

# DeKalb County Government

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



## Summary

**Tuesday, February 22, 2022**

**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*

*Commissioner Robert Patrick, District 1*

*Commissioner Jeff Rader, District 2*

*Commissioner Larry Johnson, District 3*

*Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4*

*Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5*

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

*Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Super District 7*

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

*This meeting will be conducted via teleconference (Zoom). Simultaneous public access to the meeting will be available (1) via live stream on DCTV's webpage, and (2) on DCTVChannel23.TV. Public Comment may be submitted by sending an email no longer than one page to PublicComment@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 and broadcast. Emails received outside of the allotted time will be included in the Public Comments record for the next meeting after the receipt of those emails. The body of your email must include your first and last name, followed by your address. By submitting an email at any time for public comment, you agree to have your name, address, and email broadcast on the teleconference (Zoom) and entered in the record/minutes. Abusive, profane or derogatory language will not be permitted. The Public Comment segment will not exceed 30 minutes and individual emails will be read by the Clerk for no more than 3 minutes each. The County reserves the right, at the County's sole discretion, to (1) add your email to the record/minutes without reading any of it into the broadcast or (2) add your email to the record/minutes and read all or a portion of your email into the broadcast.*

#### **A. INSPIRATIONAL**

Rev. Dr. Jordan Thrasher- Embury Hills United Methodist Church

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Ted Terry- District 6

#### **B. PRESENTATIONS**

COVID-19 Response

#### **C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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1. Ed Williams (No Address) -Dear Commissioners: State Court Judge Ronald Ramsey's political appointment to serve as chair of the Charter Review Commission has created an appearance of partiality and impropriety. Similarly, it would not be appropriate to appoint the solicitor general or district attorney. The charter commission is tasked to review the county charter which is the local statute that defines and specifies authorities, powers, and limitations of the political authority of county elected officials and engages the public. The CEO's appointment of Judge Ronald Ramsey to chair the Charter Commission Review Commission on or about February 11, 2022, to a commission that the CEO created through Executive Order creates a separation of powers issue and possible conflict of interest. The commission's task is to review the county charter in regards to the structure of county government, review of the county charter, and delivery of services. The appointment does not have anything to do with judicial matters or the interpretations thereof. It is related to revising the county's governing charter, such that it allows for better representation, responsiveness and provides better services. In reviewing the Code of Judicial Conduct and the opinions of the Judicial Qualification Commission, it is clear that the political appointment of Judge Ronald Ramsey to be chair of the county's Charter Review raises several issues of concern. The appointment of Judge Ronald Ramsey I believe runs afoul of several of the canons of conduct. The judge's appointment to the county's Charter Review Commission raises questions regarding conflict of interest, independence, and judgment. The Code of Judicial Conduct rule 4.1 states that a judge shall not act or hold himself out as a leader in a political organization; It is not proper for a judge to participate in the political affairs of the county outside his judicial role while he serves on the State Court bench where cases related to the county officials, its business are likely to come before him, The Code of Judicial Conduct rule 1 states that judges are supposed to uphold the independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary and shall avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety in all of their activities. According to rule 3 of the Code of Judicial Conduct, judges are supposed to regulate their extra-judicial activities to minimize the risk of conflict with their judicial duties. They are supposed to refrain from political activity inappropriate to their judicial office. See rule 4 of the Code of Judicial Conduct. The county charter is a political document that regulates the operations of the county government officials and the form of government. This practice and action are inconsistent with the Code of Judicial Conduct rule 2.4 which states "(C) Judges shall not convey or enable others to convey the impression that any person or organization is in a position to influence the judge." The judge's appointment as chair of the Charter Review Commission creates a situation where the Judge would be required to comment and make statements about a political document and process for which he should not comment and is obliged to refrain. See rule 2.10. The Code of Judicial Conduct 3.1 states that "(C) Judges may engage in law-related or quasi-judicial activities, provided that doing so will not interfere with the proper performance of judicial duties or cast doubt on their capacity to impartially decide any issue." Judges are allowed to appear before governmental bodies however there are restrictions. The Code of Judicial Conduct 3.2 states that "Judges may appear at public hearings before an executive or legislative body or official on matters concerning the law, the legal system, and the administration of justice, and they may otherwise consult with an executive or legislative body or official, but only on matters concerning the administration of justice" Lastly, it is clear that the Charter Review Commission scope goes beyond the improvement of the law, and addresses issues related to the form of government and policy other than improvement of the law. The Code of Judicial Conduct rule 3.4 states "Judges should not accept appointment to a governmental committee, commission, or other position that is concerned with issues of fact or policy on matters other than the improvement of the law, the legal system, or the administration of justice if acceptance of such appointment might reasonably cast doubt upon their impartiality or demean the judge's office." The CEO has stated that the purpose of the Charter Review Commission was to address issues related

to representation, responsiveness, the harmony of all parts, and delivery of services, among other things. It is significant to note that Judge Ronald Ramsey's current position is on the bench of the state court of the Stone Mountain judicial circuit. Which is responsible for adjudicating county ordinance violations and other state offenses which are also the subject of the county charter. Thank You

2. Paul McLennan, 851 Alberson Ct. Decatur, GA 30030- Good morning commissioners, Attached is our petition with over 1000 names that we are presenting to you on behalf of our coalition which includes Coalitions for Diverse Decatur/DeKalb, Beacon Hill Black Alliance for Human Rights, the Justice for All Coalition, and A Home for Everyone in DeKalb. We hope that you will listen to the concerns of residents in the county who think much more should be done to address the needs of the unhoused. Thank you for your time. We, the over 1000 undersigned DeKalb County residents, believe the issue of the unhoused in our community has reached a crisis point. Our unhoused are the most vulnerable on these cold winter nights, which have been here for over a month and have a long way yet to go. At these freezing temperatures, our neighbors have a high risk of dying of hypothermia if they remain on the street. Is that what county leaders want? So far, the county has chosen to only open three warming centers with minimal services to serve the entire county. Transportation is not provided and the fire stations now open do not serve those in the Central or Northern parts of this county. In addition, information about the warming stations is not available in time. When we finally do find out, it's too late to let people know. The county's communication personnel must know that weather can be accurately predicted in advance and act accordingly. Then we hear from county officials that the warming centers are hardly utilized. This is to be expected when the word gets out so late and no transportation is available! So far, we have heard reports of at least 20 families desperate for help, not counting the hundreds of single people, and there will be many more. The families tell us they are sleeping on the street and in their cars with their little children. What is the county waiting for? We demand the following: 1.) Open more warming centers throughout the county with adequate food, water, shelter, and wraparound services. 2.) Communicate openings at least 48 hours in advance of freezing nights. 3) Provide transportation for the unhoused to these centers. 4.) Address the more than 300 names of those people waiting for shelter.

3. Tammy Washington, 2033 Castlegate Ter Decatur, GA 30032- Good morning, I thank you for your service to DeKalb County. My email is in reference to homelessness. I ask that the county improve its communication when the warming centers are opening. No email was sent when the centers were opened last weekend. Also, what's the county's plan to assist the homelessness during the spring, summer and fall? Is there a plan to assist when the temperature increases & prevent heat related illnesses & issues? Finally, when will the final count from the homelessness count from last week be released? Thanks,

4. Stephen Binney (No Address)- Good Morning Commissioners, I wish to thank all the commissioners for their vote two weeks ago in support of super districts for Dekalb County, I believe it was necessary given the circumstances. However, I was concerned by Mr Thurmond's statement to the Dekalb Legislative Delegation. When asked by a delegation member which of the two redistricting maps he favored, he said he had no position and in fact had not even seen any of the proposed redistricting maps. I find that very disturbing since you are only the CEO of the Dekalb County. It doesn't matter now because you have made the final appointment to the Charter Review and they will start meeting again next month. I hope that all Dekalb County residents will take part in these meetings. Dekalb's charter is over 40 years old and needs to be brought up to date. Ranging from small procedure and procurement changes to considering establishing a Code Enforcement

Department which we are currently without. The most important changes will most likely concern the number and type of commission districts we will have in the future along with deciding if we still want to maintain our CEO style of government. Citizen input at these meetings will be very important. Please make your voices heard. Ms Davis-Johnson I apologize for offending you two weeks ago. I assure you it was not my intention. I wrote that you have lived with courage all your life and I did not mean your husband's courage. It takes way more courage for a woman than a man to have survived during the past and to continue to survive in today's world. Black women have it the hardest of all. Fighting the twin forces of racism and misogyny on a day to day basis is a never ending challenge and takes incredible courage. I do not want to be known as a male chauvinist pig like some others in Dekalb County government. I applaud both CEO Thurmond and the Commission for raising police salaries and benefits under the new budget today, However, I do wish to point out that even with the salary increases the pay of Dekalb County Police Officers will still be below those in the City of Atlanta as well as other local jurisdictions. I will take issue with your taking credit for adding 100 police officers under this years budget. When you were elected in 2016 the number of police officers needed to fully staff our county was listed at 1,240. During your first year in office, in 2017, the active number of police officers was 835 with a projected number of 947. In 2020 the active number of police officers was listed at 848. Currently the number of police officers in Dekalb County is listed as 860. During the 6 years of your time as CEO the county has added a total of 25 police officers, that is an average of 4 officers a year. Even with an additional 100 officers the County will only get back to the 2017 projected level. I don't call that increasing public safety. I call that maintaining the status quo. Meanwhile, we will still be over 250 officers short of being fully staffed while training some of the best officers in the metro area and letting them go to greener pastures, Thank you for your time and consideration,

5. Kenneth Taylor, 4828 Eagles Creek Circle, Lithonia- Mr. Presiding Officer, Mr. CEO, and Commissioners: My comments are related to the county budget that is presently under consideration. I recently reviewed the draft budget document that was recently submitted to the Board of Commissioners from the CEO's office. First, I am pleased to see that the CEO recognizes the importance of adequately funding our police department and other first responders. The proposed salary increases combined with retention bonuses and other initiatives should go a long way in getting the police department fully staffed and competitively positioned to recruit new officers. I hope that your focus on police compensation and staffing, however, does not lessen the equally needed focus on ongoing police training to make officers more effective on the street while doing what we all realize is a difficult and dangerous job. That training includes de-escalation of volatile incidents when possible, humanely managing interactions with individuals with possible or obvious mental health challenges, and implicit bias training. Also, I certainly hope Chief Ramos and her command staff embrace a community policing strategy and realize the long term and positive benefits that can accrue when officers establish relationships with the communities, residents and business owners that they serve. Additionally, I noticed you are also proposing higher funding for the district attorney's office. Due in part to restrictions imposed during the pandemic, I am aware there is a significant backlog in cases involving accused violent offenders, many of whom are repeat offenders. This situation is present at multiple DA offices across metro Atlanta and the country. I hope the added funding will enable the DA to bring indictments in a timely manner to avoid the possibility of these violent offenders being released and thus posing a threat to our communities. Also, I saw there is a modest increase in funding proposed for the Code Compliance and Enforcement Department. Effective code compliance and enforcement is critical to economic development, public safety and quality of life. Although I'm sure the community appreciates the additional dollars being allocated, I am more concerned

about correcting long standing and institutional failures in management, leadership and accountability related to service delivery. Dollars alone can't correct those problems; however, proper and sustained oversight and monitoring by the CEO and COO should effectively address them in the long term. In fact, I'm curious to learn what the county's response will be to the most recent draft internal audit report exposing these problems. There are a myriad of other budget related items that I believe deserve a sense of urgency in consideration that I won't address here out of respect for the time constraints in the public comment period. I will, however, say this in conclusion. As you plow through this annual budget season, please realize that the process is about more than just sifting through spreadsheets and making amendments about \$1.2 billion in proposed spending. Your decisions about how and where that money is spent will have consequences for the lives of thousands of people in DeKalb County every day. Because of that, we as your constituents, rate payers, and taxpayers deserve nothing less than your best efforts. Thanks to all of you for your service to DeKalb County.

6. Brain Aaron (No Address)- To CEO Michael Thurmond, and Board of Commissioners, as you all know today is the day to vote on the budget. However, I'm pleading with you all to please reconsider a final vote until something equitable is in place for other Essential employees. (Watershed, Sanitation, Fleet). Our CEO has made some tremendous steps within the County. However, this 14.1 million dollar addition for Public Safety isn't equitable to rest of the county employees. We all are facing staffing shortages due to people leaving for better pay, but the faithful few still show up and rise to the occasion. I humbly beg you all to please revisit this proposal before the final vote today. Take some time to come out to speak to the EMPLOYEES or have an Employee, CEO, and Commissioners committee. Again we ask in the most humbled manner to reconsider this final vote.

7. Benjamin Kinnard (No Address)- DeKalb Board of Commissioners, My name is Benjamin Kinnard and I live at 551 Clairmont Circle, Decatur, GA 30033. My comment today deals with the stretch of North Decatur Road between Clairmont Circle and Superior Avenue, as well as the intersection between North Decatur Road and Superior Avenue. I, alongside many others who live in the area, walk down this road several times a week to get to and from my bus stop for work, and while I am glad to have the option to take public transportation, I am deeply concerned about the safety of this stretch of road. The issues are as follows: 1. The sidewalks adjoining the north side of North Decatur Road are old, narrow, and present a tripping hazard to those walking on them. At its narrowest point, there is only about 3 feet of space between the railing on the sidewalk and the street. I worry about the possibility of tripping on this sidewalk and potentially falling onto the road. 2. Traffic on North Decatur Road is incredibly fast and dangerous. The posted speed limit is 35 mph, but as traffic is going downhill on both sides as well as the road being a busy arterial road for commuters driving to and from the Emory/CDC area, cars often travel well above the posted speed limit, which poses a deadly hazard for pedestrians. There have already been at least two fatalities that I know of on this stretch of road in the past 10 years or so. I have already spoken to the Decatur City Commission about this subject. I understand that parts of North Decatur Road fall into the jurisdiction of the City of Decatur and that there are plans to eventually build a light rail line along this road, but I hope that you will overcome these obstacles and work with the City of Decatur to improve pedestrian safety. Thank you for your time and listening to my comment today.

8. John Leon (No Address)- Dear members of the DeKalb Board of Commission, My name is John Leon and I live just down the street in Decatur and I'm writing today to voice my support of the proposal put forward by Commissioner Ted Terry to create an Affordable Housing Committee. As we look ahead to our future, one

thing is certain. We won't get very far if we do not plan for the housing needs of the people in our communities – the people that make DeKalb County what it is. In the long-run, no one thrives if we price out our children who have the talent and skills to strengthen our businesses. No one thrives if small businesses are forced to close their doors because their rents are too high, and they can't attract or retain a workforce. No one thrives if families struggle to put a roof over their heads and parents can't provide care for their children. No one thrives when we are divided based on race and class. This issue matters for all of us - it matters for ALL segments of DeKalb. If we fail to act swiftly to prioritize housing for people most in need, we all lose the ability to protect the legacy of this diverse region for our children and for the next generation, and creating a committee with the sole purpose and focus of developing thoughtful solutions to housing is a critical first step to do that. Likewise, CEO Thurmond creating a Chief Housing Officer, as most other major cities and counties have, is essential to showing we are taking this issue with the seriousness it deserves. I've watched the BOC meetings and various committee meetings, and there is simply not enough time for any of these bodies to provide the thought and attention that the current housing crisis demands. Housing, or a development, coming up in a BOC committee meeting is not in any way comparable to a committee seated with housing policy experts diving into topics like, ADUs, housing incentives, inclusionary zoning and land value taxes, and to imply that they do as Commissioner Larry Johnson did just a few weeks ago shows a profound lack of understanding about the seriousness of the housing crisis we face, and the complexity of the solutions we need to create to solve it. This is a common sense proposal that rightly prioritizes housing - and it shouldn't be voted down based on outdated ideas or egos. We need housing action, and we need it now. Take this small step, which is a recommendation from a report that was commissioned by this body, and create an affordable housing committee.

9. Scott Lange, 1246 Gracewood Ave SE- Hi, I live at 1246 Gracewood Ave SE in DeKalb County and I'm writing to support legislation to create an Affordable Housing committee. This committee is overdue and I very much hope you move forward with it. Thanks!

10. Steven Misner, 304 Heaton Park Dr. Decatur, GA 30030- Subject: Amendment to Chapter 13.5 (Historic Preservation Ordinance) of the Code of DeKalb County In 1993 the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners adopted the Historic Preservation Ordinance and created the Druid Hills Historic District to preserve the unique, historic character of the Druid Hills neighborhood. A major part of the unique character of the district was and is the Olmsted-drawn platting of the neighborhood, which created large, deep lots preserving the park-like character of the area. Due to the increasing cost of buildable land and the absence of available, buildable lots in the area, the original Olmsted platting is under continuous threat by subdividing or combining historically platted lots in order to increase density. Most recently, the Clifton Ridge subdivision litigation to maintain the original platting cost the county and Druid Hills Civic Association dearly. This loss was largely due to ambiguity in the DeKalb land development code as to whether the Historic Preservation Commission has the obligation and right to regulate the subdivision or combination of the lots within the historic district. The proposed legislation before you would make it clear that all subdivisions and aggregations of these historic plats must go through the Historic Preservation Commission in order to be permitted. It provides real protection and will effectively preserve the Olmsted platted lots which are an essential feature of the original, historic design.

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



*The DeKalb County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing during its Regular Business meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will be conducted via teleconference (Zoom). Simultaneous public access to the meeting will be available (1) via live stream on DCTV's webpage, and (2) DCTVChannel23.TV. The public is invited to watch the broadcast on DCTV's UStream link (<https://video.ibm.com/channel/dctv-channel-23>), or join the meeting using the Zoom link (<https://dekalbcountyga.zoom.us/j/7753778046>), or by telephone (602-333-0032 or 888-270-9936, conference code: 217687). For those joining the meeting by telephone, please be aware that your phone number may be displayed to the public viewing or participating in the online meeting. The Board will provide 15 minutes of time for citizens to speak in favor of an agenda item, and 15 minutes for citizens to speak in opposition. Citizens who attend the meeting via the Zoom link above may join the public comment queue by raising their hand in the Zoom application, while citizens who attend the meeting via telephone may join the comment queue by pressing # followed by 2. There will be no comment cards, so when you are called upon, please state your name and address for the record. Also, please be conscious of speaking time so that everyone has an opportunity to provide input in the allotted time. Citizens may also email documents for inclusion into the official record by submitting such materials by 9:00 a.m. on the date of the public hearing to [PublicHearing@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:PublicHearing@dekalbcountyga.gov).*

**Chief Executive Office**[2022-1043](#)**Commission District(s): All**

To Adopt the 2022 Operating Budget

**Approved as amended on February 17, 2022****Planning & Sustainability**[2022-1124](#)**Commission District(s): ALL COMMISSION DISTRICTS**

Amendment to Chapter 13.5 (the Historic Preservation Ordinance) of the Code of DeKalb County

**Approved**[2021-3156](#)**COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): Commission District 4; Super District 7**

Application of Builders Professional Group, LLC c/o Battle Law, PC to rezone property from R-100 (Residential Medium Lot- 100) to R-75 (Residential Medium Lot - 75) to allow for the construction of a single-family detached residential subdivision, at 5277 Rockbridge Road.

**Approved with 7 conditions**

**Public Works - Transportation**

[2022-1081](#)

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

Traffic Calming Petition - Lullwater Rd between N. Decatur Rd and The By Way. No Cost to County.

**Approved**

[2022-1117](#)

**Commission District(s): 5 & 7**

Traffic Calming Petition - Mulberry Ln between Red Maple Ln and Cutters Mill Way. No Cost to County.

**Approved**

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

**Planning & Sustainability**

[2021-2641](#)

**COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): Commission District 04; Super District 06**

Application of Mosaic Communities c/o Battle Law to rezone properties from R-85 (Residential Medium Lot) District to RSM (Small Lot Residential Mix) District to allow single-family cottages, conventional single-family detached homes, urban single family attached and detached units, and duplexes, 3943 Norman Road.

**approved the substitute with 26 conditions**

[2021-3521](#)

**COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): Commission District 03 Super Districts 06 and 07**

Application of Deandre’ B. Mathis for a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) for a proposed boutique wine shop within the C-1 (Local Commercial) Zoning District and the I-20 Overlay District.

**Approved with conditions**

**E. APPEALS**

NONE

## F. APPOINTMENTS

### Board of Commissioners

[2022-1111](#)

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

Appointment to the Oversight Committee of the Office of the Independent Internal Audit - [[[CANDIDATE]]].

**Deferred for 60 days until April 26, 2022**

### Chief Executive Office

[2022-1159](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

Appointment to the Merit System Council - Janice L. Henck

**Approved**

[2022-1160](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

Appointment to the Merit System Council - Deborah A. Jackson

**Approved**

## ITEMS FOR RECORDING IN THE MINUTES

### Board of Commissioners - District 1

[2022-1214](#)

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

Recording of the Appointments of Fred Smith and Ben Truman to the District 1 Community Council Board

**Approved**

### Board of Commissioners - District 6

[2022-1270](#)

**Commission District(s): 6**

Recording of the Appointment of Graham Ashton Walker to the District 4

Community Council

**Approved**

## G. CONSENT AGENDA

### Airport

[2022-1186](#)

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

Standardized T-Hangar Lease Agreement with Raymond L. Schettino. There is no cost to the County.

**Approved**

[2022-1198](#)

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

Standardized T-Hangar Lease Agreement with Thomas G. Bailey. There is no cost to the County.

**Approved**

[2022-1219](#)

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

Standardized T-Hangar Shop Space Lease Agreement with Adam Merlin. There is no cost to the County

**Approved**

[2022-1269](#)

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

Lease Agreement with Hermeus Corporation. There is no cost to the County.

**Approved**

Board of Commissioners

[2022-1233](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

Approval of Minutes for the February 15, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting

**Approved**

**Board of Commissioners - District 2**

[2022-1241](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

To Appropriate \$17,500 to Fund a Feasibility Study for the Georgia Air and Space Museum from the Tourist Product Development CIP Account

**Approved**

**Board of Commissioners - District 6**

[2022-1256](#)

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

To Appropriate \$150,000 from the 2022 District Reserve for Appropriation for the RootsDown Fruitful Communities Initiative.

**Approved**

[2022-1257](#)

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

To Appropriate \$105,000 from the 2022 District Reserve for Appropriation for the MicroLife Institute.

**Approved**

**Board of Commissioners - District 7**

[2022-1254](#)

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

To Appropriate \$15,000 From The District 7 Reserve For Appropriation To The MicroLife Institute Design Studio Project.

**Approved**

**Chief Executive Office**

[2022-1263](#)

**Commission District(s):** 5 and 7

Complete the purchase of 3.6 acres of land to construct Fire Station No. 27.

**Approved**

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

[2022-1228](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Zoning Meeting of January 27, 2022

**Approved**

[2022-1229](#)

**Commission District(s):** all

Approval of Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of February 1, 2022

**deferred to the next meeting**

[2022-1232](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of February 8, 2022

**Deferred to the next meeting, until March 8, 2022**

## H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

**Airport**

[2022-1220](#)**Commission District(s):** 1 and 6

Approval of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) State Block Grant Funding in the amount of \$148,000, as part of the Covid-19 pandemic response. There is no cost to the County

**Approved****Board of Commissioners - District 6**[2022-1258](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Adoption of a Resolution to establish an Advisory Committee of the Board of Commissioners to explore and make recommendations related to affordable housing within DeKalb County.

**Deferred for 90 days, until May 24, 2022**[2022-1259](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission District

Accept the offered technical advice and assistance from The Trust for Public Land and The Nature Conservancy in connection with our efforts to develop and sustain reliable, ongoing sources of funding for parks, trails and land and water conservation.

**Deferred for 30 days, until March 22, 2022****Chief Executive Office**[2022-1230](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Authorizing the Reallocation of Funds Originally Derived from the Sale of Clark Harrison Building

**Approved****Fire & Rescue Services**

[2022-1154](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

Acceptance of Donation from First Alert/BRK Brands, \$5,898.00

**Approved**

[2022-1188](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

Acceptance of a State of Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety Grant in the Amount of \$25,880.69 for Dekalb County Pedestrian Education for Injury Prevention Project

**Approved**

#### GIS Department

[2022-1099](#)

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

A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of an Unredeemed and Unforeclosed Interest in Property at 3200 Kelly Street, Scottdale, GA 30079.

**Deferred for 30 days, until March 22, 2022**

[2022-1183](#)

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

A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of an Unredeemed and Unforeclosed Interest in Property at 3172 Zion Street, Scottdale, GA 30079.

**Deferred for 30 days, until March 22, 2022**

[2022-1184](#)

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

A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of an Unredeemed and Unforeclosed Interest in Property at 3152 Zion Street, Scottdale, GA 30079.

**Deferred for 30 days, until March 22, 2022**

#### Human Services



[2022-1189](#)**Commission District(s): All**

Acceptance of an Additional \$210,000 in CARES Act Funds from the Atlanta Regional Commission for the Provision of Congregate Meals & Transportation to Seniors during the Ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic- At No Cost to the County

**Deferred to the next meeting, until March 8, 2022**

**Public Works - Roads & Drainage**[2022-1127](#)**Commission District(s): Commission District 4 Sign Topper**

Approval (No Cost to the County)

**Deferred to the next meeting, until March 8, 2022**

**Public Works - Transportation**[2022-1153](#)**Commission District(s): 2 and 6**

Project Agreement with PATH Foundation for South Fork Peachtree Creek Trail  
- Sagamore Hills Neighborhood Connector

**Deferred to the next meeting, until March 8, 2022**

**Purchasing & Contracting**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee*

[2021-3591](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1269012 for use by Police Services (PS). Consists of the purchase, installation and service of twenty-five (25) Flock Safety ALPR Cameras. This request is to change the funding source. Awarded to: Flock Group Inc. dba Flock Safety ALPR Cameras and Solution. Amount Not To Exceed: \$131,250.00.

**Approved**

[2022-1226](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO 6 - Purchase of Trailers (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew) Contract No. 1109393 for Public Works - Sanitation: for use by Fire Rescue (DCFS). This contract consists of providing mobile office trailers. Awarded to McGrath Rentcorp dba Modular Management Corporation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$51,898.44.

**Approved**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*

[2022-1125](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Juniper: for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-SPD-T20120501-0013 for the maintenance and support of the County's Juniper network equipment. Awarded to Layer 3 Communications, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$315,241.58.

**Deferred to the next meeting, until March 8, 2022**

[2022-1129](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Palo Alto: for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let GSA Contract No. GS-035F-0119Y for the maintenance and support of the County's Palo Alto network equipment. Awarded to Layer 3 Communications, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$459,240.08.

**Deferred to the next meeting, until March 8, 2022**

[2022-1133](#)**Commission District(s): All**

SS - Application Maintenance and Support for DeKalb County Gov CX City 311 (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). Consists of providing the annual maintenance and support for the DeKalb County Gov CX City 311. Awarded to Speridian Technologies, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$212,640.00.

**Approved**

[2022-1134](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1258332 for On Call Soils & Materials Testing, Surveying Services and Structural Analysis (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM), Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Public Works -Transportation, Public Works - Roads & Drainage and Department of Waste Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing geotechnical and geo-environmental evaluations for evaluation the engineering constructability and/or potential environmental risks of multiple sites through the County. Awarded to MATRIX Engineering Group, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$448,425.00.

**Approved**

[2022-1144](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

LB - Invitation No. 21-101442-Lubricants (Annual Contract with 2 Options To Renew): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management and the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the purchase of lubricants (motor oil, hydraulic fluids, transmission fluids, etc.) used for county vehicles and on-site-equipment. Recommend Award to: Dilmar Oil Co., The McPherson Companies, Lubrication Engineers, Inc., Taylor Enterprises, Inc. and Cadence Petroleum. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$690,000.00.

**Deferred to the next meeting, until March 8, 2022**

[2022-1216](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 5 to Contract No. 1070633 for the Purchase of New Computers, Laptops, Scanners, and Accessories: for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). 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. Awarded to Dell Marketing, L.P. Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,000,000.00

**Deferred to the next meeting, until March 8, 2022**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee*

[2022-1126](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CA - Cooperative Agreement No. 081721-RMT, Public Restrooms & Other Structures: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of the design, purchase and installation of pool & aquatic buildings, shower houses and multi-purpose buildings for the Pool Renovation Project at NH Scott Recreation Center. Awarded to Romtec, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,885,000.00.

**Deferred to the next meeting, until March 8, 2022**

[2022-1165](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CA - Sourcewell Cooperative Agreement No. 071619-MSL for Sports Lighting with Related Supplies and Services: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of the purchase and installation of lighting and related supplies and services for improvements at Truelove Park. Awarded to: Musco Sports Lighting, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$500,000.00.

**Deferred to the next meeting, until March 8, 2022**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee*

[2021-3435](#)**Commission District(s): All**

RA - Hot Asphaltic Mix (Emergency): for use by Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). Consists of multiple asphalt projects throughout DeKalb County. Metro Materials, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$500,000.00

**Deferred to the next meeting and assign to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board March 3, 2022**

[2021-3524](#)**Commission District(s): All**

LB - Invitation No. 21-101362 Sanitary Sewer Easement Clearing (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of clearing vegetation along the County's sanitary sewer system easements. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Total Outdoor, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed \$6,047,700.00.

**Deferred to the next meeting and assign to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board March 3, 2022**

[2022-1025](#)**Commission District(s): All**

LB - Invitation No. 21- 101387 Road Construction Signs (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing various road construction signs and sign stands. Recommend award to the sole bidder who is responsive and responsible: Korman Signs, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$614,646.00.

**Deferred to the next meeting and assign to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board March 3, 2022**

[2022-1070](#)**Commission District(s): All**

RFP - Request for Proposals No. 20-500544 On Call Engineering Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing on call engineering services that primarily includes engineering studies, design, land surveying, construction administration, and related services for water and wastewater projects under the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Consent Decree (CD). Recommend award to the six (6) highest scoring proposers: Freese and Nichols - Graham Joint Venture; WSP USA, Inc.; Tetra Tech; Brown and Caldwell; CDM Smith, Inc., and Arcadis US, Inc. Total Amount Not to Exceed \$72,000,000.00.

**Deferred to the next meeting and assign to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board March 3, 2022**

[2022-1073](#)**Commission District(s): All**

LB - Invitation No. 21-101437 Manhole Rings, Covers & Valve Boxes (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the purchase of manhole rings, covers and valve boxes. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder: Metals & Materials Engineers, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,805,500.00.

**Deferred to the next meeting and assign to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board March 3, 2022**

[2022-1095](#)**Commission District(s): 3**

LB - Invitation No. 21-101434 Quarterly Barscreen and Annual Return Line Cleaning (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing quarterly cleaning of three (3) inclined multi rake bar screens and an annual cleaning of the plant return lines at the Snapfinger Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder: Metals & Materials Engineers, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$234,045.00.

**Deferred to the next meeting and assign to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board March 3, 2022**

[2022-1118](#)**Commission District(s): All**

REN - Furnish and Install Silt Fence, Sandbags, and Straw (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1213591 for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM), Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D), and Sanitation. Consists of furnishing and installing silt fencing, sandbags, and straw. Awarded to The K&E Group USA, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$129,000.00

**Deferred to the next meeting and assign to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board March 3, 2022**

[2022-1132](#)**Commission District(s): 4**

CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1171444 for Road Widening, Sidewalks, Bike Lanes (Rockbridge Road - Allgood to Rowland Road) - PI#s 008121/0012789: for use by Public Works - Transportation (PW-T). This contract consists of the widening of Rockbridge Road from Allgood to Rowland Road to allow for the construction of sidewalks and bike lanes. Awarded to E. R. Snell Contractor, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$194,499.40.

**Deferred to the next meeting and assign to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board March 3, 2022**

[2022-1162](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1149581, 1149590 and 1149595 for Tree Cutting and Removal Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Departments of Watershed (DWM), Facilities Management (FM), Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RCPA), Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D) and Public Works - Beautification (PWB). These contracts consist of providing tree cutting and removal services on an as-needed basis. Awarded to Arborserv, Inc., Casey Tree Experts, Inc. and K2R Legacy Group, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,888,462.00.

**Approved**

[2022-1163](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CA - 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 Department of Watershed Management (DWM). The contract consists of providing sewer system trenchless sewer line rehabilitation services. This request is to obtain over 71,000 linear feet of sewer line rehabilitation services; to include inspections, sewer line cleaning, external point repairs, manhole rehabilitation, and cured in place pipe lining. Awarded to SAK Construction, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$8,721,095.58.

**Deferred to the next meeting, until March 8, 2022**

[2022-1180](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract Nos.: 1128170, 1128166, and 1128178 for Professional Inspection Services: for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). These contracts consist of providing on-call professional services to inspect Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s). Awarded to Lowe Engineers, LLC, Atlas Technical Consultants, LLC, and International Design Services, Inc., d/b/a IDS Global, Inc., for CONTRACT TERM EXTENSION ONLY.

**Approved**

**Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs**

[2022-1190](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs 10-Year Master Plan

**Deferred for 30 days, until March 22, 2022**

[2022-1199](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

Building Opportunities for Out-of-School Time Grant \$119,000

**Deferred to the next meeting, until March 8, 2022**

[2022-1224](#)

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

Park Pride Grant Award DeKalb Memorial Park

**Deferred to the next meeting, until March 8, 2022**

[2022-1227](#)

**Commission District(s):** Districts 4 and 7

To Rename Split Creek Park to Rowland Neighborhood Park

**Deferred to the next meeting, until March 8, 2022**

[2022-1231](#)

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

Park Pride Grant Award for Zonolite Park

**Deferred to the next meeting, until March 8, 2022**

**Watershed Management**

[2022-1139](#)

**Commission District(s):** 4, 5 & 7

Change Order No. 3 to Agenda Item 2020-0345 Water Facilities to resurface SR124 from I-20(CSX # 279681D) to Gwinnett County Line additional \$3,100

**Deferred to the next meeting, until March 8, 2022**



[2022-1140](#)**Commission District(s): 3 & 6**

Georgia Department of Transportation Contract Item Agreement - Water and Sewer Facilities  
Project PI M004842 State Route 54 Connector from State Route 54 in Clayton County to State  
Route 42 in DeKalb County - Resurfacing

**Deferred to the next meeting, until March 8, 2022**

**Walk-on Items****2022-1298**

Add Item

**Approved**

**2022-1299****Commission District(s): District 7**

A Resolution Requesting The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County Amend Chapter  
15 Of The Code Of DeKalb County, Georgia As Revised 1988; To Provide For The  
Mandatory Used Of Video Surveillance Systems at Convenience Stores, And For Other  
Purposes

**Deferred for 30 days and assigned to the Employee Relations & Public  
Safety Committee (ERPS), and return to the Board on March 22, 2022**

**I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD****Board of Commissioners**[2021-3530](#)**Commission District(s): All Districts**

A Resolution Of The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County, Georgia To The  
General Proposing A County Organizational Act Amendment To Ensure, And  
Eliminate Impediments To, Establishment, By Ordinance, Of A Transparent And  
Efficient County Procurement System

**Deferred to the next meeting, until March 8, 2022**

[2021-3531](#)

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

A Resolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia to the DeKalb County Delegation of the General Assembly to Amend the DeKalb County Organizational Act Section 13A to Allow the Board of Commissioners to make Appointments after a 90 Day Period

**Withdrawn**

[2021-3532](#)

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

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

**Withdrawn**

**Board of Commissioners - District 1**

[2021-2853](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

A Request to Consider Establishing a Sidewalk Mapping System

**Deferred for 30 days, until March 22, 2022**

[2021-2855](#)

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

A Request to Consider Establishing County Website Update

**Deferred to the next meeting, until March 8, 2022**

**Chief Executive Office**

[2022-1045](#)

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

To Renegotiate the 1984 Grady Operating Agreement between DeKalb County, Fulton County, and the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority

**Deferred to the next meeting, until March 8, 2022**

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

[2022-1161](#)

**Commission District(s):** all

Approval of Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of January 18, 2022

**Deferred to the next meeting, until March 8, 2022**

**Purchasing & Contracting**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*

[2021-3540](#)

**Commission District(s):** ALL

RA - Ratification of Change Order No. 3 to Contract Nos. 1023197 and 1031586 for Architectural and Engineering Design Services (Multi-year Contract): for use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM) and Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). These contracts consist of the provision of architectural and engineering design services for various projects. Awarded to Brown Design Group, Inc and Pond & Company. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$777,959.00.

**Deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board March 8, 2022**

[2022-1037](#)

**Commission District(s):** ALL

CA - John Deere SLHL Backhoe with Hydraulic Breaker & Coupler: for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Sourcewell Contract No. 032119-JDC to purchase four (4) John Deere SLHL backhoes with hydraulic breakers and couplers. These units are used to excavate worksites related to water and sewer projects. Awarded to Flint Equipment Co. Amount Not To Exceed: \$430,733.00.

**Deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board March 8, 2022**

[2022-1063](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 7 to Contract No. 1070267 for Technology Solutions, Products and Services: for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT) to be used by various County departments. This contract consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Region 4 ESC/Omnia Partners Contract No: R210401 for purchasing Apple computer hardware, tablets, peripherals, printer, network gear and other approved software. Awarded to CDW Government, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,000,000.00.

**Deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board March 8, 2022**

**Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs**[2022-1102](#)**Commission District(s): 2 and 6**

Rename Rehoboth Park to Pea Ridge Park

**Approved**

[2022-1103](#)**Commission District(s): 4 and 6**

Memorial for Mrs. Sadie Sims at Washington Park

**Approved**

[2022-1104](#)**Commission District(s): 2 and 6**

Authorize allowing the Georgia Department of Transportation (“GDOT”) to Construct Sidewalks along Lavista Road.

**Approved**

[2022-1208](#)

**Commission District(s):** 4 & 7

Golf Cart Purchase for Mystery Valley

**Approved**

**Sheriff's Office**

[2022-1135](#)

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

This Grant, in the amount of \$199,500, will have a Positive Impact on All Commission Districts at No Cost to the County. For Approval of "FY2022 Law Enforcement Training Program Grant".

**Approved**

## **J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

## **K. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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