



# DeKalb County Government

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## Minutes - Draft

### OPS-County Operations Committee

*Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson(Chairperson)*

*Commissioner Robert Patrick*

*Commissioner LaDena Bolton*

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Tuesday, February 3, 2026

1:00 PM

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Meeting Started At: 1:33 PM

Attendees: All commissioners present

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

#### I. MINUTES

**2026-0261**      Commission District(s): All Districts  
Minutes for the January 20, 2026 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**

**2026-0262**      Commission District(s): All Districts  
Minutes for the January 22, 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. AGENDA ITEM

### *Previously Heard Agenda Items:*

#### **Board of Commissioners**

[2025-1695](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A Resolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia to Establish a Process for the Selection of Voting Delegates to Represent DeKalb County in Association and Organizational Matters

**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 2/10/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Comments on item from Staff.*

*MDJ: Is that inclusive of the governing authority?*

*IV: Yes*

*MLS: In support of the proposed consideration, I have distributed a Law substitute.*

*MW: Nothing from Mr. Manson's statements conflict with this draft, will add language to sub.*

*Added external to differentiate, and language that differentiates this from the 13A process.*

*RP: Suggest a top 4 officials and have alternates built in. Have a few, just a suggestion top pick and 3*

*alternates. approve sub with changes discussed.*

### *New Agenda Items:*

#### **Board of Commissioners**

[2025-1814](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A Resolution To Establish A Temporary Moratorium On New Hangar Development At DeKalb-Peachtree Airport (PDK) And To Urge The Federal Aviation Administration To Restrict Nighttime Flights To Emergencies

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by LaDena Bolton, that this agenda item be Recommended for withdrawal to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/10/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

ZW: We have concerns with several aspects of this item.

Moratorium until master plan is updated, last update in 2023 no plans for another.

The board already controls development at the airport.

This seeks that the County negotiates or discusses with FAA the elimination of night time flights, we do not know if they would view that favorably, and we do not feel that it would be the best use of our lobbying resources.

LB: what is the time for the night time flight restriction? is there a time of day that refers to?

HH: We have a voluntary curfew from 11PM to 6AM every night, this was an attempt to be a good neighbor. We did a part 150 study to get recommendations.

We generally we see about 16 flights at night half being medical flights, compared to the 650 or more during the day. TT: The goal would be to reduce the noisy night flights not medical, but it is voluntary. there are ways that we can provide more encouragement to the night flyers.

HH: We can not restrict flights or impose fines, we cant further incentivize people not to do so.

LB: Would like to understand the impact of item 3.

RP: Who has the authority to regulate aircraft in general?

HH: FAA

TT: Would like to acknowledge that we can not do point three without it costing the county money.

Asking federal lobbying team to urge our lawmakers to join the quiet skies caucus to seek legislative action.

Would like to look at different landing fees at different times.

HH: That could be considered a restriction, and we couldn't do it.

TT: Just want to see, there may be different services necessary at night.

Airport study still underway?

HH: Yes, just received the preliminary report, sending to FAA for review.

TT: Would like to review that report for connectivity to this resolution.

How often to we do a master plan?

HH: 20 years, updates every 10.

TT: Requesting an update to the master plan.

ZW: we do not have an update on the table.

TT: Was the 2023 adoption significantly different from the 2020 plan?

RP: has this been presented to the AAB?

HH: No.

MDJ: Is there any reason why you don't share that resolution with the aab?

ZW: Has not been shared bc of timing and because we wanted to be clear that the admin does not support this.

MDJ: Does PDK support this?

HH: No.

LB: Clarity 1a. us this retroactive?

TT: no.

LB: 2 b1 b3 you just want the completed study to be included not a new study?

TT: Correct, if there are things in the report that affect the master plan we should make those changes.

LB: Federal lobbying aspect?

TT: Would change section, want us to be a part of the quiet skies caucus.

LB: A lot of the aspects of this resolution can be done without a moratorium.

MLS: We have representation on the caucus already. 2b3 no reference to aab, can that be added? TT: yes

4 is being stricken? TT: 3 updated, 4 struck.

RP: motion to withdraw.

[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 LaDena Bolton, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be Recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/10/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*TGP: Comments on item.*

*MDJ: does this resolution address everything that you're doing?*

*TGP: the item has a different stance but the Law department has resumed the coc petitions.*

*MLS: comments on item history.*

*MDJ: use continue instead of resume, speak on coordinator position.*

*TGP: a paralegal would be sufficient for this work, but it is time consuming for a lawyer.*

*MDJ: Can you get with TGP for a substitute? MLS: yes*

*TGP: Motions to dispose also needs to be addressed.*

*LB: motion to defer to 2/26 BOC stop in ops 2/17.*

**DoIT**

[2025-1661](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1365939 enQuesta Annual Hosting, Maintenance, and Support (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) and the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). Consists of the annual hosting, maintenance, and support of state-of-the-art Customer Information System (CIS) solution for the County's customer billing system integration. This request seeks to increase contract funds. Awarded to Systems and Software, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$7,550,000.00.

**MOTION was made by LaDena Bolton, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be Recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/10/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*SS: Comments on item.*

*RP: is there a way that the billing system could send a notice to the residents in the affected area when there is a water issue?DM: It would depend on whether GIS is tied into this system.*

*SS: We are hoping for that type of capability.*

*MDJ: Power will tell you where, power also can tell you when the outage might be fixed as well. Important that a person can estimate how long they might be out of water.*

*DM: we will check into that.*

*ZW: The RAVE system that will be discussed in ERPS and it is the emergency notification system.*

*LB: have we determined the most underutilized method to remove it, save money and reallocate to system integration?DM: we will check. we pay by transaction.*

*LB: We were not using Code Red to capacity, we need a strategy for using and interfacing the systems.*

*ZW: Comments on emergency communications.*

*LB: Needs to be neighborhood specific.*

*ZW: We will review.*

*LB: Motion to defer pending audit*

### 2025-1831

Commission District(s): All

SS - Maintenance and Support of the County's Audio-Visual Equipment (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). Consists of the maintenance and support of the DCR Digital Recording System audio and video equipment used in the County's courtrooms, conference rooms, and the Maloof Auditorium. This request seeks approval of the sole source and ratification of previously issued Purchase Order No. 5058654. Awarded to BIS (Business Information Systems) Digital, Inc. Amount Not to Exceed: \$266,581.23.

**This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 2/10/2026 .**

Item not heard in committee.

### 2026-0110

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1255805 Avolve Software Corporation SAAS ProjectDox Electronic Plan Review (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT) to be used by the Department of Planning & Sustainability (P&S). This contract consists of the purchase of ProjectDox Software to allow citizens to submit commercial and residential plans electronically for review and approval. This request seeks to increase funds for continued support, maintenance, and training services. Awarded to Avolve Software Corporation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$134,352.00.

**This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 2/10/2026 .**

Item not heard in committee.

### III. DISCUSSION

#### Standing Procedural Rules

*Discussion on time limits.*

*Comments from TGP on time limits.*

*LB: Clarity on blue book, is there a reason why there are ten minutes in Roberts rules?*

*TGP: RR is a comprehensive body of regulations, it is one size fits all.*

*NM: No issue with 5/3, unless it is a walk on or something that necessitates additional discussion.*

*MLS: Support 5/3.*

*CJ: Would like to make sure this is clear because the interpretation of rr isn't clear, in favor of 5/3.*

*3 supporters for an item*

*RP: we have a lot of resolutions, make sure that an item is something supported by at least a minority of the commissioners.*

*MDJ: Comments in agreement.*

*LB: Would there be any conflict if those three are on the same committee?*

*TGP: Opines on OMA*

*LB: Is this supporting or co sponsorship?*

*TGP: Understood to be support, cosponsors may be more involved in drafting.*

*LB: How will support be documented?*

*MLS: This is practically difficult to implement, we cant talk but we can email.*

*MLS: issues with legistar adding commissioners as sponsors on items, not in support because I think it would limit our ability to do our job.*

*TT: 100% opposed, offended, suppression of the minority view points.*

*CJ: Supports concept*

*NM: Concerns with proposal regarding commissioners being on the same committee, and minority voices. Checklist and research of proposed regulations.*

*MDJ: Agree that we need a change, but not on what that change looks like yet, come back to next meeting.*

#### Charter Review Recommendations

Item not discussed at this meeting.

Meeting Concluded At: 4:16 PM

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