Official Retirement of K-9 Hali to his handler Master Patrolman Charles Turner

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0411, 2023-0410, 2023-0327, 2023-0385, 2023-0415, 2023-0393, 2023-0345, 2023-0387, 2023-0392, 2023-0312, 2023-0313 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0313](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Official Retirement of K-9 Kaiser to his handler Master Police Officer Edward Stanley

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0411, 2023-0410, 2023-0327, 2023-0385, 2023-0415, 2023-0393, 2023-0345, 2023-0387, 2023-0392, 2023-0312, 2023-0313 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2023-0416](#)

Commission District(s): Commission District 2

South Fork Conservancy's Rainwater Garden at Peavine Creek in Emory Village

MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

District Attorney

[2023-0364](#)

Commission District(s): All

Acceptance of Additional Funding (\$152,086) for the 2023 Child Support

Contract Between the State of Georgia and the Office of the District Attorney

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

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Fire & Rescue

[2023-0371](#)

Commission District(s): District 1

SPLOST Funds Category 2A, Replace Existing Fire Station(s) and Construct New Fire Station(s) for Fire Station 5 - Amount Not to Exceed \$8,210,000.00

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until April 11, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0388](#)

Commission District(s): All

2021 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant from U.S. Department of Homeland Security-Federal Emergency Agency Totaling \$97,780.00

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2023-0263](#)**Commission District(s): All**

REN - Contract No. 1251271 Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) Systems (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). This contract consists of providing preventive maintenance (PM) services for UPS systems. This request seeks to exercise the 2nd renewal option through April 30, 2024. Awarded to: AC & DC Power Technologies LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$175,000.00.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), until April 25, 2023. Item 2023-0263, 2023-0299 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0299](#)**Commission District(s): All**

REN - Contract Nos.: 1251855 and 1252009 On-Call Painting and Wallpapering Services (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM), Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Watershed Management (DWM), and Fire Rescue Services (FR). These contracts consist of providing painting and wallpapering services at County-owned facilities. This request seeks to exercise the 2nd renewal option through April 30, 2024. Awarded to A&D Painting, Inc. and Cleanstar National, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,476,000.00.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), until April 25, 2023. Item 2023-0263, 2023-0299 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Walk-on Items

2023-0452

Commission District(s): All

Add an Item to the Agenda

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

2023-0453

Commission District(s): Commission 6 and District 2

To Approve a \$5,000.00 appropriation of \$5,000 To South Fork Conservancy for a Rainwater Garden at Peavine Creek in Emory Village

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

2023-0454

Commission District(s): District 5

To provide financial support for the 2023 DeKalb County Juneteenth Celebration

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 Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

2023-0455

Commission District(s): District 5

To provide financial support for the 2023 DeKalb County Juneteenth Celebration

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 Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD

Board of Commissioners - District 1

[2021-2855](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Request to Consider Establishing County Website Update

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), until April 25, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0285](#)**Commission District(s): All**

A Resolution Establishing Regulation Informing Consideration of a Project List for a Renewal of the DeKalb County Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax

MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until April 25, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Board of Commissioners - District 6[2021-3338](#)**Commission District(s): All Commission Districts**

To Amend Chapter 20, Article X concerning domestic partnerships.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days, until May 8, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0036](#)**Commission District(s): Commission District 6 and District 7**

To approve a \$125,000.00 over a two-year period from District 6 ARP appropriations to Clarkston Community Health Center (CCHC) to provide medical equipment at the new CCHC facility located at 4038 Rockbridge Rd.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Board of Commissioners - District 7

[2023-0031](#)

Commission District(s): District 6 & District 7

To Approve a Total of \$125,000 000 from the District 7 Reserve For Appropriation to the Clarkston Community Health Center (CCHC)

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0333](#)

Commission District(s): All

A Resolution Of The Board of Commissioners Of DeKalb County, Georgia Requesting That The Administration Consider Requiring DeKalb County Contractors To Report Changes In Their Corporate Structure And/ Or Violations of Federal, State and Municipal Law Resulting in Conviction

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until April 25, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Purchasing & Contracting*Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee***2023-0006 Commission District(s): All**

RFP - Request for Proposals No. 22-500614 Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Career Training Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by WorkSource DeKalb. Consists of providing career and readiness training to Adult, Dislocated Workers, and Youth participants within the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) program. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposers: Goodwill of North Georgia and In The Door, LLC. Total Amount Not to Exceed: \$1,200,000.00.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0006, 2023-0014 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

2023-0014 Commission District(s): All

RA - Ratification of Purchase Order No. 1312791 Emergency Repair and Replacement of Arabia Mountain Pedestrian Bridge #1: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This request seeks to ratify emergency repairs. Awarded to: Bayne Development Group, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$123,479.38.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0006, 2023-0014 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Watershed Management

[2023-0113](#)

Commission District(s): 4 & 7

Agreement for the Construction and Financing of Sewer Upgrades with Captura Rockbridge Acquisition I LLC Not to Exceed \$150,500.

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until April 25, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

2023-0456 To Convene an Executive Session

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

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

2023-0457 To Adjourn an Executive Session

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw did not return after the Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

2023-0458**Commission District(s):** All

Proposed approval of State of Georgia and Local Governments Memorandum of Understanding Concerning National Settlements with Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Allergan Finance, LLC, Walmart Inc., CVS Health Corporation and CVS Pharmacy, Inc., and Walgreen Co., concerning opioid crisis litigation.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to authorize the County Attorney or her designee to sign for DeKalb County and submit: the State of Georgia and Local Governments Memorandum of Understanding Concerning National Settlements with Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Allergan Finance, LLC, Walmart Inc., CVS Health Corporation and CVS Pharmacy, Inc., and Walgreen Co., to confirm DeKalb County's agreement with the State of Georgia regarding the allocation and use of funds from these settlements. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw did not return after the Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

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:

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn the April 11, 2023 Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:47 p.m. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw did not return after the Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson
Absent: 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw



Robert Patrick
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders (Apr 24, 2023 15:44 EDT)

Barbara Sanders-Norwood
County Clerk