

# DeKalb County Government

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, July 11, 2023**

**9:00 AM**

**Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium**

### **Board of Commissioners**

*Comm. Robert Patrick, Presiding Officer, District 1*

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

*Commissioner Robert Patrick, District 1*

*Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, District 2*

*Commissioner Larry Johnson, District 3*

*Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4*

*Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5*

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

*Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Super District 7*

**Present:** 7 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

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

## **A. INSPIRATIONAL**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **B. PRESENTATIONS**

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

The purpose of public comment is to allow the public to voice county-related requests, concerns or opinions during the Commission meeting. Speakers will only have the opportunity for one public comment per meeting. Public comments may be made in person or submitted by sending an email no longer than one page to [PublicComments@dekalbcountyga.gov](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: July 11, 2023- Read Emails**

1. *Dr. Ed Williams (No Address)- Good Morning Commissioners: My name is Ed Williams. I am chair of the group Concerned Citizens for Effective Government. I am a taxpayer and resident of DeKalb County. We must reduce the crime going on in DeKalb County. DeKalb County government must protect its citizens and the people that travel and visit the county. The police department should be more visible in the community while they are on patrol, not just when there is a traffic accident or crime that has occurred. The police department has made significant efforts to reach out to various communities and participate in planned activities. I appreciate that community outreach. I support the police department and CEO Michael Thurmond's and the commission's efforts to increase police salaries and other benefits. I want to recognize Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson and the commission for adopting an ordinance that requires businesses to add more and better surveillance video cameras in the stores that have high crime incidents. I hope these video cameras will help with criminal investigations and solve crimes. I hope the additional video cameras will be integrated with the efforts of the various police departments in DeKalb County and that there will be sufficient support staff to view the videos when a need arises and that it should not take the county police department several weeks to access the video footage from the stores. The police department case clearance rate should not be measured by telling victims to contact their insurance company or make other referrals, while criminals continue to harm the community and not be held accountable. According to the 2023 DeKalb County Annual Police Report, the number of violent and property crimes has increased in the last 3 years. However, the number of arrests, citations, and service calls has decreased, how can this be? The firearm seizures have plateaued at 277 and dropped in the last 3 years. The number of DUI arrests is down from the last three years even though traffic accidents have been about the same in the last 2 years, and fatalities have been high in the last 3 years. It appears from the annual report that there is a significant number of traffic accidents and service calls made regarding traffic accidents have increased in the last 3 years, but there seems not to be any focus on this matter in the organization structure. The police response times in the report are less than 9 minutes for most calls. I would like to see this data, This data must not include the calls from south DeKalb County, where police response time is often much greater than 9 minutes. The police department should review its mission statement and the police department's organization chart should be aligned to improve public safety and protect people and property. It is not the police department's mission to ensure justice, instead, that is the mission of the court system. The police department's mission should be to enforce the law and to prevent, protect, investigate, collect evidence, and arrest. Thank You*

2. *Lori Manda, 842 Heritage Square Decatur, GA 30033- Hi. My name is Lori Manda. My address is 842 Heritage Square Decatur, GA 30033. We urge our county's leaders to hold the Tenant Landlord Assistance Coalition (TLAC) accountable to align the program to ERA 2 guidelines in order to prevent hundreds of needy tenants from imminent eviction: 1. Use the \$9 million in ERA 2 funds as the US. Treasury instructed. Stop denying assistance to people who cannot prove their hardship was directly due to COVID. 2. As the grant states, allow self-attestations of financial hardship and remove documentation burdens keeping people from assistance. 3. Simplify and speed up your application process so you are actually preventing evictions. Right now, evictions are moving much more quickly than TLAC! 4. You can do better! If not, we recommend you grant the ERA 2 money to nonprofits who can work more speedily. 5. If the county is worried about federal audits, you simply need to review the Treasury guidelines and FAQ's about Emergency Rental Assistance 2 published on treasury.gov You can do better! Please do so for those in need, many of whom have young children. They do not deserve to be homeless and potentially end up in foster care for simply being poor. Thank you,*

3. *Carlton Patterson, 23 Fairfield Dr Avondale Estates- I support all necessary funding to improve our animal shelter. Please appropriate money to expand the shelter and give the animals the care that they need. Thank you,*

4. *Rebecca Rousselle, 3025 Saint Helena Drive, Tucker GA, 30084- Hello, My name is Rebecca Rousselle and my address is 3025 Saint Helena Drive, Tucker GA, 30084. I'm commenting to urge our county's leaders to hold the Tenant Landlord Assistance Coalition (TLAC) accountable to align the program to ERA 2 guidelines in order to prevent hundreds of needy tenants from imminent eviction. The money exists and needs to be used to help those who need housing in order to continue to be productive citizens. Housing first has been proven to be the best way of addressing other issues, and preventing evictions is the easiest way to maintain housing and prevent the cascade of negative life events for our citizens. 1. Use the \$9 million in ERA 2 funds as the US. Treasury instructed. Stop denying assistance to people who cannot prove their hardship was directly due to COVID. 2. As the grant states, allow self-attestations of financial hardship and remove documentation burdens keeping people from assistance. 3. Simplify and speed up your application process so you are actually preventing evictions. Right now, evictions are moving much more quickly than TLAC! 4. You can do better! If not, we recommend you grant the ERA 2 money to nonprofits who can work more speedily. 5. If the county is worried about*

*federal audits, you simply need to review the Treasury guidelines and FAQ's about Emergency Rental Assistance 2 published on treasury.gov*

*5. Sherri McCoy (No Address)- Good morning, I write to you as a citizen of DeKalb County and outreach provider to persons who are unhoused, underprivileged, senior citizens and otherwise in situations of need. Over the past year I have personally spoken with, and assisted, numerous individuals that were affected not only by the Covid pandemic but also the deleterious and detrimental effects of it's aftermath. Situations such as the increase in the cost of living, ridiculous rental hikes, absurd leasing requirements and more has resulted in an uptick of persons resorting to resources to remain housed. Many of the people I spoke with applied for financial assistance offered by the TLAC program. After following all guidelines we learned months went by and no assistance was given. Several of the requests were immediately denied without proper review of the files. I write you today to ask why. Why are so many of this county's constituents being overlooked and left to fight on their own when so many funds were promised to assist them. Thank you for your consideration of my concerns. Respectfully,*

**Public Comments: In Person**

*Pamela Private- 111 Mockingbird Lane Decatur GA 30030, Ellie Thaxton- 767 Northern Avenue Clarkston GA 30021, Stephan M. Binney- 1083 Seville Drive Clarkston GA 30021, Brenda Kelly-3246 Moravia Drive Stonecrest GA 30038, Bridyemon Bulyer- 825 Mainstreet Stone Mountain GA*

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

Citizens may speak for or against an item that is considered by law to be a zoning ordinance and each side will have ten minutes to present its case. Citizens may also speak for or against an item that is placed on the public hearing agenda but is not a zoning ordinance. In that case, each side will have five minutes to present its case. In the event there is more than one speaker per side, speakers must divide their time in order to complete their full presentation within the ten-minute time allotment, or the five minute time allotment. When the buzzer sounds to indicate that time has run out, the speaker will be expected to immediately cease speaking and to leave the podium area. Prior to speaking, a speaker shall complete a speaker card and present it when approaching the podium. If a speaker has any documents for the commissioners, the speaker shall provide 10 copies when approaching the podium. Seven copies are for the commissioners and the remaining copies are for the planning director, the county attorney and the clerk. In all zoning ordinance and traffic calming cases, staff shall make their recommendation for action to the Commission first followed by applicants or citizens speaking in favor of the item. Applicants in zoning ordinance cases shall have the right to reserve time for rebuttal. Opponents of a zoning ordinance item shall have no right of rebuttal. For all other items placed on the public hearing agenda, applicants or citizens speaking in favor of the item shall speak first followed by opponents of the item. Once the citizens have finished speaking, staff shall make a recommendation for action to the Commission. At this point, citizens are no longer allowed to speak unless called to the podium by an individual commissioner to answer questions or provide information. Speakers should always talk directly into the microphone and begin by stating their name, address and the name of any organization they represent. Abusive, profane or derogatory language will not be permitted. Holding up signs, clapping, yelling, standing or laying in the aisles to show support for or opposition to a speaker will not be permitted, but a show of hands or quietly standing in place will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker's position.

**Board of Commissioners - Districts 1 & 7**

[2023-0694](#)

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

An Ordinance to Amend the DeKalb County Code pertaining to

Non-Discrimination including Non-Discrimination by businesses offering a public accommodation.

*Support: Dr Kenneth L Samuel-2828 Peachtree Road Northwest Atlanta GA 30305, Jeff Graham- 1-72 Shelby Place Southeast Atlanta GA 30316, Damyon Clara-Presley-2080 Cartha Road Tucker GA 30084, Representative Karla Drenner- 218 Ivy Glen Circle Avondale Estates GA 30002, Bill Clark- 1295 Oakdale Road Northeast Atlanta GA 30307*

*Opposition: None*

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute to adopt An Ordinance Revising The Code of DeKalb County, Georgia Pertaining to Non-Discrimination by Businesses or Others Offering A Public Accommodation; and For Other Lawful Purposes with an effective date of a 180 days from July 11, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**2023-0880** Recess meeting

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson



**2023-0881** Reconvene meeting

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Chief Executive Office

[2023-0783](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

2023 Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rates; Budget Revisions

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**No:** 1 - Commissioner Terry

“DECISION ONLY” ITEMS – NO PUBLIC HEARING

Planning & Sustainability

[2023-0336](#)

**COMMISSION DISTRICT(S):** Commission District 2 Super District 6 Application of Dunlavy Law Group, LLC for a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) to allow a Cultural Facility (religious, cultural, and social offerings) in the MR-2 (Medium Density Residential-2) Zoning District and the Druid Hills Historic District, at 1500 North Decatur Road.

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute with conditions dated July 10, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

2023-0339

**COMMISSION DISTRICT(S):** Commission District 3 Super District 7  
Application of David Kirk for a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) to allow the construction and operation of a restaurant with a drive-through on a portion of the property located in the C-1 (Local Commercial) Zoning District, at 3507 Memorial Drive.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be to defer the substitute dated July 10, 2023 for 45 days, until August 22, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**E. APPEALS**

NONE

**F. APPOINTMENTS**

NONE

**G. CONSENT AGENDA**

Board of Commissioners

[2023-0836](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

Amend the Minutes for the June 20, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0836, 2023-0804, 2023-0832, 2023-0833, 2023-0834, 2023-0805, 2023-0729, 2023-0838, 2023-0839, 2023-0846, 2023-0743 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Board of Commissioners - District 4**

[2023-0804](#)

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

Allocation (not to exceed) \$50,000 of District 4 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) from POETA account #106388.63230.521209.10.4.602778 to Prospera a non-profit organization.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0836, 2023-0804, 2023-0832, 2023-0833, 2023-0834, 2023-0805, 2023-0729, 2023-0838, 2023-0839, 2023-0846, 2023-0743 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Board of Commissioners - District 6**

[2023-0832](#)

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

An allocation (not to exceed) \$1,000 of District 6 Reserve for Appropriation to We Love Buford Highway, Inc. to support the FEAST event's Goal to Enhance the Cultural and Heritage Story Telling Project of the Immigrant Community Within Their Targeted Area.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0836, 2023-0804, 2023-0832, 2023-0833, 2023-0834, 2023-0805, 2023-0729, 2023-0838, 2023-0839, 2023-0846, 2023-0743 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0833](#)

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

District 6 American Rescue Plan (ARPA) of \$40,000 Annual to total \$120,000 For a 3-year Commitment and Sponsorship For Planning and Establishing an Annual DeKalb County Education and Workforce Development Summit.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0836, 2023-0804, 2023-0832, 2023-0833, 2023-0834, 2023-0805, 2023-0729, 2023-0838, 2023-0839, 2023-0846, 2023-0743 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0834](#)

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

Allocation (not to exceed) \$10, 000 of District 6 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) from POETA account 106388.63230.521209.10.6.602778 to DeKalb County Juvenile Justice Council to provide resources and support to youth and families.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0836, 2023-0804, 2023-0832, 2023-0833, 2023-0834, 2023-0805, 2023-0729, 2023-0838, 2023-0839, 2023-0846, 2023-0743 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Board of Commissioners - District 7**

[2023-0825](#)

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

To Appropriate \$20,000 In American Rescue Plan Grant Funds Assigned to POETA Account 105744.63258.521209.01.07.602479 Reserved For The District 7 Appropriation To The DeKalb County Juvenile Justice Court

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0825, 2023-0826 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0826](#)

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

To Appropriate \$10,000 In American Rescue Plan Grant Funds Assigned to POETA Account 105744.63258.521209.01.07.602479 Reserved For The District 7 Appropriation To BiPlane Rides Over Atlanta For The PDK Youth Aviation Program

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0825, 2023-0826 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

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

[2023-0676](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Zoning Meeting of May 25, 2023

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until July 25, 2023. Items 2023- 0676, 2023-0798 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0798](#)

**Commission District(s): All**

Approval of the Revised Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of June 27, 2023

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until July 25, 2023. Items 2023- 0676, 2023-0798 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:**                7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**District Attorney**

[2023-0805](#)

**Commission District(s): all**

Acceptance of additional \$103,197 and grant period extension for Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) Grant to District Attorney’s Office; no match required

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0836, 2023-0804, 2023-0832, 2023-0833, 2023-0834, 2023-0805, 2023-0729, 2023-0838, 2023-0839, 2023-0846, 2023-0743 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:**                7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Juvenile Court**

[2023-0729](#)

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

Approval to Accept the FY24 Grant Award from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for Juvenile Court's JOURNEY Mental Health Court in the amount of \$44,986.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0836, 2023-0804, 2023-0832, 2023-0833, 2023-0834, 2023-0805, 2023-0729, 2023-0838, 2023-0839, 2023-0846, 2023-0743 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0838](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts will be impacted

Approval To Accept The FY24 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council - Accountability Court Grant For Rebound Juvenile Drug Court In The Amount Of \$57,009

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0836, 2023-0804, 2023-0832, 2023-0833, 2023-0834, 2023-0805, 2023-0729, 2023-0838, 2023-0839, 2023-0846, 2023-0743 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson



[2023-0839](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Commission will be impacted

Approval to Accept the FY24 Grant Award from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, INSPIRE Family Treatment Court in the amount of \$37,528.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0836, 2023-0804, 2023-0832, 2023-0833, 2023-0834, 2023-0805, 2023-0729, 2023-0838, 2023-0839, 2023-0846, 2023-0743 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0846](#)

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

Approval to accept the FY24 Grant Award from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, Juvenile Justice Incentive grant for the Juvenile Court's Commitment Alternative Program (CAP) in the amount of \$ 500,000

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0836, 2023-0804, 2023-0832, 2023-0833, 2023-0834, 2023-0805, 2023-0729, 2023-0838, 2023-0839, 2023-0846, 2023-0743 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Police Services**

[2023-0743](#)

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

Acceptance of Donation by Seniors And Law Enforcement Together (SALT),  
\$3,867.42

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0836, 2023-0804, 2023-0832, 2023-0833, 2023-0834, 2023-0805, 2023-0729, 2023-0838, 2023-0839, 2023-0846, 2023-0743 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

## H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

### Board of Commissioners - District 6

[2023-0835](#)

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

A Resolution to Commit to the Transformation of the South River Forest by Adopting the Recommendations of the “Explore South River Forest” Report and For the Administration to Prepare and Deliver an Implementation Plan

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred for 60 days, until September 12, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

### Board of Commissioners - District 7

[2023-0828](#)

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

CO - Change Order to Contract No. 1300961 DeKalb Chamber of Commerce for Business and Community Programming and Event (Annual Contract With Option to Renew). Amount Not To Exceed: \$25,000

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Fire & Rescue**

[2023-0795](#)

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

2022 Assistance to Firefighters Grant totaling \$393,610.00

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Human Services**

[2023-0763](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

Acceptance of a grant from the Atlanta Regional Commission for DeKalb Senior Services in the amount of \$2,151,179.75 at a cost to the County of \$165,907.94

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Public Works - Fleet Management**

[2023-0742](#)

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

Donation of Surplus Vehicles to Warren Technical School

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Purchasing & Contracting**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee*

[2023-0675](#)

**Commission District(s):** ALL

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1227524 Construction Fire Station No. 7 (730 days): for use by Fire Rescue Services (Fire). This contract consists of the construction of the new Fire Station No. 7. Awarded to Lichty Commercial Construction, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$350,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

*Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*[2023-0693](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1272818 On Call Architect and Engineering and Design Services for Facilities Management (Multiyear Contract): for use by Department of Facilities Management (FM), Department of Watershed Management (DWM) and Fire Rescue (FR). This contract consists of providing on call architect and engineering design services for a variety of planning, design, and construction projects for the County. This request is to increase contract funds to allow for the design of Fire Station 16. Awarded to Pond & Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$531,994.00.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0693, 2023-0772 was heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson**

[2023-0772](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 6 to Contract No. 1213433 Installation of Data, Voice and Multimedia Cabling (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). This contract consists of providing low-voltage installations, moves, adds and changes of data, voice and multimedia cabling at various locations within the County facilities. This request seeks to increase the contract funds and term through October 31, 2023. Awarded to R.B. Communications, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$150,000.00

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0693, 2023-0772 was heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee*

[2023-0687](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

CO - Change Order No. 4 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 scope of work and contract funds to allow for the completion of work. Awarded to Inliner Solutions, LLC (fka Granite Inliner, LLC). Amount Not To Exceed. \$1,789,694.81.

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0687, 2023-0691, 2023-0692, 2023-0790 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0691](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1321944 Asphaltic Concrete Pavement Repairs: for use by Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D) and the Departments of Watershed Management (DWM), Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs (RPCA), and Facilities Management (FM). This contract consists of providing road repair and maintenance services on various County roads. This request seeks to ratify the purchase of concrete caps under Purchase Order No. 1334038 and to increase the scope of work and contract funds. Awarded to A&S Paving, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$850,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0687, 2023-0691, 2023-0692, 2023-0790 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0692](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 1 for Contract Nos.: 1231540, 1231542, 1231546 and 1231552 Engineering and Design Services for Public Works Transportation & Infrastructure (Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works-Transportation. These contracts consist of providing engineering services in order to initiate design of selected public works infrastructure improvement projects for the County. This request seeks to increase the contract funds and term through December 31, 2024. Awarded to Atkins North America, Inc.; Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB), Inc.; Arcadis U.S. Inc.; and AECOM Technical Services, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,527,622.20.

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0687, 2023-0691, 2023-0692, 2023-0790 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0790](#)**Commission District(s): 2 & 6**

Agreement for the Construction and Financing of Sewer Upgrades with NDM (Edens), LLC with County Contributions Expected to be Below \$1,484,000.

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0687, 2023-0691, 2023-0692, 2023-0790 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Watershed Management**

# I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD

## Board of Commissioners

[2023-0464](#)

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

To explore the option of including additional fees for expedited plan reviews for development and building permits

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days, until August 8, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0663](#)

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

A Resolution Of The Board of Commissioners Of DeKalb County, Georgia  
Requesting The Installation Of Solar Panels On DeKalb County Owned Facilities  
And Land

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item to approve the substitute. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be reconsidered. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson



**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved the substitute submitted via email. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

#### Board of Commissioners - District 1

[2023-0792](#)

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

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

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 day, until August 8, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

#### Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2023-0758](#)

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

Resolution in Support of DeKalb Citizens and Their Pets, Facility and Service Expansion, and Prevention of More Homeless Pets

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until July 25, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0811](#)

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

A Resolution to obtain Facts, to bring Transparency, Accountability, and Clarity, and to give a voice to the people, taxpayers, homeowners, electors, and business owners in the area of unincorporated DeKalb County that is under consideration by the City of Brookhaven for annexation into the City, and for other purposes.

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Board of Commissioners - District 6**

[2023-0552](#)

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

Establishment of an RFP for Sustainability Vendor to Support the Development and Implementation of DeKalb County's Climate Action Plan and Address Environmental Justice Issues

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until July 25, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Board of Commissioners - District 7**

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

[2023-0646](#)**Commission District(s): All**

Approval of Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of May 23, 2023

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until July 25, 2023. Items 2023-0646, 2023-0721, 2023-0735 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0721](#)**Commission District(s): All**

Approval of Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of June 6, 2023.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until July 25, 2023. Items 2023-0646, 2023-0721, 2023-0735 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0735](#)**Commission District(s): All**

Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of June 13, 2023

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until July 25, 2023. Items 2023-0646, 2023-0721, 2023-0735 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

#### Community Development

##### [2023-0686](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

Update to the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Programs, including the 2023 Annual Action Plan - Federally Funded, No Cost to the County

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

#### Executive Assistant - Chief Operating Office

##### [2023-0815](#)

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

DeKalb County's objection to the proposed annexation of approximately 462 acres of privately-owned land in unincorporated DeKalb County into the City of Brookhaven pursuant to annexation via the sixty percent (60%) method.

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred to the Special Called Meeting, to be held after the Committee of the Whole on July 18, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Purchasing & Contracting***Purchasing & Contracting - to FAB Committee*[2023-0616](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1242439 Accountants for Financial Compliancy (Emergency): for use by the Department of Grants and Compliance (Finance). This contract consists of the provision of accountants to manage and meet reporting requirements. This request seeks to ratify the continued use of a previously approved emergency vendor and increase contract funds and term through December 31, 2026. Awarded to Robert Half International, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,267,070.80.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0727](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1218789 Print and Mail Service for Property Tax and Appraisal Statements and Election Documents (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Property Appraisal & Assessment Department. This contract consists of printing and mailing property assessments and tax appraisals documents to citizens of DeKalb County. This request seeks to increase the contract funds and term through June 30, 2024. Awarded to: Diversified Companies, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$73,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee*[2023-0504](#)**Commission District(s): 3 & 7**

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Playground and Water Play Equipment with Related Accessories and Services (Sourcewell Contract): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Sourcewell Contract No. 010521-LTS-8 for upgrades and renovations to parks, playgrounds, and recreational areas. This request is for upgrades and renovations to Ellenwood Park Playground. Awarded to Play Power, Inc. c/o Playworld Preferred. Amount Not To Exceed: \$582,629.44.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0504, 2023-0613, 2023-0638 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0613](#)**Commission District(s): All**

REN - Contract No. 1265085 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) One-Stop Operator (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 3 Options to Renew): for use by WorkSource DeKalb (WSD). This contract consists of retaining a one-stop operator to coordinate and manage workforce services as required by WIOA. This request seeks to exercise the 2nd renewal option through June 30, 2024. Awarded to In The Door, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$151,600.00.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0504, 2023-0613, 2023-0638 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0638](#)**Commission District(s): 2**

RFP - Request for Proposal No. 22-500612 Architectural & Engineering Services for the New Brookhaven Library (Five (5) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the DeKalb County Public Library (DCPL). Consists of providing architecture and design services for the New Brookhaven library. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer: Cas Architecture, P.C. Amount Not To Exceed: \$388,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0504, 2023-0613, 2023-0638 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee*

[2023-0525](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Class 4-8 Chassis with Related Equipment, Accessories, and Services (Sourcewell Contract): for use by public Works-Fleet Management to be used by Public Works-Sanitation. Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Sourcewell Contract No. 060920-PMC to purchase twelve (12) truck tractors with CNG engines. To be used to collect and transport collected refuse from transfer stations to the Seminole Road Landfill. Awarded to Peterbilt of Atlanta, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,358,704.00.

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Walk-On

**2023-0882** Add an Item

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**2023-0883**

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

An item to allocate \$100,000 of the American Rescue Plan Tranche 2 Funds Assigned to POETA Account 106388.63230.52109.10.05.602778 to First African CDC To Provide Rental and Utility Assistance and Needed Services to address the Economic Challenges Caused By The COVID-19 Pandemic

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**2023-0884** Add an Item

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson



**2023-0885**

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

An item to allocate \$100,000 of the American Rescue Plan Tranche 2 Funds Assigned to POETA Account 106388.63230.52109.10.05.602778 to the NAACP DeKalb County Branch To Provide Rental and Utility Assistance and Needed Services to address the Economic Challenges Caused By The COVID-19 Pandemic

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**2023-0886** Add an Item

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**2023-0887**

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

An item to allocate \$100,000 of the American Rescue Plan Tranche 2 Funds Assigned to POETA Account 106388.63230.52109.10.05.602778 to the Georgia Coalition for The People's Agenda To Provide Rental and Utility Assistance and Needed Services to address the Economic Challenges Caused By The COVID-19 Pandemic

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**2023-0888**

Add an Item

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**2023-0889**

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

An item to allocate \$50,000 of the American Rescue Plan Tranche 2 Funds Assigned to POETA Account 106388.63230.52109.10.05.602778 to Tabitha's House International To Provide Rental and Utility Assistance and Needed Services to address the Economic Challenges Caused By The COVID-19 Pandemic

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**2023-0890**

Add an Item

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**2023-0891**

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

An item to allocate \$50,000 of the American Rescue Plan Tranche 2 Funds Assigned to POETA Account 106388.63230.52109.10.05.602778 to SCLC Women To Provide Rental and Utility Assistance and Needed Services to address the Economic Challenges Caused By The COVID-19 Pandemic

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

## **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.

ADJOURNMENT:

**There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn the July 11, 2023 Board of commissioners meeting at 12:41 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson,



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Robert Patrick  
Presiding Officer



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Michael Thurmond  
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders (Jul 25, 2023 13:37 EDT)

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Barbara Sanders-Norwood  
County Clerk