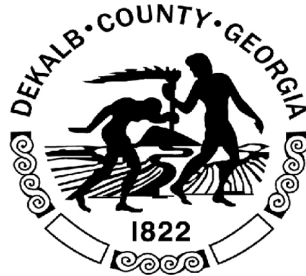


DeKalb County Government

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



Summary

Tuesday, May 24, 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

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A. INSPIRATIONAL

Dr. Steven Steinhilber, DMin- President of Luther Rice College & Seminary

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)- Good Morning Commissioners: My name is Ed Williams, I am the chair of Concerned Citizens for Effective Government. I want to encourage everyone to vote today that have not already voted and thank all the citizens who participate in our elections for making it happen and counting the votes. I stand with those that believe that citizens should have a voice and a choice. VOTE VOTE VOTE Thank You

2. Sarah Aldama, 5078 Crowe Dr. Smyrna, GA 3082- My name is Sarah Aldama. I am an estate gardener working in Atlanta and living at 5078 Crowe Dr. Smyrna, GA 3082. I have also worked in partnership with the forest service, performing rare and native plant surveys out in the high deserts of Arizona. I am writing to you as an ordinary citizen and as a land professional. The 500 acre old-growth forest (over twice the size of Piedmont Park) is an ecological record of what all of Atlanta used to be. Companies now are seeking to reduce the parcel by half and to heavily pollute what conservation land is left, further justifying land degradation down the road. While enjoying the trails available at the park, I have seen several native plant and bird species, including what is believed to be the red-cockaded woodpecker. This endangered species relies on older pine forests like the one present within this complex old-growth forest. In my line of work, it is understood that many endangered species often take refuge in the same place as a response to nearby habitat disturbance. This biologically diverse forest stands today as a wildlife sanctuary and deserves the respect of a completed, peer-reviewed environmental impact study. The study already done seems to have been pushed through the system without proper accountability. Help us, the greater public, enjoy this beautiful, intact park for generations to come. Let this city continue to be the city of trees. With great respect,

3. Stephen Binney (No Address)- Good Morning Commissioners, Mr Bradshaw, I was disappointed when I was not announced as your new Charter Review Committee selection last week but I was not surprised. Someone with high ideals and new ideas can be a dangerous appointment, like a steppin' razor. Everybody who is eligible please vote today. If we are to change our community for the better you must vote. Vote like your life depends on it because it does. Find someone who shares your ideals and brings new ideas to the table. Last Thursday, May 19th, was the 97th anniversary of the birth of Malcolm X, one of our most vocal advocates for black empowerment in this country. His mother, Louise Little, became the National recording secretary for the Marcus Garvey Movement which commanded millions of followers in the 1920s and 30s. His father was a Baptist minister and chapter president of The Universal Negro Improvement Association who appealed to President Hoover that Marcus Garvey was wrongfully arrested. Earl's civil rights activism prompted death threats from the white supremacist organization Black Legion, who killed him in 1931 lying his body across the town's trolley tracks. Police ruled the incident an accident. Some things never change do they? Or have they? Let's see. While it is true that the poverty rate among blacks has fallen from 34% to 22% over the last 50 years, it is still over two and a half times the white poverty rate of 8%. One in 5 blacks living in poverty is unacceptable. 13.4% of the US population is black. 1.4%, less than 17,000, of the top one percent in this country are black. The top white 1% households have a median net worth of \$8.3 million, whereas the top black 1%, have a median net worth of \$1.2 million. To be in the top 5%, a black household would only need a net worth of \$356,000. In contrast, white households with the same \$356,000 in net worth represent nearly 30% of white households in America, Helping blacks become home owners and business owners is the most viable way to increase their net worth but Dekalb County government seems reluctant to do so. Dekalb County, a majority black county, continues to give the majority of our tax abatements to white developers and spend our tax money on improving the sewer capacity for a white owned company like Pepsi, who finally

started a black awareness program in 2021 in response to pressure after the killing of George Floyd. Or Blackhall Studios, owned by a white millionaire real estate developer, who immediately sold it to a multi-million dollar white owned investment firm. How can a black person get a break in this majority black county? We even do our banking with Wells Fargo who has been redlining black neighborhoods across the country and in Dekalb County for decades. If things are changing it is certainly not fast enough. Waiting for riches to trickle down will not suffice. We must demand, work, and fight for economic equality. Civil Rights are good, voting rights are necessary but without economic equality how much are they really worth? Thank you for your time and consideration,

4. Penimah (No Address)- "I am here today as a concerned citizen, as someone who loves nature, and as someone who would hate to see the destruction of the beautiful, important Atlanta Forest. The Atlanta Forests are some of the last breeding regions for amphibians in the region as well as important migrating grounds for wading birds. Hundreds of species of wildlife call the Atlanta Forest home. What will happen to them if the forest is destroyed? What will happen to them if you destroy their home!? They will die, and Atlanta will have contributed greatly to the climate crisis and ever growing species extinction. The only thing that will result from the destruction of the Atlanta Forest in favor of building cop city is that the city will become less welcoming, less filled with life, less in tune with nature, and will become more violent and more polluted. Atlanta citizens clearly don't want this forest destruction to take place. That has been made apparent from the hours of public comment. Stop favoring profit, stop favoring politics, and start advocating for the citizens you serve. Do not grant approval for the land disturbance permit."

5. Trey Morrow (No Address)- My name is Trey Morrow and I'm here today to ask the Board of Commissioners to deny the land disturbance permit that Atlanta Police Department has applied for. I am also asking DeKalb County to cancel their land trade agreement with Blackhall Studios who would destroy a large portion of the so-called Atlanta Forest. I am a filmmaker by trade. I have produced and directed music videos, commercials, documentaries, and short films and I have been doing this for over a decade now. I have never once cut down a single tree to make a film. Blackhall Studios can put their soundstage somewhere else that doesn't require destroying the local environment and killing countless frogs, snakes, squirrels, bugs, birds, and other wild animals in the process. Your constituents want the the forest to remain. As far as the land disturbance permit applied for by APD: do you really want to allow a police department that doesn't even have jurisdiction in your county to build a massive training facility here and cut down potentially hundreds of acres of precious forest to do it? Be on the right side of history. It would be a shame to have to tell your kids and grandkids that you were a part of the council that allowed the forest to be destroyed. Please deny APD's permit request and cancel the land swap with Blackhall Studios. Protect the Forest. Thank you for your time.

6. Samuel Parker Short, 5233 Fontainebleau Ct. 30360 Dunwoody Ga- Does the City of Atlanta need a new training facility for its public safety officers? Yes. Should that facility be built at the expense of Dekalb residents? No. The deal that has been crafted takes advantage of the low income and underserved communities surrounding the South Atlanta forest. This deal was not crafted with the interests of Dekalb residents in mind. The City of Atlanta has imposed a financial and social burden upon our County, targeting an underserved part of South Dekalb to save itself money while pursuing better services for their own city. Our board of commissioners should look to pursue better services for our residents, and should advocate for the interests of Dekalb residents whose voice has not been fully considered in this process. Please use your voice and your

vote to stop this project and advocate for those you represent, instead of another government entity. Dekalb is being taken advantage of in this deal, and the community is loudly saying. NO. Advocate for your constituents not the Atlanta City Council and the APF.

7. Ysabel Martinez (No Address)- To whom it may concern- the land disturbance permit is in violation of the requirements of the legislation. The community has not been given site plans, and adequate environmental testing not conducted. You will be perpetuating the environmental racism that ravages the South, and country as a whole.

8. Christian Wetzel (No Address)- I am a Dekalb county resident that vehemently stands against the tree cutting and land clearing in south Dekalb. Clearing an undeveloped green space to make room for unnecessary police training grounds stands against every tenant of environmental stewardship and community care. When the last forest is gone and the last creek runs dry our children will ask us why we let this happen. Not one tree and not one blade of grass. I write comment this from outside the closed doors of this public meeting.

9. Samantha Severin, 2185 second avenue Unit B Decatur GA 30032 - Hello, thank you for taking my comment. I am writing in opposition to the police training facility. Tearing down the forest to make room for this facility WILL create the conditions for flooding. This will affect neighborhoods of ALL incomes. Furthermore, we have seen NO evidence that harsher policing reduces crime. What we do know reduces crime is affordable housing, fully-funded schools, and social services. If the intent is to reduce crime, building this facility will not produce those results. Tearing down the forest creates the conditions for deadly floods. The police training facility is a great idea if we want our homes, schools, and businesses to be destroyed in a flood. In addition, there is no evidence that a more militarized police force has any impact on lowering crime. There is no upside to this project. Please deny the APD permit. Whatever corporate money is at stake is NOT worth destroying the forest. If that forest gets torn town, the city will become UNINHABITABLE. We are talking drastically higher temperatures and floods, which will impact every single resident of Decatur, Atlanta, and surrounding areas. Every person, every home, and every business will be at risk of destruction if the forest disappears. Do not approve this permit. The reason Atlanta doesn't suffer the drastic effects of flooding that other major cities experience is because the south Atlanta forest protects us. If it goes, we do not have the infrastructure to deal with the floods its destruction will cause.

10. Brittany Wages, 1866 Iona Dr SE Atlanta Ga 30316- I am writing from outside the "public" meeting to ask the Board of Commissioners not to approve the land disturbance permit for APF. Dekalb County residents were not given a chance to have their voices heard on the destruction of our natural spaces. APF's plans do not benefit the citizens of Dekalb county or metro Atlanta as a whole and would instead subject us to increased pollution, noise, and overly militarized police presence. The environmental impacts alone should be enough to reject this proposal. South Dekalb isn't a dumping ground for destructive projects that Atlanta officials falsely claim a need for. Our children deserve to grow up in the "City in the Forest" that we chose as our homes.

11. Johnny Lukewarm (No Address)- The APD training facility has made its way through the approval process without remote democratic support. Worse yet, APD has lied about the proposal's environmental impact, promising environmental and social disturbances far beneath reality. Granting permit #1245564 will be ruinous for Atlanta communities and will further our city's slide into violent carceral hell. Stop cop city! Do not

approve permit #1245564!

12. Alison Clark, 1691 Boulder Walk Drive Atlanta, GA 30316- Good morning, I am writing as a resident of the Boulder Walk Community - the community sharing a property boundary with the City of Atlanta property slated to become the new Atlanta Public Safety Training Center. The training center facility is in many ways the best option for our community in that it is being constructed as a campus with public use aspects that will allow for community engagement, usable trails, and added connectivity. Even more, the development means that the current bomb range located 500ft. from our community will move a 1/2 mile away with barriers to help mitigate noise impacts on the surrounding communities and bullet catch devices to allow for a more environmentally friendly operation. Community input has led to the removal of explosives from the site as well as site plan updates that allow the facility to fit seamlessly into the community and work to the benefit of those living in close proximity. I know there has been opposition to the project; primarily from those who wish to see the land preserved as green space and those who are concerned about the state of policing in the United States. While I understand the considerations of these groups and even share some of their concerns, I feel it is unrealistic to expect the land to remain unused and/or allow for continued trespass of individuals treating the property as public land. Instead, the projected use incorporates usable green space and legal public access. As for the state of policing in the United States, there are some serious problems that undoubtedly must be addressed as the bad acts of some have exposed challenges in policing. The solution requires the most robust training possible and enhanced engagement between community and police. This state of the art facility allows for just that and is a step in the right direction. While I am not writing in my capacity as such, it is appropriated for me to disclose that I serve as the Chair of the Community Stakeholder Advisory Committee for this development. Our work has allowed and will continue to allow the project to move forward with community input as a prioritized consideration, thus allowing the impacted community to shape the project in a way that can work for all parties involved. With that, I urge you to vote in favor of the permits required to move this project forward.

13. Arin Yost, 24 Covington Highway, Avondale Estates- Dear DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, My name is Arin Yost and I live at 24 Covington Highway, Avondale Estates, in DeKalb County. I am writing to ask you to deny the Atlanta Police Foundation's application for a land disturbance permit to destroy important forest in Southwest DeKalb (permit #1245564). Atlanta is a city in the forest, but we cannot keep this identity if we do not preserve our vital natural resources. This land plays an integral role in the region's ecosystem, and destroying acres of old growth forest is reckless. Furthermore, the Atlanta Police Foundation has not completed the legally binding requirements put forward in the original city ordinance proposing this construction, such as noise disruption, environmental impact, and/or engagement of local partners. I believe that no one is above the law, and ask you to enforce these mandates before approving a permit for the APF. Finally, I ask you to think of the future of DeKalb County and its residents. DeKalb County is not a dumping ground for the city of Atlanta's problems. DeKalb County's forests & suburbs are not a shooting range. DeKalb County's residents come before bulldozers. If you, like me, believe this is and should be true, then I ask you to vote to deny the Atlanta Police Foundations application for a land disturbance permit. Thank you for your consideration,

14. Jordan Keesler, 24 Covington Highway, Avondale Estates- Dear DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, My name is Arin Yost and I live at 24 Covington Highway, Avondale Estates, in DeKalb County. I am writing to ask you to deny the Atlanta Police Foundation's application for a land disturbance

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15. Alain Aldama, 5078 Crowe Dr, Smyrna, Ga- My name is Alain Aldama, 5078 Crowe Dr, Smyrna, Ga. I have grown up with a love a nature, an environment too many children are being deprived of. The loss of 500 acres of continuous old growth forest for commercial gain is in my opinion a criminal act against the next generation. The short term gains of clear cutting this remaining patch of forest against the long term benefits are clear to see. The biodiversity and endangered plants and animals that call this land home will be lost to the greater Atlanta area. The environment impact study was poorly done with no peer review worth mentioning. You don't need a PHD, to see this is a bad idea chasing short term gains. This old growth forest can become an environmental laboratory for Georgia Tech and seed bank for the future. Atlanta does not need another movie studio. The police need a training facility BUT NOT HERE. Keep the greater Atlanta area a green place, living in harmony and respect with the natural world. Mankind, with all our knowledge, can not rebuild an old growth forest once it is gone. Protect our future. Sincerely,

16. Aileen de la Torre, 2407 Sherbrooke Drive NE Atlanta GA 30345- I vehemently oppose a land permit to construct a police training facility in an environmentally sensitive area. You have heard over and over again from thousands of metro Atlanta residents to not move forward. I urge you to listen.

17. Julianna Money, 66 Howard St SE Atlanta, GA 30317- Thank you for receiving my comment. I'm commenting in regards to APD's appropriation of Intrenchment Creek Park public land for a cop training facility. Not only has the city egregiously bypassed the proper channels of approval for appropriating this land, but the proposed use of the land itself is inherently harmful and dangerous. We need the cloud cover of the trees on this land. We need this area of natural wetland as a last habitation for me animals that reside there. The chemical runoff alone from a police training facility would be extremely harmful to the animals nearby, as well as contaminate the water there. At this juncture, I would appreciate our city officials showing that they actually care about something more than corporate money and clout. We must think of our future as a city - what are we planting for future generations?

18. Christian Wetzel, 1866 IONA DR SE- I am a Dekalb county resident that vehemently stands against the tree cutting and land clearing in south Dekalb. Clearing an undeveloped green space to make room for unnecessary police training grounds stands against every tenant of environmental stewardship and community care. When the last forest is gone and the last creek runs dry our children will ask us why we let this happen. Not one tree and not one blade of grass. I write comment this from outside the closed doors of this public

meeting.

19. Savanah Denning (No Address)- Hello, My name is Savanah Denning. I have been an Atlanta resident for 8 years and a Decatur resident for 4. I am a certified permaculture designer, a certified sustainable urban agriculture technician, and I hold a dual degree in political economics and environmental horticulture. I have spent the last 7 years involved in green industry and sustainability efforts in this area. I am asking the board to deny land disturbance permit #1245564, which allows tree clearing in the south river forest. This land, perhaps the last and largest unprotected wilderness area inside the perimeter, has intact ecological function. It stores rainwater in its deep untouched debris layer, preventing flooding of all the surrounding communities. Grading removes, destroys, and compacts the living soil. The deep forests condition the air, cooling temperatures by as much as 20 degrees. These trees are literally the stored carbon breaths of our ancestors. The land surrounding them is sacred and has a deep, wounded history of being stolen, becoming a site of oppression as plantations, then as a prison farm, and now through environmental racism in the polluted soils and waters... are we supposed to accept the destruction of this forest? No. The forest is trying to heal this history of oppression with an interconnected riot of life. I have personally seen puddles on a foot trail in this forest so full of life that they contained hundreds of tadpoles nearing adulthood. Doing your part to save this treasure by saying no to land disturbance permit 1245564, is an action i believe this board must take, for the safety of our peoples and our descendants. I have included pictures so you can see what you are choosing. 1. A weaving and stitching depicting the land hung in the forest as an art exhibition. 2- 3 The forest after grading. You can see a "priority tree" which has been "saved" in further detail in picture 3, demonstrating the inadequacy of the ordinance in protecting life. This is what approving LDP 1245564 will do. 4. The forest, this site slated for destruction and is not 1000 feet from the raised sites in pictures 2 and 3. This is what denying LDP 1245564 will protect.

20. Bee Johnson (No Address)- Good morning, I am a concerned resident writing to express my complete opposition to the proposed land disturbance permits requested by the APD in Dekalb County. The proposed project of the APD, "Cop City," is not the kind of project we want in our county (or any county). The forest and land that would be "disturbed" are crucial for containing storm waters and soil erosion and for mitigating the effects of pollution and climate change. Furthermore, this is not a project that supports our community—we want funding for education, health care, and housing, not an increasingly militarized police force. Dekalb County must decide which side of history it wants to be on—that of the community, the Earth, and justice, or that of destruction, violence, and oppression. I ask you to deny these permits to the APD, to choose bravely what is right for this community and this land. Sincerely,

21. Autumn Rivers (No Address)- Hello! My name is Autumn and I am a lifelong resident of Atlanta. Currently I stay up river and he still in east atlanta village, but my grandparents and other elders - who have recently been hospitalized - stay down river in the district and Conley, Ellenwood and, Decatur. Yesterday, my water tasted sulfuric and it felt like a preview to what's to come in this community if we allow cop city to destroy our watershed. Water is essential to life, and I noticed that my older is already depend on bottled water instead of our natural resources. I know that if this project goes through it will affect the water that they bay then, cook with, used to clean their bodies before they take intravenous medication for insulin and other ailments. I am pleading with the commissioners and next generation of representatives to stop this project in its tracks and consider creating a heritage site, like the cultural heritage corridors of the sea islands, or the or a state park with this site instead of a cop training facility. For more in the historical significance of this area,

please check out this episode of archive Atlanta about the old prison farm and it's history as a burial ground for zoo animals, a prison labor camp, and also a site of Indian removal. As an African-American human rights activist, archaeologist, and environmentalist, I am horrified to still be having to make public comments about this situation. It seems abundantly clear that the scientists, elders, and youth are together in saying - Stop Cop City Now. I hope you will listen to the podcast to learn more about the significance of the space and why it should not be degraded. Start at about 15 minutes to hear about how the history of zoos in atlanta connect to this site. https://open.spotify.com/episode/2I3LyYdF18R6uL7Asw5PRw?si=M5mIVJ_kSqO35wFAfKFQMw&t=950

22. Justin Taylor (No Address)- You have got to be kidding me. How dare you let such an egregious thing that is a violation of your own laws go on. All it takes is you issuing an injunction or some maneuver that will prevent the project from moving forward. I want to be as civil as possible so this comment makes it in but god dang it's so hard not to cuss a blue streak at yall. What is the point of all this right to redress if there is no recourse to make the county of DeKalb stop this encroachment? What are the options? You could use eminent domain. You could send a cease a desist to APF. Putting cute little STOP IT signs by their cuts into the forest doesn't seem to be stopping it and the DeKalb police seem to be aiding and abetting the encroachment on this critical rivershed. Why can't you all do anything right? Shame on all of the commissioners who have been absolutely unhelpful in the face of such an on its face racist and violent militarization of police. This issue concerns us all the way to Palestinians who will live under the apartheid spread by the GILEE program when the IOF trains at the new facility. All power to the resistance in the forest! God damn all the police working to protect their dignity. There is nothing but shame for the violence they carry out by enforcing racialized capitalism. Let me know when a DeKalb county comish wants to talk at all about immediate injunctive relief of any kind. This is all blood on your hands. STOP COP CITY. STOP THE SWAP. Will you be yet another public official to act out of step with the consent of the governed? Do something that would make your grandma or children proud of you.

23. Brad Beadles (No Address)- The Atlanta Police Foundation has not performed a Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessment according to ASTE standards. Instead, they have only performed a Limited Site Investigation, which does not meet the standards set forth by ASTE. APF is actively defrauding their investors, the county, and the residents by claiming that they have completed a Phase 2 environmental study, when it is clearly not the case. In the LSI report by Terracon, they specifically mention that the LSI is NOT in fact a Phase 2 ESA. The City of Atlanta and the Atlanta Police Department have a long history of destroying and polluting this piece of property. They currently and regularly detonate bombs in the forest and shoot firearms towards Intrenchment Creek in two separate outdoor firing ranges that do not meet the EPA standards set forth for outdoor shooting ranges. The proposed APSTC will only increase the amount of heavy metal pollutants being dumped into the soil and the water. They cannot receive a land disturbance permit for such reckless and destructive behavior.

24. Dorothy D. Stucki (No Address)- Hello, Please do not give the APF a land disturbance permit. We need to preserve the Atlanta forest to help prevent climate change. Thank you for your consideration.

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, May 24, 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.

Planning & Sustainability

[2022-1599](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

Small Box Discount Store Moratorium Extension.

Approved to extend the Small Box Discount Store Moratorium until July 31, 2022

E. APPEALS

NONE

F. APPOINTMENTS

Board of Commissioners - District 3

[2022-1666](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approve Appointment of J. Caroline Freeman as Associate Judge of the Probate Court of DeKalb County, Georgia, and Approve the Compensation for said Position at an Annual Salary of \$129,377

Deferred to the next meeting, until June 14, 2022

Board of Commissioners - District 4[2022-1647](#)**Commission District(s):** District 4

Approve the Appointment of Dr. Gerald D. Austin Sr. to the Charter Review
Commission

Approved**Chief Executive Office**[2022-1654](#)**Commission District(s):** All

Appointment to the Fulton - DeKalb Hospital Authority (Grady) - Patrice L.
Basanta-Henry, MD

Deferred to the next meeting, until June 14, 2022**G. CONSENT AGENDA****Airport**[2022-1582](#)**Commission District(s):** 1 and 6

Standardized T-Hangar Lease Agreement with Murray Forbes. There is no cost
to the County.

Approved the substitute[2022-1591](#)**Commission District(s):** 1 and 6

Termination of Standardized T-Hangar Lease Agreement with Jim Flock. There
is no cost to the County.

Approved

[2022-1616](#)**Commission District(s):** 1 and 6

Standardized T-Hangar Lease Agreement with Michael C. Powell. There is no cost to the County.

Approved

Board of Commissioners[2022-1620](#)**Commission District(s):** All

Approval of Minutes for the May 17, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Approved

Board of Commissioners - District 3[2022-1667](#)**Commission District(s):** 3

Allocation to appropriate American Rescue Plan Award funds assigned to POETA Account #105744.63258.521209.01.03.602479 reserved for District 3 (Amount Not to Exceed) \$35,000 to community-based organizations to build stronger communities and to help mitigate efforts for those impacted by COVID-19 by educating and bringing awareness of the public health emergency, or its negative economic impacts

Approved

Board of Commissioners - District 6[2022-1652](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Approve a \$25,000.00 from District 6 ARP appropriation to support the Be Someone, Inc.'s Summer Break Virtual Chess and Life-Skills Instruction program.

Approved

Board of Commissioners - District 7

[2022-1648](#)**Commission District(s):** District 7

To Appropriate \$25,000 In American Rescue Plan Grant Funds Assigned to POETA Account 105744.63258.521209.01.07.602479 Reserved For The District 7 Appropriation To One Powerhouse To Mitigate The Public Health Emergency Created By The COVID-19 Pandemic

Approved**Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO**[2022-1605](#)**Commission District(s):** all

Approval of Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of May 3, 2022

Deferred to the next meeting, until June 14, 2022[2022-1632](#)**Commission District(s):** All

Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of May 10, 2022

Approved**Fire & Rescue Services**[2022-1623](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Donation of Firefighting Gear to the Terry Farrell Firefighters Fund; a 501(c)(3) organization. Estimated value \$5,000.00

Approved**Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs**[2022-1587](#)**Commission District(s):** All Districts

Building Opportunities for Out-of-School Time Summer Grant \$200,000

Approved

H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Board of Commissioners - District 6

[2022-1653](#)

Commission District(s): All DeKalb County Commission Districts

Approve a \$100,000.00 District 6 ARP appropriation that will be dispersed in \$25,000.00 annual increments over the next 4 years to support the DeKalb Community Service Board's APEX Program Summer Camp program.

Deferred to the next meeting, until June 14, 2022

[2022-1656](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

To Amend the Code of DeKalb County, Georgia, As Revised 1988, Chapter 20, Article VIII, to Recognize General Election Day as a Paid County Holiday.

Deferred to the next meeting, until June 14, 2022

Finance

[2022-1596](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Resolution authorizing membership in ACCG-Interlocal Risk Management Agency Supplemental Medical Accident and Disability Fund to obtain/maintain firefighter cancer insurance

Approved

GIS Department

[2022-1627](#)

Commission District(s): 2 & 6

To consider consenting to the deannexation of property located at 250 West Parkwood Road, Decatur, GA, 30030.

Deferred to the next meeting, until June 14, 2022

Juvenile Court

[2022-1600](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Request for Approval of Contract in the Amount Not to Exceed \$125,000 with Construction Education Foundation of Georgia (CEFGA)

Deferred to the next meeting, until June 14, 2022

Public Works

[2022-1592](#)

Commission District(s): 4 & 7

Approval and ratification of work completed for expended funds made by HEH Paving, Inc. for Contract No. 1183559 - 2019 LMIG Road Resurfacing Contract in the amount of \$76,254.15 for use by The Department of Public Works. This contract consisted of patching, milling and resurfacing of County roads.

Approved

Public Works - Transportation

[2022-1668](#)

Commission District(s): 5 and 7

Memorandum of Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for Additional Covington Highway Street Lights

Deferred to the next meeting, until June 14, 2022

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee

[2022-1534](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1234093, DeKalb Police Promotional Selection & Testing Process Services (Multiyear): for use by the Department of Police Services (PS). This contract consists of the development and administration of employment examinations and promotional testing processes for sworn personnel. Awarded to Industrial/Organizational Solutions, Inc. dba IOS. Amount Not To Exceed: \$14,765.00.

Approved

[2022-1564](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1200000 Employee Health and Benefits Consulting Services (Multi-Year): for use by Finance-Risk Management (RM). This contract consists of providing professional brokerage and consulting services related to County Employees' Health and Welfare Benefits. Awarded to Buck Global, LLC. No Cost to the County.

Approved[2022-1579](#)**Commission District(s): All**

SS - First Responder State-Specific Policy and Training Support Solution Services: for use by Fire Rescue (FR). Consists of the purchase of first responders' policy specific, training and wellness support solutions hosted application service and maintenance for two (2) additional years. Awarded to: Lexipol, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$120,735.55.

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting - to FAB Committee

[2022-1545](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

SS- Maintenance and Support of Benchmark Court Case Management Software (Sole Source-Multiyear Contract): for use by DeKalb County State Court. Consist of providing computerized maintenance and support of Benchmark Court Case Management software. Awarded to Pioneer Technology Group, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$750,000.00.

Deferred to the next meeting, until June 14, 2022

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2022-1223](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1167962 and 1167964 for Decals for County Vehicles: for use by the Departments of Police Services (PS), Fire Rescue Services (FR) and Fleet Management. This contract consists of providing the production and installation of vinyl decals for County vehicles. Awarded to: AKO Signs, Inc. and Fru-Art Company, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$132,000.00.

Approved

[2022-1536](#)**Commission District(s): 1 & 6**

RA - Ratification to PO# 1288285 for Runway Incursion Mitigation - PDK 11 - Taxiway Improvements: for use by the DeKalb Peachtree (PDK) Airport. Consists of the removal and replacement of existing runway materials including replacement of runway lighting and markings as required to enhance airport safety. Recommend approval to ratify the project with Astra Group, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$48,935.49.

Approved

[2022-1539](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

LB-Invitation No. 21-101474 Purchase of Tires, Including Recapping & Repair (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for Public Works-Fleet Management. Consists of the purchase of new tires & tubes, tire recapping and/or repair services. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Action Tire Co., Atlanta Commercial Tire, Best Drive Tire, LLC., J&R Tire, Inc., Nextire Commercial, Inc. & Southern Tire Mart, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,350,000.00.

Deferred to the next meeting, until June 14, 2022

[2022-1541](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

SS- Sole Source for Cityworks Maintenance and Support for the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). Consist of support and updates for the Cityworks software, which is currently being used by various county departments for their public asset and work management solutions. Awarded To: Azteca Systems LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$210,000.00

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee

[2022-1590](#)**Commission District(s): 3 and 6**

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Construction Services: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Sourcewell EZIQC Contract No. GA-ST03-040820-LRI for the provision of repair services for the boardwalk at Constitution Lakes Park. Awarded to JOC Construction, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$422,066.03

Deferred to the next meeting, until June 14, 2022

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2022-1407](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 5 to Contract No. 1034381 for Engineering Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing on-call engineering services that primally includes engineering studies, design, land surveying and construction administration services for water and sewer consent decree projects in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). This request is to increase funding. Awarded to Black & Veatch Corporation. Total Amount Not to Exceed \$1,719,907.00.

Approved

[2022-1415](#)**Commission District(s): 3 & 6**

REN - Household Hazardous Waste Collection (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1256295 for the use by the Department of Public Works - Sanitation. This contract consists of collecting, handling, packing and lawfully transporting household hazardous waste. Awarded to: MXI Environmental Services, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed \$150,000.00.

Approved

[2022-1453](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 3 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 the contract term through December 31, 2023. Awarded to Granite Inliner, LLC. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY.

Approved

[2022-1522](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract Nos.:1151237 and 1151240 for Right of Way Mowing and Lawn Maintenance (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Sanitation and Beautification (PW-S/B). These contracts consist of providing six (6) rounds of mowing and lawn maintenance services at 128 right-of-way locations; every six (6) weeks. Awarded to Flex Landscaping, LLC and Executive Realty Solutions, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$700,825.72.

Approved

[2022-1523](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

AP-6 Yard Dump Truck: for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Statewide Contract No. 99999-001-SPD00000155 to purchase two (2) additional 6 yard dump trucks in order to transport dirt and gravel throughout DeKalb County for repairs and installations. Awarded to Rush Truck Centers of Georgia, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$251,332.08.

Approved[2022-1525](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order 1 to Contract Nos.: 1167100 and 1169273 County Abatement Lot Mowing and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Sanitation and Beautification (PW-S/B) These contracts consist of mowing and maintenance services for the County's abated locations. Awarded to Executive Realty Solutions, Inc. and Pro Cutters Lawnsapes, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$180,575.00.

Approved[2022-1533](#)**Commission District(s): All**

REN - Compressed Natural Gas (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1219152 for use by Public Works-Sanitation. This contract consists of purchasing compressed natural gas fuel for the County's CNG vehicles on an as needed basis. Awarded to AFS DeKalb Georgia, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$960,000.00.

Approved[2022-1604](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract 1100349 Land and Easement Acquisition Services (Annual Contract with 3 Options to Renew): for use by Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing land and easement acquisition services and other related activities to land and easement acquisition. Awarded to Atlas Technical Consultants, LLC (fka Moreland Altobelli Associates, LLC). CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY

Approved

[2022-1614](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 5 to Contract No. 1177081 Trenchless Sewer Line Rehabilitation and Construction and Televising Inspection Services (Savannah Contract: Event No. 5937/Buyer Contract No. 886 [DeKalb Cooperative Agreement]): for use by Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract is a cooperative agreement and consists of providing sewer line rehabilitation services; to primarily include inspections, sewer line cleaning, and cured in place pipe. This request is to increase the contract scope of work, term through December 31, 2024, and funding. This request will allow for the continuation of existing sanitary sewer line rehabilitation services. Awarded to Insituform Technologies, LLC. Amount Not to Exceed \$29,190,530.39.

Deferred to the next meeting, until June 14, 2022

[2022-1624](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 6 for Contract Nos.: 1063844, 1063841, and 1068774 Annual Water & Sewer Construction (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). These contracts consist of primarily providing installation and repair of water and sewer pipes in various sizes. This request seeks to increase the contract funding and term through June 30, 2023. Awarded to GS Construction, Inc., SD&C, Inc., and The Renee Group/CamKen Consulting (RGI/CamKen JV). Total Amount Not to Exceed: \$18,782,452.91.

Deferred to the next meeting, until June 14, 2022

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs[2022-1628](#)**Commission District(s): All**

Mystery Valley Addition of \$2.00 Capital Improvement Project Fee

Deferred to the next meeting, until June 14, 2022

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD**Board of Commissioners - District 6**[2021-3338](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

To Amend Chapter 20, Article X concerning domestic partnerships.

Deferred for 30 days, due until June 28, 2022[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 to the next meeting, until June 14, 2022[2022-1543](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

A Resolution of the DeKalb County Governing Authority to Adopt a Vision and Transition Plan for all library landscapes in DeKalb County by 2023

Deferred to the next meeting, until June 14, 2022**Board of Commissioners - District 7**[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 to the next meeting, until June 14, 2022**Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO**

[2022-1560](#)**Commission District(s): All**

Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of April 26, 2022

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to FAB Committee

[2022-1537](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1089899 for Maintenance and Support of Benchmark Court Case Management Software: for use by DeKalb County State Court. Consists of proving computerized maintenance and support of Benchmark Court Case Management software. Awarded to Pioneer Technology Group, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$147,070.00.

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2022-1540](#)**Commission District(s): All**

LB - Invitation No. 21-101476 - Seminole Road Landfill Cell Construction Phase 3, Unit 2, Cell 3N and Unit 4, Cells 4N and 5N: for use by Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of the construction of Cells 3N, 4N and 5N at the Seminole Road Landfill to continue providing waste disposal capacity for the residents of DeKalb County. Recommend award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder: Morgan Corporation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$21,185,943.45.

Approved

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs

[2022-1190](#)**Commission District(s):** All

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs 10-Year Master Plan

Approved[2022-1524](#)**Commission District(s):** Districts 3 and 6

NH Scott Recreation Center Donation From Atlanta Hawks

Approved**Walk-On Items****2022-1706**

Add Item

Approved[2022-1707](#)**Commission District(s):** All

Appointment to the Fulton - DeKalb Hospital Authority (Grady) - Bernard

Taylor, Sr., Esq

Deferred to the next meeting, until June 14, 2022**2022-1708**

Add Item

Approved**2022-1709****Commission District(s):** District 5

An item to allocate \$100,000 of the American Rescue Plan funds, reserved for District 5 appropriations to the District 5 Senior Home Repair Program administered by the DeKalb County Community Development Department for the purpose of providing home repairs to District 5 Seniors who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic

Approved

2022-1710 Add Item
Approved

2022-1711

Commission District(s): District 5

An item to allocate \$75,000 of the proceeds from the Pleasantdale Park Sale reserved for District 5 to the Arabia Mountain Heritage Alliance for the purposes of renovation and expansion of the Historic Ragsdale House

Approved

2022-1712 Add Item
Approved

2022-1713

Commission District(s): District 5

An item to allocate \$50,000 of the American Rescue Plan funds, reserved for District 5 appropriations to the Metro Atlanta YMCA for the purposes of providing summer aquatic programming to District 5 Seniors

Approved

2022-1714 Add Item
Approved

2022-1715

Commission District(s): District 5

An item to transfer \$5,000 from the District 5 reserve for appropriations account to the Office of Youth Services for the purposes of programming cost for the DeKalb County Youth Commission leadership program

Approved to allocate \$50,000.00 to the Office of Youth Services

***Item 2022-1715 was rescinded via Item 2022-1796 and was Normal Coursed via Item 2022-1794 during the June 14, 2022 Board of Commissioners Meeting.**

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.