

DeKalb County Government

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



Meeting Minutes

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

A. INSPIRATIONAL

Bishop Miles E. Fowler
Big Miller Grove Missionary Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Kathie Gannon
Super District 6

B. PRESENTATIONS

The New Day Project: Water Meter Exchange and Upgrade Initiative
Operation HOPE- John Hope Bryant
Women's History Makers

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. Apostle Charles McCorkle, 4225 Snapfinger Woods Drive Decatur, GA 30035 – Spoke regarding proposed cities of Vista Grove and Greenhaven to bring grievances to the County Commission.
2. Liz Troop, 612 Clifton Rd. NE – Spoke against the implementation of electronic voting machines, and recommended hand marked paper ballots.
3. Dan Whisenhunt, 814 McLendon Dr. Scottdale, GA 30079 – Spoke regarding the changes in the process to obtain a business license in DeKalb County; charging arbitrary fees and intrusion into the owner’s personal finances by requiring yearly tax returns.
4. Joy Wasson, 612 Clifton Rd. NE Atlanta, GA 30307 – Spoke in opposition to DeKalb County changing to touch screen voting machines.
5. Bona Allen, 1664 Damou Ct. Dunwoody, GA 30338 – Spoke regarding the approval of the Resolution for an external audit of the elections process in DeKalb County.
6. Stephen Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021 – Spoke regarding replacing water lines in his neighborhood; the County’s acceptance of the \$24,000 Grant for the Victims Assistance Program, while requesting a waiver for the \$6,000 match; and 100% of the DFACS rental revenue being put back into the DFACS system.
7. Bethan Frillman, 1659 E. Clifton Rd. Atlanta, GA 30307 – Spoke regarding the need for an audit of the elections process in DeKalb County.
8. Ms. Sophia Khalid c/o Threshold Ministries, 205 Sycamore St. Decatur, GA 30030 – Spoke regarding the Budget and the lack of full disclosure on line item amount of how much money the DeKalb County Government hopes to profit as a financial partner with the Sterling at Candler Village Apartments.
9. Rhonda Robinson Mangum, 3481 Hollow Tree Drive Decatur, GA 30034 – Spoke advocating for speeding solutions on Columbia Drive with more police presence, and a paper ballot system for voting in DeKalb County.
10. Carol Hayes, 2665 Spicer Ln. Decatur, GA 30033 – Spoke in favor of approving an audit of DeKalb County’s elections process.
11. Priscilla Smith, 218 Flora Avenue Atlanta, GA 30307 – Spoke in favor of approving an audit of DeKalb County’s elections process and the need for hand marked paper ballots.
12. Robyn Roberts, 236 Lamont Dr. Decatur, GA 30030 – Spoke in support of the Resolution for an internal audit of the DeKalb County voting system.
13. Suzanne Urquhart, 1648 East Clifton Rd. Atlanta, GA 30307 – Spoke in favor of an audit of the DeKalb County elections process.

14. Elliott Abnatha, 3197 Alberta Lane Tucker, GA 30084 – Spoke in favor of an audit of the DeKalb County elections process.

15. Sean Jenkins, 3547 Knollview Ct. Decatur, GA 30034 – Spoke asking Commissioners as to their stance on cityhood in South DeKalb.

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.

“DECISION ONLY” ITEMS – NO PUBLIC HEARING

Planning and Sustainability

[2018-3068](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 3 & 6

Application of Scott Bennett for a major modification to remove all conditions on property zoned MR-2 (Medium Density Residential -2) District, pursuant to CZ-05033 for 149 single-family attached townhomes in order to develop 291 apartment units at a density of 24 units per acre within Tier 2 of the I-20 Overlay District, at 2128 & 2170 Cook Road.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks, until March 26, 2019 for Decision Only. 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

E. APPEALS

F. APPOINTMENTS

Chief Executive Office

[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 Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks, until March 26, 2019. Items 2019-3248 and 2019-3249 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

[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 Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks, until March 26, 2019. Items 2019-3248 and 2019-3249 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

ITEMS FOR RECORDING IN THE MINUTES

Board of Commissioners - District 5

[2019-3380](#) Commission District(s): District 5
Recording of the appointment of Gwendolyn McCoy to the DeKalb County Planning Commission, District 5 Post

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

[2019-3381](#) Commission District(s): District 5
Recording of the appointment of Eric Hubbard to the District 5 Community Council

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks, until March 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

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO

[2019-3367](#) Commission District(s): All
Approval of Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of January 3, 2019

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

H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2019-3406](#) Commission District(s): All
Opposing House Bill 302 and Senate Bill 172, Preemption of Local Building Design Standards

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

Board of Commissioners - District 5

[2019-3379](#) Commission District(s): All Districts
A Resolution by The Governing Authority of DeKalb County to Request the DeKalb County Chief Audit Executive to Add an Operational Review to Include a Fiscal and Performance Audit of the DeKalb County Voter Registration and Elections Department to the 2019 Annual Workplan for the Office of Independent Internal Audit

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks, until March 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

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO

[2019-3368](#) Commission District(s): All
Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 4, 2018
MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Facilities Management

[2019-3374](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Acceptance of Georgia Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) rental revenue and appropriation thereof for additional deferred Operations & Maintenance (O&M) work.
MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks, until March 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

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee

[2019-3171](#) Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 18-101038 for Ammunition (Annual Contract with 2 Options To Renew): for use by Police Services (PS), Sheriff's and Marshal's Offices. Consists of the purchase of ammunition for weapons. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Gulf State Distributors and Specialty Cartridges Inc. dba Atlanta Arms. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$336,700.00.
MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3171 and 2019-3332 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

[2019-3332](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

REN - Police Body Cameras (Annual Contract - 3rd Renewal of 4 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1022922 for use by Police Services (PS) and Marshal's Office. This contract consists of the purchase of body cameras, rocket technology, data storage, maintenance and support for the body camera system. Awarded to Utility Associates, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$505,000.00.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3171 and 2019-3332 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 OPS Committee

[2019-3284](#)

Commission District(s): All

REN- Professional and Managed Support and Maintenance of Voice and Data Network Services (Annual Contract - 4th Renewal of 4 Options to Renew): Contract No. 967790 for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT). This contract consists of providing maintenance, support and repairs on the voice and data network services. Awarded to Layer 3 Communications, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,169,897.15.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks, until March 26, 2019. Items 2019-3284, 2019-3331, 2019-3322 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

[2019-3331](#)

Commission District(s): All
REN - Maintenance, Cleaning & Inspection of Fuel Tanks including Removal, Relocation and Installation (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1055622 for use by Public Works - Fleet Management. This contract consists of maintaining, cleaning and inspecting multiple fuel tanks as needed to ensure clean fuel is dispensed to County fleet. Awarded to SP Petroleum Transporters. Amount Not To Exceed: \$110,000.00.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks, until March 26, 2019. Items 2019-3284, 2019-3331, 2019-3322 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

[2019-3322](#)

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 14-902797 for Lease of IBM Equipment (Multi-Year Contract): for use by the Department of Innovation & Technology (IT). This contract consists of the lease for equipment to serve as the host platforms for the Oracle E-Business Suite, PeopleSoft, email and several other application databases. Awarded to IBM Credit, LLC dba IBM Corp. Amount Not To Exceed: \$315,630.00.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks, until March 26, 2019. Items 2019-3284, 2019-3331, 2019-3322 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 PECS Committee

[2019-3329](#)

Commission District(s): 5

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1012065 Lifeguard and Pool Services at Browns Mill Family Aquatic Facility (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of providing lifeguard services, supervision of pools and pool services. Awarded to StandGuard Aquatics, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$190,000.00.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks and assigned to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on March 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

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2018-3047](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 18-101022 for Right-of-Way Mowing (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Sanitation and Beautification. Consists of mowing and lawn maintenance services at 128 right-of-way locations throughout the County. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: NGL Erosion Control Group, Flex Landscaping and Executive Realty Solutions. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$942,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3047, 2019-3239, 2019-3240, 2019-3241, 2019-3242, 2019-3305, 2019-3369 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

[2019-3239](#)

Commission District(s): All

REN - Silt Fencing, Sandbags, Straw and Mulch (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1061257 for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) and Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D) and Sanitation. This contract consists of the provision and installation of silt fencing, sandbags, straw and mulch for erosion control and landscaping. Awarded to PF Holding and Investment, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$230,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3047, 2019-3239, 2019-3240, 2019-3241, 2019-3242, 2019-3305, 2019-3369 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

[2019-3240](#)

Commission District(s): All

REN - Repair Parts for Waterlines (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1104362 for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of supplying repair parts to repair waterlines. Awarded to Core & Main LP. Amount Not To Exceed: \$350,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3047, 2019-3239, 2019-3240, 2019-3241, 2019-3242, 2019-3305, 2019-3369 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

[2019-3241](#)

Commission District(s): All
REN - Hydrofluosilicic Acid (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1054131 for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of the purchase of Hydrofluosilicic Acid to treat DeKalb County's drinking water. Awarded to Univar USA, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$210,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3047, 2019-3239, 2019-3240, 2019-3241, 2019-3242, 2019-3305, 2019-3369 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

[2019-3242](#)

Commission District(s): All
REN - Roadway Bulk De-Icing Materials (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1056592 and 1056600 for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) and Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). These contracts consist of the purchase of de-icing materials to make the sand/salt mixture used to maintain the County's roadways, parking lots and sidewalks. Awarded to FM Shelton, Inc. and Compass Minerals America. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$414,649.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3047, 2019-3239, 2019-3240, 2019-3241, 2019-3242, 2019-3305, 2019-3369 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

[2019-3305](#) Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No.1132991 for the Seminole Landfill Awning: for use by Public Works - Fleet Management to be used by Public Works - Sanitation. This contract consists of building an awning at the Seminole Landfill. Awarded to Osprey Management LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$35,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3047, 2019-3239, 2019-3240, 2019-3241, 2019-3242, 2019-3305, 2019-3369 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

[2019-3369](#) Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 18-100964 Liquid Aluminum Based Coagulant (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the purchase of coagulant used to remove phosphorus from water. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Chemtrade Chemical US LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$957,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3047, 2019-3239, 2019-3240, 2019-3241, 2019-3242, 2019-3305, 2019-3369 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

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs

[2019-3397](#) Commission District(s): All Districts
Approval of the 2010-2020 Parks and Recreation Master Plan
MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, 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

Watershed Management

[2019-3272](#) Commission District(s): All
An Ordinance of DeKalb County, Georgia Requiring That New Commercial Building Firelines Be Metered, and for Other Purposes.
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

[2018-3086](#) 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 to approve the substitute submitted from the floor. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson

Board of Commissioners

[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 60 days, until May 14, 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 Larry Johnson, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor. 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

Community Development[2019-3291](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

Amendment #3 to Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs (ACE) contract #1075460 to add an additional \$450,000 and extend the contract term for a period of one year; ending on August 26, 2020. No cost to the County.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3291, 2019-3293, 2019-3295, 2019-3296 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

[2019-3293](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

Approval of Contract with Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership, Inc. using HUD - HOME CHDO Funds

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3291, 2019-3293, 2019-3295, 2019-3296 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

[2019-3295](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

Appropriate \$200,000 from the Reserve for Appropriation to the DeKalb County Community Development Department for housing and services for individuals who cannot be served through federally funded homelessness assistance programs.

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3291, 2019-3293, 2019-3295, 2019-3296 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

[2019-3296](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

Approval of Contract with Alliance of DeKalb, Inc. using HUD - HOME CHDO Funds

MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2019-3291, 2019-3293, 2019-3295, 2019-3296 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

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 for 2 weeks, until March 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

Public Works - Transportation

[2019-3237](#) Commission District(s): 1, 3, 5, 6, and 7
Acceptance of \$3,459,660 in GDOT Funds for Flat Shoals Road, Henderson Road, and Salem Road Sidewalks
MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on March 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

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee

[2018-2026](#) Commission District(s): 5 & 7
CA - Cooperative Agreement for Playground Equipment at Lithonia Park: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). The contract consists of the removal of existing obsolete playground equipment and installation of new playground equipment. Awarded to Kompan, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$365,706.80.
MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Steve 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 Cochran-Johnson

[2019-3301](#)

Commission District(s): 4

RFP - Request for Proposals No. 18-500498 for Renovation of Stone Mountain-Sue Kellogg Library: for use by the Library. Consists of upgrading all functional systems at the library located at 952 Leon Street. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer: CT Darnell Construction. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,200,000.00.

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

No: 1 - Commissioner Jester

[2019-3334](#)

Commission District(s): All

RFP - Request for Proposals No. 18-500505 for Revitalization of Memorial Drive Commercial Corridor for the Department of Planning and Sustainability (P&S). Consists of research and development of a plan to revitalize the commercial corridor of Memorial Drive. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer: Pond & Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$174,500.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioners Jeff Rader and Kathie Gannon opposed. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 2 - Commissioner Rader, and Commissioner Gannon

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2019-3205](#)

Commission District(s): 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7
LB - Invitation No. 18-101024 DeKalb Sidewalk Program Phase 2C - Salem Rd., Henderson Rd. and Flat Shoals Rd. - PI# 0007618/PI# 0008268 (548 days): for use by Public Works-Transportation. Consists of construction of sidewalks along Salem, Henderson and Flat Shoals Roads. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Precision 2000, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$5,996,003.45.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred for 2 weeks and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board on March 26, 2019. Commissioner Larry Johnson opposed. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

1. Commissioner Nancy Jester did not offer any comments

2. Commissioner Larry Johnson mentioned the following comments:

- Invited everyone to attend a black business networking event this evening at the Porter Sanford Performing Arts Center at 6 p.m.

3. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw mentioned the following comments:

Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer. Good Morning Everyone.

On February 26th, I attended The City of Clarkston's Pre-Work Session Mixer to celebrate Black History Month. The special guests of honor at the event were Dr. Hevall Kelli who is a Cardiologist at the Emory School of Medicine, and Johnny Waits Jr, who is a DeKalb Historian and Founder and President of Flat Rock Archives. It was a very nice gathering and both guest were very engaging and informative. Also, at the event I was able to catch up with my friend Former Clarkston Mayor Emanuel Ransom which was indeed a pleasure.

From March 1st-4th I attended my first National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference in Washington DC. It was a great experience to interact with County Commissioners from all over the United States. It helps me to realize that at one level our challenges are very similar and at the same time very different. The myriad of seminars on a wide variety of topics were very interesting and informative. I will continue to seek ways to enhance my own development as I continue to grow in this role.

It was a pleasure to attend the Oakhurst Medical Centers Change, Challenge, and Opportunity Awards Dinner on March 9th. It was a great honor for me to bring greetings from DeKalb County and present a proclamation to Oakhurst Medical Centers from our CEO Michael Thurmond. The Trailblazer Award Honorees that evening were U.S. Congressman Hank Johnson, Decatur Mayor Emeritus Elizabeth Wilson, and Corporate Banking Executive David Smith.

As I said that evening, Oakhurst Medical Centers is a jewel in DeKalb County. They have a wonderful facility on Memorial Drive which is in the heart of my district. And I am personally grateful for the vital service that they provide to our community. It was a wonderful event. And I would like commend Oakhurst CEO Jeff Taylor and his entire team for their service.

On March 11th I attended the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Luncheon. Ryan Millsap of Blackhall Studios gave an excellent keynote address on the emerging potency of the film industry in DeKalb County and the State of Georgia. As someone who is keenly interested in Economic Development, I am always happy to be supportive of the Chamber and their President, my friend Katerina Taylor.

Also, congratulations to The Champion Middle School Drama Club for a successful run of Annie presented at The Art Station Theater in Stone Mountain on March 7th and 8th. My Chief of Staff, Alesia Brooks attended the Friday evening performance with her granddaughter. She reports that the cast was excellent! We should all be proud of our DeKalb County students and the talent that they display every day. Well done!

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 offering my sincerest condolences to my colleague and friend, Commissioner Larry Johnson in the passing of his father. Please know that we are praying for and with you. If there is anything that we may do for you during this difficult time, please let us know.

Last evening I had the opportunity to join the Kings Ridge Homeowner's Association for their monthly HOA Meeting. It was a great meeting and well attended. I would like to send a personal shout out to the HOA President, Mr. Ronnie Harper for extending the invitation for my office to attend. We are looking forward to partnering as we "Move DeKalb Forward".

This past Sunday, I had the opportunity to attend the installation of Dr. Jamal Harrison Bryant, the new Pastor of New Birth Missionary Baptist Church. I am looking forward to partnering with this church and all churches in the 5th as we continue to develop, build and enhance our communities.

Thank you to Councilman Rob Turner and School Board Member Vickie Turner for allowing me to address the DeKalb Cultural Exchange this weekend to update the community on what's happening in the 5th and DeKalb. It is always a pleasure to attend and to see so many people come together because they care about their community.

I am very happy to announce to everyone that the first blighted property demolition of 2019 happened in District 5 on March 1, 2019 in the Muirfield Subdivision. The citizens of the 5th have been calling and we want them to know that we have been listening. We will go to court later this month to address other blighted properties in the district. I am so thankful to our CEO and his entire team for truly cleaning up DeKalb and sending a statement that we will not tolerate blight in DeKalb County.

Attention all District 5 residents, on next Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 6:00pm my office will host a SPLOST Town Hall meeting. I am so proud to have my colleague, Commissioner Lorraine Cochran – Johnson co – host the meeting with me. The meeting will take place at the Stonecrest Library, located at 3123 Klondike Road, Lithonia, GA 30038. We will hear from our SPLOST Program Manager and learn more about the specific projects that are in District 5.

If your Homeowners Association or Community Association would like to invite the District 5 office out to your next meeting or event, please feel free to call us at 404-371-2159 or visit us on the web at www.commissionermeredajohnson.com.

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:

- Thank you to everyone who participated in our 2019 DeKalb County Food Drive. This year, we have more than tripled our online cash donations from the previous year! At last count \$1,800 dollars was raised and we have yet to begin counting the food contributions. These donations will contribute more than 5,000 meals to our neighbors from the Atlanta Community Food Bank

- I don't think I ever prepared for the day that I would be wishing Chief Conroy farewell. After serving the county for 30 years, he is leaving big shoes to fill. As many of you may know, he's been the Chief of Police since 2013 and he has served the citizens of District 6 and the county well. He began his position as chief at a challenging time and throughout his tenure overcome many obstacles which has led to significant reductions in overall crime. Thank you for your service, and enjoy the next chapter of your life!

- Happy St. Patrick's Day to all of my Irish Super District 6 residents, those who are Irish year-round or Irish for the day. This will be a great weekend to take advantage of your local restaurant scene. I'm sure someone will be serving a plate of nice corn beef and cabbage. If you're in the Brookhaven area this Saturday you can check out the St. Paddy's Block Party at the Olde Blind Dog Irish Pub, 705 Town Boulevard. Visit www.Townbrookhaven.net for additional information. If you're in Decatur, Three Taverns Craft Brewery and the Brick Store Pub are hosting the 2nd Annual Mable-McNally St. Paddy's Procession. This parade is in honor of the two esteemed Irish men who helped inspire it. The starting point is Fellini's Pizza, 333 Commerce Dr. at 11 a.m. and it makes its way to the Brick Store Pub where you can tap the Three Tavern Brewery's Maury Mable dry Irish stout. Please check my Facebook for more updates on St. Patrick's Day events!

- Spring is definitely in the air and this Saturday is a great time to begin spring cleaning. DeKalb County Sanitation Division is hosting their spring recycling event where you can recycle responsibly and get rid of hazardous waste. Between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. you can drop off your hazardous waste at the Central Transfer Station at 3720 Leroy Scott Drive in Decatur. Proof of DeKalb residency is required. To find out more information about acceptable and restricted items as well as item limits please go to the events sections of my website www.CommissionerKathieGannon.com. Take this opportunity to truly give your home a fresh 2019 start!

- Are you an avid bird watcher or wanting to pick up a new hobby? On Sunday, March 17th at 9 a.m. the Atlanta Audubon Society will be hosting a forest bird watch at Fernbank Museum located at 767 Clifton Rd. NE. The cost is included in museum admission. Visit www.Fernbankmuseum.org for additional information

- On Tuesday, March 26th the DeKalb Symphony Orchestra will feature the winners of their Young Artist Concerto Competition. The concert starts at 8 p.m. and will be held at the Marvin Cole Auditorium at Georgia State University's Clarkston campus. Audience members are invited to meet the music director and conductor,

Fyodor Cherniavsky, at 7 p.m. for a pre-concert conversation. To purchase tickets and find out more information go to www.Dekalbsymphony.org

- Join me for a spring morning walk on March 30th on the South River Trail at 9:30 a.m. This is our first walk of the year. It will be a 3.4 mile trek from Georgia State's Perimeter Campus (where there is plenty of free parking) to Cedar Grove Middle School and back. The weather is anticipated to be beautiful so bring your "Spring" attitude and your water bottles! Find the exact address in the events section of my website at www.CommissionerKathieGannon.com

- My office number is 404-371-4909. Thank you if your community group has forwarded your updated contact information. If you haven't please email kgannon@DeKalbCountyga.gov with your 2019 Board members names, contact information and meeting/activities. And please remember that if your Super District 6 community group is planning a Spring community event, please let us know as well. I look forward to opportunities to connect. Also visit my Facebook or website at www.CommissionerKathieGannon.com regularly for additional events and happenings in Super District 6!

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

- District 7 remains on the move. I'd like to begin by acknowledging Dick Williams from the Georgia Gang and wish him well in his retirement. I have watched him for over a decade and I know he is fond of my glasses, so I am going to send him out a pair so he can look like me – in his retirement. He's to you Dick!

- Congratulations Champion Middle School on their excellent production of Annie that occurred this weekend. The students were excellent and we are pleased to support them

- SPOLST TOWNHALL, March 21st at 6:00PM at the Stonecrest Library. I am proud to co-host the event with fellow Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson

- Join me for Coffee With A Cop at Shorties Pizza, 3701 Lawrenceville Highway, Tucker at 6:00 p.m.

- Please visit our website at www.CommissionerLorraineCochranJohnson.com or call us at 404.371.2899

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 want to encourage you to sign up for news and updates where I have recently posted my 2018 year in review. I hope you will find the website helpful in contacting our office, viewing the agenda and requesting assistance electronically. Please also follow me on Facebook and Twitter using [@raderjeff](https://www.facebook.com/raderjeff) and on Instagram at [commissionerjeffrader](https://www.instagram.com/commissionerjeffrader).

Thanks...

- To Victoria Kingsland and the Central DeKalb Senior Center for hosting me at the end of last month. As always, it was great to hear from so many patrons of the senior center. Please do contact my office if you have an issue that needs immediate attention

Upcoming...

- The next Coffee with a Cop will take place tomorrow, March 13th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Shorty's Pizza 3701 Lawrenceville Hwy in Tucker. Shorty's will offer \$5 off any large pizza that night only

- The next Briarlake Forest Park Work Day will be held Saturday, March 16th at 9:30 a.m.

- The 2019 Park Pride Greenspace Conference will take place Monday, March 25th at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens. This year's conference will explore strategies for making parks the heart of vibrant and thriving communities. Two of our very own in District 2 will be receiving Inspiration Awards for their work and investment in Kittredge and Briarlake Forest Parks. Visit www.parkpride.org to register

- Don't forget now thru April 15th many branches are offering 2019 Tax Assistance with AARP. Check your local library for the schedule


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 Commissioner Steve Bradshaw and seconded by Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson to adjourn the March 12, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:15 p.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 Cochran-Johnson



Jeff Rader
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders-Norwood
County Clerk