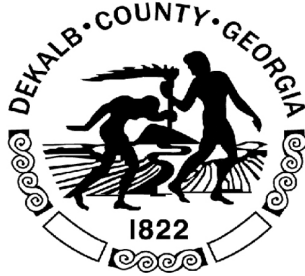


DeKalb County Government

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



Summary

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

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 Jeff Rader, 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

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

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A. INSPIRATIONAL

Pastor Karl D. Moore- Clarkston First Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson- District 7

B. PRESENTATIONS

COVID-19 Response
Minority Business Opportunity Week
National Hispanic Heritage Month
Green Light Operation

C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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1. Stephen Binney, 1083 Seville Drive- Good Morning Commissioners, Mr Terry, I want to encourage you in your efforts to tie Dekalb County's pay wage to a national living index of some kind. The MIT index you mentioned in committee is a good one but there are others that could be used also. The fact that it can be specific to Dekalb county is very useful. The fact that it calculates \$18.17 as a livable wage in our county points to the high costs of living in urban areas and also how the time of \$15 an hour may be passing us by. Currently, DeKalb families of four need to make \$77,245 per year to attain an adequate standard of living. I hope that Mereda Davis-Johnson will note that two times \$36,200 dollars a year is only \$72,400 a year. Nearly \$5,000 less that what the Economic Policy Institute states is needed to live adequately. It was great to hear that SPLOST collections are exceeding expectations. It was sad to hear that even with this excess of funds Dekalb County is not going to be able to meet the road paving promises they made in the original contract. Only 270 of the promised 300 miles of road are going to be paved. Over 100% in tax collections but only 90% of the promised roads are to be paved. Have you told the affected people which 30 miles of their roads are not going to be paved as promised? Will these roads be included specifically in the next SPLOST vote? When the roads were first discussed, roads scoring 25 or higher, on a scale of 40, were scheduled to be paved. By the time the final proposal was put together that threshold had been raised to 30 and now even higher. Repaving roads was the biggest selling point of the first SPLOST and the county has failed on delivering it's promises. The first SPLOST proposal was put together by citizens during 2016, approved in 2017, and went into effect in April of 2018. It is due to expire in April of 2024. Have any citizen groups, neighborhood associations, or public meetings been held to allow the public to have a say in how SPLOST funds should be spent this next time? Our CEO and Commissioners believe they have earned our trust to spend our funds from the next SPLOST without public input and guidance. Have they? I do not personally think so. A short history lesson Mr Terry, the first SPLOST was written for five years and did not have any individually allocated funds for commissioners. The cities were asking for six years and the county agreed but did not have enough projects written down to spend all the money. The answer was to allocate those remaining funds equally to each commissioner. I wonder how many miles of road could have been repaved with that 7 million dollars. SPLOST funds should never have been and never should be allocated to individual commissioners under any formula, yearly or other. The sales tax is collected county wide and all decisions in the spending of it should be made by the entire commission. Giving that money to individual commissioners increases the chances of them spending the money to make themselves look good instead of improving the lives of Dekalb County citizens. Thank you for your time and consideration,

2. Hadley Nobles, 3876 Emerald North Dr. Decatur, GA- Dear DeKalb County Commissioners, I'm reaching out to all of you as leaders of DeKalb County. I was recently a witness to an animal neglect situation in my neighborhood and ended up fostering the dog since the shelter is beyond capacity. Multiple neighbors had reported the abuse and neglect which resulted in over twenty plus interactions or attempted interactions with the owner by Animal Enforcement since May with no resolution. The dog had been living in a crate outside in the elements for several days at a time without food or water barking non-stop in extreme distress since May. When I became involved, I found the dog covered in her own feces and she had sores on her face and paws from being continuously kept in the crate. Eventually after months of warnings, the owner was charged with animal neglect. I'm not sure if the charge would have ever been brought forward had it not been for my insistence on follow ups. I am sharing my experience with you because cases like these are common in DeKalb County. This dog and similarly other dogs suffer from neglect and cruelty because our laws are not enforced. I understand the need to work with pet owners when they are open to help but right now warnings are given to no end without any progress. In my case, the owner did not change his behavior despite warnings over months.

Who paid the price? This abused dog who has no voice. We have a court date now and we'll see how long this step will take. If it is anything like other cases in DeKalb, then this dog will unfortunately be in the system for months. Who is paying the price for her neglect? - This abused dog, the foster, and the tax payers. Neglect and cruelty cases have a history in DeKalb County as being poorly managed and owners getting a pass. How do we expect this cycle to break without any consequences? I urge you to go visit our overcrowded county shelter filled with unwanted pets. We need to do better. These are God's creatures. And they have no voice unless we advocate for them. I believe there are solutions. Are you willing to do the work? Sincerely,

3. Markie Campbell, 2057 McAfee Road, Decatur, GA 30032- Dear Dekalb County Commissioners: I live in the East Lake area of Decatur, and have lived here for 4yrs after moving down from Connecticut. My husband and I foster dogs for Lifeline Animal Project and recently found ourselves fostering a puppy who was seized as part of a neglect case, along with 4 other puppies and 5 adult dogs. During these last 6mos of fostering this puppy, I have learned more about the court case system for dogs here in Dekalb County and am asking for your help addressing the issues I have observed throughout this time. I am sure you are aware that the DeKalb County shelter is severely overcrowded now, and has been for months. There are currently over 500 animals in the building, and about 100 of these dogs are actually court case dogs being held as "live evidence." Most of them have been in the system for almost a year and some even longer. Unfortunately, the Solicitor's office and the courts claim nothing can be done to move these cases forward faster and continue with the status quo. The Solicitor's office also seems unaware of options available to them and the dogs such as Motion to Dispose and Cost of Care. As my representatives I am asking you to work with the Solicitor's office and the courts to help resolve these cases in a timely manner with actual consideration of the dogs care and well-being, and not treated like evidence sitting on a shelf. These animals are being seized for a reason (neglect or cruelty), and then are held in basically prison indefinitely while the courts have no consideration to the victims - the dogs. It is also a severe waste of county resources and my tax dollars, and it puts a further strain on the shelters. The cost of care for these dogs is now the shelter's responsibility, and at even \$10 a day (which would barely cover food, let alone medical care) for the 100 dogs in the shelter for one month would be \$30,000. And there is no case that has taken less than a month. These are tax dollars that could be spent in so many other ways, and while I believe there are so many issues that need to be addressed around all of the dogs in the shelter system, spay and neuter laws, and the ordinances that allow owners to keep their dogs outside, I will focus my email today on the DeKalb County court system. Please work with the Solicitor's office to address the preparation they do for these cases to hopefully move these cases along, and reduce the strain on the community and shelter. Thank you for your time, and consideration.

4. Anna Oltmann, 2917 Whitby Drive Atlanta, GA 30340- Dear DeKalb Commissioners, I am a resident of Embry Hills and a regular volunteer at DeKalb County Animal Services. As you may know, there are currently over 500 dogs residing at the DeKalb shelter with over 80 of them being held on court hold. The average stay for a court case dog is over 6 months with some being held up to several years. Despite dedicated volunteers and hardworking staff, this puts a massive burden on limited shelter resources. I regularly attend many of their court proceedings in Magistrate Court. I have seen firsthand cases continually reset because owners simply do not show up to court. Often, the 6-month length of stay is not due to a delay in getting their court dates on the calendar, as we saw during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, but rather simply because the defendants do not show up. Solicitor's staff and judges are indifferent and simply reset the case for two weeks. This cycle can go on and on for months. Holding animals for this length of time is unique to DeKalb County, and there is a

legal process in which the Solicitor's office can file a motion to dispose at any time to release the animals from this cycle. When owners do show, I have also seen the solicitor's office do a poor job preparing for cases. They often seem unaware of basic details of the case (including medical reports, field notes, and intake reports). Sometimes this is due to a lack of available collected evidence, but often it is due to the solicitor's office being unprepared (seemingly opening case files and reading them the day of) and unaware of local ordinances. Defendant's history of similar charges is rarely discussed. Potential witnesses like shelter volunteers and fosters who want to testify or speak during sentencing are never given opportunities despite reaching out to the solicitor's office. Serious charges like neglect/cruelty are amended to lesser charges to prevent harsher consequences for the defendant, which puts the victim back in the same position that led to the charges. Thus, the cycle of neglect and cruelty continues (as you know violence towards animals is strongly correlated to violence towards humans). As a concerned resident, I would like your help in supporting an improved and transparent process for addressing the cases. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely,

5. Deb Hammacher, 3833 Gleneagles Ct. Tucker, GA 30084- Dear DeKalb Commissioners: As a DeKalb resident and taxpayer, I am concerned about the appalling handling of animal neglect and cruelty cases in our county. I am a volunteer for LifeLine Animal Project, so naturally I care about the animals involved as "live evidence." But animals aside, the waste of taxpayer resources is mind-boggling. Between the cost of care in the shelter and the court dates clogged with no shows, there is a huge impact on communities. I have attended court on multiple occasions. There appears to be no documented or accepted process whatsoever. In addition to this fundamental problem, there are three issues: 1. The lack of concern by most judges for the animals or the slots on the docket. Every time I've been to court, there are multiple no-show defendants. The judge simply resets the case for two to four weeks in the future. That's weeks more of the animals in limbo, confined to small cages. Other counties do not hold animals indefinitely as live evidence. They make their case with documentation, pictures and videos. 2. The shocking lack of preparation and competence of the solicitor's office. They are unprepared, appearing to first open the file that morning. They do not know the law. They do not know basic court procedures. They do not request evidence from the shelter, the ACOs, witnesses or foster parents. For example, I watched the senior ASG broker a plea deal that was not permissible under the statute, then fail to mention that the larger required fine could be paid with community service—and then the judge talked the defendant out of the plea deal. There is zero research done on the priors of the defendants, many of whom have long histories of neglect and cruelty charges. 3. The failure of animal control officers to properly document cases; failure to call in police as they should to get state charges filed; failure to provide information about a defendant's known history of animal abuse, neglect and cruelty; and failure to issue citations as they should. This may be a training issue. The DeKalb shelter is overcrowded as it is. Add to that dozens and dozens of animals in limbo as the incompetent animal court system drags on. Everybody points the finger at the others for cases dragging on or failing. This is a community problem—there is a well-documented link between animal cruelty and other crimes, including domestic violence—and a complete waste of taxpayer resources. This has been going on for years. There need to be tougher ordinances, consequences for no-shows, better enforcement of the ordinances we have, and a clear process for handling animal cases. Please help. Sincerely,

6. Hadley Recor, 4169 Triple Creek Court, Brookhaven, Georgia 30319- Dear DeKalb Commissioners, My name is Hadley Recor and I live at 4169 Triple Creek Court, Brookhaven, Georgia 30319. I have volunteered at the DeKalb County Lifeline Shelter for over five years. As you are aware, the shelter has had to shut down

the intake process for the second time this year due to overcrowding. What you may not be aware of, is part of the problem causing the overcrowding is the backlog of court cases. Dogs being held due to court cases account for about a third of the dogs in the shelter. Court case dogs often come in as puppies and are very adoptable, but by the time the court case is resolved they have reached adulthood and have socialization issues from being in the shelter for so long, making them difficult to adopt. Court case dogs can be at the shelter for literally years. They rarely get walked (an average once or twice a month) and have very little human or dog contact. I myself have witnessed the heartbreaking scenario of a dog literally going insane from being in a kennel for over two years. Unfortunately he could not take the stress of being in the shelter for so long and became a danger to himself and others. He was put down as soon as his court case was resolved. I have also witnessed puppies on court holds get sick and die because they have little immunity to the diseases that are present in the shelter. The frustrating thing is there is absolutely no reason these dogs need to be on court hold for so long. They are sapping up limited space and resources because the DeKalb County Solicitor's Office and Judges are completely indifferent to the impact on the dogs of having to stay in the shelter. Cases are reset multiple times when the owner doesn't show up. The solicitor's are often poorly prepared and unaware of local ordinances. They refuse to file for the dog's release even though the dogs are not needed for evidence - photos and videos are more than sufficient. There is a simple solution for this issue - the solicitor's office can file a motion to dispose, and the dogs would be released from their court hold. I am appalled at the way the system shows a complete lack of compassion for the animals we are supposed to protect. I am asking for your help in getting this issue addressed by the solicitor's office and the judges in DeKalb County. If any of you would like to visit the shelter to observe the issues for yourselves, I would be happy to meet you at the shelter and give you a tour. Thank you for your time.

7. Sarah Zeeman, 2740 Grove Street Ne Brookhaven, GA 30319- Hello Commissioners, Thank you in advance for allowing me the opportunity to provide my public comment today. My name is Sarah Zeeman; I have been a resident of DeKalb County for almost 40 years. In addition to my day job as a Digital Media Professional, I have rescued over a dozen dogs throughout my lifetime. I am currently fostering two live evidence animal cruelty case dogs (victims) who are members of a group of 6 dogs seized into the state's custody in August 2019. These seized dogs have been in the court system for over 3 and half years, roughly ~1140 days. A general guesstimate for the cost of care for the 6 dogs at ~\$10 a day per dog comes to almost \$70,000+ which is unknowingly being paid for by DeKalb county taxpayers. The shelters are overcrowded, loud, emotionally damaging, and could be compared to the equivalent of a doggie jail. Dogs do not have long life spans, and when learning about another DeKalb court case where the dog has been in the shelter since 2018 and is heading past its 4yr+ anniversary! At this rate, this dog may not live to see the day he's released from the court's custody. The court case animals (victims) have already survived an array of complex circumstances only to be put into an emotionally unsettling environment for an average of more than 6 months, with their shelter sentences progressing into years paid for by the DeKalb county taxpayers. What additional options can be explored to proactively expedite animal court cases to move them through the system before their shelter sentences have yearly and multiple-year anniversaries? Could DeKalb initiate these proactive options to help the court case animals (victims) and the taxpayers ultimately footing the bill? Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

8. Claude McLane (No Address)- Dear DeKalb Commissioners, I'm a semi-retired contractor and 60 year resident of DeKalb County. I volunteer 12 to 15 hours a week walking dogs and helping with maintenace on

the 5 year old DeKalb shelter. My wife and I also foster dogs through DeKalb, most recently temporarily fostering 2 different court case dogs, both of which had been at the shelter for over 6 months. We learned a lot about the judicial process through their neglect cases. Today, I'm asking you to help fix some of the processes so that the victims of animal cruelty and neglect are not paying the price for the actions of their irresponsible owners. When I volunteer I pass court case dogs in the isolation kennels, a large majority of whom have been there over 6 months, and some in the system for multiple years. Approximately 15-20% of the dogs in the overcrowded shelter are neglect court cases, dogs that are not legally adoptable and often become even less adoptable due to the negative impact on temperament and behavior which often results from long term stay at the shelter. There seems to be a callous indifference to the plight of these animals and the burden on the county by the Solicitor's office and Judges. * Cases are reset multiple times because owners don't show up to court and the animals remain in the system. * The Solicitor's office consistently does a poor job preparing for cases. They rarely call witnesses or even have a witness list and come to court without evidence like medical reports, field notes and intake notes. * The Solicitor's office is often seemingly unaware of local ordinances and state statutes. * All of which results in weak prosecution and unnecessary cost to the county. Why are we not taking these cases seriously? It is also well documented that there is a link between animal cruelty and violence towards humans. Questions to be answered: * I'm told that keeping court case animals as live evidence for this long is unique to DeKalb. Why? * Do we really need to keep the animals in the system as live evidence for neglect and cruelty cases? Why not instead use pictures, video, witnesses, and records to prosecute a case. * Are we being reasonable with county's resources to continually reset these cases when owners don't show up multiple times? * What are the court procedures if any when a defendant doesn't show up and What is preventing the Solicitor from filing a motion to dispose for long term court animals? Thank you for considering this issue as a priority. I believe with not much effort we can achieve a win-win solution that will serve all citizens of DeKalb.

9. Susanne Blam, 191 Locust Street NE Atlanta, GA 30317- Dear DeKalb Commissioners, I live in Kirkwood and am a lifelong DeKalb County resident. I recently became a volunteer for Lifeline and foster a shelter dog. In this volunteer and fostering role, I have become painfully aware of the horrible overcrowding at the county animal shelter and more specifically, the unique problem of court case animals. Some of these problems can be prevented and as leaders of the county, I am asking you to please address them. I'm sure you are aware that your county animal shelter is severely overcrowded. There are over 500 animals in the building. Close to a hundred of these animals are held needlessly as "live evidence." Most of them have been in the system for almost a year, some for many years. Their cases keep getting reset because owners do not show up. Unfortunately, the Solicitor's office and the courts claim nothing can be done and continue with the status quo. These animals are suffering. They come from abuse and neglect situations and then are held in confinement by the system for an indefinite period. The longer the animals stay in the shelter, the more they deteriorate. As county representatives I am begging you to work with the Solicitor's office and the courts to solve this problem and resolve these cases. What are the procedures of the Solicitor's office? Is it necessary to keep the animal as live evidence into perpetuity while the case keeps getting reset? Are there no other options that would ensure a strong prosecution? Why are owners not held accountable for not showing up in court? And why are the animals continuously forced to pay the price for a flawed process? I would like to reiterate that it is inhumane for the county to keep these animals so long. It is also a severe waste of county resources and my tax dollars, and it puts a further strain on the shelters. The Board of Commissioners approves the budget for the Solicitor's office and the courts, so it is well within your responsibility to see how this budget is utilized. Again, I beg of

you to please work with the Solicitors office and courts to address these problems as soon as possible. Every day delayed; more animals suffer! Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely,

D. 10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING

The DeKalb County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing during its Regular Business meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. 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) DCTVChannel23.TV. The public is invited to watch the broadcast on DCTV's

UStream link (<https://video.ibm.com/channel/dctv-channel-23>), or join the meeting using the Zoom link (<https://dekalbcountyga.zoom.us/j/7753778046>), or by telephone (602-333-0032 or 888-270-9936, conference code: 217687). For those joining the meeting by telephone, please be aware that your phone number may be displayed to the public viewing or participating in the online meeting. The Board will provide 15 minutes of time for citizens to speak in favor of an agenda item, and 15 minutes for citizens to speak in opposition. Citizens who attend the meeting via the Zoom link above may join the public comment queue by raising their hand in the Zoom application, while citizens who attend the meeting via telephone may join the comment queue by pressing # followed by 2. There will be no comment cards, so when you are called upon, please state your name and address for the record. Also, please be conscious of speaking time so that everyone has an opportunity to provide input in the allotted time. Citizens may also email documents for inclusion into the official record by submitting such materials by 9:00 a.m. on the date of the public hearing to PublicHearing@dekalbcountyga.gov.

Budget (OMB)

[2022-2131](#)

Commission District(s): All

To Amend the 2022 Operating Budget

Deferred for 30 days, until October 11, 2022 for Public Hearing

Finance

[2022-2054](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Home Rule Ordinance to amend the Pension Code of DeKalb County, Georgia, 1962 Ga. Laws 3088, as amended, to provide for an increase in monthly pension benefit amount to specified eligible retirees, joint annuitants, and beneficiaries.

Deferred to the next meeting, until September 27, 2022 for Public Hearing

GIS Department

[2022-2056](#)

Commission District(s): 2 & 6

Resolution to Consider Abandonment of a 0.14-Acre Section (6,000 Square Feet) of Right of Way East of Palafox Drive.

Deferred to the next meeting, until September 27, 2022 for Decision Only

Planning & Sustainability

[2022-1821](#)

Commission District(s): Countywide

Public Hearing to Authorize Transmittal of the 2050 Comprehensive Plan Update

Withdrawn

[2022-1941](#)

Commission District(s): County-wide

Public Hearing to Authorize Adoption of the 2022 Service Delivery Strategy

deferred the substitute, until October 11, 2022

E. APPEALS

NONE

F. APPOINTMENTS

Chief Executive Office

[2022-2088](#)

Commission District(s): All

Appointment of Cynthia Dunn to the DeKalb County Public Library Board of Trustees

Deferred to the next meeting, until September 27, 2022

[2022-2129](#)

Commission District(s): All

Appointment of Bettye Davis to the DeKalb County Public Library

Board of Trustees

Deferred to the next meeting, until September 27, 2022

ITEMS FOR RECORDING IN THE MINUTES

Board of Commissioners - District 1

[2022-2020](#)

Commission District(s): District 1

Recording of the Appointment of Will Childs to the Airport Advisory Board

Deferred until November 18, 2022

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Airport

[2022-2084](#)

Commission District(s): 1 and 6

Standardized T-Hangar Shop Space Agreement with Charles R. Finley. There is no cost to the County.

Approved

Board of Commissioners

[2022-2072](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes for the September 6, 2022 Committee of the Whole

Meeting

Approved

Board of Commissioners - District 1

[2022-2155](#)

Commission District(s): District 1

To approve the appropriation of \$13,000 from Non-Departmental - Unincorporated Fund assigned to Account (09130.579002.272.0000.0000) to Grant Fund (09130.611250.272.0000.0000) reserved for District 1 for the purpose of providing funding for DeKalb County Police Department's Lights On program

Deferred for 30 days, until October 11, 2022

Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2022-2135](#)

Commission District(s): Districts 2 and 6

Zonolite Park Expansion Allocation

Approved

[2022-2142](#)

Commission District(s): District 2

Druid Hills Neighborhood Walkability Study

Approved

Board of Commissioners - District 7

[2022-2119](#)

Commission District(s): District 7

To Appropriate A Total of \$27,000 From The Reserve For Appropriation To Sixpitch For A Small Area Study On Candler Rd.

Deferred to the next meeting, until September 27, 2022

[2022-2121](#)

Commission District(s): District 7

To Appropriate American Rescue Plan Grant Funds Assigned to POETA Account 105744.63258.521209.01.07.602479 Reserved For The District 7 Appropriation In The Amount Of \$250,000 To The Stewart Foundation To Mitigate The Public Health Emergency Created By The COVID-19 Pandemic

Approved

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO

[2022-1974](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Zoning Meeting of July 28, 2022

Approved

[2022-2039](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of August 09, 2022

Approved

[2022-2095](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of August 23, 2022

Deferred to the next meeting, until September 27, 2022

Fleet Maintenance

[2022-2091](#)

Commission District(s): All Commissioner Districts

Auction List of DeKalb County Vehicles and Pieces of Equipment

Approved

GIS Department

[2022-2076](#)

Commission District(s): 3 & 6

A Resolution to Set a Date and Time for a Public Hearing Related to Consideration of Abandonment of a 4,681.24 Square Feet Section of Right of Way at 1069 Mountain View Way Conley, GA 30288.

Approved

Police Services

[2022-2102](#)

Commission District(s): All

Acceptance of a Food Donation by the Managing Director of M&P Shopping Centers to Provide a Food Truck Luncheon for Appreciation of Police Officers Valued at Approximately \$5,000.

Approved

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs

[2022-2047](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

Approval of the Building Opportunities for Out-of-School Time (BOOST) Grant in the Amount of \$188,444 to Expand Access and Enhance Services Offered by DeKalb County RPCA Department's After School Program

Approved

[2022-2070](#)

Commission District(s): Districts 5 and 7

To Authorize the Sale of Permanent Easement of 20 Square Feet of County-owned Property Located at 3823 Eagle Woods Circle to Georgia Power (RPCA will receive \$200.00 which will go toward Capital Improvements).

Approved

H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Airport

[2022-2083](#)

Commission District(s): 1 and 6

Resolution to Accept Revised GDOT Federal (\$5,023,411.65) and State (\$5,810,818.13) Funding Assistance Associated with the Runway 16-34 Safety Area Improvements and Rehabilitation at DeKalb Peachtree Airport. There is a matching cost to the County of \$2,034,512.41.

Approved

Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2022-2143](#)

Commission District(s): Districts 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7

Adoption of Multi-use Trail Connectivity Master Plans for Peachtree Creek Greenway, South Peachtree Creek Trail Norther and Southern Study Areas.

Deferred to the next meeting, until September 27, 2022

Board of Commissioners - District 6

[2022-2118](#)

Commission District(s): All District Commission Districts

Adopt A Resolution to Raise the Minimum Wage for DeKalb County Employees to a Living Wage

deferred for 30 days, until October 11, 2022

Chief Executive Office

[2022-2133](#)

Commission District(s): All

To Appropriate \$1,880,934 from the Tourist Product Development CIP Account to Fund Various Projects

Deferred for 30 days, until October 11, 2022

[2022-2153](#)

Commission District(s): All

To Appropriate \$4,400,184 to Voter Registration & Elections

Approved

Community Development

[2022-2105](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Contract with Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership, Inc. (ANDP) using HUD - HOME Investment Partnership Program, Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Funds - \$1,050,000.

Deferred to the next meeting, until September 27, 2022

Law Department

[2022-2154](#)**Commission District(s): All**

Proposed approval of a lease form for certain property located at 2994 Turner Hill Road, Stonecrest, Georgia 30038, consisting of approximately 141,000 square feet of space, tax parcel identification number 16 183 01 006, for use as a warehouse and office space to facilitate County voter registrations and elections operations and/or other essential County activities. The lease form is for an eight-month lease, with an option to renew for one twelve-month period, between the City of Stonecrest as lessor and DeKalb County as lessee.

Approved

Planning and Sustainability[2022-2066](#)**COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 5 & 7**

Request for deviation from the Requirements of Section 14-191 (b) Improvements, Right-of-Way Dedication at 2700 Turner Hill Road, Lithonia, GA 30058

Deferred for 30 days, until October 11, 2022

[2022-2068](#)**COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 3 & 7**

Request for deviation from the Requirements of Section 14-190 (Street Classification and Right-of-Way Width) at/near 2425 Mellville Avenue, Decatur, GA 30032

Deferred for 30 days, until October 11, 2022

[2022-2069](#)**Commission District(s): All Districts**

Application of the Director of Planning and Sustainability to approve a two-year agreement between DeKalb County and Trees Atlanta. ReLeaf DeKalb II - Second Front Yard and County Property Tree Program.

Deferred the substitute, until September 27, 2022

Purchasing & Contracting*Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee*[2022-1916](#)**Commission District(s): All**

LB - Invitation No. 22-101511 for Ammunition (Annual Contract with 2 Options To Renew): for use by Police Services (PS), the Sheriff's and Marshal's Offices.

Consists of the purchase of ammunition for weapons. Recommended award to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidders: Dana Safety Supply, Precision Delta, Gulf States Distributors Inc., and Specialty Cartridge Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$235,000.00.

Approved[2022-2052](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1275787 for Records Management System (RMS) Software Maintenance and Support (Multiyear Sole Source Maintenance Contract): for use by Police Services (PS). Consists of providing maintenance and support of proprietary software packages used by public safety for records management and field-based reporting. Awarded to CentralSquare Technologies, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$24,860.34.

Approved*Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*

[2022-1982](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1297570 and 1297560 for On-Call Plumbing Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM), Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), and Fire Rescue (FR). These contracts consist of the repair, replacement, maintenance and installation of plumbing fixtures at County-owned facilities. Awarded to B&W Mechanical Contractors, Inc. and J2 Connect, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$100,000.00.

Approved

[2022-2033](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

REN-Red Dyed Diesel Fuel (Annual with 2 Options to Renew): for Public Works-Fleet Management. Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Omnia Partners Cooperative Agreement No. 53315 (Motor and Aviation Fuels & Related Services) for the purchase of red dyed diesel fuel used to fuel off-road County equipment. Awarded to Mansfield Oil Company of Gainesville, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$900,000.00.

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee

[2022-1942](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement Contract No. 1202337 for Scoreboards, Digital Displays and Video Boards with related Design Build Technology Integration, Installation, Supplies and Services : for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of the purchase and installation of scoreboards at various County Parks. Awarded to Nevco Sports, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$110,611.90.

Deferred to the next meeting, until September 27, 2022

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2022-1983](#)**Commission District(s): All**

LB - Invitation No. 21-101438 Ductile Iron Water Pipe (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing ductile iron water pipe. Recommend award to the sole bidder who is responsive and responsible: Ferguson Waterworks. Amount Not To Exceed: \$18,170,258.39.

Approved the substitute in the amount of \$18,172,058.39

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD**Board of Commissioners - District 2**[2022-1837](#)**Commission District(s): All Commission Districts**

A Resolution by the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia, to make Amendments to the County's Debt Management Policy

Deferred to the next meeting, until September 27, 2022

Board of Commissioners - District 3[2022-2022](#)**Commission District(s): District 3**

The VOTE (Voting Opportunity and Translation Equity) Resolution

Approved the substitute

Board of Commissioners - District 6[2021-3499](#)**Commission District(s): All Commission Districts**

DeKalb County's adoption of a safe gun storage ordinance to impact and prevent accidental injuries and deaths.

Deferred for 30 days, until October 11, 2022

[2022-1258](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Adoption of a Resolution to establish an Advisory Committee of the Board of Commissioners to explore and make recommendations related to affordable housing within DeKalb County.

Deferred, until December 20, 2022

[2022-1656](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Ordinance to Allow Certain DeKalb County Employees up to Four Hours Paid Time Off to Vote.

Approved the substitute

Board of Commissioners - District 7

[2022-1764](#)

Commission District(s): District 7

A Resolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia to Acknowledge Gun Violence as a Public Health Crisis and to Call upon Federal, State and Local Legislators and Elected Officials to Pass Common Sense Gun Control Legislation to Reduce Gun Violence, Homicides and Mass Murders.

Deferred for 30 days, until October 11, 2022

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO

[2022-1973](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of July 26, 2022

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2022-1826](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No.: 1116360 for Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Program Management Services: for use by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). This contract consists of providing program management services for projects funded by SPLOST. Awarded to Atlas Technical Consultants LLC. Inc., for an Amount Not to Exceed: \$2,764,502.36.

Deferred to the next meeting, until September 27, 2022

[2022-1829](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 4 to Contract Nos.: 1213631, 1213634, and 1213635 for Commercial Janitorial Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Facilities Management. These contracts consist of the development, management and monitoring of high quality commercial janitorial/cleaning/custodial services and Day Porters at various County facilities. Awarded to: Building Maintenance Services (BMS), Cleanstar National, Inc. and A-Action Janitorial Services. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$4,784,369.29.

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee

[2022-1887](#)**Commission District(s): 2, 4, 5, 6, 7**

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Playground Systems, Installation, Service and Related Items: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of upgrades and renovations for Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreational Areas. Awarded to: BCI Burke Company LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$968,176.84.

Approved the substitute

[2022-1901](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract Nos.: 1174317, 1174318, 1174320, and 1174324 for Architecture and Engineering Services for Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA) (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew) for use by the Department of RPCA. Awarded to: Lose & Associates dba Lose Design, Pond & Company, Inc., Foresite Group, Inc. and Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,850,000.00.

Approved the substitute

[2022-1937](#)**Commission District(s): 3 and 6**

RA - Ratification of property at 2055 Bouldercrest Road (Michele Obama Park) -Erosion Issues and Property Protection Rider (Emergency): for use by Recreation Parks and Culture Affairs (RPCA). Purchase Order (PO) 1297476 has been issued in the amount of \$189,381.00 as emergency purchase request. Consists of the removal and re-installation of silt fencing to stabilize slope erosion issues and runoff onto neighboring properties. An additional \$14,278.00 is being requested for future purchase of a property/equipment protection rider to contractor's insurance policy. Recommend approval to ratify this emergency purchase with EFS, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$203,659.00.

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2022-1812](#)**Commission District(s): All**

LB - Invitation No. 22-101493 Chlorine Gas, Sodium Hydroxide, Sodium Hypochlorite and Sodium Bicarbonate (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing chemicals to treat drinking water for DeKalb County residents. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Brentagg Mid-South Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$5,321,808.00

Approved

J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

POLICY OF NON-DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY IN COUNTY SERVICES.

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