DeKalb County Government

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 3, 2019 9:00 AM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

Special Called Meeting

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 Loraine 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

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

Work Session

- A. Committee Reports
- B. I-20 East Transit Oriented Design Community Plan
- C. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for December 10, 2019
- D. Review of Board of Commissioners Preliminary Agenda
- E. Review/Recap of New Items for the BOC Agenda
- F. Items Previously Heard
- I. Committee of the Whole
- II. Special Call Meeting
- A. Executive Session

2019-4746

Commission District(s): All

To Convene a Special Called Meeting

MOTION was made by Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to convene a Special Call Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:

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

2019-4747 Commission District(s): All

To Convene an Executive Session Meeting
MOTION was made by Commissioner Steve Bradshaw,
seconded by Commissioner Nancy Jester, that this agenda item
be approved to convene an Executive Session Meeting. The
motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:

 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

2019-4748 Commission District(s): All

To Adjourn an Executive Session Meeting MOTION was made by Commissioner Larry Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn an Executive Session Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:

 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

2019-4749 Commission District(s): District 3 and 7

Acquisition of property at 4070 and 4075 Old River Road MOTION was made by Commissioner Larry Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to purchase approximately 0.3 acre property at 4075 Old River Road 15-028-05-003 and 0.2 acre property at 4071 Old River Road 15-028-05-010 and subject to completion of due diligence: and to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documents. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:

 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

2019-4750 Commission District(s): District 2

Acquisition of property at 1634 Briarcliff Road MOTION was made by Commissioner Kathie Gannon, seconded by Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the resolution to acquire the property at 963 Scott Circle 18-061-01-029 and transfer \$320,000 from 2001 Parks Bond District 2 account 100592.80314.541100.05.600010 to fund the acquisition: Subject to completion of all due diligence and to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documents to complete the action. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:

 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

2019-4751 Commiss

Commission District(s): All

Proposed settlement of claims against Officers Penrose and Nalls in the lawsuit filed by James Woods against Penrose, Nalls, and others, civil action no. 1:17cv02498, pending in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be to approve a total payment of \$190,000 (one hundred ninety thousand dollars) to settle James Woods' claim against Officers Benjamin Penrose and Marcell Nalls in Civil Action No. 1:17cv2498 in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia. To resolve Woods' claim against Officers Penrose and Nalls, the County will pay the total sum of \$190,000 (one hundred ninety thousand dollars) to Woods and his attorneys in return for and conditioned on Woods' dismissal with prejudice of his claims against Officers Penrose and Nalls and Woods' execution of release and waiver of claims satisfactory to the County Attorney. The County Attorney or her designee is authorized to sign the settlement agreement. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:

 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

2019-4752 Commission District(s): All

Proposed settlement of claims against former DeKalb County Sheriffs Thomas Brown and Jeffrey Mann, and Detention Officers Andrew An, Patrick Alexander, Jeremy Cooks and Adam Webb in the lawsuit filed by Joseph Sims, civil action no. 1:16-cv-00219. MOTION was made by Commissioner Nancy Jester, seconded by Commissioner Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be to approve a total payment of \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars) to settle Joseph Sims' claims against former DeKalb County Sheriffs Thomas Brown and Jeffrey Mann, and **Detention Officers Andrew An, Patrick Alexander, Jeremy** Cooks and Adam Webb in Civil Action No. 1:16-cv-00219 pending in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia. To resolve Sims' claims against former DeKalb County Sheriffs Thomas Brown and Jeffrey Mann, and **Detention Officers Andrew An, Patrick Alexander, Jeremy** Cooks and Adam Webb, the County will pay the total sum of \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars) to Sims and his attorney's in return for and conditioned on Sims' dismissal with prejudice of his claims against former DeKalb County Sheriffs Thomas Brown and Jeffrey Mann, and Detention Officers Andrew An, Patrick Alexander, Jeremy Cooks and Adam Webb, and execution of a release and waiver of claims satisfactory to the County Attorney. The County Attorney or her designee is authorized to sign the settlement agreement. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:

 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

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no futher offical business, MOTION was made by Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn the December 3, 2019 Special Called Meeting at 11:31a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 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

Jeff Rader

Presiding Officer

Michael Thurmond

Chief Executive Officer

Barbara Sanders-Norwood

County Clerk