



# DeKalb County Government

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Decatur, GA 30030

## Minutes - Draft

### OPS-County Operations Committee

*Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson(Chairperson)*

*Commissioner Robert Patrick*

*Commissioner LaDena Bolton*

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Tuesday, November 4, 2025

1:00 PM

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Meeting Started At: 1:17 PM

Attendance: Commissioners Davis Johnson, Patrick, Bolton, and Terry

#### I. AGENDA ITEM

##### Airport

[2023-1331](#)

Commission District(s): 1 & 6

RFP - Request for Proposal No. 22-500625 Eastside Aviation Development on DeKalb Peachtree Airport (Multi-Year Lease): for use by the DeKalb Peachtree (PDK) Airport. Consists of the design, construction, and management of business directly related to aviation for corporate aviation hangar development on the eastside of the airfield at the PDK Airport. Recommend award to the sole proposer: Sky Harbour, LLC. Estimated 50-Year Total Revenue Amount: \$576,607,163.00 (\$211,270,337.00 estimated towards DeKalb County).

**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 11/10/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Patrick

**No:** 1 - Commissioner Bolton

*LB: Will the communities closer to the airport experience a change to the noise level?*

*JS: That's a difficult question to answer because it is subjective, but it is a noticeable difference if you are looking for it.*

*LB: Are there stipulations or regulations to ensure that we do not house aircrafts that are over 10 years old.*

*HH: That is something that we can discuss when we get to contract terms.*

*LB: Are we going to recruit aircraft that will help reduce the most flight?*

*HH: Yes that is the goal.*

*TT: Comments on the perception vs. the reality of flights at PDK, impacts on the environment, sustainability, GIS maps for public education, updates for Sky Harbor at AAB meetings, renting private jets. community benefits, environmental mitigation.*

*RP: Motion to approve for final vote 11/18 at BOC, MDJ second,*

*TT: Can you ask admin to provide details of what might be in contract?*

*ZLW: We can bring back a general statement of work with an emphasis on community benefits by 11/18.*

*2-1.*

#### **Fleet Management**

##### 2025-1398

Commission District(s): All

REN - Contract Nos. 2000028, 2000024 & 2000029 Anti-freeze (Annual Contract 1st of 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management. These contracts consist of providing anti-freeze for County vehicles and equipment. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided contract term increase. This request also seeks to exercise the 1st renewal option through September 30, 2026. Awarded to The McPherson Companies, Inc., Napa Auto Parts and Taylor Enterprises, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$70,000.00.

**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 11/10/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

No additional information requested

#### **Voter Registration & Elections**

[2025-1375](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract 1361755 KNOWiNK Poll Pad (Emergency): for use by the Department of Voters Registration and Elections (VRE). This contract consists of providing KNOWiNK Poll Pad system certified by Georgia State Elections. This request seeks approval to increase contract funds and contract term through December 31, 2026. Awarded to KNOWiNK, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$600,000.00.

**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 11/10/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

No additional information requested

## II. DISCUSSION

Standing Procedural Rules

*MDJ: What items do we have consensus on?*

*JWM: Amending the procedural rules.*

*JWM: Advise the COS*

*TT: Comments on advising vs directing COS.*

*JWM: Night COW*

*MDJ: 'will' to 'may' in the second sentence.*

*TT: suggest that we can say that the public comment section shall start at 630 and 'may' last for 60 minutes.*

*RP: Could we remove the specific months?*

*MDJ: We could be flexible on the months.*

*MW: If you change it to 'may' then the date are also suggestions.*

*LB: Comments on intent.*

*MDJ: Keep language as a base.*

*JWM: Comments on original intent.*

*JWM: Deputy Presiding officer*

*Committee: keep original language. Consensus.*

*JWM: Elections*

*MDJ: Should be clarified when the new elected official begins, I would like it to be at the next meeting for consistency for the meeting.*

*RP: Keep original language, something we should work on together.*

*MDJ: add language for the times that we don't work well together.*

*LB: Would like clarity.*

*MDJ: At the beginning of the next meeting.*

*RP: Minute after meeting ends PO/DPO takes over.*

*MDJ: Officially takes over at the end of the meeting where elected.*

## Charter Review Recommendations

*CEO Comments**Budget adopt 10/1, pass before end of year.**Procurement, NIGP update to procurement policy. NIGP comments for purpose.**MDJ: What sections are you speaking on?**CEO: Section 20**MW: Comments on Law summary document. What changes can be made at the local level vs. requiring a legislative change at the state level.**CEO: Boards and commissions should be the responsibility of the clerk and not the COO. CR recs COO.**CEO: Governance issues, authorizing resolution for BOC to issue subpoenas, comments.**CEO: BOC resolution when CEO creates/abolishes departments/agencies/offices/committees, don't think that a resolution is necessary.**CEO: Blue law, CEO's right to break a tie at a BOC meeting.**Section 14**TT: may be we should clarify if there is an objection.**MDJ: We can deal with that through appropriations. Comments on CEO's powers.**TT: The commission should have a reactive role, what's missing is the potential for reactivity.**The Board of Commissioners with a super majority could over turn that decision.**CEO: I can agree with that.**MW: That is a change in power and will require a referendum.**RP: Section 12 CEO's voting rights at a BOC meeting, would be hesitant to take that away. The government should not be paralyzed.**CEO: Documents Section 27/28 Requirement that many documents must be put on the website. Would like to revisit at top of the year, many is ambiguous.**CEO: corrections to comply with state law, vacancies section 6.**CEO: Comments on measures that didn't pass.**TT: For sections that there is consensus where there is home rule will we separate and take on our own and then have a separate track for the referendum.**MW: Comments on next steps and procedural notes on 25-1577.**TT: Ask that we include the deletion of part time of commissioners in the organization act.**MW: Comments on request.**MDJ: Comments on request.*

Meeting Concluded At: 2:45 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**

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Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC