

DeKalb County Government

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

9:00 AM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

Board of Commissioners

*Commissioner Jeff Rader, Presiding Officer, District 2
Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 4*

*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 Loraine Cochran-Johnson, Super District 7*

Present: 7 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Kathie Gannon, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

Staff Present: Zachary Williams, Executive Assistant/Chief Operating Officer, Barbara Sanders-Norwood, County Clerk, Viviane Ernstes, County Attorney

A. INSPIRATIONAL

Victoria Turner & William May
Vocalists

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Steve Bradshaw
District 4

B. PRESENTATIONS

DeKalb County Food Drive Launch
DeKalb County Library System Georgia 2018 Public Library of the Year

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. Each speaker must complete a speaker card and present it to the clerk before the beginning of the public comment portion of the meeting. Cards 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, 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, 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.

1. Joscelyn O'Neil, 3711 Larkspur Terr. (no city, no zipcode) – Thanked Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson's office for their support in getting a hanging cable repaired, and thanked Commissioner Larry Johnson for his help with the constant shootings at Austin Oaks Apartments.
2. Alyssa James, 1514 Cecilia Dr. SE Atlanta, GA 30316 – Spoke urging commissioners to take more time in approving the land swap between Black Hall Studios and DeKalb County.
3. Henri Jordan, 763 Lee Andrews Ave. Atlanta, GA 30315 – Read Bible verses Exodus 20:17, Exodus 22:23, II Corinthians 8:13, II Corinthians 8:14, Romans 8:7.
4. Apostle Charles McCorkle, 4225 Snapfinger Woods Drive Decatur, GA 30035 – Spoke regarding the FY 2019 Budget.
5. Ret. Veteran Rawlins Hinton/ Thresh Hold Ministries, Decatur, GA 30030 – Spoke regarding raising temperatures in the winter season, at the warming centers.
6. Ms. Sophia- Safiya A. Khalid, Decatur, GA 30030 – Spoke regarding conditions at the warming centers in DeKalb.
7. Sojourner Truth, (no address) – Spoke regarding governments honoring veterans.
8. Clarence Williams, 3736 Seton Hall Dr. Decatur, GA 30034 – Spoke regarding environmental and land use issues in the Chapel Hill Community.
9. Stephen Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021 – Spoke regarding DeKalb County's low monetary allotment for abandoned houses and dilapidated properties; the aging water pipe system; the County's \$1.4 billion shortage in employees and retirement pension accounts; and the enforcement of the new booting fines.

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. 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. 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.

Chief Executive Office[2019-3323](#)

Commission District(s): All
To Adopt the 2019 Operating Budget

Stephen M. Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021, Apostle Charles McCorkle, 4225 Snapfinger Woods Dr. Decatur, GA 30035, spoke in opposition

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until February 26, 2019 for Public Hearing. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Public Works - Transportation

[2018-2902](#) Commission District(s): 4 & 6
Traffic Calming Petition - First Avenue between Chestnut Street and Rockbridge Road. No Cost to County.

Nathan Mutic, 289 1st. Ave. Avondale Estates, GA 30002, Suzanne Mutic, 289 1st Ave. Avondale Estates, GA 30002, spoke in favor

Charles Shapiro, 3366 Rockbridge Rd. Avondale Estates, GA 30002, spoke in opposition

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

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

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

[2019-3220](#) Commission District(s): 3 & 7
Traffic Calming Petition - Bennington Drive between Peachcrest Road and Richard Road. No Cost to County.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3221](#) Commission District(s): 3 & 7
Traffic Calming Petition - Bosenberry Way Off River Road. No Cost to County.

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, 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 Cochran-Johnson

“DECISION ONLY” ITEMS – NO PUBLIC HEARING

Planning & Sustainability

[2018-3061](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 3 & 6

Application of Langford and Company Strategic Investments, LLC for a Major Modification of zoning conditions, approved pursuant to CZ-04068, to allow the property to be subdivided into two single-family lots in the R-60 (Residential Small Lot) District, at 2184 Cavanaugh Avenue.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor, with the enumerated conditions recommended by the applicant and the site plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2018-3062](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 3 & 6

Application of William Walters for a Special Land Use Permit to allow a home occupation (vintage audio electronics repair) with customer contact in an R-75 (Residential Medium Lot) District, at 2088 Brannen Road.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved with 8 staff conditions. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

E. APPEALS

NONE

F. APPOINTMENTS

Board of Commissioners - District 1

[2019-3245](#) Commission District(s): District 1
Appointment of Frank Quinn to the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs Citizens Advisory Board

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3245, 2019-3273, 2019-3300, 2019-3313 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 Cochran-Johnson

Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2019-3273](#) Commission District(s): Commission District 2
Reappointment of Tom Branch to Parks BOND Citizen Advisory Committee and Initiative for a Green DeKalb Advisory Council

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3245, 2019-3273, 2019-3300, 2019-3313 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 Cochran-Johnson

Board of Commissioners - District 3

[2019-3300](#) Commission District(s): District 3
Reappointment of John Leak to the Initiative for a Green DeKalb Advisory Council

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3245, 2019-3273, 2019-3300, 2019-3313 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3313](#)

Commission District(s): District 3
Reappointment of Jerrie Bason to the Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs Citizens Advisory Board.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3245, 2019-3273, 2019-3300, 2019-3313 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 Cochran-Johnson

Chief Executive Office

[2018-3023](#)

Commission District(s): All
Reappointment to the Historic Preservation Commission - Ms. Deb Watts

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3023 and 2018-3027 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2018-3027](#)

Commission District(s): All
Reappointment to the Historic Preservation Commission - Mr. Jon Hart

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3023 and 2018-3027 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3247](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

Confirmation of Chief Financial Officer appointment: Dianne McNabb

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Larry Johnson, 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3248](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

Appointment to the DeKalb County Department of Family and Children Services Board - Ms. Mercedes Ball

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on March 12, 2019. Items 2019-3248 and 2019-3249 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3249](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

Appointment to the DeKalb County Department of Family and Children Services Board - Ms. Manomay Malathip

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on March 12, 2019. Items 2019-3248 and 2019-3249 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 Cochran-Johnson

ITEMS FOR RECORDING IN THE MINUTES

Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2019-3274](#) Commission District(s): District 2
Record Reappointment of Nancy Love to the Citizen Oversight Committee for SPLOST Revenues and Expenditures.
MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3274, 2019-3280, 2019-3281, 2019-3282, 2019-3307, 2019-3308, 2019-3309, 2019-3310, 2019-3311, 2019-3312, 2019-3314, 2019-3315, 2019-3316, 2019-3317, 2019-3250 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3280](#) Commission District(s): District 2
Record Reappointment of Amin Tomeh to Technical Board of Appeals
MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3274, 2019-3280, 2019-3281, 2019-3282, 2019-3307, 2019-3308, 2019-3309, 2019-3310, 2019-3311, 2019-3312, 2019-3314, 2019-3315, 2019-3316, 2019-3317, 2019-3250 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3281](#) Commission District(s): Commission District 2
Record the Reappointment of John Miller to the Watershed CIP Advisory Group
MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3274, 2019-3280, 2019-3281, 2019-3282, 2019-3307, 2019-3308, 2019-3309, 2019-3310, 2019-3311, 2019-3312, 2019-3314, 2019-3315, 2019-3316, 2019-3317, 2019-3250 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3282](#) Commission District(s): Commission District 2
Record Reappointment of Rob Smith to Peachtree DeKalb Airport Advisory Board

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3274, 2019-3280, 2019-3281, 2019-3282, 2019-3307, 2019-3308, 2019-3309, 2019-3310, 2019-3311, 2019-3312, 2019-3314, 2019-3315, 2019-3316, 2019-3317, 2019-3250 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 Cochran-Johnson

Board of Commissioners - District 3

[2019-3307](#) Commission District(s): District 3
Recording the reappointment of Eugene Henry to the DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3274, 2019-3280, 2019-3281, 2019-3282, 2019-3307, 2019-3308, 2019-3309, 2019-3310, 2019-3311, 2019-3312, 2019-3314, 2019-3315, 2019-3316, 2019-3317, 2019-3250 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3308](#)

Commission District(s): District 3

To record the reappointment of Davis Kipp to the Animal Services Advisory Board

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3274, 2019-3280, 2019-3281, 2019-3282, 2019-3307, 2019-3308, 2019-3309, 2019-3310, 2019-3311, 2019-3312, 2019-3314, 2019-3315, 2019-3316, 2019-3317, 2019-3250 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3309](#)

Commission District(s): District 3

To record the reappointment of Alice Bussey as a member of the Citizens Oversight Committee for SPLOST Revenues Expenditures

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3274, 2019-3280, 2019-3281, 2019-3282, 2019-3307, 2019-3308, 2019-3309, 2019-3310, 2019-3311, 2019-3312, 2019-3314, 2019-3315, 2019-3316, 2019-3317, 2019-3250 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3310](#)

Commission District(s): District 3

To Record the Reappointment of Wayne Powell to the District 3 Community Council

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3274, 2019-3280, 2019-3281, 2019-3282, 2019-3307, 2019-3308, 2019-3309, 2019-3310, 2019-3311, 2019-3312, 2019-3314, 2019-3315, 2019-3316, 2019-3317, 2019-3250 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3311](#)

Commission District(s): District 3
Recording the reappointment of John Leak as a member of Parks Bond Citizen Advisory Committee

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3274, 2019-3280, 2019-3281, 2019-3282, 2019-3307, 2019-3308, 2019-3309, 2019-3310, 2019-3311, 2019-3312, 2019-3314, 2019-3315, 2019-3316, 2019-3317, 2019-3250 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3312](#)

Commission District(s): District 3
To record the reappointment of Vivian Moore as a member of the Planning Commission

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3274, 2019-3280, 2019-3281, 2019-3282, 2019-3307, 2019-3308, 2019-3309, 2019-3310, 2019-3311, 2019-3312, 2019-3314, 2019-3315, 2019-3316, 2019-3317, 2019-3250 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3314](#)

Commission District(s): District 3

To record the reappointment of James Murphy, Jr. as a member of the Technical Board of Appeals

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3274, 2019-3280, 2019-3281, 2019-3282, 2019-3307, 2019-3308, 2019-3309, 2019-3310, 2019-3311, 2019-3312, 2019-3314, 2019-3315, 2019-3316, 2019-3317, 2019-3250 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3315](#)

Commission District(s): District 3

Recording the appointment of Rev. Victor Speakman as a member of the Watershed Customer Service & Billing Advisory Board.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3274, 2019-3280, 2019-3281, 2019-3282, 2019-3307, 2019-3308, 2019-3309, 2019-3310, 2019-3311, 2019-3312, 2019-3314, 2019-3315, 2019-3316, 2019-3317, 2019-3250 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3316](#)

Commission District(s): District 3

Recording the reappointment of Cherry Willis as a member of the Watershed (CIP) Advisory Group

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3274, 2019-3280, 2019-3281, 2019-3282, 2019-3307, 2019-3308, 2019-3309, 2019-3310, 2019-3311, 2019-3312, 2019-3314, 2019-3315, 2019-3316, 2019-3317, 2019-3250 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3317](#) Commission District(s): District 3
Recording the reappointment of Alice Bussey as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3274, 2019-3280, 2019-3281, 2019-3282, 2019-3307, 2019-3308, 2019-3309, 2019-3310, 2019-3311, 2019-3312, 2019-3314, 2019-3315, 2019-3316, 2019-3317, 2019-3250 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 Cochran-Johnson

Board of Commissioners - District 5

[2019-3250](#) Commission District(s): District 5
Record the Reappointment of Tamara Archie to the DeKalb County Animal Services Advisory Board, District 5 Post

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3274, 2019-3280, 2019-3281, 2019-3282, 2019-3307, 2019-3308, 2019-3309, 2019-3310, 2019-3311, 2019-3312, 2019-3314, 2019-3315, 2019-3316, 2019-3317, 2019-3250 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 Cochran-Johnson

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Airport

- [2019-3223](#) Commission District(s): Commission Districts 1 & 6
Standardized T-Hangar Lease Agreement with Charles E. Taylor
MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson 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 Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson
- Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO

- [2019-3188](#) Commission District(s): All
Approval of Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of October 2, 2018
MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3188, 2019-3189, 2019-3261 were heard together. Commissioners Nancy Jester and Lorraine Cochran-Johnson abstained. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Gannon
- Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson
- Abstain:** 2 - Commissioner Jester, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

- [2019-3189](#) Commission District(s): All
Approval of Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of November 16, 2018
MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3188, 2019-3189, 2019-3261 were heard together. Commissioners Nancy Jester and Lorraine Cochran-Johnson abstained. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Gannon

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson

Abstain: 2 - Commissioner Jester, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3261](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 5, 2018

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3188, 2019-3189, 2019-3261 were heard together. Commissioners Nancy Jester and Lorraine Cochran-Johnson abstained. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Gannon

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson

Abstain: 2 - Commissioner Jester, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

District Attorney

[2019-3264](#)

Commission District(s): All

Acceptance of Violence Against Women Act Grant to District Attorney’s Office

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3264 and 2019-3327 were heard together. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson 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 Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson

Fire & Rescue Services

[2019-3327](#)

Commission District(s): All
To Accept a Donation from Georgia Forestry Commission - No cost to the County

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3264 and 2019-3327 were heard together. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson 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 Gannon, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson

H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Board of Commissioners

[2019-3320](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts
A Resolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia to the DeKalb County Delegation of the General Assembly Relating to Sharing In the Cost to Retire Certain Unfunded DeKalb County Pension Obligations When New Cities Are Created.

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be withdrawn. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[2019-3325](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts
Amendments to DeKalb County Purchasing Ordinance

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days and assigned to the Finance, Audit & Budget Committee (FAB), and return to the Board on March 12, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Board of Commissioners - Districts 2 & 6

[2019-3283](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution to Adopt a Contextualization Statement for the Confederate Monument

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on March 12, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Finance - Risk Management

[2019-3260](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Employee & Early Retiree Health & Wellness Benefits

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee (ERPS), and return to the Board on February 26, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Police Services

[2019-3192](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Acceptance of Federal Forfeiture Property - Police Services

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3192 and 2019-3193 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3193](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Acceptance of State Forfeiture Property - Police Services

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3192 and 2019-3193 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 Cochran-Johnson

Public Works - Sanitation

[2018-2943](#)

Commission District(s): Commission Districts 5 & 7
Intergovernmental Agreement for the Provision of Solid Waste Management Services Between DeKalb County, Georgia & The City of Stonecrest, Georgia

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, 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 Cochran-Johnson

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee

[2019-3172](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

REN - Law Enforcement Accessories (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1052959, 1053036, 1053037, 1053041 and 1053043 for use by Police Services (PS), Sheriff's Office and Marshal's Office. These contracts consist of providing law enforcement accessories and equipment. Awarded to Dana Safety Supply, Galls, LLC, GT Distributors, Inc., Proforce Law Enforcement and Smyrna Police Distributors. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$186,700.00.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3194](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

RFP - Request for Proposals No. 18-500493 Workers' Compensation Bill Review and Pharmaceutical Services Organization (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Finance-Risk Management. Consists of provisions for bill review and pharmaceutical services for workers' compensation claims. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer: CorVel Healthcare Corporation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,800,000.00.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Nancy Jester opposed. Commissioner Kathie Gannon abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

No: 1 - Commissioner Jester

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

[2019-3227](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CA - Cooperative Agreement for False Alarm Billing and Tracking Services (Revenue Sharing Contract): for use by Police Services (PS). This contract consists of the management of false alarms in accordance with County Ordinance O.C.G.A 36-60-13. Awarded to Public Safety Corporation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$300,000.00.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, 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 Cochran-Johnson

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2018-3097](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CA - Cooperative Agreement for On-Call Painting Services: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of providing painting services at various County Parks and Recreation Centers. Awarded to A&D Painting, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$640,000.00.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on February 26, 2019. Items 2018-3097 and 2019-3225 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3225](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CA - Cooperative Agreement for HVAC Equipment, Installation, Service and Related Products: for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). The contract consists of providing additional heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) services as needed. Awarded to Daikin Applied Americas Inc. dba Daikin Applied. Amount Not To Exceed: \$350,000.00.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on February 26, 2019. Items 2018-3097 and 2019-3225 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 Cochran-Johnson

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2018-2059](#)

Commission District(s): 3

LB - Invitation No. 18-100922 for Maintenance of Sugar Creek Golf Course (Annual Contract with 4 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of maintaining the golf course grounds and facilities. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Cypress Golf Management, LLC dba Cypress Golf Course Services. Amount Not To Exceed: \$712,235.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2059, 2018-3131, 2019-3199, 2019-3190 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2018-3131](#)

Commission District(s): All

RFP - Request for Proposals No. 18-500497 for Implementation of Cityworks Asset Management Platform (One Year Contract with Two Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D) and the Department of Facilities Management (FM). Consists of providing implementation services for Cityworks Asset Management software. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer: Woolpert, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$401,295.01.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2059, 2018-3131, 2019-3199, 2019-3190 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3199](#)

Commission District(s): All

C - Cancellation of Contract No. 1107545 for Rock Crushing - Asphalt, Concrete and Stone (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Sanitation. This contract consists of crushing rock, granite, stone and hauling materials to and from the Seminole Road Landfill. Awarded to Quiet Link, LLC.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2059, 2018-3131, 2019-3199, 2019-3190 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 Cochran-Johnson

Watershed Management

[2019-3190](#) Commission District(s): 5 & 7
Georgia Department of Transportation Contract Item Agreement -
Water Facilities Project PI0013174 SR 12 Covington Hwy and
Young Road & PI0013175 SR 12 Covington Hwy and Cove Lake
Road

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2059, 2018-3131, 2019-3199, 2019-3190 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3195](#) Commission District(s): All
City of Atlanta CIP Payment (4th Quarter 2017- 3rd Quarter 2018)
Cost: \$13,437,648.46

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, 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 Cochran-Johnson

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD

2019 Legislative Agenda

[2018-3035](#) Commission District(s): All Districts
A Resolution Of The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County,
Georgia To The General Assembly Relating To The Creation Of A
Charter Review Commission To Study And Make
Recommendations On The Governance Structure Of DeKalb
County.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until February 26, 2019. Items 2018-3035, 2018-3036, and 2018-3086 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2018-3036](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts
A Resolution Of The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County, Georgia To The General Assembly To Amend O.C.G.A. § 36-62-5, Relating To The Appointment Of Members To The County Development Authority By The County Governing Authority.
MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until February 26, 2019. Items 2018-3035, 2018-3036, and 2018-3086 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2018-3086](#)

Commission District(s): All
A Resolution Of The Board of Commissioners Of DeKalb County, Georgia To The General Assembly Proposing A County Organizational Act Amendment To Ensure, And Eliminate Impediments To, Establishment, By Ordinance, Of A Transparent And Efficient County Procurement System.
MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until February 26, 2019. Items 2018-3035, 2018-3036, and 2018-3086 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 Cochran-Johnson

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2019-3165](#)

Commission District(s): ALL
REN - Chiller Inspection, Repair and Preventative Maintenance Services (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1052203, 1052096 and 1052175 for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). These contracts consist of providing inspection, repair and preventative maintenance for County chillers. Awarded to Carrier Corporation, Galgon HVAC & Mechanical Service, Inc. and Mann Mechanical Company, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$971,193.00.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3165, 2019-3166, 2019-3170, 2019-3173 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3166](#)

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1070633 for Purchase of New Computers, Laptops, Scanners and Accessories: for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT). Consists of piggybacking off the Statewide Contract (SWC) SWC 99999-SPD-T20120702-0002 for the purchase of new computers, laptops, scanners and accessories utilized by all County departments. Awarded to Dell Marketing, L.P. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,000,000.00.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3165, 2019-3166, 2019-3170, 2019-3173 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3170](#)

Commission District(s): All
REN - On Call Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning - HVAC (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1052207 and 1052210 for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). These contracts consist of providing on-call HVAC services for county-owned properties. Awarded to Mann Mechanical Company, LLC and Galgon HVAC Mechanical Services, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,500,000.00.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3165, 2019-3166, 2019-3170, 2019-3173 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3173](#)

Commission District(s): All
CA- Cooperative Agreement competitively let U.S. Communities for Elevator Maintenance and Services for use by Facilities Management (FM). Consists of piggybacking off U.S. Communities Contract No. EV2516 Lead Agency, Kansas City, MO for monthly and preventative maintenance for elevators. Amount Not To Exceed: \$596,993.76.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3165, 2019-3166, 2019-3170, 2019-3173 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 Cochran-Johnson

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2018-2905](#)

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1042303, 1063831, and 1081070 for Valve and Wet Tap Installation Services (Annual with 2 Options to Renew), Annual Water and Sewer Construction (Annual with 2 Options to Renew) and Design Build Services for the Gravity Sewer System Rehabilitation, Replacement and Construction-Package 2: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Request consent to assignments of Contract Nos.: 1042303, 1063831 and 1081070 and the transfer of the remaining contracts' term and funds to Granite Inliner, LLC.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2018-3013](#)

Commission District(s): All
LB - ITB No. 18-100975 Tree Cutting and Removal Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Departments of Watershed Management (DWM), Facilities Management (FM), Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Public Works - Beautification (PWB) and Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). Consists of providing tree cutting and removal services countywide on an as needed basis. Recommend a multi-award to the responsive and responsible bidders: Arborserv Tree Care, Casey Tree Experts and K2R Legacy Group. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,435,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on February 26, 2019. Items 2018-3013 and 2018-3103 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2018-3103](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 18-100994 for Landscape Maintenance Services - Public Grounds and Parks (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Departments of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Facilities Management (FM) and Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of various landscape maintenance services for County sites. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: ArtScape Inc., M.J. Lawn & Maintenance Services, Inc. and The Simmons Group, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,515,486.25

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on February 26, 2019. Items 2018-3013 and 2018-3103 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 Cochran-Johnson

2019-3350

Convene Executive Session

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved to convene an Executive Session. 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 Cochran-Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

2019-3351

Adjourn Executive Session

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn an Executive Session. Commissioners Mereda Davis Johnson and Lorraine Cochran-Johnson were out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Gannon
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

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

- Jackson and Jake are both in their championship games
- Children Jackson and Georgia made honor band
- Today is Abraham Lincoln's birthday
- James Oglethorpe founded the British colony of Georgia on this day in 1733

2. Commissioner Larry Johnson mentioned the following comments:

- Congratulations to Office Manager LaShawn Atwaters, for attending NACO's first high performance Professional Development Academy
- Stop the Violence Symposium on February 23rd at 11 a.m. at House of Hope, 4650 Flat Shoals Parkway
- Congratulated Southwest DeKalb track star and basketball player Raven, for signing to Louisville College in North Carolina
- On February 27th will be co- sponsoring a film about Nelson Mandela and Hosea Williams at the Decatur Library at 6 p.m.
- Congratulated Ms. Paula Tate with the Heart of South DeKalb for her nomination for the Martin Luther King Community Service Award from Emory University School of Business
- The Next South DeKalb Business League meeting with BB&T Bank on this week, focusing on finance and investments at the Omega World Center
- March 12th is the annual Black History Celebration, with the Business Expo "Reclaiming Our Roots"
- Condolences to the Ms. Mamie Lane and the Green family

3. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw mentioned the following comments:

Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer. Good Morning Everyone.

On January 23rd, I held my first District 4 Mayor's Roundtable meeting of 2019. This is an initiative that I started last year for the mayors of all the municipalities that are wholly within District 4. These meetings provide a forum in which I can share information about the county and they can share information about their respective cities. Our most recent meeting was no exception. These meetings also provide a great opportunity to build critical relationships. To be certain, we don't always see eye-to-eye on everything. But, it is very important that we have open lines of communication so that we can discuss any differences in an atmosphere of mutual

respect and dare I say it, trust. I would like to thank Avondale Estates Mayor Jonathan Elmore, Pine Lake Mayor Melanie Hammet and Stone Mountain Mayor Patricia Wheeler for participating in our last meeting. As long as the mayors express to meet that these meetings are a worthwhile exercise, I will continue to host them.

Along those lines, I will share this brief anecdote. Some time ago I had scheduled a one-on-one meeting with Mayor Hammet. She suggested that we meet by the lake, which I readily agreed to. At the appointed day and time she arrived with lounge chairs and we sat by the lake and engaged in a very substantive discussion on a number of issues. As we were sitting there residents would come by to greet her, and she would introduce me to the folks who did not already know me. After the fact, I was informed that we apparently caused quite a stir that day. People seemed to be truly amazed that the DeKalb County District 4 Commissioner would take the time to hang out with The Mayor of Pine Lake by the lake. Well, YES. The bottom line is that we are all in this together. And our actions should reflect that sentiment.

On January 24th, I was honored to host a Community Conversation Panel discussion on diabetes at the DeKalb County Board of Health. Diabetes effects about 14% of the adult population in Georgia or 1.1 million people. The panel consisted of experts in the field and the people in attendance received valuable information on how best to combat this disease. I would like to thank my friend Beverly Burks, Director of Community Engagement, for the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital authority for inviting me to participate.

On January 26th, we held our first Quarterly in the Fourth Community Breakfast meeting of 2019. The turnout was the largest to date with over 140 people in attendance. As usual I was able to engage in a spirited discussion on a range of issues with my constituents and it is always a pleasure for me to do so. I would like to thank all DeKalb County departments who were there to support us. Likewise, I would like to thank all of the elected officials who attended. In particular, I would like to thank my friend and colleague Commissioner Lorraine Cochran Johnson for being there in support as well. I really appreciate it. Our next Community Breakfast Meeting will be on May 18th. More information will be available as the date approaches.

It was such a pleasure to attend the ceremony honoring our DeKalb County Public Library System as the Georgia Public Library of the Year. This is a significant accomplishment for which we should all be very proud. For those who continue to be invested in the narrative that DeKalb County is all messed up, my response to that is "you are wrong." This achievement by our library system just the latest example of why you are wrong. I want to commend our Library Director, Alison Weissinger for her tremendous leadership. Her remarks that night were heartfelt and quite moving. Likewise I would like to thank and commend all of our library system employees for the job that they do. In fact my last mayor's meeting was at the Clarkston Library. Everyone on staff that we encountered that day was courteous and professional. We appreciate it.

I was happy to meet with the residents on 1st Ave in Avondale Estates. In that meeting, the community was afforded the opportunity to express their concerns to me on an important issue effecting their neighborhood. I would like to thank Nathan and Abby Mutic for opening up their lovely home for the gathering. And I would like to thank Nathan's mother Suzanne for the excellent cookies.

On February 9th, I attended the Mountain Oaks HOA meeting. Mountain Oaks is one of the great communities in District 4 and it was great to interact with my constituents in that area. I would like to thank

HOA President Richard Rose for the invitation.

I would like to commend our Parks Director, Chuck Ellis for the commencement of our Park Ranger program. I think this will be a great enhancement to our parks system.

I would also like to thank Pastor Troy Bush and the entire congregation at Rehoboth Baptist Church for making me feel so welcome at their worship service this past Sunday. I look forward to returning in the future.

As always, you may call my office with any questions or concerns at 404-371-4749. And I thank the citizens of District 4 for affording me the opportunity to serve. Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer.

4. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson read the following comments:

Thank you, Mr. Presiding Officer, and Good morning everyone again.

I would like to begin my comments by inviting all District 5 and DeKalb County residents to attend the District 5 Black History Program on Thursday, February 21st. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the program begins at 7:30 p.m. The program entitled, Martin and Music sets ablaze the words, the authentic tone, and the life of one of the world's greatest Civil Rights leaders and orators. The production features Shakespearian trained actor Gerald Rivers as the voice of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and Broadway performer and celebrated recording artist Charles Holt. Holt serves as narrator and vocalist in the magical trio of message, music, and story. The program will feature a riveting blend of powerful spoken words and speeches with a delicate and reflective and inspiring thread of music and narrative. The program will take place at the Porter Sanford, III Performing Arts & Community Center. This event is free and open to the Public. I would encourage all church youth groups and school youth groups to contact my office at 404-371-2159 to reserve seating for group seating 10 or more. We are looking forward to this wonderful event.

Thank you to Victoria Turner and William May for an amazing inspiration this morning.

Last night, I had the esteemed pleasure of joining the Pendley Hills Estates Homeowners Association for their monthly meeting. It was fantastic to see residents come out and dialogue about our county and community. A special thank you to the HOA President, Ms. Angela McCallister – Huff and to Mrs. Annelle Elder who invited me to come to the meeting.

I would like to give a shout out to the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs to increase safety in Parks with New Park Rangers. Many may remember this is an initiative that we endorsed in 2018. Park Rangers will be on duty seven days a week and will be under the supervision of the DeKalb Park Police Coordinator. I am excited about this initiative.

I would like to inform all District 5 residents in the City of Stonecrest about calls that we have been receiving. Over the last couple of weeks, my office has received calls from the citizens in the City of Stonecrest about potholes on roads that are within the City Limits of Stonecrest. Many citizens have asked what will the County do with SPLOST funding to address potholes in the City of Stonecrest. I would like to be clear, the County

has no jurisdiction or control of what roads and potholes will be addressed in the City of Stonecrest relating to any of the projects, not limited to but to include Roads. The County is not looking at filling potholes. We have done all we can with filling potholes. We are looking at repaving the roads that are in desperate need of repair. My office is amenable to collaborate with any of the cities in District 5 on projects that will help to ensure that we repave the roads that are in desperate need of repair.

Next Saturday, I am looking forward to joining my church House of Hope for the annual “Stop the Violence” panel discussion. This is hosted by the Social Justice ministry of our church and I am looking forward to discussing the local and national political and social issues that are affecting our communities.

This past week, the Office of Congressman Hank Johnson announced its nominations for the U.S. Service Academy. I would particularly like to highlight the following students from the 5th District:

Ana – Lease Ballard (Martin Luther King Jr. High School)
Cierra Goodson (Martin Luther King Jr. High School)
Gabrielle Simmons (Martin Luther King Jr. High School)
Javia Robinson (Martin Luther King Jr. High School)
Justin Nelson (Arabia Mountain High School)
Madison Wheat (Martin Luther King Jr. High School)
Marquis Taylor (Martin Luther King Jr. High School)
Mason Fortson (Miller Grove High School)
Nicholas Wilkins (Martin Luther King Jr. High School)
Ri – Qwan Barnes (Martin Luther King Jr. High School)
Trisha Warren (Arabia Mountain High School)
Zion Lockhart (Arabia Mountain High School)

For more information on any of the announcements, District 5 upcoming events, please feel free to visit my website at 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.

5. Commissioner Kathie Gannon mentioned the following comments:

- I hope you enjoyed our impromptu summer weather in the middle of winter last week! It seems that General Punxsutawney saw his shadow on Groundhog Day, so fingers crossed, we hope for an early Spring!!! Speaking of “Spring” being around the corner, please help me with my Brookside and Fork Creek Park community gardens neighbors. I have been soliciting groups for the past year, and now, with Park Pride small challenge grants available to match funds that I have for startup, we could really make a difference! HOA’s, Church’s, neighborhood watch, walking groups...what can we do to reactivate the Friend’s Groups? Please email your contact information so we can get these gardens started

- Please visit Commissioner www.KathieGannon.com for the link to our DeKalb Food Drive. I think that it’s great that there is the option to donate online. Because every dollar donated generates 4 meals. That’s a lot of

power in a dollar! If you are out and about and see one of our posters at a library or senior center you don't need a can, all you need is your phone to scan the Q.R. code that accesses our food drive page for the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Over the past decade many have helped contribute...I am grateful and hope that we can count on you again! Special thanks to Diamond and our DCTV team as well as Communications for your assistance in creating the PSA and helping to spread the word!

- As you know, February is Black History Month. Each week, my office is posting a motivational quote from an inspirational person so please visit Commissioner Kathie Gannon on Facebook so we can share it with you. Our DeKalb Libraries have a variety of programs and events throughout the county honoring African Americans. I have posted some of the events that are in District 6, but please visit www.Dekalblibrary.org for a complete list of programs, events, and times. On Thursday, February 14th at 11:00 a.m., the DeKalb History Center is hosting their 11th Annual Black History Month celebration of DeKalb County's vibrant and powerful African American political heritage! Dynamic presenters, elected politicians, and community leaders will share about the early days of voter intimidation and how the African American citizenry of DeKalb mobilized to register to vote, to protest, and to destroy Jim Crow laws. Visit www.dekalbhistory.org for program and ticket information

- The NAACP DeKalb Branch is having a book drive in honor of Black History Month. Do you have new or used books featuring black characters, authors, or historical figures that you would like to share? You can donate them to the NAACP book drive until February 22nd at their office. For information about location and drop off times email info@naacpdekalb.org

- February 20th, the Georgia Chapter of Mothers Demand Action for Gun sense is having their advocacy day at the Capitol at 1 p.m.

- The City of Chamblee will celebrate Arbor Day on Friday, February 15th at 1:00 p.m. Members of the community are invited to Clairmont Park as they plant and give away 50 three-gallon Redbud trees. Staff will be available to advise recipients on how to plant and care for their seedlings. The trees are provided by Trees Atlanta. Arbor Day actually began being recognized in April, 1972. Today it's celebrated in all 50 states but it is celebrated during different months according to the best planting season and in Georgia that season runs between November and February. For more information, visit www.Chambleega.gov

- For those who receive my bi-weekly online updates, I routinely share information about DeKalb County's partnership with DeKalb Municipal Association, to engage the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) to produce a Transit Master Plan that provides a comprehensive vision for transit in DeKalb. This plan will address DeKalb County's mobility challenges, help to enhance future development opportunities, and improve the quality of life within each of DeKalb's cities and unincorporated communities, both north and south. I am a member of the planning committee and we meet regularly to vet this process. We are rolling out open house meetings at the end of the month to keep the community up to speed. These meetings are February 26th, 6 p.m. -7:30 p.m. - Flat Shoals Library for MARTA Bus Routes: 15 & 114. February 27th, 6 p.m. -7:30 p.m. - Covington Branch Library for MARTA Bus Routes: 86, 111, & 186 and February 28th, 5:30 p.m. -7 p.m. - Central DeKalb Senior Center for MARTA Bus Routes: 8, 19, & 30

- Our DeKalb County Cooperative Extension is looking for 2019 Fresh on DeK, the DeKalb Mobile Farmers Market, “stops.” Communities, businesses or organizations can apply to be a Fresh on DeK sight. The deadline to apply is Friday, March 1st. The mobile market visits areas around the county each week, beginning in the spring and running 16 weeks. Visit www.Freshondek.com and click “2019 Season Application” for additional information about site and application requirements. The DeKalb Mobile Farmers Market is a program of DeKalb County Extension with support from the DeKalb County Board of Health. The program is made possible with funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- The City of Clarkston's afterschool program-Youth Development Initiative provides free afterschool classes for student’s grades 5th-12th. They are looking for volunteers and tutors for a variety of subjects ranging from STEM to Life Skills. If interested, visit www.ClarkstonCommunityCenter.org for information on how you can get involved

- For those of you who made New Year resolutions to get in shape, here are two support opportunities for you... Registration is now open for both District Attorney Sherry Boston’s Love Run 5K and the 4th annual Neon Fun Run 5K, sponsored by our Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs. The Love Run is an AJC Peachtree Road race qualifier and will be on Saturday, February 23rd. This route runs through downtown Decatur. Visit www.DeKalbDA.org for registration information. Park and Rec will host the Neon Fun Run, an evening run, on March 9th at 6:30 p.m. on the Sugar Creek Golf Course. Register online at www.dekalbcountyga.gov/parks and click “Special Events”. Registration is open until March 4th for this event

6. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran- Johnson read the following comments:

- District 7 will be celebrating Black History Month with an event focusing on economic development. I will be sponsoring a series of conversations. The first, A Conversation on Wealth and Empowerment. We will have a Q&A on franchising & wealth. Our panel will feature top business and franchise owners: Sterling Coleman, Mack Wilbourn, and Yolanda Owens. Following the conversation, we will have agencies onsite to pull credit reports and begin helping paring individuals with the resources they need for both personal and business expansion, or start-up. The event will take place on Saturday, February 23, 2019 from 10:00 a.m.-12noon at the AEI Start-Up Factory, 7310 Stonecrest Concourse, Stonecrest, GA 30038. Sponsors/ partners for the event are Decide DeKalb, Operation Hope, the Small Business Administration and The Place for Franchising

- I participated in the 2nd Annual Women’s Legislative Breakfast sponsored by the Woodruff Arts Center Women’s Giving Circle held on January 25, 2019. The event recognized, honored, and celebrated women who hold public office across the State. It was a wonderful time of fellowship

- Also, I had the pleasure of attending several events including the reception for the Decatur Library of the Year and congratulations again to Alison Weissinger. I’d like to recognize Dr. Jamal Bryant and the volunteers at New Birth for their massive feeding effort of the homeless on Superbowl Sunday

- I’d like to thank Jan Costello, Phyllis Frierson, Nadine Johnson, and Herbert Love from the Greater Hidden Hills Community Development Corporation for their visit and our partnership on coming events

- Yesterday, I along with Commissioners Rader, Gannon, Larry Johnson, and Jester, met with State Representatives yesterday (2/11) at the DeKalb County House Delegation Meeting to introduce and read ten items we support as a part of our Legislative Agenda, which we advocated for adoption by the Georgia State Assembly. I'd like to commend the delegation on their efforts this year and I look forward to meeting with the Senate Delegation on Wednesday

7. Commissioner Jeff Rader read the following comments:

My office number is 404-371-2863 and my email is jrader@dekalbcountyga.gov. Please take the time to visit my updated website at www.commissionerrader.com. I hope you will find the new features helpful in contacting our office, viewing the agenda and requesting assistance electronically. Also, please follow me on Facebook and Twitter using [@raderjeff](#) and on Instagram at [commissionerjeffrader](#).

Congratulations...

To Briarlake Forest Park, named a Wildlife Habitat by the Atlanta Audubon Society. This unique forest boasts over 60 specimen trees and a variety of native plants that create a valuable habitat for birds and other wildlife in DeKalb.

To Central DeKalb Senior Center as they celebrate the 4th Anniversary of the center. Check out class offerings posted on my website or at the center. There are a variety of offerings for all seniors!

Upcoming...

- The next Briarlake Forest Park Work Day will be held Saturday, February 16th at 9:30 a.m.
- Enjoy Carnival Under the Canopy at Fernbank Natural History Museum on Sunday February 24th to benefit the Olmsted Linear Parks Association
- Attend a Second Round of Open Houses for DeKalb County Transit Master Plan –The first will be February 26th at 6:00pm at the Flat Shoals Library, the second meeting will be February 27th at 6pm at the Wesley Chapel Library and the third meeting will take place February 28th at 5:30pm at the Central DeKalb Senior Center located at 1346 McConnell Drive. For more information visit the web at DeKalbtransitmasterplan.com or info@dekalbtransitmasterplan.com

In library news...

- This month thru April 15th many branches are offering 2019 Tax Assistance with AARP. Check your local library for schedule
- The Georgia Center for the Book is sponsoring Author Talks at Decatur Library– tonight at 7:30 features Madmen and Poets where improvisers team up with poets to perform scenes made up on the spot based on poems. And on February 21st Dr. Darria Gillespie will discuss “Mom Hacks,” a collection of 100+ self-care hacks for any mom to eat right, move more, stress less and get a good night’s sleep

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Commissioner Kathie Gannon and seconded by Commissioner Nancy Jester to adjourn the February 12, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting at 1:30 p.m. Commissioners Mereda Davis Johnson and Lorraine Cochran-Johnson were out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:


- Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Gannon
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson



Jeff Rader
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders-Norwood
County Clerk