



# DeKalb County Government

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

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Committee of the Whole

*Comm. Mereda Davis Johnson, Presiding Officer, District 5*

*Comm. Robert Patrick, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 1*

*Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, District 2*

*Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4*

*Commissioner Edward "Ted" Terry, Super District 6*

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Tuesday, October 1, 2024

9:00 AM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

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#### Attendance

**Present:** 5 - Robert Patrick, Michelle Long Spears, Steve Bradshaw, Mereda Davis Johnson and Ted Terry

### *Tentative Agenda*

*This Agenda is not final and subject to change, as the agenda for the Regular Board of Commissioners' meeting is set at the Committee of the Whole.*

#### **I. Committee of the Whole**

##### **A. Committee Reports**

##### **B. VRE Election Update**

##### **C. BOC Temporary Relocation**

##### **D. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for October 8, 2024**

#### **PROPOSED PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

##### **Public Works - Transportation**

[2024-1119](#)

Commission District(s): 2 & 6

Traffic Calming Petition - Pinellas Trail between Clairmont Road and Trailmark Drive. No Cost to County.

**This agenda item was accepted to BOC agenda - Public Hearing**

- [2024-1120](#) Commission District(s): 3 & 6  
Traffic Calming Petition - Terry Mill Road between Glenwood Avenue and Fayetteville Road. No Cost to County.  
**This agenda item was accepted to BOC agenda - Public Hearing**

**PROPOSED PRELIMINARY ITEMS****Airport**

- [2024-1135](#) Commission District(s): 1 and 6  
Consent to Assignment to DeKalb County Contract No. 07-800323 by U. S. Transport, Inc. There is no cost to the County.  
**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent**
- [2024-1136](#) Commission District(s): 1 and 6  
Standardized T-Hangar Space Lease Agreement with Michael Daugherty. There is no cost to the County.  
**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent**
- [2024-1138](#) Commission District(s): 1 and 6  
Lease Amendment No. 7 to Contract No. 500676 (formerly Contract No. 79-1971) with Epps Air Service, LLC dba Aero Center Epps Atlanta, LLC (formerly Epps Air Service, Inc.) There is no cost to the County.  
**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent**
- [2024-1181](#) Commission District(s): 1 and 6  
Standardized T-Hangar Space Lease Agreement with Tyson Rhame. There is no cost to the County.  
**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent**

**Chief Executive Office**

- [2024-1174](#) Commission District(s): All  
To Amend the FY2024 Budget for Economic Development  
**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee due back on 10/8/2024 .**

**Community Development**

- [2024-1200](#) Commission District(s): All  
Transfer \$996,231 from the General Fund to DeKalb County Community Development to support programs and services for individuals who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness.  
**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee due back on 10/8/2024 .**

**Finance - Risk Management**

- [2024-1184](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Employee Near Site Health Center  
**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the ERPS-Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee due back on 10/1/2024 .**

**Public Works - Transportation**

- [2024-1126](#) Commission District(s): 3 and 7  
Payment of \$171,378.67 to Georgia Power for LED Conversion of Columbia Drive at I-20 Interchange Lighting  
**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee due back on 10/1/2024 .**
- [2024-1176](#) Commission District(s): 3 and 6  
Accept \$500,000 from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for a New Traffic Signal on Moreland Avenue at Bailey Street  
**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee due back on 10/1/2024 .**
- [2024-1179](#) Commission District(s): 2 and 6  
Payment of \$12,000 to CSX Transportation for DeKalb Avenue Quiet Zone Project  
**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee due back on 10/1/2024 .**

**Purchasing & Contracting**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee*[2024-1001](#)

Commission District(s): ALL  
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract Nos.: 1264031 and 1264032 Batteries for Two-Way Radios (Annual Contract With 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Departments of Police Services (PS), and Fire Rescue (FR). These contracts consist of providing batteries for two-way Radios. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided forty-five (45) day contract term increase, effective September 1, 2024. Additionally, this request seeks to increase the contract funds and term through August 31, 2025. Lastly, this request seeks to reserve the right to transfer funds between contracts based on the needs of the County. Awarded to Motorola Solutions and Two-Way Direct, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$90,000.00.

**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the ERPS-Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee due back on 10/1/2024 .**

[2024-1046](#)

Commission District(s): ALL  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1349075 Cloud Solutions and Services (Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-SPD-T20190814-0001): for use by Police Services (PS). This contract consists of purchasing off the competitively let SWC to purchase OpenGov software to assist in management and operation of the Permits Unit. This request seeks to continue use of the software through September 30, 2025. This request also seeks to ratify a previously provided thirty (30) day contract term increase, effective as of October 1, 2024. Awarded to Carahsoft Technology Corp. Amount Not To Exceed \$58,185.18.

**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the ERPS-Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee due back on 10/1/2024 .**

[2024-1115](#) Commission District(s): ALL  
CA - Cooperative Agreement for Technology Product Solutions and Related Service (Cobb County/ Omnia Partners Contract No. 23-6692-01): for use by Fire Rescue (FR). This request seeks to establish a four (4) year agreement to allow for the purchase of dashcam equipment, related accessories, licensing, and installation for emergency vehicles. Awarded to Carahsoft Technology Corporation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$265,459.64.  
**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the ERPS-Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee due back on 10/1/2024 .**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*

[2024-1051](#) Commission District(s): ALL  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1218284 Auction Services for Disposal of Surplus Properties (Multi-Year Contract): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management. This contract consists of generating revenue through the auctioning of vehicles, trucks, tractors, heavy equipment, office furniture, and various other surplus properties of the County. This request seeks to increase the contract term through December 31, 2025. Awarded to Adesa, Atlanta, LLC. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY  
**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the OPS-County Operations Committee due back on 10/1/2024 .**

[2024-1079](#) Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1361554 and 2000027 Commercial Movers to Transport Voting Equipment and Materials (Emergency): for use by the Department of Voters Registration and Elections (VRE). These contracts consist of providing services to transport election equipment and materials to polling sites for the 2024 Primary Election, Run-off Election, and General Election cycles. This request seeks to ratify previously provided services and seeks approval to continue services through December 31, 2024. Awarded to Ryder Transportation Services, Inc. and Atlanta Peach Movers, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$302,800.00.  
**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the OPS-County Operations Committee due back on 10/1/2024 .**

[2024-1121](#)

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1379287 Juvenile Justice Center Canopy Installation (180 Day Contract): for use by Facilities Management. This contract consists of construction services for the installation of a canopy over the Judges' parking lot at the DeKalb County Juvenile Justice Center. The rescission and re-award request was approved without notating a revised contract term. This request seeks to increase the contract term through May 31, 2025. Awarded to Brad Construction Company II, LLC. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY.

**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the OPS-County Operations Committee due back on 10/1/2024 .**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee*

[2024-1075](#)

Commission District(s): ALL  
SWC - Statewide Contract (SWC) 99999-SPD-SPD0000172-006 Integrated Security and Surveillance Products and Services: for use by the Departments of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Police Services (PS), and Animal Services & Enforcement. This contract consists of purchasing from the competitively let SWC to purchase security cameras for the Redan Recreation Center, South Precinct, and DeKalb Animal Shelter. Awarded to Convergent Technologies, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed \$128,476.70

**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee due back on 10/8/2024 .**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee*

[2024-1080](#) Commission District(s): ALL  
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1360341 Briarcliff Road Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon Crosswalks: for use by Public Works-Transportation (Transportation). This contract consists of the installation of two new crosswalks with rectangular rapid flashing beacons on Briarcliff Road. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided thirty (30) day contract term increase effective as of October 1, 2024. This request also seeks to increase the contract term through December 31, 2024. Awarded to DAF Concrete Inc. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY.

**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee due back on 10/1/2024 .**

[2024-1122](#) Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1348743 Printing Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works-Sanitation and Beautification and the Office of Management and Budget. This contract consists of the provision of graphic design and printing services. Awarded to Fuentes Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Interprint Communications. Amount Not To Exceed: \$24,000.00

**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee due back on 10/1/2024 .**

## E. Review of Board of Commissioners Preliminary Agenda

### PRELIMINARY

#### Board Of Commissioners

[2024-1206](#) Commission District(s): All  
Approval of Minutes for the October 1, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting

**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent**

#### Board of Commissioners - District 1

- [2024-1188](#) Commission District(s): District 1  
Allocate an Amount Not to Exceed \$70,000 from the District 1 Category \$1M - Commissioner District Transportation Projects Funds for a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) and Multi-use Trail Value Capture Analysis for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) for the Buford Highway Corridor to KB Advisory Group  
**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent**
- [2024-1233](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
A Resolution Asking for The DeKalb County Police Department to Develop a Diversion Policy Regarding Unhoused Individuals that Considers Other Options to Arresting and Jailing Them  
**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda – Preliminary**
- [2024-1237](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
A Request for the Director of Planning & Sustainability to amend the DeKalb County Nuisance Ordinance to add a Closure of Chronic Nuisance Properties Ordinance chapter  
**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda – Preliminary**
- [2024-1238](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
A Request for the Director of Planning & Sustainability to Amend the DeKalb County Nuisance Ordinance to Add a Blight Tax Ordinance Chapter  
**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda – Preliminary**
- [2024-1239](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
A Request for the Director of Planning & Sustainability to amend the DeKalb County Nuisance Ordinance to add a Vacant Building chapter  
**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda – Preliminary**

**Board of Commissioners - District 2**



[2024-1204](#) Commission District(s): Commission District 2  
Allocation of \$20,000 from the 2024 District 2 Youth Reserve for Appropriation Account to 100 Black Men of DeKalb, Inc. for the Youth Explorers Leadership Program Development  
**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent**

[2024-1207](#) Commission District(s): District 2  
Allocation of \$4,350 from the 2024 District 2 Reserve for Appropriation Account to Legacy Parking Company for a Parking Study in Emory Village, DeKalb County  
**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent**

**Board of Commissioners - District 4**

[2024-1157](#) Commission District(s): District 4  
Allocation of \$50,000.00 of District 4 Pleasantdale Park Land Proceed funds to set-up a CIP account for Peters Park for the installation of bathrooms  
**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent**

**2024-1194** Commission District(s): District 4  
Allocate \$100,000.00 of District 4 Pleasantdale Park Proceed funds to Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs to set-up a CIP account for Little Creek Horse Park for projects and maintenance initiatives.  
**This agenda item was removed**

**Board of Commissioners - District 5**

[2024-1213](#) Commission District(s): District 5  
An item to add additional Flock Cameras to the Phase 5 Installation List previously approved by the Board of Commissioners  
**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent**

**Board of Commissioners - District 6**

- [2024-1231](#) Commission District(s): 4 & 6  
Appropriation of Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA 2) funds to assist in the rehabilitation of an Affordable Housing Project - “Willow Branch Apartments” in Clarkston, Ga. The proposed multi-family rehabilitation loan is in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000. This Loan Commitment must be memorialized in a letter to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs  
**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda – Preliminary**

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

- [2024-1170](#) Commission District(s): All  
Approval of the Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of September 17, 2024  
**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent**
- [2024-1198](#) Commission District(s): All  
Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of September 24, 2024  
**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent**
- 2024-1199** Commission District(s): All  
Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Zoning Meeting of September 26, 2024  
**This agenda item was removed**

**F. Review/Recap of New Items for the BOC Agenda**

**PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

**Planning and Sustainability**

- [2024-0868](#) COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): Commission District 04 Super District 06  
Application of the Director of Planning & Sustainability for a Text Amendment to Chapter 5: Small Area Plans of the DeKalb County Comprehensive Land Use Plan to Consider the GSU/Willow Branch Revitalization Plan Document for Inclusion.  
**This agenda item was accepted to BOC agenda - Public Hearing**

**"DECISION ONLY" ITEMS – NO PUBLIC HEARING****Planning and Sustainability**

- [2023-1146](#) COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): Commission District 2 Super District 6  
Application of Fariz Morani for a Special Land Use Permit ( SLUP) to build and operate a restaurant with drive through in a C-2 (General Commercial) zoning district within a Town Center (TC) Activity Center, at 1726 Church Street.
- [2023-1154](#) COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): Commission District 2 Super District 6  
Application of Fariz Morani for a Special Land Use Permit ( SLUP) to operate a drive through coffee shop within C-1 (Local Commercial) zoning district and within a Town Center (TC) Activity Center, at 3823 North Druid Hills Road.
- [2023-1249](#) COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): Commission District 2 Super District 6  
Application of Fariz Morani to rezone from NS (Neighborhood Shopping) zoning district to C-1 (Local Commercial) district within a Town Center (TC) Activity Center to use the existing building to create a drive-through coffee shop, at 3823 North Druid Hills Road.

**G. Items Previously Heard****Board of Commissioners**

- [2024-0935](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Resolution Establishing an Affordable Housing Trust Fund for DeKalb County, Georgia

**Board of Commissioners - District 2**

- [2024-0190](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
An Ordinance for Companion Animal Litter Permit and Transfer and Sale of Dogs and Cats in DeKalb County, Georgia
- [2024-0842](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Resolution to Review and Amend the Board of Commissioners Standing Procedural Rules

[2024-0861](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
An Ordinance to Prohibit Transient and Outdoor Sales of Dogs, Cats, and Domestic Rabbits in DeKalb County, Georgia

**Board of Commissioners - District 6**

[2023-1137](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Resolution Encouraging the DeKalb County Governing Body to Collaborate with Metro Atlanta Counties and Their Health Departments to Support Access to Abortion Health Services and Resources

[2024-1009](#) Commission District(s): All DeKalb County Commission Districts  
A Resolution Requesting CEO Michael Thurmond to Enact an HR Policy in Alignment with the Federal Paid Maternity, Parental, and Elder Care Leave Initiatives Championed by Vice President Kamala Harris and Governor Tim Walz

**Purchasing & Contracting**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to FAB Committee*

[2024-0977](#) Commission District(s): ALL  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No.1338634 DeKalb LINKS (Annual Contract With 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Purchasing and Contracting (P&C). This contract consists of a customized, cloud-based application designed and integrated specifically for the DeKalb First Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE) Program. This request seeks a contract funds and term increase through January 31, 2025. It also seeks to reconcile previously issued purchase orders and ratify a previously provided thirty (30) day contract term increase, effective as of September 1, 2024. Awarded to Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council (GMSDC). Amount Not To Exceed: \$155,833.37

*Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*

[2024-1078](#) Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1365939 enQuesta Annual Hosting, Maintenance, and Support (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). This contract 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. This request seeks to add the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) to the contract and increase the contract scope of work and funding. Awarded to Systems and Software, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$5,674,248.85.

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee*

[2024-0925](#) Commission District(s): All  
RFP - Request for Proposal No. RFP No. 24-500667 Presidential Parkway - Embury Hills Arts & Culture Small Area Plan (SAP): for use by the Department of Planning & Sustainability (P&S). Consists of providing professional services for creating, revitalizing and/or recreating the brand of the Presidential Parkway/Embury Hills Regional and Town Center. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer who is responsive and responsible: Pond & Company, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$143,000.00.

[2024-1000](#) Commission District(s): 3 & 6  
CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1289411 Restroom and Shower Facility Solutions (Sourcewell Contract No. 081721-RMT): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of the purchase, installation, and all things necessary for the purchase and installation of public restrooms and other structures. This request seeks additional funding due to unforeseen delays in the permitting process resulting in material and labor price escalation. Awarded to Romtec, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$170,979.42.

[2024-1019](#) Commission District(s): All  
REN - Contract No. 1301248 Feed, Hay and Shavings for Little Creek Horse Farm and Park (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of the purchase and delivery of feed, hay and shavings to Little Creek Horse Farm and Park. This request seeks to exercise the 2nd renewal option through August 31, 2025. This request also seeks to ratify a previously provided forty-five (45) day contract term increase, effective as of September 1, 2024. Awarded To: The Stock Market. Amount Not To Exceed: \$135,000.00.

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee*

[2024-1102](#) Commission District(s): All  
REN- Contract No. 1352465 Residential Single-Stream Recycling Materials, Commercial Cardboard & Mixed Paper (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public-Works-Sanitation. This contract consists of processing residential single-stream recycling materials, commercial cardboard and mixed paper collected by the recycling program. This request seeks to exercise the 1st renewal option through October 31, 2025. Awarded to Pratt Recycling, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$650,000.00.

## II. Special Called Meeting

### Board of Commissioners - District 6

[2024-1165](#) Commission District(s): District 3 & 6  
DeKalb County's objection to the proposed annexation of approximately 23 acres of land in unincorporated DeKalb County into the City of Atlanta pursuant to annexation via the sixty percent (60%) method.

[2024-1168](#) Commission District(s): District 2 & 6  
DeKalb County's objection to the proposed annexation of 1481 Lavista Road in unincorporated DeKalb County into the City of Brookhaven pursuant to annexation via the one hundred percent (100%) method.

### A. Executive Session

**B. Other Matters**