DeKalb County Government

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 20, 2021 9:00 AM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

Special Called Meeting

Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Presiding Officer, District 4 Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Deputy, District 7

Commissioner Robert Patrick, District 1
Commissioner Jeff Rader, District 2
Commissioner Larry Johnson, District 3
Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4
Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5
Commissioner Edward "Ted" Terry, Super District 6
Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Super District 7

Present

6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Jeff Rader,
 Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Mereda Davis
 Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine
 Cochran-Johnson

Absent

1 - Commissioner Steve Bradshaw

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

Work Session

- I. Committee of the Whole
- A. Committee Reports
- B. Decide DeKalb Quarterly Briefing
- C. Water Billing & Meter Update
- D. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for April 27, 2021
- E. Review of Board of Commissioners Preliminary Agenda
- F. Review/Recap of New Items for the BOC Agenda
- G. Items Previously Heard
- II. Special Call Meeting

2021-2541 Commission District(s): All

To Convene a Special Called Meeting

MOTION was made by Commissioner Jeff Rader, seconded by Commissioner Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be approved to convene a Special Call Meeting. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw was absent from the meeting The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:

 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Steve Bradshaw

2021-2542 Commission District(s): All

To Convene an Executive Session Meeting

MOTION was made by Commissioner Jeff

MOTION was made by Commissioner Jeff Rader, seconded by Commissioner Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be approved to convene an Executive Session Meeting. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Jeff

Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson,

Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner

Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Steve Bradshaw

2021-2543 Commission District(s): All

To Adjourn an Executive Session Meeting

MOTION was made by Commissioner Jeff Rader, seconded by Commissioner Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn an Executive Session Meeting. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Jeff

Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson,

Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner

Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Steve Bradshaw

2021-2544 Commission District(s): 2 & 6

Proposed settlement of lawsuits filed by Alexander Quarters, LLC against DeKalb County and others.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Jeff Rader, seconded by Commissioner Ted Terry, that this agenda item be to approve payment of the total amount of \$290,000 (two hundred ninety thousand dollars) to Alexander Quarters, LLC and its counsel to settle two lawsuits, one filed by Alexander Quarters, LLC against the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners and its members as respondents and against DeKalb County as defendant, Civil Action No. 19cv2099 in the Superior Court of DeKalb County, and the other filed by Alexander Quarters, LLC against Luz Borrero, Andrew Baker, Marian Eisenberg, and DeKalb County, Georgia, Civil Action File No. 19CV2915 in the Superior Court of DeKalb County. To resolve these two lawsuits, the County will pay to Alexander Quarters, LLC and its counsel the sum of \$240,000, in return for and conditioned on Alexander Quarter's LLC's dismissal with prejudice of all claims in the aforementioned lawsuits and Alexander Quarters, LLC's execution of a settlement agreement, release and waiver of claims that is satisfactory to the County Attorney. The County will pay to Alexander Quarters, LLC the additional sum of \$50,000 to be placed in escrow for construction of a left turn lane from Stephens Drive onto Briarcliff Road, which Alexander Quarters, LLC will construct if necessary approvals are timely received from the Georgia Department of Transportation. If the Georgia Department of Transportation does not timely provide necessary approvals for construction of that left turn lane, or if the left turn lane is not timely constructed after GDOT approval, Alexander Quarters will return this \$50,000 amount to the County. The County Attorney or her designee is authorized to execute the settlement agreement. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:

 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Steve Bradshaw

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Commissioner Jeff Rader, seconded by Commissioner Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn the April 06, 2021 Special Called Meeting at 12:07 p.m. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:

 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson,
 Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson,
 Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner
 Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

Absent: I - Commissioner Steve Bradshaw

Stephen R. Bradshaw Presiding Officer

Michael Thurmond Chief Executive Officer

Barbara Sanders-Norwood County Clerk

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