

# DeKalb County Government

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, July 9, 2019**

**9:00 AM**

**Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium**

### **Board of Commissioners**

*Commissioner Jeff Rader, Presiding Officer, District 2  
Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 4*

*Commissioner Nancy Jester, District 1  
Commissioner Jeff Rader, District 2  
Commissioner Larry Johnson, District 3  
Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4  
Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5  
Commissioner Kathie Gannon, Super District 6  
Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Super District 7*

**Present:** 7 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Kathie Gannon, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

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

## **A. INSPIRATIONAL**

Felton Eaddy, MA, Poet  
Producer and Host of Felton Eaddy's Poetry Kitchen

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Larry Johnson  
District 3

## **B. PRESENTATIONS**

NONE

## **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. Each speaker must complete a speaker card and present it to the clerk before the beginning of the public comment portion of the meeting. Cards 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, 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 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. 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.

1. Gina Mangham, 8179 Pleasant Hill Lithonia, GA 30058 – Spoke requesting commissioners to approve the Transit Plan.
2. Kenneth Hill, P.O. Box 371124 Decatur, GA 30037 – Spoke regarding a traffic situation on Glendale Drive and McAfee road.
3. Joe Peery, 1674 Flat Shoals Rd. SE Atlanta, GA 30316 – Spoke regarding violations of original deed restrictions for Entrenchment Creek Park, and its effect on the Blackhall Studios land swap.
4. Joel Slaton, 5669 Redcoat Run Stone Mountain, GA 30087 – Spoke in opposition to the Blackhall Studios land swap.
5. Martha Gross, (no address) Briarcliff Rd. Atlanta, GA 30329 – Spoke regarding discrimination against high quality national businesses and developers in the Planning process.
6. Jay Scott, 1415 Constitution Rd. (no city, no zipcode) – Spoke representing Blackhall Studios in support of the land swap.
7. Jay West, 1523 Harvest Ln. Atlanta, GA 30317 – Spoke as an Arborist who has accessed the land being proposed to swap by Blackhall Studios, and recommends DeKalb County to approve the land swap.
8. Joel Edwards, 2179 Tudor Castle Way Decatur, GA 30035 – Spoke in favor of the land swap with Blackhall Studios and light rail for South DeKalb; and the difference in economic development between North and South DeKalb.
9. Margaret Brady, 2053 Edgemore Dr. SE Atlanta, GA 30316 – Spoke in opposition to the Blackhall Studios land swap.
10. Shannon Lee, 2383 Glynn Drive Atlanta, GA 30316 – Spoke in opposition to the Blackhall Studios land swap.
11. Lance L. Hammonds, 6933 Waters Edge Dr. Stone Mountain, GA (no zipcode) – Spoke requesting commissioners to approve the MARTA Transportation item.
12. Stephen Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021 – Spoke regarding the need for an Ethics Ordinance and Commission; the need for a new Sheriff; and the need to look more closely at the contract with All-In-One Security Service.

## 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. Applicants or citizens speaking in favor of an item shall speak first and 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. 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.

### Budget

[2019-3851](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
2019 Budget Revision; Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rates-  
*Stephen Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021, spoke in favor*

*Joe Arrington, 466 S. Rays Rd. Stone Mountain, GA 30083, spoke in opposition*

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**2019-4014** Add Item

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to add an item. Commissioner Nancy Jester was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

**2019-4015** Commission District(s): All  
2019 DeKalb Board of Education Budget Resolution

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Nancy Jester recused herself. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Recused:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

**Public Works - Transportation**

[2019-3892](#) Commission District(s): 4 & 6  
Traffic Calming Petition- Ohm Ave between Cedar St and Old Rockbridge Rd. No cost to County.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**E. APPEALS**

NONE

**F. APPOINTMENTS**

Chief Executive Office

[2019-3920](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

Appointment to the Chamblee - Doraville Community Improvement District Board - Mr. Mario Evans

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3934](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

Reappointment to the DeKalb Community Service Board - Mr. Andre Moorer

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3934, 2019-3936, 2019-3937, 2019-3938, 2019-3939 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3936](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

Reappointment to the DeKalb Community Service Board - Ms. Rosemarie Nelson

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3934, 2019-3936, 2019-3937, 2019-3938, 2019-3939 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3937](#)

Commission District(s): All  
Reappointment to the DeKalb Community Service Board - Ms. Meredith McCoyd

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3934, 2019-3936, 2019-3937, 2019-3938, 2019-3939 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:**                7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3938](#)

Commission District(s): ALL  
Reappointment to the DeKalb Community Service Board - Mr. John Bushfield

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3934, 2019-3936, 2019-3937, 2019-3938, 2019-3939 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:**                7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3939](#)

Commission District(s): ALL  
Reappointment to the DeKalb Community Service Board - Ms. Joan Gage

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3934, 2019-3936, 2019-3937, 2019-3938, 2019-3939 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:**                7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**ITEMS FOR RECORDING IN THE MINUTES**

**Board of Commissioners - District 5**

[2019-3930](#)

Commission District(s): District 5

Recording of the appointment of Gina Mangham to the SPLOST Oversight Committee for Revenues and Expenditures, District 5 Post

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Nancy Jester abstained. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Gannon

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

**Board of Commissioners - District 7**[2019-3928](#)

Commission District(s): District 7

Recording of the appointment of Thomas Bowen to the DeKalb County Community Council Board, District 1 Post.

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Gannon

**G. CONSENT AGENDA****Board of Commissioners**[2019-3950](#)

Commission District(s): All

A Resolution Reaffirming the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners' 2019 Committees

**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 Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

#### Board of Commissioners - District 5

##### [2019-3981](#)

Commission District(s): District 5

To Allocate an Amount not to Exceed \$35,000.00 for a Master Plan Design & Study of the Lithonia Amphitheater from the Reserve for Appropriation Non-Departmental General Fund for District 5

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3981 and 2019-3982 were heard together. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Gannon

##### [2019-3982](#)

Commission District(s): District 5

To Allocate \$80,000 for the Design of Sidewalks on Snapfinger Woods Drive from East Wesley Chapel Way to Miller Road from the Reserve for Appropriation Non-Departmental General Fund for District 5

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3981 and 2019-3982 were heard together. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Gannon

## H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

**Board of Commissioners**

[2019-3946](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Adoption of DeKalb County Board of Commissioners  
Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Employment Policy  
**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 Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3988](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
Adoption of a Resolution by the Governing Authority for a DeKalb County Transit Master Plan  
**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be to defer the substitute submitted from the floor and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on July 23, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Community Development**

[2019-3900](#) Commission District(s): Serves All  
The 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Programs, including the 2019 Annual Action Plan - Federally Funded, No Cost to the County  
**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on July 23, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3907](#)

Commission District(s): Serves All  
Intergovernmental Contract between DeKalb County, The City of Clarkston, and The City of Lithonia to Establish the DeKalb Regional Land Bank Authority

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 45 days, until August 27, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Police Services**

[2019-3875](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
MOU for Police - Business Partnership with Flock Group, Inc. to Help Reduce Crime in DeKalb County

**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 Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Purchasing & Contracting**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee*

[2019-3715](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

RFP - Request for Proposals No. 19-500513 Uniformed Security Guard Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by Police Services (PS) to be utilized by all County departments. Consists of providing armed and/or unarmed, uniformed security guards at various County Facilities. Awarded to: All N One Security Services, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$10,520,383.06.

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until July 23, 2019. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson

*Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*

[2019-3850](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

AP - Closed Cab Boom Mower Tractor with Rotary Cutter: Invitation No. 18-101017 for Public Works - Fleet Management to be used by Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of the purchase of one (1) Closed Cab Boom Mower with Rotary Cutter used to cut ponds, embankments and ditch lines too difficult for regular mowing tractors. Awarded to Ag-Pro. Amount Not To Exceed: \$151,034.00.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on July 23, 2019. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee*[2018-2357](#)

Commission District(s): All  
SS - MARS Company (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the purchase of a MARS Test Bench System. Recommend award to MARS Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$548,220.80.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on July 23, 2019. Items 2018-2357, 2019-3713, 2019-3830 were heard together. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson

[2019-3713](#)

Commission District(s): All  
LB - Invitation No. 19-101074 Sand (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) and Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). Consists of providing various types of sand. Recommend award to the sole bidder who is responsive and responsible: F.M. Shelton. Amount Not To Exceed: \$110,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on July 23, 2019. Items 2018-2357, 2019-3713, 2019-3830 were heard together. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson

[2019-3830](#)

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1048832 for Disaster Recovery and Sewage Cleaning Services: for use by the Departments of Watershed Management (DWM) and Facilities Management (FM). This contract consists of disaster recovery cleaning and supplementary services for repairs to heating, ventilation, air conditioning and plumbing systems affected by water and sewer spills. Awarded to Bell Restoration Services, Inc. dba Servpro of Stone Mountain/Clarkston. Amount Not To Exceed: \$637,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on July 23, 2019. Items 2018-2357, 2019-3713, 2019-3830 were heard together. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson

## I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD

### Board of Commissioners

[2019-3325](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts  
Amendments to DeKalb County Purchasing Ordinance

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred for 60 days, until September 10, 2019. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson

**Board of Commissioners - District 2**

[2019-3925](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Fireworks Ordinance to Amend the Code of DeKalb County, as revised 1988, Chapter 16 Pertaining to Noise, and for Other Purposes  
**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until July 23, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Board of Commissioners - District 3**

[2019-3799](#) Commission District(s): Districts 3, 5, and 7  
Reaffirm the support of the Board of Commissioners for Transit in South DeKalb County  
**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Nancy Jester opposed. Commissioners Jeff Rader and Kathie Gannon abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**No:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

**Abstain:** 2 - Commissioner Rader, and Commissioner Gannon

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

[2019-3866](#) Commission District(s): All  
Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2019  
**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until July 23, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

### Purchasing & Contracting

*Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*

2019-3704

Commission District(s): All  
LB - Invitation No. 19-101079 On Call Roof Maintenance, Repair & Replacement Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Facilities Management (FM), Fire Rescue Services (FR) and Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of maintaining, repairing and installing various types of roofs on County owned facilities. Recommend multi-award to the responsive and responsible bidders: Hawk Construction Company, LLC, RYCARS Construction, LLC and National Building Contractors, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$9,100,001.00.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until July 23, 2019. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw



[2019-3724](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

AP - Fire Pumper, 1000 GPM with Fire and EMS Equipment: Invitation No. 18-100966 for Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by Fire Rescue Services. Consists of the purchase of three (3) additional Fire Pumpers used to pump water to extinguish fires and haul EMS equipment. The additional units are needed due to the increase in current demand for service and need to have adequate units ready for deployment in the field. Awarded to Sutphen Corporation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,218,949.00.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3724, 2019-3742, 2019-3776, 2019-3804 were heard together. The motion carried by the following hand vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3742](#)

Commission District(s): All

REN - Anti-freeze (Annual Contract - 1st of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1116976 and 1116980 for use by Public Works - Fleet Management. These contracts consist of purchasing anti-freeze for County vehicles and equipment. Awarded to Dilmar Oil Company and NAPA Auto Parts. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$50,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3724, 2019-3742, 2019-3776, 2019-3804 were heard together. The motion carried by the following hand vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3764](#)

Commission District(s): All

REN - Purchase of Automobiles (Annual Contract - 1st of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1119757, 1119777, 1119784, 1120326 and 1119786 for use by Public Works- Fleet Management. These contracts consist of purchasing replacement vehicles to enable County personnel to complete daily tasks that require the use of automobiles and keep DeKalb rolling. Awarded to Wade Ford, Hardy Chevrolet, Hardy Family Ford, Downtown Nashville Nissan, and Don Jackson Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, and Ram (Don Jackson C/D/J/R). Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$8,000,000.00.

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

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Gannon

[2019-3776](#)

Commission District(s): All

SS - 2019 Annual Hewlett Packard Enterprise Company (HP) License Software and Maintenance Support Agreement (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Innovation & Technology (IT). Consists of providing proprietary maintenance and software licenses that are used to support the server infrastructure for County business units. Awarded to Hewlett Packard. Amount Not To Exceed: \$239,164.32

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3724, 2019-3742, 2019-3776, 2019-3804 were heard together. The motion carried by the following hand vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3804](#)

Commission District(s): All  
CA - Microsoft Premier Support: for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT). This contract consists of support service for Office 365, SharePoint and Windows Operating Systems. Awarded to Microsoft Corporation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$156,050.00.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3724, 2019-3742, 2019-3776, 2019-3804 were heard together. The motion carried by the following hand vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee*

[2019-3321](#)

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 07-901001 Engineering Services for Snapfinger and Pole Bridge Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing professional engineering services to Pole Bridge Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Phase 2 expansion of the Snapfinger Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility. Awarded to Parsons Water and Infrastructure, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,129,255.00.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until July 23, 2019. The motion carried by the following hand vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

### Voter Registration & Elections

[2019-3792](#)

Commission District(s): Commission Districts 2, 3, 4 and 6  
Adoption of Election Precinct Boundary Changes due to the Cities of Atlanta and Brookhaven Annexations and to reduce overcrowding in Clarkston Precinct.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until July 23, 2019. The motion carried by the following hand vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3805](#)

Commission District(s): Commission Districts 5 and 7  
Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Lithonia for Election Services.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor. The motion carried by the following hand vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

## J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

**1. Commissioner Nancy Jester mentioned the following comments:**

- Thanked Commissioners and the Administration for their work on the budget

**2. Commissioner Larry Johnson mentioned the following comments:**

- Thanked the residents of the cities for attending the Census Kickoff event
- The next event for the Census will be held at the National Night Out event
- Thanked the people that came out for the annual Candler Road Clean-Up
- Attended the Christian Jubilee Church seminar on Human Trafficking
- Attended the Amphitheater groundbreaking at Rainbow Park

**3. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw read the following comments:**

Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer. Good Morning Everyone.

Today, I would like to begin by saying how pleased I was with the turnout for our Memorial Drive Revitalization Community Open House on June 25th. There were nearly 200 people in attendance, which underscores the significant interest in this project. I would like to thank our Planning and Sustainability Department, led by Andrew Baker, for putting the meeting together. And I want to thank the consultants from Pond & Co. for their expertise and professionalism in guiding our constituents through the process. As I said in my remarks that evening, Memorial Drive did not get where it is overnight, and it will not turn around overnight. But, with diligence and patience we can begin to make improvements on this vital commercial corridor. As this project evolves, we will continue to keep you informed.

It was a pleasure to attend the Les Chateaux Civic Association Meeting on June 27th. Les Chateaux is one of the great communities in District 4. As usual, we engaged in a spirited dialogue with our constituents on a number of important issues. I would like to thank association President Chandra Robinson for the invitation. I look forward to returning in the future.

On July 17th, we will hold the first public engagement meeting for the Avondale Dunaire Park Master Plan Study. The meeting will be from 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the DeKalb Watershed Management Office at 4572 Memorial Drive. Everyone is invited to attend.

I would like to thank our intern Raven Thurman for her tour of duty in our office. She did an outstanding job on every mission that she was assigned. Now she is moving on to bigger and better things. We wish her nothing but success in all of her future endeavors. I just hope that she does not forget us little people here in DeKalb County and District 4.

Finally, I hope that everyone had a safe and happy July 4th holiday. And let us always remember that Freedom is not Free.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call my office at 404-371-4749. And as always I want to thank the citizens of District 4 for affording me this opportunity to serve. Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer.

**4. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson read the following comments:**

Thank You, Mr. Presiding Officer, and Good morning everyone again. I would like to begin my comments by congratulating Judge Shondeanna Morris and Judge Stacy Hydrick who were recently appointed to the DeKalb County Superior Court bench by the Governor.

Last Wednesday, I had the opportunity to stop by the East Precinct and celebrate our officers at the 3rd Annual Officer Appreciation Luncheon. I would like to give a shout out to Major K.D. Banks and Officer Jenkins for their hard work in cooking the food. The fried fish was great. It was truly a wonderful opportunity to tell our officers THANK YOU for all that they do to keep us safe.

My office also had a chance to stop by the Coffee with a Cop last Thursday at the Zaxby's on Memorial Drive. I would like to express my thanks to all of the citizens who came out. Also, a special thanks to our Police Department for continuing to engage with the community.

I enjoyed sitting on the Atlanta – Fulton County League of Women Voters panel for a discussion on “Leading from beside”. It was great to be joined by Mrs. Joan Carr, wife of Attorney General Chris Carr and Mrs. Sharon Levell, Wife of Presidential Appointee Bruce Levell. A very special thanks to my friend, Ms. Janelle Jones for inviting me to participate.

I would like to invite all of District 5 out to join us for our Collaborative Community Clean Up with the Murifield subdivision on next Saturday, July 20, 2019. This is the same community where we demolished the first blighted property of 2019 in DeKalb County. For more information on how you can join in on this community clean up or future clean ups, please visit my website at [www.commissionermeredajohnson.com](http://www.commissionermeredajohnson.com) or call my office at 404-371-2412.

District 5 is pleased to announce the 2019 Homeowner's Association President's Roundtable which will take place on August 1, 2019. If you are the President of your homeowners association or you are the elected representative from your neighborhood, please email [dmccoy@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:dmccoy@dekalbcountyga.gov) to confirm your contact information so that you can receive the latest information on the Roundtable. More details will be forthcoming as we approach the meeting date.

Finally, I would like to make mention of a concern which came into my office from the Kings Ridge & Wesley Woods Subdivision regarding the paving of their streets. I want the residents to know that I am looking into your concerns and working with the SPLOST Team to ensure that we achieve a resolution in this matter as soon as possible. When we receive more information regarding the details of the project, we will provide you

with that information. I appreciate you all for reaching out to me and letting me know your concerns. I am looking forward to continuing to work with you to address this concern.

For more information on any of the announcements, District 5 upcoming events, please feel free to visit my website at [www.commissionermeredajohnson.com](http://www.commissionermeredajohnson.com) or you may call my office at 404-371-2159. And as always, don't hesitate to contact my office with any of your questions, concerns, or suggestions. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your District 5 Commissioner.

**5. Commissioner Kathie Gannon mentioned the following comments:**

- Thanked Commissioners for their work on the 2019 Budget
- Learn about the dangers of FOG or Fat, Oil, and Grease in DeKalb County pipes and how we can help prevent the negative effects of FOG at one of the four educational events happening this month. On my website my [www.CommissionerKathieGannon.com](http://www.CommissionerKathieGannon.com), under "Events", you can find specific location and date information
- We recently proclaimed July as DeKalb County Parks and Recreation month! They've already had several cool events, including Free Swim Day and an "Aware" tour on Arabia Mountain, and they have a bunch more coming your way. To see a full list of July Parks and Rec events, visit my website under "County News"! You can't miss out because there is an event nearly every day!
- We are still looking for a District 6 representative for the Complete Count Committee or CCC for the 2020 Census. The CCC serves as "census ambassador" group that plays an integral part in ensuring a complete and accurate count of the community in the 2020 Census. This is an opportunity to get involved with your community, as well as influence and promote the census through locally based targeted outreach efforts. To learn more about this important role, please visit my website. If this would be a great opportunity for you, email [KGannon@DeKalbCountyGA.gov](mailto:KGannon@DeKalbCountyGA.gov) to let us know you want to be considered to represent Super District 6! The countdown is on!
- Are you a vendor or local small business enterprise and want to do business with DeKalb County? There is an excellent opportunity for you to learn the "ins and outs" of doing business with DeKalb County at a clinic held by the Department of Purchasing and Contracting this Friday from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. There will also be iSupplier registration assistance available onsite until 2 p.m. The clinic will be at 4572 Memorial Drive in Decatur. Register by visiting [www.HowToDoBusinessWithDeKalbJuly19.Eventbrite.com](http://www.HowToDoBusinessWithDeKalbJuly19.Eventbrite.com) or call 404-371-7051
- If you are interested in the development of Avondale Dunaire Park and George Luther Drive property, there is an opportunity to find out what current park improvements and recreation projects are underway at the first of a series of public meetings. The first public meeting is Wednesday, July 17th at 6:30 p.m. at the DeKalb Watershed Management Building at 4572 Memorial Drive in Decatur. For more information about future meetings, contact LaShanda Davis, at 404-371-3643
- Are you interested in learning how to make your garden a "haven" for native pollinators or make your own

native bee “hotel”? Then join the first class of a series hosted by the DeKalb County Cooperative Extension to learn how to create a “space for pollinators”. The class cost is \$25 and will be held on Thursday, July 18th from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Briarwood Park Community Center Dance Room at 2234 Briarwood Way Northeast in Atlanta. The deadline to register for the first class is today. For information about future classes in August please visit my website [www.CommissionerKathieGannon.com](http://www.CommissionerKathieGannon.com) under the “Events” tab

- The DeKalb Symphony Orchestra is tuning up for their Summer Pops Concert! They will be playing “music from the stage and screen- big and small” with the popular pianist Robert Strickland and his trio. The concert will be held Friday, July 19th at 8:00 p.m. at the Marvin Cole Auditorium at Georgia State University’s Clarkston Campus. Adult tickets are \$32, senior tickets are \$30, and student tickets are \$15. You can get your tickets online at [www.DeKalbSymphony.org](http://www.DeKalbSymphony.org) or call their box office at 678-891-3565

- National Night Out Day is observed annually on the first Tuesday in August. This year it is observed on Tuesday, August 6th. This night focuses on the community and raising awareness in the United States. Promoting police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer. Visit my Facebook, Commissioner Kathie Gannon and share on the post how your Super District 6 neighborhood is celebrating this year’s National Night Out!

- For constituents who live or work in the City of Decatur. A public meeting will be held Thursday, July 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the Decatur Recreation Center to provide residents and citizen with information on the sewer rehabilitation work that is slated to begin in the Oakland Street, Ponce De Leon Pl, and Beaumont Avenue areas in the City of Decatur on July 15th. At this point, all of the work is planned for public right of ways. The meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss public safety during the work, which will require some road closures. The sewer rehabilitation work falls under the DeKalb County Consent Decree. I will be linking a FAQ that answers some of the common questions asked about the project. Please email [Liaison-projectinfo@DeKalbCountyGa.gov](mailto:Liaison-projectinfo@DeKalbCountyGa.gov) with any additional questions or concerns

#### **6. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran- Johnson read the following comments:**

- First and foremost, I hope that everyone had a great 4th of July holiday as we celebrated the independence of the United States of America!

- I would like to thank Apostle T. Jennings and his congregation at the Harvest Tabernacle Church for inviting me to celebrate his birthday with them. He was provided with a proclamation from the Board of Commissioners. I would like to commend Apostle Jennings and the Tabernacle Church on being a global ministry

- Last Monday, July 1st, I attended the official groundbreaking ceremony for the Rainbow Park amphitheater, walking trails, gardens and open meadows along with my colleague Commissioner Larry Johnson. The amphitheater will seat up to 1,000 people and will be an open-air venue for DeKalb residents and visitors to enjoy a variety of live music performances, movies in the park and other county-sponsored events. This will be a huge asset to the County



- Peachtree DeKalb Airport, the second busiest airport in Georgia, is excited to announce a Public Open House, which is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17th, from 6 p.m – 8 p.m. at the Chamblee Civic Center, 3540 Broad St, Chamblee, GA 30341. This is an opportunity to meet airport officials and learn about the master plan process. Anyone interested in understanding more about PDK’s airport master plan is welcome to attend!
  
- I will be hosting the second installment in the Books & More Women’s Empowerment Club Series on Saturday, July 20th, 2019, from 12 noon - 2 p.m., at the Smoke Rise Country Club, 4900 Chedworth Dr., Stone Mountain, GA 30087
  
- The Women’s Empowerment Book Club will feature seasoned golfer and founder of Golf Women Mean Business, Patrina King, who will share her advice on what it takes to be successful in business from the teachings in her book, 9 Holes 9 Goals, A Beginner’s Guide to Doing Business on the Course. Attendees will get an introduction to these steps, a signed copy of King’s book, tea, hors d’oeuvres, and advice on how to improve their golf swing. Registration is \$35 per person. To register visit <http://bit.ly/2RpZdZD>. For additional information, call 404-371-3681 or email Allison M. Slocum at [amslocum@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:amslocum@dekalbcountyga.gov).
  
- Congratulations to Judge Stacey Hydrick who was recently appointed to fill a vacancy on the DeKalb Superior Court by Governor Kemp. Her swearing in ceremony is scheduled for Monday, July 15th at 2:00 p.m. at the State Capital. Please come out to support her.
  
- I attended the Census RoundUp Kick-off last night at the Maloof Building and would like to commend Commissioner Larry Johnson for his work. There was great diversity in the room and it makes me believe this will be a record year for the census count. Thanks to everyone for coming out. Thanks to Commissioner Larry Johnson for carrying the torch.

Please write, send emails, photos, and visit our website at [www.CommissionerLorraineCochranJohnson.com](http://www.CommissionerLorraineCochranJohnson.com) or call us at 404.371.2899. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

#### **7. Commissioner Jeff Rader read the following comments:**

My office number is 404-371-2863 and my email is [jrader@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:jrader@dekalbcountyga.gov).

Please take the time to visit my website at [www.commissionerrader.com](http://www.commissionerrader.com) and sign up for news and information. When issues arise in the community and the county responds, my office often sends notice out to residents. From road closures to water main breaks to office closings and calendar events, we try to keep you informed with up to the minute information. I would like to enlist your help in identifying areas of the county that need attention from our Beautification Division. Reporting this concern is as easy as taking a picture and typing a quick description on your phone. Just go to [www.commissionerrader.com](http://www.commissionerrader.com) and click ‘Report a Concern’ to reach us.

Please also follow me on Facebook and Twitter using [@raderjeff](#) and on Instagram at [commissionerjeffrader](#).

## Upcoming In Library News...

- Decatur Branch is offering Debt Clinics at 5:30 p.m. on July 9th and 23rd and a Tenants' Rights Clinic on July 16th
- Join Story Con this Saturday July 13th from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. at the Decatur Branch in celebration of different forms of storytelling
- And Friday Movies at the Toco Hills Avis G Williams branch throughout the month of July start at 1:30 p.m.

**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 Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson to adjourn the July 9, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:20 p.m. The motion carried by the following hand vote:**

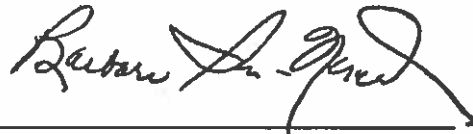
**Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson**



Jeff Rader  
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond  
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders-Norwood  
County Clerk