



DeKalb County Government

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

Agenda

Board of Commissioners

Comm. Robert Patrick, Presiding Officer, District 1

Comm. Mereda Davis Johnson, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 5

Commissioner Robert Patrick, District 1

Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, District 2

Commissioner Larry Johnson, District 3

Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4

Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5

Commissioner Edward "Ted" Terry, Super District 6

Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Super District 7

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

9:00 AM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

A. INSPIRATIONAL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
District 7

B. PRESENTATIONS

National Senior Center Month
Suicide Prevention week
Library Card Sign Up Month
GA Minority Supplier Development Council
Mexican Independence Day

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. Public comments may be made in person or submitted by sending an email no longer than one page to PublicComments@dekalbcountyga.gov which must be received between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Only those emails received during the allotted time may be read aloud. Public comment emails received outside of the allotted time will be included in the public comment record for the next meeting after

receipt of those emails. The body of your email must include your first and last name, followed by your address. By submitting an email for public comment at any time, you agree to have your name, address and email entered into the record/minutes. Each in-person speaker must complete a speaker card and present it to the clerk before the beginning of the public comment portion of the meeting. received outside of the allotted time will be included in the public comment record for the next meeting after receipt of those emails. The body of your email must include your first and last name, followed by your address. By submitting an email for public comment at any time, you agree to have your name, address and email entered into the record/minutes. Each in-person speaker must complete a speaker card and present it to the clerk before the beginning of the public comment portion of the meeting. Cards must be 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, in-person 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 in-person attendees 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. If time remains in the proscribed public comment portion of said meeting, email comments will be read into the record by the clerk or designee. Any remaining email public comments received between 9:00 am and 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting not read into the record will be submitted into the minutes by the clerk or designee and shall be forwarded to each commissioner by email. 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.

D. 10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING

Citizens may speak for or against an item that is considered by law to be a zoning ordinance and each side will have ten minutes to present its case. Citizens may also speak for or against an item that is placed on the public hearing agenda but is not a zoning ordinance. In that case, each side will have five minutes to present its case. In the event there is more than one speaker per side, speakers must divide their time in order to complete their full presentation within the ten-minute time allotment, or the five minute time allotment. When the buzzer sounds to indicate that time has run out, the speaker will be expected to immediately cease speaking and to leave the podium area. Prior to speaking, a speaker shall complete a speaker card and present it when approaching the podium. If a speaker has any documents for the commissioners, the speaker shall provide 10 copies when approaching the podium. Seven copies are for the commissioners and the remaining copies are for the planning director, the county attorney and the clerk. In all zoning ordinance and traffic calming cases, staff shall make their recommendation for action to the Commission first followed by applicants or citizens speaking in favor of the item. Applicants in zoning ordinance cases shall have the right to reserve time for rebuttal. Opponents of a zoning ordinance item shall have no right of rebuttal.

For all other items placed on the public hearing agenda, applicants or citizens speaking in favor of the item shall speak first followed by opponents of the item. Once the citizens have finished speaking, staff shall make a recommendation for action to the Commission. At this point, citizens are no longer allowed to speak unless called to the podium by an individual commissioner to answer questions or provide information. Speakers should always talk directly into the microphone and begin by stating their name, address and the name of any organization they represent. Abusive, profane or derogatory language will not be permitted. Holding up signs, clapping, yelling, standing or laying in the aisles to show support for or opposition to a speaker will not be permitted, but a show of hands or quietly standing in place will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker's position.

NONE

E. APPEALS

Planning & Sustainability

[2023-1013](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 2 & 6

Appeal of a Decision of the Historic Preservation Commission at 1853 North Decatur Road by Margarita Studemeister and Renee Nelson

(8/24/23 Committee of the Whole: Accepted to the BOC agenda - Appeal)

F. APPOINTMENTS

Chief Executive Office

[2023-1010](#)

Commission District(s): All

Appointment to the Perimeter Community Improvement District Board - Mr. David Silver

(8/15/23 Committee of the Whole: Accepted to the BOC agenda - Appointment to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee)

(8/22/23 PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee: recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners)

(8/22/23 Board of Commissioners: deferred substitute to the Board of Commissioners)

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Board of Commissioners

- [2023-1037](#) Commission District(s): All
Approval of Minutes for the August 24, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting

(8/24/23 Committee of the Whole: [Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent](#))

Board of Commissioners - District 3

- [2023-1074](#) Commission District(s): District 3
District 3 CARES: District 3 Senior Home Repair Program - To allocate an amount not to exceed \$20,000 from the District 3 Reserve for Appropriation Funds to the DeKalb County Special Purpose Home Repair Program to provide aid to eligible District 3 Seniors and disabled homeowners in need of home repairs.

(8/24/23 Committee of the Whole: [Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent](#))

- [2023-1075](#) Commission District(s): District 3
To allocate an amount not to exceed \$15,000 to the 100 Black Men DeKalb County Chapter from District 3 Reserved for Appropriation Funds for Youth Safety and Violence Prevention programs.

(8/24/23 Committee of the Whole: [Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent](#))

Board of Commissioners - District 4

- [2023-1019](#) Commission District(s): District 4
Allocation not to exceed \$1,000 of District 4 2023 Reserve for Appropriation Funds to Pine Lake Association of Involved Neighbors (P.L.A.I.N) a 501(c)(3) organization for the 2023 Pride Lake 2nd annual event.

(8/24/23 Committee of the Whole: [Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent](#))

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO

- [2023-1041](#) Commission District(s): All
Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of August 22, 2023

(8/24/23 Committee of the Whole: Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent)

H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Budget

[2023-1042](#) Commission District(s): All
2023 Budget Revision

(8/24/23 Committee of the Whole: Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the FAB-Finance, Audit & Budget Committee)

District Attorney

[2023-1036](#) Commission District(s): all
Acceptance of 2024 Child Support Contract Between the State of Georgia and the Office of the District Attorney

(8/24/23 Committee of the Whole: Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the FAB-Finance, Audit & Budget Committee)

Public Works - Fleet Management

[2023-1012](#) Commission District(s): All Commissioner Districts
DeKalb County Auction of Vehicles and Pieces of Equipment

(8/24/23 Committee of the Whole: Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the OPS-County Operations Committee)

Public Works - Roads & Drainage

[2023-0983](#) Commission District(s): County Wide
Speed Zone Order/Radar Permit Application - No cost to county

(8/24/23 Committee of the Whole: Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee)

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD

Board of Commissioners

[2023-0464](#) Commission District(s): All Districts
To explore the option of including additional fees for expedited plan reviews for development and building permits

(4/18/23 Committee of the Whole: Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee)

(4/25/23 PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee: recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners)

(4/25/23 Board of Commissioners: deferred for 45 days to the Board of Commissioners)

(6/13/23 PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee: recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners)

(6/13/23 Board of Commissioners: deferred for 30 days to the Board of Commissioners)

(6/27/23 PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee: recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners)

(7/11/23 Board of Commissioners: deferred for 30 days to the Board of Commissioners)

(7/31/23 PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee: recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners)

(8/8/23 Board of Commissioners: deferred for 30 days to the Board of Commissioners)

(8/22/23 PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee: recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners)

2023-1023

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution by the Governing Authority of DeKalb County to Include the Construction of Peachtree Creek Greenway Trail as a Priority SPLOST II Project

(8/15/23 Committee of the Whole: Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee)

(8/22/23 PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee: recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners)

(8/22/23 Board of Commissioners: deferred to the next meeting to the Board of Commissioners)

Board of Commissioners - District 1

2023-0792

Commission District(s): District 1

2023 Mid-Year Budget Request to Support the Creation of a Small Business Revolving Loan Fund and Technical Assistance Program to Expand Decide DeKalb's Local Business Resources

(6/20/23 Committee of the Whole: Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee)

(6/27/23 PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee: recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners)

(6/27/23 Board of Commissioners: deferred to the next meeting to the Board of Commissioners)

(7/11/23 Board of Commissioners: deferred for 30 days to the Board of Commissioners)

(7/31/23 PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee: recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners)

(8/8/23 Board of Commissioners: deferred for 30 days to the Board of Commissioners)

(8/22/23 PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee: recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners)

2023-1022

Commission District(s): All Districts

To Request the Department of Planning and Sustainability Staff to Explore the Feasibility of Adopting Standard Dumpster Requirements for Apartment Complexes and Multi-Family Units

(8/15/23 Committee of the Whole: Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee)

(8/22/23 PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee: recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners)

(8/22/23 Board of Commissioners: deferred to the next meeting to the Board of Commissioners)

Board of Commissioners - District 6

2023-0563

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
A Resolution Mandating Compost Facilities in DeKalb County Government Buildings by 2024, and Request for Proposals for Composting Services

(5/16/23 Committee of the Whole: Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the OPS-County Operations Committee)

(5/16/23 OPS-County Operations Committee: recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners)

(5/23/23 Board of Commissioners: deferred 60 days)

(7/10/23 OPS-County Operations Committee: recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners)

(7/25/23 Board of Commissioners: deferred to the OPS-County Operations Committee)

(8/1/23 OPS-County Operations Committee: recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners)

(8/8/23 Board of Commissioners: deferred for 30 days to the Board of Commissioners)

2023-0835

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
A Resolution to Commit to the Transformation of the South River Forest by Adopting the Recommendations of the “Explore South River Forest” Report and For the Administration to Prepare and Deliver an Implementation Plan

(7/11/23 Board of Commissioners: deferred to the Board of Commissioners)

2023-0902

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
To Approve a District 6 American Rescue Plan Funding of \$100,000 to Establish a DeKalb County Eviction Defense Fund to Assist Qualified Residents with Legal Representation

(7/18/23 Committee of the Whole: Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee)

(7/25/23 Board of Commissioners: deferred to the next meeting to the Board of Commissioners)

(7/31/23 PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee: recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners)

(8/8/23 Board of Commissioners: deferred for 30 days to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee)

(8/22/23 PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee: recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners)

Finance

2023-1029

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Consideration of a Supplemental Series 2023 Bond Resolution which (1) supplements the Series 2023 Bonds Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners on August 8, 2023 which authorized the sale and issuance by the County of its Water and Sewerage Refunding Revenue Bonds (Second Resolution), Series 2023 (the “Series 2023 Bonds”) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$75,000,000 for the purpose of refunding a portion of the County’s outstanding Water and Sewerage Revenue Refunding Bonds (Second Resolution), Series 2013 (the “Series 2013 Bonds”) to achieve debt service savings (the “Original Resolution”), (2) accepts the bid for the purchase of the Serie 2023 Bonds from the winning bidder and (3) approves the redemption provisions, the principal amortization and the interest rates for the Series 2023 Bonds.

(8/15/23 Committee of the Whole: Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the FAB-Finance, Audit & Budget Committee)

(8/22/23 FAB-Finance, Audit & Budget Committee: recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners)

(8/22/23 Board of Commissioners: deferred to the FAB-Finance, Audit & Budget Committee)

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2023-0912](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1132039 Animal Shelter Operation Services for DeKalb County (Multiyear Contract): for use by Police Service-Animal Services Enforcement. This contract consists of providing animal shelter operations and services. This request seeks to increase the contract funds and term through December 31, 2024. Awarded to Lifeline Animal Project, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$6,300,000.00.

(8/15/23 Committee of the Whole: Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the OPS-County Operations Committee)

(8/15/23 OPS-County Operations Committee: recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners)

(8/22/23 Board of Commissioners: deferred to the next meeting to the Board of Commissioners)

[2023-0921](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

REN - Contract Nos.: 1262401, 1262403, 1262413 and 1262406 Automobiles, Vans, Trucks, and Accessories (Annual Contract - 2nd of 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management. These contracts consist of purchasing replacement vehicles to enable County personnel to complete daily tasks that require the use of automobiles. This request seeks to exercise the 2nd renewal option through August 31, 2024. Awarded to Wade Ford, Inc.; Hardy Chevrolet, Buick, GMC, Inc.; Hardy Family Ford, Inc.; and ZT Auto CDJR Union City, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$11,801,500.00.

(8/15/23 Committee of the Whole: Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the OPS-County Operations Committee)

(8/15/23 OPS-County Operations Committee: recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners)

(8/22/23 Board of Commissioners: deferred to the next meeting to the Board of Commissioners)

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee

[2023-0870](#)

Commission District(s): 3 and 6

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Utility, Transport, Golf, and Recreation Vehicles with Related Accessories, Equipment, and Services (Sourcewell Contract No. 122220-CCR): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Sourcewell Contract for a four (4) year lease of golf carts and utility vehicles for Sugar Creek Golf and Tennis Club. Awarded to Club Car, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$524,267.52.

(8/15/23 Committee of the Whole: Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee)

(8/22/23 PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee: recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners)

(8/22/23 Board of Commissioners: deferred to the next meeting to the Board of Commissioners)

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2023-0830](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1268548 (fka 1210485) and Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1208627 Consent Decree - Construction Management Services: Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation and Replacement (CD-GSRR): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). These contracts consist of providing construction management services for various gravity sewer collection system rehabilitation and replacement projects. This request is to increase contract funds to Contract Nos.: 1268548 (fka 1210485) and 1208627 and the contract term through December 31, 2025 to Contract No. 1268548 (fka 1210485). Awarded to Gresham Smith/CERM Joint Venture (GS/C-JV) and Benchmark Management, LLC. Total Amount Not to Exceed: \$5,930,000.00.

(8/15/23 PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee: recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners)

(8/15/23 Committee of the Whole: Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee)

(8/22/23 Board of Commissioners: deferred to the PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee)

Sheriff's Office[2023-1007](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts
Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction Grant/Personal Care and Medical Transport Services Project. This Project Will Be Implemented and Conducted at No Cost to the County

(8/15/23 Committee of the Whole: Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the FAB-Finance, Audit & Budget Committee)

(8/22/23 FAB-Finance, Audit & Budget Committee: recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners)

(8/22/23 Board of Commissioners: deferred to the next meeting to the Board of Commissioners)

J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**K. EXECUTIVE SESSION****POLICY OF NON-DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY IN COUNTY SERVICES.**

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