



Minutes

OPS-County Operations Committee

Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson(Chairperson)

Commissioner Robert Patrick

Commissioner LaDena Bolton

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

1:00 PM

Meeting Started At:1:01 PM

Attendees: Commissioners Davis Johnson, Patrick, Bolton, Long spears, Terry, Massiah (Via telecast)

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

I. MINUTES

2026-0364 Commission District(s): All Districts
Minutes for the March 3, 2026 County Operations (OPS) Committee Meeting;
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Patrick
Absent: 1 - Commissioner Bolton

II. AGENDA ITEM

Previously Heard Agenda

Board of Commissioners Office

[2026-0286](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, Georgia, Reaffirming the County's Prior Authorization to Seek Recovery of Costs of Impoundment and Care for Court-Held Dogs Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 4-11-9.8; Urging the DeKalb County Law Department to Resume Filing Cost-of-Care Petitions; and to Create a Court-Held Dog Coordinator Position

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by LaDena Bolton, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval upon receipt of additional information to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 3/24/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Q MDJ: as of right now there is no dedicated coordinator?

COO: not at this moment

Q MDJ: To the County Attorney, since the law department would manage this, county attorney do you feel this is something you can take on or do you need additional funding?

TP: The law department now does have a paralegal to manage research and monitoring. Additional details provided

Comments provided by Commissioner Long Spears

Commissioner Bolton requested friendly language change.

-RP: Motion to approve with a friendly amendment

Airport (PDK)

[2026-0388](#)

Commission District(s): 1 and 6

Resolution to Accept GDOT Tentative Allocation of State Funding Assistance Associated with the project for Airfield Crack Seal & Remarketing at the DeKalb Peachtree (PDK) Airport. There is a matching 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 3/24/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Information provided by Hunter Hines, PDK Director

Hines: our matching cost is 25% of the total around \$234,000

-RP: Motion to Approve

Facilities Management

2026-0260

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 5 to Contract No. 1258332, Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1258334 and Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1258333 and 1258335, Soil & Materials Testing, Surveying Services and Structural Analysis (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM), Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Public Works Transportation (PW-T), Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D), Watershed Management (DWM) and Planning and Sustainability(P&S). These contracts consist of providing geotechnical and geo-environmental evaluations for the engineering constructability and/or potential environmental risks of multiple sites throughout the County. This request seeks to ratify previously issued Purchase Orders in the amount of \$56,148.82 for Contract 1258333. This request further seeks to increase contract funds for DWM and P&S. Awarded to MATRIX Engineering Group, Inc., Corporate Environmental Risk Management, LLC (CERM), ACCURA Engineering & Consulting Services, Inc. and United Consulting Group, Ltd. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$436,148.82.

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 3/24/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Information provided by David Ford, Facilities Manager

-RP: Motion to Approve

[2026-0391](#) Commission District(s): ALL
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1323437 Pest Control Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). This contract seeks to ratify a previously provided contract term increase. This request also seeks to increase contract funds and term through September 30, 2026. Awarded to Power House Termite and Pest Control Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$65,000.00.

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 3/24/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Information provided by David Ford, Facilities Manager

-RP: Motion to Approve

[2026-0394](#) Commission District(s): All
REN - Contract No. 1367915 Light Bulbs, Fixtures, Lamps and Ballasts (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). This contract consists of the purchase of light bulbs, fixtures, lamps, and ballasts. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided contract term increase. This request also seeks to exercise the 2nd renewal option through February 28, 2027. Awarded to Summit Lighting Solutions. Amount Not To Exceed: \$125,000.00.

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 3/24/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Information provided by David Ford, Facilities Manager

Q LB: I wanted to clarity, are you asking for an additional \$125,000?

Ford: No, it's for the year

-LB: Motion to Approve

Fleet Management

[2026-0243](#) Commission District(s): All
REN - Contract Nos.: 2000291, 2000292, 2000293, and 2000294
Tire Services (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to
Renew): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management. These
contracts consist of outside tire repair services for County vehicles
for emergency road incidents. This request seeks to exercise the
first renewal option through May 31, 2027. Awarded to Southern
Tire Mart, LLC, Setco, Inc., dba Setco Solid Tire, Atlanta
Commercial Tire, and Action Tire. Total Amount Not To Exceed:
\$510,000.00.

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 3/24/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Information provided by Vernetha Hills, Assistant Director, Fleet

Q LB: is this just for service vehicles or all vehicles?

Staff: all vehicles and equipment applicable

-RP: Motion to Approve

Innovation and Technology

[2026-0327](#) Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1358690 Cloud Solutions
and Services: for use by Finance - Office of Management & Budget
(OMB) and the Department of Innovation & Technology (DoIT). This
contract consists of purchasing off the competitively let Statewide
Contract (SWC) No. 99999-SPD-T20190814-0001 to purchase
OpenGov software for budget development, management, reporting,
and transparency. This request seeks to increase contract funds for
continued use of OpenGov software. Awarded to Carahsoft
Technology Corp. Amount not to exceed \$413,451.00.

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 3/24/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Information provided by Scott Sheldon, IT Director

Additional details provided by TJ Sigler, OMB Director & Michelle Butler Purchasing Director

-LB: Motion to Approve

2026-0328

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 2000207 Network Professional Services & Monitoring (Annual Contract with 4 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). This contract consists of providing managed network services and maintenance support for the County-wide voice and data network. This request seeks to increase the contract's term through September 30, 2026, and funds. Awarded to MGT Impact Solutions, LLC. Amount Not to Exceed: \$491,450.13.

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 3/24/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Information provided by Scott Sheldon, IT Director

-LB: Motion to Approve

New Agenda Items

Airport (PDK)

2026-0439

Commission District(s): 1 & 6

LB - Invitation No. 2025-158-ITB Airfield Crack Seal & Remarking at the DeKalb Peachtree (PDK) Airport: for use by the DeKalb Peachtree (PDK) Airport. Consists of repairing, sealing and remarking the airport's runway and surface-treated pavements, for the purposes of maintaining the safety of aircrafts that are taking off and landing on the runways. Recommend award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder: Hi-Lite Airfield Services, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$835,275.45.

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 3/24/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Information provided by Michelle Butler, Purchasing Director

Q RP: Does this tie into the other PDK item we heard earlier, can we get an understanding of the relationship, if any?

MB: I'd have to defer to PDK

Q LB: if we could also get answered that since the amount required is less, will the match be less than well?

COO: we can get you that information before Tuesday

LB: I'd like to know how it would impact our matching funds.

-RP: Motion to approve pending additional information on the dollar amount disparity

Innovation and Technology

2026-0410

Commission District(s): All

SWC - Statewide Contract (SWC) No.

99999-SPD-SPD0000219-0010 Networking Equipment and Related Services: for use by Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). Consists of purchasing from the competitively let SWC No. 99999-SPD-SPD0000219-0010 for the annual technical support and maintenance for the Palo Alto Networks software utilized throughout the County. Awarded to Palo Alto Networks, Inc., c/o MGT Impact Solutions, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$699,316.86.

This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 3/24/2026 .

[2026-0414](#) Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1349754 Installation of Data, Voice, and Multimedia Cabling (Annual Contract with 4 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). This contract consists of providing low-voltage and security camera installations, as well as moves, additions and changes of data, voice, and multimedia cabling at various facilities within the County. This request seeks to increase contract funds for the continuation of necessary cabling and installations at various County facilities. Awarded to R.B. Communications, Inc. Amount Not to Exceed: \$500,000.00.
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 3/24/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Information provided by Scott Sheldon, IT Director

-RP: Motion to Approve

[2026-0411](#) Commission District(s): All
SWC - Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-SPD-SPD0000219-0008 Networking Equipment and Related Services: for use by Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). Consist of purchasing from the competitively let SWC No. 99999-SPD-SPD0000219-0008 for the annual maintenance and onsite support of the Juniper Networks software utilized throughout the County. Awarded to Juniper Networks (US), Inc., c/o MGT Impact Solutions, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$567,129.93.
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 3/24/2026 .

Fleet Management

[2026-0339](#)

Commission District(s): All

CA - Cooperative Agreement Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Attachments and Technology (Sourcewell Contract No. 011723-KOM): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This request seeks to purchase from the competitively let Sourcewell Contract No. 011723-KOM for the provision of two (2) Komatsu (Model No. WA270-8) Rubber Tire Wheel Loaders with Attachments, for the purposes of clearing debris, dirt & rocks, as well as loading items into dump trucks at various work sites throughout the County. Awarded to Komatsu America Corporation, c/o Tractor & Equipment Co. Amount Not To Exceed: \$489,396.08.

This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 3/24/2026 .

[2026-0340](#)

Commission District(s): All

CA - Cooperative Agreement Grounds Maintenance Equipment & Related Attachments (Sourcewell Cooperative Contract No. 112624-KBA): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This request seeks to purchase from the competitively let Sourcewell Cooperative Contract No. 112624-KBA for the provision of one (1) Kubota Mini Compact Excavator with Attachments, and two (2) Kubota Compact Track Loaders with Attachments, for the purposes of excavating various worksites throughout the County, as well as cleaning up debris and landscaping. Awarded to Kubota Tractor Corporation, c/o Lashley Tractor Sales. Amount Not To Exceed: \$268,143.58.

This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 3/24/2026 .

[2026-0401](#)

Commission District(s): All
CA - Cooperative Agreement Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Attachments & Technology (Sourcewell Contract No. 011723-JDC): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by Public Works-Sanitation. This request seeks to purchase from the competitively let Sourcewell Contract No. 011723-JDC for the provision of one (1) John Deere (Model No. 333P) Compact Track Loader for the purpose of mulching and maintenance around retention ponds, sweeping roadways, picking up yard debris, loading and unloading supplies, and routine maintenance at the Seminole Landfill. Awarded to John Deere Construction Retail Sales, a division of John Deere Shared Services, LLC., dba John Deere Construction Retail Sales, c/o Dobbs Equipment, SE, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$192,515.00.

This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 3/24/2026 .

[2026-0402](#)

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 2000120 Police Pursuit and Special Service Vehicles (Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-001-SPD0000183-0002): for use by Public Works - Fleet Management. This contract consists of purchasing off the competitively let SWC to support law enforcement and emergency responders in carrying out their daily duties that rely on the use of these pursuit and special service vehicles. This request seeks to increase contract funds and term through October 31, 2027. Awarded to Hardy Chevrolet Buick GMC, Inc., Amount Not To Exceed: \$16,223.265.00.

This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 3/24/2026 .

[2026-0405](#)

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 2000416, 2000417, 2000418 and 2000419 Administrative Vehicles (Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-001-SPD0000218): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management. These contracts consist of purchasing off the competitively let SWC to supply the County with administrative vehicles like sedans, SUVs, vans, and trucks to be used for daily operational tasks that necessitate the use of such vehicles. This request seeks to increase contract funds and term through August 31, 2027. Awarded to Hardy Chevrolet Buick GMC., Inc., Allan Vigil Ford Lincoln, Inc., Family Ford, Inc., dba Hardy Family Ford, and Akins Ford, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$6,387,763.00.

This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 3/24/2026 .

III. STATUS UPDATE

County Operational Assessment

Information provided by COO Williams

Presentation provided by Lakeisha Sesay, Momentum Firm

Q RP: 24% of the recommendations had budgetary delays, I thought our budget we just passed addressed a lot of this, what is the disconnect?

LS: This is self-reported from the departments, and that was noted. We can do a deep dive on the specific examples.

COO: several requests are also related to capital, which we are bringing forward in the near future. We also expect to have a budgetary reconciliation as well this year. Additional details provided.

Q LB: can you expand on the recommended implantations were blocked?

LS: Ones that are categorized as blocked, may need additional resources, or funding or are in progress.

Additional detail on the recommendations categories provided

Q LB: To COO Williams, when it comes to the budget, we didn't address those requests and how they related to the recommendations and a breakdown on that relationships. Can you share the recommendations that were funded and how they will actualize these requests?

COO: yes we could do that, I think we could bring the discussion to each committee once it is confirmed these requests do need additional funding. As Ms. Sesay has indicated these are general categories and not all requests are "blocked" due to a lack of funding, some might just need shared and available resources.

Q TT: Do you believe we need more capacity, and employees, one thing we worked on was flexible working schedules. I would be interested in your thoughts on a 4 day work week.

COO: As it relates to that, when we brought employees back, it's still in effect that employees are still allowed two days at home.

Q TT: then can we track that, it would be good to know if that effects efficiency.

Q MLS: Facilities and fleet have the most recommendations marked as not started, have you connected with our new public works director regarding fleet?

LS: Yes, we did actually meet with director Gordon. We received feedback from most departments, we didn't get a full update from facilities which might be skewing those results. We are expecting a follow up meeting with them.

Q MLS: you mention organization structure challenges recruitment and turnover is a big impact for us, which is affected by the budget, so my question is will the proposed rate increase help those factors?

COO: yes we are looking county wide to see what that proposed mileage rate increase could help with within the budget. It's not off the table. We are also in the middle of a pay and class study which will inform us on what is needed through additional revenue or other needs.

Q MN: We just passed a \$24 million contract for temporary jobs, do we think that can be addressed as well, that is funding we could put back into our full time employees.

COO: in those instances where we have hard to fill positions we may draw from those contracts to fill those jobs, we also find that in certain areas, like planning and facilities, were we contract with other firms to fill those positions and work.

Q MN: so has it relates to this assessment, and one of the issues being vacancies, will we receive an update, how does it relate to this report?

LS: we build a variety of dashboards that track the county's vacancy rates and work force levels. It connects to what commissioner terry was mentioning with comparing to efficiency.

IV. DISCUSSION

Charter Review Recommendations

[2025-1577](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Resolution of the DeKalb County Governing Authority Regarding the Charter Review Commission’s Report and Recommended Changes to the Organizational Act
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 3/24/2026 .

No discussion, Held in Committee

Standing Procedural Rules

[2024-0842](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Resolution to Review and Amend the Board of Commissioners Standing Procedural Rules
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 4/28/2026 .

No discussion, Held in Committee

Meeting Concluded At: 2:34 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