



# DeKalb County Government

178 Sams Street  
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, January 20, 2026

1:00 PM

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Meeting Started At: 1:05 PM

Attendees: Commissioners Davis Johnson, Patrick Bolton, and Terry;

#### I. MINUTES

**2026-0170** Commission District(s): All Districts  
Minutes for the January 9, 2026 Special Called County Operations  
(OPS) Committee Meeting;

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by LaDena Bolton, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

#### II. STATUS UPDATE

Maloof Auditorium

LB: Please expound on what is causing the duct work delay?

DA: We are talking about the high end sound attenuators in the duct system. We have been trying to do a work around with a more cost effective method that should be available next week.

LB: When did the renovations start?

RR: The permitting phase started at the beginning of 2025, then several months to get the permits from Decatur, so first quarter of 2025.

LB: What has been completed since that time.

RR: Duct work portions, sheetrock, not moving as quickly as we hoped because of the mold remediation.

RP: What is going to be the capacity of the new auditorium?

RR: 230

RP: Three rows of staff seating? will that be sufficient?

RR: that is the goal and the walls are modular so there is a lot of flexibility in the space.

RP: How will we be doing pictures in this new design?

RR: There is a door not shown in the rendering that would give access to the ramp. We have started meeting with Homeland to ensure safety.

MDJ: How old is the building that is being renovated?

RR: early 80's.

MDJ: Has is been renovated before?

RR: Not in a major way.

TT: On slide 7, are those wood walls removable?

RR: Yes they are modular.

TT: Logistically, is facilities able to turn that room over quickly to make it a flex space?

RR: We are working through the logistics of what it would take to flip the room.

TT: It looks like the walls are perpendicular, but they should be v shaped to ensure there is no blindspot.

RR: It should be fine, but we will check on that.

TT: As a supplemental add on in the future, is how can we make this space available for the community to rent, and build in some greater av capacity, to generate some revenue.

MDJ: If there will be a delay other than April, please let me know so we can come back to the committee.

ZW: We can schedule an update for early March.

### III. AGENDA ITEM

#### *Previously Heard Agenda Items:*

#### **Board of Commissioners**

#### 2025-1189

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A Resolution Adopting Digital Accessibility Compliance Measures to Meet the Requirements of Title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)

**MOTION was made that this agenda item be Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 1/27/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Staff update on new requirements.*

*LB: Considering some of the challenges you have had, i would assume that other jurisdictions have run into the same issues, have you reached out to them to see if there are some best practices for implementation?*

*SS: It is part of our plan to reach out because many jurisdictions use some of the same vendors we use for softwares.*

*LB: Considering that you said some of the language is ambiguous, will there be a probationary period where we might be audited.*

*SS: We are not aware of anything like that.*

*MW: There is nothing that indicates that, there is nothing that we see in the current law as far as penalties for the County, there is not clear framework for evaluating this implementation. We anticipate a smoothing out period to ensure we are in compliance.*

*LB: are there any concrete responsibilities of the departments that are required?*

*SS: We are going to meet with the departments next week to make sure they understand the seriousness of the project.*

*MDJ: Will there be assistance with our individual websites as well.*

*SS: That is our understanding that it will affect Commissioner sites, we will have to make sure that we work with your individual website hosts.*

*Recommended holding in committee.*

2025-1816

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A Resolution Of The Board Of Commissioners Of DeKalb County, Georgia To Establish A Formal Process For Appointing A Commissioner To The DeKalb County Continuum Of Care (Coc) Governance Board

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by LaDena Bolton, that this agenda item be Recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 1/27/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Staff update on request.*

*HUD withdrew the FY2025 NOFO due to lawsuits against HUD to have them redact and change the intent of the NOFO. It removed the provision that adds elected officials because we are reverting back to the previous process (24-25). The resolution has been amended to include an advisory member from the Board, as a nonvoting member.*

*MDJ: is the CEO included as a potential member? is the CEO excluded?*

*TGP: We will have to review all of the documents associated with this process and until we receive them we will be unable to offer a legal opinion.*

*TT: Not opposed to making tweaks to the resolution, i know we dont technically have to do this but it makes sense, it says 3 elected officials and i think CEO, BOC, and cities would work. I think we should have a vote. Extend an advisory role to DMA? Is there anyone from Law enforcement? Good with sub.*

*MDJ: FA - Change to a member of the governing authority.*

*TT: That changes the nature of the resolution.*

*MDJ: It would be a choice.*

*TT: I will accept that amendment.*

*LB: Were the additional points tied to the BOC or an elected official?*

*AM: an elected official, but this is based on the 2025 NOFO that has been rescinded, this is a goodwill gesture because it makes sense.*

*RP: Do we need to have legal review?*

*RP: Motion to approve with FA to add governing authority, and have Law review for form.*

**CEO**

### 2026-0209

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Federal Government Relations and Intergovernmental Advocacy Services (Purchasing Policy Exemption). Consists of the provision of federal government relations and intergovernmental advocacy services to support DeKalb County's legislative appropriations, and federal funding priorities. A contract will be developed and executed in a form acceptable to the County Attorney or his designee. Awarded to: The GROUP DC, LLC. Amount Not to Exceed: \$180,000.00.

**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 1/27/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Staff update on item.*

*LB: What does this increase get us?*

*ZW: We are anticipating an increase in services that will benefit the County.*

*RP: Can you lay out some criteria that shows the value added compared to our previous contractor?*

*New Agenda Items:*

## **PDK Airport**

2025-1777

Commission District(s): 1 & 6

RFP- Request for Proposal No. 2025-125-RFP Administration and Management of Landing Fees at DeKalb Peachtree Airport (Multiyear Contract) [Revenue Generating]: for use by the DeKalb Peachtree (PDK) Airport. Consist of the management and administration of services that will provide all software, major components and equipment necessary to manage and administer landing fees paid to PDK Airport at no cost to the County. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer: Vector Airport Systems, LLC. Total Estimated Revenue Amount: \$13,500,000.00.

**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 1/27/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*RP: Where do the revenues go?*

*HH: We do not have anything established, but it will remain with the airport.*

*LB: Are these the same fees proposed in May from the same vendor?*

*HH: not the same vendor, the fees are all based on the same data, but this vendor had a lower charge.*

*LB: will this affect travel to the airport?*

*HH: It should not.*

*TT: Noise complaints are generally because of prop planes? But there are no fees for small planes like prop planes?*

*TT: Requests that HH come back with a potential fee for prop planes, not something restricted.*

*HH: this does include exemptions for based aircraft and medical aircraft. The concern is that we were going to start charging fees for based aircraft, so it was part of the methodology for the development of fees.*

*TT: Are these 11k flights transient?*

*HH: yes, we re open to that for the transient flights.*

*RP: Would be comfortable moving forward with what we have and going back to AAB for input on this question.*

*Recommended approval of substitute.*

**Fleet Management**[2025-1827](#)

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-Roads and Drainage (R&D). This request seeks to purchase from the competitively let Sourcewell Contract No. 011723-JDC for the provision of two (2) John Deere (Model No. 333P) compact track loaders, for the purposes of cutting grass, as well as maintaining heavy brush & debris from various ponds throughout the County. 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: \$248,310.00.

**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 1/27/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

No additional information requested.

[2025-1842](#)

Commission District(s): All  
REN-Contract No. 2000254 Purchase, Delivery, Installation, Maintenance & Repair of Propane Fuel Tanks (1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management. This contract consists of the purchase, delivery, installation, maintenance, and repair of propane fuel tanks for the daily operation of propane vehicles at various locations within the County. This request seeks to exercise the 1st renewal option through March 31, 2027. Awarded to Ferrellgas. Amount Not To Exceed: \$50,000.00.

**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 1/27/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

No additional information requested.

**DoIT**

[2026-0128](#)

Commission District(s): All

CA - Cooperative Agreement Information Technology Category General Services Administration (GSA) Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) Contract No. 47QSWA18D008F: for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). This request seeks to purchase from the competitively let GSA MAS Contract No. 47QSWA18D008F for the one-year subscription of Commvault cloud backup & recovery systems for the Microsoft 365 Enterprise and virtual machines within the County. Awarded to Carahsoft Technology Corporation, c/o Computacenter US, Inc. Amount Not to Exceed: \$177,012.00.

**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 1/27/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

No additional information requested.

#### **IV. DISCUSSION**

Charter Review Recommendations

Discussion moved to 1/22/26 SC OPS

Standing Procedural Rules

Discussion moved to 1/22/26 SC OPS

Meeting Concluded At: 2:28 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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