

DeKalb County Government

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1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30030*



Summary

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

9:00 AM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

Board of Commissioners

Comm. Robert Patrick, Presiding Officer, District 1

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

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Commissioner Edward "Ted" Terry, Super District 6

Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Super District 7

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

A. INSPIRATIONAL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Lorraine Cochran Johnson- District 7

B. PRESENTATIONS

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. 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.

Public Comments: December 12, 2023- Unread Emails

1. Melanie Slawienski, 2679 Hosea l Williams Drive Southeast Atlanta GA 30317- Why are my calls NEVER returned nor are emails requesting a meeting with the my representative -Larry Johnson? Mr. Johnson I've called you numerous times and left voice messages and followed those calls up with emails. Can you please meet with me or speak with me over the phone regarding issues at the animal shelter - an audit is needed! Also, why is the COO not responsive to calls submitted to the county requesting a meeting? My understanding is that both the CEO and the COO are the folks who can arrange an audit of the animal shelter. I have followed through with the county's procedures regarding my request with the CEO - filling out a form and submitting. An audit is needed - both financial as well as policies and procedures. The contractor needs an audit in order to improve and citizens need transparency. Also live cameras that are accessible to the public is a MUST. Finally spay and neuter laws in the county/state are imperative - otherwise the stray cycle is endless. According to the animal advisory board, 80 percent of dogs entering the shelter that are found on the street are not fixed - here is your reason to enact spay and neuter legislation! Whether you call it backyard breeding or unintentional breeding. It is happening! Homeless animals/strays are a public safety problem, animal cruelty issue as well as a public health issue. Not to mention, this is often overlooked- a mental health concern for the people in your county. Seeing animals suffer effects the mental health of the citizens in Dekalb County. Thank you,

2. Matthew H Podowitz, 4693 Andalusia Trail Dunwoody, GA 30350- It is my profound wish that the current conflict between Israel and Hamas come to an end. I do not believe that all of the actions put forth in the proposed resolution will lead to that outcome, or do so in a manner that will best serve the interests of innocents in this conflict, whether in Israel or in Gaza. I therefore am writing to oppose item (1) of the proposed resolution that calls for a permanent cease-fire in Gaza as such cease-fires historically have failed to protect innocent civilians. Hamas and other terrorist organizations like it historically have used such cease-fires to reorganize and re-arm, paving the way for their next cycle of violence. I am also writing to oppose item (3) of the proposed resolution as the wording mischaracterizes lawful measures being taken by Israel as unlawful. I call upon DeKalb County to withdraw the resolution to remove items (1) and (3) and then resubmit the resolution for a vote. Failing that, I call for the resolution to be voted down until a resolution that supports the interests of embracing diversity, value for all life, and upholding the principles of equality and human rights can be put forth for a vote.

3. Lauren Fuller (No Address)- Greetings Dekalb County Commissioners, I was at Dekalb County Animal Shelter around six weeks ago, and a dog I would have loved to take home had been marked as "adopted". Then, when I went days ago, he was

still there, but still marked as "adopted". How could this be? I'm positive it was him, and I was unable to get a clear answer at all as to why he was still there so much later. The staff at that place seems to be almost nonexistent, and I wasn't able to get much help or any answers. It appears there is a significant lack of transparency. I don't think the dogs are being accounted for properly, and the staff needs to be present, informed, and willing to help. I feel very confused about this. I would highly suggest they get an audit. The facility itself is nice, but something is not sitting well with me and I feel compelled to say something. From what I've read, the ASPCA does good shelter audits.

4. Maria-Cecilia Gomez and Martin Echavarria, 2511 Clairmont Road Atlanta, GA 30329- Dear DeKalb, We write this email as per today's vote to express our opposition to the PDK airport expansion. Please protect our health and environment. Best, Michael Kedme, 8331 Dunwoody Place Atlanta, GA 30350- To the Commissioners of DeKalb County, Up until recently DeKalb has been silent on the matter. I'm not sure that the Board has thought through the impact of this kind of involvement. After 911 would you have called for a cease fire? Is Hamas any different than all of the other terrorist groups? Hamas is not your friend. They want an end to all that are not Muslim. These are facts. They want death. There should be no cease fire until the following conditions are met: all hostages are released AND Hamas surrenders or is removed from power. Does Israel have hostages? Did Israel kidnap and rape women and children? It was quiet October 6th. What did Hamas do October 7th? Did those kids at the festival deserve that? If you are really coming at this from a good place, why can't you see this for what it is? One group kidnapped and raped women and children, burnt people alive, beheaded civilians. How is this not good versus evil? Also why are you bringing up Islamophobia? We don't see chants of death to Muslims on our campuses. Just more propaganda. Threats to Muslims should not happen. We only see chants of genocide to Jews in protests. Do you know what the chant means from the river to the sea? It is not a catchy harmless rhyme. It calls for the Holocaust of 7 million Jews in Israel. It is the burning cross on our lawn. Do not mistake isolated unfortunate situations where Muslims are attacked with public protests against Jews. What if I told you that Qatar has donated over \$5 Billion to public universities over the recent years? Perhaps that is why we see so many universities complicit. The pro Israel protests are about unity, the Palestinian ones are about hate and destruction. I would love to hear your point of view on this and your rationale for getting involved with this. I can only imagine that this political posturing is to get attention. Hamas will not stop with Israel. This is just the beginning. We have lost too many Americans to groups like Hamas. They must be stopped.

5. Laura Coyle, 1852 Merrimac Ct. NE, Atlanta GA 30329- My name is Laura Coyle, I live at 1852 Merrimac Ct. NE, Atlanta GA 30329. I'm writing about an issue

of great concern for my neighbors and me: the expansion of PDK airport. As someone who has lived within 4 miles of PDK for the last 20 years, I routinely hear jets overhead and am very concerned about the Sky Harbor proposal. It may allow for much larger jets and more frequent flights and greatly increase the amount of jet noise and air pollution in our neighborhood. The problem of larger jets has been increasing in recent years. I work from home, teaching students online. It's inconvenient when I have to stop and pause to let a jet pass by, but at the current level, I am managing. I'm hearing several as I write this letter. I benefit from living in a busy city, and I don't expect perfect quiet and no growth. However, if an expansion is allowed, this will seriously affect my livelihood, daily quality of life, and many other citizens working from home in the wake of the pandemic. Noise is an obvious manifestation of having an airport nearby, but our air quality is another major concern to my community. Expanding PDK and increasing air pollution will affect the health of residents for years to come. Every day, my neighbors are outside walking and exercising, and kids are in the playground at the school nearby. I already monitor the air quality and notice the respiratory effects on low air quality days. You must seriously consider the health and well-being of our communities over the profit motivations of small private entities and corporations. This is a moment where you could vote in favor of something that will harm our community's health for decades and, like the proverbial toothpaste, won't go back in the tube once it's out! Please understand what is at stake for the citizens you serve. Thank you,

6. Carrie Kay, 1532 Biddle ct Dunwoody, GA 30338- Hello, My name is Carrie Kay, and I have been a resident of Dekalb County for my entire life. I have loved being a resident, student of Dekalb County public schools, and parent of students in Dekalb County public schools. I have always been extremely proud of my education, and even more proud of the diverse, welcoming community that Dekalb County has offered. I am extremely concerned that today, the Council is voting on a resolution calling for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza. With all due respect, what does Dekalb County have to do with Israel and Gaza? How will Dekalb County Council calling for a ceasefire reliably do for the people in Gaza? How can Dekalb County demand more aid be sent to Gaza when the aid that is currently being sent is being taken by Hamas and not given to innocent citizens? How can Dekalb County ask to end a siege when Israeli hostages, including children and women, are still being held in Gaza? When Hamas, the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, Hezbollah, and others are still launching rockets into Israel? What this resolution does stand to do, is alienate the Jewish residents of the county. This resolution stands as extremely damaging to Jewish students, families, teachers, and administrators across the Dekalb community. Why is the Dekalb County Council not voting on a resolution for demanding Hamas release the remaining 136 hostages? Why is the Council not voting to demand Hamas stop stealing aid from innocent Gazans? Why is the Council not voting and

demanding Hamas be defeated? Why is the Council not voting to condemn Hamas, an internationally recognized terrorist organization. Why is the Council voting on this resolution, but has not spoken about mass killing of citizens of Syria? Or the Iranian Republic's "morality police" murdering of women who do not follow dress code? Why is the council not voting to condemn the genocide in Sudan? Why is the Council not voting on a resolution to condemn the actions of Russia in Ukraine? Why is it the place of a county in Georgia to vote for a ceasefire in Israel/Gaza when Hamas has broken every ceasefire since they came into power in 2007? Even having this resolution up for vote feels incredibly biased. Are we setting a precedent that the county will need to vote for a ceasefire for every conflict around the world? This seems to take away from actual county business such as street repairs, school building repairs, etc. Thank you in advance for removing a vote on this resolution. Sincerely,

7. Kami Delgado, 3280 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd Chamblee, Ga- Dear Commissioners, I am apart of a new advocate group called core advocates for the animals. Our mission is to get to the core root of the animal control issues at Dekalb County Animal Services which we believe is severe mismanagement of the county vendor Lifeline Animal Project and lack of legislation. More space to warehouse more animals and more funding is just a bandaid to the core root of the issue. I chronically see evidence of overcrowding, violations of Department of Agriculture standards, safety hazards, dangerous conditions, disease, and animals abused neglected at the county shelter. It's not humane and we so need and plead for your help as there is a great deal of room to improve. There also may be conflicts of interest with the vendor Lifeline Animal Project. We count on our Commissioners to be responsible with our tax money therefore we are demanding an independent audit, independent task force and release of the camera footage in the facility to ensure proper care of the animals. Thank you. For the love of the animals,

8. Eran Sery, 2847 Winter Rose Ct, Atlanta, GA 30360- I'm Eran Sery, I live at 2847 Winter Rose Ct, Atlanta, GA 30360 , Dekalb County Resident. As a proud U.S. citizen and ordinary Dekalb resident, I am deeply concerned about the recent resolution that has come to my attention. This resolution, advocating for a one-sided solution in favor of the terrorist organization Hamas, appears to be driven by antisemitism, rooted in prejudice against Jews, and influenced by anti-Israel forces within the diverse communities of Dekalb County. Let me be unequivocal in expressing my disappointment with this resolution, which, in my view, does nothing to benefit the residents of Dekalb County. It is my firm belief that our elected officials should prioritize addressing internal and local issues within the jurisdiction of DeKalb County, as outlined in the legislative agenda of 2023 which available here: [2023 DeKalb Legislative Agenda.pdf](#) I urge you to reconsider and promptly withdraw

this resolution. Focusing on the pressing matters at home will undoubtedly serve the best interests of Dekalb residents as a whole. Failure to do so not only risks opposition from residents like myself but may also spark demands from others to involve local government in foreign issues within their respective countries of origin, spanning from India, Afghanistan, Ukraine, Syria, Yemen, various African nations, and beyond. Having faced the challenges my immediate family endured in countries such as Iran, Iraq, and Yemen, I left those issues behind never, anticipating that officials in Dekalb County would presume to solve them for me. Dekalb residents, like myself, contribute taxes to support elected officials in managing domestic affairs. It is my sincere hope that you withdraw this resolution and refrain from revisiting it for the benefit of all Dekalb residents. Sincerely,

9. Mary Irvin, 4060 Woodfen Court Ellenwood, Ga. 30294- Good morning, Hope all of you are doing well this morning. I stand with the people who want the park to be completed. We need this park for South Dekalb and the communities. Can we get some update on this park. Thanks,

10. Elizabeth Gatcombe, Esq., 18 Sycamore Station, Decatur, GA 30030- Please do not pass the proposal for a ceasefire. It is inappropriate that Dekalb is spending time commenting on a geopolitical conflict that has been going on for decades. Focus on the citizens of Dekalb. Make sure children are learning, live in safe environments and have access to clean water and healthy food. Help people get jobs and be able to provide for their families. Thank you,

11. Laura Ross (No Address)- Hello, My name is Laura Ross (30338) and I live in Dekalb County with my husband and have 2 children at Vanderlyn. I do not understand why the war in the Middle East has anything to do with Dekalb County. Calling for a ceasefire does not seem to impact the county, it cannot happen. Is this something you have brought up to vote on before during other wars in the world? I do not think so. Why don't you focus on other concerns that have to do with our county? Our street signs? Our potholes in the roads? The education our children are getting? You have absolutely no right to be voting on such a matter and I am disgusted. Thank you for taking the time to seriously consider the outcome and outrage of many Dekalb County families before voting.

12. Dr. Jeffrey Johnson, 1915 Poplar Falls Ave, Lithonia, GA 30058- Dear Board, I am not Jewish or Palestinian. I am not sure we should be involved with this. For one, I think that there is a lot of propaganda. So much of the rhetoric is lies. Words like apartheid, colonialism, genocide, Islamophobia.... Apartheid means segregation based on race. Before 1948, and for thousands of years there has been Jews living in Egypt, Morocco, Jordan...almost 1 million were removed from their homes, their

land taken, given one suitcase to go to Israel, many were murdered along the way. Today, there are no Jews in Egypt. Morocco had over 225,000 Jews, now only 1500. The Arab states appear to commit apartheid while 2 million Arabs live in Israel and enjoy full rights. Genocide- how can you blame Jews for committing Genocide when the Palestinian population has quadrupled in number? Colonialism- the Palestinians never existed 70 years ago, they have no claim to this land. Is it even about land? It seems more about the elimination of Jews. Islamophobia and antisemitism There is no place for either, but I don't see public displays of Islamophobia. Do you? I have not heard of public chants of death to muslims. I do see public acts of antisemitism though. How do I know all of these things? I read books. So many of us forgot what it means to research before we shout. I stand on the side of humanity. And the humane thing to do is to support Israel to eliminate Hamas. An organization that kills Gay people, kills Jews with an ultimate goal of killing anyone that does not convert to Islam.

13. Lauren and Adam Rosner, 1982 Poppleford Lane, Dunwoody GA 30338- To whom it may concern - I STRONGLY condemn the calling for a ceasefire in Gaza and an end to the blockade. This completely dehumanizes Jews without any consideration for those of us with family being held hostage by Hamas. Utilizing this language negates that Hamas is a terrorist organization and that Israel has the right to defend itself. If this proposal is accepted, it has symbolic implications. Most disturbingly, that DeKalb County has no understanding of the geopolitics in the region. This proposal would mean that DeKalb doesn't feel the need to protect its Jewish population and that we are lesser then. I plan to bombard the Governor with all of the shortcomings and failures of the DeKalb County school system if this resolution goes through. Starting with antisemitic teachers and staff that support antisemitism. Jewish students have a right to feel safe and supported in the community. Where is the condemnation of Hamas? Is the DeKalb school system ok promoting such double standards and allowing hate? I am absolutely livid that this is even a possibility in our community. I live at 1982 Poppleford Lane, Dunwoody GA 30338 and will work tirelessly to expose DeKalb schools for all its hypocrisy, if needed. In Sum, I FULLY object to this resolution.

14. Dr. Marissa Lapedis, Dear Commissioners, I write to you with my many identities, a resident of Atlanta and Dekalb country, a primary care doctor at our county hospital, a mother and a second generation survivor of the Nazi Holocaust, my maternal grandparents both survived concentration camp and I am proudly Jewish. I imagine you, like me, care about the well being of your families and friends and of your constituents and really of all humans. I urge you to call for an immediate ceasefire in Israel and Gaza. Please pass this resolution in its original form. The murder and tens of thousands of civilians of Gaza - children, mothers, fathers, aunts,

uncles, real people, humans just like you and me is HORRIFIC. With our shared values of care for humanity, please call for an IMMEDIATE ceasefire, a stop to this violence, war and killing innocent civilians is not the solution. We need a political solution not a violent solution that threatens the safety of everyone and murders thousands of innocent individuals. Violence makes all of us less safe, the Jewish people, the Palestinian people, everyone. Thank you for caring about all humans and recognizing the need to protect the people of Gaza, to allow humanitarian and medical aid and recognizing that Palestinians deserve safety just as we all do. Best,

15. Liz Rose, 5267 Redfield Ct. Dunwoody, GA 30338- I am appalled that a resolution calling for a ceasefire in the Israel-Gaza war, is even up for a vote today. This is a disgusting show of antisemitism and has no place in our dekalb county public schools. Schools are a place for children to be safe, and passing a resolution like this misguided one that is up for a vote today will have direct implications to your Jewish students county wide. If you care about the safety of your Jewish students you will not pass this resolution.

16. Jennifer Galloway, 1870 Briarlake Circle, Decatur ga 30033- Good morning, DeKalb county animal services managed by lifeline animal project desperately needs an internal investigation not only financially, but policies and procedures as well before any additional funding is given. I am a concerned DeKalb resident and since I have been trying to help & advocate the euthanasia listed animals since June of this year, I have witnessed many concerning things within this organization. Perfectly healthy animals are coming into the shelter & dying for reasons that could be avoided, animals living in their own filth/feces and not taken out for weeks, avoidable sickness all throughout the shelter, and no one marketing the animals. They also only have one vet for 600 animals and it seems they are there to euthanize the sick animals rather than help them. The number of animals have dropped due to high euth rate to perfectly healthy dogs and sick, yet treatable, dogs. I know many concerned advocates & citizens are feeling this same way. We want better for our animals and a better system for our tax money to be put into. The animal neglect & abuse within this organization must be halted. Myself and others feel an independent task force is necessary as well as live cameras throughout the facility installed by the county for public access. I am praying we can all come together for the voiceless animals and turn this negative situation into a positive one! Best,

17. Larry Foster, 2572 Raintree Dr.- I'm Larry Foster, long-time resident of 2572 Raintree Dr. in unincorporated DeKalb County. The reason I'm speaking to you today is to explain why I believe that the \$55 million Sky Harbor contract you are considering for passage today is highly problematic and raises serious question about

possible corruption. Sky Harbor submitted the only bid to build the hangars, and its bid was sent forward for Commission approval as a “sole-source” contract, which suggests the possibility of a corrupt “sweetheart deal.” Four other companies declined to submit bids on the contract because they couldn’t see how they could make a profit from it. Yet Sky Harbor claims that if it gets this contract—as well as additional contracts during the next twenty years to build dozens of large hangars to house much larger and massively more polluting corporate and private jets than are currently allowed to be based at PDK—DeKalb County will make a whopping \$576 million dollars in revenue by the end of the contract! That claim is preposterous and not supported by credible evidence. Almost everything about the Sky Harbor contract reeks of manipulation and corruption. Its PowerPoint presentation is an obvious public relations effort that appears designed for only one purpose—to get the contract. Even the original RFP for the contract was improperly submitted by PDK Airport Director Mario Evans to Purchasing and Contracting without first notifying the commissioners. Commissioners who value their reputations for honesty and integrity would be well advised not to support the Sky Harbor contract. After Mario’s departure as PDK Director just three days from now on December 15, one hopes that a new PDK Airport Director will display more openness and transparency than Director Evans has on his watch. I’m sure you can understand how bad it would look for the commissioners to pass the Sky Harbor contract right after an unresolved Ethics investigation in which Director Evans has been accused of lying under oath. On a more positive note, I want to encourage our County commissioners to take more seriously the findings that well-informed private citizens present to you in the future. For example, we are happy to support efforts to find constructive economic uses of valuable underused PDK property, such as Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson’s proposal several years ago to build a major convention center at PDK that could help boost DeKalb County’s revenue. Thank you for your consideration of these important matters.

18. Sarah Friedenthal-Greene (No Address)- It is inappropriate that Dekalb is spending time commenting on a geopolitical conflict that has been going on for decades. Focus on the citizens of Dekalb. Make sure children are learning, live in safe environments and have access to clean water and healthy food. Help people get jobs and be able to provide for their families. Thank you,

19. Olivia Winslow Edwards, 3213 Bobbie Ln, Decatur, GA 30032- I am contacting you, Dekalb County Board of Commissioners, in support of the original text version of the Resolution Calling for a Permanent Cease-Fire in Israel and Gaza. As a Dekalb County resident, it devastates me to see the ongoing violence between Israel and Gaza, as well as the increasing incidents of Islamophobia and antisemitism. Witnessing the death of 18,000 Gaza residents, nearly half of of them children, is

unconscionable. Witnessing the denial of humanitarian and medical aid, as well as the displacement and seizure of land is morally indefensible. Witnessing all of this occurring with the financial and military support of the American government and my tax dollars is immoral. Let us be clear. Calling for a cease-fire and an end to death is not anti-semitic. Palestinian people have the right to live, full stop. All children should not have to live in fear, witnessing the mass death of their friends, neighbors and loved ones. The dehumanization of the Palestinian people is deeply concerning. If we support that one side has humanity, let us see the humanity of both. Please support this resolution and support peace. Thank you,

20. Rachel Maoz, 1361 Winding Branch Circle Dunwoody, GA 30338- I am absolutely disgusted that a resolution calling for a ceasefire in the Israel-Gaza war is up for a vote today. This is blatant anti-semitism. Calling for a ceasefire means that Hamas, an internationally recognized terrorist organization, rearms and continues to send rockets into Israel (as they have since Israel left Gaza in 2005) and will repeat the horrific acts of October 7 that were committed against Israelis, Jews, Muslims, Christians, Buddhists, etc. alike. Israel is fighting to defend its people and the right of the Jewish state to exist (which has over 2 million Arab citizens who live there with equal rights). Hamas is responsible for the bloodshed in Gaza currently and holds all responsibility for the loss of lives in Gaza. They set up their terrorist activities in schools, private homes, civilian areas and of course tunnels under the strip and therefore use the Gazan people as human shields. They do not value lives, including their own. Why is the DeKalb county council even voting on this matter? Did they have a similar vote regarding Ukraine/Russia, Syria, Darfur, etc.? There are many conflicts going on in our world right now, why is the council focusing on this and not our own city and district? It is intolerant Jew-hatred and it is felt daily in our world now. Our children are not safe and this vote will affect their safety and security even more. If you care about the safety of your Jewish students, staff, faculty, community, please vote no to this proposal and do not involve yourselves in blatant acts of anti-semitism!!

21. Sima Romanelli (No Address)- Good morning, On the morning of October 7th, Hamas, the governing body of Palestine, initiated a brutal attack on Israel. They sent a barrage of thousands of missiles at Israel while invading Israel with thousands of Terrorists. They were proud of the atrocities committed, live streaming them. Women, men, and girls were raped, some until their pelvis' were broken. Men, women and children were tortured in front of their family members, limbs and heads chopped off. A baby was put in an oven and burnt alive, Another pregnant woman had her baby cut out of her while still alive. There are many other horrific and gruesome murders committed that day. They also kidnapped 240 kids, moms, dads, babies, women, men, and elderly people. Watch the videos Hamas distributes and is

proud of. It will change your world. Or at least some of your point of view. I have to state that making this choice of being a global citizen is a responsibility. Before you "demand" a cease-fire, you should condemn the acts of Hamas, and recognize the right of Israel to defend itself and fight terrorists and their obligation to release their kidnapped citizens. As a global citizen of the world, I urge you to be more responsible. Use the power the people gave you to ask yourself important questions such as: why are women groups in our state and country silent after understanding the atrocities committed by Hamas? How and why is Hamas using their people as human shields? How would you differ between innocent Palestinians and Hamas terrorists? What would you do differently if it happened to you? Would you call and transmit radio messages to evacuate buildings before attacks? Would you drop thousands of flyers warning of the need to evacuate? Would you send a vocal warning before you attack? That is some of what Israel does to minimize casualties. There are no other nations that conduct a war by announcing when they are coming and where. Before making a TikTok trendy decision in a body of government on a subject you weren't voted for, learn the subject, educate yourselves and don't add gasoline to a fire that is already burning. Your job is to find and create events that bring people together. When you are taking part in a popularity contest, and choosing the side of 1.8 billion Muslims over 16 million of Jews, you might win more "likes" but it doesn't put you on the right side or the good side. War is awful. No one wins a war. What is happening to the Palestinians is heartbreaking and awful! But it is important to note that it started by Hamas breaking a ceasefire, killing over 1200 Israelis, while indiscriminately sending thousands of rockets at Israel. War was forced upon Israel, and Hamas has vowed to continue attacking Israel hoping to achieve Oct 7 over and over again. Voting for a cease-fire without demanding the return of the hostages and the cessation of hostilities by Hamas is tantamount to denying Israel's right to defend its citizens.

22. Joanna Caldwell, 807 Medlock Road Decatur ga 30033- I am contacting you, Dekalb County Board of Commissioners, in support of the original text version of the Resolution Calling for a Permanent Cease-Fire in Israel and Gaza. Please support this resolution and support peace.

23. Kandia Jackson, 2624 Woodfen Drive , Ellenwood Ga 30294- To whom it may concern, My name is Kandia Jackson . I live at 2624 Woodfen Drive , Ellenwood Ga 30294. I can be reached at kandiajackson@outlook.com . I am writing to show my support of not just one item but 2. On the agenda you have listed funding allocation for both the library as well as the public parks(1507 and 1509 respectively). I would like to preach in favor of these areas as I am an avid supporter of 'third spaces'. As you're well aware since the pandemic many places previous buildings or activity centers have closed due to health concerns . While this may have been done due to

valid health concerns it has inadvertently usurped the concept of a ‘third space’ or a refuge away from home for many Americans. Please whatever you do consider how significant spaces like this can be for collective mental health and prosperity. Thank you for your time and have a wonderful rest of your day.

24. Emily Ptak-Pressman, 613 Tuxworth Circle, Decatur, GA 30033- I am contacting you, Dekalb County Board of Commissioners, in support of the original text version of the Resolution Calling for a Permanent Cease-Fire in Israel and Gaza. Please support this resolution and support peace.

25. Melanie Benator- 1029 winding branch lane Dunwoody, ga 30338- To who it may concern: I am absolutely disgusted that a resolution calling for a ceasefire in the Israel-Gaza war is up for a vote today. This is blatant anti-semitism. Calling for a ceasefire means that Hamas, an internationally recognized terrorist organization, rearms and continues to send rockets into Israel (as they have since Israel left Gaza in 2005) and will repeat the horrific acts of October 7 that were committed against Israelis, Jews, Muslims, Christians, Buddhists, etc. alike. Israel is fighting to defend its people and the right of the Jewish state to exist (which has over 2 million Arab citizens who live there with equal rights). Hamas is responsible for the bloodshed in Gaza currently and holds all responsibility for the loss of lives in Gaza. They set up their terrorist activities in schools, private homes, civilian areas and of course tunnels under the strip and therefore use the Gazan people as human shields. They do not value lives, including their own. Why is the DeKalb county council even voting on this matter? Did they have a similar vote regarding Ukraine/Russia, Syria, Darfur, etc.? There are many conflicts going on in our world right now, why is the council focusing on this and not our own city and district? It is intolerant Jew-hatred and it is felt daily in our world now. Our children are not safe and this vote will affect their safety and security even more. If you care about the safety of your Jewish students, staff, faculty, community, please vote no to this proposal and do not involve yourselves in blatant acts of anti-semitism!!

26. Dawn Schakett (No Address)- Please do not pass the proposal for a ceasefire. It is inappropriate that Dekalb is spending time commenting on a geopolitical conflict that has been going on for decades. Focus on the citizens of Dekalb. Make sure children are learning, live in safe environments and have access to clean water and healthy food. Help people get jobs and be able to provide for their families.

27. Hannah Frank (No Address)- Hello- I am absolutely disgusted that a resolution calling for a ceasefire in the Israel-Gaza war is up for a vote today. This is blatant anti-semitism. Calling for a ceasefire means that Hamas, an internationally recognized terrorist organization, rearms and continues to send rockets into Israel (as they have

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28. Stacey O'Connor, M.Ed.S (No Address)- Hello, My name is Stacey O'Connor, and I have been a resident of Dekalb County for my entire life. I have loved being a resident, student, and now a teacher within Dekalb County public schools. I have always been extremely proud of my education, and even more proud of the diverse, welcoming community that Dekalb County has offered. I am extremely concerned that today, the Council is voting on a resolution calling for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza. With all due respect, what does Dekalb County have to do with Israel and Gaza? How will Dekalb County Council calling for a ceasefire reliably do for the people in Gaza? How can Dekalb County demand more aid be sent to Gaza when the aid that is currently being sent is being taken by Hamas and not given to innocent citizens? How can Dekalb County ask to end a siege when Israeli hostages, including children and women, are still being held in Gaza? When Hamas, the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, Hezbollah, and others are still launching rockets into Israel? What this resolution does stand to do, is alienate the Jewish residents of the county. This resolution stands as extremely damaging to Jewish students, families, teachers, and administrators across the Dekalb community. Why is the Dekalb County Council not voting on a resolution for demanding Hamas release the remaining 136 hostages? Why is the Council not voting to demand Hamas stop stealing aid from innocent Gazans? Why is the Council not voting and demanding Hamas be defeated? Why is the Council not voting to condemn Hamas, an internationally recognized terrorist organization. Why is the Council voting on this resolution, but has not spoken about mass killing of citizens of Syria? Or the Iranian Republic's "morality police" murdering of women who do not follow dress code? Why is the council not voting to condemn the genocide in Sudan? Why is the Council not voting on a resolution to condemn the actions of Russia in Ukraine? Why is it the place of a county in Georgia

to vote for a ceasefire in Israel/Gaza when Hamas has broken every ceasefire since they came into power in 2007? Even having this resolution up for a vote feels incredibly biased. Are we setting a precedent that the county will need to vote for a ceasefire for every conflict around the world? This seems to take away from actual county business such as street repairs, school building repairs, etc. Thank you in advance for removing the vote on this resolution.

29. Heather Gatcombe, 2511 McKinnon Dr, Decatur, GA 30030- Please do not pass the proposal for a ceasefire. It is inappropriate that Dekalb is spending time commenting on a geopolitical conflict that has been going on for decades. Focus on the citizens of Dekalb. Make sure children are learning, live in safe environments and have access to clean water and healthy food. Help people get jobs and be able to provide for their families. Thank you,

30. Carly Ginburg (No Address)- My name is Carly Ginburg, and I have been a resident of Dekalb County for about 10 years. I love being a resident and have always been extremely proud of the welcoming community that Dekalb County offers. I am extremely concerned that today, the Council is voting on a resolution calling for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza. With all due respect, what does Dekalb County have to do with Israel and Gaza? How will Dekalb County Council calling for a ceasefire reliably do for the people in Gaza? How can Dekalb County demand more aid be sent to Gaza when the aid that is currently being sent is being taken by Hamas and not given to innocent citizens? How can Dekalb County ask to end a siege when Israeli hostages, including children and women, are still being held in Gaza? When Hamas, the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, Hezbollah, and others are still launching rockets into Israel? What this resolution does stand to do, is alienate the Jewish residents of the county. This resolution stands as extremely damaging to Jewish students, families, teachers, and administrators across the Dekalb community. Why is the Dekalb County Council not voting on a resolution for demanding Hamas release the remaining 136 hostages? Why is the Council not voting to demand Hamas stop stealing aid from innocent Gazans? Why is the Council not voting and demanding Hamas be defeated? Why is the Council not voting to condemn Hamas, an internationally recognized terrorist organization. Why is the Council voting on this resolution, but has not spoken about mass killing of citizens of Syria? Or the Iranian Republic's "morality police" murdering of women who do not follow dress code? Why is the council not voting to condemn the genocide in Sudan? Why is the Council not voting on a resolution to condemn the actions of Russia in Ukraine? Why is it the place of a county in Georgia to vote for a ceasefire in Israel/Gaza when Hamas has broken every ceasefire since they came into power in 2007? Even having this resolution up for vote feels incredibly biased. Are we setting a precedent that the county will need to vote for a ceasefire for every conflict around the world? This

seems to take away from actual county business such as street repairs, school building repairs, etc. Thank you in advance for removing a vote on this resolution. Sincerely

31. Nia Munroe (No Address)- Hello. My Name is Nia M and i live off Wesley Chapel and Flat Shoals. The same Wesley Chapel and Flat Shoals that, up until only this year, was absolutely riddled with potholes going all the way to South Hairston. We have a homelessness problem and a weak social safety net. People need childcare, and healthcare, and accessible mental health services but we're worried about Hamas on the other side of the world. I simply don't want my tax dollars going to an ethnic cleansing. We all know the conflict didn't start on october 7th and we know how the IDF is targeting journalists and civilians. If none of the people speaking today can appeal to your moral compass, i can at least let you know that there are plenty of voters who won't forget the choice you've made towards directly funding a government mimicking the language of dehumanization the nazi party used 100 years ago. What's happening in Gaza is inhumane. If we can't seem to pick a side in calling for peace we can, at the very very least, focus my/our money in trying to make a difference in the lives of the people within our own communities. I don't want or need that blood on my hands. Thank you for your time.

Public Comments: In Person

Musa Ghanayem- 1936 N. Druid Hills Road Northeast Brookhaven 30067, Caesar Gaiters- 654 Mountain Oaks Parkway Stone Mountain 30087, Andrea Seidl- 2251 Lenox Ridge Court Northeast Brookhaven 30319, Stephen Binney- 1083 Seville Drive Clarkston 30021, Rev LS Allen- 738 Kirk Road Decatur 30032, Ilise Cohen- 120 Park Place Decatur 30030, Jacob Clemons- 206 Briar Vista Way Atlanta 30329, Rabbi Adam Starr- 1682 Rosemont Olace Northeast Atlanta 30321, James Dutro- 1641 Council Bluff Drive XL3 Atlanta 30345, Eran Winter Rose Court Atlanta 30360, Altaf Lal- 2070 Asgard Court Atlanta 30345, Kyla Okoban- 3137 Weslock Circle Decatur 30034, Mary Brewer- 3164 Weslock Circle Decatur 30034, Michel Kedme- 2847 Winter Rose 30360, Dana Davis- 3120 Rolan Road Decatur 30032, Rev Keyanna Jones- 3635 Broadview Court Decatur 30032, Dr Mark Goldfeder-1323 Breezy Lane Atlanta 30329

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.

Chief Executive Office

[2023-1473](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission District

To set a public hearing for December 12, 2023, for consideration of approval of the DeKalb County Tax Allocation District #5: Southwest DeKalb TAD

Redevelopment, a precursor step to the creation of the Southwest DeKalb TAD.

Deferred the substitute, until December 19, 2023

Planning & Sustainability

[2023-0601](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): All Districts

Application of Director of Planning & Sustainability to amend the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance to revise definition of "Drive Through Facility" and revise description of land uses and how they are permitted in land use table relating to "Drive Through Facility" and for other purposes. This text amendment is County-wide.

Deferred until January 23, 2024

“DECISION ONLY” ITEMS – NO PUBLIC HEARING

Planning and Sustainability

[2022-2270](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): All Districts

Application of the Director of Planning & Sustainability for text amendments to the *Zoning Ordinance*, Chapter 27, to create Section 5.7.9 to consolidate regulations specific to cottage housing development; to amend Article 2 (Residential Zoning Districts: Dimensional Requirements) for the facilitation of cottage housing development in various zoning districts; to amend Section 5.7.5 (Detached Houses) related to cottage housing development, and to revise other applicable sections of the *Zoning Ordinance* to accommodate cottage housing development.

Approved the substitute

[2023-0871](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): Commission District 3 Super District 6

Application of First Family Home Care, LLC to request a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) for a personal care home for up to six (6) individuals within the R-75 (Residential Medium Lot-75) zoning district, at 3137 Weslock Circle.

Approved the substitute substitute conditions with a friendly amendment from the floor

E. APPEALS

NONE

F. APPOINTMENTS

ITEMS FOR RECORDING IN THE MINUTES

Board of Commissioners - District 3

[2023-1565](#)

Commission District(s): District 3

Recording of the Appointments to District 3 Community Council

Approved

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Airport

[2023-1484](#)

Commission District(s): 1 and 6

Lease Agreement with Hangars Glen, LLC. There is no cost to the County.

Approved

Board of Commissioners

[2023-1436](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes for the December 5, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Approved

Board of Commissioners - District 1

[2023-1514](#)

Commission District(s): District 1

To Transfer \$750,000 from District 1 American Rescue Plan (ARPA) account 105744.63258. 521209.01.01.602479 to Setup New Capital Project Task for Pleasantdale Park.

Approved

Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2023-1500](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Appropriation of \$24,000 from the 2023 District 2 Youth Reserve Funding for the DeKalb Police Athletic League (PAL), Inc. PLUS Programming for Female Empowerment and Swimming.

Approved

[2023-1502](#)

Commission District(s): District 2

Appropriation of \$5,616 from the 2023 District 2 Youth Reserves to the Callanwolde Foundation, Inc for Title III ESOL Programming for Lakeside High School Students

Approved the substitute

[2023-1503](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Appropriation of \$6,884 from 2023 District 2 Youth Reserves for the Youth Aviation Program at Peachtree DeKalb Airport

Deferred to the next meeting, until December 19, 2023

[2023-1506](#)

Commission District(s): District 2

Appropriation of \$25,000 from the 2023 District 2 Reserve for Appropriation Funds to Propel ATL

Approved

[2023-1507](#)

Commission District(s): District 2

Appropriation of \$25,000 from the 2023 District 2 Reserve for Appropriation Funds to the DeKalb County Public Library for ebooks/audiobooks

Approved

[2023-1508](#)

Commission District(s): District 2

Appropriation of \$15,500 from the 2023 District 2 Reserve for Appropriation Funding to the Central DeKalb Senior Center for the *Lunch n Learn* Series and a New Sound System

Approved the substitute

[2023-1509](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Appropriation of \$16,900 from the 2023 District 2 Reserve for Appropriation Funding for DeKalb County Park Naturalist at Mason Mill Park

Approved the substitute

[2023-1510](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Appropriation of \$60,000 from the 2023 District 2 Reserve for Appropriation Funds to Lifeline Animal Project for Outside Emergency Veterinary Care for the DeKalb County Animal Shelter Animals

Approved

[2023-1512](#)

Commission District(s): District 2

Appropriation of \$25,000 from the 2023 District 2 Reserve for Appropriation Funds for the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce’s Small Business Recovery Program

Approved

[2023-1513](#)

Commission District(s): District 2

Appropriation of \$312,600 from 2023 District 2 Reserve for Appropriation Funds to a District 2 Capital Sidewalk Account

Approved

Board of Commissioners - District 3

[2023-1545](#)

Commission District(s): District 3

To Allocate an Amount Not to Exceed \$81,000 to Different Community- Based Organizations from District 3 Reserved for Appropriation Funds for Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Programs.

Approved

[2023-1566](#)

Commission District(s): District 3

To allocate an amount not to exceed \$100,000 from the District 3 Reserved for appropriation funds to help with evictions and legal counsel.

Deferred to the next meeting, until December 19, 2023

Board of Commissioners - District 4

[2023-1418](#)

Commission District(s): District 4

Allocation of District 4 2023 reserve for appropriation funds (not to exceed) \$20,000.00 to the City of Pine Lake for the design and installation of two (2) murals- one on Rockbridge Road and the other at Spring Drive/Poplar Road.

Approved

[2023-1485](#)

Commission District(s): District 4

Allocate \$30,000 of 2023 District 4 Youth Violence Prevention Discretionary general funds to DeKalb Human Services R.I.S.E. UP Male Mentoring Program account for 2024 session. Project # 105538 and Cost Center #67510.

Approved

[2023-1486](#)

Commission District(s): District 4

Appropriate \$25,000 from 2023 District 4 Youth Violence Prevention Discretionary general funds to DeKalb Human Services Girls Clubhouse Program account for 2024 program session.

Approved

[2023-1487](#)

Commission District(s): District 4

Allocate \$30,000 of district 4 2023 Reserve for Appropriation funds to A Home for Everyone in DeKalb organization.

Approved

[2023-1496](#)

Commission District(s): District 4

Appropriate \$35,000 from the Violence Prevention Discretionary General Funds account to DeKalb County Juvenile Court for juvenile court intervention and prevention programs and services.

Approved

[2023-1497](#)

Commission District(s): District 4

Appropriate not to exceed \$10,000 of Youth Violence Prevention Discretionary General Funds to Biplane Rides Over Atlanta for the PDK Youth Aviation Program.

Deferred to the next meeting, until December 19, 2023

Board of Commissioners - District 5

[2023-1569](#)**Commission District(s):** District 5

An item to allocate an amount not to exceed \$5,000 each (\$25,000 Total Allocation) to the District 5 Marching Bands (Arabia Mountain High School, Lithonia High School, Miller Grove High, Martin Luther King, Jr. High School, Redan High School) from the District 5 Reserve for Appropriations Funds for Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Programs

Approved

[2023-1570](#)**Commission District(s):** District 5

An item to allocate an amount not to exceed \$25,000 to the DeKalb County Office of Youth Services from the from the District 5 Reserve for Appropriations Funds for Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Programs for the DeKalb County Youth Commission Program

Approved

[2023-1571](#)**Commission District(s):** District 5

An item to allocate an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to the DeKalb County PALS Plus from the District 5 Reserve for Appropriations Funds for Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Programs

Approved

Board of Commissioners - District 6

[2023-1490](#)

Commission District(s): Commission Districts 6 and 1 (any district that is applicable)

To Appropriate \$1,600 from the District 6 Reserve for Appropriations to GALEO in Support of Spanish Speaking Community Engagement on the PDK Master Plan in Latinx Communities Living On and Surrounding Buford Highway

Approved the substitute

[2023-1491](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

To Appropriate \$30,000 from the Reserve for Appropriation to GALEO to Support Programs to Increase Civic Participation of the Latinx Community and Developing Prominent Latino Leaders

Approved the substitute

[2023-1492](#)

Commission District(s): Commission Districts 6 and 3

To Transfer \$10,000 from the District 6 Reserve for Appropriation Youth Funds to the Mohammed Schools of Atlanta to Support the Firdous Community Garden High School Urban Agriculture Science Project Learning Program

Approved

[2023-1493](#)

Commission District(s): District 6

To Transfer \$47,828.20 from the District 6 Reserve for Appropriation to the District 6 Operating Budget to Allocate for Other Professional Services Funds for The DeKalb Green New Deal Summit on 10/14/2023

Approved

[2023-1494](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Appropriation of \$3,000.00 from the 2023 Reserves for Appropriation for District 6 to Continue Support for the Out of Hand Theater's Project to Raise Awareness of The Issues Surrounding Affordable Housing in Metro Atlanta

Approved

[2023-1495](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

To appropriate \$13,000 from the District 6 Reserve for Appropriations to New American Pathways (New AP) to Ensure Every Family in Their Program Has the Support Needed to Ensure Student Success.

Approved the substitute

[2023-1562](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A Resolution Calling for a Permanent Cease-Fire in Israel and Gaza

Withdrawn

Board of Commissioners - District 7

[2023-1516](#)

Commission District(s): District 7

To Allocate \$1,000,000.00 of District 7 Category 1M SPLOST Funding for the Bermuda Rd. and Stewart Mill Rd. Roundabout Project

Approved

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO

[2023-1437](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of November 8, 2023

Approved

[2023-1470](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of November 14, 2023

Approved

District Attorney

[2023-1524](#)

Commission District(s): all

Acceptance of additional \$83,783 and grant period extension for Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) Grant to District Attorney’s Office; no match required

Approved

[2023-1525](#)

Commission District(s): all

Acceptance of State of Georgia Gang Activity Prosecution Grant for \$19,100, with no match required

Approved

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs

[2023-1572](#)

Commission District(s): 1 and 7

To Approve the Tree Trim/Clearing Easement between DeKalb County Government and Georgia Power

Approved

H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Board of Commissioners - District 1

[2023-1567](#)

Commission District(s): Commission Districts 1 and 7

DeKalb County’s objection to the proposed annexation of approximately 710 acres of land, including publicly owned land, in unincorporated DeKalb County into the City of Chamblee pursuant to annexation via the sixty percent (60%) method.

Withdrawn

Board of Commissioners - District 7

[2023-1515](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution Of The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County, Georgia, To Provide Annual Funding To DeKalb Pro Bono

Deferred with a stop in the County Operations Committee (OPS), until December 19, 2023

Police Services

[2023-1410](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

FY 2023 Metro Atlanta Multi-Jurisdictional DUI Task Force (HEAT) Grant, \$261,750.34

Approved

[2023-1501](#)

Commission District(s): Enter all Commission Districts impacted by this item.

Lease Renewal 2156 Flintstone Dr \$117,000.00

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting

[2023-1225](#)**Commission District(s): All**

RFP - Request for Proposals No. 23-500640 Design and Engineering Services Upgrade Lower Crooked Creek No. 2 (LCC 2) Pump Station: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing design and engineering services for the upgrade of LCC 2 Pump Station (PS), upgrade of Rogers Lake PS, and decommissioning of LCC No. 3 PS. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer: Lakeshore Engineering, LLC. Total Amount Not to Exceed \$35,593,331.00.

Withdrawn

Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee

[2023-1286](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract 1274580 Origami Risk Software-As-A-Service (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Finance - Risk Management (RM). This contract consists of providing proprietary software for the Risk Management Information System (RMIS) used by the County in providing web-based reporting, tracking, and adjustment of all Property & Casualty and Workers Compensation Claims. This request is to increase contract funds. Awarded to: Origami Risk, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$62,250.00.

Approved

[2023-1317](#)**Commission District(s): All**

REN - Contract Nos.: 1315118 and 1315134 Uniforms for Fire Rescue Services (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 4 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Fire Rescue Services (FR). This contract consists of the purchase of uniforms for Fire Rescue personnel. Awarded to NAFECO and Safeguard Printing & Promotional Products, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,440,000.00.

Approved

[2023-1339](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

SS - Medical Equipment (Sole Source): for use by Fire Rescue. Consists of compression systems, batteries, external power supplies, desktop chargers, disposable suction cups, monitors, defibrillators, chest data review software and service, video laryngoscope, disposable laryngoscope blades, and lifesaving innovators devices. Awarded to Stryker. Amount Not To Exceed: \$593,758.06.

Approved

[2023-1359](#)**Commission District(s): All**

REN - Contract No. 1270264 Maintenance, Repair, and Inspection of Overhead Doors and Gates (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 4 Options to Renew): for use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM), Fire Rescue Services (FR), and Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing maintenance, repair, and inspection of County overhead doors and gates. This request is to exercise the 2nd renewal option through December 31, 2024. Awarded to: D.H. Pace Company, Inc., dba Overhead Door Company of Atlanta. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,375,000.00.

Approved

[2023-1411](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract 1169300, Uniformed Security Guard Services (Multiyear): for use by the Department of Police Services for all County Departments. This contract consists of providing armed and unarmed uniformed security guard services. This request is to extend the contract term and funding on a month-to-month basis. Awarded to: All N One Security Services, Inc. Monthly Amount Not To Exceed: \$265,232.46.

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting - to FAB Committee

[2023-0780](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 6 to Contract No. 13-902703 Banking and Financial Services: for use by the Department of Finance. This contract consists of providing all banking and financial services and earnings on cash accounts. This request is to add funds and extend the contract term. Awarded to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$305,000.00.

Deferred with a stop in the Finance, Audit & Budget Committee (FAB), until December 19, 2023

[2023-1228](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 5 to Contract No. 988895 Print & Mail Services, Electronic Billing Presentment and Data Processing (Annual Contract With 4 Options To Renew) for the Department of Finance-UCO to be used by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM), Public Works-Sanitation and the Peachtree DeKalb Airport. This contract consists of providing customized bill formatting, print and mail services, hosting the County's water and sewer portal and other miscellaneous statements to citizens and businesses. Awarded To Level One, LLC/a Doxim Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,218,152.00.

Deferred with a stop in the Finance, Audit & Budget Committee (FAB), until December 19, 2023

[2023-1369](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract 1236388 Retail Image Lockbox Services: for use by the Department of Finance. This contract consists of the provision of lockbox services. This request is to increase the contract funds and term. Awarded to: Deluxe Corporation dba REMITCO LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$167,945.00.

Deferred with a stop in the Finance, Audit & Budget Committee (FAB), until December 19, 2023

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2023-0768](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

LB - Invitation No. 23-101568, Police Academy Physical Ability Test (PAT) Facility (56 days): for use by the Department of Facilities Management. Consists of the conversion of a large meeting room and stage into a single space at the former Bruce Street Senior Center for a permanent indoor facility for year-round physical training and testing of new recruits of the Police Academy. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Diversified Construction of Georgia, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$550,502.00.

Approved

[2023-1257](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 5 to Contract No. 1322132 Information Technology Consultants Services (Multiyear): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). This contract consists of providing consultants to work on developing new application systems, installing and maintaining systems, and other IT projects for the County. This request includes an increase to contract funds and also seeks to extend the contract's term to June 30, 2024. Awarded to HTC Global Services, Inc. (HTC). Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,371,052.00.

Approved the substitute

[2023-1266](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 5 to Contract No. 1092092 GOV CX 311 Accelerator Services (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). This contract consists of the implementation of the 311-system modernization. This request is to extend the contract term and funding. Awarded to Speridian Technologies. Amount Not To Exceed: \$100,000.00

Approved

[2023-1284](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO- Change Order No. 10 to Contract No. 1070267 Technology Solutions, Products and Services: for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT) and to be used by various County Departments. This contract consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Region 4 ESC/Omina Partners Contract No. R210401 for purchasing Apple computer hardware, tablets, peripherals, printers, network gear and other approved software. Awarded to CDW Government, LLC. Amount Not to Exceed \$600,000.00.

Approved

[2023-1288](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 7 to Contract Nos. 1213631 and 1213634 Commercial Janitorial Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM) and Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of the development, management, and monitoring of high quality commercial janitorial/cleaning/custodial services and Day Porters. This request seeks to increase contract funds in support of additional servicing of the Animal Shelter Facility at 3280 Chamblee-Dunwoody and for the Wesley Chapel Library, the Hairston Crossing Library and Fire Rescue Supply located at 1574 Stoneridge Drive. Awarded to Building Maintenance Services and Cleanstar National, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$818,482.71.

Approved

[2023-1292](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 7 to Contract No. 1070633 End-User Computing (Statewide Contract): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). This contract consists of piggybacking off the Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-SPD-SPD000161-004 to purchase new computers, laptops, scanners and accessories utilized by all County departments. This request seeks to increase contract funds. Awarded to Dell Marketing, L. P. Amount Not To Exceed \$1,000,000.00.

Approved

[2023-1303](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 10 to Contract No. 10-901833 Systems Maintenance and Support Agreement for Construction and Use Permits, Code Enforcement, Cashiering, Customer Services and Licensing: for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT). This contract consists of the implementation of mobile capabilities. Awarded to Infor Public Sector, Inc. Amount Not to Exceed: \$463,486.09.

Approved

[2023-1313](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1307812 Repair, Maintenance, and Installation of Fire Intrusion Alarm Systems (Emergency Contract): for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). This contract consists of providing maintenance, repair and installation of fire intrusion alarms. Awarded to All-Star Fire, LLC. Amount Not to Exceed: \$540,000.00.

Approved

[2023-1340](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CA-Cooperative Agreement-Tandem Axle 12 Yard Dump Truck: for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by the Storm Water Department for Curb Bumping Operations. Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Statewide Contract No. 99999-SPD-SPD000155-0001 to purchase one (1) tandem axle 12 yard dump truck used for debris removal from curb bumping tasks. Awarded to Rush Truck Centers of GA, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$205,525.00.

Approved

[2023-1363](#)**Commission District(s): All**

LB - Invitation No. 23-101600 Energy Efficient LED Lighting Conversion for The Manuel J. Maloof Building (One Time Buy): for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). Consists of the purchase and installation of LED Lights for floors 1- 6 in the Maloof Administration Building. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: TDIR Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$149,699.50.

Approved

[2023-1401](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CA-Cooperative Agreement for Networking Equipment and IT Infrastructure Products: for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT) Consists of piggybacking off of the competitively let Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-SPD-T20120501-0013 to purchase Juniper EX Series Switch to replace obsolete equipment. Awarded to Layer 3 Communications, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$228,991.20.

Approved

[2023-1413](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Audio Visual Equipment, Supplies, and Services (The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS USA) Contract No. 220704): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let TIPS USA Contract for the provision of audio-visual equipment, supplies, and services. This request will assist in equipment replacement within the Magistrate courtrooms. Awarded to BIS Digital, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed \$204,108.99.

Approved

[2023-1422](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CA-Cooperative Agreement for Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Accessories, Attachments and Supplies (Sourcewell Contract No. 032119-KOM): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by Public Works-Sanitation. Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Sourcewell Contract for the purchase of one (1) rubber tire wheel loader to be used to process refuse at the landfill station. Awarded to Tractor & Equipment Co. Amount Not To Exceed: \$529,842.63.

Approved

[2023-1447](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No.1 to Contract No. 1274583 for Voting Equipment: for use by the Department of Voter Registration & Elections (VR&E). Consists of the purchase of electronic voting software and hardware products. This request seeks to extend the contract term through December 31, 2024. Awarded to: Dominion Voting Systems Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,350,000.00.

Approved

[2023-1464](#)**Commission District(s): All**

REN - Renewal of Purchase Order No. 1317445 Oracle On-Premises Services, Oracle Support Service No. 20721008 (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). This contract consists of providing technical support and services for Oracle On-Premises Services and Support. Awarded to Oracle America, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$160,416.67.

Approved

[2023-1465](#)**Commission District(s): All**

REN - Renewal to Contract Nos.: 1247705, 1247711, 1247713 and 1247714 Oracle Technical Support Services and Software Licensing (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). These contracts consist of the provision of licensing and support for the Count's Oracle Application. Awarded to Oracle America, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$556,018.04.

Approved

[2023-1489](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1279477 Microsoft (MS) Azure SCE Services: for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). This contract consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Statewide Contract (SWC) 99999-SPD-SPD0000060-0006 for the purchase of thirty-six (36) months of Microsoft (MS) Azure SCE service credits to operate the County's business systems and data storage. This request seeks to add funding as the County continues to increase the annual utilization of MS Azure services. Awarded to Dell Marketing, LP. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,001,189.12.

Approved

[2023-1547](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 5 To Contract No. 1090364 State Legislative Lobbying Services: For Use by The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the Board of Commissioners (BOC). This Contract Consists of Performing Legislative Lobbying Services on the State Level. This Request is to Increase Contract Funds and Term Through December 31, 2024. Awarded to Dentons US, LLP. Amount Not to Exceed: \$240,000.00.

Approved

[2023-1549](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 3 To Contract No. 1129360 Federal Legislative Lobbying Services: For Use by The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and The Board of Commissioners (BOC). This Contract Consists of Performing Federal Legislative Lobbying Services. This Request is to Increase Contract Funds and Term Through December 31, 2024. Awarded to Dentons US, LLP. Amount Not to Exceed: \$156,000.00.

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee

[2023-1297](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

LB - Invitation No. 23-101589 Demolition of Residential and Commercial Buildings (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of providing demolition services for County owned facilities. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidders: Complete Demolition Services, LLC and Southern Demolition. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$350,000.00.

Deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until December 19, 2023

[2023-1304](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

REN - Contract Nos.: 1269304, 1269305, and 1269307 Asbestos Abatement, Demolition and Debris Removal (2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by Community Development. These contracts consist of the purchase of asbestos, abatement, demolition and removal services. This request is to exercise the 2nd renewal option through September 30, 2024. Awarded to Southern Demolition, LLC, Kissberg Construction and Diversified Environmental Management. Total Amount Not To Exceed \$600,000.00.

Deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until December 19, 2023

[2023-1324](#)**Commission District(s): 4,7**

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Playground and Water Play Equipment with Related Accessories and Services for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of playground renovation that will include new playground equipment, a new artificial turf surface, a new octagon shaped pavilion with metal roof, two new shade structures over bench seating and a decorative fence with gates around the perimeter at Stoneview Park. Awarded to: Little Tikes Commercial - PlayPower, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$336,983.20.

Deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until December 19, 2023

[2023-1384](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

REN - Contract No. 1277636 Poured In Place (PIP) Installation and Repair Services (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of providing installation and repair services for PIP surfacing for playgrounds throughout the DeKalb County Park System. This request is to exercise the 2nd renewal option through December 31, 2024. Awarded to: Playworx Playsets, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed \$50,000.00.

Deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until December 19, 2023

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee[2023-0304](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Office, Computer and Educational Furniture: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Statewide Contract No. 99999-001-SPD0000100-0002 to purchase office, computer, and educational furniture. Awarded to Affordable Interior Systems, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$176,977.71.

Deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until December 19, 2023

[2023-1106](#)**Commission District(s): 1 and 6**

CO-Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1238641 Scott Candler Water Treatment Plant - Ozone Generators Design and Installation: for use by The Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of the design, installation, and the commission of two (2) ozone generators, including all supporting components, to operate in parallel with two existing generators. This request is to increase the contract term through September 30, 2024. Awarded to Heavy Constructors, Inc. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY.

Approved

[2023-1107](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No.(s) 1302434, 1302440, 1302439, and 1302441 Tree Cutting and Removal Services (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): 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. This request seeks to increase the contract funds only. Awarded to Casey Tree Experts, Inc., One Two Tree, LLC, Neda, Inc. dba Garden of Aden, and Sesmas Tree Service, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,555,000.00.

Approved

[2023-1203](#)**Commission District(s): 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7**

CO - Change Order No. 8 to Contract No. 1156154 DeKalb Sidewalk Program Phase 2C - Salem Rd., Henderson Rd. and Flat Shoals Rd. - PI# 0007618/PI# 0008268 (548 days): for use by Public Works - Transportation. This contract consists of the construction of sidewalks along Salem Road, Henderson Road, and Flat Shoals Road. This request seeks to add SPLOST funding to the contract amount for completion of project work. Awarded to Precision 2000, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$200,000.00.

Approved

[2023-1213](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 6 to Contract No. 1034376 and change Order No. 7 to Contract No. 1034381 for Engineering Services (Multi-Year Contract): for use by the Department Watershed Management (DWM). These contracts consist of providing on-call engineering services that primarily include engineering studies, design, land surveying and construction administration services for water and sewer consent decree projects within the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). This request is to increase the contract term through December 31, 2027 for both contracts to allow for the completion of work. Awarded to Atkins North America, Inc. and Black & Veatch Corporation. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY.

Approved

[2023-1220](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1259927 Water Valve and Fire Hydrant Locate and Assessment (City of East Point Contract No. 2016-1585) [DeKalb Cooperative Agreement]: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract primarily consists of performing water valve and fire hydrant locates and assessments. This request is to increase the contract term through June 30, 2025. Awarded to Pure Technologies U.S., Inc dba Wachs Water Services (a Xylem, Inc. brand). CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY.

Approved

[2023-1226](#)**Commission District(s): All**

RFP - Request for Proposals No. 23-500643 Land and Easement Acquisition Services (Multiyear Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing land and easement acquisition services and other related activities related to capital improvement and Consent Decree land and easement acquisitions. Recommend award to highest scoring proposer: Atlas Technical Consultants, LLC (fka Moreland Altobelli Associates, LLC). Amount Not To Exceed: \$10,530,000.00.

Deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until December 19, 2023

[2023-1247](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1309232, 1309234, 1309236, and 1309239 for ITB No. 22-101480 Storm Drainage Infrastructure System Construction for Public Works Stormwater Project (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D) and the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). The contracts consist of storm drainage system construction services. This request seeks to increase the scope of work and contract funds for each contract. Awarded to: Kemi Construction, Inc., A&S Paving, Inc., Site Engineering, Inc., and GS Construction, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,094,976.70.

Approved

[2023-1259](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

REN - Contract No. 1274588 Card Access (Keyscan) Installation, Maintenance and Repair (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM) and Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of the installation, maintenance, and repair of all card access points. This request is to exercise the 2nd renewal option through December 31, 2024. Awarded to Southeastern Security Professionals, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$675,000.00.

Approved

[2023-1287](#)**Commission District(s): 2 and 6**

CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1288704 for North Decatur Road Roundabout Improvements (120 days): for use by Public Works-Transportation. Consists of construction of mini-roundabouts at the North Decatur Road intersections with Springdale Road and Oakdale Road, including related curb, ramps, and sidewalks. This request is for additional SPLOST funding to cover the cost of installed quantities that have exceeded the estimated quantities of the project. Awarded to: SD&C, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$20,000.00.

Approved

[2023-1338](#)**Commission District(s): 3 and 7**

CO - Change Order No. 16 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 contract term through December 31, 2024 and seeks to ratify a previously provided thirty-one (31) day contract term increase, effective as of November 30, 2023. Awarded to Archer Western Construction, LLC. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY.

Deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until December 19, 2023

[2023-1385](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 4 for Contract No. 1101754 Design-Build Services for Gravity Sewer System Rehabilitation, Replacement and Construction Package No. 3: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing design, permitting, and construction services for rehabilitation and improvements to the gravity sewer collection system. This request is to increase scope, funding, and the contract term through December 31, 2024. Awarded to Garney Companies, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,997,090.40.

Deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until December 19, 2023

[2023-1415](#)**Commission District(s): 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7**

CO-Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1296151 Consent Decree - Design and Engineering Services for Shoal Creek Trunk Sewer Relief Project (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing design and engineering services for the upsizing of numerous trunk sewers to address seven (7) repeat sanitary sewer overflow areas in the County. This request is to increase scope of work and funding. Awarded to Atkins North America, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,026,561.77.

Approved

[2023-1420](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 5 for Contract No. 14-902800 Consent Decree Program Management Services: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing program management services in furtherance of the Consent Decree Program. This request is to increase scope of work, funding, time, and contract term to December 31, 2028. Awarded to CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc. aka Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$32,777,138.00.

Deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until December 19, 2023

[2023-1421](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Rental of Uniforms: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Gwinnett County Contract No. PA001-22 to provide rental of uniforms to various Watershed facilities located throughout DeKalb County.

Awarded to Cintas Corporation No. 2. Amount Not To Exceed: \$400,000.00

Deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until December 19, 2023

[2023-1423](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 5 to Contract No. 1124403 Teledyne ISCO Training and Support, Equipment, Software and Licenses, Parts and Related System Components for Sanitary Sewer Flow Monitoring (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of the provision of vendor support and training in the installation and maintenance of equipment, flow monitoring equipment, parts and related system components used in the completion of existing hydraulic modeling and sewer monitoring programs related to Consent Decree requirements. This request is to continue with the use of the existing sole source vendor through December 31, 2024. Awarded to Teledyne Instruments, Inc. as a business unit Teledyne ISCO. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY.

Deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until December 19, 2023

[2023-1435](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

REN - Contract No. 1294544 Cooperative Agreement for the purchase of Maintenance, Repair, and Operations (MRO) Supplies, Parts, Equipment, Materials, and Related Services (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM), Watershed Management (DWM), Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Police Services (PS), Property Appraisal & Assessment, Fire Rescue (FR), Sanitation, Beautification, Voter Registration and Elections (VRE), and Fleet Management. This request is to exercise the 2nd renewal option through December 31, 2024. Awarded to W.W. Grainger, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed \$2,228,000.00.

Deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until December 19, 2023

[2023-1443](#)**Commission District(s): 2 and 6**

LB - Invitation No. 23-101605 Briarcliff Road Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon Crosswalks (120 days): for use by Public Works-Transportation. Consists of the installation of two new crosswalks with rectangular rapid flashing beacons on Briarcliff Road (SR 42). Award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: DAF Concrete, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$180,808.00.

Approved

[2023-1450](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1283955 Cooperative Agreement for Consent Decree: Trenchless Technology Rehabilitation, External Point Repairs, and Related Products and Services (OMNIA Partners Cooperative Purchasing Agreement No. R170802) [DeKalb Cooperative Agreement]: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing sewer system trenchless sewer line rehabilitation services. This request is to increase the contract scope, funding, and term through October 31, 2025. Awarded to SAK Construction, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$18,925,946.31.

Deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until December 19, 2023

[2023-1453](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1311523 Cooperative Agreement for Electrical Maintenance Services: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Cobb County contract for Bid # 22-6623 to provide electrical maintenance services. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided sixty (60) day contract term increase and increase contract funds and term through December 2, 2024. Awarded to Capital City Electrical Services, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed \$200,000.00.

Deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until December 19, 2023

[2023-1462](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 5 to Contract No. 1081070 Design Build Services for Gravity Sewer System Rehabilitation Replacement & Construction - Package No. 2 (Multiyear): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of design build services to perform pipe rehabilitation or upsizing to the gravity sewer system. This request is to increase contract term to June 30, 2023 to allow the County to close out the project. Awarded to Inliner Solutions, LLC (fka Granite Inliner, LLC). CONTRACT TERM EXTENSION ONLY.

Deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until December 19, 2023

[2023-1469](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1258006 Stormwater Master Plan: for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). This contract consists of providing stormwater master planning services for DeKalb County. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided six (6) month contract term increase and increase the contract funds, scope of services and term through December 31, 2024. Awarded to Arcadis US, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: 714,760.00.

Approved

Watershed Management[2023-1449](#)**Commission District(s): 1, 4, 5, & 7**

Approval and authorization to execute the updated Intergovernmental Agreement with Gwinnett County, Gwinnett County Water and Sewerage Authority for Sewer Services

Deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until December 19, 2023

[2023-1511](#)

Commission District(s): 4 and 7

One (1) year extension of the term of the *Agreement for Construction and Financing of Sewer Upgrades* (the “Agreement”) dated June 23, 2023 by and between DeKalb County, Georgia (the “County”) and Captura Rockbridge Acquisition, LLC (the “Company”), including a one (1) year extension of the County’s approval of Company’s request for sewer capacity.

Deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until December 19, 2023

Walk-on Items

2023-1587

Add an Item

Approved

2023-1588

Commission District(s): District 5

An item to allocate \$25,000 of the District 5 Reserve for Appropriation Funds for the Holiday Health and Wellness Initiative for District 5 Seniors

Approved

2023-1589

Add an Item

Approved

[2023-1590](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1328331 DeKalb County's GDOT Gateways Landscaping Design, Installation, Enhancement, and Maintenance (Muti- Year): for use by Public-Works- Sanitation & Beautification. This contract consists of providing landscaping design, installation, enhancement, maintenance, and litter/debris removal services at four (4) GDOT gateway/ramp locations. Also consists of landscaping enhancement, maintenance, and litter/debris removal services at two (2) median locations. This request seeks to increase funds and revise and increase the scope of work to nine (9) locations. Awarded to Russell Landscape. Amount Not to Exceed: \$2,757,027.40

Deferred to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until December 19, 2023

2023-1591

Add an Item

Approved

[2023-1592](#)

Commission District(s): All

To Amend the Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget

Deferred to the Finance, Audit & Budget Committee (FAB), until December 19, 2023

2023-1593

Add an Item

Approved

[2023-1594](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Tucker for Lake Erin Dam Repair

Deferred to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until December 19, 2023

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD

Board of Commissioners

[2023-1451](#)

Commission District(s): All

Board of Commissioners' 2024 Regular Business and Committee of the Whole Meetings Calendar

Approved

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

Deferred to the next meeting, until December 19, 2023

[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

Deferred until February 14, 2024

[2023-1200](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Request for the Director of Planning & Sustainability to amend the text of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance to expand commercial filming opportunities.

Deferred to the next meeting, until December 19, 2023

Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2023-1399](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Resolution Urging the DeKalb County Governing Authority to Support the DeKalb County Animal Services Advisory Board's Plan for a Better Tomorrow

Approved the substitute

Board of Commissioners - District 4

[2023-1403](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission District are affected by this item.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of DeKalb County, as Revised 1988, Chapter 18 Pertaining to Dwellings, Rooming and Boarding Houses, and for Other Purposes.

Deferred to the next meeting, until December 19, 2023

[2023-1405](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts are affected by this item.

Adoption of the 2018 International Maintenance Code

Deferred the substitute, until December 19, 2023

Board of Commissioners - District 6

[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

Deferred to the next meeting, until December 19, 2023

[2023-1137](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

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

Deferred to the next meeting, until December 19, 2023

Chief Executive Office

[2022-1045](#)

Commission District(s): ALL DISTRICTS

Memorandum of Agreement by and among Dekalb County, Georgia, Fulton County, Georgia, the Fulton Dekalb Hospital Authority and Grady Memorial Hospital Corporation

Deferred to the next meeting, until December 19, 2023

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO

[2023-1223](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of September 26, 2023

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to FAB Committee

[2023-1035](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 1144683 Utility Billing Software Maintenance and Support (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Finance. This contract consists of maintenance and support of the software system (CPAK) utilized to process utility billing for various County departments. This request is to increase the contract funds and term through December 31, 2024. Awarded to AdaptToSolve, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$752,000.00.

Approved

[2023-1068](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

SWC - Statewide Contract No. 99999-SPD0000100-0002 Office, Computer, and Education Furniture: for use by Finance - Utility Customer Operations (UCO). This contract consists of the purchase of office cubicles to provide better spacing and COVID protection for the UCO call center staff. Awarded to: Affordable Interior Systems, Inc. (AIS). Amount Not To Exceed: \$243,600.76.

Approved

[2023-1285](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 1136419 Inventory of Capital Assets: for use by the Department of Finance (Finance). This contract consists of the inventory appraisal, tagging and valuation of County Assets. This request is to increase contract funds and term through December 31, 2026. Awarded to HCA Asset Management, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$210,000.00.

Approved

[2023-1298](#)**Commission District(s): All**

SWC - Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-SPD-T20190814-0001 Cloud Solutions and Services: for use by Finance - Office of Management & Budget (OMB). Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let SWC to purchase OpenGov software to use for budget development, management, reporting, and transparency. Awarded to Carahsoft Technology Corp. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,303,272.00.

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2023-1211](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Accessories, Attachments and Supplies (Sourcewell Contract No. 032119-KOM): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by Public Works-Sanitation. Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Sourcewell Contract to purchase one (1) articulating dump truck and various attachments such as a water tank. Awarded to Tractor & Equipment Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$614,650.70.

Approved

[2023-1331](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

RFP - Request for Proposal No. 22-500625 Eastside Aviation Development on DeKalb Peachtree Airport (Multi-Year Lease): for use by the DeKalb Peachtree (PDK) Airport. Consists of the design, construction, and management of business directly related to aviation for corporate aviation hangar development on the eastside of the airfield at the PDK Airport. Recommend award to the sole proposer: Sky Harbour, LLC. Estimated 50-Year Total Revenue Amount: \$575,811,313.00.

Deferred until January 23, 2024

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee[2023-0823](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1324307, 1324314, and 1324317
Rental of Various Heavy Equipment (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Departments of Watershed Management (DWM), Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D) and Sanitation. These contracts consist of the rental of various heavy equipment. This request seeks to add use by the Department of Watershed Management and increase contract funds in support of that use. Awarded to H & E Equipment Services, Inc.; Herc Rentals, Inc.; and Sunbelt Rentals, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$5,527,809.00

Deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until December 19, 2023

[2023-0978](#)**Commission District(s): All**

LB - Invitation No. 22-101488 Consent Decree: Find and Fix Assessment and Rehabilitation (CD: FFAR) [Multiyear Contract]: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of primarily providing sanitary sewer assessments that include: assessments of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) for pipes 18" diameter and Totally Integrated Sonar and Camera Inspection Technique (TISCIT) assessments and rehabilitation of pipes 24" diameter". Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Inliner Solutions, LLC, and Southeast Pipe Survey, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed \$90,712,867.00.

Deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until December 19, 2023

[2023-1024](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1217791 Fire Hydrant Replacements, Repair Parts, and Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) and Peachtree DeKalb Airport (PDK). This contract consists of providing repair and replacement services for fire hydrants and hydrant parts. This request is to increase the funds and contract term through December 31, 2024. Awarded to Georgia Hydrant Services, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$950,000.00.

Approved

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs[2023-1100](#)**Commission District(s): 4 and 6**

To Increase Monthly Horse Boarding Fees at Little Creek Horse Farm

Deferred to the next meeting, until December 19, 2023

Watershed Management[2023-1373](#)**Commission District(s): 3 & 6**

Agreement for the Construction and Financing of Sewer Upgrades with Company with a contribution of \$20,000.

Approved

WorkSource DeKalb[2023-1349](#)**Commission District(s): ALL DISTRICTS**

Approval to transfer up to \$500,000 of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds from the PY22/PY23 Dislocated Worker program to the PY22/PY23 Adult program.

Approved

J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**K. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

2023-1595 Convene Executive Session
Approved

2023-1596 Adjourn Executive Session
Approved

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.

2023-1597 Adjournment
Approved