

DeKalb County Government

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

9:00 AM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

Board of Commissioners

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

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

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

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

A. INSPIRATIONAL

Chaplain Will Dixon
DeKalb County Police Department

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Larry Johnson
District 3

B. PRESENTATIONS

Older Americans Month
Claus and Hilde Friese, The Village Corner German Restaurant & Bakery
Tourism Week

C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The purpose of public comment is to allow the public to voice county-related requests, concerns or opinions during the Commission meeting. Speakers will only have the opportunity for one public comment per meeting. Each speaker must complete a speaker card and present it to the clerk before the beginning of the public comment portion of the meeting. Cards turned in to the clerk from the time the general meeting is convened (generally 9 A.M.) and by the beginning of public comment portion generally following presentations on the agenda. The clerk will accept cards on a first-come, first-served basis. Prior to the clerk's call for public comment, speakers who are residents of DeKalb County shall be allowed to speak before residents of other counties are allowed to speak. Once the public comment portion of the meeting begins, speaker cards will no longer be accepted. Speakers will be allowed to speak for three minutes each and public comment shall not exceed 30 minutes in length.

When the buzzer sounds to indicate that time has run out, the speaker will be expected to immediately cease speaking and to yield the podium. Those who submitted speaker cards but did not speak because of the time allotment will be allowed to speak first at the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting without regard to residence. Speakers should always talk directly into the microphone and begin by stating their name, full address and the name of any organization they represent. Abusive, profane or derogatory language, holding up signs, clapping, yelling, standing or laying in the aisles to show support for or opposition to a speaker will not be permitted, but a show of hands or quietly standing in place will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker's position.

1. Henri Jordan, 763 Lee Andrews Ave. Atlanta, GA 30315 – Read Bible verses Deuteronomy 9:5, Hebrews 10:30, Deuteronomy 6:15, and Proverbs 17:13.
2. Apostle Charles McCorkle, 4225 Snapfinger Woods Drive Decatur, GA 30035 – Spoke regarding citizens' rights under the Constitution, and the failure of DeKalb Government to do its job properly.
3. Ida Davis, 1590 Sugar Downs Court Atlanta, GA 30316 – Spoke regarding problems she experienced as the President of the Site Council Committee.
4. Joscelyn O'Neil, (no address, DeKalb), GA 30032 – Spoke regarding blighted property in her area; Thanked the Commission for removing downed trees in the area; The ADA compliant ramps that were finally installed at Peachcrest Elementary School; And issues with the DeKalb County Housing Authority and Section 8.
5. Meg Dubuliovich, 460 Oakdale Dr. Atlanta, GA 30307 – Spoke regarding inhumane conditions at the DeKalb County jail.
6. Stephen Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021 – Spoke regarding problems with the County's drainage system and the FOG program; The transfer of the General Fund to the Senior Services grant fund and to not defer; And the Newbirth Missionary Baptist Church's bailout program for first time nonviolent offenders.
7. Adele Mclean, 80 Mason Ave. Atlanta, GA 30307 – Spoke regarding inhuman conditions at the DeKalb County jail.

D. 10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING

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

Planning & Sustainability[2018-3074](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 4 & 6

Application of Ralston George to rezone property from R-75 (Residential Medium Lot) District to MU-1 (Mixed-Use Low Density) District to develop 60 attached townhome units and approx 40,000 square feet of retail development, at 3780, 3770, 3764, 3762 & 3756 Covington Highway.

Davita Camp, 5206 Denmeade Dr. Atlanta, GA 30345, Jamal Mateen, 3252 Covington Dr. Decatur, GA 30032, Robert Smith III, 405 Ridgemont Dr. Lawrenceville, GA 30046, spoke in favor

Derik Rinehart, 3588 Dove Valley Way Decatur, GA 30032, Thaddeus Moore, 985 Porter Rd. Decatur, GA 30032, spoke in opposition

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor with 22 staff conditions, with changes to conditions 4, 8, 16 and 21, submitted by Commissioners Steve Bradshaw and Kathie Gannon. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

E. APPEALS

NONE

F. APPOINTMENTS

Board of Commissioners

[2019-3627](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

To Appoint Commissioner Larry Johnson as Chair of the Complete Count Census Committee (CCC)

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

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

Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2019-3610](#)

Commission District(s): District 2

Appointment of Susan Neugent to the Charter Review Commission

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, 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

Chief Executive Office

[2019-3421](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

Appointment of Mr. Jim Redovian to the MARTA Board of Directors

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until May 14, 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

ITEMS FOR RECORDING IN THE MINUTES**Board of Commissioners - District 7**[2019-3605](#)

Commission District(s): District 7

Recording the Appointment of Reuben D. Jones to the DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board, District 7 Post

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3605 and 2019-3607 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

[2019-3607](#)

Commission District(s): District 7

Recording the Appointment of Stacey Thibodeaux to the DeKalb County Watershed Customer Service and Billing Advisory, District 7 Post.

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3605 and 2019-3607 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**Board of Commissioners - District 1**

[2019-3626](#) Commission District(s): District 1
To Appropriate \$60,000 from the Reserve for Appropriation to the Perimeter CID for Economic Development

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3626, 2019-3517, 2019-3536, 2019-3450, 2019-3535, 2019-3555 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

Community Development

[2019-3517](#) Commission District(s): ALL
2019 CDBG Youth Set-Aside Fund for Summer Voucher Program

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3626, 2019-3517, 2019-3536, 2019-3450, 2019-3535, 2019-3555 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

[2019-3536](#) Commission District(s): Serves District 1 and Super District 6
Contract with City of Brookhaven - Lynwood Park ADA Renovation

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3626, 2019-3517, 2019-3536, 2019-3450, 2019-3535, 2019-3555 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

Human Services[2019-3450](#)

Commission District(s): All

Transferring of Funds from the General Fund to Senior Services Grant Fund

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3626, 2019-3517, 2019-3536, 2019-3450, 2019-3535, 2019-3555 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

[2019-3535](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

Grant Acceptance from the Atlanta Regional Commission for SFY 2020

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3626, 2019-3517, 2019-3536, 2019-3450, 2019-3535, 2019-3555 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

[2019-3555](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

Time Extension for New Freedom Program Subgrant Agreement with MARTA

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3626, 2019-3517, 2019-3536, 2019-3450, 2019-3535, 2019-3555 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

Police Services

[2019-3484](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Acceptance of Donation Gym Equipment from CrossFit Ozone to the DeKalb County Police Department

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3626, 2019-3517, 2019-3536, 2019-3450, 2019-3535, 2019-3555 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

H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Finance

[2019-3547](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
FEMA Reimbursement and Reserve Appropriations
MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until May 14, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee

[2019-3504](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

RFP - Request for Proposals No. 18-500506: Internal Affairs Software Solution (Multiyear Contract) for use by Police Services (PS). Consists of a comprehensive software solution that meets the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA) requirements and support public safety operations to mitigate regulatory and compliance risks. Recommend award to the sole proposer, who is responsive and responsible: Benchmark Analytics, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$287,196.00.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until May 14, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2019-3353](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 18-101047 Tire Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Fleet Management. Consists of outside tire repair services to include foam filled tires with installation. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Southern Tire Mart, LLC., Setco, Inc., Atlanta Commercial Tire and Action Tire. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$475,000.00.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until May 14, 2019. Items 2019-3353, 2019-3373, 2019-3398, 2019-3419, 2019-3420, 2019-3550, 2019-3603 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

[2019-3373](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 18-101046 Purchase of Tires, Including Recapping & Repair (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for Public Works - Fleet Management. Consists of the purchase of new tires and tubes, tire recapping and/or repair services. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Best Drive, Southern Tire Mart, J&R Tire Inc., Nextire, Atlanta Commercial Tire, Action Tire and Midtown Tire. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,000,000.00

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until May 14, 2019. Items 2019-3353, 2019-3373, 2019-3398, 2019-3419, 2019-3420, 2019-3550, 2019-3603 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

[2019-3398](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 18-101034 Parts for Vehicles and Off Road Equipment (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for Public Works - Fleet Management, Police Services and Department of Watershed Management. Consists of repair parts for all types of vehicles and equipment. Recommend award to the responsive and responsible bidders: (59 vendors, please see list below). Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$4,014,000.00.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until May 14, 2019. Items 2019-3353, 2019-3373, 2019-3398, 2019-3419, 2019-3420, 2019-3550, 2019-3603 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

[2019-3419](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 18-101055 Filters (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for Public Works - Fleet Management. Consists of providing various filters for vehicles and equipment. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Interstate Truck Equipment, Inc., Napa Auto Parts, Truck Pro, IEH Auto Parts LLC dba Auto Plus Auto Parts, Cummins, Inc., Fleetpride, Inc., Yancey Brothers Co., Rush Truck Centers of Georgia, Inc., Southeastern Automotive Warehouse and Ag Pro, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$170,000.00.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until May 14, 2019. Items 2019-3353, 2019-3373, 2019-3398, 2019-3419, 2019-3420, 2019-3550, 2019-3603 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

[2019-3420](#)

Commission District(s): All

CA- Cooperative Agreement for Georgia Microsoft Premier Services: for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT). Consists of piggybacking off the State of Georgia Contract SWC 9999-SPD-MSFTSVCS-031815 for consulting services, design and implementation of an Active Directory (AD), Office 365 Onboarding Services, and Privileged Access Workstation (PAW) configurations. Awarded to Microsoft Corporation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$759,566.08.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until May 14, 2019. Items 2019-3353, 2019-3373, 2019-3398, 2019-3419, 2019-3420, 2019-3550, 2019-3603 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

[2019-3550](#)

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1147259 for Elevator Maintenance Services: for use by Facilities Management (FM). This contract consists of monthly and preventative maintenance, inspections, and testing for the County's elevators. Request approval to appropriate SPLOST funds to repair and modernize elevators and associated equipment in the amount of \$1,862,678.62. Awarded to KONE, Inc. (US Communities Cooperative Agreement). Total Amount Not to Exceed: \$1,862,678.62.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to be heard at the May 2, 2019 SPLOST meeting, and deferred to the next meeting, until May 14, 2019. Items 2019-3353, 2019-3373, 2019-3398, 2019-3419, 2019-3420, 2019-3550, 2019-3603 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

[2019-3603](#)

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1147259 for Elevator Maintenance Services: for use by Facilities Management (FM). This contract consists of monthly and preventative maintenance, inspections, testing and modernization of the County's elevators and associated equipment. Awarded to KONE, Inc. (US Communities Cooperative Agreement). Total Amount Not to Exceed: \$396,019.28.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until May 14, 2019. Items 2019-3353, 2019-3373, 2019-3398, 2019-3419, 2019-3420, 2019-3550, 2019-3603 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

[2018-2374](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 18-101026 Water Wastewater Caustic Soda and Sodium Hypochlorite (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the purchase of chemicals to maintain safe drinking water. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Univar USA, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,148,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2374, 2019-3288, 2019-3289, 2019-3290, 2019-3375, 2019-3395, 2019-3409, 2019-3411, 2019-3412, 2019-3417, 2019-3418, 2019-3423, 2019-3431, 2019-3489, 2019-3539 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

[2019-3288](#)

Commission District(s): 3 & 7

CO - Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 972548 Snapfinger Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facilities Expansion - Phase 2: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of the phase 2 expansion to the Snapfinger Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility; inclusive of site preparation, modification of existing structures and the construction of new structures. This request is to add contract performance days and to provide reasonable actual costs incurred because of delays in required rock blasting. Awarded to Archer Western Construction, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,650,000.00

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2374, 2019-3288, 2019-3289, 2019-3290, 2019-3375, 2019-3395, 2019-3409, 2019-3411, 2019-3412, 2019-3417, 2019-3418, 2019-3423, 2019-3431, 2019-3489, 2019-3539 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

[2019-3289](#)

Commission District(s): 3 & 7

CO - Change Order No. 5 to Contract No. 972548 Snapfinger Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facilities Expansion - Phase 2: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of the phase 2 expansion to the Snapfinger Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility; inclusive of site preparation, modification of existing structures, and the construction of new structures. This request is to provide reasonable actual costs incurred because of work suspension at the Dewatering Building. Awarded to Archer Western Construction, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$465,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2374, 2019-3288, 2019-3289, 2019-3290, 2019-3375, 2019-3395, 2019-3409, 2019-3411, 2019-3412, 2019-3417, 2019-3418, 2019-3423, 2019-3431, 2019-3489, 2019-3539 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

[2019-3290](#)

Commission District(s): 3 & 7

CO - Change Order No. 6 to Contract No. 972548 Snapfinger Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facilities Expansion - Phase 2: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of the phase 2 expansion to the Snapfinger Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility; inclusive of site preparation, modification of existing structures, and the construction of new structures. This request is to increase the funding to accommodate the contractor's eight (8) proposed design and construction changes. Awarded to Archer Western Construction, LLC. Amount Not to Exceed: \$106,519.11.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2374, 2019-3288, 2019-3289, 2019-3290, 2019-3375, 2019-3395, 2019-3409, 2019-3411, 2019-3412, 2019-3417, 2019-3418, 2019-3423, 2019-3431, 2019-3489, 2019-3539 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

[2019-3375](#)

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 15-902993 for Professional Services for Mapping of the Floodplain (Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). This contract consists of the provision of engineering services to conduct flood studies and preparation of floodplain mapping. Awarded to Dewberry Consultants LLC. Recommend approval of the Consent to Assign to Dewberry Engineers Inc.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2374, 2019-3288, 2019-3289, 2019-3290, 2019-3375, 2019-3395, 2019-3409, 2019-3411, 2019-3412, 2019-3417, 2019-3418, 2019-3423, 2019-3431, 2019-3489, 2019-3539 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

[2019-3395](#)

Commission District(s): All
REN- Adjustment and Replacement of Manhole Rings, Covers and Valve Boxes (Annual Contract-2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No.1048307 for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of the repair of manhole rings, covers and valve boxes that need to be replaced, adjusted and/or reinstalled. Awarded to Metals and Materials Engineers LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,500,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2374, 2019-3288, 2019-3289, 2019-3290, 2019-3375, 2019-3395, 2019-3409, 2019-3411, 2019-3412, 2019-3417, 2019-3418, 2019-3423, 2019-3431, 2019-3489, 2019-3539 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

[2019-3409](#) Commission District(s): All

REN - Machine Shop Services (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1107720 for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of machine shop services for various industrial equipment at the wastewater plants and lift stations. Awarded to Cole Technology, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$999,227.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2374, 2019-3288, 2019-3289, 2019-3290, 2019-3375, 2019-3395, 2019-3409, 2019-3411, 2019-3412, 2019-3417, 2019-3418, 2019-3423, 2019-3431, 2019-3489, 2019-3539 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

[2019-3411](#) Commission District(s): All

REN - Sanitary Sewer Chemical Root Control (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1102179 for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing sanitary sewer chemical root control for the sewer system. Awarded to Duke's Root Control, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,800,000.00

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2374, 2019-3288, 2019-3289, 2019-3290, 2019-3375, 2019-3395, 2019-3409, 2019-3411, 2019-3412, 2019-3417, 2019-3418, 2019-3423, 2019-3431, 2019-3489, 2019-3539 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

[2019-3412](#)

Commission District(s): All

REN - Sewer Rods & Accessories (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1108139 for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of parts and equipment for cleaning and maintaining the sewer system. Awarded to P & H Supply Company, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$391,205.00

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2374, 2019-3288, 2019-3289, 2019-3290, 2019-3375, 2019-3395, 2019-3409, 2019-3411, 2019-3412, 2019-3417, 2019-3418, 2019-3423, 2019-3431, 2019-3489, 2019-3539 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

[2019-3417](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 18-101052 - Steel Bottoms and Top Lids for Commercial Containers (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of purchasing steel bottoms and top lids for commercial waste containers at various locations within the County. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Container Components, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$150,000.00

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2374, 2019-3288, 2019-3289, 2019-3290, 2019-3375, 2019-3395, 2019-3409, 2019-3411, 2019-3412, 2019-3417, 2019-3418, 2019-3423, 2019-3431, 2019-3489, 2019-3539 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

[2019-3418](#)

Commission District(s): All
REN - Sanitary Sewer System Easement Clearing Services (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1103755 and 1103756: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). These contracts consist of providing easement clearing on the sanitary sewer system as part of the Consent Decree. Awarded to GA Power, Company and Casey Tree Expert, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,800,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2374, 2019-3288, 2019-3289, 2019-3290, 2019-3375, 2019-3395, 2019-3409, 2019-3411, 2019-3412, 2019-3417, 2019-3418, 2019-3423, 2019-3431, 2019-3489, 2019-3539 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

[2019-3423](#)

Commission District(s): All
REN - Manhole Castings and Accessories (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1107795 for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of supplying manhole castings and accessories. Awarded to Delta Municipal Supply Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$288,081.85

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2374, 2019-3288, 2019-3289, 2019-3290, 2019-3375, 2019-3395, 2019-3409, 2019-3411, 2019-3412, 2019-3417, 2019-3418, 2019-3423, 2019-3431, 2019-3489, 2019-3539 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

[2019-3431](#)

Commission District(s): All

SS - Non-pathogenic Anaerobic Bacteria Chemical: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing a unique group of biologically based products for the treatment of hydrogen sulfide gas formation as well as products for fat, oil, and grease (FOG) prevention in waste water collection systems. Awarded to State Chemical Manufacturing Company d/b/a State Chemical Solutions. Amount Not To Exceed: \$540,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2374, 2019-3288, 2019-3289, 2019-3290, 2019-3375, 2019-3395, 2019-3409, 2019-3411, 2019-3412, 2019-3417, 2019-3418, 2019-3423, 2019-3431, 2019-3489, 2019-3539 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

[2019-3489](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 19-101063 Rock Crushing - Asphalt, Concrete and Stone (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of rock crushing services at the Seminole Landfill. Recommend award to the sole, responsive and responsible bidder: Cummins Crushing and Recycling, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$180,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2374, 2019-3288, 2019-3289, 2019-3290, 2019-3375, 2019-3395, 2019-3409, 2019-3411, 2019-3412, 2019-3417, 2019-3418, 2019-3423, 2019-3431, 2019-3489, 2019-3539 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

[2019-3539](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

RES - Contract No. 1151233 for Right-of-Way Mowing (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works-Sanitation and Beautification. The contract consists of mowing and lawn maintenance services at 128 right-of-way locations throughout the County. This request is to rescind the award to NGL & Erosion Control Group (NGL) and award to the two alternate awardees: Flex Landscaping and Executive Realty Group. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$700,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2374, 2019-3288, 2019-3289, 2019-3290, 2019-3375, 2019-3395, 2019-3409, 2019-3411, 2019-3412, 2019-3417, 2019-3418, 2019-3423, 2019-3431, 2019-3489, 2019-3539 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

Solicitor-State Court[2019-3568](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts Will Be Impacted Approval to Accept the FY19 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) - Victims of Crime Act Supplemental Grant Award for the Office of the Solicitor General's Victim-Witness Assistance Program

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3568 and 2019-3616 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

[2019-3616](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts Will Be Impacted Approval to Accept the FY19 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) - Stop Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Award for the Office of the Solicitor General's Special Victims Unit

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3568 and 2019-3616 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

2019-3659 Add Item

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

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

2019-3660 Commission District(s): District 5
To record the re-allocation of \$20,000.00 from Redan Tennis Court 2006 Parks Bonds Refunding account 104229.80461.541200.01.601733 for upgrades to security camera system

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

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

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD

Board of Commissioners

[2019-3360](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts
DeKalb County Financial Disclosure Policy

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days, until May 28, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Board of Commissioners - District 1

[2019-3522](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts
An Ordinance by the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia, to Set Requirements for the Construction of New Educational Facilities within the County in the Building Code of DeKalb County Chapter 7 Article II Section 7-55

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred for 45 days, until June 11, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

District Attorney

[2019-3483](#)

Commission District(s): All
Grant Acceptance - United States Department of Justice, Federal Fiscal Year 2018 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, 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

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee[2019-3271](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 18-101045 Purchase, Delivery, Installation, Maintenance and Repair of Propane Fuel Tanks (Annual Contract with Two Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Fleet Management. Consists of purchasing and delivering of propane gas to propane tanks, to include tanks rental, maintenance, repair, removal or relocation on an as needed basis at various locations in the County. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Blossman Gas Inc. of Georgia. Amount Not To Exceed: \$150,000.00.

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

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

J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

1. Commissioner Nancy Jester mentioned the following comments:

- Today is Shakespear's birthday, born on April 23, 1564
- Today in history, Hank Aaron hit his first home run of his major league career in 1954

2. Commissioner Larry Johnson mentioned the following comments:

- Informed citizens about the 2019 Federal Budget and the programs that will be impacted
- Congratulated the Senior Fitness Club at the Intergenerational Center on Columbia Drive, that filmed a program on Fox 5
- Attended the Public Safety town hall meeting on April 16th at Bob Mathis Elementary School
- Opioid Summit on May 2nd, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Porter Sanford Performing Arts Center

3. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw read the following comments:

Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer. And good morning everyone.

It was an honor to attend Chief Conroy's retirement celebration on April 10th. Once again, I would like to thank him for his 30 years of honorable service to DeKalb County. He will be missed.

Earlier that day, I attended the Northlake Tucker Community Improvement District (CID) update meeting. I would like to commend CID Board Chairman Brad Spratt and Executive Director Matthew Lee for the job that they are doing.

It was a pleasure to meet with the Waters Edge Home Owner's Association Board of Directors on April 15th. Water's Edge is one of the wonderful communities in District 4. It was great to engage in a candid dialogue about challenges and opportunities. I would like to thank HOA President Donnie Bryant for the invitation and for an excellent dinner. I look forward to returning in the future.

I want to thank Vice President of Operations Tasha Hill and her entire team at ThermoPac for hosting Alesia and myself for a tour of their facility on April 22nd. They have a wonderful operation in District 4 which, among other items makes components for MRE's which are Meals Ready to Eat. Of course, I got very familiar with MRE's during my time in the military. They also supply meals to disaster relief victims all over the country, sometimes on very short notice. This is a tremendous public service. They employ well over 200 people and have been in DeKalb County since the 1980's. Needless to say, we are very proud to have this great business in District 4.

That evening I was honored to attend the Lion's Club dinner honoring the DeKalb Police Officer of the Year, David Pena Rodriguez. I was joined by BOC colleagues Commissioner Jeff Rader and Commissioner Kathie

Gannon. I am always happy to take any opportunity to show my support and respect for our men and women in blue who protect us each and every day. I would like to thank Chamblee City Councilman Brian Mock for the invitation.

I would like to thank Major Medlin, the new Tucker Precinct Commander and his leadership team for taking the time to meet with me yesterday. We had a very candid discussion about some of the challenging areas in District 4, and possible solutions. I commend them for the job that they are doing and I want them to know that the lines of communication between us are open.

I would like to say how much fun I had throwing out the first pitch at Redan Park for Jackie Robinson Day on April 13th. It was great to share that honor with my colleague Commissioner Lorraine Cochran Johnson and State Representative Billy Mitchell. The kids were awesome! The Atlanta Braves were excellent sponsors. I also got to meet former Braves great, Marquis Grissom, who caught my pitch and was kind enough to sign my baseball. It was just a wonderful day. I would like to thank Eric Evans for the invitation to participate.

I would also like to give a shout out to my new friend, 12 year old Gabriel Edwards, son of my good friend Al Edwards. As a prelude to throwing out that first pitch, young Gabriel was kind enough to help a middle aged man like me loosen up this old arm so I didn't embarrass myself. And it worked, because I pretty much threw a perfect strike. Just sayin...

Finally, as someone who makes a feeble attempt to play the game of golf, I would like to congratulate Tiger Woods for winning the Masters. His comeback from a host of adversities is a major accomplishment.

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

4. 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 inviting all HOA's, Community Organizations, Church Organizations, businesses and anyone who is interested in partnering with my office for a community clean up. We will partner with and host community clean-ups from May – September. We are currently scheduling the dates out through September and we look forward to continuing to work to Keep DeKalb Beautiful. Our first clean-up is with the Kings Ridge Homeowners Association on Saturday, May 18th.

During my last comments, I did not mention that I had the esteemed pleasure of attending career day at Columbia Middle School where Dr. Keith Jones is the Principal. It was a wonderful opportunity to speak with the students and to offer some insight on how they can reach their goals.

I had the pleasure of attending the NAACP Annual Unity Breakfast where our Congressman and my sweetie, Congressman Hank Johnson served as the Keynote Speaker. I congratulate the Youth of the DeKalb Chapter

of the NAACP on being one of the only chapters from the Southeast to be selected to compete in the national Afro- Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics competition. We are proud that DeKalb is well represented.

I am looking forward to attending the CEO's State of the County Address this Saturday at Green Forest Community Baptist Church in the Genesis Room. This Community Breakfast will benefit DeKalb County's Foster Children. For more information, please contact the CEO's Office at 404-371-2552

DeKalb County Cooperative Extension is hosting a Herbalicious – Herb Gardening Class on this Thursday, April 25th from 6:45 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at 4380 Memorial Drive, Suite 200.

Finally, I want to remind all seniors that the deadline to register for the 2019 DeKalb County Senior Olympics is this Friday. The registration fee is \$15. You can register at www.dekalbcountyga.gov/parks. The opening ceremony is on May 1st at 10:00 a.m.

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

5. Commissioner Kathie Gannon mentioned the following comments:

- Yesterday we celebrated Earth Day which marks the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970. I will be partnering with Keep DeKalb Beautiful in May to recognize both the Great American Cleanup campaign, which runs from March 20th the first day of Spring to June 20th the first day of Summer; And reinforcing the importance to make Earth Day, every day
- The Lions Club of DeKalb County recognized Officer David Pena Rodriguez as their officer of the year
- Attended the NAACP Unity Breakfast
- I had an opportunity to visit McKinney's, a premium HVAC mechanical and engineering company, located in District 6
- We ask the public to report overflows and spills by calling 770-270-6243, which operates 24 hours a day
- With around 8,250 people living with dementia in our county, the Human Services Department wants to gain more first-hand knowledge about the community's need for resources for people living with dementia. In partnership with the Dementia Spotlight Foundation, they will host a dementia-friendly focus group meeting tomorrow from 10 a.m. – 12 noon at the Lou Walk Senior Center at 2538 Panola Road in Lithonia. This event will conclude a series of focus groups that have been happening over the past two months
- Does your superstar, "between youth ages 5-15, want to go to a really neat camp this summer? DeKalb County "Camp Superstars" registration is now open, but you need to register soon. The camp will run Monday

through Friday from June 3rd to July 26th from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. The camp fee of \$66 per week includes a breakfast and lunch. Camp superstars will participate in field trips, swim lessons, arts and crafts, fun with nature, sports, health and wellness clinics, team games and more. There are six Super District 6 camp locations. Please find them on either my or the County website. Details for registration can be found there as well

- Learn how to grow an “Herbalicious-Herb Garden” this Thursday at 6:45 p.m. at the DeKalb Cooperative Extension on Memorial Drive as part of the 2019 Gardening in Georgia Series. For \$10 per person, you can learn practical tips for selecting, growing, harvesting, using and sharing herbs. To register, call the DeKalb County Extension Office at 404-298-4080, or email yc42298@uga.edu

- This weekend watch some of DeKalb County’s finest... from law enforcement to the sanitation department compete in a 20-team double elimination basketball tournament for mental health awareness. Proceeds from this basketball tournament will fund programs and services for participants in the DeKalb County Magistrate Court and Misdemeanor Mental Health Court (MMHC). Join them at the Decatur Active Living Center at 231 Sycamore Street here in Decatur from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday

- In Clarkston, there will be a festival this weekend. The Clarkston Culture Fest will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday and go until 4 p.m. at the James R. Hallford Stadium at 3789 Memorial College Avenue. The theme of this festival is appropriately named “Educate, Appreciate, Celebrate” as it aims to highlight the best of what Clarkston has to offer

- In Dunwoody they will be celebrating the 20th Anniversary of “Lemonade Days” which is a signature community event held at beautiful Brook Run Park. They will be there all week long starting tomorrow and go through this Sunday. Proceeds from the event support the charitable activities of the Dunwoody Preservation Trust. This year’s “Lemonade Days” will feature more than 30 exciting full-scale carnival rides, a 5K run, a Country Store, multiple craft vendors, several food and beverage vendors, ponies, a petting zoo, three days of center-stage performances with live music and the now famous “Dunwoody Idol contest”. Brook Run Park is located at 4770 North Peachtree Road in Dunwoody. For more details about the festival schedule go to www.DunwoodyLemonadeDays.org or follow “Lemonade Days” on Twitter or Facebook for updates and volunteer opportunities

- The County is participating in National Park Rx Day this Sunday. If you are on my distribution list you’ve received the flyer for different park activities or you can also find events on my website. Since that’s the kick off, I’ll be keeping the momentum going the following Saturday May 4th at Fork Creek Mountain Park. We’ll start off with a walk and end with various outdoor activities for both the young and “seasoned” including a lesson from a Master Gardener on basic gardening. Meet my team and I at 10 a.m. at 2893 River Road in Decatur

- National Lost Dog Awareness Day is observed every April 23rd. This day was created not only to bring awareness to the dogs that go missing but to also celebrate the reunions. Through networks of shelters, veterinaries, social media and other media sources, many lost canines are reunited with their loved ones. This awareness is so important to places like our very own Lifeline Animal Project. Right now they have over 1,200 homeless pets in their care. To help make sure your pet does not end up on the “homeless” list please make

sure they are spayed, neutered, registered, and micro-chipped, which can easily be done at our animal services division on Chamblee Dunwoody Road. Visit www.DeKalbAnimalServices.com

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

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

- From the NAACP breakfast to throwing the first pitch at Redan Park, it has been a busy two weeks. I survived the first pitch and did not hit anyone!

- This Thursday April 25th is a big day! We have CEO Thurmond's State of the County address, after which I will be hosting my first major town hall meeting along with the Stonecrest Citizens' Coalition on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the Lou Walker Senior Center, 2538 Panola Rd., Lithonia, GA 30058. I have participated in several smaller conversations with constituents, but this event will help me provide information and bridge the gap between questions and answers for them. The District 7 town hall will feature representatives from MARTA and various DeKalb County departments including Code Enforcement, Parks and Recreation, Sanitation, Watershed Management, Public Safety and Roads and Drainage

- I will be a co-sponsor with the Great American Franchise Expo to support my efforts to increase business ownership in DeKalb County. The Expo will take place on Saturday and Sunday, May 18th -19th at the Cobb Galleria. We are making history: This is the first time that the Great American Expo has partnered with a government entity. DeKalb residents will have the opportunity to gain valuable information on franchise opportunities from over 100 top franchises, including national and emerging businesses and chains. DeKalb County attendees are encouraged to visit the Super District 7 booth on Saturday, May 18th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. to receive resources and literature from local lending and service partners

- District 7 will be launching its Books & More Women's Empowerment Club (a motivational and educational book club) on May 18th from 12noon - 2:00 p.m. at the AEI Start-Up Factory with internationally known inspirational speaker Sherri Riley. Women are encouraged to attend this event where they will be able to purchase Riley's book Exponential Living and meet the renowned empowerment speaker

- District 7 in partnership with the Greater Hidden Hills Community Development Corporation has launched a guerilla-style marketing effort designed to engage DeKalb residents to clean-up their communities, take ownership in positive community and environmental outcomes, and actively eliminate litter through clean up across the county. The campaign, "Your Community, Your Litter – Pick It Up!" will culminate with a county-wide community cleanup day on Saturday, June 1st, 2019. The campaign seeks to lead by example through a collaborative effort that will produce a massive presence along roadsides and in high-traffic areas. If you are interested in participating, please contact the District 7 office

- The City of Tucker will be hosting its first Manufacturing Day tomorrow April 24th. Attendees from government, real estate, and the business sectors will hear a panel discussion, as well as tour several businesses to learn more about Tucker and its economic development strategy in the Metro Atlanta area. Registration is required

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

7. Commissioner Jeff Rader read the following comments:

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

Please take the time to visit my updated website at www.commissionerrader.com. I want to encourage you to sign up for news and updates where I have recently posted my 2018 year in review. I hope you will find the website helpful in contacting our office, viewing the agenda and requesting assistance electronically. Please also follow me on Facebook and Twitter using @raderjeff and on Instagram at commissionerjeffrader.

Hope you all enjoyed the beautiful Earth Day yesterday with many opportunities to get out and enjoy fruits of the earth. And in this season of Easter or Passover, may citizens enjoy time with family and friends in celebration.

Upcoming...

- The 11th Anniversary of South Fork Conservancy is celebrated with the Creek Rising Fundraiser this Thursday, April 25th at 4:30pm. A family friendly event where all children under the age of 12 can attend free of charge with their parent or guardian. Rain or shine, the event will take place in Zonolite Park

- Olmsted Plein Air Invitational is one of the most prestigious plein air painting competitions in the United States. In its 5th year, it is held in Atlanta, Georgia each spring. This year, 26 of the most esteemed contemporary impressionist artists will be painting throughout Georgia and greater metropolitan Atlanta the week of April 28th - May 5th, 2019. Be sure to attend the Paint Quick in Deepdene Park the morning of Saturday, May 4th with awards presented at 12:30 p.m.

- DeKalb Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs to host the 33rd Annual Senior Olympic Games May 1st -10th for ages 50 and older. Deadline to register is this Friday, April 26th

- Burbank Park Work Day will take place Saturday, April 27th at 9 a.m.

- PARK Rx Day is finally here! April 28th – enjoy greater health and wellness in DeKalb Parks. Check my website for specific locations and events.

In Library news...

- Book Short Story Discussion at Decatur on Wednesday, April 24th at 7 p.m. will feature Jodi Picoult's Small Great Things

- Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at the Decatur branch this Friday, April 26th from 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- Musical bookings at the Decatur Branch: Tonight April 23rd at 7 p.m. listen to Veronika Jackson's acoustic folk music and R&B and Friday, April 26th at 7 p.m. enjoy The Hollands, a multinational family band with roots in Australia and the US

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

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

ADJOURNMENT:

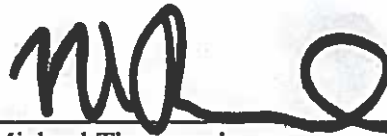
There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Kathie Gannon to adjourn the April 23, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:51 a.m. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson was present and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson



Jeff Rader
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders-Norwood
County Clerk