

DeKalb County Government

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

9:00 AM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

Board of Commissioners

*Commissioner Jeff Rader, Presiding Officer, District 2
Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 4*

*Commissioner Nancy Jester, District 1
Commissioner Jeff Rader, District 2
Commissioner Larry Johnson, District 3
Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4
Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5
Commissioner Kathie Gannon, Super District 6
Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Super District 7*

Present: 7 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Kathie Gannon, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

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

A. INSPIRATIONAL

Rev. Demetrius McCoy
District 5 Chief of Staff

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson
District 5

B. PRESENTATIONS

Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month
National Internal Audit Month
Great American Clean Up Earth Day
Honoring Sydney Wilson

C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The purpose of public comment is to allow the public to voice county-related requests, concerns or opinions during the Commission meeting. Speakers will only have the opportunity for one public comment per meeting. Each speaker must complete a speaker card and present it to the clerk before the beginning of the public comment portion of the meeting. Cards turned in to the clerk from the time the general meeting is convened (generally 9 A.M.) and by the beginning of public comment portion generally following presentations on the agenda. The clerk will accept cards on a first-come, first-served basis. Prior to the clerk's call for public comment, speakers who are residents of DeKalb County shall be allowed to speak before residents of other counties are allowed to speak.

Once the public comment portion of the meeting begins, speaker cards will no longer be accepted. Speakers will be allowed to speak for three minutes each and public comment shall not exceed 30 minutes in length. When the buzzer sounds to indicate that time has run out, the speaker will be expected to immediately cease speaking and to yield the podium. Those who submitted speaker cards but did not speak because of the time allotment will be allowed to speak first at the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting without regard to residence. Speakers should always talk directly into the microphone and begin by stating their name, full address and the name of any organization they represent. Abusive, profane or derogatory language, holding up signs, clapping, yelling, standing or laying in the aisles to show support for or opposition to a speaker will not be permitted, but a show of hands or quietly standing in place will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker's position.

1. Meg Dudoliovich, 30 E. Ponce de Leon Ave. Decatur, GA (no zipcode) – Spoke regarding inmate conditions at the DeKalb County jail.
2. Patrick Coyne, 729 Needham Dr. Scottdale, GA 30079 – Spoke regarding opposition to the development of Needham Park.
3. Robert Brock, 3566 E. Ponce de Leon Ave. Scottdale, GA 30079 – Spoke regarding opposition to the development of Needham Park.
4. Joscelyn O’Neil, 3711 Larkspur Terr. (no city, zipcode) – Spoke regarding making Commissioner district information readily available for citizens, and the need for MARTA rail in South DeKalb.
5. Joe Arrington, 466 S. Rays Rd. Stone Mountain, GA 30083 – Spoke regarding unfavorable headlines for DeKalb County from the past week, and restoring the Ethics Commission.
6. Karen Jones, 300 E. Ponce de Leon Ave. Decatur, GA (no zipcode) – Spoke regarding inmate conditions in DeKalb County jail, and told commissioners that her father who was being held at the jail, was not given insulin for 48 hours and given foods that were high in sugar.
7. Neil McNab (Chiefs Futbol Club) 2417 Sky Valley Dr. Dacula, GA 30019 – Spoke regarding the renovation project for the Chiefs Futbol Club.
8. Stephen Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021 – Spoke regarding the reactive involvement of the County when it comes to corruption; the \$750,000 paid back to the federal government that should have been spent on training and apprenticeships for unemployed residents; and the lack of an Ethics Board.
9. Henri Jordan, 763 Lee Andrews Ave. Atlanta, GA 30315 – Read Bible verses Matthew 5:16, I Peter 2:16, I Peter 1:16, and Leviticus 20:27.

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. Applicants or citizens speaking in favor of an item shall speak first and applicants in zoning ordinance cases shall have the right to reserve time for rebuttal. Opponents of a zoning ordinance item shall have no right of rebuttal. Once the citizens have finished speaking, staff shall make a recommendation for action to the Commission. At this point, citizens are no longer allowed to speak unless called to the podium by an individual commissioner to answer questions or provide information. 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.

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Board of Commissioners - District 2[2019-3802](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

Amendment to Section IV of the Board of Commissioners Standing
Procedural Rules*Joe Arrington, 466 S. Rays Rd. Stone Mountain, GA 30083, Stephen M. Binney,
1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021, spoke in favor*

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved for first reading, and deferred to the next meeting, until June 11, 2019 for second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Public Works - Transportation

[2019-3634](#) Commission District(s): 1 & 7
Traffic Calming Petition - Silvastone Drive between Aspen Drive and Briarlake Road. No Cost to County.

Michael Bernard, 1893 Silvastone Dr. Decatur, GA 30033, spoke in favor

John Turner, 2859 Galahad Dr. NE Atlanta, GA 30345, spoke in opposition

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson was out of the room and not voting The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson

[2019-3635](#) Commission District(s): 3 & 6
Traffic Calming Petition - Dawn Drive between Tilson Road and Whites Mill Road. No Cost to County.

Beverly Dabney, 2384 Dawn Dr. Decatur, GA 30032, Helen Allen, 2412 Dawn Dr. Decatur, GA 30032, Timothy McDermott, 2580 Dawn Dr. Decatur, GA 30032, Lee Stephens, 2604 Dawn Dr. Decatur, GA 30032, spoke in favor

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

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

[2019-3639](#) Commission District(s): 3 & 7
Traffic Calming Petition - Pinehill Drive between Peachcrest Road and Joy Lane. No Cost to County.

Deanna Cauthen, 3455 Pinehill Dr. Decatur, GA 30032, Rebekah Berger, 3424 Pinehill Dr. Decatur, GA 30032, spoke in favor

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

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

[2019-3650](#) Commission District(s): 1 & 7
Street Light Special Tax District- Northlake Pkwy

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

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

[2019-3653](#) Commission District(s): 3 & 6
Street Light Special Tax District- Red Maple Ridge, River Birch Lane and East Lake Forest Trace

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

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

[2019-3654](#) Commission District(s): 5 & 7
Street Light Special Tax District- Thurgood Circle

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

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

E. APPEALS

NONE

F. APPOINTMENTS

Board of Commissioners - District 7

[2019-3735](#) Commission District(s): District 7
The appointment of Dwight L. Thomas, Esq. to the Charter Review Commission.

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioners Jeff Rader and Kathie Gannon abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Abstain: 2 - Commissioner Rader, and Commissioner Gannon

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Board of Commissioners

[2019-3785](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
2019 Blight Resolution

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO

[2019-3762](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 9, 2019

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3762, 2019-3658, 2019-3667, 2019-3671 were heard together. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3763](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of April 16, 2019

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

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

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Police Services

[2019-3658](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Police Department 2019 Hosting of the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA) Georgia Certification/Workshop

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3762, 2019-3658, 2019-3667, 2019-3671 were heard together. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs

[2019-3667](#)

Commission District(s): Districts 3 & 6
Fork Creek Mountain Park Master Plan

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3762, 2019-3658, 2019-3667, 2019-3671 were heard together. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3671](#)

Commission District(s): Districts 5 & 7
Grant Acceptance from Georgia Wildlife Viewing Grants Program

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3762, 2019-3658, 2019-3667, 2019-3671 were heard together. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Airport

[2019-3721](#)

Commission District(s): 1 and 6
Airport Engineering Design and/or Planning Assistance between
Department of Transportation State of Georgia and DeKalb County.
The Cost to the County is \$15,116.65.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by
Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred to the next
meeting and assigned to the County Operations Committee
(OPS), and return to the Board on June 11, 2019.**

**Commissioner Larry Johnson was out of the room and not
voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

Board of Commissioners - District 3

[2019-3799](#)

Commission District(s): Districts 3, 5, and 7
Reaffirm the support of the Board of Commissioners for Transit in
South DeKalb County

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy
Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting
and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee
(PWI), and return to the Board on June 11, 2019.**

**Commissioner Larry Johnson was out of the room and not
voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

District Attorney

[2019-3642](#)

Commission District(s): All
Acceptance of Additional \$23,500 for Victims of Crimes Act Grant to District Attorney's Office

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3642 and 2019-3778 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote

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

[2019-3778](#)

Commission District(s): All
Acceptance of Additional \$8,500 for Victims of Crimes Act Grant-Compensation Advocate to District Attorney's Office

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3642 and 2019-3778 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Marshal's Office

[2019-3699](#)

Commission District(s): All
Request Transfer Of Funds From State Mandated Auction

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

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

Public Works - Transportation

[2019-3680](#) Commission District(s): 5 and 7
Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Stonecrest for the Panola Road Improvements Project
MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee

[2019-3574](#) Commission District(s): ALL
CO - Change Order No. 5 to Contract No. 13-902723 for Uniformed Security Guard Services (Multi-year): for use by Police Services (PS) to be utilized by all County Departments. Consists of providing armed and unarmed security guard services at various County facilities. Awarded to All(n)1 Security Services, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$450,049.00.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until June 11, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2019-3609](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CA - Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing: for use by Fire Rescue to be utilized by all County departments. The contract consists of Ambulances, EMS & Other Special Service Vehicles. This request is for authorization to contract with the Houston-Galveston Area County (H-GAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program, also known as the HGACBuy and to approve the purchase of seven (7) ambulances. Awarded to Wheeled Coach Rev Group. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,346,231.00.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Nancy Jester opposed. Commissioner Kathie Gannon abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

No: 1 - Commissioner Jester

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

[2019-3617](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatuses (SCBA): for use by Fire Rescue Services (FR). The contract consists of the purchase of firefighting respiratory equipment, accessories and related items. Awarded to Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. (MES). Amount Not To Exceed: \$324,000.00.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3617 and 2019-3620 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2019-3620](#)

Commission District(s): All
SS - Ballistic Imaging Technology: for use by Police Services (PS). Consists of the purchase of the Integrated Ballistic Identification System (IBIS®), onsite installation, training and warranty for parts, labor and software upgrades. Awarded to Forensic Technology, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$266,890.00.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3617 and 2019-3620 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2019-3648](#)

Commission District(s): ALL
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1145455 On-Call Plumbing Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). This contract consists of the repair, replacement, maintenance and installation of plumbing fixtures at County-owned facilities. Awarded to J. Squared Plumbing Company, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$685,500.00.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on June 11, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee

[2019-3613](#)

Commission District(s): 3, 5 and 7

LB - Invitation No. 19-101086 Sodding of Soccer Fields - SE Athletic Park, Midway Park and Redan Park: for use by Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of the sodding of four (4) soccer fields at three (3) of the County's parks. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Tifton Athletic Inc. dba Tifton Turf Farms. Amount Not To Exceed: \$550,975.70.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on June 11, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2019-3606](#)

Commission District(s): All

REN - Steel Refuse Containers and Lids (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1118473 for use by Public Works - Sanitation. This contract consists of providing steel bottom commercial containers in sizes 3,4,6 and 8 cubic yards. Awarded to Draco Solutions, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$350,000.00

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3606, 2019-3621, 2019-3622, 2019-3644 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2019-3621](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 19-101069 - Front End Loader and Backhoe with Diesel Engine: for Public Works - Fleet Management to be used by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of two (2) Front End Loader & Backhoe with Diesel Engine to dig trenches to repair water and sewer lines and to dig up roadway to access broken water lines and load the broken roadway back into the dump trucks. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Flint Equipment Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$202,400.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3606, 2019-3621, 2019-3622, 2019-3644 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2019-3622](#)

Commission District(s): All

REN - Self Contained Compactor Boxes (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1070778 for use by Public Works - Sanitation. This contract consists of purchasing compactor boxes, specifically designed to compress and contain municipal solid waste for DeKalb County Public Schools and commercial customers. Awarded to Reaction Distributing, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$150,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3606, 2019-3621, 2019-3622, 2019-3644 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2019-3624](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract Nos.: 1038377 and 1038378 for Storm Drainage Infrastructure System Construction for Public Works - Stormwater Projects (Multi-Year Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). These contracts consist of providing storm drainage construction services. Awarded to A & S Paving, Inc. and Kemi Construction Company, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,400,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on June 11, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2019-3644](#)

Commission District(s): All

RA - Roll Carts (Emergency): for use by Public Works- Sanitation. Consists of the purchase of 4,000 blue 35-gallon roll carts, 1,000 green 65-gallon roll carts and 1,000 blue 65-gallon roll carts. Recommend approval to ratify the emergency purchase of the roll carts from Otto Environment Systems North America, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$206,130.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3606, 2019-3621, 2019-3622, 2019-3644 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Superior Court

[2019-3745](#)

Commission District(s): All
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Technology & Furniture
Subgrant Award for Drug Court

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3745, 2019-3746, 2019-3747, 2019-3761 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2019-3746](#)

Commission District(s): All
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Technology & Furniture
Subgrant Award for Mental Health Court: Felony & Misdemeanor

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3745, 2019-3746, 2019-3747, 2019-3761 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2019-3747](#)

Commission District(s): All
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Technology & Furniture
Subgrant Award for Veterans Treatment Court

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3745, 2019-3746, 2019-3747, 2019-3761 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- [2019-3761](#) Commission District(s): All
Participant Fees Grant Fund Account-Veterans Treatment Court
MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3745, 2019-3746, 2019-3747, 2019-3761 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson
- 2019-3814** Add Item
MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved to add an item. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson
- 2019-3815** Comcast Franchise Agreement Extension
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 Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson
- 2019-3808** Commission District(s): All
Add (3) Items to the Agenda
MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to add (3) items to the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3668](#)

Commission District(s): Districts 3 & 7
Rainbow Park Master Plan

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3668, 2019-3669, 2019-3670 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2019-3669](#)

Commission District(s): Districts 3 & 6
Longdale Park Master Plan

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3668, 2019-3669, 2019-3670 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2019-3670](#)

Commission District(s): Districts 2 & 6
Pendergrast Park Master Plan

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3668, 2019-3669, 2019-3670 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD

Airport

[2019-3548](#)

Commission District(s): 1 and 6

License and Use Agreement for Airport Rental Car Operator with Gitibin & Associates, Inc. dba GO RENTALS. There is no cost to the County.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioners Mereda Davis Johnson and Lorraine Cochran-Johnson opposed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Gannon

No: 2 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Board of Commissioners[2019-3360](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

DeKalb County Financial Disclosure Policy

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred, until December 10, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Board of Commissioners - District 1[2019-3717](#)

Commission District(s): Districts 1 & 7

Agreement with the Chiefs Futbol Club, Inc. and the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs to Renovate the Pleasantdale Park Soccer Fields, Concession/restrooms

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

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

Board of Commissioners - District 6

[2019-3755](#)

Commission District(s): 3 & 6

Authorize the acceptance of the donation of 1305 Custer Avenue and 2518 Donzi Lane from Clark Atlanta University for the development of a pedestrian walking trail and the consolidation of four adjacent parcels owned by Clark Atlanta University.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on June 11, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Community Development

[2019-3612](#)

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

Blight Inventory Survey in Southwest Unincorporated DeKalb County

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on June 11, 2019. Commissioner Larry Johnson opposed. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2019-3458](#)

Commission District(s): All
REN - Supply and Service of Feminine Hygiene Disposal Units (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1064963 for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). This contract consists of providing feminine hygiene disposal units. Awarded to Southern Textile Rental Services, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$95,000.00.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3458, 2019-3516, 2019-3540, 2019-3572 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2019-3516](#)

Commission District(s): ALL
CA - Open Cab Skid Steer and Compact Rubber Track Excavator: for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by Beautification and the Department of Watershed Management. Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Sourcewell Contract No. 042815-CEC for the purchase of one (1) Open Cab Skid Steer and one (1) Compact Rubber Track Excavator. Awarded to Clark Equipment Company dba Bobcat Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$148,921.56.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3458, 2019-3516, 2019-3540, 2019-3572 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2019-3540](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1021418 for Alternative Fuel Vehicles (Sole Source): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by Public Works-Sanitation. This contract consists of providing Ford Vehicles alternative fuel conversion package installation services and alternative fuel repair and maintenance services. Awarded to Allan Vigil Ford. Amount Not To Exceed: \$225,000.00.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3458, 2019-3516, 2019-3540, 2019-3572 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2019-3572](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

REN - Card Access (Keyscan) Installation, Maintenance and Repair (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No.1119074 for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM) and Police Services (PS). This contract consists of the installation, maintenance and repair of all card access points. Awarded to Southeastern Security Professionals, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$351,263.68.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3458, 2019-3516, 2019-3540, 2019-3572 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2019-3246](#)

Commission District(s): All

CA - Cooperative agreement for Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation Services: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). The contract consists of providing sanitary sewer system pipe rehabilitation services. This request is to obtain 100,000 liner feet of sewer line rehabilitation services, to include cured in place pipe and point repairs. Awarded to Inland Pipe Rehabilitation (IPR) dba IPR Southeast, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$7,900,453.00

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on June 11, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

1. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran- Johnson read the following comments:

- We hope that everyone spent their Memorial Day honoring all of our fallen soldiers who served in the military and gave their lives protecting this country. We will forever honor their memory and support their loved ones and families

- On Friday, May 24, 2019, I along with my fellow Commissioners met with the DeKalb County Board of Education and Superintendent/CEO to discuss ways in which the county and BOE can partner on initiatives that focus on student education, achievement, and learning. Areas discussed included healthcare, facilities, transportation, apprenticeship and career preparedness, and more. Future meetings are being scheduled for additional discussion and implementation of these initiatives and projects

- On Saturday and Sunday, May 18th- 19th, 2019, I partnered with The Great American Franchise Expo to support efforts in increasing business ownership in DeKalb County, Georgia. History was made as this was the first time that the Great American Franchise Expo has ever partnered with a government entity. The event was held at the Cobb Galleria, where DeKalb County residents had the opportunity to gain valuable information on franchise opportunities from over 80 top franchises. District 7 had a booth and passed out resources and literature from county departments and local lending and service partners. I was invited to participate in the opening ceremony and ribbon cutting. I was unexpectedly honored with the Great American Award during the opening ceremony

- The HOPE Global Forum annual meeting will be taking place this Wednesday through Friday, May 29th- 31st, 2019 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Atlanta. This year's theme is Pathways to Prosperity: Building an Inclusive Economy. HOPE Global Forums are an initiative of Operation HOPE, the global leader in providing financial dignity. The annual meeting serves as Operation Hope's flagship event and is now the largest gathering of leaders in the world on behalf of empowering poor and underserved communities. Anyone who is interested in attending can go to the District 7 website for information on the forum and registration

- District 7 is happy to be co-hosting the Senior Prom this Friday, May 31st, 2019 along with Districts 5 and 3. I am happy to be working along with my comrades Commissioner Mereda Davis-Johnson who is spearheading this great event and Commissioner Larry Johnson to honor our seniors in DeKalb County. For more information, please contact District 5

- This Saturday, June 1st, 2019, District 7 in partnership with the Greater Hidden Hills CDC will be participating in a county-wide litter clean up – Your Community, Your Litter – Pick It Up! The litter campaign is designed to engage DeKalb residents to clean-up their communities and actively eliminate litter through clean up across the county. Several communities have joined efforts in this litter campaign

- As of part of the campaign, a jingle contest and video contest took place to build litter awareness and promote community pride. Students from DeKalb County were invited to participate and develop original content supporting the campaign theme. Fifth grade classes from two elementary schools participated in the jingle contest, and the winning submission was “Stop, Drop, Pick It Up” created by students of Victoria Waterman and Mieya Moore at Eldridge L. Miller Elementary School

- Equal in talent to the jingle submissions were the video entries from two high schools. The winner, "Pick It Up: Video 2" by De'Ziya White, a senior student in Joel Kight's class at Martin Luther King, Jr. High School, gives the viewer a glimpse of what can happen to our beautiful world's clean water and lush landscapes when one piece of trash is carelessly tossed on the ground

- Please visit the District 7 website to listen and view the winning jingle and video and to find information on joining us in the litter pick-up this Saturday

Please visit our website at www.CommissionerLorraineCochranJohnson.com or call us at 404.371.2899

2. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson read the following comments:

Thank You, Mr. Presiding Officer, and Good morning everyone again. I would like to begin my comments by again expressing how proud DeKalb is of Sydney Wilson who is a history maker and pioneer. We are so proud that Sydney will continue to represent DeKalb well and will continue to excel in her journey.

We have been very busy over these last two weeks. It was a pleasure to join my friend and District 5 resident, Arthur Cole at his retirement celebration and present him with a proclamation. It was a wonderful celebration where coworkers, family and friends joined to celebrate a wonderful career of Mr. Cole.

My office joined the South DeKalb Business Association at their annual scholarship breakfast where they gave away four book scholarships to students at Georgia Piedmont Technical College. I am so appreciative of their work to support deserving students in DeKalb.

I want to shout out Kings Ridge Homeowners Association for being the first community in District 5 to partner with our office to host a community clean up. We cleaned up the entrance of the subdivision and up and down South Hairston. There was not much trash in this area. When we hosted our clean up last year, the area was infested with trash. So it was encouraging that there was not much trash there this year.

I enjoyed myself at the SASSY Community program hosted at Berean Christian Church on last Saturday. Pastor Kerwin Lee gave a very special message and there were performances by talented young people. Thank you to the President BJ Kelley for inviting me to the event.

Last week, my office attended the grand opening of the Emory Healthcare Veterans Center. This new center will be a great resource for Veterans and there were success stories shared by combat veterans as to how this new tool has been helpful in adjusting back to civilian life. Thank you to Ms. Kendra Price from Emory University for inviting me out.

Thank you to Ms. Valerie Barkley for inviting me out to join the Southeast DeKalb Concerned Citizens Coalition last Tuesday. It was an honor to hear from the residents regarding their concerns as well as to provide an update with what is happening in DeKalb. My office is continuing to work with the residents in the area to address their concerns.

Last Thursday, I had the pleasure of attending the ribbon cutting of the Southeast Atlanta Vascular Care and Preferred Vascular group for their grand opening in District 5. I would like to thank Dr. Govin and Mr. Parrish Turner for inviting us out to the grand opening. I am proud to see continued growth of business in the district.

Finally, thank you to President Doris Johnson for inviting me out to join the Hunters Community for their HOA meeting last Thursday to provide an update on the services that DeKalb County offers to the citizens who live in the City of Stonecrest. Thank you to Zach Williams and Ernest Slaughter for joining us at that meeting and presenting very well on the services that DeKalb continues to provide to the citizens in the City of Stonecrest.

For more information on any of the announcements, District 5 upcoming events, please feel free to visit my website at www.commissionermeredaiohinson.com or you may call my office at 404-371-2159 and as always, don't hesitate to contact my office with any of your questions, concerns, or suggestions. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your District 5 Commissioner.

3. Commissioner Kathie Gannon mentioned the following comments:

- This has been a whirlwind of a month. I had a blast visiting friends at the North DeKalb Senior Dance
- On the 16th, I had the pleasure of attending the South DeKalb Business Association Book Scholarship Breakfast. I would like to commend their efforts in being instrumental in providing resources to students at Georgia Technical Piedmont College
- That same evening, I was able to pop in to visit neighbors at the Gresham Park Community Meeting
- To close off the week, I was able to stop in for a bite at Commissioner Bradshaw's District 4 community breakfast. I applaud his leadership in providing a platform for sharing important information and connecting constituents with key county department heads
- Last week, Commissioner Larry Johnson and I held a community meeting as a platform for the administration to present reports on studies surrounding the land exchange. The meeting was very informative and we are now waiting for the administration to give directive for the next steps. If this is of interest to you, please make sure that you are on our distribution list where we forward information about upcoming meetings
- As many of you may know, I am a member of the DeKalb Transit Management Planning Team. Several months ago there were open house meetings that provided updates. We are now getting ready to roll out another series of open house updates June 4th, 5th, and 6th. The first meeting, June 4th, is at the Toco Hills library. For other meeting locations, as well as to get yourself up to speed, visit www.DeKalbtransitmasterplan.com
- DeKalb County pools have opened for the summer session! With this heat wave, I'm sure everyone is dying to dip into some cool water. Let's not forget safety around the pool and other bodies of water is very important. Make sure everyone in your family knows and follows basic water safety rules

- DeKalb County Parks and Rec will once again provide the summer food service program. DeKalb County Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs will host the Summer Food Service Program from June 3rd – July 19th. Applications and full program site participation requirements can be found at www.DeKalbCountyGA.gov/parks under “Summer Food Applications”. Program sites in Super District 6 can be found on my website under “County News”

- It’s graduation season which means that school is about to be out for the Summer. I would like to first congratulate all the 2019 graduates; from those leaving Pre-K to those obtaining a PhD. I wish you the best of luck with this next chapter of your life. For those of you with children between the ages of 5-15, DeKalb County Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs is inviting parents to learn more about summer day camp programs that the County offers. There will be an orientation this Thursday, May 30th at all Super District 6 recreation centers. To view a list of recreation centers and their addresses, please check www.DeKalbCountyGa.gov/parks

- Do you know a child who is obsessed with fire trucks or could it be the curious child in you who would like to know the ins and outs of a real fire truck? If so, you’re in luck. This Thursday the DeKalb County Fire Rescue Station 4 will have an open house at 4540 Flakes Mill Road in Ellenwood from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. You will be able to tour fire safety equipment as well as learn fire safety information. If you have an infant, they can also make sure your car seat is properly installed

- The DeKalb Symphony Orchestra (DSO) is holding auditions for First Violins. The DSO is a community orchestra celebrating its 54th concert season. DeKalb Symphony Orchestra is in Residence at Georgia State University Perimeter College, Clarkston Campus and directed and conducted by Fyodor Cherniavsky. If you are interested in auditioning, please visit their website at www.DeKalbSymphony.org or call 678-891-3565 with questions

- My office number is 404-371-4909. Thank you if your community group has forwarded your updated contact information. If you haven’t, please email kgannon@DeKalbCountyGa.gov with your 2019 Board members names, contact information, and meeting/activities. And please remember that if your Super District 6 community group is planning summer community events, please let us know as well. I look forward to opportunities to connect. Also visit my Facebook page or www.CommissionerKathieGannon.com regularly for additional events and happenings in Super District 6!

4. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw read the following comments:

Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer. Good Morning Everyone.

I would like to begin today by commending our Presiding Officer Jeff Rader and our School Board Chairman Dr. Michael Erwin for convening a joint meeting of the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education last Friday May 24th. I think our meeting was a great first step in fostering better communication and better cooperation between these two entities. At the end of the day we all represent the same people. Therefore, any opportunity that we have to present a united front is a step in the right direction. I look forward to our next meeting.

Our most recent Quarterly in the Fourth Community Breakfast meeting on May 18th was a big success. We had over 50 people attend. As always we were able to engage in a candid discussion with our constituents on a range of issues. I want to thank all of DeKalb County Departments who were there to lend their support, and COO Zach Williams for making that happen. I also want to thank Chris Kingsbury from Moreland Altobelli for providing a SPLOST overview and Isaac Blythers who is my appointee to the SPLOST Oversight Committee for sharing his insights. And Matt Leatherman for providing us with the extra microphone. Once again I want to thank Freedom Middle School Principal Marchell Boston for opening up his school for our event. Working with him and his staff was a delight. I also want to thank the Cook It Angoras and Chef Jesse McNair for providing a wonderful breakfast meal, as usual. And I want to thank my friend and colleague Commissioner Kathie Gannon for being there as well. I really appreciate it.

Later that day, I attended the Pool Opening and Spring Fling at Deer Creek. Deer Creek is a beautiful community in District 4. The food and fellowship was excellent. It was truly a wonderful gathering. I even met a gentleman who knew my dad and my uncle from the Savannah days. I would like to thank HOA President Dr. Gerald Austin and Welcome Committee Chair Cynthia Cook for the invitation. I look forward to returning to Deer Creek in the future.

On May 21st, I attended the Leadership DeKalb Pacesetters dinner. As a graduate of the class of 2016, I am always happy to support that organization in any way possible. That evening our CEO, Michael Thurmond gave an excellent talk on leadership that included audience participation. I want to commend Leadership DeKalb Executive Director, Maria Balias and her team for the service that they are providing to our community.

On May 22nd I was honored to deliver the keynote address for the DATE Academy 5th Grade Step Up Ceremony. DATE is the DeKalb Academy of Technology and Environment Charter School and it is a jewel in DeKalb County and District 4. It was indeed a wonderful occasion and I was very impressed by the energy of the young people in attendance. I want to commend DATE Academy CEO Dr. Maury Willis and Principal Dr. Edward Wilson for the job that they are doing with our young people. Clearly they are doing something right. I also want to thank my friend and next door Neighbor Mrs. Tracey Harris who is the 5th grade room parent for the invitation. And I want to apologize again to her daughter Alaina for the impromptu shout out during my remarks.

Yesterday I attended the Farrar Court Neighborhood Cookout to celebrate Memorial Day. Farrar Court is a wonderful community in District 4 and I enjoyed the food and the company. I want to thank Emily Halevy for the invitation.

I hope that sometime during the course of our respective celebrations yesterday we paused just for a moment to reflect upon the ultimate sacrifice that was made by those who went before us to help insure the maintenance of our way of life here in the United States of America.

Finally, I would like to thank the Mayors in District 4 for coming together for our most recent Mayor's Roundtable meeting on May 17th. This is an initiative that I started last year where we come together to discuss

issues of mutual concern and benefit. It is also an important relationship building exercise that we will keep doing as long as the Mayors find it useful. Thanks to Pine Lake Mayor Melanie Hammet and Stone Mountain Mayor Patricia Wheeler for participating. I also want to thank Mayor Wheeler for hosting.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call my office at 404-371-4749. And as always I want to thank the citizens of District 4 for affording me this opportunity to serve. Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer.

5. Commissioner Larry Johnson mentioned the following comments:

- Congratulated all 2019 graduates
- Floss and Code Hack-a-thon at 8 a.m. at the Omega Center on Saturday June 1st
- Annual HOA Boot Camp on Saturday June 1st
- A free private screening of the movie “Emmanuel” at the Porter Sanford Performing Arts Center at 1 p.m. on Saturday June 1st
- Annual Spring Town Hall meeting on June 13th

6. Commissioner Nancy Jester mentioned the following comments:

- Attended joint meeting with the Board of Education

7. Commissioner Jeff Rader read the following comments:

My office number is 404-371-2863 and my email is jrader@dekalbcountyga.gov.

Please take the time to visit my website at www.commissionerrader.com and sign up for news and information.

Please also follow me on Facebook and Twitter using [@raderjeff](#) and on Instagram at [commissionerjeffrader](#).

Hope everyone enjoyed Memorial Day and remembered those in service to our country.

Upcoming...

- I want to welcome Buket Urgen who will be interning in my office this summer. Buket is a fulltime student at the University of Georgia in the School of Public and International Affairs
- The first of 3 DeKalb County Transportation Master Plan Open Houses will be in District 2 Tuesday, June 4th at 6 p.m. @ Avis G Williams Library, 1282 McConnell Dr. The 2nd will be held on Wednesday the 5th at Stonecrest Library, and the final will be Thursday the 6th at Exchange Recreation Center

In Library News...

- Older Americans Month wraps up this week with Home Safety for Seniors tonight at 6:30 p.m. at the Northlake-Barbara Loar Library

- Free Online Tutoring at the Library. Visit www.dekalblibrary.org for more information

- Also, the DeKalb Library is teaming up with MARTA and invites you to sign up and learn about the MARTA Reduced Fare Breeze Card. Next sign up on site will be at the North DeKalb Senior Center on Thursday, June 13th at 10 a.m.

- And finally, the Decatur branch will host a Red Cross Blood Drive Friday, May 31st from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Commissioner Larry Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson to recess the May 28, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:30 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

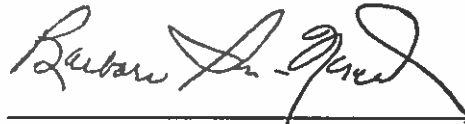
Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson



Jeff Rader
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders-Norwood
County Clerk