



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, May 6, 2025

1:00 PM

Meeting Started At: 1:03 PM

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

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

I. MINUTES

2025-0585 Commission District(s): All Districts
Minutes for the April 15, 2025 County Operations (OPS)
Committee Meeting;
MOTION was made by LaDena Bolton, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

II. AGENDA ITEM

Previously Heard Agenda Items:

Board of Commissioners

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 LaDena Bolton, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be No recommendation to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 5/13/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

*MLS Comments**Registry not a permit, no cost to obtain**Animal Enforcement not Code Enforcement will enforce.**LJ: Limit of one litter per year.**Prohibits animals younger than a year old to have litters**Outs for accidental litters, have animals sterilized or sent to a shelter**Penalty changed to warning from a ticket for first offence**MDJ: What is the penalty for the second violation?**LJ: it links to the penalties in the current animal ordinance.**MLS: Comments**TT Comments**We should always be open to feedback and being able to tweak the law as necessary in the future.**LB: Clarity section 3 a and b, after one violation does this mean that they have to sterilize the animal?**LJ: it is a way out of a citation for a citizen.**LB: this is a new version, request more time to review.**MDJ: can we send out of committee with no recommendation and if there are concerns you can speak with the sponsor before next Tuesday.**LB, RP No rec 3-0*2025-0197

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
To Make a Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2025 to Add Three Additional Roles to the Board of Commissioners; Legal Counsel, Financial Consultant, and Communications Director.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by LaDena Bolton, that this agenda item be recommended for withdrawal to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 5/13/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Financial consultant for budget purposes.

MLS comments

Dedicating a senior County Attorney to the BOC.

Willing to withdraw lawyer portion, and see how a dedicated resource would work for us.

Communications director, don't think there are 4 votes.

If the only role that makes it out of committee for this item is the financial consultant, I'm fine with that.

MDJ: Don't agree with communications director, good with financial consultant, but would like to hold based on CEO hiring freeze.

TT: agree with legal counsel, BOC budget had a communications position but not a director need to see what funding is available.

Financial consultant, new rfp for financial consultant, be clear in SOW for RFP commissioners also receive financial advice. In favor of withdrawing the item and working with the administration to fill out capacity.

NM: This is from a need for information, the concern is the time that it takes to get information.

There are needs that we have where we need access to more direct and expeditious information.

MLS: withdraw or defer to later in the year for more information on millage and budget.

MDJ: we have money in the budget and we have central staff.

MLS: Requests a breakdown of the resources available in the Central Staff Administrative budget.

RP: motion to withdraw the item and come back at midyear, LB 2nd, 3-0;

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 Robert Patrick, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 5/13/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Patrick

No: 1 - Commissioner Bolton

*TGP: Role of this committee to help with the SPLOST process.
The main change is to review committee.
There were four categories voted on in the referendum.*

MLS comments

*TT: Would like to hold until we meet with the neighbors.
Would like to push back on the name change from oversight to review, be clear of what exactly this group does and be clear about what "oversight" means.
Don't want to appear to be getting rid of oversight*

NM: Requests additional review of Staff memo recommendations.

TT: Requests that CS work with Law to incorporate CS recommendations.

TGP: Recommend that any changes be considered separately, but that we move this current resolution forward for various reasons.

*RP: Recommend approval as submitted, MDJ seconded.
2-1 LB opposed
motion passes.*

New Agenda Items:

Airport

2025-0525

Commission District(s): 1 and 6

Amendment to Chapter 6 of Article III of the Code of DeKalb County Concerning DeKalb Peachtree Airport Operations to Authorize Landing Fees for Transient Aircraft, and for Other Purposes. There is no cost to the County.

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 5/13/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

RP: What is the definition of transient? What is the weight limit? under 9K

MDJ: Why are we doing this now?

HH: as a revenue initiative.

LB: Will our fee be consistent with other airports that charge this fee. Is there a maximum weight? no

TT: Why is the airport director setting fees not Commissioners, also the potential fees for different weight classes.

MDJ: Can you give us recommendations at a time that we can discuss

RP, LB approve 3-0

Fleet Management

2025-0496

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract Nos.: 1297340, 1297345 and 1297347 Vehicle Mounted GPS Devices: for use by Public Works - Fleet Management (Fleet), DeKalb County Code Compliance Administration (DKCCA) and the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). These contracts consist of purchasing off the competitively let Sourcewell Cooperative Agreement No. 020221-NWF to provide GPS vehicle routing, safety and work management application and tracking capabilities necessary for the efficient operation of the Fleet, DKCCA and DWM Departments. This request seeks to increase the contract funds and term through June 30, 2026. Awarded to Verizon Connect NWF, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$165,184.00.

This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 5/13/2025 .

Item was not heard in committee.

Recommended holding in committee.

Innovation & Technology

[2025-0540](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

RA - Ratification of Purchase Order No. 5028086 Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-SPD-T20120501-0013 (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 Statewide Contract No. 99999-SPD-T20120501-0013 for the annual purchase of infrastructure upgrades, maintenance, support, and end-of-life hardware replacement of Juniper EX switches and cables at various locations within the County for the term April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026. Awarded to Juniper Networks (US), Inc., c/o MGT Impact Solutions, LLC. Amount Not to Exceed: \$506,626.35.

This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 5/13/2025 .

Item was not heard in committee.

Recommended holding in committee.

Facilities Management

[2025-0617](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

“A Resolution To Adopt The DeKalb County Library Landscape Transition Plan And Requesting The DeKalb County Administration To Execute The Plan”

This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 5/13/2025 .

Item was not heard in committee.

Recommended holding in committee.

Walk-On

2025-0670

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with DeKalb County and City of Chamblee regarding variances for the expansion of the DeKalb County Animal Shelter.

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 5/13/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Presentation by KIP

LB, RP approved

Meeting Ended At:

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC