



DeKalb County Government

Manuel J. Maloof Center
1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30030

Minutes - Draft

OPS-County Operations Committee

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

9:00 AM

Special Called Meeting

*This meeting will be conducted via teleconference (Zoom). Simultaneous public access to the meeting will be available
(1) via live stream on DCTV's webpage,
(2) on DCTVChannel23.TV*

Meeting Started At: 9:01AM

Attendees: Commissioners Terry, Patrick, Bradshaw, Davis Johnson, Rader, Cochran-Johnson

Present 3 - Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, and Commissioner Robert Patrick

I. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items:

2021-3266 Commission District(s): All Districts
A Resolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia to the DeKalb County Delegation of the General Assembly Relating to Supporting the 2022 ACCG Legislative Priorities, and for other Purposes
MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/16/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Bradshaw

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Patrick

-background information provided by Commissioners Terry, Rader

-Question TT: what is the process of getting involved in ACCG's legislative process?

JR: the first step is attending the policy committee meetings; they are open membership with a leadership hierarchy by appointment from the president of ACCG. If you show an interest in getting involved you will immediately be put to good work with ACCG. During the legislative session it also gives you to meet with executive and legislative leadership within the state, and therefore gives you a higher platform to be able to advance these priorities.

2021-3267 Commission District(s): All Districts
A Resolution of The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County Relating To the Acceptance Of The NACo 2022 National Legislatives Priorities
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/16/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Terry, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Patrick

No Additional Information Requested

2021-3268 Commission District(s): All Districts
A Resolution By The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County, Georgia To The DeKalb County Delegation Of The General Assembly To The Implementation Of A Countywide Polling Place Program;
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/16/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Terry, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Patrick

No Additional Information Requested

2021-3269 Commission District(s): All Districts
A Resolution of DeKalb County, Georgia Requesting Strict Regulation of the Storage of Coal Combustion Residuals ("Coal Ash") within the State of Georgia, and for other Purposes;
MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/16/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Terry, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Patrick

-background information provided by Commissioner Davis Johnson

-TT: you are right; this tends to be more of a rural issue; these unmined coal ponds are usually nearby the coal plants; but there are some communities that may want to take coal ash out of their landfills. Over the years we have the byproducts of fossil fuel decay with other decaying materials that percolates the soil and enters the water system. Juliet, GA outside of Macon is an example of how this impacted nearby neighbors. The Public Service Commission is the other body that we can lobby to address this issue, because they are also dealing with how GA Power regulates coal ash and disposal. I've been talking with Dentons regarding an integrated resource plan, and this is an opportunity to address this issue via lobbying.

2021-3270 Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia to the DeKalb County Delegation of the General Assembly Relating to the Possession of Less than One Ounce of Marijuana

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/16/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Terry, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Patrick

-background information provided by Commissioner Davis Johnson

-additional information on this item by Commissioner Rader

2021-3271 Commission District(s): All District

A Resolution By The Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia To The DeKalb Delegation Of The General Assembly To Include Sanitation Fees and Other Unremunerated Costs In Eviction Closing Costs and Filing Fees.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/16/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Terry, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Patrick

-background information provided by Commissioner Davis Johnson

-additional information provided by Director Hutchinson

-Question TT: Is it possible that TLAC in the short term can assist with some of those cost centers?

MDJ: that's a good question. A lot of these evictions now will be because of the pandemic. I would like to hear COO's answer

Z Williams: so the question is - is funding the removal of household goods and debris an eligible expense through the ERA2 funding. I need to get a legal opinion of that.

T Hutchinson: would this be more so public safety and resident health; maybe that could be an angle?

Z Williams: let us take up the issue and then see what is the most appropriate funding source; it may not fit best under ERA but may fit within other sources; but if you have a public issue, that allows us much more flexibility

TT: I wonder within this process more streamlining and public navigating that we can prevent some of the on-the-street dumping that happens when the Marshall is carrying out duties

Z Williams: the Marshall does their best to give advanced notice; in many cases the debris that is left the tenants may not feel that the objects are worth keeping with them during an eviction; let us work through this

MDJ: that what this does is put the costs on the owner agent filing the eviction rather than the tenant

LCJ: regarding this issue, I get calls on this and it is a chronic issue. I understand the need for legislation, but is this not something that we as the legislative branch can institute and require fees? In many cases when people are moving people find it easier to leave items on the curb rather than be responsible for proper disposal; it's cheaper to keep it on the side of the road, and this creates blight within communities. I don't think this is something that we should have to hold or wait on; I believe we can act on this as the governing body; this is also a way to increase revenue for the department. Ultimately the homeowner is always the responsible person

MDJ: I think we're talking about 2 different things; this talks about eviction and not only people leaving things on the curb; this legislation only focuses on evictions and transporting debris of items left during an eviction. County Attorney Ernestes could you talk about the area of evictions on this?

LCJ: I'm fully aware that when people vacate and fail to dispose, when the county intervenes are we not sending out notifications or placing some sort of lien for these items?

V Ernestes: Commissioner I'll deal with the legislation and Director Hutchinson can address those who dispose of things at the curb. When we are evicting people from their home/apartment, we looked for a way for the County to do this unilaterally without going to the legislature to set a fee. Because we are dealing with a court issue, those fees are set by legislation rather than by control and power by a local authority; this is a court action and that is why we drafted this legislation with respect to having a fee imposed in the context of an eviction. With respect to somebody just putting out their mattress on the side of the road and leaving it I'll defer to director Hutchinson

T Hutchinson: the Sanitation division does not have authority to put liens on properties; so there is no letter or lien that we send out to residents. However residents are directed to go to the bulky portal to enter that process. The evictions come from the Marshall's office; there are 2 different items we are talking about.

TT: some of this may overlap with PWI and the FAB committees

Z Williams: and PECS for code enforcement as well

TT: I think this is one of many solutions to address this issue; commissioners we will talk about this more offline

2021-3272

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution Of The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County, Georgia
To The DeKalb County Delegation Of The General Assembly
Requesting That The Secretary Of State Extend Early Voting Through
The Weekend Immediately Prior To Election Day

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/16/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Terry, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Patrick

-TT: we may need to reflect the language a bit to reflect that SB 202 has passed

JR: this simply asserts that it is our policy that we'd like to see early voting extended to include early vote through the weekend immediately prior to election day; it wouldn't necessarily repeal SB 202. I think it can stand the way that it is

2021-3273 Commission District(s): All Districts
A Resolution Of The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County, Georgia
To The DeKalb County Delegation Of The General Assembly Support
Requesting Additional Funding For The State Public Health
Department

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/16/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Terry, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Patrick

-background information provided by Commissioner Rader

2021-3275 Commission District(s): All Districts
A Resolution Of The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County, Georgia
To The DeKalb County Delegation Of The General Assembly To
Institute A Transparency Policy For Public Safety Officers Whereby
Complaints Are Available For Public Review

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/16/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Terry, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Patrick

-background information provided by Dr. Obeng

2021-3276 Commission District(s): All Districts
Resolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County to request
that the members of the DeKalb County Delegation to the Georgia
General Assembly Renew The Sales Tax Exemption For Non-Profits
For Certain Purposes

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/16/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Terry, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Patrick

No Additional Information Requested

Meeting Ended At: 10:07 AM

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

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Terry, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Patrick

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC