

DeKalb County Government

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 22, 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 Loraine 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

Dr. Sherry Gaither
Stronghold Christian Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Larry Johnson
District 3

B. PRESENTATIONS

Honoring Michele Ritan
Cedar Grove Football Champions

C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Public Comments portion of this meeting is reserved exclusively for comments from the public, and not for immediate reply. Statements made during the Public Comments portion do not necessarily reflect the Opinions of the Board or the Administration of DeKalb County Government. 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. The clerk will accept cards on a first-come, first-served basis. 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 and yelling will not be permitted. A show of hands or quietly standing will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker's position

1. Joe Perry, 1674 Flat Shoals Rd. SE Atlanta, GA 30316 – Spoke regarding a more thorough analysis of the land swap between Black Hall Studios and DeKalb County.
2. Shannon Lee, 2383 Glynn Drive Atlanta, GA 30316 – Spoke regarding opposition to the land swap between Black Hall Studios and DeKalb County.
3. Jacqueline Echols, P.O. Box 1341 Decatur, GA (no zipcode) – Spoke in opposition to the land swap between Black Hall Studios and DeKalb County.
4. Apostle Charles McCorkle, 4225 Snapfinger Woods Dr. Decatur, GA 30035 – Spoke regarding the hypocrisy displayed on last year with the Board of Commissioners and CEO.
5. Scott Petersen, 1103 Hillcrest Dr. Atlanta, GA 30316 – Spoke regarding the lack of transparency in the land swap between Black Hall Studios and DeKalb County.
6. Martha Gross, 2855 Briarcliff Rd. Atlanta, GA 30329 – Spoke regarding nuisance laws pertaining to businesses.
7. Stephen Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021 – Spoke regarding the amendment to the BOC Standing Procedural Rules in reference to silent protests; the 57 sewage spills in the last month and half; asked commissioners to vote to deny on item 1184 and keep the 2011 Watershed Bond funds where they belong; and that \$100,000/year for abatement and remediation services is not enough.
8. John Venneman, 1315 Sargent Ave. Atlanta, GA 30316 – Spoke representing the Atlanta Remote Control Club, to make sure that if the land swap between Black Hall Studios and DeKalb County is approved that they will still have use of the flying field.
9. Clarence Williams, 3736 Seton Hall Dr. Decatur, GA 30034 – Spoke regarding the County Commission not enforcing rules and legal regulations as it relates to the community.
10. Bruce McMillian, 3874 Brookwater Pl. Decatur, GA 30034 – Spoke regarding the County agreement between the Chapel Hill Community and DeKalb County of 1973, to erect a planned neighborhood of 1100 acres of land and could not do any commercial development until certain requirements were agreed upon by the County and the residents.

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 presents 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, please complete a speaker card and present it when approaching the podium. If you have any documents for the Commissioners, please 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. When speaking, always talk directly into the microphone and begin by stating your name, address and the name of any organization you represent. Abusive, profane or derogatory language will not be permitted. Holding up signs, clapping and yelling to show support for or opposition to a speaker will not be permitted, but a show of hands or quietly standing will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker’s position.

Watershed Management

[2018-2290](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts
An Ordinance to Update the Requirements for Automobile Wash Services to Require Recycling of Water.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, 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 6

[2018-3023](#)

Commission District(s): All

Reappointment to the Historic Preservation Commission - Ms. Deb Watts

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until February 12, 2019. Items 2018-3023 and 2018-3027 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

[2018-3027](#)

Commission District(s): All

Reappointment to the Historic Preservation Commission - Mr. Jon Hart

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until February 12, 2019. Items 2018-3023 and 2018-3027 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

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO

[2019-3185](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of the Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of September 18, 2018

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3185 and 2019-3187 were heard together. Commissioner Nancy Jester was out of the room and not voting. Commissioners Kathie Gannon and Lorraine Cochran-Johnson abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Davis Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Jester

Abstain: 2 - Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3186](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 9, 2018

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Nancy Jester was out of the room and not voting.

Commissioners Mereda Davis Johnson and Lorraine Cochran-Johnson abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Gannon

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Jester

Abstain: 2 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3187](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 23, 2018

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3185 and 2019-3187 were heard together. Commissioner Nancy Jester was out of the room and not voting. Commissioners Kathie Gannon and Lorraine Cochran-Johnson abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Davis Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Jester

Abstain: 2 - Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Magistrate Court

[2019-3207](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts
Request to accept FY'19 Supplemental Subgrant Award from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, Grant Period January 1, 2019 - June 30, 2019 for the Benefit of the Magistrate Court of DeKalb County's Misdemeanor Mental Health Court in the Sum of \$12,608 with a County Match of \$1,401.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved with an amendment that the County match would not exceed \$1,900.89. Commissioner Nancy Jester was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Jester

H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Board of Commissioners

[2019-3236](#)

Commission District(s): All
A Resolution Petitioning the United States Government to Immediately Restore Appropriations for Federal Agencies Experiencing Operational Limitations Under the Current Federal Shutdown, and for Other Purposes

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Jester

Police Services

[2019-3169](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
2016 - 2017 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), \$183,692.40
MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Nancy Jester was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Jester

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee

[2018-3082](#) Commission District(s): All
REN - Aviation Fuel (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1100437 for use by Police Services (PS). This contract consists of providing aviation fuel for police helicopters. Awarded to Perry Brothers Aviation Fuel, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$72,000.00.
MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3082 and 2019-3176 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

[2019-3176](#)

Commission District(s): ALL
SS - Leadership in Police Organizations (LPO) and Leadership in Public Safety Organizations (LPSO) Training Program: for use by Police Services (PS). Consists of three (3) targeted law enforcement courses in the leadership training program. Awarded to International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). Amount Not To Exceed: \$111,000.00.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3082 and 2019-3176 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 FAB Committee

[2019-3167](#)

Commission District(s): ALL
REN - Print and Mail Services for Property Tax and Appraisal Statements (Annual Contract - 3rd Renewal of 3 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1001000 for use by Tax Commissioner and Property Tax Assessors Offices. This contract consists of printing property assessments, tax appraisal statements and property documents and mailing to the citizens of DeKalb County. Awarded to Diversified Companies, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$86,000.00.

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Larry 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

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2019-3165](#)

Commission District(s): ALL
REN - Chiller Inspection, Repair and Preventative Maintenance Services (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1052203, 1052096 and 1052175 for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). These contracts consist of providing inspection, repair and preventative maintenance for County chillers. Awarded to Carrier Corporation, Galgon HVAC & Mechanical Service, Inc. and Mann Mechanical Company, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$971,193.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, 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 February 12, 2019. Items 2019-3165, 2019-3166, 2019-3170, 2019-3173 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

[2019-3166](#)

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1070633 for Purchase of New Computers, Laptops, Scanners and Accessories: for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT). Consists of piggybacking off the Statewide Contract (SWC) SWC 99999-SPD-T20120702-0002 for the purchase of new computers, laptops, scanners and accessories utilized by all County departments. Awarded to Dell Marketing, L.P. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,000,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, 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 February 12, 2019. Items 2019-3165, 2019-3166, 2019-3170, 2019-3173 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

[2019-3170](#)

Commission District(s): All
REN - On Call Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning - HVAC (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1052207 and 1052210 for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). These contracts consist of providing on-call HVAC services for county-owned properties. Awarded to Mann Mechanical Company, LLC and Galgon HVAC Mechanical Services, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,500,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, 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 February 12, 2019. Items 2019-3165, 2019-3166, 2019-3170, 2019-3173 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

[2019-3173](#)

Commission District(s): All
CA- Cooperative Agreement competitively let U.S. Communities for Elevator Maintenance and Services for use by Facilities Management (FM). Consists of piggybacking off U.S. Communities Contract No. EV2516 Lead Agency, Kansas City, MO for monthly and preventative maintenance for elevators. Amount Not To Exceed: \$596,993.76.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, 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 February 12, 2019. Items 2019-3165, 2019-3166, 2019-3170, 2019-3173 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

[2018-3103](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 18-100994 for Landscape Maintenance Services - Public Grounds and Parks (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Departments of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Facilities Management (FM) and Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of various landscape maintenance services for County sites. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: ArtScope Inc., M.J. Lawn & Maintenance Services, Inc. and The Simmons Group, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,515,486.25

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 February 12, 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

[2018-3156](#)

Commission District(s): All

CA - Skid Steer Track Loaders with Breakers: for use by Public Works - Fleet Management to be used by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-SPD-SPD0000102-0004 (Tractors and Mowers) for the purchase of three (3) skid steer track loaders with breakers. Awarded to Atlanta Kubota, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$199,698.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, 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

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD

2019 Legislative Agenda

[2018-3035](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution Of The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County, Georgia To The General Assembly Relating To The Creation Of A Charter Review Commission To Study And Make Recommendations On The Governance Structure Of DeKalb County.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on February 12, 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

[2018-3036](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution Of The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County, Georgia To The General Assembly To Amend O.C.G.A. § 36-62-5, Relating To The Appointment Of Members To The County Development Authority By The County Governing Authority.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, 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 February 12, 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

[2018-3038](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution Of The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County, Georgia To The General Assembly Relating To The Expansion And Support Of Mental Health Services Across The Continuum Of Care.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry 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

[2018-3086](#)

Commission District(s): All
A Resolution Of The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County, Georgia To The General Assembly Proposing A County Organizational Act Amendment To Ensure, And Eliminate Impediments To, Establishment, By Ordinance, Of A Transparent And Efficient County Procurement System.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry 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 February 12, 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

[2018-2265](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts
Amendment To Board of Commissioners Standing Procedural Rules

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be to approve the version dated January 3, 2019 and voted upon January 8, 2019, with the first word on page 1 Item 1F, "Shall", being removed and the second sentence to start with "have". Commissioners Larry Johnson and Lorraine Cochran-Johnson opposed. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2018-3020](#)

Commission District(s): All

A Resolution by the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia to Erect a Permanent Monument Memorializing DeKalb Victims of Racial Terrorism

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

Human Services

[2018-3111](#)

Commission District(s): Districts 3, 5, 6 & 7.

Acceptance of a Grant from the United Way of Greater Atlanta to provide Food Pantry/Food Services to Intergenerational Families Living in South DeKalb- at no cost to the County

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3111 and 2018-3112 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

[2018-3112](#)

Commission District(s): All

Accepting Additional Funds from the Atlanta Regional Commission for senior services for SFY 2019

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3111 and 2018-3112 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

Planning and Sustainability

[2018-3140](#) Commission District(s): ALL DISTRICTS
A resolution to renew the Service Delivery Strategy for DeKalb County, Georgia
MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, 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

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2018-2527](#) Commission District(s): ALL
LB - Invitation No. 18-101019 On-Call Plumbing Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). Consists of the repair, replacement, maintenance and installation of plumbing fixtures at county-owned facilities. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: J. Squared Plumbing Company, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$450,000.00.
MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2527 and 2018-3058 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

[2018-3058](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 18-101013 Painting and Wallpapering Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM) and Fire Rescue Services (FS).

Consists of providing painting and wallpapering services. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: The Rossum Group, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$260,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2527 and 2018-3058 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 PECS Committee

[2018-2919](#)

Commission District(s): All

REN - Nuisance Abatement and Remediation Services (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by Beautification - Keep DeKalb Beautiful (KDB). This contract consists of providing services to reduce blight in the County, including abatement of vacant and abandoned properties (houses and lots).

Awarded to Samuel & AAK Company, Inc., AHB General Contractors, Inc. and Absolute Quality Services, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$100,000.00.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2919 and 2018-3054 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

[2018-3054](#)

Commission District(s): 2, 3, 5, 6, 7

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Prefabricated Restroom Buildings: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of the purchase and installation of prefabricated restroom buildings at seven (7) County parks. Awarded to CXT, Inc. a L.B. Foster Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$434,424.28.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2919 and 2018-3054 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

[2018-2918](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 18-101020 Conventional Grass Seeding (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by PW-Sanitation. Consists of the purchase of grass seeding services as a means of erosion prevention and odor control at the Seminole Landfill. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: K2R Legacy Group, LLC and The Rossum Group, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$250,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2918 and 2018-2941 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

[2018-2920](#)

Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 18-100988 Sewer System Cleaning (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of cleaning the sewer system and helping to prevent future spills. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Crawford Enterprises, Inc., Graham & Associates, Inc. and Pipe Logistics, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$4,605,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Nancy Jester opposed. Commissioner Jeff Rader abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Commissioner Jester

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Rader

[2018-2941](#)

Commission District(s): 1 and 6
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1073854 for Design Build Services for Roof Replacement and Painting of Steel Ground Storage Tanks at Scott Candler Water Treatment Plant (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing services to design; repair, demolish, and replace storage tank roofs; and complete interior and exterior painting of three (3) steel potable water ground storage tanks at the Scott Candler Water Treatment Plant. Awarded to Reeves Young, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$500,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2918 and 2018-2941 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

[2018-2984](#)

Commission District(s): All

REN - Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1043443, 1043444, 1043445 and 1043446 for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). These contracts consist of the purchase of hot mix asphaltic concrete for the repair and paving of roads. Awarded to C.W. Matthews Contracting Company, Inc., Dykes Paving & Construction Company, Inc., Metro Materials, Inc., and Pittman Construction Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,500,000.00.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, 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

[2018-3013](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - ITB No. 18-100975 Tree Cutting and Removal Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Departments of Watershed Management (DWM), Facilities Management (FM), Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Public Works - Beautification (PWB) and Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). Consists of providing tree cutting and removal services countywide on an as needed basis. Recommend a multi-award to the responsive and responsible bidders: Arborserv Tree Care, Casey Tree Experts and K2R Legacy Group. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,435,000.00.

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 February 12, 2019. 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

Watershed Management

[2017-1184](#)

Commission District(s): All

Reallocation of funding sources for certain previously approved CIP project budgets between the 2011 Bond Fund and the Renewal & Extension (R&E) Fund

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, 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

J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

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

- There were two incredible events – the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Service at Ebenezer Baptist Church. I want to compliment everyone on a job well done in celebration of MLK Day
- The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Decatur-DeKalb Chapter, Inc. will host its “Healthy Eating and Fitness Day” event on Thursday, January 31, 8:30am to 11:00am at the Samson Fitness Center, 6400 Woodrow Road, Stonecrest. Join the organization for exercises, healthy snacks and nutrition education to help prevent adult and child hood obesity. Wear workout gear. The event is free and open to the public
- Helping Hands Outreach Clinic is offering free primary care to furloughed federal workers and military veterans who need healthcare. For more information, visit the website at helpinghandsga.gov or call 678-607-0759 or 404-276-7674
- District 7 has been active in the community meeting with constituents and attending a number of HOA meetings, including the MeadowGlen HOA. We will also be meeting with members of the Greater Hidden Hills HOA and attending the Mainstreet Community Services Association Neighborhood meeting, as well as several others this month. We also met with a number of community churches, including Salem Bible Church, Ray of Hope, and Berean Christian Church

2. Commissioner Kathie Gannon mentioned the following comments:

- It’s been a great start to 2019! We’ve had unbearable cold weather, rain, sunshine, gray skies and blue skies, so it certainly seems that we’ve already experienced it all as we look forward to the season changing to Spring...sooner than later... I hope everyone enjoyed our long weekend in honor of Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. and perhaps found a way to give back or enjoyed some well needed R&R. Kudos to the coordinators of our 35th MLK Celebration program. It was a wonderful event and oh...the Milkshake and Tine Mayfield were awesome!!! Congratulations to Juanita Baranco, EVP/COO of Baranco Automotive Group, “Butch” Anthony, III, Owner of This Is It BBQ, and Charles Green, owner of Matthews Cafeteria who received the Nathaniel Mobley Humanitarian Award
- The Georgia Public Library Service has named our DeKalb County Public

Library as Georgia's "Public Library of the Year". DeKalb was recognized for its unique offering of public programming that embraces the county's diverse community. With the weather being so cold, what a great opportunity to visit one of our DeKalb County Libraries! They have lots of programs for children and teens scheduled this winter. You can check them out on their website www.dekalblibrary.org

- It's almost time for me to launch our DeKalb County Annual Food Drive and I am pleased that my partners, D.A. Boston, Solicitor Coleman Stribling, Clerk DeBerry, Clerk Hicks, and Tax Commissioner Johnson will join me again in this important effort! Last year 3,100 pounds of food and \$500 dollars was collected for our neighbors in need! This generated approximately 4,723 meals. In 2019 we're hoping to exceed that number of meals, and we need your help. Until this Government re-opens, many more are and will be severely impacted. This year we are making this campaign easier than ever. We're 'tapping into technology' and will be launching an online donation opportunity that goes directly to our campaign at the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Look out for more details on how you can "click for cans" or drop off a donation at one of the strategically placed bins in early February!

- Hey, want something to "wag" about? LifeLine Animal Project is offering free adoptions on hundreds of select dog and cat MVPs (most valuable pets) at DeKalb County Animal Services now through Super Bowl Sunday. DeKalb County Animal Services is located at 3280 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd, Chamblee, GA 30341. The "MVPs" are pets who are already spayed/neutered, vaccinated, micro-chipped and can leave the shelter and come home today!

- Are you, or someone you know in the job market and looking for guidance? DeKalb County is hosting a "Workforce Wednesday" at the end of this month on the 30th. Workforce Wednesday is designed to connect DeKalb County residents to eligible training providers and employers. You can learn about the eligibility requirements for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, as well as meet with eligible training providers and learn about high demand careers on our county website under Worksource DeKalb

- On January 31st, DeKalb County Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs will be hosting a renovation planning meeting for the Glen Emerald Lake and dam. This meeting will be held at 7p.m. at the Gresham Recreation Center. Check out the events portion of my website for more information!

- As a “green” commissioner, I am thrilled that the DeKalb County Department of Planning and Sustainability is working with Trees Atlanta and the East Atlanta Community Association to plant 20 new trees at the Oakfield Drive Triangle. Funding is being provided through the DeKalb County Tree Bank to assist with this neighborhood’s beautification efforts. Planning and Sustainability is collaborating with citizen groups and organizations to provide, plant and maintain trees as a long-term green and sustainable benefit in DeKalb County

3. 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 offering our sincerest condolences to the family of Mrs. Barbara Alexander who passed away a couple of weeks ago. Mrs. Alexander was the wife of the late Rev. Cameron Alexander who passed away recently as well. Our hearts go out to the entire Alexander family.

I would like to thank everyone who attended the District 5 Town Hall Meeting at the Lou Walker Senior Center. Special Thanks to Probate Court Judge, Bedelia C. Hargrove and her staff for presenting on the functions of the Probate Court. I would also like to thank Bettye Davis and her staff for making sure that we were well accommodated to carry out this town hall meeting.

Yesterday, Hank and I had the opportunity to attend the commemorative services honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at Ebenezer Baptist Church. As always, the service was filled with great inspiration. Attorney Bryan Stevenson was the speaker and we were reminded of why it is so important that we celebrate the dreamer and dreamers’ every day. In the world in which we are currently living, we must work together to ensure that we embody the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

I would like to inform all District 5 residents in the City of Stonecrest about calls that we have been receiving. Over the last couple of weeks, my office has received calls from the citizens in the City of Stonecrest about potholes on roads that are within the City Limits of Stonecrest. Many citizens have asked what will the County do with SPLOST funding to address potholes in the City of Stonecrest. I would like to be clear, the County has no jurisdiction or control of what roads and potholes will be addressed in the City of Stonecrest relating to any of the projects, not limited to but to include Roads. The County is not looking at filling potholes, we have done all we can with filling potholes. We are looking at

repaving the roads that are in desperate need of repair. My office is amenable to collaborate with any of the cities in District 5 on projects that will help to ensure that we repave the roads that are in desperate need of repair.

Next, I would like to give my sincerest prayers and concerns for the more than 800,000 federal employees who are going to work each and every day and not being paid as a result of the Government Shutdown. It is so unfortunate that we have those in leadership who put partisan politics before the well-being of the lives of hardworking Americans. It is my prayer and desire that our government will function how it is supposed to and that we do not continue to allow one branch of the government to tell the other how to do its job. That is not how the constitution is written and that is not how we should govern, especially when it is costing people to decide whether to get gas or to get food for their families.

I would like to invite all of DeKalb and all of District 5 to attend our Black History Program on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 7:00pm entitled, Martin and Music. This is a special presentation and a groundbreaking stage production. Shakespearian trained actor Gerald Rivers is the voice of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Rivers sets ablaze the words, the authentic tone, and the life of one of the world's greatest Civil Rights leaders and orators. The production also features Broadway performer and celebrated recording artist, Charles Holt who serves as narrator and vocalist in the magical trio of message, music, and story. The program will feature a riveting blend of powerful spoken words and speeches with a delicate and reflective and inspiring thread of music and narrative. The program will take place at the Porter Sanford, III Performing Arts & Community Center.

For more information on any of the announcements, District 5 upcoming events, please feel free to visit my website at www.commissionermeredajohnson.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, comments, concerns, or suggestions. Again, my number is 404-371-2159. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your District 5 Commissioner.

4. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw mentioned the following comments:

Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer. Good Morning Everyone.

On January 10th, I attended the Pride Rings in Stone Mountain (PRISM) Community meeting. As a former board member of that organization, it is always a pleasure to visit with them. The topic under discussion was the proposed city of

Greenhaven. Both State Rep. Karla Drenner and Claudette Leak provided valuable perspectives on the subject. I would like to thank Joe Arrington for continuing to provide leadership for that organization.

I attended the National Association of Chinese Americans Ruby Gala on January 17th. The organization does a wonderful job in promoting cross cultural connections between America and China. One of the featured speakers for the evening was former President Jimmy Carter, who was excellent. And I am telling you, if I am doing that well at age 94 that will be a good thing. I would like thank my friend Virginia Rece for the invitation to the event.

On January 18th I attended the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration right here in the Maloof Auditorium. Juanita Baranco was the featured speaker and she did an outstanding job. To one degree or another I think we all owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Dr. King for his vision, his courage and his sacrifice.

I also want to invite everyone to our first Quarterly in the Fourth Community Breakfast Meeting for 2019. It will be held this coming Saturday January 26th at Stone Mountain High School starting at 9am. In that meeting I will be providing my thoughts on the proposed City of Greenhaven. To be clear, this will NOT be a forum where both proponents and opponents will get to make their cases to the people gathered. It will be me sharing my thoughts with my constituents on this very critical policy issue. And I guarantee that by the time I am finished there will be no confusion about where I stand.

As we continue into the early stages of 2019 I just wanted to pause and thank my office team: Chief of Staff Alesia Brooks and Constituent Coordinator Robin Flieg. They are both diligent and loyal and a pleasure to be around. Although on occasion they do give me a hard time about things which I tolerate. But, I know they are just trying to keep me straight. I appreciate them both, and it would be impossible for me to discharge these duties without them.

As always you may call my office with any questions or concerns at 404-371-4749. And I thank the citizens of District 4 for affording me the opportunity to serve. Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer

5. Commissioner Larry Johnson mentioned the following comments:

- Performance of the Far East Broadcasting Corporation's choir for Public Safety officials on Saturday January 19th

- Wished Happy Birthday to his daughter
- Thanked the people who came out to the balloon release at the South Precinct for Officer Flores
- Shout out to Ms. Mapp and Ms. Sweeney for the meeting involving the infamous gas station on Glenwood
- Met with the Police Chief and Public Safety Director about the “Enough is Enough” campaign
- Second annual Violence Prevention Summit in April
- Attended the Gresham Hills Neighborhood Association meeting
- Attended a meeting on January 17th in the Cedar Grove/Gresham Park area, talking about an ecological and economical balance
- Thanked the Morehouse School of Medicine for the Health Champion Award

6. Commissioner Nancy Jester mentioned the following comments:

- Happy birthday to Georgia Jester
- The passing of Bob Lundsten this week, and his funeral this Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at All Saints Catholic Church in Dunwoody, with a reception to follow at the Dunwoody Country Club

7. Commissioner Jeff Rader read the following comments:

My office number is 404-371-2863 and my email is jrader@dekalbcountyga.gov. My website is www.commissionerrader.com. Also, please follow me on Facebook and Twitter using @raderjeff and on Instagram at commissionerjeffrader.

I hope everyone enjoyed a “day on” yesterday in honor of MLK, Jr. I know many in my district were out in service on their day off in honor of Dr. King.

It was DeKalb’s pleasure and privilege to host another Leadership DeKalb class for Government Day last Thursday. Thanks to our own leadership of Demetrius McCoy and Chris Bell, along with Carol Underwood, the time spent with the

class was smooth and productive.

Upcoming...

- Lifeline animal project at DeKalb County Animal Services offering free adoptions on 100 select dog and cat MVPs (most valuable pets) at the DeKalb County Animal Services shelter, now through Super Bowl Sunday. An MVP is any dog or cat with a football sticker on their cage card. MVPs are already spayed or neutered, vaccinated, micro-chipped and can leave the shelter today! For more information, please visit LifeLineAnimal.org.

In Library news...

- DeKalb County Public Library, named Georgia Library of the Year, as the library was recognized for programming that embraces the county's diverse community. Congratulations to Alison Weissinger and her staff on this honor

- Make time to stop by the Decatur branch for the special exhibit entitled "Expanding Civil Rights with a Focus on Women of the Movement." Enjoy articles, photos, books focusing on women of the civil rights movement

- Also, tonight at 6pm at the Avis G Williams branch and in recognition of Human Trafficking Awareness month, Cliff and Mary Gates of Map to HOPE will facilitate an immersive and interactive workshop to bust the myths on this great tragedy affecting many communities in metro Atlanta

Please remember next week is a 5th Tuesday and the BOC will not be meeting.

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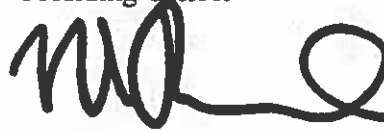
ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, to recess the January 22, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:52 a.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