

# DeKalb County Government

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, September 15, 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 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

**Administration:** Michael Thurmond, CEO, Zachary Williams, Executive Assistant/ Chief Operating Office,  
Barbara Sanders-Norwood, County Clerk, Viviane Ernstes, County Attorney

**Work Session**

**I. Committee of the Whole**

- A. Committee Reports**
- B. MARTA Quarterly Briefing**
- C. Memorial Drive Masterplan Study**
- D. Tax Commissioner's Assistance Proposal**
- E. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for September 22, 2020**
- F. Review of Board of Commissioners Preliminary Agenda**
- G. Review/Recap of New Items for the BOC Agenda**
- H. Items Previously Heard**

**II. Special Call Meeting**

**2020-1123**      Commission District(s): All  
To Convene a Special Called Meeting  
**MOTION was made by Commissioner Kathie Gannon,  
seconded by Commissioner Jeff Rader, that this agenda item  
be approved to convene a Special Call Meeting. The motion  
carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 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

**2020-1124** Commission District(s): All  
To Convene an Executive Session Meeting  
**MOTION was made by Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be approved to convene an Executive Session Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 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

**2020-1125** Commission District(s): All  
To Adjourn an Executive Session Meeting  
**MOTION was made by Commissioner Kathie Gannon, seconded by Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn an Executive Session Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 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

- 2020-1126** Commission District(s): Districts 1 and 7  
Proposed Settlement of Threatened Litigation by Flexible Metal, Inc.  
**MOTION was made by Commissioner Nancy Jester, seconded by Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve paying the total amount of \$131,668.81 (one hundred thirty-one thousand six hundred sixty-eight dollars and eighty-one cents) to Flexible Metal, Inc. and its counsel to resolve threatened litigation related to alleged sewer-related incidents in December 2019 and January 2020. This amount will be paid to Flexible Metal, Inc. and its counsel in return for and conditioned on execution by Flexible Metal, Inc. of a Settlement Agreement with release and waiver of claims that is acceptable to the County Attorney. The County Attorney or her designee is authorized to execute the Settlement Agreement. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Yes:**                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
- 2020-1127** Commission District(s): All  
Proposed Settlement of lawsuit filed by AssetWorks, LLC against DeKalb County, Georgia.  
**MOTION was made by Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be to approve a total payment of \$288,000 (two hundred eighty-eight thousand dollars) to settle the lawsuit filed by AssetWorks, LLC against DeKalb County, Georgia, Civil Action File No. 20CV4108 in the Superior Court of DeKalb County. To resolve this lawsuit, the County will pay the total sum of \$288,000 to AssetWorks, LLC and its counsel in return for AssetWorks' dismissal with prejudice of its lawsuit and execution of a waiver and release of claims satisfactory to the County Attorney. The County Attorney or her designee is authorized to execute the settlement agreement. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 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

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

**There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Commissioner Jeff Rader, seconded by Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn the September 15, 2020 Special Called Meeting at 1:47 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:**            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



Stephen R. Bradshaw  
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond  
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders-Norwood  
County Clerk









# 09.15.20 SCMMinutes

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