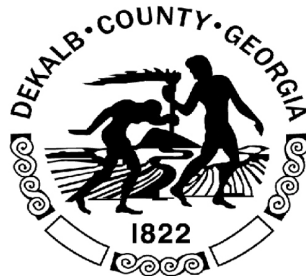


# DeKalb County Government

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, October 24, 2017**

**9:00 AM**

**Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium**

### **Board of Commissioners**

*Commissioner Kathie Gannon, Presiding Officer, Super District 6*

*Commissioner Jeff Rader, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 2*

*Commissioner Nancy Jester, District 1*

*Commissioner Jeff Rader, District 2*

*Commissioner Larry Johnson, District 3*

*Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4*

*Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5*

*Commissioner Kathie Gannon, Super District 6*

*Commissioner Gregory Adams, Super District 7*

**Present:** 7 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve R Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Kathie Gannon, and Commissioner Gregory Adams

**Staff Present:** Zachary Williams, Executive Assistant/Chief Operating Officer, Barbara Sanders-Norwood, County Clerk, O.V. Brantley, County Attorney, Viviane Ernstes, Deputy County Attorney

## **A. INSPIRATIONAL**

Pastor Tyrone Barnette  
Peace Baptist Church

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Larry Johnson  
District 3

## **B. PRESENTATIONS**

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

## **C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The Public Comments portion of this meeting is reserved exclusively for comments from the public, and not for immediate reply. Statements made during the Public Comments portion do not necessarily reflect the Opinions of the Board or the Administration of DeKalb County Government.

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. Each speaker must complete a speaker card and present it to the clerk before the beginning of the public comment portion of the meeting. The clerk will accept cards on a first-come, first-served basis. 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 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. 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 and yelling will not be permitted. A show of hands or quietly standing will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker's position

1. Stephen M. Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021 – Requested that Commissioners re-do the bidding process, stop doing business with Wells Fargo, commended Commissioner Davis Johnson for the work on the removing the confederate monument, and raise the minimum wage.
2. Phil Peoples, 2303 Cherokee Valley Dr. Lithonia, GA 30058 – Spoke regarding renaming the DeKalb County jail to the Derwin Brown facility.
3. Charles McCorkle, 4225 Snapfinger Woods Drive Decatur, GA 30035 – Spoke regarding weaknesses with SPLOST and EHOST.
4. General Larry Platt, 1076 Hardee St. NE Atlanta, GA 30307 – Spoke in favor of removing confederate monuments.
5. Bruce Levell, 4780 Ashford-Dunwoody Rd. Dunwoody, GA 30338 – Spoke regarding problems with the SPLOST and EHOST proposed business taxes.
6. Sara Patenaude, 2558 Creekdale Cir. Atlanta, GA 30316 – Spoke on behalf of Hate Fee Decatur to commend Commissioners Radar and Davis Johnson on their attendance at the Community History Panel's discussion regarding confederate monuments.
7. Muwali Davis, 1041 Atlanta Ave. Decatur, GA 30030 – Spoke regarding the need for the removal of the confederate monument in Decatur Square.
8. Wardell Castles, 331 Ponce de Leon Place Decatur, GA 30030 – Spoke on behalf of the DeKalb County Animal Services Advisory Board in support of the "No Kill" Resolution.
9. Rachel Pomberg, 3137 Kensington Rd. Avondale Estates, GA 30002 – Spoke on behalf of Best Friends Animal Society in support of the "No Kill" Resolution.
10. Lorraine Fontana, 410 Candler Park Dr. NE #C-5 Atlanta, GA 30307 – Spoke in favor of removing the confederate monument in Decatur Square.
11. Chris Billingsley, 5236 Antelope Lane Tucker, GA 30087 – Spoke in opposition to removing the confederate monument in Decatur Square.
12. Henri Jordan, 763 Lee Andrews Ave. Atlanta, GA 30315 – Read Bible scriptures Psalms 26:8, Psalms 26:9, Psalms 26:10, Romans 6:16.

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**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 presents 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, please complete a speaker card and present it when approaching the podium. If you have any documents for the Commissioners, please 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. Applicants or citizens speaking in favor of an item shall speak first and 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. 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. When speaking, always talk directly into the microphone and begin by stating your name, address and the name of any organization you represent. Abusive, profane or derogatory language will not be permitted. Holding up signs, clapping and yelling to show support for or opposition to a speaker will not be permitted, but a show of hands or quietly standing will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker's position.

**Public Works - Transportation**

[2017-0797](#) Commission District(s): 2 & 6  
Street Light Petition - North Jamestown Road. No Cost to the County

**Attachments:** [lighting agreement for N Jamestown Road](#)  
[117 I NORTH JAMESTOWN ROAD RESOLUTION](#)  
[PARKSIDE@MASON MILL MAP](#)

*General Larry Platt, 1076 Hardee St. NE Atlanta, GA 30307, spoke in favor*

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Gregory Adams was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Gannon

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Adams

**Finance - Risk Management**

[2017-1030](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Home Rule Ordinance to amend the Pension Code of DeKalb County, Georgia, 1962 Ga. Laws 3088, as amended, to change the plan year to January 1 through December 31 (currently the plan year is April 1 through March 31).

**Attachments:** [Plan year proposed home rule ordinance](#)

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be to approve the second reading, final adoption. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

**Watershed Management**

[2017-0774](#) Commission District(s): 4 and 6  
Resolution, Order and Declaration of Taking - Installation of 13,200 LF of 30-inch ductile iron pipe (DIP) from Maple Street to South Columbia Drive for constructing a new transmission main for the "Waterline Replacement Scott Boulevard - Phase III" project. Cost to the County: \$159,400

**Attachments:** [2017-0774 Substitute Agenda Item Packet.pdf](#)

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved substitute submitted from the floor, with the exception of Parcels 1, 2, 6, and 7.**

**After discussion, Gregory Adams withdrew his motion to approve the substitute submitted from the floor.**

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be to defer the substitute submitted from the floor until November 14, 2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

**"DECISION ONLY" ITEMS – NO PUBLIC HEARING**

## Planning &amp; Sustainability

[2017-0908](#) Special Land Use Permit - Ramana R. Bathini.

**Attachments:** [N8 Frank Redding SLUP 17 21696](#)

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be denied. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

**E. APPEALS**

## Planning &amp; Sustainability

[2017-1009](#) Appeal of a Decision of the DeKalb County Historic Preservation Commission by Alan D. Armstrong

**Attachments:** [1290 Oakdale Road case file revised 10-3-17](#)

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be to affirm the decision of the Historic Preservation Commission, which denied the appellant's application to modify a previously approved certificate of appropriateness with a proposed porte cochere addition to the house. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2017-1011](#) Appeal of a Decision of the DeKalb County Historic Preservation Commission by Eugene S. Hurwitz

**Attachments:** [2017-1011 929 Springdale appeal 10-23 pt. 1.pdf](#)

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor, to affirm the portion of the Historic Preservation Commission's decision which modified the previous approval of proposed French casement windows. However, with regard to the portion of the Historic Preservation Commission's decision relating to the applicant's revised grading plan, a motion was made to remand that portion of the decision to the Historic Preservation Commission with direction that the Commission fully consider the arborist reports prepared for both the applicant and appellant neighbor. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

## F. APPOINTMENTS

### Chief Executive Office

[2017-1126](#) Commission District(s): All  
Reappointment to the DeKalb County Public Library Board - Ms. Elizabeth (Bebe) Joyner

**Attachments:** [Resume - Elizabeth Joyner Reappointment](#)

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Steve R Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2017-1127](#) Commission District(s): All  
Appointment to the DeKalb County Public Library Board - Ms.  
Valerie Boyd

**Attachments:** [Resume - Valerie Boyd, New Appointment](#)

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on November 7, 2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

**Executive Assistant - Chief Operating Office**

[2017-0720](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Appointment of Rebekah J. Coblentz to the Board of Directors of the Decide DeKalb Development Authority of DeKalb County, the Private Hospital Authority, and the Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly Authority.

**Attachments:** [Resume.pdf](#)

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred until November 7, 2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

**ITEMS FOR RECORDING IN THE MINUTES**



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Board of Commissioners - District 1

[2017-1102](#) Commission District(s): District 1  
Appointment of H. Paul Womack, Jr. to the DeKalb County  
Planning Commission

**Attachments:** [updatedresume-h-paul-womack-jr](#)

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

## G. CONSENT AGENDA

### Airport

[2017-1034](#) Commission District(s): 1 & 6  
Lease Agreement with Signature Flight Support Corporation. There is no cost to the County.

**Attachments:** [Lease Agreement with Signature Flight Support Corporation.pdf](#)

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-1034, 2017-1051, 2017-1052, 2017-1134, 2017-1139, 2017-1037, 2017-1079, 2017-1156, 2017-1158 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2017-1051](#) Commission District(s): 1 & 6  
Standardized T-Hangar Lease Agreement with Brent L. Messerschmidt

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-1034, 2017-1051, 2017-1052, 2017-1134, 2017-1139, 2017-1037, 2017-1079, 2017-1156, 2017-1158 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2017-1052](#) Commission District(s): 1 & 6  
Standardized T-Hangar Lease Agreement with John A. Houck  
**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-1034, 2017-1051, 2017-1052, 2017-1134, 2017-1139, 2017-1037, 2017-1079, 2017-1156, 2017-1158 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2017-1134](#) Commission District(s): Commission Districts 1 & 6  
Standardized T-Hangar Lease Agreement with Christopher Baucom  
**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-1034, 2017-1051, 2017-1052, 2017-1134, 2017-1139, 2017-1037, 2017-1079, 2017-1156, 2017-1158 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2017-1139](#) Commission District(s): Commission Districts 1 & 6  
Standardized T-Hangar Lease Agreement with Hicks L. Milner  
**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-1034, 2017-1051, 2017-1052, 2017-1134, 2017-1139, 2017-1037, 2017-1079, 2017-1156, 2017-1158 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

## Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO

[2017-1037](#) Commission District(s): All  
Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 22, 2017

**Attachments:** [8.22.2017 Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-1034, 2017-1051, 2017-1052, 2017-1134, 2017-1139, 2017-1037, 2017-1079, 2017-1156, 2017-1158 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2017-1079](#) Commission District(s): All  
Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2017

**Attachments:** [9.14.2017 Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-1034, 2017-1051, 2017-1052, 2017-1134, 2017-1139, 2017-1037, 2017-1079, 2017-1156, 2017-1158 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2017-1082](#) Commission District(s): All  
Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 8, 2017

**Attachments:** [8.08.2017 Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be deferred until November 7, 2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**District Attorney**[2017-1156](#)

Commission District(s): all

Acceptance of Victims of Crimes Act Grant to District Attorney's Office

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-1034, 2017-1051, 2017-1052, 2017-1134, 2017-1139, 2017-1037, 2017-1079, 2017-1156, 2017-1158 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2017-1158](#)

Commission District(s): all

Acceptance of additional Victims of Crimes Act Grant to District Attorney's Office

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-1034, 2017-1051, 2017-1052, 2017-1134, 2017-1139, 2017-1037, 2017-1079, 2017-1156, 2017-1158 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

**H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS****Board of Commissioners - District 3**[2017-1180](#)

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

Resolution to Remove One Appointee and Retain One Appointee as a Member of the East Metro Community Improvement District

**Attachments:** [10-17ARESOLUTION to Remove CID Board Member.pdf](#)

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

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

**Board of Commissioners - District 6**

[2017-1130](#) Commission District(s): D6 and D4  
Text and Map Amendment to the Scottdale Overlay  
**MOTION was made by Steve R Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to initiate the Text and Map Amendment to the Scottdale Overlay, and to defer to the January 2018 Zoning cycle. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2017-1147](#) Commission District(s): All  
90% No-Kill Standard for Animal Services and the Animal Shelter

**Attachments:** [DeKalb No Kill Resolution 10-10-17](#)

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on November 7, 2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

**Fire & Rescue**

[2017-1050](#) Commission District(s): All  
Surplus Draeger SCBA Equipment

**Attachments:** [EquipmentDisposalForm2017 DCFR Draeger SCBA](#)

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

#### Police Services

[2017-1010](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
FY17 NCSX Implementation Assistance Program, \$481,692 - To assist with the transition from the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) to the National Incident Based Reporting System (NBRS) implementation

**Attachments:** 2017NCSX\_AwardDoc

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2017-1013](#) Commission District(s): All  
Official Retirement of K-9 Tico to His Handler - Officer R. Carrigan.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2017-1028](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
FY 2018 Metro Atlanta Multi-Jurisdictional DUI Task Force (HEAT) Grant - for Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic Directed Towards Combating Aggressive and Impaired Driving.

**Attachments:** 2018HEAT\_AwardDoc

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

#### Public Safety - DEMA

[2017-1006](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
FY 2017 Performance Partnership Award (PPA), from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) in the amount of \$69,426 to support planners and conduct the Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) table top training.

**Attachments:** 17PPA\_GrantApplication

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

#### Purchasing & Contracting

##### *Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee*

[2017-0944](#) Commission District(s): ALL  
RFP - Request for Proposals No. 17-500437 Insurance Broker Services (Multi-Year Contract): for use by the Department of Finance - Risk Management. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer: Wells Fargo Insurance Services USA, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$890,000.00.

**Attachments:** [Agenda Notes](#)  
[User Dept Recommendation RFP 17-500437 Insurance Broker Services](#)  
[Cumulative Score Report](#)  
[Market Survey](#)

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee ( ERPS), and return to the Board on November 14, 2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

*Purchasing & Contracting - to FAB Committee*

[2017-0664](#) Commission District(s): All  
CA - Cooperative Agreement for General Office Supplies: for use by all County departments through the Oracle punch-out site, (The County's on-line shopping site for supplies). Awarded to Office Depot, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$6,000,000.00.

**Attachments:** [Agenda Notes](#)

[Florida Contract Page](#)

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

*Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*

[2017-0948](#) Commission District(s): All  
REN - Maintenance and Support for a Comprehensive Case Management System for the State Court Probation Department (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 4 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1030458 for use by the Department of Innovation & Technology (IT). Awarded to Journal Technologies, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed \$46,500.00.

**Attachments:** [AGENDA NOTES](#)

[2nd Renewal Request Form](#)

**MOTION was made by Steve R Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on November 7, 2017. Items 2017-0948 and 2017-0951 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**



**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2017-0951](#) Commission District(s): All  
REN - Red Dyed Diesel Fuel (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1045260 and 1045265 for use by the Departments of Watershed Management (DWM) and Facilities Management (FM), Public Works - Fleet Management (Fleet) and Police Services (Police). Awarded to Mansfield Oil Company of Gainesville, Inc. and James River Solutions. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$405,000.00.

**Attachments:** [AGENDA NOTES](#)  
[Approved Contract Renewal Request Forms for ITB No. 16-100676 Red Dyed Diesel Fuel](#)

**MOTION was made by Steve R Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on November 7, 2017. Items 2017-0948 and 2017-0951 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

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*Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee*[2017-0982](#)

Commission District(s): All  
RG - Invitation No. 17-100856 for Sale of Rights to a Certain Portion of the Blue Sky Condominium Complex: for use by Community Development. Recommend award to the highest, responsive and responsible bidder: SL Jackson LLC. Revenue Amount: \$1,035,000.00.

**Attachments:** [Agenda Notes](#)  
[Recommendation](#)  
[Bid Tabulation](#)

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on November 7, 2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee*[2017-0928](#)

Commission District(s): All  
REN - Crane Rental and Operating Services (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 991389 for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Awarded to Maxim Crane Works, L.P. Amount Not To Exceed: \$85,000.00.

**Attachments:** [AGENDA NOTES](#)  
[Renewal Request Form](#)

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0928, 2017-0934, 2017-0935 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2017-0934](#) Commission District(s): All  
REN - Diving Services (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1034150 for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Awarded to Zion Marine, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$307,000.00.

**Attachments:** [Agenda Notes](#)

[Renewal Request Form](#)

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0928, 2017-0934, 2017-0935 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2017-0935](#) Commission District(s): All  
REN - Rental of Trailers (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 989165 for use by Public Works - Sanitation and Keep DeKalb Beautiful (KDB). Awarded to Spectrum Building Systems. Amount Not To Exceed: \$76,416.00.

**Attachments:** [AGENDA NOTES](#)

[CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR RENTAL OF TRAILERS](#)

[CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR KEEP DEKALB BEAUTIFUL](#)

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0928, 2017-0934, 2017-0935 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2017-0949](#)

Commission District(s): 3 &amp; 6

REN - Environmental Monitoring and Gas Collection and Control System (GCCS) and Operations and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract 1st Renewal of 3 Options to Renew): Contract No.1040979 for use by Public Works - Sanitation. Awarded to Oasis Consulting Services, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,227,575.00.

**Attachments:** [Agenda Notes](#)

[Change Order Request.doc](#)

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return back to the Board on November 14, 2017. Commissioner Larry Johnson was present and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2017-0953](#)

Commission District(s): All

REN - Granite Rubble Stone (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1027614 for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D) and the Departments of Watershed Management (DWM) and Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Awarded to Bedrock Granite Company, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$370,000.00.

**Attachments:** [AGENDA NOTES](#)

[Renewal Request Forms](#)

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on November 14, 2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2017-0954](#) Commission District(s): All  
LB - Invitation No. 17-100817 for High Pressure Quick Insertion Valves (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: F.M. Shelton, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$340,000.00.

**Attachments:** [AGENDA NOTES](#)  
[Recommendation](#)  
[Bid Tabulation](#)  
[Market Survey](#)

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2017-0961](#) Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 964447 for Roll Carts for the Sanitation Residential Recycling Program, (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew) for use by the Department of Public Works - Sanitation. Awarded to Otto Environmental Systems (NC), LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,800,742.00.

**Attachments:** [Agenda Notes](#)  
[Change Order Request - Roll Carts](#)

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2017-0994](#) Commission District(s): All  
AP- Additional Purchase for Invitation No. 16-100731 Conventional Truck Cab and Chassis with 20 ft. Flatbed Dump and Hydraulic Crane with Grapple CNG Engine Driven: for Public Works - Fleet Management to be used by Public Works - Sanitation. Awarded to MHC Kenworth, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,155,036.00.

**Attachments:** [Agenda Notes](#)

[Departmental recommendation for Additional Purchase for ITB#16-100731.pdf](#)

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on November 14, 2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2017-1178](#) Commission District(s): All  
LB - Invitation No. 17-100886 Tandem Axle CNG Powered Manual Automated Side Loader, Refuse Collection Truck with 28 Cubic Yard Compaction System: for Public Works - Fleet Management to be used by Public Works - Sanitation. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Peterbilt of Atlanta, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$12,390,048.00.

**Attachments:** [Agenda Notes for Low Bid ITB 17-100886 Tandem Axle CNG Powered Manual Automated Side Loader Refuse Collection Truck with 28 Cubic Yard Compaction.pdf](#)

[Copy of Bid Tabulation for ITB#17-100886.pdf](#)

[Departmental recommendation for 17-100886.pdf](#)

**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

**Tax Commissioner**

[2017-1004](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between DeKalb County, The DeKalb County Tax Commissioner, and the Cities of Avondale Estates, Chamblee, Clarkston, Doraville, Lithonia, Pine Lake, Stonecrest, Stone Mountain, and Tucker for the billing and collection of taxes and fees.

**Attachments:** Tax Commissioner and City IG for Tax Services (2017 AVONDALE ESTATES).pdf

[Tax Commissioner and City IG for Tax Services \(2017 CHAMBLEE\).pdf](#)

[Tax Commissioner and City IG for Tax Services \(2017 CLARKSTON\).pdf](#)

[Tax Commissioner and City IG for Tax Services \(2017 DORAVILLE\).pdf](#)

[Tax Commissioner and City IG for Tax Services \(2017 LITHONIA\).pdf](#)

[Tax Commissioner and City IG for Tax Services \(2017 PINE LAKE\).pdf](#)

Tax Commissioner and City IG for Tax Services (2017 STONE MOUNTAIN).pdf

**MOTION was made by Steve R Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on November 7, 2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

**2017-1168** Add An Item

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Steve R Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved to add an item. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

**2017-1168** Commission District(s): All Districts will be impacted.  
Approval To Accept The FY17 Office Of Juvenile Justice And Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) - Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Program Grant For The DeKalb County Juvenile Court's Rebound Drug Court In The Amount Of \$500,000.

**Attachments:** OJJDP FY17\_Notice of Award and Special Conditions

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

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

### **Board of Commissioners**

**2017-1108** Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Resolution to Remove or Relocate the Confederate Monument on the Decatur Square

**Attachments:** [Amended Confederate Monument Resolution](#)

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor by the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS). Commissioner Nancy Jester opposed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams



**No: 1 - Commissioner Jester**

**Purchasing & Contracting**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to FAB Committee*

[2017-0063](#) Commission District(s): 1 & 6  
RFP Design and Construction of New Tag Office (270 days): Request for Proposals No. 16-500421 for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). Amount not to exceed: \$1,971,000.00  
**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be deferred until December 5, 2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee*

[2017-0912](#) Commission District(s): All  
REN - On Call Electrical Services (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 3 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 987269, 987271 and 987273 for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). Awarded to D & R Construction and Contracting, LLC, GC&E Systems Group Inc. and Whitehead Electric Company. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$275,000.00.

**Attachments:** [AGENDA NOTES](#)

[Contract Renewal Request - On Call Electrical](#)

**MOTION was made by Steve R Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0912, 2017-0920, 2017-0932 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams**

[2017-0920](#) Commission District(s): All  
REN - Light Bulbs, Fixtures, Lamps, and Ballasts (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1037005 for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). Awarded to Atlanta Light Bulbs, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$90,000.00.

**Attachments:** [AGENDA NOTES](#)

[CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR LIGHT BULBS](#)

**MOTION was made by Steve R Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0912, 2017-0920, 2017-0932 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2017-0921](#) Commission District(s): All  
REN - County Wide Commercial Janitorial Services (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1037689 and 1055558 for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). Awarded to American Facility Services, Inc. and Building Maintenance Services, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed \$2,200,000.00.

**Attachments:** [Agenda Notes](#)

[Contract Renewal Request - Janitorial](#)

[Buildings to receive montly floor cleaning services](#)

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve R Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred.**

**After discussion, Kathie Gannon withdrew her motion to defer.**

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve R Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2017-0932](#) Commission District(s): ALL  
RA - PO Nos.:1075030 and 1077582 Ratification for Emergency Mold Remediation for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). Awarded to Full Circle Restoration. Amount Not To Exceed: \$111,304.61.

**Attachments:** [Agenda Notes](#)

[Non Competitive Procurement Request Form](#)

**MOTION was made by Steve R Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2017-0912, 2017-0920, 2017-0932 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

**J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD****1. Commissioner Nancy Jester mentioned the following:**

- Reminded everyone about early voting on October 28th at the Dunwoody Library
- Doraville defeated Dunwoody in the annual softball game, raising \$3,200 for Breast Cancer Research
- On October 31st, Tucker has a Trunk-or-Treat on Main Street from 4pm-8pm, Dunwoody has a Trunk-or-Treat on October 26th from 5pm-9pm at Brookrun Park, Chamblee has the Halloween Spooktacular on October 28th from 11am-2pm at Keswick Park
- Irish Fest November 3rd-4th from 6pm-10pm at the Doubletree on Chamblee Dunwoody Road in Perimeter
- Sponsored fee-waived adoptions at the Animal Shelter on October 27th sponsored by Zappos
- International Night Market in Atlanta on November 3rd-5th at Northlake Mall, details can be found at [www.atlnightmarket.org](http://www.atlnightmarket.org)

**2. Commissioner Jeff Radar read the following comments:**

My office number is 404-371-2863 and my email is [jrader@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:jrader@dekalbcountyga.gov). My website is [www.commissionerrader.com](http://www.commissionerrader.com). Also, please follow me on Facebook and Twitter at #raderjeff.

**Upcoming**

- LifeLine Animal Project Next Friday, October 27th, LifeLine Animal Project is inviting everyone to come get some love during their lunch break (or throughout the day) at "Friends on Us Friday" event! Zappos.com is sponsoring fee-waived adoptions at our DeKalb County Animal Services shelter During "Friends on Us Friday!" All dogs, puppies, cats and kittens may be adopted at no cost, including spay/neuter, vaccinations and microchip!
- Open Streets Emory Village will take place from 2pm-6pm on Sunday, October 29th
- And...the Oak Groove Festival will take place @ Vista Grove Shopping Center from 1pm-7pm also on the October 29th.
- Burbanck Park work day is 9am this Saturday, October 28th.
- Briarlake Forest Park rescheduled movie night is Friday, October 27th and the next park workday is Saturday, October 28th at 9:30am.
- Please join the Office of the DeKalb County District Attorney, the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia, the DeKalb

Chamber of Commerce, Leadership DeKalb, and the Metro Atlanta Reentry Coalition for a screening of the new documentary Released at Porter Sanford III Performing Arts & Community Center tonight, Tuesday, October 24th at 6:00 p.m. Released was produced by the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia. It is a powerful 45-minute documentary that was conceptualized in 2013 to address the experiences of individuals formerly involved in the criminal justice system. Often, these individuals have participated in job development programs intended to prepare and connect them with employment opportunities. However, opportunities for meaningful and sustainable employment are frequently scarce.

- The Decatur Library branch features Fables, Folktales & Fairy Tales this Saturday, October 28th at 10:15am for children PreK through grade 5 and their families. Come in costume and enjoy games and storytelling. For more information call 404-508-7190 x 2257.

I hope all have a safe and Happy Halloween next Tuesday. Please be mindful of children and all pedestrians walking your neighborhood streets on Halloween.

**3. Commissioner Larry Johnson mentioned the following:**

- Congratulated Pastor Berry of Greenforest Baptist Church on his first year anniversary
- Thanked Ambassadors and Booster Club for the Breast Cancer Walk two weeks ago
- On November 9th the Red, White, and Blue Review at the Porter Sanford Performing Arts Center
- 25th Anniversary of the Pre-K program in Georgia
- Asked for assistance from the County Attorney in reviewing one of the Advisory Opinions from the Ethics Board regarding MARTA participating in events in the community

**4. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw read the following comments:**

Thank you Madam Presiding Officer...Good morning everyone.

I would like to start today by recognizing the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) which is the group that supports the work of Georgia's counties. From October 11th-13th I was in Augusta for an ACCG conference. At that conference, I attended training classes on Economic Development and Human Resources, and both classes were excellent.

I also attended a forum where all of the candidates for Governor spoke. It was informative and very interesting to watch how the candidates interacted with each other. As you all know, we will be electing a new Governor next year.

Also, it was interesting just to listen to my fellow County commissioners from around the state. What became apparent is that all counties have challenges, just as all governments have challenges. To be certain we have our challenges here. But, let me say this as clearly as possible. DeKalb County is a great county. And I will continue to focus my energies on trying to build it up.

On October 14th, I was privileged to attend the Safari Woods Neighborhood Block Party. Safari Woods is one of the great communities in District 4. The turnout was excellent and the food was great. I would like to thank Vickie Jackson, the block captain for the invitation and I look forward to returning to the community again in the future.

On October 19th, I was honored to attend the graduation ceremony for the latest group of DeKalb County Firefighters. I think the class had 24 graduates. Obviously, we need them and we thank them for choosing the path of public service. I also want to commend Chief Fullum and his entire team for their dedication and for putting together a wonderful ceremony.

Also, on October 19th I attended the 40th Anniversary Gala for the Georgia Advocacy Office, which advocates for the rights of disabled individuals throughout the state of Georgia. When I think of some of the disabilities that some of our fellow citizens have to contend with in this life, it just makes me grateful for my own health. And hopefully not take it for granted. The featured speaker at the event was Congressman John Lewis. I had previously never met Congressman Lewis or heard him speak in person. On both fronts it was an absolute honor for me. Obviously, his story is compelling and well known. He was introduced that evening by Former Governor Roy Barnes. And it was really nice to see the two of them together. I would like to thank my good friend Tom Kohler from my hometown of Savannah, GA for inviting me to attend the event.

I also want to give a huge shout out to our Solicitor General Donna Coleman Stribling. The Dancing with DeKalb Stars event on October 14th was amazing. The program was professionally done and the dancing was tremendous. Everyone in attendance seemed to have a wonderful time and it was just a great coming together for a great cause. I want to commend our Presiding Officer, Commissioner Kathie Gannon for showing off her moves that evening. It was fun to watch. I also want to commend our CEO Michael Thurmond for showing off

some of his moves as well.

One more thing. I have taken advantage of the opportunity to vote early. Now let me make this clear, I am not advocating. I am just stating a simple fact. I voted YES for the SPLOST. In fact I voted YES on the three questions that were on my ballot.

YES! YES! YES! That's all I'm saying...

Thank you Madam Presiding Officer.

**5. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson read the following comments:**

Thank You, Madam Presiding Officer, and Good morning everyone again.

I would like to begin my comments by congratulating the DeKalb Film and Entertainment on their official launch. I enjoyed attending their launch event two Wednesday's ago. It was such an honor to join CEO Thurmond and Commissioners Rader and Adams for such a wonderful event. We are inviting producers from all across the world to come to DeKalb to film their next big movie! Welcome to the Hollywood of the South.

I was so proud to join the Arabia Mountain Heritage Area Alliance for the unveiling of the Vaughters Farm Gateway Sign, which is a part of a larger signage project. I am so proud to know that not only will tourist see signs off of I-20, but know they will see gateway signs that will lead them to the Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area. I would like to thank everyone who came out to celebrate this great occasion. We were joined by my husband, Hank, my fellow Commissioner Gregory Adams and my friends, Mayor Deborah Jackson and Mayor Jason Lary.

I was so excited to join all of the Mayors throughout DeKalb for the informative SPLOST Press Conference hosted by our CEO. I was really encouraged to see that all of the cities in DeKalb are on board and ready to move forward. The unity that we saw at the press conference is the unity that makes the new day in DeKalb a reality! Thanks to our CEO for his leadership and for pulling us together. This serves as evidence that county officials and city officials can work together to better the quality of life for all DeKalb citizens.

This past Thursday, I was humbled to attend the graduation for the 106th and 107th graduating classes of the DeKalb Fire Rescue Fire Academy. The

ceremony was so remarkable and I know that the memories created by this catalytic moment will last for a lifetime. Thanks to Chief Fullum for the great work that he does and for continuing to attract good talent to our world class Fire Rescue Department.

Also, I would like to congratulate the City of Stonecrest for an awesome turnout for the Atlanta Sports Complex project unveiling. The City of Stonecrest is on its way to great things!

Finally, the DeKalb County Parks and Recreation Department announces Youth Basketball and Cheerleading Registration for ages 5 – 18. Registration is \$25 for ages 5 and 6 and \$65 for ages 7 – 18. You may register online by visiting [www.dekalbcountyga.gov/parks](http://www.dekalbcountyga.gov/parks)

For more information on any of the announcements or District 5 upcoming events, please feel free to visit my website at [www.commissionermeredajohnson.com](http://www.commissionermeredajohnson.com) or you may call my office at 404-371-2159. And as always, don't hesitate to contact my office with any of your questions, comments, concerns, or suggestions. Again, my number is 404-371-2159. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your District 5 Commissioner.

**6. Commissioner Gregory Adams read the following comments:**

Wednesday, October 11th, I was excited to join CEO Michael Thurmond and other Commissioners at the DeKalb History Center for the launch of the DeKalb Entertainment Commission. They had a great turnout of almost 200 people and I would like to give special recognition to Shelbia Jackson for her leadership.

Saturday, October 14th The Porter Sanford III Performing Arts & Community Center was host to a SOLD OUT 1st Annual Dancing with the DeKalb Stars, a Domestic Violence awareness expo and fundraiser event with participation from DeKalb County employees, lawyers and educators. Kudos to Solicitor-General Donna Coleman-Stribling and her team on a grand event! Great performance by Commissioner Kathy Gannon and CEO Michael Thurmond.

Friday, October 13th, I was honored to attend and speak at the Vaughters' Farm Gateway Sign Dedication along with fellow Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, City of Stonecrest officials, and Congressman Hank Johnson and the community. Gateway will enhance the experiences of the thousands of tourists and history enthusiasts visiting Arabia Mountain annually and will welcome and



direct visitors to venues of historic and natural importance, and highlight gateways to recreational activities.

Friday, October 20th, it was a pleasure to take part in and to speak at the unveiling for the revealing of Atlanta Sports City's flagship bricks and mortar structure, other new site acquisitions, the new Stonecrest entertainment district, major retail partners, suppliers & vendor opportunities, job programs & more. Core programming includes seasonal recreational sports leagues/tournaments for youth and adults and those seeking to participate in competitive sports leagues and tournaments for elite youth and semi- professional teams.

On Thursday, October 17th, I really enjoyed attending the Stephen's Industries Luncheon celebrating 55 years in construction and recyclables in various counties in the metro Atlanta area. The Processing/Recycling Facility has been diverting construction and demolition debris from community solid waste landfills since the fall of 2008.

We are looking forward to the International Night Market coming to DeKalb County on Friday, November 3 thru Sunday, November 5th. With a projected attendance of over 75,000 people from Atlanta and neighboring states, this family-friendly 3-day event celebrates diversity, culture, cuisine, and community.

To my colleague, Commissioner Gannon, job well done on her trophy placement.

As always, thanks to my district for allowing me the honor to serve. If you would like to contact me regarding questions, scheduling an event or meeting, please feel free to contact our office at 404-371-2899 or [gregoryadams@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:gregoryadams@dekalbcountyga.gov).

**7. Commissioner Kathie Gannon mentioned the following:**

- DeKalb County Roads and Drainage now has a link on their site that provides general flood plain information, free of charge, to county residents. This link offers important information about flood hazards, prevention and mitigation. This information and link is also available on my website at [www.KathieGannon.com](http://www.KathieGannon.com)
- Did you know that Clarkston Police Department is offering a free, four part series community class on October 26th from 6 pm-8 pm, that provides helpful safety information? This month's topic will be, "Prevent Becoming a Crime Victim!" Classes will be held in the Clarkston Council Room and the first 10 to arrive receive a free gift! Visit, [www.ClarkstonGa.gov](http://www.ClarkstonGa.gov), for registration

information or call 404-292-9465

- Fee waived adoptions? Now that's an incentive! Zappos.com has teamed up with LifeLine Animal Projects for Friends on Us Friday, a fee-waived adoption event. This event includes, spay/neuter, microchip and vaccinations, once again at no cost! Come find your new friend at our new DeKalb County Animal Shelter in Chamblee, Friday, October 27th from 11 am – 7 pm
- DeKalb County Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs will be hosting several Halloween events at various Recreation Centers within District 6 on October 27th- 31st. Many of the festivals are free to attend and will include face painting, games and contests. Children are encouraged to wear costumes. For more information about District 6 Halloween event locations, visit [www.KathieGannon.com](http://www.KathieGannon.com). Drivers Beware of children as they will be out trick or treating this weekend! Let's keep everybody safe! On my website I have also posted a list of trick or treating tips for your family
- With "Fall" comes leaves, and what a good way to start your morning with a community service clean-up. Join friends of Burbank Park Saturday October 28th at 9 a.m. until noon at 1164 Clifton Rd NE. The most helpful tools to bring are clippers and loppers, and of course work gloves. Emory will provide rakes and a couple of wheelbarrows for mulching. As always, Friends of Burbank Park will provide water and bagels
- Does your inner child still believe in myths and wonder tales? Here's an opportunity to let it go wild and free. On Saturday, October 28th from 10:15 am-12:30 pm, the Decatur library is hosting the 4th Annual Triple Tales Family Storytelling Festival, and you can even come dressed as your favorite story book character! This will be a great family experience engaging in things that are impossible or improbable. Registration is required. To pre-register, email [TripleTalesFest@gmail.com](mailto:TripleTalesFest@gmail.com)
- The Young Women's Christian Association of Greater Atlanta will be gathering for A Week Without Violence Movie screening and discussion of the documentary, "The Hunting Ground" on October 29th. The screening will be held at the Decatur Library from 2 pm – 4 pm. This is a free event that is open to the public, however, seating is limited. There is a link to their Eventbrite on, [www.KathieGannon.com](http://www.KathieGannon.com)
- The Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta, will be hosting the 26th Edition of the Book Festival at Zaban Park with and opening night at 8:15 pm, November 4th. The two week festival ends November 20th. This star-studded line-up features 45 writers, who "Will offer something for everyone". A complete list of event dates, times, and ticket information is on the MJCCA website and [www.Atlantajcc.org](http://www.Atlantajcc.org). All featured books will be available for purchase at a popup bookstore at the MJCCA starting November 3rd
- Happy Diwali! Diwali is a festival of lights and happiness, celebrated in the

**Hindu Community**

- Attended the ACCG Conference in Augusta and took a class in mental health issues that impact governments, primarily the jail population
- DeKalb County was awarded the ACCG “County of Distinction” award

**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 Larry Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, to adjourn the October 24, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:30 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:            7 -    Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams**



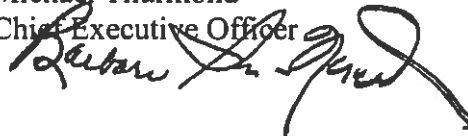
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Chief Executive Officer



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Barbara Sanders-Norwood  
County Clerk