



DeKalb County Government

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Minutes - Draft

OPS-County Operations Committee

Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson(Chairperson)

Commissioner Robert Patrick

Commissioner LaDena Bolton

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

1:00 PM

Meeting Started At: 1:00 PM

Attendance: Commissioners Davis Johnson, Patrick, Bolton, Long Spears, and Terry;

Present 3 - Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Robert Patrick, and Commissioner LaDena Bolton

I. MINUTES

2025-0511 Commission District(s): All Districts
Minutes for the April 1, 2025 County Operations (OPS) Committee Meeting;

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by LaDena Bolton, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Bolton

II. STATUS UPDATE

Animal Ordinance

[2024-0190](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
An Ordinance for Companion Animal Litter Permit and Transfer and Sale of Dogs and Cats in DeKalb County, Georgia

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by LaDena Bolton, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/22/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Bolton

Presentation provided by Lisa Milot, Professor at UGA

Question MDJ: is it one litter per person?

Milot: each person gets one litter. If you have a dog that has two litters or 5 dogs that have a litter each that would require you to register

Question RP: is there state law preempting us?

Response provided

Comments provided by County Attorney Welch

Question MDJ: if the state is mandating a cost is that exempted?

Welch: we would have to review but I do believe this ordinance fit within the current state regulations

Comments provided by Commissioner Long Spears

Comments provided by Commissioner Terry

Question MDJ: would we have fact sheets be going out with animal control staff in the community?

Milot: yes once the ordinance is finalized, we have a plan to get information drafted

Comments provided by Commissioner Bolton

Next steps discussed by Attorney Laura Johnson

Question MDJ: please provide any further changes before the next OPS

III. AGENDA ITEM

Previously Heard Agenda Items:

Board of Commissioners

[2025-0376](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Development of a Childcare Reimbursement Policy and Pilot Program for the Board of Commissioners

MOTION was made by LaDena Bolton, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/22/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Bolton

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson

TT: we are looking for a deferral to allow staff more time to work.

-LB: Motion to defer for 30 days to the May 20th OPS

2025-0447

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

“A Resolution to Adopt the DeKalb County 100% Clean Energy and Transportation Transition Plan and Requesting the DeKalb County Administration Execute the Plan”

MOTION was made by LaDena Bolton, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/22/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Bolton

Information provided by Commissioner Terry

TT: we are looking for adoption of the plan today in committee. Additional details provided

Question MDJ: Can we ask director Gordon, how transition our fleet would impact us, especially with federal funding concerns

Response provided by Robert Gordon, Director Fleet Management

Question MDJ: would you say as competition increases prices would come down?

Gordon: they have started to reduce yes. Additional details provided.

COO Williams: the administration view is that the timing is excellent. Additional details provided.

Question Bolton: speaking on staffing, I want to throw out maybe several departments, like fleet and facilities have a sustainability officer to collaborate together instead of an office. Overall, I am in support and believe it is ambitious.

COO: I would request we let the CEO evaluate the best structure

2024-0525

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A Resolution to Establish the Environmental Justice and Sustainability Resident Advisory Group

MOTION was made by LaDena Bolton, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/22/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Bolton

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson

Information provided by Commissioner Terry

TT: I would ask the committee to review and provided feedback, law department is still reviewing.

-LB: Motion to defer the substitute for 30 days to the May 20th OPS

Innovation & Technology

[2025-0350](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

SS - Microsoft Unified Support Services (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). Consists of the three (3) year purchase of Microsoft support services that helps reduce costs and enhance productivity throughout the IT lifecycle. This request seeks to provide a comprehensive support solution that will help minimize significant downtime in the event problems should occur that impacts the Microsoft environment within the County. Awarded to Microsoft Corporation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,716,493.00.

MOTION was made by LaDena Bolton, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/22/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Bolton

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson

Item has returned from OIIA requiring adjustments

Information provided by Felecia Green, Department of Innovation & Technology

-LB: Motion to approve the substitute

New Agenda Items:

Board of Commissioners

[2025-0483](#)

Commission District(s): All

A Resolution to Approve the Continuation of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County to Intervene in Georgia Power's 2025 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), as a Member of the "Local Government Coalition."

MOTION was made by LaDena Bolton, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/22/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Bolton

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson

Information provided by Commissioner Terry

Q LB: do we receive updates since we are apart of the process?

TT: it is a quick process I believe it is expected to end in July. We will get regular updates, in the past Mr. Baskerville and Mr. Kenna operated on DeKalb's behalf. We could bring an update back to committee if so wished. COO Williams would it be possible to provide commissioners updates?

COO Williams: Yes

2025-0538

Commission District(s): All

Amending previously adopted Agenda Item 2024-0797 with a new Resolution to create a SPLOST II Residents Review Committee to replace the Citizens Oversight Committee for SPLOST II.

MOTION was made by LaDena Bolton, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/22/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Bolton

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson

Information provided by Attorney Phillips

Question RP: is the expectation that we will have time to review?

Phillips: there is some sense of urgency simply because we are in SPLOST II. I will provide the documents to you before the next OPS. Appointments to the committee will have to be delayed as well. Additional details provided.

Comments provided by Commissioner Terry

Question TT: do you see any provisions in the resolution that would stop the committee from having further community engagements?

Phillips: I can review it with you, you as the board have the authority to assign duties. Additional details provided. Question

TT: will this board have the authority to discuss SPLOST I?

Phillips: because of the phase SPLOST I is in, they will be reviewed but separate

-LB: Motion to defer for two weeks

Facilities Management

[2025-0316](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 5 to Contract No. 1272818 On Call Architect and Engineering and Design Services for Facilities Management (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM) and Fire Rescue (FR). This contract consists of providing on call architect and engineering services for a variety of planning, design, and construction projects for the County. This request is to increase contract funds for permit review fees for Fire Stations 5, 16, and 27. Awarded to Pond & Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$10,115.10.

MOTION was made by LaDena Bolton, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/22/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Bolton

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson

Information provided by Chris Kingsbury

Question LB: can you expand on what this contract covers?

Kingsbury: its covering permitting cost at three fire stations

Fleet Management

[2025-0443](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

SWC-Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-SPD-SPD0000155-0001 Truck Chassis and Truck Bodies: for use by the Department of Public Works-Fleet Management, to be used by the Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This request seeks to purchase two (2) NPR Gas HD medium duty trucks with landscape boxes and ramps from the competitively let SWC No. 99999-SPD-SPD0000155-0001. These trucks will assist in transporting lawn mowers and lawn equipment to each of the County's parks for ground maintenance. Awarded to Rush Truck Centers of GA, Inc., dba Rush Truck Center, Atlanta. Amount Not To Exceed: \$225,746.00.

MOTION was made by LaDena Bolton, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/22/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Bolton

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Patrick

Information provided by Robert Gordon, Director Fleet Management

Question Bolton: when it comes to budgeting these needs is it through you or the department?

Gordon: this is a replacement, which is managed by Fleet management. Departments can pay in to the replacement fund. Question Terry: Do you have standards that determine when replacement needs to occur.

Details on fleet replacement provided by Director Gordon

Innovation & Technology

2025-0175

Commission District(s): ALL

RA - Ratification of Purchase Order No. 5027551 General Services Administration (GSA) Multiple Award Schedule Contract No. 47QSWA18D008F (Emergency Purchase): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). This request seeks to ratify a previously issued purchase order to purchase from the competitively let GSA Multiple Award Schedule Contract No. 47QSWA18D008F for the annual maintenance and support of the County's InfoBlox network equipment for the term April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026. Awarded to Carahsoft Technology Corporation, c/o MGT Impact Solutions, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$212,857.79.

MOTION was made by LaDena Bolton, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/22/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Bolton

Information provided by Felecia Green, Department of Innovation & Technology

Q MDJ: the work already started? Was it the needing on a contract?

Green: We use the statewide contract, however vendor needed payment April 1st

Voter Registration & Elections

2025-0330

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1382632 Vote-By-Mail Packages (Emergency): for use by the Department of Voters Registration and Elections (VRE). This contract consists of the purchase of Vote-By-Mail Packages printed by a designated certified manufacturer and finisher of ImageCast ballots for the 2025 election cycles. This request seeks to increase contract funds and contract term through December 31, 2025. Awarded to Fort Orange Press. Amount Not To Exceed: \$90,000.00.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by LaDena Bolton, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/22/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Bolton

No additional information requested.

2025-0338

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract 1380453 Voting Election Supplies & Materials (Emergency): for use by the Department of Voters Registration and Elections (VRE). This contract consists of the purchase of voting election supplies and materials for the 2025 election cycles. This request seeks to increase contract funds and term through December 31, 2025. Awarded to A. Rifkin Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$75,000.00.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by LaDena Bolton, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/22/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Bolton

No additional information requested.

Meeting Ended At: 2:19 PM

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by LaDena Bolton, that this agenda item be adjourned meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and
Commissioner Bolton**

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC