

# DeKalb County Government

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, October 8, 2024**

**9:00 AM**

**Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium**

### **Board of Commissioners**

*Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Presiding Officer, District 5*

*Commissioner Robert Patrick, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 1*

*Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, District 2*

*Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4*

*Commissioner Edward "Ted" Terry, Super District 6*

- Present:** 4 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Ted Terry
- Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Steve Bradshaw

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

**A. INSPIRATIONAL**

Nathaniel Smith- Partnership for Southern Equity

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Ted Terry- District 6

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

- Hispanic Heritage Month
- Domestic Violence
- Awareness Black Men Voting

**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.

Tom O'Hern- 1496 Startfield Circle Brookhaven GA 30319, Roderick Friersue- 1528 Hidden Hills Parkway Stone Mountain Georgia 30088, Ruby Bozeman Davis- 909 Rays Road Stone Mountain Georgia, Patty Van Sicklen- (No Address), Charles Bailey-Musgray- 3329 York Place Decatur Georgia 30032, Joscelyn O'Neil- (No Address), Mira Herndon- 1531 Austin Drive Decatur Georgia 30032, Phillip W. Coffey- 408 Adam's Street Decatur Georgia 30030

#### **D. 10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING**

Citizens may speak for or against an item that is considered by law to be a zoning ordinance and each side will have ten minutes to present its case. Citizens may also speak for or against an item that is placed on the public hearing agenda but is not a zoning ordinance. In that case, each side will have five minutes to present its case. In the event there is more than one speaker per side, speakers must divide their time in order to complete their full presentation within the ten-minute time allotment, or the five minute time allotment. When the buzzer sounds to indicate that time has run out, the speaker will be expected to immediately cease speaking and to leave the podium area. Prior to speaking, a speaker shall complete a speaker card and present it when approaching the podium. If a speaker has any documents for the commissioners, the speaker shall provide 10 copies when approaching the podium. Seven copies are for the commissioners and the remaining copies are for the planning director, the county attorney and the clerk. In all zoning ordinance and traffic calming cases, staff shall make their recommendation for action to the Commission first followed by applicants or citizens speaking in favor of the item. Applicants in zoning ordinance cases shall have the right to reserve time for rebuttal. Opponents of a zoning ordinance item shall have no right of rebuttal. For all other items placed on the public hearing agenda, applicants or citizens speaking in favor of the item shall speak first followed by opponents of the item. Once the citizens have finished speaking, staff shall make a recommendation for action to the Commission. At this point, citizens are no longer allowed to speak unless called to the podium by an individual commissioner to answer questions or provide information. Speakers should always talk directly into the microphone and begin by stating their name, address and the name of any organization they represent. Abusive, profane or derogatory language will not be permitted. Holding up signs, clapping, yelling, standing or laying in the aisles to show support for or opposition to a speaker will not be permitted, but a show of hands or quietly standing in place will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker's position.

#### **Planning and Sustainability**

[2024-0868](#)

**COMMISSION DISTRICT(S):** Commission District 04 Super District 06  
Application of the Director of Planning & Sustainability for a Text Amendment to Chapter 5: Small Area Plans of the DeKalb County Comprehensive Land Use Plan to Consider the GSU/Willow Branch Revitalization Plan Document for Inclusion.

*Favor: Winston Mitchell- 1674 Emerald Avenue Southwest Atlanta Georgia 30310*

*Against: None*

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

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

*Favor: Winston Mitchell- 1674 Emerald Avenue Southwest Atlanta Georgia 30310*

*Against: None*

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

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

*Favor: Winston Mitchell- 1674 Emerald Avenue Southwest Atlanta Georgia 30310*

*Against: None*

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred to the October 15, 2024 Special Called Meeting for Public Hearing. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

**Public Works - Transportation**

[2024-1119](#)

**Commission District(s):** 2 & 6

**Traffic Calming Petition** - Pinellas Trail between Clairmont Road and Trailmark Drive. No Cost to County.

*Favor: Chester Wright -2109 Pinellas Trail Decatur Georgia 30033*

*Against: None*

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

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

[2024-1120](#)

**Commission District(s):** 3 & 6

**Traffic Calming Petition** - Terry Mill Road between Glenwood Avenue and Fayetteville Road. No Cost to County.

*Favor: Nicole Pyzza- 1653 Terry Mill Road Atlanta Georgia 30316*

*Against: None*

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

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

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

**Planning & Sustainability**

[2023-1146](#)

**COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): Commission District 2 Super District 6**  
Application of Fariz Morani for a Special Land Use Permit ( SLUP) to build and operate a restaurant with drive through in a C-2 (General Commercial) zoning district within a Town Center (TC) Activity Center, at 1726 Church Street.

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, October 22, 2024 for Decision Only. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

[2023-1154](#)

**COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): Commission District 2 Super District 6**  
Application of Fariz Morani for a Special Land Use Permit ( SLUP) to operate a drive through coffee shop within C-1 (Local Commercial) zoning district and within a Town Center (TC) Activity Center, at 3823 North Druid Hills Road.

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, October 22, 2024 for Decision Only. Items 2023-1154, 2023-1249 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

[2023-1249](#)

**COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): Commission District 2 Super District 6**  
Application of Fariz Morani to rezone from NS (Neighborhood Shopping) zoning district to C-1 (Local Commercial) district within a Town Center (TC) Activity Center to use the existing building to create a drive-through coffee shop, at 3823 North Druid Hills Road.

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, October 22, 2024 for Decision Only. Items 2023-1154, 2023-1249 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

**E. APPEALS**

NONE

**F. APPOINTMENTS**

NONE

**G. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Airport**

[2024-1135](#)

**Commission District(s):** 1 and 6

Consent to Assignment to DeKalb County Contract No. 07-800323 by U. S. Transport, Inc. There is no cost to the County.

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be withdrawn. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

[2024-1136](#)

**Commission District(s):** 1 and 6

Standardized T-Hangar Space Lease Agreement with Michael Daugherty. There is no cost to the County.

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2024-1136, 2024-1138, 2024-1181, 2024-1206, 2024-1188, 2024-1204, 2024-1207, 2024-1157, 2024-1170, 2024-1198 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

[2024-1138](#)

**Commission District(s):** 1 and 6

Lease Amendment No. 7 to Contract No. 500676 (formerly Contract No. 79-1971) with Epps Air Service, LLC dba Aero Center Epps Atlanta, LLC (formerly Epps Air Service, Inc.) There is no cost to the County.

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2024-1136, 2024-1138, 2024-1181, 2024-1206, 2024-1188, 2024-1204, 2024-1207, 2024-1157, 2024-1170, 2024-1198 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

[2024-1181](#)

**Commission District(s):** 1 and 6

Standardized T-Hangar Space Lease Agreement with Tyson Rhame. There is no cost to the County.

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2024-1136, 2024-1138, 2024-1181, 2024-1206, 2024-1188, 2024-1204, 2024-1207, 2024-1157, 2024-1170, 2024-1198 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

Board of Commissioners



[2024-1206](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

Approval of Minutes for the October 1, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2024-1136, 2024-1138, 2024-1181, 2024-1206, 2024-1188, 2024-1204, 2024-1207, 2024-1157, 2024-1170, 2024-1198 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

**Board of Commissioners - District 1**

[2024-1188](#)

**Commission District(s):** District 1

Allocate an Amount Not to Exceed \$70,000 from the District 1 Category \$1M - Commissioner District Transportation Projects Funds for a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) and Multi-use Trail Value Capture Analysis for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) for the Buford Highway Corridor to KB Advisory Group

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2024-1136, 2024-1138, 2024-1181, 2024-1206, 2024-1188, 2024-1204, 2024-1207, 2024-1157, 2024-1170, 2024-1198 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

**Board of Commissioners - District 2**

[2024-1204](#)

**Commission District(s):** Commission District 2

Allocation of \$20,000 from the 2024 District 2 Youth Reserve for Appropriation Account to 100 Black Men of DeKalb, Inc. for the Youth Explorers Leadership Program Development

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2024-1136, 2024-1138, 2024-1181, 2024-1206, 2024-1188, 2024-1204, 2024-1207, 2024-1157, 2024-1170, 2024-1198 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

[2024-1207](#)

**Commission District(s):** District 2

Allocation of \$4,350 from the 2024 District 2 Reserve for Appropriation Account to Legacy Parking Company for a Parking Study in Emory Village, DeKalb County

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2024-1136, 2024-1138, 2024-1181, 2024-1206, 2024-1188, 2024-1204, 2024-1207, 2024-1157, 2024-1170, 2024-1198 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

**Board of Commissioners - District 4**

[2024-1157](#)

**Commission District(s):** District 4

Allocation of \$50,000.00 of District 4 Pleasantdale Park Land Proceed funds to set-up a CIP account for Peters Park for the installation of bathrooms

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2024-1136, 2024-1138, 2024-1181, 2024-1206, 2024-1188, 2024-1204, 2024-1207, 2024-1157, 2024-1170, 2024-1198 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

**Board of Commissioners - District 5**

[2024-1213](#)

**Commission District(s):** District 5

An Item to Add Additional FLOCK Cameras to the Phase 5 Installation List  
Previously Approved by the Board of Commissioners

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

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

**Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO**

[2024-1170](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

Approval of the Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of September 17, 2024

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2024-1136, 2024-1138, 2024-1181, 2024-1206, 2024-1188, 2024-1204, 2024-1207, 2024-1157, 2024-1170, 2024-1198 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

[2024-1198](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of September 24, 2024

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2024-1136, 2024-1138, 2024-1181, 2024-1206, 2024-1188, 2024-1204, 2024-1207, 2024-1157, 2024-1170, 2024-1198 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

**H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS**

**Board of Commissioners - District 1**

[2024-1233](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Districts

A Resolution Asking for The DeKalb County Police Department to Develop a Diversion Policy Regarding Unhoused Individuals that Considers Other Options to Arresting and Jailing Them.

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee (ERPS) and the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS) , until December 17, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

[2024-1237](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Districts

A Request for the Director of Planning & Sustainability to amend the DeKalb County Nuisance Ordinance to Add a Closure of Chronic Nuisance Properties Ordinance Chapter.

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until December 17, 2024. Items 2024-1237, 2024-1238, 2024-1239 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

[2024-1238](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Districts

A Request for the Director of Planning & Sustainability to Amend the DeKalb County Nuisance Ordinance to Add a Blight Tax Ordinance Chapter.

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until December 17, 2024. Items 2024-1237, 2024-1238, 2024-1239 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

[2024-1239](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Districts

A Request for the Director of Planning & Sustainability to amend the DeKalb County Nuisance Ordinance to add a Vacant Building chapter

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until December 17, 2024. Items 2024-1237, 2024-1238, 2024-1239 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

Chief Executive Office

[2024-1174](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

To Amend the FY2024 Budget for Economic Development

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until November 19, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

**Community Development**

[2024-1200](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

Transfer \$996,231 from the General Fund to DeKalb County Community Development to support programs and services for individuals who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness.

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until November 19, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

[2024-1231](#)

**Commission District(s):** 4 & 6

Appropriation Of Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA 2) Funds to Assist In the Rehabilitation of an Affordable Housing Project - “Willow Branch Apartments” in Clarkston, Ga. The Proposed Multi-Family Rehabilitation Loan is in An Amount Not to Exceed \$2,000,000. This Loan Commitment must be Memorialized in a Letter to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred to the October 15, 2024 Special Called Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

**Finance - Risk Management**

[2024-1184](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Employee Near Site Health Center

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved with the scrivener's error of Total - \$ 3,259.831, correcting it to Total - \$ 3,259,831. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

**Public Works - Transportation**



[2024-1126](#)

**Commission District(s):** 3 and 7

Payment of \$171,378.67 to Georgia Power for LED Conversion of Columbia Drive at I-20 Interchange Lighting

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until October 22, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

[2024-1176](#)

**Commission District(s):** 3 and 6

Accept \$500,000 from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for a New Traffic Signal on Moreland Avenue at Bailey Street

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2024-1176, 2024-1179 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

[2024-1179](#)

**Commission District(s):** 2 and 6

Payment of \$12,000 to CSX Transportation for DeKalb Avenue Quiet Zone Project

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2024-1176, 2024-1179 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

**Purchasing & Contracting**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee*

[2024-1001](#)

**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract Nos.: 1264031 and 1264032 Batteries for Two-Way Radios (Annual Contract With 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Departments of Police Services (PS), and Fire Rescue (FR). These contracts consist of providing batteries for two-way Radios. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided forty-five (45) day contract term increase, effective September 1, 2024. Additionally, this request seeks to increase the contract funds and term through August 31, 2025. Lastly, this request seeks to reserve the right to transfer funds between contracts based on the needs of the County. Awarded to Motorola Solutions and Two-Way Direct, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$90,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2024-1001, 2024-1046, 2024-1115 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

[2024-1046](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1349075 Cloud Solutions and Services (Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-SPD-T20190814-0001): for use by Police Services (PS). This contract consists of purchasing off the competitively let SWC to purchase OpenGov software to assist in management and operation of the Permits Unit. This request seeks to continue use of the software through September 30, 2025. This request also seeks to ratify a previously provided thirty (30) day contract term increase, effective as of October 1, 2024. Awarded to Carahsoft Technology Corp. Amount Not To Exceed \$58,185.18.

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2024-1001, 2024-1046, 2024-1115 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

[2024-1115](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Technology Product Solutions and Related Service (Cobb County/ Omnia Partners Contract No. 23-6692-01): for use by Fire Rescue (FR). This request seeks to establish a four (4) year agreement to allow for the purchase of dashcam equipment, related accessories, licensing, and installation for emergency vehicles. Awarded to Carahsoft Technology Corporation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$265,459.64.

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2024-1001, 2024-1046, 2024-1115 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

*Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*

[2024-1051](#)

**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1218284 Auction Services for Disposal of Surplus Properties (Multi-Year Contract): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management. This contract consists of generating revenue through the auctioning of vehicles, trucks, tractors, heavy equipment, office furniture, and various other surplus properties of the County. This request seeks to increase the contract term through December 31, 2025. Awarded to Adesa, Atlanta, LLC. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2024-1051, 2024-1079, 2024-1121 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

[2024-1079](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1361554 and 2000027 Commercial Movers to Transport Voting Equipment and Materials (Emergency): for use by the Department of Voters Registration and Elections (VRE). These contracts consist of providing services to transport election equipment and materials to polling sites for the 2024 Primary Election, Run-off Election, and General Election cycles. This request seeks to ratify previously provided services and seeks approval to continue services through December 31, 2024. Awarded to Ryder Transportation Services, Inc. and Atlanta Peach Movers, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$302,800.00.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2024-1051, 2024-1079, 2024-1121 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

[2024-1121](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1379287 Juvenile Justice Center Canopy Installation (180 Day Contract): for use by Facilities Management. This contract consists of construction services for the installation of a canopy over the Judges' parking lot at the DeKalb County Juvenile Justice Center. The rescission and re-award request was approved without notating a revised contract term. This request seeks to increase the contract term through May 31, 2025. Awarded to Brad Construction Company II, LLC. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2024-1051, 2024-1079, 2024-1121 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee*

[2024-1075](#)

**Commission District(s): ALL**

SWC - Statewide Contract (SWC) 99999-SPD-SPD0000172-006 Integrated Security and Surveillance Products and Services: for use by the Departments of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Police Services (PS), and Animal Services & Enforcement. This contract consists of purchasing from the competitively let SWC to purchase security cameras for the Redan Recreation Center, South Precinct, and DeKalb Animal Shelter. Awarded to Convergent Technologies, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed \$128,476.70

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until October 22, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee*

[2024-1080](#)

**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1360341 Briarcliff Road Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon Crosswalks: for use by Public Works-Transportation (Transportation). This contract consists of the installation of two new crosswalks with rectangular rapid flashing beacons on Briarcliff Road. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided thirty (30) day contract term increase effective as of October 1, 2024. This request also seeks to increase the contract term through December 31, 2024. Awarded to DAF Concrete Inc. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2024-1051, 2024-1079, 2024-1121 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

[2024-1122](#)

**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1348743 Printing Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works-Sanitation and Beautification and the Office of Management and Budget. This contract consists of the provision of graphic design and printing services. Awarded to Fuentes Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Interprint Communications. Amount Not To Exceed: \$24,000.00

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2024-1051, 2024-1079, 2024-1121 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

**I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD**

**Board of Commissioners**

[2024-0935](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Resolution Establishing an Affordable Housing Trust Fund for DeKalb County, Georgia

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until October 22, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

**Walk-on Items**

**2024-1267**

**Commission District(s):** All

Add an Item

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

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

**2024-1268**

**Commission District(s):** District 5

An item to allocate an amount not to exceed \$5,000 to the Council of Quality Growth for the Four Pillars Tribute Sponsorship

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



**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

**Board of Commissioners - District 2**

[2024-0190](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

An Ordinance for Companion Animal Litter Permit and Transfer and Sale of Dogs and Cats in DeKalb County, Georgia

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the County Operations Committee (OPS), until December 10, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

[2024-0842](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Resolution to Review and Amend the Board of Commissioners Standing Procedural Rules

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the County Operations Committee (OPS), until December 10, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

[2024-0861](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

An Ordinance to Prohibit Transient and Outdoor Sales of Dogs, Cats, and Domestic Rabbits in DeKalb County, Georgia

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

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

**Board of Commissioners - District 6**

[2023-1137](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Resolution Encouraging the DeKalb County Governing Body to Collaborate with Metro Atlanta Counties and Their Health Departments to Support Access to Abortion Health Services and Resources and To Match the City of Atlanta's \$300,000 Commitment.

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until December 10, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

[2024-1009](#)

**Commission District(s):** All DeKalb County Commission Districts

A Resolution Requesting CEO Michael Thurmond to Enact an HR Policy in Alignment with the Federal Paid Maternity, Parental, and Elder Care Leave Initiatives Championed by Vice President Kamala Harris and Governor Tim Walz

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee (ERPS), until November 19, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

**Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO**

[2024-1081](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of August 27, 2024

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

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

**Purchasing & Contracting**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to FAB Committee*

[2024-0977](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No.1338634 DeKalb LINKS (Annual Contract With 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Purchasing and Contracting (P&C). This contract consists of a customized, cloud-based application designed and integrated specifically for the DeKalb First Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE) Program. This request seeks a contract funds and term increase through January 31, 2025. It also seeks to reconcile previously issued purchase orders and ratify a previously provided thirty (30) day contract term increase, effective as of September 1, 2024. Awarded to Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council (GMSDC). Amount Not To Exceed: \$155,833.37

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

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

*Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*

[2024-1078](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1365939 enQuesta Annual Hosting, Maintenance, and Support (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). This contract consists of the annual hosting, maintenance, and support of a state-of-the-art Customer Information System (CIS) solution for the County's customer billing system integration. This request seeks to add the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) to the contract and increase the contract scope of work and funding. Awarded to Systems and Software, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$5,674,248.85.

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

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee*

[2024-0925](#)

**Commission District(s): All**

RFP - Request for Proposal No. RFP No. 24-500667 Presidential Parkway - Embry Hills Arts & Culture Small Area Plan (SAP): for use by the Department of Planning & Sustainability (P&S). Consists of providing professional services for creating, revitalizing and/or recreating the brand of the Presidential Parkway/Embry Hills Regional and Town Center. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer who is responsive and responsible: Pond & Company, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$143,000.00.

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

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

[2024-1000](#)**Commission District(s): 3 & 6**

CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1289411 Restroom and Shower Facility Solutions (Sourcewell Contract No. 081721-RMT): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of the purchase, installation, and all things necessary for the purchase and installation of public restrooms and other structures. This request seeks additional funding due to unforeseen delays in the permitting process resulting in material and labor price escalation. Awarded to Romtec, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$170,979.42.

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

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

[2024-1019](#)**Commission District(s): All**

REN - Contract No. 1301248 Feed, Hay and Shavings for Little Creek Horse Farm and Park (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of the purchase and delivery of feed, hay and shavings to Little Creek Horse Farm and Park. This request seeks to exercise the 2nd renewal option through August 31, 2025. This request also seeks to ratify a previously provided forty-five (45) day contract term increase, effective as of September 1, 2024. Awarded To: The Stock Market. Amount Not To Exceed: \$135,000.00.

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

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee*

2024-1102

**Commission District(s): All**

REN- Contract No. 1352465 Residential Single-Stream Recycling Materials, Commercial Cardboard & Mixed Paper (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public-Works-Sanitation. This contract consists of processing residential single-stream recycling materials, commercial cardboard and mixed paper collected by the recycling program. This request seeks to exercise the 1st renewal option through October 31, 2025. Awarded to Pratt Recycling, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$650,000.00.

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

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

**2024-1265**

**Commission District(s): All**

Motion to recess the meeting

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

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

**2024-1266**

**Commission District(s): All**

Motion to reconvene the Board of Commissioners Meeting

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

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

**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.



ADJOURNMENT:

**There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn the October 8, 2024 Board of Commissioner Meeting at 12:33 p.m. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw



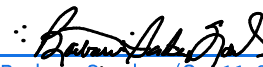
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Mereda Davis Johnson  
Presiding Officer



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Michael Thurmond  
Chief Executive Officer



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[Barbara Sanders \(Oct 11, 2024 14:50 EDT\)](#)

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Barbara Sanders-Norwood  
County Clerk