

# DeKalb County Government

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



## Summary

**Tuesday, December 20, 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

## **A. INSPIRATIONAL**

Sergeant John Chapman- United States Marines

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Jeff Rader- District 2

## **B. PRESENTATIONS**

Salute to Commissioner Jeff Rader

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

The purpose of public comment is to allow the public to voice county-related requests, concerns or opinions during the Commission meeting. Speakers will only have the opportunity for one public comment per meeting. Public comments may be made in person or submitted by sending an email no longer than one page to [PublicComments@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:PublicComments@dekalbcountyga.gov) which must be received between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Only those emails received during the allotted time may be read aloud. Public comment emails received outside of the allotted time will be included in the public comment record for the next meeting after receipt of those emails. The body of your email must include your first and last name, followed by your address. By submitting an email for public comment at any time, you agree to have your name, address and email entered into the record/minutes. Each in-person speaker must complete a speaker card and present it to the clerk before the beginning of the public comment portion of the meeting.

Cards must be turned in to the clerk from the time the general meeting is convened (generally 9 A.M.) and by the beginning of public comment portion generally following presentations on the agenda. The clerk will accept cards on a first-come, first-served basis. Prior to the clerk's call for public comment, in-person speakers who are residents of DeKalb County shall be allowed to speak before residents of other counties are allowed to speak. Once the public comment portion of the meeting begins, speaker cards will no longer be accepted. Speakers will be allowed to speak for three minutes each and public comment shall not exceed 30 minutes in length. When the buzzer sounds to indicate that time has run out, the speaker will be expected to immediately cease speaking and to yield the podium. Those in-person attendees who submitted speaker cards but did not speak because of the time allotment will be allowed to speak first at the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting without regard to residence. If time remains in the proscribed public comment portion of said meeting, email comments will be read into the record by the clerk or designee. Any remaining email public comments received between 9:00 am and 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting not read into the record will be submitted into the minutes by the clerk or designee and shall be forwarded to each commissioner by email. Speakers should always talk directly into the microphone and begin by stating their name, full address and the name of any organization they represent. Abusive, profane or derogatory language, holding up signs, clapping, yelling, standing or laying in the aisles to show support for or opposition to a speaker will not be permitted, but a show of hands or quietly standing in place will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker's position.

**Public Comments: December 20, 2022-Unread Emails**

1. Rebecca (No Address)- Hi there! I wanted to voice my support for the Declaration for Reproductive Freedom. I'm appalled watching the state of Georgia take a step backwards on women's health with HB 481 and am thrilled that DeKalb County has a chance to speak out and say that we won't put resources behind such a cruel, harmful bill. I hope that the County Commissioners will show that they value women's health and rights more than our state government does right now. Thank you,
2. Shel Speegle, 2822 Royal Bluff, Decatur, GA 30030- Hello, My name is Shel Speegle I live at 2822 Royal Bluff, Decatur, GA 30030. I am emailing you because i am concerned about reproductive justice in Georgia, Did you know it is safer for a black woman to have an abortion than it is for her to give birth in the US? The United States has the highest mother mortality rate for childbirth in all developed countries. Denying a woman the right to an abortion is the same as handing her a gun with one bullet in the chamber and forcing her to play russian roulette. Giving birth is one of the most deadly things a woman can do, do not force birth on them! Second there is no reason to ban abortion when the foundation of america is separation from church and state. Let women live, give women freedom, vote yes on The Declaration for Reproductive Freedom! Thank you for your time.
3. Lisa Jouet, 433 Highland Ave NE Apt 1110 Atlanta GA 30312- The Declaration for Reproductive Freedom (DRF) was introduced in Dekalb County the Summer of 2022 and has still not been brought to vote.
  - Healthcare is a fundamental human right and should never be banned or criminalized.
  - Access to abortion care has been proven to decrease maternal mortality. With Georgia leading the country in maternal death, it's a public health imperative to prevent criminalization of people providing and seeking abortion care. Meeting after meeting, our commissioners have delayed this decision. We want to make sure that you all live up to your end-of-year deadline and vote on this TODAY. We need to get this passed. Sincerely,
4. Efia Miles (No Address)- Good morning. I am a 45-year-old woman and a DeKalb County resident for the past 30 years. I'm a product of a large Southern, religious and military family. I am 2nd generation college-educated and have held a professional license as a clinical social worker in the state of Georgia since 2016. I had an abortion when I was 28 and I have never regretted my decision. About a year later, I ended up working at one of the oldest abortion clinics in Atlanta as one of the counselors that patients see just before the procedure. I was tasked with confirming their certainty and recommending that anyone expressing even a modicum of doubt or a change of heart cancel their procedure. I spoke to hundreds of women and girls and no two stories were alike. There were mothers who couldn't afford to feed another child, women frustrated that their insurance plans covered Viagra, but denied coverage for birth control, and others with debilitating medical conditions or substance use disorders or plans to leave an abusive relationship. A significant number were referred by a geneticist or obstetrician who advised of a fetal anomaly or rare genetic mishap that could prove fatal to the patient or the fetus.
5. On a day I'll never forget, I sat with a 12-year-old girl in her 2nd trimester of pregnancy, the result of incest. I explained the consent forms to her mother that would give the detective waiting outside permission to retrieve the 'products of conception' for the impending criminal case against the child's own grandfather. Whenever I hear our elected leaders fumbling with their understanding of female anatomy or trying to weaponize religion to justify oppression, I think of that little girl and wonder where she is now. I know beyond the shadow of a doubt that I would not be where I am or who I am today if I had not had the ability to make that important healthcare

decision. Having no agency over my own body could have destroyed my chances of continuing my education and becoming a healthcare provider. It also could have severely limited my earning potential, keeping me from being able to help care for my aging parents and paying more taxes to ensure essential county services continue among other things. I say all the time that you will not find people who identify as being 'ANTI-life' on the other side of the pro-life argument. Taking a stand for women's reproductive rights is the right thing to do and the majority of people in this county, state and country agree. Please vote YES on the Declaration of Reproductive Freedom. Thank you,

6. Julia Wallace, 385 Kenilworth Circle Stone Mountain Georgia- My name is Julia wallace. My address is 385 Kenilworth Circle Stone Mountain Georgia. Firstly, Please be aware that the email address on today's meeting agenda for submitting public comments is incorrect. I spoke with the receptionist who helped me find the correct email address, but other residents may not be able to submit public comments. Thank you. I want to comment in regards to the text amendment 2022-2271. I have spoken to four people in DeKalb county government, three of which are in planning and sustainability about the meaning and effects of this item. Each person has provided me with a different interpretation and vastly different possible outcomes and effects of this text amendment. I ask you to defer this item to provide more time to clarify the interpretation and scrutinize its effects to ensure a vote of confidence to represent the people of Dekalb County. Thank you.

7. Lea Iodice (No Address)- Abortion care is a part of full spectrum reproductive health care. Decriminalizing abortion can save lives of many people- and no one deserves to be criminalized for seeking essential healthcare. With Georgia being one of the states with the highest maternal mortality rates, abortion care will actually DECREASE these rates- it's imperative for abortion care to be accessible to all people who need it. It should be a decision based on the person seeking care and their doctor.

8. Jane Guthrie, 174 Locust St NE, Atlanta, GA 30317- Dear Board Commissioners, Please vote YES on the Declaration for Reproductive Freedom. As a woman, I want to be able to make decisions about my body and my health without anyone else telling me what to do. It is incredibly unjust to force women to endure unwanted pregnancies. This is a human rights issue!!! There are no laws forcing men to have vasectomies are there? Because there should be. 100% of pregnancies are caused by men. Why are they not held responsible and only women have to suffer? Each of us should be able to live, work, and make decisions about our health and our future with dignity and without fear of criminalization. Dekalb County is one of the largest and most diverse counties in Georgia and as such can play a pivotal role in ensuring that Georgians have access to the full spectrum of reproductive health services, including abortion care. Criminalizing abortion disproportionately impacts low-income people and people of color. The majority of Dekalb County constituents are people of color and there needs to be action taken swiftly to protect its constituents. HB 481 was allowed to go into effect in July. This bill bans abortion after fetal cardiac activity, around 6 weeks of pregnancy, and defines a fetus as a person under Georgia law. The bill explicitly criminalizes abortion providers and could be used to criminalize people who seek or support others to get abortion care. Counties and cities have a responsibility to prevent criminalization of their constituents for pregnancy-related decisions. Dekalb County should make a commitment to NOT put any resources towards the investigation or prosecution of people providing or seeking abortion care and ask law enforcement to do the same. No one deserves to be criminalized for seeking essential healthcare. DeKalb County Governing Authority has a responsibility to preserve and expand opportunities for all to thrive, which includes the ability to access sexual and reproductive health care.

Healthcare is a fundamental human right and should never be banned or criminalized. Access to abortion care has been proven to decrease maternal mortality. With Georgia leading the country in maternal death, it's a public health imperative to prevent the criminalization of people providing and seeking abortion care. Please for YES!

9. Hayley V. McMahon, MSPH, CPH (No Address)- To the Dekalb County Board of Commissioners: My name is Hayley McMahon, and I am a doctoral student at the Emory Rollins School of Public Health. I hold a Master of Science in Public Health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Health and a Certification in Public Health from the National Board of Public Health Examiners. My research focuses on abortion access for marginalized people and the impacts of criminalization. Because this is my specific area of expertise, I can say without a single doubt: Criminalizing abortion hurts public health, and it hurts communities. Dekalb County has an opportunity to mitigate the harms that have been done by ideologically driven legislation, and I urge you to take it by voting YES on the Declaration of Reproductive Freedom. The science on this matter is crystal clear: criminalizing abortion is harmful. It leads to more involuntary births. We know from extensive longitudinal data that being denied wanted abortion care increases a person's likelihood of dying from a pregnancy-associated death, of living in poverty, of being tethered to an abusive partner, of suffering from chronic illnesses, of experiencing poor maternal bonding, and of having children who do not reach childhood development milestones with their peers (Foster et al., 2018; Roberts et al., 2014; Foster et al., 2018b; Foster et al., 2018c; Gerds et al., 2015; Ralph et al., 2019). Self-managed abortion with medication, which many people turn to when abortion is criminalized, is extremely medically safe, but, as you know, legal risks remain (Becker & McMahon, 2022). Between 2000 and 2020, legal experts documented at least 61 cases of a person being arrested or criminally investigated for allegedly self-managing an abortion or helping another person do so in. These arrests and investigations occurred in 26 different states, including Georgia. Criminalization, of course, leads to more people in the jail and prison system, which devours taxpayer money and irreversibly damages families. Low-income people and Black and brown people—who disproportionately make up your Dekalb County constituents—bear the greatest burden of these harms (If/When/How, 2022). I say this with certainty: There is no scientific basis whatsoever for criminalizing abortion. You have the power to realign health policy with scientific evidence and protect your constituents from entirely preventable threats to their health and wellbeing. Again, I urge you to do so by voting YES for a Declaration of Reproductive Freedom. Sincerely,

10. Emily Backus ( No Address)- Hello, My name is Emily Backus and I am a nine-year resident of DeKalb. I chose to live here over other suburbs of Atlanta because of the progressive political climate and diversity of the residents. I am asking the commission to please support the abortion decriminalization bill. Reproductive healthcare is a right that we all deserve, and by supporting this bill you will send a message to your constituents that you respect our right to control our own bodies.

11. O. Winslow Edwards, MPH, 3213 Bobbie Lane, Decatur, GA 30032- To whom it may concern: I am a Dekalb County resident reaching out in support of the Declaration of Reproductive Freedom. Like approximately half of Dekalb County residents, I have a uterus. As such, it is important to me that all Dekalb County residents of reproductive potential have the freedom to make our own choices about our bodies based on whether or not we feel prepared to adequately care for a child. Georgia currently has the highest maternal mortality rate in this country, according to a recent study by GSU. Our state is also 38th in the nation when it comes to child and family wellbeing, according to the 2022 Kids Count. Finally, 18.7% of children in Georgia

live in poverty based on data from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey. In a state with such negative conditions and limited resources available to support maternal and child health, it is unconscionable to restrict access to abortion and other reproductive healthcare. Roe v. Wade has been in effect for essentially my entire lifetime and this recent Supreme Court Decision flies in the face of 49+ years of precedent. I implore you to support your fellow Dekalb County residents' reproductive rights by passing the Declaration of Reproductive Freedom. Thank you for doing the right thing.

12. Allison Coffman, 120 Howard Street SE Atlanta, GA 30317- Hello, My name is Allison Coffman. I live at 120 Howard Street SE Atlanta, GA 30317 and am a Dekalb resident. Thank you to the ERPS committee for unanimously voting in favor of the resolution for reproductive freedom. This resolution is desperately needed. With Georgia's early abortion ban, Georgians are at increased risk for criminalization for their reproductive health decisions. And those most vulnerable to being criminalized are those most marginalized in our communities. Now is the time for local government to take a stand and protect our most essential rights. I urge the full commission to vote in favor of the resolution today. Thank you.

13. Glory Kilanko (No Address)- Women Watch Afrika strongly supports and encourages the DeKalb Board of Commissioners to pass the recently introduced Resolution–Declaration for Reproductive Freedom—which affirms DeKalb's support for reproductive freedom and condemns the criminalization of people for providing or accessing abortion care. Women Watch Afrika supports the Resolution for the following reasons: •Each of us should be able to live, work, and make decisions about our health and our future with dignity and without fear of criminalization. •DeKalb County is one of the largest and most diverse counties in Georgia and as such can play a pivotal role in ensuring that Georgians have access to the full spectrum of reproductive health services, including abortion care. •Criminalizing abortion disproportionately impacts low-income people and people of color. The majority of Dekalb County constituents are people of color and there needs to be action taken swiftly to protect its constituents. •HB 481 was allowed to go into effect in July. This bill bans abortion after fetal cardiac activity, around 6 weeks of pregnancy, and defines a fetus as a person under Georgia law. The bill explicitly criminalizes abortion providers and could be used to criminalize people who seek or support others to get abortion care. Counties and cities have a responsibility to prevent criminalization of their constituents for pregnancy-related decisions. •DeKalb County should make a commitment to NOT put any resources towards the investigation or prosecution of people providing or seeking abortion care and ask law enforcement to do the same. •No one deserves to be criminalized for seeking essential healthcare. My classmate died for hiding to terminate unwanted pregnancy •DeKalb County Governing Authority has a responsibility to preserve and expand opportunities for all to thrive, which includes the ability to access sexual and reproductive health care. •Healthcare is a fundamental human right and should never be banned or criminalized. • Access to abortion care has been proven to decrease maternal mortality. With Georgia leading the country in maternal death, it's a public health imperative to prevent the criminalization of people providing and seeking abortion care.

14. Ruth Dana, 3955 Tipperary Trail, Tucker, GA 30084- To whom it may concern, I am writing in support for the Declaration for Reproductive Freedom (DRF). As a DeKalb County resident, I want to ensure that abortion access is protected in our county. Thank you,

**Public Comments: December 20, 2022- Read Emails**

1. Aliza Barnett (No Address)- Good morning. My name is Aliza (uh-lee-zah) Barnett and I am a resident of Dekalb County, and Mr. Jeff Rader is my Commissioner. As a resident of Dekalb county, and an abortion researcher, I want to make explicitly clear my support for the Dekalb County Decriminalization of Abortion Bill. People who seek abortion should not be dissuaded from accessing important and safe reproductive care because of laws that aim to control their bodies and medical decisions. Especially with the confusing back and forth legislating that's happening, we need to make a bold stance as a county that shows Dekalb residents they should not be afraid to access reproductive health care if they need it. As a public health student and advocate of global access to safe, affordable, and compassionate abortion care, I believe that decriminalizing abortion in Dekalb county would help quell fears for people who worry that their pregnancy outcomes or self-managed abortions may put them at risk of legal trouble. Taking this action will certainly contribute to a reduction in maternal deaths in Dekalb County. As Commissioners, you have the responsibility to make this important change for the residents of our county and follow the examples of other counties in Georgia who govern with compassion and equity. Nobody should be criminalized for accessing reproductive health care and no physician or medical provider should be prosecuted for providing necessary medical treatment. Voting "yes" to decriminalize abortion in Dekalb County would make me feel proud to support my Commissioner and continue to be a proud resident of Decatur. Thank you and I look forward to seeing this important legislation passed.

2. Anna C. Peterson PhD, 895 Drewry Street NE, Atlanta GA 30306- Hello, My name is Anna Peterson and I live at 895 Drewry Street NE, Atlanta GA 30306. While I live in Fulton County, I work in Dekalb County and spend a considerable amount of time there. I care deeply about public health, and especially the health of people who give birth, and their families. I am writing in support for the Resolution for Reproductive Freedom. I ask that the Commission please vote in favor of this Resolution. We should be able to live our lives, work, and live in freedom to make our own choices about healthcare without concern of criminalization. Please serve as an example in choosing care of our communities over politics. With my regards,

3. Sarah Trowbridge, 2904 Lowrance Dr. Decatur, GA 30033- I urge the DeKalb Board of Commissioners to pass the Declaration for Reproductive Freedom and thereby secure a measure of reproductive justice within the boundaries of DeKalb County. DeKalb County's governing authority must make a commitment to refrain from the investigation or prosecution of people providing or seeking abortion care, and request that law enforcement within the county do the same. No one deserves to be criminalized for seeking essential healthcare, or for providing it according to the oath of their profession. My right to make my own decisions about my body and its reproductive functions were protected by federal law throughout all the decades of my fertile life. My days of childbearing potential are behind me now, but I will stand up and insist on the restoration of reproductive freedom for my children and grandchildren. As a proud lifelong resident of DeKalb, I feel it's fitting that this powerful county should stand once again for what is right, setting an example to the rest of Georgia. Everyone should be able to live, work, and make decisions about our health and our future with dignity and without fear of the law.

4. Kimberley Grattan, 3304 Bobolink Dr. Decatur, GA 30032- My name is Kimberley Grattan and I live at 3304 Bobolink Dr. Decatur, GA 30032. Twelve years ago I moved to Atlanta to train for what I hoped would be my dream career. When I got here I had less than \$3,500, I was renting a room from a friend, and depending on MARTA for transportation. Now I am the proud owner of a small business and my husband and I just bought our first home in 2021. I would not be where I am today, living my dream and supporting the



music industry in and around Atlanta, without access to safe reproductive health care. I am grateful that, in my time of need, I was able to receive compassionate abortion care. Dekalb County Governing Authority has a responsibility to preserve and expand opportunities for all to thrive, which includes the ability to access sexual and reproductive health care. This is not just imperative for individuals, but our community and society as a whole. Thank you for your time.

5. Lauren E. Owens, 1066 Woodbridge Hollow NE, Atlanta, GA- Dear DeKalb Board of Commissioners, I write to voice my support for the passage of the Declaration for Reproductive Freedom (DRF) in DeKalb County. This will affirm the county's support for reproductive freedom and condemns the criminalization of people for providing or accessing abortion care. I urge you to pass this declaration with no delay.

6. Jackie Grinvalds, 593 Scott Circle in Decatur 30033- Dear commissioners, Thank you for service to our county. My name is Jacqueline Grinvalds, and I am a resident, part of this large county with a diverse population. To best serve the needs of your various constituents, I want to urge you to prioritize action on the DECLARATION OF FUNDAMENTAL REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOMS and vote to approve it today. Personally, this legislation has significant meaning to me, as I gave birth to my first baby this year. I have seen firsthand the challenges, including the physical and mental strain pregnancy puts on your body - not to mention the financial burden that the impact of doctor visits and ultimately raising a child puts on a mother. Additionally, now that I have a child, I would hate for restrictions to be in place, in the case that they need gender affirming care. This legislation would enable health care workers to provide safe and necessary care to families across the region and protect the rights of pregnant women and all people and their bodies. Seeing this resolution pass today would make proud to live here in such a supportive place. My address is 593 Scott Circle in Decatur (30033). Thank you,

**Public Comments- In Person**

Stephen Binney- 1083 Seville Drive Clarkston 30021, Carol Hart- 3032 Flamingo Drive Decatur 30033, Representative Angela Moore- Stone Crest, Mike Low- 791 Living Stone Place 30030

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

Citizens may speak for or against an item that is considered by law to be a zoning ordinance and each side will have ten minutes to present its case. Citizens may also speak for or against an item that is placed on the public hearing agenda but is not a zoning ordinance. In that case, each side will have five minutes to present its case. In the event there is more than one speaker per side, speakers must divide their time in order to complete their full presentation within the ten-minute time allotment, or the five minute time allotment. When the buzzer sounds to indicate that time has run out, the speaker will be expected to immediately cease speaking and to leave the podium area. Citizens may also email statements or documents related to public hearing items for inclusion in the public record by submitting such statements or materials by 9:00 a.m. on the date of the public hearing to [PublicHearing@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:PublicHearing@dekalbcountyga.gov). The body of your email must include a reference to the particular public hearing item to which your statement or documents apply by agenda number and your first and last name, followed by your address. By submitting an email related to any public hearing item, you agree to have your name, address and email entered into the record/minutes. In-person comments will be heard first. Prior to speaking, an in-person speaker shall complete a speaker card and present it when approaching the podium. If an in-person speaker has any documents for the commissioners, the speaker shall provide 10 copies when approaching the podium. Seven copies are for the commissioners and the remaining copies are for the planning director, the county attorney and the clerk. In all zoning ordinance and traffic calming cases, staff shall make their recommendation for action to the Commission first followed by applicants or citizens speaking in favor of the item. Applicants in zoning ordinance cases shall have the right to reserve time for rebuttal. Opponents of a zoning ordinance item shall have no right of rebuttal. For all other items placed on the public hearing agenda, applicants or citizens speaking in favor of the item shall speak first followed by opponents of the item.

If time remains in the appropriate public hearing portion of said meeting, email comments will be read into the record by the clerk or designee. If time remains in the appropriate public hearing portion of said meeting, email comments will be read into the record by the clerk or designee. Any remaining email public comments not read into the record will be submitted into the minutes by the clerk or designee and shall be forwarded to each commissioner by email. Once the citizens have finished speaking, staff shall make a recommendation for action to the Commission. At this point, citizens are no longer allowed to speak unless called to the podium by an individual commissioner to answer questions or provide information. In-person Speakers should always talk directly into the microphone and begin by stating their name, address and the name of any organization they represent. Abusive, profane or derogatory language will not be permitted. Holding up signs, clapping, yelling, standing or laying in the aisles to show support for or opposition to a speaker will not be permitted, but a show of hands or quietly standing in place will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker's position.

### **Planning & Sustainability**

[2020-1543](#)**COMMISSION DISTRICT(S):** All Districts

Application of the Director of Planning and Sustainability for text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 27, to create Section 4.2.60 (Supplemental Regulations) to address Small Box Discount Retailers, to amend Section 9.1.3 (Defined Terms) to create definition for Small Box Discount Retailers, and for other purposes; and to amend Section 4.1.3 Use Table pertaining to Small Box Discount Retailers. This text amendment is County-wide.

**Approved the substitute**

[2022-1941](#)**Commission District(s):** County-wide

Public Hearing to Authorize Adoption of the 2022 Service Delivery Strategy

**Deferred for 30 days, until January 24, 2023 for Public Comment**

[2022-2253](#)

Commission District(s): Commission District 04 Super District 06 Application of D.A. Edwards & Company c/o Dennis J. Webb, Jr., Smith, Gambrell & Russell to rezone property from R-75 (Residential Medium Lot) zoning district to RSM (Residential Small Lot Mix) zoning district to allow the construction of cottage-style urban single-family detached homes, at 1251 Robinwood Road.

**Deferred for 30 days, until January 24, 2023 for Public Comment**

[2022-2265](#)

Commission District(s): Commission District 04 Super District 06 Application of Thomas J Mazzolini to rezone property from R-75 (Residential Medium Lot) zoning district to R-60 (Residential Small Lot) zoning district to allow a lot split to accommodate two single-family, detached homes, at 2739 Craigie Avenue.

**approved with 1 condition stating The building height for the new home to be constructed on the newly created lot shall be limited to no more than 28 ft. in height measured from the front-door threshold of the structure to the highest point of the roof of the structure**

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

**Planning & Sustainability**

[2022-2271](#)**COMMISSION DISTRICT(S):** All Districts

Application of the Director of Planning & Sustainability for a text amendment to Chapter 27-5.1.10 (Maximum Lot Coverage) of the Zoning Ordinance to remove the non-vehicular use restriction on pervious materials.

**Deferred to the next meeting, until January 17, 2023****Public Works - Transportation**[2022-1963](#)**Commission District(s):** 3 & 6

Property Right of Way Exchange Lancaster Road, Land Lot 017, 15th District

**Approved****E. APPEALS**

NONE

**F. APPOINTMENTS****Chief Executive Office**[2022-2370](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Reappointment to the Housing Authority of DeKalb County - Mr. Charles Yi

**Deferred for 30 days, due until January 24, 2023**[2022-2371](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Appointment to the Housing Authority of DeKalb County - Ms. Eloise Hudson

**Deferred for 30 days, due until January 24, 2023**

[2022-2440](#)**Commission District(s):** All

Appointment to Post 6 of the Development Authority of DeKalb County - Ms.

Ann Hanlon

**Deferred for 30 days, due until January 24, 2023****G. CONSENT AGENDA****Board of Commissioners - District 4**[2022-2569](#)**Commission District(s):** District 4

Renew services contract with Richard Clark Consulting from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023. Allocate \$24,000.00 of District 4 2022 Reserve for Allocation funds for service agreement.

**Approved**[2022-2574](#)**Commission District(s):** District 4

Transfer \$40,000 from 2022 District 4 Reserve for Allocation funds to DeKalb Human Services R.I.S.E. UP Male Mentoring Program account for 2023 session. Project # 105538 and Cost Center #67510.

**Approved**[2022-2590](#)**Commission District(s):** District 4

Allocate \$69,500.00 of 2022 District 4 Reserve for Allocation Funds to DeKalb Community Development Department to assist with housing services and programs for DeKalb County constituents in need of sustainable housing.

**Approved****Board of Commissioners - District 5**

[2022-2636](#)**Commission District(s):** District 5

An item to allocate \$15,000 of the District 5 Reserve for Appropriations Funds to the Metro Atlanta YMCA for the purposes of Senior Aquatic Programming at the South DeKalb YMCA

**Approved**

[2022-2637](#)**Commission District(s):** District 5

An item to allocate \$55,00 from the District 5 Reserve for Appropriation discretionary funds to Decatur Legacy Project, Inc. for the express purpose of assisting in financing the creation, dedication, and placement of a Memorial to the late John Lewis on County owned property

**Approved**

**Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO**[2022-2617](#)**Commission District(s):** All

Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of December 13, 2022

**Deferred to the next meeting, until January 17, 2023**

**Police Services**[2022-1890](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Donation, Loan or Sell of Surplus Fire Apparatus Equipment #11020 2011 Spartan/ Rosenbauer 1000 GPM Pumper to Walton County Georgia Fire Rescue

**Approved**

[2022-2560](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

To Offer the Sale of Surplus Fire Apparatus and/or Loose Fire Equipment to  
Local or State Municipalities with Fire & Rescue Departments

**Approved****Walk-On Items****2022-2652**

Add Item

**Approved****2022-2654****Commission District(s):** 2 and 6

Services to restore the re-circulation system at Mason Mill Park

**Approved****H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS****Airport**[2022-2580](#)**Commission District(s):** 1 and 6

Standardized T-Hangar Shop Space Lease Agreement with John D. Mullins.

There is no cost to the County.

**Approved**[2022-2581](#)**Commission District(s):** 1 and 6

Lease Amendment No. 6 to Contract No. 06-800202 with Mercury Air Center -

Peachtree-DeKalb, LLC d/b/a Atlantic Aviation. There is no cost to the County.

**Deferred for 30 days, until January 24, 2023****Community Development**

[2022-2618](#)**Commission District(s): All**

HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance and Supportive Services. Federally Funded, Allocation Amount is \$7,800,800, No Cost to the County

**Deferred and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on January 17, 2023**

**District Attorney**[2022-2623](#)**Commission District(s): all**

Acceptance of \$496,045 for the Bureau of Justice Assistance's Missing and Unidentified Human Remains Program Grant to District Attorney's Office; no match required

**Approved**

**Finance**[2022-2587](#)**Commission District(s): All Commission Districts**

Salary Finance - Financial Wellbeing

**Deferred and to the Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee (ERPS), and return to the Board January 24, 2023**

**Police Services**[2022-2596](#)**Commission District(s): All Commission Districts**

Acceptance of Federal Forfeiture Property - Police Services

**Deferred for 30 days, until January 24, 2023**

**Public Works - Transportation**



[2022-2593](#)

**Commission District(s):** 2, 4, and 6

Project Agreement with PATH Foundation for South Fork Peachtree Creek Trail

- Segments 1, 2 and 3

**Approved**

**Purchasing & Contracting**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee*

[2022-2496](#)

**Commission District(s):** ALL

SS - Motorola P-25 SmartZone Radio System (Sole Source- Multiyear Contract):

for use by Police Services (PS). Consists of maintenance, upgrades, technical support and network monitoring of the Radio Network infrastructure for five (5) years.

Awarded to Motorola Solutions, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$17,242,831.26.

**Deferred and assigned to the Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee (ERPS), and return to the Board January 24, 2023**

[2022-2525](#)

**Commission District(s):** ALL

CO - Change Order No. 5 to Contract No. 1126717 Payroll Tax, Wage Deduction,

Employment Verification and Affordable Care Act Compliance Services (Multiyear

Contract): for use by the Department of Finance - Risk Management. This contract

consists of providing payroll tax filing, wage deductions, employment verification and

Affordable Care Act Compliance Services. This request is to increase the contract

funding and term through December 31, 2024. Awarded to: ADP, LLC. Amount Not

To Exceed: \$654,200.00.

**Approved**

[2022-2612](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

SS - Accurint Virtual Crime Center Database (Sole Source - Multi-Year Contract):  
for use by Police Services (PS). Consists of providing proprietary software for critical  
investigative intelligence and crime reporting. Awarded to LexisNexis Risk Solutions,  
Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$307,737.16.

**Approved***Purchasing & Contracting - to FAB Committee*[2022-2467](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 988895 Print & Mail Services,  
Electronic Billing Presentment and Data Processing (Annual Contract With 4 Options  
To Renew) for the Department of Finance-UCO to be used by the Department of  
Watershed Management (DWM), Public Works-Sanitation and the Peachtree  
DeKalb Airport. This contract consists of providing customized bill formatting, print  
and mail services, hosting the County's water and sewer portal and other  
miscellaneous statements to citizens and businesses. Awarded To Level One, LLC/a  
Doxim Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,258,976.00.

**Approved**[2022-2526](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1136419 Inventory of Capital Assets:  
for use by the Finance Department (Finance). This contract consists of the inventory,  
appraisal, tagging and valuation of County Assets. This request is to increase contract  
funding and term through December 31, 2023. Awarded to: HCA Asset  
Management, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$70,000.00.

**Approved***Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*

[2022-2559](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

REN-Repair of Equipment: All Automobiles, On-the-Road, Off-the-Road, Vehicles, Motorcycles, Trucks, Trailers & Motorized Equipment (Annual Contract-1st of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1280880, 1280705, 1280725, 1281594, 1280875, 1280727, 1280728, 1281062, 1280730, 1287534, 1280732, 1280878, 1280874, 1280877, 1280750, 1280879, 1280755, 1280769, 1281593, 1280774, 1280788, 1280790, 1281575, 1280793, 1280797, 1280798, 1281598, 1281063, 1281556, 1281069, 1281237, 1281162, 1281189, 1280881, 1280826, 1280837, 1281600, 1280838, 1281064, 1280839, 1280842, 1282743, 1280843, 1280867, 1280956, 1280955, 1280977, 1282382, 1280868, 1280869, 1280870, 1281068, 1280871m 1280872, 1281239 and 1280873 for use by Public Works-Fleet Management. These contracts consist of providing vehicle and equipment repairs from qualified and/or manufacturer dealers when the required repair is beyond the capability or expertise of Fleet Management personnel. This request is to exercise the 1st renewal option through February 28, 2024 and to add Fire and Rescue Services. Awarded to the below listed 56 vendors. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$8,300,000.00.

**Deferred to the next meeting, until January 17, 2023**

[2022-2568](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1208463 Inspection and Testing of Water Based Fire Protection Systems (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). This contract consists of providing inspection, testing, maintenance, and repair of existing water-based fire protection equipment throughout the County. This request is to increase contract funding. Awarded to: All-Star Fire, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$62,000.00.

**Deferred and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board January 17, 2023**

[2022-2583](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1208002 and 1208003 On-Call Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM) and Fire Rescue (FR). These contracts consist of providing on-call heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) services for County-owned properties. This request is to add Fire Rescue and funding to Contract Nos. 1208002 and 1208003 through the remaining contract term. Awarded to: HVH Mechanical Partners, LLC and B&W Mechanical Contractor, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$203,967.00.

**Deferred and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board January 17, 2023**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee*

[2022-1585](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 5 to Contract No. 1118593 Asphaltic Concrete Pavement Repairs (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Departments of Watershed Management (DWM), Facilities Management (FM), Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D), and Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of paving repairs. This request is to increase the contract term through December 31, 2023 and to transfer available funding from Greenway One Inc. to HEH Paving, Inc. Awarded to HEH Paving, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$100,000.00

**Approved**

[2022-2302](#)**Commission District(s): All**

LB - Invitation No. 22-101483 PVC Sewer Pipes (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the provision of PVC sewer pipes. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: F.M. Shelton, Inc. and Ferguson Waterworks. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,780,962.70

**Deferred and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board January 17, 2023**

[2022-2352](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

LB - Invitation No. 21-101466 Rental of Various Heavy Equipment (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Departments of Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D), Sanitation, and Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the rental of various heavy equipment. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: H & E Equipment Services, Inc.; Herc Rentals, Inc.; Sunbelt Rentals, Inc.; and Yancey Brothers Company. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$4,607,809.00.

**Deferred and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board January 17, 2023**

[2022-2567](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 124403 Teledyne ISCO Training and Support, Equipment, Software and Licenses, Parts and Related System Components for Sanitary Sewer Flow Monitoring (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of the provision of vendor support and training in the installation and maintenance of equipment, flow monitoring equipment, parts and related system components used in the completion of existing hydraulic modeling and sewer monitoring programs related to Consent Decree requirements. This request is to continue with the use of the existing sole source vendor through December 31, 2023. Awarded to Teledyne Instruments, Inc. as a business unit Teledyne ISCO. Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,100,000.00.

**Approved**

## **I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD**

**Board of Commissioners**[2022-2597](#)**Commission District(s):** All

Board of Commissioners' 2023 Regular Business and Committee of the Whole  
Meetings Calendar

**Approved the substitute****Board of Commissioners - District 6**[2021-3338](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

To Amend Chapter 20, Article X concerning domestic partnerships.

**Deferred for 45 days, until February 14, 2023**[2021-3499](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

DeKalb County's adoption of a safe gun storage ordinance to impact and prevent  
accidental injuries and deaths.

**Deferred for 30 days, until January 24, 2023**[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 60 days, until February 21, 2023**[2022-2004](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

A Resolution to Protect Abortion Access and Protect Reproductive Health,  
Rights, and Justice for DeKalb County Citizens

**Approved**

[2022-2060](#)

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

A Resolution Supporting the Creation of a Task Force to Honor the Life of Reverend Dr. Hosea Lorenzo Williams, Sr., and Recognizing His Accomplishments as Worth of an Enduring Memorial

**Deferred for 45 days, until February 14, 2023**

[2022-2490](#)

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

To Amend the Healthcare Safety Net portion of the CEO's ARP Budget to Continue the Objective to Better and Holistically Address the Needs of The Greater DeKalb

**Deferred for 30 days, until January 24, 2023**

[2022-2601](#)

**Commission District(s):** Districts 3 & 6

DeKalb County's objection to the proposed annexation of approximately 10 acres of land in unincorporated DeKalb County into the City of Atlanta pursuant to annexation via the sixty percent (60%) method.

**Withdrawn**

[2022-2630](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

To Transfer D6 American Rescue Plan/ ARP Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARP) to the District 6 Operating budget to Reimburse for Expenses Associated with District 6 ARP Appropriations.

**Approved**

**Board of Commissioners - District 7**

[2022-1764](#)**Commission District(s):** District 7

A Resolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia to Acknowledge Gun Violence as a Public Health Crisis and to Call upon Federal, State and Local Legislators and Elected Officials to Pass Common Sense Gun Control Legislation to Reduce Gun Violence, Homicides and Mass Murders.

**Approved the substitute****Chief Executive Office**[2022-2389](#)**Commission District(s):** All

Appropriation of American Rescue Plan Act Funding to Eligible Programs and Operating Expenses

**Deferred for 30 days, until January 24, 2023**[2022-2563](#)**Commission District(s):** All

Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Contract 1248319 with the Housing Authority of the County of DeKalb, Georgia (“Housing Authority”) for assistance with the Tenant Landlord Assistance Coalition and ratification of work previously performed by the Housing Authority related to assistance with the Tenant Landlord Coalition using Emergency Rental Assistance (“ERA 1/ERA 1 Reallocation”).

**Approved**[2022-2564](#)**Commission District(s):** All

Approve Emergency Agreement for Provision of Professional Services with the Housing Authority of the County of DeKalb, Georgia (“Housing Authority”) for assistance with the Tenant Landlord Assistance Coalition using Emergency Rental Assistance (“ERA 2”) funds.

**Approved**



[2022-2565](#)**Commission District(s): All**

Approve Emergency Agreement for Provision of Professional Services with Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Inc., for assistance with the Tenant Landlord Assistance Coalition using Emergency Rental Assistance (“ERA 2”) funds.

**Approved**[2022-2566](#)**Commission District(s): All**

Approve Emergency Agreement for Provision of Professional Services with Goodwill Industries of North Georgia, Inc. (“Goodwill”), for assistance with the Tenant Landlord Assistance Coalition using Emergency Rental Assistance (“ERA 2”) funds.

**Approved**[2022-2634](#)**Commission District(s): All**

To Amend the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget

**Approved****Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO**[2022-2547](#)**Commission District(s): All**

Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Zoning Meeting of November 17, 2022

**Approved****Planning and Sustainability**

[2022-2514](#)**Commission District(s):** All Districts

Application of the Director of Planning & Sustainability to approve a resolution to join the One Million Trees Initiative of Trees Atlanta, a collaboration across metro Atlanta.

**Approved the substitute submitted from the floor**

**Purchasing & Contracting**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to FAB Committee*

[2022-2435](#)**Commission District(s):** ALL

RFP - Request for Proposals No. 22-500616 Auditing Services (Multiyear): for use by the Department of Finance. Consists of providing auditing services for the County's financial statements. Recommend award to the sole responsive and responsible proposer: Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,822,500.00.

**Approved**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee*

[2022-2345](#)**Commission District(s):** ALL

REN - Contract Nos.: 1269304, 1269305, and 1269307 Asbestos Abatement, Demolition, and Debris Removal (Annual Contract -1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Community Development (CD). These contracts consist of providing asbestos abatement, demolition, and debris removal services. This request is to exercise the 1st renewal option through December 31, 2023. Awarded to Southern Demolition, LLC, Kissberg Construction, LLC, and Diversified Environmental Management, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$600,000.00.

**Approved**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee*[2022-2124](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

LB - Invitation No. 22-101516 Asphaltic Concrete Pavement Repairs (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by Departments of Watershed Management (DWM); Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D); Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs (RPCA); and Facilities Management (FM). Consists of providing road repair and maintenance services on various County roads. Recommend award to all responsive and responsible bidders: A&S Paving, Inc.; Greenway One, Inc.; and HEH Paving, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$42,659,618.50.

**Deferred to the next meeting, until January 17, 2023**

**Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs**[2022-2428](#)**Commission District(s): 4 and 6**

To increase horse boarding fees at Little Creek Horse Farm Park

**Approved**

[2022-2439](#)**Commission District(s): 3 and 7**

DeKalb CHaRM Grant Application

**Withdrawn**

**WorkSource DeKalb**[2022-2529](#)**Commission District(s): ALL DISTRICTS**

Approval to transfer up to \$500,000 of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds from the PY21/FY22 Dislocated Worker program to the PY21/FY22 Adult program.

**Approved**

[2022-2530](#)**Commission District(s): ALL DISTRICTS**

Approval of Allocation Modifications of the National Dislocated Worker Grant (NDWG).

**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.