

DeKalb County Government

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

9:00 AM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

Board of Commissioners

Comm. Robert Patrick, Presiding Officer, District 1

Comm. Mereda Davis Johnson, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 5

Commissioner Robert Patrick, District 1

Commissioner Jeff Rader, District 2

Commissioner Larry Johnson, District 3

Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4

Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5

Commissioner Edward "Ted" Terry, Super District 6

Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Super District 7

- Present:** 5 - Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, and Commissioner Larry Johnson

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

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A. INSPIRATIONAL

Reverend, Dr. Eric Lee- Chamblee First United Methodist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Jeff Rader- District 2

B. PRESENTATIONS

COVID-19 Response
Medical Reserve Corps #68

C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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1. Diana Bennett, 408 Dunbar Drive Dunwoody, GA 30338- Dear DeKalb Commissioners, My name is Diana Bennett. I'm a longtime DeKalb resident and currently live in Dunwoody. I'm also a longtime volunteer and foster at the DeKalb County Animal Shelter. This year, I have attended Magistrate Court for some neglect and cruelty proceedings for dogs that have been in the DeKalb shelter system as "live evidence" month after month and in some cases year after year. Being in the Magistrate Court has made me keenly aware that cases keep getting reset because owners don't show up to court. I have also witnessed weak prosecution. The Assistant Solicitor was so poorly prepared for one case, she was not aware that the fine she offered, and defendant accepted to settle a case was too low based on state law. So, the judge kicked out the settlement and the case was reset yet again. Our county shelter is overcrowded to the point that they have dogs in kennels designed to hold cats. The shelter has been under an emergency protocol twice in 2022 shutting down intake with no space left. As leaders of this county, does this not bother you? The indifference towards these animals is stunning. No one wants to take the responsibility of fixing the problem even though the solutions are straightforward. Here are some:

1. File a motion to dispose evidence for long term court cases. Create a blueprint for similar cases. The county attorney recently filed a motion to dispose for a neglect case with ten dogs in Magistrate Court and the judge ruled in favor. Let's continue with more motions!
2. Work with the Solicitor to improve outcomes. Another motion to dispose hearing recently took place in State Court for a case with 16 dogs and five chickens. These animals have been in the system for nine months. Sadly, the judge could not rule on the hearing because the Solicitor's staff forgot to transfer the charges from Magistrate Court to State Court. A simple procedural error which now will cost the animals to stay in limbo for more months. This is just one of many examples highlighting how the Solicitor is falling short.
3. Work with the Solicitor and Courts to establish policies and procedures for defendants repeatedly missing court dates. As county commissioners, you do have a responsibility. You oversee the budget for both the Solicitor and the courts, and therefore have a duty to ensure that services are delivered adequately. I am begging you to do more. Sincerely,

2. Lou Collins, 1992 Shalimar Dr NE Atlanta GA 30345-Hi, I'm a single mom and I moved to Chamblee near Buford Highway because of the affordable housing when I was expecting my son, 8 years ago. When my son was about 3, I started looking for new places to live because I had the impression that Chamblee wasn't investing in its community like what I saw in other parts of the Atlanta area. Namely, I was frustrated by the lack of walkability - the high traffic related pedestrian deaths along Buford Highway and general inaccessibility by foot throughout the community. For example, we have an absolutely fantastic local library in Chamblee - but no safe route to walk there. One crisp Saturday morning a few years ago I was driving towards a local park and happened to pass the Peachtree Creek Greenway sign on Briarwood Road NE just past REI and stopped to check it out. I was shocked - I had no idea the path existed, and I relished every moment exploring the space as I pushed my son in his stroller down the path. The path changed my perception of Chamblee as a family-oriented place to live and I made a conscious decision at that moment to stay in Chamblee and raise my family here despite many frustrations I've experienced - inequitable schools, crime (my house and car have been broken into multiple times), etc. I appreciate the path so much and what it provides our community. I implore you all to please adopt the Multi-use Trail Connectivity Master Plan for the Peachtree Creek Greenway and continue to invest in our community

3. Luke Dorrian, 1871 Ridgewood Drive NE- My name is Luke Dorrian and I am a Dekalb County resident at 1871 Ridgewood Drive NE concerned about the proposed development by the Atlanta Police Foundation to build a police training facility (dubbed "Cop City") in the Old Atlanta Prison Farm within the South River

Forest. I believe this project has dangerous environmental and social ramifications and believe that it is being violently forced on the people living immediately around the area in unincorporated Dekalb County who deeply oppose the project. I believe the board of commissioners has a duty to call for more accountability for this project. So far, much of its processes have been secretive, trying to involve as little of the public as possible. Environmental due diligence by the Atlanta Police Foundation has been selective, avoiding analyzing areas with higher environmental risk so as to skirt responsibility for pollution mitigation. The Atlanta Police Foundation has mostly ignored the historical significance of the Old Atlanta Prison Farm in the area, which was previously suggested to be added to the National Registry of Historic Places in 1995. Instead of working to address these concerns, the Atlanta Police Foundation has engaged in a propaganda campaign, labeling any sort of resistance to these projects as terrorism. After labeling local residents opposed to the project as terrorists, how can they claim that their facility will "engage with the community" at all? The Community Stakeholders Advisory Committee (CSAC) doesn't represent the voices of Dekalb County, especially the people living close to the project. It was a commission designed to rubber stamp approval of the project and to manufacture public consent where there is none. I strongly encourage all commissioners to do more research into why these projects are being opposed, demand more public scrutiny of the development and permitting processes for this project, and fight for unincorporated Dekalb County as the City Atlanta continues to try to force its will on us. You must speak for the people of Unincorporated Dekalb County, because nobody else in the political process has done so. Thank you

4. Stephen Binney (No Address)- Good Morning Commissioners, Why are we still working with Watershed work orders that are over eight years old? I would like to bring your attention to Item #1935 which the commission recently approved. This contract consists of providing program management services in furtherance of the Consent Decree Program and was awarded by the BOC on January 28, 2014 for an amount not to exceed \$14,865,616 to CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc. I didn't think any work was really started on our Watershed problems until CEO Thurmond got here in 2017. What was this nearly \$15 million dollars being spent on for three years? Additionally, in the agenda notes there are no monetary amounts listed in the document for LSBE payments. 42% of this contract was listed as LSBE but there is no record of how much of the \$43 million dollars that has been spent so far on this contract has been paid to the listed LSBE's, if any at all. Do we know? Do we even care? Please note that the last LSBE listed is The Collaborative Firm. This company is owned by Michael Hightower who as a Fulton County Commissioner was convicted in 2000 of meeting with a county contractor and accepting cash folded into a rolled-up newspaper. He has been doing business with Dekalb County for over 15 years. Maybe Dekalb County should be looking a little more closely at who they are doing business with and how the companies we award contracts too are upholding their end of the bargain. As a general rule I believe that all watershed contracts awarded during the corrupt years before 2017 should be reevaluated and awarded as new contracts instead of this never ending number of change orders which only adds money and time extensions to contracts of questionable nature in the first place. CEO Thurmond renegotiated the county's Consent Decree Agreement with the EPA. Why not renegotiate the contracts that were signed during the original Consent Decree Agreement also? Makes sense to me. There has been much talk about affordable housing recently and how and where to build it. There is a great example that the City of Atlanta put together in May of this year. Although in the City of Atlanta, it is also in Dekalb County Districts 3 and 6. The Villages of East Lake was built in the mid-1990s and has 542 units which have all undergone extensive renovations recently. Fifty percent of the units are subsidized by Atlanta Housing to

families making 30% of AMI or less and the remaining 50% are provided at market rate. 271 units for families making 30% or less of AMI. That is affordable housing. Dekalb County's threshold for affordable housing is usually 60% or sometimes even 80% of AMI. That is not affordable housing. The City of Atlanta is half the size of Dekalb County, yet they find the money to fund projects such as this. Dekalb County has a current total of \$250,000 in its affordable housing fund. We need to do better. Thank you for your time and consideration,

5. Bethany Hadelman, 2321 Annapolis Ct Atlanta 30345- Dear Commissioner Rader and Commissioner Terry, I'm desperately reaching out to you as my representatives and more importantly, as animal lovers. I've lived in Dekalb county for over 23 years in the Oak Grove area. I'm a Dental Hygienist. I live with my husband, three teenage boys, and two dogs. On top of work and family responsibilities, I volunteer at DeKalb Animal Shelter and recently also fostered a dog from a neglect case. I typically walk dogs in the isolation area and many of them are neglect or cruelty cases. Have you been to the shelter lately? You should, and you should see the conditions these poor animals live in. They spend months rotting away in a 4 x 4 kennel while waiting for their day in court. These dogs were not treated well in their prior life. They come in underweight, sick and with old injuries and scars. In many cases, they were used for breeding and have had several litters in their short life. My foster dog, Sponge, along with her siblings came from a similar situation. All 10 dogs in this case were stuck in the system for eight long months because the defendant failed to appear in court. We ended up fostering her because she had developed a severe bloody UTI after being stuck in a small shoreline crate for months. It's disheartening to see how animals are treated in DeKalb County and it's sad to see the indifference in our leaders who can impact change. Our Solicitor and courts could do so much more just by implementing basic policies and procedures. The problem is no longer COVID and I want to set the record straight: The majority of animal cases are in Magistrate Court. The long delays are no longer related to COVID. Cases keep getting reset because defendants fail to appear in court. 2) In magistrate Court a bench warrant may or may not be issued and when issued, it takes months. No one is in a hurry and Magistrate Court. 3) Solicitors office lacks basic competence or care. Yesterday, a motion to dispose hearing in state court was dismissed because the solicitors failed to issue charges in State Court when the case was transferred from magistrate to State Court. It was a procedural error which will cost the animals many more months in the shelter. As commissioners and leaders of a large modern county I am implore you to do more for the victims who have no voice. The solutions are not as complex as the solicitor and the courts would have you believe. Please work with them to ensure a better process for the victims in the community. Please hold them accountable and expect more. Respectfully,

6. Ed Williams (No Address)- Good Morning Commissioners: My name is Ed Williams and I am a citizen and taxpayer of DeKalb County. I understand the commissioners went on a trip to California sponsored by MARTA to look at transit. You could have saved taxpayer money and driven to the City of Atlanta to find out Atlanta has many more transit stations and bus services than DeKalb County, even though DeKalb County has been part of MARTA since 1971. Why is it that MARTA is giving Clayton County a designated GM to oversee Clayton County's projects and funding, while Fulton and DeKalb Counties' taxpayers who have been parties to the RTCA for more than 50 years continue to be treated and neglected and taken advantage of? How is it that Clayton and the City of Atlanta get better deals and agreements than DeKalb.? We might as well have some preschoolers serving as commissioners. It seems that MARTA continues to over-promise DeKalb residents and the other local jurisdictions on various projects, and send its elected officials on trips to Timbuktu, and you all just accept whatever they serve you on the menu. The citizens of DeKalb deserve better.

MARTA is a big slush fund that overpromises and neglects certain communities. It is a shame that we have elected officials who continue to look the other way and accept these inequities. Why is it expected to take 12 years to provide BRT and 15 years for light rail? Can someone tell me why MARTA keeps changing the projects and the costs every year? South DeKalb is being screwed just like the residents in Campbellton Road in Southwest Atlanta. MARTA uses us for our votes, and then after it gets its tax increase or contract signed, MARTA gives us the projects that Goodwill would not accept. How is it that Minneapolis, can complete a BRT in 3 years covering 13 miles, and MARTA has BRT project in Summer Hill that is supposed to be 2 miles to be completed in 2025. This is another examples of MARTA inefficiency and fleecing of taxpayers. This is one of the main reasons that taxpayers' interests are not being protected instead contractors are in bed with the government employees, so the contractors and MARTA have an interest in extending the one percent sales tax and the RTCAA contract beyond the 50 years it was not intended to be. As you know I have a lawsuit related to the one percent sales tax and the RTCAA contract. The case is on appeal before the Georgia Court of Appeals, I am seeking to enjoin illegal sales tax levy extension actions regarding the collection and spending of taxpayer funds beyond the authorized RTCAA contract expiration date consented to by voters in 1971. All citizens have a right to expect those who practice law or hold an office of trust and who take an oath to faithfully follow the law. It is the right of all citizens to hold their government accountable within the provisions of the Constitution through a petition, and the use of the courts, and that is what I am doing. DeKalb commissioners should speak out about MARTA continuing to violate the law, and demand that MARTA write a new RTCAA contract and hold a new referendum. I would like a few good commissioners to join in this fight. I will fight with every fiber of my being to exercise my rights as a citizen and taxpayer. I will fight the good fight and get into good trouble. I will not surrender my rights as a citizen. Respectfully,

7. Joachim Hillier, 3528 Eaglerock Drive Atlanta GA 30340- To the Clerk, I would like to express my full support for the Peachtree Greenway extension to Atlanta Silverbacks Park. NE DeKalb developed on the back of the car in the '50s and '60s and it really shows in the lack of any walkable or cyclable links to Downtown and Midtown Atlanta and Buckhead. I think this would truly be an unrivaled opportunity to address that lack, and make the areas along the Greenway route better connected to the wider city as a whole, and encourage more people to discover the green spaces and natural features hidden in their back yards. Thank you.

8. Georgette Gafford, 3160 Ferrell Av Apt B Scottdale, GA 30079- Dear Commissioners, My name is Georgette Gafford. I'm a longtime resident of DeKalb County. I have been an active volunteer at our county animal shelter for five years now. In the time I have been volunteering I have not known the shelter to be in as bad of a situation as it is today. The shelter is beyond overcrowded with over 500 dogs alone. Dogs are in kennels meant for cats and often sit in their own filth. One factor contributing to the overcrowding is the sheer volume of court case dogs in the system. They spend months and sometimes years in shelter system waiting for their day in court. Imagine spending even a month in a 4 x 4 kennel without any interaction or enrichment. These poor dogs are needlessly deteriorating. I've attended Magistrate Court a few times and I can tell you firsthand how unorganized and unprepared the Solicitor's staff seem to be. Some of the judges too. Most of all, no one seems to care about how the defendant failing to show up impacts the animal in the shelter. Please work with the Solicitor and the courts to improve outcomes for court case dogs. They need and deserve a voice. You are the leaders of the county, and the community is looking to you for solutions. Maybe an ordinance revision is in order to address no shows, resets, as well an animal neglect and cruelty. Perhaps a closer look at

the outcomes of animal cases broken down by each court and types of charges will shed light on where things are falling apart. Consider filing motion to dispose evidence for long term cases in both Magistrate and State Court. We recently had success with one motion to dispose filing thanks to the county attorney but we need many more. Where there's a will there's a way. What will it take for you to stand up for the many victims without a voice?

9. Jerry Travers (No Address)- This email is being provided in support of the the adoption of the Multi-use Trail Connectivity Master Plan for the Peachtree Creek Greenway. I support this plan as a resident of Brookhaven and Chair of the Bank of America Georgia My Environment group. I have spent much time picking up trash and grocery carts along the greenway, so improving this Greenway will help bring focus on others preserving this green space along our Path. I am excited about this opportunity to expand and extend the Peachtree Creek Greenway to provide the local community with easy access to the Path for recreational use and alternative means of transportation.

10. Susanne Blam, 191 Locust Street NE Atlanta, GA 30317- Dear Dekalb Commissioners, I am a lifelong Dekalb County resident living in Kirkwood. A few weeks ago I and numerous others submitted public comments about court case fosters. I was very disappointed that the comments were not acknowledged at the end of the meeting so I will make my plea again. I recently became a volunteer for Lifeline and foster a shelter dog. In this volunteer and fostering role, I have become painfully aware of the horrible overcrowding at the county animal shelter and more specifically, the unique problem of court case animals. Some of these problems can be prevented and as leaders of the county, I am asking you to please address them. I'm sure you are aware that your county animal shelter is severely overcrowded. There are over 500 animals in the building. Close to a hundred of these animals are held needlessly as "live evidence." Most of them have been in the system for almost a year, some for many years. Their cases keep getting reset because owners do not show up. Unfortunately, the Solicitor's office and the courts claim nothing can be done and continue with the status quo. These animals are suffering. They come from abuse and neglect situations and then are held in confinement by the system for an indefinite period. The longer the animals stay in the shelter, the more they deteriorate. As county representatives I am begging you to work with the Solicitor's office and the courts to solve this problem and resolve these cases. What are the procedures of the Solicitor's office? Is it necessary to keep the animal as live evidence into perpetuity while the case keeps getting reset? Are there no other options that would ensure a strong prosecution? Why are owners not held accountable for not showing up in court? And why are the animals continuously forced to pay the price for a flawed process? I would like to reiterate that it is inhumane for the county to keep these animals so long. It is also a severe waste of county resources and my tax dollars, and it puts a further strain on the shelters. The Board of Commissioners approves the budget for the Solicitor's office and the courts, so it is well within your responsibility to see how this budget is utilized. Again, I beg of you to please work with the Solicitors office and courts to address these problems as soon as possible. Every day delayed; more animals suffer! Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely,

11. Jeffrey Savier, 3535 Mt Vernon Circle Doraville GA 30340- Good Morning County leaders, I am a Doraville city resident that is in approval of the Multi-use Trail Connectivity Master Plan for the Peachtree Creek Greenway. The greenway provides an opportunity for county residents to integrate and gain easy access to neighboring cities. This is especially important in the metro region where the structure of the urban/suburban environment is very spread out. In a rapidly growing Atlanta, the PCG provides an alternate transportation

corridor and addresses issues of climate change while relieving traffic congestion. An additional focus of the greenway is to assist in fostering nature within a city by improving water quality, restoring indigenous nature species, and helping to protect Peachtree Creek as a valuable natural resource. The start of the PCG initiative is the future of metropolitan Atlanta as citizens are placing a higher value in participating with their respective local community which could be partially due to spending more time at home. Leaders, I ask that you consider and approve the continuing development throughout its planned vision for the benefit of Dekalb county's current and future residents. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts. Regards,

12. Arin Yost, 24 Covington Road, Avondale Estates, GA- I am a DeKalb resident who wants you to please stop the construction at south river forest. This destruction is unsightly, a disruption to us all, & horrible for one of our last remaining untouched green spaces. If you supported this project in the past, it is not too late to change your mind! Your constituents will thank you.

13. Randy McDow, 2252 Tristan Circle NE, Atlanta, GA 30345- Dear Dekalb County Commissioners: I would like to encourage you to vote FOR the adoption of the Multi-use Trail Connectivity Master Plan for the Peachtree Creek Greenway. I love that the trail provides public access to this special resource. I love that the trail can help take cars off the road. I love that everyone can come there to exercise and enjoy nature. It is important that even those with walkers, wheelchairs, or strollers can also use the trail. Thank you so much for your careful consideration of this agenda item. Sincerely,

14. Walter Hopkins (No Address)- I am writing to say that I support multi-use trails and the expansion of the trail network in Dekalb County. I support this plan.

15. Ronda Fox, 2250 Matthews St. Atlanta, GA 30319- Dear Dekalb County Commissioners - Please vote to give major support to the Peachtree Creek Greenway as you approve the Adoption of the Multi-use Trail Connectivity Master Plan. The PCG has been labeled a Trail of Regional Significance by the ARC because it connects many communities in its long run through Dekalb County (7 miles?). This trail also serves as a connection point for many other regional trails thereby amplifying the whole of the Dekalb county trail system. The PCG provides access to Greenspace for people of all abilities because there is handicapped access from the parking lots and because the trail is paved and lighted. Safety from car traffic is a significant benefit for our elders, our youth and our bicyclists. The PCG will expand our transportation options by becoming an alternate commuter pathway for non-motorized vehicles. This will help keep our air quality better and help to address global warming. Also this path will provide additional transportation access to underserved communities increasing their access to schools, jobs, grocery stores, healthcare facilities, etc. Outdoor exercise and greenspace create better physical and mental health and that equals healthier, more peaceful, and more economically productive communities. Please vote to support the Peachtree Creek Greenway.

16. Jordan Fox, 2423 Woodacres Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30345- Hi DeKalb Commissioners. I hope this email finds you well. Before I forget, here is my name and address: Jordan Fox 2423 Woodacres Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30345 I'm writing to ask you to vote for the adoption of the Multi-use Trail Connectivity Master Plan for the Peachtree Creek Greenway at your meeting this morning. There is a groundswell of support for the Greenway in my area and all of DeKalb as it offers many benefits including: • Preservation of Greenspace and a clean river system (creek clean-ups, etc.) • Public Access to Green Space for recreational

use • Alternate Transportation corridor addresses issues of climate change and relieves traffic congestion. • Safe Outside space for health & wellness - mental & physical well being. This translates into healthy, peaceful, and economically strong communities. • Bringing equity to the people who live in the 85 apartment complexes - over 16,000 units. • The PCG is accessible by all people: wheelchair, walkers, strollers, skateboard, etc. Historically, Greenspace/Nature has been difficult for differently-abled people to access. • Safety from cars is significant for elderly, youth and bicyclists. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions. Thanks in advance for your support.

17. Alexander Novas, 2780 Pioneer Ct, Chamblee, GA 30341- My family fully supports the continual development of the Peachtree Creek Greenway. Chamblee is severely lacking outdoor recreational areas that improve the health of the residents. We firmly believe that interconnectivity with other trails such as the beltline and path400 is path forward to a happier and healthier population. Similar developments get residents excited and are incredibly popular wherever they are developed. Thanks for listening,

18. Matthew Groff (No Address)- Hello, I'd like to voice my support for the proposed plan for the Peachtree Creek Greenway. As found by scientific research and the CDC, access to public greenspace •

Increases physical activity and healthier outcomes for the community • Reduce pollution •

Strengthen community bonds Less than half of the United States lives within a half mile of a park. Let's make sure the residents of our county are not among them. CDC Support for Greenspace below: "People who have more access to green environments, such as parks and trails, tend to walk and be more physically active than those with limited access. The closer people live to a park and the safer they feel in the park, the more likely they are to walk or bike to those places and use the park for physical activity. But less than half of people in the United States live within half a mile of a park. Even fewer people live in a community that has both safe streets for walking and access to places for physical activity like parks. Parks and trails that are well-designed offer many benefits. They provide a place where people can be physically active to reduce stress, which can improve their mental health. They also provide a place where neighbors can meet, which improves community connections. Parks can provide environmental benefits as well, by reducing air and water pollution, protecting areas from inappropriate development, and mitigating urban heat islands. They help people reduce their risk of illness and injury by providing safe spaces where people can play and exercise away from busy streets and commercial zones."

19. Vicki Hood, 3154 Chamblee Tucker Rd., Atlanta, GA 30341- Commissioners, Good Morning. My name is Vicki Hood and I live at 3154 Chamblee Tucker Rd., Atlanta, GA 30341. I am writing this letter in support of the passage of Item 2022-2143, Adoption of Multi-Use Trail Connectivity Master Plan for the Peachtree Creek Greenway. As a lifelong resident of DeKalb County, I find it is time after 22 years to approve a plan for the engineering and construction of the Peachtree Creek Greenway. Yes, 22 years. This trail has been listed on the DeKalb County Master Trail Plan since 2000. The overall location of the trail has not changed from the 2000 plan. With the passage of the Federal Infrastructure Bill providing funding for projects who help in climate change and equity, the time is now to pass the Multi-Use Trail Connectivity Master Plan to allow DeKalb County to bid and request grant money and any matches as allocated in the bill. As you know many of the projects which this bill provides funding is to assist in resolving issues with climate change and equity within the communities where the projects are located. The Peachtree Creek Greenway is the perfect project for this funding and for DeKalb County. • It would preserve greenspace and improve the

N. Fork Peachtree Creek allowing for clean-up of the creek and identify spills from adjoining sewer system and protecting the watershed by discovery of such instances by users of the greenway. • Provide public access to greenspace for recreational and educational use for urban families. Yes, this is an "urban" area. •

Bringing equity to the people and children who live in the approximately 85 apartment complexes along Buford Highway and I-85 corridor who currently have no access to sidewalks (I-85 corridor) nor safe pedestrian options. Buford Highway is notorious for its pedestrian accidents. • Peachtree Creek Greenway would provide a alternate transportation corridor which provides an opportunity to reduce carbon emissions by utilizing other means of travel outside of automobiles and relieves traffic congestion. • The Peachtree Creek Greenway is accessible by people with limited physical capabilities and may improve the health of those who would have a recreational path in close proximity to their homes. • The Peachtree Creek Greenway would offer a safer environment for those who are elderly, have small children by providing a barrier between the heavily traveled roadways and those who seek a safer option to travel via bicycling. • Lastly, there are studies upon studies that show greenways have a huge economic impact where the greenways are located. This area of DeKalb County has not seen the economic improvements as in other parts of DeKalb County. It is my opinion the Peachtree Creek Greenway will begin a resurgence of this area near Spaghetti Junction, as a "Gateway to DeKalb County". Thank you for your consideration and vote for the adoption of 2022-2143.

D. 10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING

The DeKalb County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing during its Regular Business meeting on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will be conducted via teleconference (Zoom). Simultaneous public access to the meeting will be available (1) via live stream on DCTV's webpage, and (2) DCTVChannel23.TV. The public is invited to watch the broadcast on DCTV's UStream link (<https://video.ibm.com/channel/dctv-channel-23>), or join the meeting using the Zoom link

(<https://dekalbcountyga.zoom.us/j/7753778046>), or by telephone (602-333-0032 or 888-270-9936, conference code: 217687). For those joining the meeting by telephone, please be aware that your phone number may be displayed to the public viewing or participating in the online meeting. The Board will provide 15 minutes of time for citizens to speak in favor of an agenda item, and 15 minutes for citizens to speak in opposition. Citizens who attend the meeting via the Zoom link above may join the public comment queue by raising their hand in the Zoom application, while citizens who attend the meeting via telephone may join the comment queue by pressing # followed by 2. There will be no comment cards, so when you are called upon, please state your name and address for the record. Also, please be conscious of speaking time so that everyone has an opportunity to provide input in the allotted time. Citizens may also email documents for inclusion into the official record by submitting such materials by 9:00 a.m. on the date of the public hearing to PublicHearing@dekalbcountyga.gov.

Finance

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Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Home Rule Ordinance to amend the Pension Code of DeKalb County, Georgia, 1962 Ga. Laws 3088, as amended, to provide for an increase in monthly pension benefit amount to specified eligible retirees, joint annuitants, and beneficiaries.

Support: Stephan Binny– 1083 Seville Drive

Opposition: None

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee (ERPS), and return to the Board on October 11, 2022. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

GIS Department

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Commission District(s): 2 & 6

Resolution to Consider Abandonment of a 0.14-Acre Section (6,000 Square Feet) of Right of Way East of Palafox Drive.

MOTION was made that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until October 11, 2022. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

Planning & Sustainability

[2022-2134](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

Small Box Discount Retail Store Moratorium Extension.

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute dated September 27, 2022 to extend the Small Box Moratorium until if and when a new ordinance is adopted or until February 28, 2023, which ever may come first.

Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

Public Works - Transportation

[2022-2074](#)

Commission District(s): 3 & 7

Traffic Calming Petition - Catalpa Park between River Road and Linecrest Trail

Support: None

Opposition: Ms. Davis- Ellenwood GA

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved.

Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2022-2075](#)

Commission District(s): 5 & 7

Traffic Calming Petition - Edenfield Drive off South Deshon Road. No Cost to County.

Support: Dandy Kessler 1123 Huston Mill

Opposition:

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2022-2085](#)

Commission District(s): 2 & 6

Traffic Calming Petition - Adelia Pl & Rogeretta Dr between Biltmore Dr and Houston Mill Rd. Cost to the County is \$19,710.00.

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2022-2087](#)

Commission District(s): 2 & 7

Traffic Calming Petition - Hudson Rd between Wilson Rd and Montreal Rd. No Cost to County.

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2022-2138](#)

Commission District(s): 5 & 7

Street Light Petition - Cannon Walk

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2022-2140](#)

Commission District(s): 5 & 7

Street Light Petition - Knoll Hollow Road, Hillview Lane, Gray Pointe Drive

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

E. APPEALS

Planning and Sustainability

[2022-2144](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 2 & 6

Appeal of Decision of the Historic Preservation Commission Concerning Property Located at 1300 Oxford Road

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

F. APPOINTMENTS

Chief Executive Office

[2022-2088](#)

Commission District(s): All

Appointment of Cynthia Dunn to the DeKalb County Public Library Board of Trustees

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be approved. Item 2022-2088, 2022-2129 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

[2022-2129](#)

Commission District(s): All

Appointment of Bettye Davis to the DeKalb County Public Library

Board of Trustees

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be approved. Item 2022-2088, 2022-2129 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Board of Commissioners

[2022-2163](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes for the September 20, 2022 Committee of the Whole

Meeting

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Item 2022-2163, 2022-2221, 2022-2223, 2022-2136, 2022-2161, 2022-2177, 2022-2187, 2022-2222, 2022-2188, 2022-2189, 2022-2179, 2022-2182, 2022-2183, 2022-2184 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2022-2221](#)

Commission District(s): District 2

District 2 2022 Reserve for Appropriation \$30,000 for Trail Oriented Design
White Paper Study

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Item 2022-2163, 2022-2221, 2022-2223, 2022-2136, 2022-2161, 2022-2177, 2022-2187, 2022-2222, 2022-2188, 2022-2189, 2022-2179, 2022-2182, 2022-2183, 2022-2184 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

Board of Commissioners - District 3

[2022-2223](#)

Commission District(s): District 3

To appropriate American Rescue Plan Award funds assigned to POETA Account # 10574.63258.521209.01.03.602479 reserved for District 3 (Amount Not to Exceed) \$2,500 to the Human Services Department for the purposes of programming cost for the DeKalb Community Empowerment Festival

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Item 2022-2163, 2022-2221, 2022-2223, 2022-2136, 2022-2161, 2022-2177, 2022-2187, 2022-2222, 2022-2188, 2022-2189, 2022-2179, 2022-2182, 2022-2183, 2022-2184 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

Board of Commissioners - District 4

[2022-2136](#)

Commission District(s): District 4

Allocation of District 4 2022 reserve for appropriation funds (not to exceed) \$45,000.00 to DeKalb Animal Shelter to assist with the cost of adoption fees.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Item 2022-2163, 2022-2221, 2022-2223, 2022-2136, 2022-2161, 2022-2177, 2022-2187, 2022-2222, 2022-2188, 2022-2189, 2022-2179, 2022-2182, 2022-2183, 2022-2184 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2022-2161](#)

Commission District(s): District 4

Rescind District 4 ARP Allocation of \$50,000.000 of Federal America Rescue Plan Funds POETA Account # ARP POETA #105726-69110-521209-01-602476 to the Center for Pan Asian Community Services, approved on October 26, 2021, as part of Agenda Item 2021-3239.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Item 2022-2163, 2022-2221, 2022-2223, 2022-2136, 2022-2161, 2022-2177, 2022-2187, 2022-2222, 2022-2188, 2022-2189, 2022-2179, 2022-2182, 2022-2183, 2022-2184 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2022-2177](#)

Commission District(s): District 4

Allocate \$135,000.00 of District 4 Category 1M SPLOST Funding for the Bermuda Road at Stewart Mill Road Roundabout Project.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Item 2022-2163, 2022-2221, 2022-2223, 2022-2136, 2022-2161, 2022-2177, 2022-2187, 2022-2222, 2022-2188, 2022-2189, 2022-2179, 2022-2182, 2022-2183, 2022-2184 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2022-2187](#)

Commission District(s): District 4

Correct agenda item 2021-3239 approved on October 26, 2021: Allocation to Appropriate (Not to exceed) \$100,000.00 of Federal America Rescue Plan Funds reserved for District 4 in POETA Account # ARP POETA #105726-69110-521209-01-602476 to community organizations listed for the purpose of housing insecurity, rental, utility assistance, community food distribution and other essential needs for individuals and families impacted by COVID-19

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Item 2022-2163, 2022-2221, 2022-2223, 2022-2136, 2022-2161, 2022-2177, 2022-2187, 2022-2222, 2022-2188, 2022-2189, 2022-2179, 2022-2182, 2022-2183, 2022-2184 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

Board of Commissioners - District 5

[2022-2222](#)

Commission District(s): District 5

An Item to Transfer \$2,500 of the American Rescue Plan Funds Assigned to POETA Account 105744.63258.52109.01.05.602479 Reserved for District 5 Appropriation to the Human Services Department for the Purposes of Programming Cost for the DeKalb Empowerment Festival

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Item 2022-2163, 2022-2221, 2022-2223, 2022-2136, 2022-2161, 2022-2177, 2022-2187, 2022-2222, 2022-2188, 2022-2189, 2022-2179, 2022-2182, 2022-2183, 2022-2184 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

Board of Commissioners - District 7

[2022-2188](#)

Commission District(s): District 7

To Appropriate \$25,000 In American Rescue Plan Grant Funds Assigned to POETA Account 105744.63258.521209.01.07.602479 Reserved For The District 7 Appropriation To Frontline Response To Mitigate The Public Health Emergency Created By The COVID-19 Pandemic

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Item 2022-2163, 2022-2221, 2022-2223, 2022-2136, 2022-2161, 2022-2177, 2022-2187, 2022-2222, 2022-2188, 2022-2189, 2022-2179, 2022-2182, 2022-2183, 2022-2184 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2022-2189](#)

Commission District(s): District 7

To Appropriate A Total Of \$15,000 from the Reserve For Appropriation To Royal Adult Day Services

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Item 2022-2163, 2022-2221, 2022-2223, 2022-2136, 2022-2161, 2022-2177, 2022-2187, 2022-2222, 2022-2188, 2022-2189, 2022-2179, 2022-2182, 2022-2183, 2022-2184 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO

[2022-2179](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of September 13, 2022

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Item 2022-2163, 2022-2221, 2022-2223, 2022-2136, 2022-2161, 2022-2177, 2022-2187, 2022-2222, 2022-2188, 2022-2189, 2022-2179, 2022-2182, 2022-2183, 2022-2184 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

District Attorney

[2022-2182](#)

Commission District(s): all

Acceptance of \$18,973 Victims of Crimes Act (VOCA) Grant to District Attorney’s Office-SAKI Advocate; no match.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Item 2022-2163, 2022-2221, 2022-2223, 2022-2136, 2022-2161, 2022-2177, 2022-2187, 2022-2222, 2022-2188, 2022-2189, 2022-2179, 2022-2182, 2022-2183, 2022-2184 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2022-2183](#)

Commission District(s): all

Acceptance of \$80,660 Victims of Crimes Act (VOCA) Grant-Compensation Advocate to District Attorney’s Office; no match

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Item 2022-2163, 2022-2221, 2022-2223, 2022-2136, 2022-2161, 2022-2177, 2022-2187, 2022-2222, 2022-2188, 2022-2189, 2022-2179, 2022-2182, 2022-2183, 2022-2184 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2022-2184](#)

Commission District(s): all

Acceptance of \$648,006 Victims of Crimes Act (VOCA) Grant to District Attorney's Office

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Item 2022-2163, 2022-2221, 2022-2223, 2022-2136, 2022-2161, 2022-2177, 2022-2187, 2022-2222, 2022-2188, 2022-2189, 2022-2179, 2022-2182, 2022-2183, 2022-2184 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Chief Executive Office

[2022-2211](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

To Increase Revenue Anticipations for the Special Tax District - Designated Services Fund by \$18,617,641; To Appropriate \$4,525,000 to Public Works - Roads & Drainage; and To Appropriate \$14,092,641 to the Special Tax District - Designated Services Fund - Budgetary Reserve.

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

Police Services

[2022-2101](#)

Commission District(s): All

2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant from U.S. Department of Homeland Security-Federal Emergency Agency Totaling \$410,000.00

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

Public Works - Roads & Drainage

[2022-2190](#)

Commission District(s): All

Appropriating \$690,000 for the Replacement of the Traffic Engineering/Storm Water Office Trailer

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee

[2022-2098](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

REN - Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Purchase, Repair and Maintenance (2nd Renewal of 4 Options to Renew), Contract No. 1218886: for use by Fire Rescue (FR). This contract consists of the purchase, repair, maintenance and management of the County’s SCBA equipment. Awarded to Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. (MES). Amount Not To Exceed: \$5,234,646.00.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until October 11, 2022. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2022-2071](#)

Commission District(s): All

RA - Ratification of Purchase Order No. 1301105 for Avigilon Licenses and Single Sensor Cameras: for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). Consists of the purchase of cameras to be used to support the expansion of elections operations at the Sam’s Club location in Lithonia, GA. Recommend approval to ratify the purchase with Convergent Technologies, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$117,561.04.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Item 2022-2071, 2022-2073, 2022-2094, 2022-2096, 2022-2097, 2022-2106, 2022-2171 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2022-2073](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1296362, 1296027, 1296467, 1295975, 1295994 and 1295997 for Parts for Vehicles and Off-Road Equipment, Including Batteries (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew) for use by Public Works-Fleet Management, Police Services and various other departments in the County. These contracts consist of repair parts for all types of vehicles and equipment. Awarded to Carl Black Buick GMC, Fireline, Inc., Georgia Truck & Trailer Repair, LLC, Ten 8 Fire Equipment, West Chatham Warning Devices, and Williams Fire Apparatus. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,255,000.00.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Item 2022-2071, 2022-2073, 2022-2094, 2022-2096, 2022-2097, 2022-2106, 2022-2171 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2022-2094](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO-Change Order No. 2 to CPA 1223703 Microsoft Enterprise Software Agreement: for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Statewide Contract (SWC) 99999-SPD-SPD0000060-0004 for Software Licenses and technical support for Microsoft Security enhancements. Awarded to CDW-Government, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$100,080.00.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

2022-2096

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 5 to Contract No. 1213635 for Commercial Janitorial Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM) and Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of the development, management, and monitoring of high quality commercial janitorial/cleaning/custodial services and Day Porters at various County facilities. Awarded to A-Action Janitorial Services. Amount Not To Exceed: \$560,000.00.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Item 2022-2071, 2022-2073, 2022-2094, 2022-2096, 2022-2097, 2022-2106, 2022-2171 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2022-2097](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 3 to CPA 1171242 for Implementation of Cityworks Asset Management Platform (Annual Contract With 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT), Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D), the Department of Facilities Management (FM), and the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing implementation services for Cityworks Asset Management software. Awarded to Woolpert, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$534,909.00

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Item 2022-2071, 2022-2073, 2022-2094, 2022-2096, 2022-2097, 2022-2106, 2022-2171 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2022-2104](#)**Commission District(s): 1 & 6**

LB - Invitation No. 22-101517 - Runway 16-34 Rehabilitation and RSA Improvements at the DeKalb Peachtree (PDK) Airport: for use by the DeKalb Peachtree (PDK) Airport. Consists of the construction, rehabilitation, and runway safety area (RSA) improvements off the 34-end of Runway 16-34 at the PDK Airport. Recommend award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder: C.W. Matthews Contracting Company, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$12,641,668.19.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2022-2106](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1192609 Tyler Cloud Hosting Services Migration for ias World Software (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). Consists of the implementation and migration of the ias World hosting services from on premise to a cloud hosting SaaS (Software as a Service). This request is to increase funding and the contract term to December 31, 2026. Awarded to Tyler Technologies, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,305,688.00.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Item 2022-2071, 2022-2073, 2022-2094, 2022-2096, 2022-2097, 2022-2106, 2022-2171 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2022-2171](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1169300 Uniformed Security Guard Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by Police Services (PS) to be utilized by all County departments. This contract consists of providing armed and/or unarmed, uniformed security guards at various County Facilities. Awarded to: All N One Security Services, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,765,489.40.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Item 2022-2071, 2022-2073, 2022-2094, 2022-2096, 2022-2097, 2022-2106, 2022-2171 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee

[2022-2107](#)**Commission District(s): 3 & 7**

CA - Sourcewell Cooperative Agreement No. 010521-LTS-3: Playground and Water Play Equipment with Related Accessories and Services: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of upgrades and renovations for parks, playgrounds, and recreational areas. Award to Hasley Recreation Inc. c/o Miracle Recreation Equipment Co. - PlayPower, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$369,551.13.

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until October 11, 2022. Item 2022-1914, 2022-1915 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee[2022-1914](#)**Commission District(s): 2 and Super District 6**

LB-Invitation No. 21-101331 Scott Boulevard Phase III Watermain Replacement: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the installation of 30-inch ductile iron pipe (DIP) watermain and replacement of existing 6-inch distribution mains with 8-inch DIP inside the right-of-way and under existing pavement. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Garney Companies, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed \$19,836,642.41.

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. Item 2022-1914, 2022-1944 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2022-1915](#)**Commission District(s): 4 and Super District 6**

LB-Invitation No. 21-101332 Scott Boulevard Phase II Watermain Replacement (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the installation of 30-inch Ductile Iron Pipe (DIP) Watermain and replacement of existing 8-inch distribution mains with 12" DIP inside the right-of-way and under the existing pavement. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder: Ruby-Collins, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed \$25,243,799.05.

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until October 11, 2022. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2022-1943](#)**Commission District(s): All**

LB-Invitation No. 21-101431 On-Call Water and Sewer (Multiyear Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing on-call services for the installation and repair of various sizes of water and sewer pipes. The work also consists of providing the means to respond to emergencies, and unforeseen failures or malfunctions throughout the County's distribution system. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: GS Construction, Inc., Ruby-Collins, Inc., SD&C, Inc., and The Renee Group, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed \$99,619,477.21.

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until October 11, 2022. Item 2022-1943, 2022-1994 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2022-1944](#)**Commission District(s): All**

RFP - Request for Proposals No. 21-500596 Consent Decree (CD) - On Call Engineering Services: Trunk Sewer Design (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consist of providing on call engineering services that primarily includes engineering studies, design, land surveying, easement plats/legal descriptions, construction administration, and related services for wastewater projects in the County's Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) and Consent Decree (CD) Program. Recommend award to the five (5) highest scoring proposers: Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., CDM Smith, Inc., Barge Design Solutions, Inc., Gresham Smith, and Freese and Nichols, Inc. Total Amount Not to Exceed \$22,148,153.00.

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. Item 2022-1914, 2022-1944 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

2022-1994

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1194236 Small Domestic Brass Fittings and Gate Valves (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of the purchase of small domestic brass fittings and gate valves. Awarded to Delta Municipal Supply Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,900,000.00.

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until October 11, 2022. Item 2022-1943, 2022-1994 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

2022-2016

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1263589 for SPLOST Phase II Road Resurfacing Projects - Area B (365 Day Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). This contract consists of patching, milling and resurfacing of County Roads. Awarded to HEH Paving Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,051,888.86.

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. Item 2022-2016, 2022-2024 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

2022-2024

Commission District(s): All

REN - Self - Contained Compactor Boxes (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options To Renew): Contract No.: 1272327 for use by Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of providing units specifically designed to compress and contain Municipal Solid Waste (MSW). Awarded to: Green Diamond Waste Management. Amount Not To Exceed: \$100,000.00

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. Item 2022-2016, 2022-2024 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

2022-2043

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1172163 Water Meters and Parts (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of the purchase of water meters and parts. This request is to add funding and to extend the contract term to January 31, 2023. Awarded to Kendall Supply, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$7,150,000.00.

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until October 11, 2022. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2022-2081](#)

Commission District(s): All

SS - Perennial Energy, LLC (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Public Works -Sanitation Division. Consists of the installation and support for upgrades to the Seminole Landfill existing gas handling system. Awarded To Perennial Energy, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$270,361.00.

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. Item 2022-2081, 2022-2126, 2022-2162 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2022-2126](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1104362 Repair Parts for Waterlines (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of supplying repair parts for use in the repair of waterlines. This request is to add funding and extend the contract term to January 31, 2023. Awarded to Core & Main, LP. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,600,400.00.

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. Item 2022-2081, 2022-2126, 2022-2162 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2022-2162](#)

Commission District(s): 4

CO - Change Order Nos. 4 and 5 to Contract No. 1171444 for Road Widening, Sidewalks, Bike Lanes (Rockbridge Road - Allgood to Rowland Road) - PI#s 008121/0012789: for use by Public Works - Transportation (PW-T). This contract consists of the widening of Rockbridge Road from Allgood To Rowland Road to allow for the construction of sidewalks and bike lanes. Awarded to E.R. Snell Contractors, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$221,641.23.

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. Item 2022-2081, 2022-2126, 2022-2162 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2022-2224](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

LB - Invitation No. 22-101480 Storm Drainage Infrastructure System Construction for Public Works Stormwater Project (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D) and the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of providing storm drainage system construction services. Recommend award to all bidders who are responsive and responsible: Kemi Construction, Inc., A&S Paving, Inc., Site Engineering, Inc., and GS Construction, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$37,350,000.00.

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and will return to the Board on October 11, 2022. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

WorkSource DeKalb[2022-2116](#)**Commission District(s): ALL DISTRICT**

Approval of three-year lease extension amendment to standard rental agreement, dated December 1, 2012, between DeKalb County Government and Cherians Real Estate, LLC. The extension amendment, from January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2025, increases the rent approximately 3% annually as follows: 2023 - \$463,185.00; 2024 - \$477,050.00 and 2025 - \$491,385.00.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until October 11, 2022. Item 2022-2116, 2022-2128 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[2022-2128](#)

Commission District(s): ALL DISTRICTS

Acceptance of Multiple Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Grants - Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth for Program Year 2022 from the Technical College System of Georgia not to exceed \$3,478,451.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until October 11, 2022. Item 2022-2116, 2022-2128 were heard together. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD

Board of Commissioners

[2022-2143](#)

Commission District(s): Districts 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7

Adoption of Multi-use Trail Connectivity Master Plans for Peachtree Creek Greenway, South Peachtree Creek Trail Norther and Southern Study Areas.

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting and Commissioner Robert Patrick Left the meeting at 11:28 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

Board of Commissioners - District 1

[2021-2851](#)

Commission District(s): All

A Request to Consider Establishing an Annual Traffic Count Program

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days, until October 25, 2022. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting and Commissioner Robert Patrick Left the meeting at 11:28 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

[2021-2855](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Request to Consider Establishing County Website Update

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred, until January 10, 2023. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting and Commissioner Robert Patrick Left the meeting at 11:28 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2022-1837](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A Resolution by the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia, to make Amendments to the County’s Debt Management Policy

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until October 11, 2022. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting and Commissioner Robert Patrick left the meeting at 11:28 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

Board of Commissioners - District 6

[2021-3338](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

To Amend Chapter 20, Article X concerning domestic partnerships.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred for 60 days, until November 15, 2022. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting and Commissioner Robert Patrick Left the meeting at 11:28 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

[2022-1953](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

Approve a Resolution to ask the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County to Request A Phase II Environmental Site Assessment and a Noise Study for the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center Development Proposal.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until October 11, 2022. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting and Commissioner Robert Patrick Left the meeting at 11:28 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

[2022-2004](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A Resolution to Protect Abortion Access and Protect Reproductive Health, Rights, and Justice for DeKalb County Citizens

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days, until October 25, 2022. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting and Commissioner Robert Patrick Left the meeting at 11:28 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

[2022-2060](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A Resolution Supporting the Creation of a Task Force to Honor the Life of Reverend Dr. Hosea Lorenzo Williams, Sr., and Recognizing His Accomplishments as Worth of an Enduring Memorial

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days, until October 25, 2022. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting and Commissioner Robert Patrick Left the meeting at 11:28 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

Board of Commissioners - District 7

[2022-1299](#)

Commission District(s): District 7

A Resolution Requesting The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County Amend Chapter 15 Of The Code Of DeKalb County, Georgia As Revised 1988; To Provide For The Mandatory Used Of Video Surveillance Systems at Convenience Stores, And For Other Purposes

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting, until October 11, 2022. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting and Commissioner Robert Patrick Left the meeting at 11:28 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

[2022-1765](#)

Commission District(s): District 7

A Resolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia to Acknowledge an Affordable Housing Crisis in DeKalb County and to Call upon Federal, State and Local Legislators and Elected Officials to Pass Legislation Supporting Home Ownership and Rent Stabilization.

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days and assign to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on October 25, 2022. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting and Commissioner Robert Patrick Left the meeting at 11:28 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

[2022-2119](#)

Commission District(s): District 7

To Appropriate A Total of \$27,000 From The Reserve For Appropriation To Sixpitch For A Small Area Study On Candler Rd.

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting and Commissioner Robert Patrick Left the meeting at 11:28 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO

[2022-2095](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of August 23, 2022

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting and Commissioner Robert Patrick Left the meeting at 11:28 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

Community Development

[2022-2105](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Contract with Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership, Inc. (ANDP) using HUD - HOME Investment Partnership Program, Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Funds - \$1,050,000.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting and Commissioner Robert Patrick Left the meeting at 11:28 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

Planning and Sustainability

[2022-2069](#)**Commission District(s): All Districts**

Application of the Director of Planning and Sustainability to approve a two-year agreement between DeKalb County and Trees Atlanta. ReLeaf DeKalb II - Second Front Yard and County Property Tree Program.

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting and Commissioner Robert Patrick Left the meeting at 11:28 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2022-1826](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No.: 1116360 for Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Program Management Services: for use by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). This contract consists of providing program management services for projects funded by SPLOST. Awarded to Atlas Technical Consultants LLC. Inc., for an Amount Not to Exceed: \$2,764,502.36.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be deferred and assigned to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on October 11, 2022. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting, Commissioner Robert Patrick Left the meeting at 11:28 a.m. and Commissioner Lorrain Cochran-Johnson was absent during this vote. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

2022-1942

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement Contract No. 1202337 for Scoreboards, Digital Displays and Video Boards with related Design Build Technology Integration, Installation, Supplies and Services : for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of the purchase and installation of scoreboards at various County Parks. Awarded to Nevco Sports, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$110,611.90.

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting, Commissioner Robert Patrick Left the meeting at 11:28 a.m. and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson was absent during this vote. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 Jeff Rader, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn the September 27, 2022 Board of Commissioner meeting at 12:43 p.m. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting, Commissioner Robert Patrick Left the meeting at 11:28 a.m. and Commissioner Lorrain Cochran-Johnson was absent during this vote. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Terry
- Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson



Robert Patrick
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders (Oct 10, 2022 13:56 EDT)
Barbara Sanders-Norwood
County Clerk