

DeKalb County Government

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

9:00 AM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

Board of Commissioners

Comm. Mereda Davis Johnson, Presiding Officer, District 5

Comm. Robert Patrick, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 1

Commissioner Robert Patrick, District 1

Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, District 2

Commissioner Larry Johnson, District 3

Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4

Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5

Commissioner Edward "Ted" Terry, Super District 6

Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Super District 7

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

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

A. INSPIRATIONAL

Demetrius E. McCoy Sr, Pastor- The Life Center Word Of Life Christian Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Steve Bradshaw- District 4

B. PRESENTATIONS

Department of Watershed Management – 2024 Elementary School Art Calendar Contest Winners

National Mentoring Month

Budget Overview

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 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: In Person

Nikki Van Der Griuteu- 2974 Appling Drive Chamblee GA 30341, Monee Sanders- 5959 Fairrington Road Lithonia GA 30038, Norma Herd- 2687 Blair LakeWoods Way Atlanta GA 30345, Clara Varner- 4411 Aldergate Drive Decatur GA 30035, Mary Hinkel 1718 Mason Mill Road Northeast Atlanta GA 30329, Stephane Binney- 1083 Seville Drive Clarkston GA 30021, Charles Bailey Musgray- 3329 York Place Decatur GA 30032, Joel Edwards- 2129 Tudor Castle Way Decatur GA 30035, Joscelyn O'Neil- 3711 Larkspur Terrace Decatur GA 30032, Gia Dilan- Rollingwood Lane Southeast Atlanta GA 30316, Sherri McCoy- 1910 Vicki Lane Southeast Atlanta 300316, Charles E. Peagler- 4534 Dover Castle Drive Decatur 30035, Joanne Proctor- 4641 Beasley Way Stone Mountain GA 30083, Pastor Kelly Butler- 2654 DeKalb Medical Parkway #321 Lithonia GA 30058

Public Comments: January 23, 2024- Unread Emails

1. *Samantha McChesney, 783 Sunnybrook Dr, Decatur, GA- My name is Samantha McChesney and I reside at 783 Sunnybrook Dr, Decatur, GA. First, thank you for providing the extended period warming centers. I know that the effort is not easy, but it absolutely saved lives. However, with any extraordinary effort comes room for improvement. This past week I responded to calls for assistance from likeminded individuals in the community and the county. I noticed 3 things that I'd like you to discuss and return solutions expeditiously. Your reliance on the community for donations of supplies was extraordinary and the emergency facilities were not properly stocked with necessary items such as blankets or snacks. I want to know what each emergency shelter location has in terms of supplies and its annual budget, whether its running as a warming center or another type of emergency shelter.*

2. *Lori Manda, 842 Heritage Square Decatur, GA 30033- My name is Lori Manda. My address is 842 Heritage Square Decatur, GA 30033. I am a concerned citizen and an advocate for some of our most vulnerable Unhoused citizens. I have personally tried to find shelters for unhoused families to no avail. I was flabbergasted to learn that there are only 35 shelter beds in Dekalb County, not 35 shelters, but 35 BEDS! Not all of those shelters accept women and children either! Even as I type this, I am questioning the accuracy of this statement. How can this even be possible that a county with a population of 764,382, as if the 2020 Census, could only have 35 shelter beds?! That's truly inadequate and astounding! This past week, I have witnessed the warming stations turn away vulnerable people because they were at capacity. No transportation was provided when people were turned away. Please disclose how many people were sheltered in Dekalb county this past week. If we have that many in need of emergency shelter, we certainly need far more than 35 shelter beds! Please ask yourself where all of those people are now that the emergency shelters have deactivated?*

3. *Ellie Thaxton (No Address)- Hello, My name is Ellie Thaxton and I live at Northern Ave, Clarkston. I help lead a group that exists to prevent homelessness and help the unhoused in Dekalb. I am writing to express concerns about the neglect of the homeless in our county, which the recent cold front brought to light. There are hundreds if not thousands of individuals and families with children dealing with homelessness in Dekalb, a number that is growing daily due to high rent prices and lack of rent assistance funding. Yet there are only 35 BEDS for the homeless across shelters in Dekalb County. 35! In addition, the 311 rapid rehousing line is almost impossible to get in touch with, let alone receive*

services from. When the cold front came in, we saw unhoused people flocking to warming shelters, and many tragically being turned away. We also saw that the county, in the first few days, was not providing food or proper bedding to those seeking shelter. We were able to rally community support to provide food and blankets to many warming centers, until the second half of the week when Dekalb started to provide food to the 24 hour warming centers only. We are grateful for that. However, at the North Dekalb Senior Center, the 50+ unsheltered individuals there were denied meals and blankets at the command of the Dekalb director of Human Services. He also prevented the community and restaurants from donating these essentials. A volunteer in our group witnessed approximately 15 unhoused folks turned away from that warming center and were told to take Marta to the next center, though they had no Marta fare. Thus, the Chamblee Marta station was full of unhoused people sleeping there Saturday night, in temperatures around 11 degrees. We want to urge Dekalb County to do better for our unhoused individuals and families—they matter too. Please be better prepared next winter. Purchase blankets and cots or floor mats for the warming shelters. Provide an adequate budget for EVERY warming center- including ones only open overnight- to make sure residents are fed. Provide Marta cards to those you are turning away from warming shelters, to ensure they get to another shelter and don't die in the elements. But this begs a bigger question- will Dekalb County improve services for the homeless in Dekalb? To expand shelter space? To make sure there is adequate funding for eviction prevention, to prevent homelessness? To ensure that children are not ripped from their parents, forced into foster care for the simple reason that they can't afford rent? We, advocates for safe housing in Dekalb, request an urgent meeting with the Board of Commissioners to brainstorm solutions. Please do respond quickly. Thank you.

4. Michael Horner-Ibler, 759 Scott Blvd, Decatur, GA- Dear Dekalb Board of Commissioners', My name is Michael Horner-Ibler and I live at 759 Scott Blvd, Decatur, GA. Thank you for maintaining a space for public comment. Like my fellow Dekalb residents, I would like to commend the County for providing extended period Warming Centers and Shelters these past weeks as temperatures dipped well below freezing. With this said, I saw multiple ways to improve these Centers and Shelters to better dignify the individuals who require them. Firstly, people are frustrated by the policies maintained by Director Scott of Human Services regarding food donations. Over the weekend I was a part of a group that donated, or attempted to donate, over 250 warm meals (some homemade, some donated by local restaurants) to emergency Centers and Shelters in Dekalb County. Initially these donations were welcomed with gratitude; by the end, we were turned away by confused and dismayed staff. It appeared that Director Scott and the upper management explicitly directed staff – upon pain of reprimand– to

turn away food at all costs without giving a reason. This was despite not having sufficient snacks nor blankets for those in the North Dekalb Senior Center, for example, by our calculations, the individuals residing in the Senior Center that night could've gone nearly 36 hours without a hot meal even though we had brought meals within 10 feet of the entrance. I recommend establishing new protocols around donated food during emergencies. We must not turn our backs on our unsheltered neighbors during some of the hardest weeks of the year, regardless of the risks. Secondly, your community wants to help you support our unhoused neighbors, but we get mixed messages. There were misleading narratives put forth on social media and by traditional media from County representatives that told community members that Centers and Shelters were struggling to meet demand (in food, blankets, snacks, etc.). Many community groups I am a part of were willing to step in and aid through donations, but the County and news walked back these requests, thus creating confusion. I would urge discussions on bolstering the preparedness of emergency Centers and Shelters as well as considering the use of a Public Information Officer during these emergencies to consolidate messaging. This weekend I saw a misplacement of accountability from the Dekalb County Departments of Emergency Management and Human Services. I am disappointed in the way our elected and non-elected officials have managed the County's preparedness, response, relief, and recovery of these freezing nights. We mustn't continue to "otherize" our unhoused neighbors, instead, I urge the County and Departments listed above to invest in the humanity of our neighbors by working with local organizations and individuals who are unhoused to better understand their needs during cold emergencies. And from what I saw, the County must do more to provide adequate sleeping arrangements, bedding, garments, and nutrition during emergency situations. Your commitment to your community will not go unnoticed. Thank you for considering this comment and thank you for your time.

5. Jaime Dutro, 1641 Council Bluff Drive NE- My name is Jaime Dutro, a Dekalb resident in Sagamore Hills at 1641 Council Bluff Drive NE. Thank you for this opportunity. RFP No. 22-500625 – the Eastside Development of PDK Airport "Sky Harbor should be rejected outright today. The project is specifically allows for aircraft as large as 114,850 lbs MTOW, larger than the Master Plan "Critical Aircraft;" and much larger even than the 66,000lb MTOW weight limit of the runway itself. You all know that expanding PDK is bad for the environment, bad for the health and wellbeing of thousands of residents living nearby. All of you know that there was only one bidder, that LSBE participation was waived inexplicably, and only one firm even bothered to put in a bid – that alone is reason to question the potential for corruption. You're asked to buy airport "newspeak" that somehow "more is less." That somehow more based

aircraft means fewer operations. Nothing could be more misleading. Or that “expansion isn’t expansion” as if any fool can’t tell the truth from a hoodwink. You’re expected to be sold on exaggerated revenue projections and to ignore the negative health and property values of many thousands of nearby residents – many of whom may not be citizens or may only have a green card and can’t risk speaking out. We do not need PDK to become Hartsfield-Jackson North for wealthy private interests at our expense! We don’t need a development that is environmentally the opposite of what we should be doing to reduce global warming – not increase it! SkyHarbour is just the tip of the iceberg to develop the entire Eastside Operations area that almost doubles the operational footprint of PDK Airport. Vote NO to this now to this shameful use of our public property and environmentally damaging.

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.

Planning & Sustainability

[2023-0601](#)**COMMISSION DISTRICT(S):** All Districts

Application of Director of Planning & Sustainability to amend the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance to revise definition of "Drive Through Facility" and revise description of land uses and how they are permitted in land use table relating to "Drive Through Facility" and for other purposes. This text amendment is County-wide.

MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred until February 27, 2024 for Decision Only. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

E. APPEALS

NONE

F. APPOINTMENTS**2024-0185**

Commission District(s): All

Motion to Recess the Board of Commissioners Meeting

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

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

2024-0186

Commission District(s): All

Motion to Reconvene the Board of Commissioners Meeting

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

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

Chief Executive Office

[2024-0136](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Appointment to the DeKalb Regional Land Bank Authority Board -

Brenda Foye Cornelius

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be to defer the substitute, until February 27, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2024-0161](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

Reappointment to the DeKalb Regional Land Bank Authority Board - Inga Harmon

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

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

[2024-0162](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

Reappointment to the DeKalb Regional Land Bank Authority Board - Quinn Green

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

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

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Board of Commissioners

[2023-1610](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes for the January 16, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-1610, 2024-0153, 2024-0127, 2024-0132, 2024-0134, 2024-0130, 2024-0130, 2024-0133, 2024-0138 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Board of Commissioners - District 3

[2024-0153](#)

Commission District(s): District 3

To Allocate an Amount Not to Exceed \$70,000 from the District 3 ARP Fund to

the Moms Offering Resources and Education M.O.R.E Moms Program

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-1610, 2024-0153, 2024-0127, 2024-0132, 2024-0134, 2024-0130, 2024-0130, 2024-0133, 2024-0138 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Board of Commissioners - District 4

[2024-0127](#)

Commission District(s): District 4

Allocation (not to exceed) \$150,000.00 of District 4 American Rescue Plan Act

(ARPA) from POETA account #106388.63230.521209.10.4.602778 to Trust

for Public Land Community Schoolyards.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-1610, 2024-0153, 2024-0127, 2024-0132, 2024-0134, 2024-0130, 2024-0130, 2024-0133, 2024-0138 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

Board of Commissioners - District 7

[2024-0132](#)

Commission District(s): District 7

To Appropriate A Total Of \$20,000 From The District 7 Reserve For
Appropriation To The Callanwolde Fine Arts Center

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-1610, 2024-0153, 2024-0127, 2024-0132, 2024-0134, 2024-0130, 2024-0130, 2024-0133, 2024-0138 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2024-0134](#)

Commission District(s): District 7

To Appropriate A Total Of \$7,500 From The District 7 Reserve For
Appropriation To The DeKalb County Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs
Dept.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-1610, 2024-0153, 2024-0127, 2024-0132, 2024-0134, 2024-0130, 2024-0130, 2024-0133, 2024-0138 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

District Attorney

[2024-0130](#)**Commission District(s): all**

Acceptance of Violence Against Women Act Grant for \$79,165 to the District Attorney's Office

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-1610, 2024-0153, 2024-0127, 2024-0132, 2024-0134, 2024-0130, 2024-0130, 2024-0133, 2024-0138 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2024-0133](#)**Commission District(s): all**

Acceptance of additional \$28,218 and grant period extension for Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) Grant to District Attorney's Office; no match required

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-1610, 2024-0153, 2024-0127, 2024-0132, 2024-0134, 2024-0130, 2024-0130, 2024-0133, 2024-0138 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Solicitor-State Court

[2024-0138](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Seeking approval to accept the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) FY24 Grant Award from the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia (PAC) in the amount of \$122,528.

Victims of Crime Act Grant Award

Victim-Witness Advocate Grant Program

Funded by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), through PAC

CJCC Sub-Grant Number: C23-8-101

Funding Amount: Federal Funds \$122,528. Waived Match Funds \$30,632

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2023-1610, 2024-0153, 2024-0127, 2024-0132, 2024-0134, 2024-0130, 2024-0130, 2024-0133, 2024-0138 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Board of Commissioners

[2024-0163](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A Resolution Establishing the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners' Committees

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

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

GIS Department

[2023-1621](#)**Commission District(s): 4 & 6**

To consider consenting to the deannexation of property located at 1086 Nielsen Drive, Clarkston, GA, 30021.

MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred until February 27, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee

[2023-1618](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

LB - Invitation No. 23-101595 Law Enforcement Accessories (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Police Services (PS) and The Marshal's Office (Marshal). Consists of the purchase of various law enforcement accessories. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder: Dana Safety Supply, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$206,168.54.

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

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

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2023-1576](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 1171242 Implementation of Cityworks Asset Management Platform (Annual Contract With 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT) to be used by the Departments of Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D) and Facilities Management (FM). This contract consists of providing implementation services for Cityworks Asset Management software. This request seeks to increase the contract scope of work and funds. Awarded to Woolpert, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$180,929.00.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the County Operations Committee (OPS), until February 14, 2024. Items 2023-1576, 2024-0111 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

[2024-0111](#)**Commission District(s): All**

SS - enQuesta Annual Hosting, Maintenance, and Support (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). Consists of the annual hosting, maintenance, and support of a state-of-the-art Customer Information System (CIS) solution for the County's customer billing system integration. Awarded to Systems and Software, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,568,381.67.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred to the County Operations Committee (OPS), until February 14, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2023-1555](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

REN - Contract No. 13189370 Tires Recycling (Annual Contract 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Public Works - Sanitation. This contract consists of picking up and removing tires from the Seminole Landfill that were collected from illegal dump sites, residential homes, and tire cleanup projects. This request seeks to exercise the 1st renewal option through January 31, 2025. Awarded to Latham Home Sanitation Company, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$150,000.00.

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting on February 14, 2024. Items 2023-1555, 2023-1556, 2024-0101 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2023-1556](#)**Commission District(s): All**

REN - Contract Nos.: 1325680 and 1334397 Right-of-Way Mowing (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Sanitation and Beautification. These contracts consist of mowing and lawn maintenance services at one hundred thirteen (113) right-of-way locations throughout the County. This request seeks to exercise the 1st renewal option through January 31, 2025. Awarded to Executive Realty Solution, Inc. and Flex Landscaping, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed \$811,266.66.

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting on February 14, 2024. Items 2023-1555, 2023-1556, 2024-0101 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2024-0101](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1242005 and 1242006 Electrical Switchgear Inspections and Repair (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew); for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). These contracts consist of providing inspection and repair of switchgear equipment at water and wastewater treatment plants. This request seeks to increase contract funds and term through January 31, 2025 for both contracts. Awarded to Cleveland Electric Company and Brown Electrical Services, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,050,000.00

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting on February 14, 2024. Items 2023-1555, 2023-1556, 2024-0101 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Sheriff's Office[2023-1612](#)**Commission District(s): All DeKalb**

County Commission Districts will be impacted Accountability Court Participant Transport

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the Finance, Audit & Budget Committee (FAB), until February 14, 2024. Items 2023-1612, 2024-0137 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Solicitor-State Court[2024-0137](#)**Commission District(s):** All Districts

Approve the lease of space from Regus Management Group, LLC at the property located at 160 Clairemont Avenue, Decatur, Georgia 30030, consisting of ten offices and ten parking spaces to facilitate the County Solicitor-General's operations and/or other essential County activities.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the Finance, Audit & Budget Committee (FAB), until February 14, 2024. Items 2023-1612, 2024-0137 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Voter Registration & Elections[2024-0120](#)**Commission District(s):** All Districts

Establishing Qualifying Fees for Candidates for Election to DeKalb County Public Office

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

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

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD**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 Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until Feb 14, 2024. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw was absent during this vote. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

[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 Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee (ERPS), until February 27, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Public Works - Sanitation

[2023-1531](#)

Commission District(s): Commissions Districts 3 & 6

Seminole Road Landfill Phase 3 Unit 2 Cell Construction (Cells 3N, 4N & 5N)

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until February 14, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to FAB Committee

[2023-1546](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Public Safety Communications Technology and Hardware Solutions (Sourcewell Contract No. 042021-MOT): for use by the Marshal's Office. This request seeks to purchase, from the competitively let Sourcewell contract, twenty-six (26) APX™ 6000 portable radios and accessories. Awarded to: Motorola Solutions, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$135,912.14.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the Finance, Audit & Budget Committee (FAB), until February 14, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2023-1331](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

RFP - Request for Proposal No. 22-500625 Eastside Aviation Development on DeKalb Peachtree Airport (Multi-Year Lease): for use by the DeKalb Peachtree (PDK) Airport. Consists of the design, construction, and management of business directly related to aviation for corporate aviation hangar development on the eastside of the airfield at the PDK Airport. Recommend award to the sole proposer: Sky Harbour, LLC. Estimated 50-Year Total Revenue Amount: \$575,811,313.00.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the County Operations Committee (OPS), until February 14, 2024. Items 2023-1331, 2023-1543, 2023-1550 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2023-1543](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

REN - Contract No. 1283053 Purchase, Delivery, Installation, Maintenance & Repair of Propane Fuel Tanks (Annual Contract-2nd of 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management. This contract consists of purchasing and delivering propane gas to propane tanks at various locations in the County. This request seeks to exercise the 2nd renewal option through February 28, 2025.

Awarded to Blossman Gas Inc. of Georgia. Amount Not To Exceed: \$50,000.00.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the County Operations Committee (OPS), until February 14, 2024. Items 2023-1331, 2023-1543, 2023-1550 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2023-1550](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

SWC - Statewide Contract No. 99999-SPD-SPD000155-0001 Truck Chassis and Truck Bodies:

for use by Public Works-Fleet Management. Consists of purchasing from the competitively let Statewide Contract to purchase one (1) truck with permanent stake body, liftgate and air compressor. This request will assist Fleet Management in handling roadside assistance requests and on-site tire replacements for DeKalb County Vehicles. Awarded to Rush Truck Centers of GA, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$152,813.00.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the County Operations Committee (OPS), until February 14, 2024. Items 2023-1331, 2023-1543, 2023-1550 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee

[2023-1468](#)**Commission District(s): 2 & 6**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1336274 Indoor and Outdoor Sports Surfaces, Repair and Renovation, and Gym Floor Refinishing (Interlocal BuyBoard Contract No. 641-21): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA) to be utilized by all County departments. This contract consists of the purchase of synthetic or natural sports fields, courts, or tracks to include job ordering contracting (JOC). This request seeks to increase contract funds to accommodate a change in the Mason Mill Park field's subbase material. Awarded to: Cornerstone Sports Group c/o Controlled Products. Amount Not To Exceed: \$22,824.00.

MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), until February 27, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2023-0304](#)

Commission District(s): All

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Office, Computer and Educational Furniture: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Statewide Contract No. 99999-001-SPD0000100-0002 to purchase office, computer, and educational furniture. Awarded to Affordable Interior Systems, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$176,977.71.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until February 14, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2023-0978](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 22-101488 Consent Decree: Find and Fix Assessment and Rehabilitation (CD: FFAR) [Multiyear Contract]: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of primarily providing sanitary sewer assessments that include: assessments of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) for pipes 18" diameter and Totally Integrated Sonar and Camera Inspection Technique (TISCIT) assessments and rehabilitation of pipes 24" diameter". Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Inliner Solutions, LLC, and Southeast Pipe Survey, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed \$90,712,867.00.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until February 14, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

2023-1084

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 23-101564 Modular Office Trailers (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of the purchase of modular office trailers. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Modular Solutions, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,600,000.00.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until February 14, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

2023-1385

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 4 for Contract No. 1101754 Design-Build Services for Gravity Sewer System Rehabilitation, Replacement and Construction Package No. 3: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing design, permitting, and construction services for rehabilitation and improvements to the gravity sewer collection system. This request is to increase scope, funding, and the contract term through December 31, 2024. Awarded to Garney Companies, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,997,090.40.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until February 14, 2024. Items 2023-1385, 2023-1420, 2023-1540, 2023-1544, 2023-1575 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2023-1420](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 5 for Contract No. 14-902800 Consent Decree Program Management Services: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing program management services in furtherance of the Consent Decree Program. This request is to increase scope of work, funding, time, and contract term to December 31, 2028. Awarded to CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc. aka Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$32,777,138.00.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until February 14, 2024. Items 2023-1385, 2023-1420, 2023-1540, 2023-1544, 2023-1575 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2023-1540](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 4 to Contract Nos.: 1176675 and 1272165 County Street and Roadway Litter Removal (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Sanitation and Beautification. These contracts consist of litter removal services at 40 locations within the County. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided thirty (30) day contract term increase effective as of January 1, 2024. This request also seeks to increase the contract funds and term through February 29, 2024. Awarded to Russell Landscape, LLC and American Eagle, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$194,408.73.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until February 14, 2024. Items 2023-1385, 2023-1420, 2023-1540, 2023-1544, 2023-1575 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2023-1544](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1281319 Sidewalks and Roadways (Multiyear): for use by the Departments of Public Works - Transportation, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Roads & Drainage (R&D), and Fire Rescue Services (FR). This contract consists of sidewalks, drainage improvements, minor road improvements, bike lanes, multi-use trails, and curb and shoulder improvements. This request is to increase contract funds for the construction of a sidewalk at Spring Creek Road. Awarded to: DAF Concrete Amount Not To Exceed: \$42,063.50.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee, until February 14, 2024. Items 2023-1385, 2023-1420, 2023-1540, 2023-1544, 2023-1575 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2023-1575](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order Nos. 1-2 to Contract No. 1352862 Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-SPD-S20200901-0007 Indefinite Quantity Construction (ezIQC®) Services: for use by Public Works- Sanitation. This contract consists of purchasing from the competitively let SWC for trash compactor removal and framing modifications at the North Transfer Station. This request seeks to increase the contract scope of work and funds. Awarded to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$410,687.75.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), until February 14, 2024. Items 2023-1385, 2023-1420, 2023-1540, 2023-1544, 2023-1575 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Voter Registration & Elections[2023-1599](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Addition to Fleet- Voter Registration and Elections (VRE)

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be deferred with a stop in the County Operations Committee (OPS), until February 14, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**K. EXECUTIVE SESSION****POLICY OF NON-DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY IN COUNTY SERVICES.**

DeKalb County Government does not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities or exclude them from participating in or receiving benefits of its services, programs, or activities, based on disability. Janet Essix, DeKalb County Government's Employee Relations Manager and ADA Coordinator, is designated to coordinate the County's compliance with Part 35 of the Department of Justice regulations regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act. Janet Essix may be contacted at 1300 Commerce Drive, 1st Floor, Decatur, GA 30030, 404.371.2309, to request information about access for persons with disabilities to County services, programs and activities, or to discuss a grievance regarding an impediment to such access. Ten days' notice is requested for special accommodations.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn the January 23, 2024 Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:09 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

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



Mereda Davis Johnson
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders (Feb 6, 2024 13:50 EST)

Barbara Sanders-Norwood
County Clerk