

# DeKalb County Government

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, July 25, 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:** 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
- Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Larry Johnson

**Administration:** Michael Thurmond, CEO, Zachary Williams, Executive Assistant/ Chief Operating Officer, Barbara Sanders-Norwood, County Clerk, Viviane Ernstes, 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 25, 2023- Unread Emails**

1. *Gloria Tatum (No Address)- Intrenchment Creek Park was always safe. Dangerous traps in the Park was a lie. Yes there were boards with nails from the construction of tree houses. But they were under the tree being worked on. They were not hidden. That lie was told to get everything out of the park so they could bulldozed down all the trees on old Prison Farm property without interference.*

2. *Kimberlin Kasey, 1608 Brockett Way Clarkston GA- Dear Dekalb Leaders, My name is Kimberlin Kasey and I live at 1608 Brockett Way, Clarkston. I am a single mother. My job abruptly closed last year due to the pandemic which caused a domino effect of hardship for me. I found work but it was temporary, and received unemployment starting 12/2022-03/2023 which wasn't enough to cover the base rent. After that I made a few payments to the rent office with the help of my family members until I couldn't anymore. Unemployment minus taxes is only \$306 and no one can live off of that! Therefore I started falling behind even more and now I'm under eviction. I applied for TLAC at the beginning of May and my application hadn't been assigned to a processor at the time of court on 6/16/2023. During the eviction court hearing, I spoke with the TLAC representative Ms. Rosa and provided the remaining documents she needed from me and the apartment complex; however, several days later I received a denial email advising I didn't meet the requirements. I was declined because my job closed last year because it couldn't sustain after the effects of Covid. I was told that I wasn't directly affected by Covid in the months I was behind on my rent. The program requirements from the feds states hardship during the last three years! It also states that receiving unemployment qualifies you for the program! If my company had never closed and I kept full time work I would not be struggling pay bills. I want to ask why wouldn't I qualify for TLAC? I beg you to reprocess my application. My sons and I have nowhere else to go if we lose this apartment. Thank you.*

**Public Comments: July 25, 2023- Read Emails**

1. Alexis Rose, 62 Place Fontaine Stonecrest GA- My name is Alexis Rose and I live at 62 PLace Fontaine Stonecrest. I'm a single mom of 2 kids. In the beginning of the year I developed severe epilepsy causing me to lose my main job. I fought for disability and unemployment but was denied. I started a job at a small business but they couldn't pay me much due to the pandemic. When I heard about tlac I thought it would be a lifeline i prayed for. I submitted documents from my supervisor proving financial hardship and was shockingly denied with no explanation. My caseworker never interviewed me to understand my story. I reapplied before the deadline but still haven't heard anything back despite multiple emails over the last 2 months to the COO and Program leader of TLAC who say they are "checking on it." I should have qualified for TLAC based on the grant rules. have already been to court and landlord gave me 14 days to pay or leave. The stress of this situation has made my seizures intensity to a life threatening level. I beg you to please process my new application, because my kids and I have nowhere else to go.

2. Nina Dutton, N. Highland Ave. NE #5, Atlanta GA 30307- My address is in Fulton County, in Atlanta, but I often run errands, visit friends, and enjoy the parks, forests, and rivers in DeKalb. Some of the most and rivers in DeKalb. Some of the most beautiful and meaningful experiences in my life have been in parks in south DeKalb, including in Weelaunee (South River) Forest, including in the part of Intrenchment Creek Park under the land swap with Ryan Millsap. With the lawsuit against the swap, you have an out -- please reverse that swap immediately. Assuming that reversal of the swap is expected to take some time, please re-open Intrenchment Creek Park now. The clearest danger to the public there has been Ryan Millsap, as he destroyed a gazebo with people right under and near it, and destroyed public PATH facilities as well, and the law enforcement officers from various agencies (including DeKalb) who have detained, arrested, threatened, and even killed people in the park who were not posing threats to the public. Please also allow stream monitoring to continue at this park and elsewhere in the county. This work is necessary for transparency and to hold corporations and individual polluters and governments accountable, for the sake of our health and the stability of the ecosystems we depend on.

3. Kirby Frank-2273 Matthews St Brookhaven Ga 30319- We heard during the inspirational comments about God's love for all his creations. I didn't follow all the math but if he loves his creations 99 times, then surely we can give a little more love and care to the homeless pets in Dekalb and the volunteers who work hard to care for them. These dogs and cats are our pets and find themselves in a very difficult situation through no fault of their own and need our continuing

*help. Please approve 2023-0758 Resolution in Support of Dekalb Citizens and Their Pets, Facility and Service Expansion, and Prevention of More Homeless Pets to make live for our volunteers and the pets who need us.*

*4. Patrice Leflore (No Address)- My name is Patrice Leflore and I live next to Intreachment Creek Park. I would like the park reopened ASAP as this green space is vital to my family's wellbeing. We need this park so that we can continue our healthy journey. I have no clue why the park would be closed for so long...there is no danger. The park should not be impacted because of construction on a different site. This is affecting my family's quality of life. Once again I can't state how vital it that this park be opened to the public immediately.*

**Public Comments: In Person**

*Larry Foster-2572 Raintree Dr. NE Atlanta GA 30345, Graham Kelly-2787 Craigie Decatur GA 30329, Karen B Carielle- 1033 Pine Grove Avenue Northeast Brookhaven GA 30319, Stephen Binney- 1083 Seville Drive Clarkston GA 30021, Ellie Thaxton- 767 Northan Avenue Clarkston GA 30021*

**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.

**Public Works - Transportation**

[2023-0785](#)

**Commission District(s):** 3, 5, 6 & 7

Traffic Calming Petition - Porter Road between Kensington Road and Covington Highway. Cost to the County is \$44,500.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Michelle Long Spears was absent during this vote and Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0786](#)

**Commission District(s):** 3 & 7

Traffic Calming Petition - Eastwood Dr between Candler Rd and Ellington Street. Cost to the County is \$10,015.00.

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Michelle Long Spears was absent during this vote and Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0787](#)

**Commission District(s):** 3 & 7

Traffic Calming Petition - Beech Drive between Midway Road and Covington Highway. No Cost to County.

*Support: Raha Ross-3402 Beech Drive Decatur GA 30032*

*Opposition: Colleen Phelan-3447 Beech Drive Decatur GA 30032*

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

**E. APPEALS**

NONE

**F. APPOINTMENTS**

Chief Executive Office

[2023-0764](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

Appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission - Ms. Mollie Bogle

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson



[2023-0908](#)

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

Confirm the appointment of Mr. Alan E. Ferguson, Sr. to Post 5 of the Development Authority of DeKalb County

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until August 8, 2023. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0909](#)

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

Confirm the appointment of Mr. C. David Moody, Jr. to Post 6 of the Development Authority of DeKalb County

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be to defer the substitute, until August 8, 2023. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

**ITEMS FOR RECORDING IN THE MINUTES**

**Board of Commissioners - District 2**

[2023-0895](#)

**Commission District(s):** District 2

Record the Appointment of Sarah Zou to the DeKalb County Planning Commission, District 2

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

**G. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Airport**

[2023-0861](#)

**Commission District(s):** 1 and 6

Lessor Estoppel Certificate under DeKalb County Contract No. 14-801027 with Avionics Sales Corporation. There is no cost to the County.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item was approved . Items 2023-0861, 2023-0862, 2023-0793, 2023-0911, 2023-0913, 2023-0766, 2023-0851 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0862](#)

**Commission District(s):** 1 and 6

Termination of Standardized T-Hangar Space Lease Agreement with Joe Kolshak. There is no cost to the county.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item was approved . Items 2023-0861, 2023-0862, 2023-0793, 2023-0911, 2023-0913, 2023-0766, 2023-0851 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

**Board of Commissioners**

[2023-0793](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

Approval of Minutes for the July 18, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item was approved . Items 2023-0861, 2023-0862, 2023-0793, 2023-0911, 2023-0913, 2023-0766, 2023-0851 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

**Board of Commissioners - District 2**

[2023-0897](#)

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

Appropriation of \$17,500 from the 2023 Budget Reserve for Appropriation for District 2 to 100 Black Men of DeKalb County, Inc. to Support Cultural Experience for 18 Youth Ambassadors as Part of the 2023 Leadership Academy

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved for the Appropriation of \$17,500 from the 2023 Budget Reserve for Youth Appropriation for District 2 to 100 Black Men of DeKalb County, Inc. to Support Cultural Experience for 18 Youth Ambassadors as Part of the 2023 Leadership Academy. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

**Board of Commissioners - District 5**

[2023-0911](#)

**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 the DeKalb Police Athletic League (PALS Plus) to provide youth violence prevention programming and for all eligible uses under the law.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item was approved. Items 2023-0861, 2023-0862, 2023-0793, 2023-0911, 2023-0913, 2023-0766, 2023-0851 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0913](#)

**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 The Stewart Foundation to Provide Rental and Utility Assistance and Needed Services to address the Economic Challenges Caused by The COVID-19 Pandemic and other eligible uses under the law

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item was approved . Items 2023-0861, 2023-0862, 2023-0793, 2023-0911, 2023-0913, 2023-0766, 2023-0851 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

**Board of Commissioners - District 6**

[2023-0928](#)**Commission District(s): All**

Appropriation of \$17,500 from the 2023 Budget Reserve for Appropriation for District 6 to 100 Black Men of DeKalb County, Inc. to Support Cultural Experience for 18 Youth Ambassadors as Part of the Leadership Academy from the 2023 Budget Reserve for Appropriation for District 6

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the Appropriation of \$17,500 from the 2023 Budget Reserve for Youth Programming Appropriation for District 6 to 100 Black Men of DeKalb County, Inc. to Support Cultural Experience for 18 Youth Ambassadors as Part of the Leadership Academy from the 2023 Budget Reserve for Appropriation for District 6. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO

[2023-0904](#)**Commission District(s): All**

Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of July 11, 2023

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until August 8, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

**Fire & Rescue Services**

[2023-0766](#)

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

Acceptance of Walmart Community Grant Award to DeKalb County Fire Rescue in the amount of \$500.00

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item was approved . Items 2023-0861, 2023-0862, 2023-0793, 2023-0911, 2023-0913, 2023-0766, 2023-0851 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

**Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs**

[2023-0851](#)

**Commission District(s):** 3 and 7

Sale of a permanent easement of 0.01 acres of County owned property located at 4280 Glenwood Rd SE, Decatur GA 30032 to Georgia Power Company.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item was approved . Items 2023-0861, 2023-0862, 2023-0793, 2023-0911, 2023-0913, 2023-0766, 2023-0851 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

## H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

### Board of Commissioners - District 6

#### 2023-0901

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

Standing Procedural Rules Amendment to Section VI #6 Deleting Language “In Lieu Of Committee Meetings”

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days with a stop to the County Operations Committee (OPS), until August 22, 2023. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

#### 2023-0902

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

To Approve a District 6 American Rescue Plan Funding of \$100,000 to Establish a DeKalb County Eviction Defense Fund to Assist Qualified Residents with Legal Representation

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meetings, until August 8, 2023. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

### Finance



[2023-0845](#)

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

Consideration of a Bond Resolution authorizing the sale and issuance by the County of its Water and Sewerage Refunding Revenue Bonds (Second Resolution), Series 2023 (the 2023 Bonds) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$75,000,000 for the purpose of refunding all or a portion of the County’s outstanding Water and Sewerage Revenue Refunding Bonds (Second Resolution), Series 2013 (the 2013 Bonds) to achieve debt service savings.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop to the Finance, Audit & Budget Committee (FAB), until August 8, 2023. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

**Public Works - Transportation**

[2023-0800](#)

**Commission District(s):** ALL

Acceptance of GDOT Safety Funds for Roadway Pavement Marking and Signage Improvements

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0800, 2023-0803, 2023-0852 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0803](#)

**Commission District(s):** 3 and 6

Acceptance of Georgia Department of Transportation Funds for Replacement of Cedar Grove Road Bridge

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0800, 2023-0803, 2023-0852 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0852](#)

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

Lighting Indication of Support for Kensington MARTA Station Shared Use Path and Road Diets (GDOT PI No. 00017992)

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0800, 2023-0803, 2023-0852 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

**Purchasing & Contracting**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee*

[2023-0658](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

LB - Invitation No. 22-101554 Decals For County Vehicles (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Departments of Police Services (PS) and Fire Rescue Services (FR). Consists of providing the production and installation of vinyl decals for County vehicles. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder: AKO Signs, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$138,575.00.

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0653, 2023-0664, 2023-0658 were heard together. Commissioner Michelle Long Spears was absent during this vote and Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0664](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Purchase Order No. 1309778 Police Mobile Precinct: for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by Police Services. This contract consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Omnia Partners Contract No. 128867 to purchase one (1) police mobile precinct. This request seeks to increase purchase order funds in support of a price change caused by specification changes. Awarded to: Farber Specialty Vehicles. Amount Not To Exceed: \$34,792.00.

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0653, 2023-0664, 2023-0658 were heard together. Commissioner Michelle Long Spears was absent during this vote and Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0712](#)

**Commission District(s):** ALL

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract 1274580 Origami Risk

Software-As-A-Service (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Finance - Risk Management (RM). This contract consists of providing proprietary software for the Risk Management Information System (RMIS) used by the County in providing web-based reporting, tracking, and adjustment of all Property & Casualty and Workers Compensation Claims. This request is to increase the scope of work and contract funds. Awarded to: Origami Risk, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$89,802.50

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0653, 2023-0664, 2023-0658 were heard together. Commissioner Michelle Long Spears was absent during this vote and Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Johnson

*Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*

[2023-0503](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

RA - Ratification of Purchase Order No. 1334436 for the emergency replacement of carpet in the Judicial Towers (Emergency): for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). This contract consists of the replacement of carpets on Floors 2, 3, 5, 6 & 7 due to the burst pipe emergency that occurred on December 25, 2022.

This request seeks to ratify an emergency purchase. Awarded to Rabern Nash Co., LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$192,540.00.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop to the County Operations Committee (OPS), until August 8, 2023. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0505](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

RFP - Request for Proposals No. 22-500632 Air Quality and Noise Assessment Study at DeKalb Peachtree Airport: for use by the DeKalb Peachtree Airport (Airport). Consists of providing data about the relative pollutant, noise emissions, and air quality impacts in the County. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer:

Harris, Miller, Miller and Hanson, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,485,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until August 8, 2023. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0665](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Information Technology Solutions & Services (Omnia Partners Contract No. 2018011-02): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Omnia Contract to assist in the maintenance and support of the County's software systems. Awarded to SHI International Corporation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$326,140.00.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop to the County Operations Committee (OPS), until August 8, 2023. Items 2023-0665, 2023-0669, 2023-0677, 2023-0701, 2023-0725, 2023-0728, 2023-0730, 2023-0733, 0770, 2023-0858 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0669](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CA-Cooperative Agreement for Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Parts, Accessories, Supplies, Related Services and Equipment (Omnia Partners Contract No. 2017025): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by Public Works-Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of piggy backing off the competitively let Omnia Contract No. 2017025 to purchase one (1) Toro Groundmaster 4000 D mower to mow large football fields, soccer fields, and County parks. Awarded to Jerry Pate Turf & Irrigation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$112,641.00.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop to the County Operations Committee (OPS), until August 8, 2023. Items 2023-0665, 2023-0669, 2023-0677, 2023-0701, 2023-0725, 2023-0728, 2023-0730, 2023-0733, 0770, 2023-0858 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0677](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1325124 Landscape Maintenance Services for Public Grounds (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Departments of Facilities Maintenance and Public Works-Sanitation. This contract consists of providing landscape maintenance services for the County's public grounds. This request seeks to increase contract funds and add four (4) new sites.

Awarded to Artscape, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$14,400.00.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop to the County Operations Committee (OPS), until August 8, 2023. Items 2023-0665, 2023-0669, 2023-0677, 2023-0701, 2023-0725, 2023-0728, 2023-0730, 2023-0733, 0770, 2023-0858 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0701](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Statewide Contracts for Software and Ancillary Services (Statewide Contract (SWC) 99999-SPD-SPD0000060-0003): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT). Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let SWC for software licenses and technical support to cover all existing Microsoft Corporation proprietary products utilized by the County. Awarded to SHI International Corporation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$14,003,559.51.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop to the County Operations Committee (OPS), until August 8, 2023. Items 2023-0665, 2023-0669, 2023-0677, 2023-0701, 2023-0725, 2023-0728, 2023-0730, 2023-0733, 0770, 2023-0858 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**



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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0725](#)

**Commission District(s): All**

LB - Invitation No. 23-101570 Inspection and Testing of Water Based Fire Protection Systems (Annual Contract with 2 Options To Renew): for use by the Department of Facilities Management. Consists of providing inspection, testing, maintenance, and repair of existing water-based fire protection equipment throughout the County. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder: All-Star Fire, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$177,340.00.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop to the County Operations Committee (OPS), until August 8, 2023. Items 2023-0665, 2023-0669, 2023-0677, 2023-0701, 2023-0725, 2023-0728, 2023-0730, 2023-0733, 0770, 2023-0858 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0728](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Truck Chassis and Truck Bodies (Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-SPD-SPD000155-0001): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let SWC to purchase twelve (12) 12 yard dump trucks to transport dirt and gravel throughout the County for repairs and installations. Awarded to Rush Truck Centers of GA, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,440,740.00.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop to the County Operations Committee (OPS), until August 8, 2023. Items 2023-0665, 2023-0669, 2023-0677, 2023-0701, 2023-0725, 2023-0728, 2023-0730, 2023-0733, 0770, 2023-0858 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0730](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Truck Chassis and Truck Bodies (Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-SPD-SPD000155-0001): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by Storm Water and the Department of Watershed Management. Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let SWC to purchase three (3) 12 yard dump trucks with plow and sand spreader connections to spread sand and remove ice during increment weather. Awarded to Rush Truck Centers of GA, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$695,631.00.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop to the County Operations Committee (OPS), until August 8, 2023. Items 2023-0665, 2023-0669, 2023-0677, 2023-0701, 2023-0725, 2023-0728, 2023-0730, 2023-0733, 0770, 2023-0858 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0733](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Attachments, and Accessories with Related Services (Sourcewell Contract No. 031121-DAC): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by Public Works-Sanitation. Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Sourcewell Contract to purchase two (2) track loaders with landfill package guards and 2.4 cubic yard buckets. This equipment will be used at the landfill to help feed waste debris to the compactors and spread, shred, and level waste debris. Awarded to: Dobbs Equipment Southeast, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$644,910.00.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop to the County Operations Committee (OPS), until August 8, 2023. Items 2023-0665, 2023-0669, 2023-0677, 2023-0701, 2023-0725, 2023-0728, 2023-0730, 2023-0733, 0770, 2023-0858 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0770](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1270264 Maintenance, Repair, and Inspection of Overhead Doors and Gates (Annual Contract with 4 Options to Renew): for use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM), Fire Rescue Services (FR), and Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing maintenance, repair, and inspection of County overhead doors and gates. This request is to increase funds for DWM's upcoming projects. Awarded to DH Pace Company, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$100,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop to the County Operations Committee (OPS), until August 8, 2023. Items 2023-0665, 2023-0669, 2023-0677, 2023-0701, 2023-0725, 2023-0728, 2023-0730, 2023-0733, 0770, 2023-0858 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0858](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order Nos. 2 and 3 to Contract No. 1116360 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Program Management Services: for use by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). This contract consists of providing program management services for projects funded by SPLOST. This request seeks to increase the scope of work, contract term through June 30, 2024, and contract funds for an amount not to exceed \$403,200.00 under Change Order No. 2 and \$2,953,655.90 under Change Order No. 3. Awarded to Atlas Technical Consultants, LLC. Amount Not to Exceed: \$3,356,855.90.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop to the County Operations Committee (OPS), until August 8, 2023. Items 2023-0665, 2023-0669, 2023-0677, 2023-0701, 2023-0725, 2023-0728, 2023-0730, 2023-0733, 0770, 2023-0858 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee*

[2023-0689](#)

**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1301520 On-Call Water and Sewer (Multiyear Contract With 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing on-call services for the installation and repair of various sizes of water and sewer pipes. The work also consists of providing the means to respond to emergencies, and unforeseen failures or malfunctions throughout the County's distribution system. This request seeks to increase the contract scope of work, funds, and term through December 31, 2025. Awarded to GS Construction, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed \$18,288,416.25.

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until August 8, 2023. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0690](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1198103 Stone Crushed Granite (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Departments of Watershed Management (DWM), Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D) and Sanitation. This contract consists of providing stone crushed granite for use in various applications. This request seeks to increase the contract funds and term through July 31, 2024. Awarded to F.M Shelton, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$20,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0689, 2023-0690 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0738](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1326920 Equipment Rentals and Related Products and Services (OMNIA Partners Contract No. 201900319): for use by the Department of Public Works -Sanitation. This contract consists of piggybacking off the competitively let OMNIA Partners contract to lease four (4) 11 - yard rear loader trucks for 26 weeks and four (4) 25 - yard rear loader trucks for 52 weeks. This request seeks to increase contract funds to support leasing 8 additional 25 yard rear loader trucks for 12 months. Awarded to Big Truck Rental. Amount Not To Exceed: \$991,318.75.

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-0689, 2023-0690 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

**Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs**

[2023-0844](#)

**Commission District(s):** 3, 6 and 7

To Reclass 2023 Park Pride Building Communities Grant Match for District 7

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until August 8, 2023. Items 2023-0844, 2023-0847, 2023-0848 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0847](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

Approval of Park Pride, Inc. Contract 2023

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until August 8, 2023. Items 2023-0844, 2023-0847, 2023-0848 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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



**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0848](#)

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

To approve the Tree Trim Easement with Georgia Power

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until August 8, 2023. Items 2023-0844, 2023-0847, 2023-0848 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

**Voter Registration & Elections**

[2023-0927](#)

**Commission District(s):** All

Approve Precinct Boundary Changes to Align with Municipal Annexations and Revised District Boundaries Following 2022 Redistricting by the General Assembly

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

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

**Board of Commissioners**

[2023-0465](#)

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

To explore the option of including additional fees for expedited and/or after-hours water service reconnection

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be withdrawn.**

**Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

**Board of Commissioners - District 1**

[2023-0614](#)

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

Amend The 2023 Mid-Year to includes a County-Wide assessment of unincorporated DeKalb, by the DeKalb Police Department, of high priority areas, for the installation of Flock Safety ALPR Cameras, or similar devices

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute.**

**Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner 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 Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

**Board of Commissioners - District 6**

[2023-0526](#)

**Commission District(s):** District 3, 6, and all commission districts

A Resolution to Encourage DeKalb County CEO Michael Thurmond to End the Executive Order Closing Intrenchment Creek Park and to Reopen It to the Public As Soon As Possible

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until August 8, 2023. Items 2023-0526, 2023-0552, 2023-0553 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[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 Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until August 8, 2023. Items 2023-0526, 2023-0552, 2023-0553 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0553](#)

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

A Resolution to Establish an Environmental Justice Ad-Hoc Committee To Investigate to Make Recommendations to Mitigate Exposure to Marginalized Communities From Hazardous Waste, Resource Extraction, and Other Land Uses from Which These Communities Do Not Receive Benefits.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until August 8, 2023. Items 2023-0526, 2023-0552, 2023-0553 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0554](#)

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

To Reappropriate \$265,000 of Previously Allocated American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds for the "John Jay College" Program for Violence Interrupters Towards the Newly Established Department of Human Services Violence Interrupter Program.

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until August 8, 2023. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0555](#)

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

A Resolution Calling for an Energy Efficiency Audit and Energy Performance Review of All DeKalb County Government-Owned Buildings and Facilities.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop to the County Operations Committee (OPS), until August 8, 2023. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0558](#)

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

To Adopt a Resolution Establishing a Police Civilian Review Board in DeKalb County, GA to Review and Investigating Certain Complaints Against the DeKalb County Police Department (DKPD) and its Employees.

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 60 days, until September 26, 2023. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0560](#)

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

To Adopt a Resolution for Rotating 13 A Community Board Appointments and DeKalb County Board of Commissioners Committee Chairmanships.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days, until August 22, 2023. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0562](#)

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

A Resolution to Create a Study Committee for the Pole Bridge Wastewater Treatment Property for a Greater Understanding of How to Address Environmental Justice Strategies for This Area and the Many Tributaries That Connect DeKalb County.

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days with a stop to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until August 22, 2023. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0563](#)

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

A Resolution Mandating Compost Facilities in DeKalb County Government Buildings by 2024, and Request for Proposals for Composting Services

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop to the County Operations Committee(OPS), until August 8, 2023. Items 2023-0563, 2023-0565 were hear together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0565](#)

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

A Resolution to Incorporate Public Art and Planting Improvements to The DeKalb County Courthouse Parking Deck Rehab Project

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop to the County Operations Committee(OPS), until August 8, 2023. Items 2023-0563, 2023-0565 were hear together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0680](#)

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

A Resolution to Update the DeKalb County Traffic Calming Program

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred for 60 days, until September 26, 2023. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2023-0682](#)

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

Resolution to Establish Mandatory Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)

Continuing Education for DeKalb County Police Officers

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until August 8, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**



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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

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 Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until August 8, 2023. Items 2023-0646, 2023-0676 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[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 Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until August 8, 2023. Items 2023-0646, 2023-0676 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner 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 Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner 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 Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until August 8, 2023. Items 2023-0735, 2023-0798 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner 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 Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until August 8, 2023. Items 2023-0735, 2023-0798 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner 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.

**2023-0953** Add Item

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

**2023-0954**

**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 The Steed Society to Provide Community Violence Intervention, Job Training Assistance, and Rental and Utility Assistance and Needed Services to address the Economic Challenges Caused By The COVID-19 Pandemic and other uses applicable for ARP funds under the law.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

**2023-0956**

Add item

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

**2023-0957**

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

An item to allocate \$35,000 of the American Rescue Plan Tranche 2 Funds Assigned to POETA Account 106388.63230.52109.10.05.602778 for The District 5 End of Summer Community Event

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

ADJOURNMENT:

**There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn the July 25, 2023 Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:00p.m. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson,  
**Absent:** 1- Commissioner Larry Johnson



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Robert Patrick  
Presiding Officer



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Michael Thurmond  
Chief Executive Officer



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Barbara Sanders (Aug 7, 2023 12:59 EDT)

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Barbara Sanders-Norwood  
County Clerk