



DeKalb County Government

178 Sams Street
Decatur, GA 30030

Meeting Minutes - **DRAFT**

FAB-Finance, Audit & Budget Committee

Commissioner Ted Terry (Chairperson)

Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

Commissioner Chakira Johnson

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

3:30 PM

178 Sam's Street, Decatur, GA 30030
(Multipurpose Room)

Meeting Started At: 4:18 PM

Attendance: Commissioners T. Terry, C. Johnson, M. Long Spears, L. Bolton, M. Davis Johnson, N. Massiah

Present

3 - Chairperson Ted Terry, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, and
Commissioner Chakira Johnson

I. MINUTES

2025-0667

Commission District(s): ALL

Minutes for the April 22, 2025 Finance, Audit, and Budget
Committee

**MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by
Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. The
motion carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Terry, Commissioner Long Spears,
and Commissioner Johnson

II. DISCUSSION

Bonds 101 - *Will be rescheduled*

Urban Redevelopment Agency (URA) Plan of Finance

Questions:

- 1) TT: How often will county issue bonds? (PFM advisor responded)
 - 2) CJ: Rules where we as a body have to approve are not there (PFM advisor responded)
 - 3) TT: Is the chart the 10 year option? Can we pick 20 year option if better rate? (PFM advisor responded)
 - 4) TT: Are those the cheapest options for the county? How does it impact the budget? (PFM advisor responded)
 - 5) TT: "NC" means no call? What are COPS? (PFM advisor responded)
 - 6) CJ: What is the next call date? Please explain? (PFM advisor responded)
 - 7) TT: 1.92% capacity – Are other jurisdictions at capacity? Where do we rank with other counties? (PFM advisor responded)
 - 8) TT: As Financial advisor how would you advise we move forward with the 1.92%? (PFM advisor responded)
 - 9) TT: Explain GO Bond vs. Revenue Bonds (PFM advisor responded)
 - 10) TT: No capacity constraints? COPS – 1 exception to the rule? (PFM advisor responded)
- W&S Bonds Plan - Will be rescheduled

III. AGENDA ITEM

Previously Heard

Board of Commissioners - District 3

2025-0523

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution for Superior Court Appropriation Measures

MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be No recommendation to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 5/29/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Terry, and Commissioner Johnson

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

No Questions

Board of Commissioners - District 5

2025-0240

Commission District(s): District 5

A Resolution of The Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County Establishing and Identifying the Roles and Responsibilities of an Independent CIP Auditor to Monitor Implementation of the County's Capital Improvement Program and Amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget to Fund an Independent CIP Auditor and Necessary Staff

MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 5/29/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Terry, Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Johnson

Questions:

- 1) TT: *Would like to discuss redline changes*
- 2) MLS: *Appreciates the Audit department because extremely thorough; Seeking RFPs? Your office does auditing/monitoring – Can your office take this on instead of having a vendor? (Director L. Campbell responded)*
- 3) MLS: *Would still have to hire vendor for engineering aspect? (Director L. Campbell responded)*
- 4) CJ: *Wasn't specific about engineering background, so may need to flesh out this aspect of it; Appreciate moving from auditor title to monitor -Has Law seen suggested changes? Are we ready to move forward? (Atty M. Welch responded)*
- 5) MDJ: *Comment; if there is a need for subpoena, we would be able to do so? (Director L. Campbell responded)*
- 6) CJ: *Subpoena powers – Will there be any merit to adding language that they be compelled to monitor (Atty M. Welch and Director L. Campbell responded)*
- 7) NM: *Does the role need specialized expertise? Are there any limitations?*
- 8) NM: *If office can fulfill this role is there potential to fulfill a more generalized role?*
- 9) NM: *How many hours a week would monitor dedicate to this role?*
- 10) *MDJ: comment*

New Items

Chief Executive Office

[2025-0654](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
To adopt a resolution designating the area located at 4380 Memorial Drive, Decatur, Georgia 30032 as an urban redevelopment area pursuant to the Urban Redevelopment Law.

MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 5/29/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Terry, and Commissioner Johnson

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

No Questions

[2025-0655](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
To adopt a resolution approving an urban redevelopment plan entitled “DeKalb County, Georgia Urban Redevelopment Plan - 4380 Memorial Drive” related to an urban redevelopment area located at 4380 Memorial Drive, Decatur, Georgia 30032.

MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for approval upon receipt of additional information to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 5/29/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Terry, and Commissioner Johnson

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

Questions:

1) TT: Plan is to do master plan; Okay with small change and continue planning/master plan (COO Z. Williams responded)

2) TT: Can language be changed in next week or 2?

[2025-0657](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Disbursement of \$2,398,131 of opioid settlement funds to Claratell Behavioral Health (\$1,343,742); DeKalb County Sheriff’s Office (\$620,035) and DeKalb Public Health (\$434,354) to assist County residents suffering from opioid use disorder, and to provide lifesaving equipment.

Not heard; Previously heard/discussed in PECS where action noted

Meeting Ended At: 5:37PM

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC