

# DeKalb County Government

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, February 4, 2020**

**9:00 AM**

**Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium**

### **Special Called Meeting**

*Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Presiding Officer, District 4  
Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Deputy, District 7*

*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**        5 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
- Absent**         2 - Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Kathie Gannon

**Administration:** Michael Thurmond, CEO, Zachary Williams, Executive Assistant/ Chief Operating Office, Chenay Brown, Deputy Clerk, Viviane Ernstes, County Attorney

**Work Session**

**I. Committee of the Whole**

**A. Committee Reports**

**B. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for February 11, 2020**

**C. Review of Board of Commissioners Preliminary Agenda**

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

**E. Items Previously Heard**

**II. Special Call Meeting**

**A. Executive Session**

**2020-0191**      Commission District(s): All  
 To Convene a Special Called Meeting  
**MOTION was made by Commissioner Jeff Rader, seconded by Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to convene a Special Call Meeting. Commissioner Kathie Gannon and Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson were absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:**            5 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

**Absent:**        2 - Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Kathie Gannon

**2020-0192** Commission District(s): All  
To Convene an Executive Session Meeting  
**MOTION was made by Commissioner Jeff Rader, seconded by Commissioner Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved to convene an Executive Session Meeting. Commissioner Kathie Gannon and Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson were absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Kathie Gannon

**2020-0193** Commission District(s): All  
To Adjourn an Executive Session Meeting  
**MOTION was made by Commissioner Jeff Rader, seconded by Commissioner Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn an Executive Session Meeting. Commissioner Kathie Gannon and Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson were absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Kathie Gannon

**2020-0194** Commission District(s): All  
Proposed settlement of claims against DeKalb County and all individual Defendants in the lawsuit filed by Tree Creek Condominium Association, Civil Action no. 16cv4304-7 in the Superior Court of DeKalb County.

**MOTION was made by Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve removal of \$94,285.16 (ninety-four thousand two hundred eighty-five dollars and sixteen cents) in delinquent charges from the water/sewer account of Tree Creek Condominium Association to settle Tree Creek Condominium Association's Lawsuit Against DeKalb County and others in Civil Action No. 16cv4304-7 in the DeKalb County Superior Court. To Resolve Tree Creek's lawsuit, the County will remove the delinquent balance of \$94,285.16 (ninety-four thousand two hundred eighty-five dollars and sixteen cents) from Tree Creek's water/sewer account (257251) in return for and conditioned on Tree Creek's dismissal with prejudice of its lawsuit and Tree Creek's execution of a release and waiver of claims satisfactory to the County Attorney. The County Attorney or her designee is authorized to sign the settlement agreement. Commissioner Kathie Gannon and Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson were absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Kathie Gannon

- 2020-0195** Commission District(s): 3 & 6  
Authorize the Chief Operating Officer to finalize the exchange of County property for property owned by a private entity.  
**MOTION was made by Commissioner Larry Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be approved to authorize the Chief Operating Officer to finalize a real estate exchange agreement; complete due diligence; and return to the Governing Authority to consider all necessary documents in connection with a possible future real estate closing of this transaction. Commissioner Kathie Gannon and Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson were absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Kathie Gannon
- 2020-0196** Commission District(s): 2 & 6  
Authorize the Chief Operating Officer to finalize the exchange of County property for property owned by a private entity.  
**MOTION was made by Commissioner Jeff Rader, seconded by Commissioner Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to authorize the Chief Operating Officer to finalize a real estate exchange agreement; complete due diligence; and return to the Governing Authority to consider all necessary documents in connection with a possible future real estate closing of this transaction. Commissioner Kathie Gannon and Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson were absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Kathie Gannon

**POLICY OF NON-DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY IN COUNTY SERVICES.**

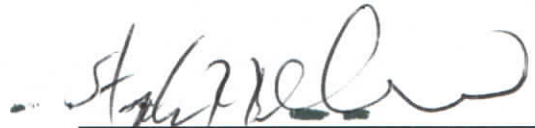
DeKalb County Government does not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities or exclude them from participating in or receiving benefits of its services, programs, or activities, based on disability. Janet Essix, DeKalb County Government's Employee Relations Manager and ADA Coordinator, 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 Jeff Rader, seconded by Commissioner Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn the February 4, 2020 Special Called Meeting at 10:27a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Kathie Gannon



Stephen R. Bradshaw  
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond  
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders-Norwood  
County Clerk