



DeKalb County Government

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Minutes - Draft

OPS-County Operations Committee

Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson(Chairperson)

Commissioner Robert Patrick

Commissioner LaDena Bolton

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

1:00 PM

Meeting Started At: 1:02 PM

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

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

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

I. MINUTES

2026-0263 Commission District(s): All Districts
Minutes for the February 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

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Bolton

II. AGENDA ITEM

Previously Heard Agenda Items:

Board of Commissioners

- [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
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 2/26/2026 .

Item not discussed in committee.

Innovation & Technology

- [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.
This agenda item was Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners due back on 2/26/2026 .

No additional information requested.

- [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.
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 2/26/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No additional information requested.

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.
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 2/26/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No additional information requested.

New Agenda Items:

Board of Commissioners

2025-1855

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
A Resolution Of The Board Of Commissioners Of DeKalb County, Georgia, Directing The Law Department To Initiate The Dissolution Of Obsolete Boards, Commissions, And Authorities, And To Consolidate Sustainability Efforts.
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 2/26/2026 .

[2026-0359](#) Commission District(s): All Districts
To Amend Agenda Item 2025-0376 Dependent Care Reimbursement Program Pilot to Add a Form and Correct Scrivener's Errors.
MOTION was made by LaDena Bolton, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/26/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Bolton

No: 1 - Commissioner Patrick

No additional information requested.

Facilities Management

[2026-0188](#) Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 6 to Contract No. 1307812 Repair, Maintenance, and Installation of Fire Intrusion Alarm Systems (Emergency): for use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM) and Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing maintenance, repair, and installation of fire intrusion alarm systems. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided contract term increase. This request also seeks to increase the contract term through June 30, 2026. Awarded to: All-Star Fire LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$275,000.00
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 2/26/2026 .

Item not discussed in committee.

[2026-0189](#) Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1251271 Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) Systems (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). This contract consists of providing preventive maintenance services for UPS systems. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided contract term increase. This request also seeks to increase the contract term through June 30, 2026. Awarded to: AC & DC Power Technologies LLC. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 2/26/2026 .

Item not discussed in committee.

2026-0301

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 1334184 DeKalb County Courthouse Parking Deck Renovation Project (445 days): for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). This contract consists of repairs to concrete and steel beams, columns, connections, steel plates, expansion joints, waterproofing, new electrical LED lighting, inspection of existing panel boards, plumbing, HVAC unit, fire protection piping, etc. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided contract term increase. This request also seeks to increase the contract term through April 30, 2026. Awarded to Restocon Corporation. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY.

This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 2/26/2026 .

Item not discussed in committee.

Fleet Management

2026-0122

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation to Bid No. 2025-089-ITB Auction Services for Disposal of Surplus Properties (2 Year Contract with 1 Option to Renew) [Revenue Generating]: for use by Public Works-Fleet Management. Consists of generating revenue for the County through the onsite and online auctioning of surplus vehicles, trucks, tractors, heavy equipment, parts, tires, and miscellaneous fleet related items, as well as real properties as needed. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder: Equiplinc Auction Group. Amount Not To Exceed: Eight percent (8%) fee for online and onsite sales.

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 2/26/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Approval of substitute.

[2026-0216](#)

Commission District(s): All

CA - Cooperative Agreement Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Attachments and 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 950P) LGP Waste Handler Dozer for the purpose of transporting collected refuse 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: \$739,227.00.

This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 2/26/2026 .

Item not discussed in committee.

[2026-0242](#)

Commission District(s): All

CA - Cooperative Agreement Class 4-8 Chassis and Cabs with Related Equipment, Accessories, and Services (Sourcewell Contract No. 032824-KTC): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management. This request seeks to purchase from the competitively let Sourcewell Contract No. 032824-KTC for the provision of one (1) 2027 flatbed tire truck (model T280) for the purposes of performing emergency tire repairs & replacements, as well as routine tire maintenance for various departments throughout the County. Awarded to Kenworth Truck Company, dba MHC Kenworth Atlanta. Amount Not To Exceed: \$160,875.00.

This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 2/26/2026 .

Item not discussed in committee.

[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.

This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 2/26/2026 .

Item not discussed in committee.

Innovation & Technology

[2026-0292](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO-Change Order No. 8 to Contract No. 1000846 Public Sector Agreement for Oracle Cloud Services (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). This contract consists of all products and services for the County's Oracle Cloud Services platform. This request seeks to increase the contract funds, term through December 31, 2028, and scope of work to implement the Oracle Permitting and Licensing (OPAL) platform. Awarded to Oracle America, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$6,799,710.00.

This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 2/26/2026 .

Item not discussed in committee.

Voter Registration & Elections

2026-0131

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1361554 Commercial Mover to Transport Voting Equipment and Materials (Emergency): for use by the Department of Voter Registration and Elections (VRE). This contract consists of renting 26-foot lift-gate trucks and other vehicles to transport election equipment and materials to polling sites for the 2026 Gubernatorial/Midterm election cycle. This request seeks approval to ratify previously provided contract term increase. This request also seeks approval to increase the contract amount and term through December 31, 2026, to continue services for the 2026 election cycles. Awarded to: Ryder Transportation Services, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$45,000.00.

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 2/26/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No additional information requested.

2026-0134

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1382632 Vote-By-Mail Packages (Emergency): for use by the Department of Voter Registration and Elections (VRE). This contract consists of the purchase of Vote-By-Mail Packages printed by a designated certified manufacturer and finisher of ImageCast ballots for the 2026 Gubernatorial/Midterm election cycle. This request seeks to ratify previously provided contract term increase. This request also seeks approval to increase contract funds and term through June 30, 2026, to continue services. Awarded to Fort Orange Press. Amount Not To Exceed: \$10,000.00.

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 2/26/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

LB: Will this cover us for mail ins through the year?

MB: There is a procurement process in place for a smooth transition into the next vendor.

LB: Have we budgeted for an up tick in mail in requests?

KS: I believe we have a good estimate to cover the estimated requests.

MDJ: What happens if we don't have enough?

KS: we will come back.

2026-0179

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract 1369531 for Integrated Communications: for use by the Department of Voter Registration and Elections (VRE). This contract consists of providing integrated communications to educate, engage and inform DeKalb County voters about information related to the election cycle which require robust voter engagement and communications. This request seeks approval to ratify previously provided contract term increase. This request also seeks approval to increase the contract funds and term through April 30, 2026. Awarded to: Profile Marketing & Public Relations, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$32,000.00

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 2/26/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No additional information requested.

2026-0186

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract 2000027 Commercial Mover to Transport Voting Equipment and Materials (Emergency): for use by the Department of Voter Registration and Elections (VRE). This contract consists of providing services to transport election equipment and materials to polling sites. This request seeks to ratify previously provided contract term increase. This request also seeks approval to increase contract term through June 30, 2026. Awarded to: Atlanta Peach Movers, Inc. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY

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 2/26/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No additional information requested.

[2026-0193](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 2000206 ImageCast Ballot Printing (Single Source): for use by the Department of Voter Registration and Elections (VRE). This contract consists of providing ballot printing services by a designated certified manufacturer and finisher of ImageCast Ballots for the 2026 Gubernatorial/Midterm election cycle. This request seeks approval to increase contract term through December 31, 2026. Awarded to The Tattnall Journal dba Tattnall Ballot Solutions, Inc. CONTRACT TERM EXTENSION ONLY.

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 2/26/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No additional information requested.

III. DISCUSSION

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 2/26/2026 .

Item not discussed in committee.

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 2/26/2026 .

Section 19 – Budgeting; Control of Expenditures

MDJ: I don't think that we should be able to do that, I think how it is presented should be left to the CEO's office.

MDJ: Let's deal with these dates and then go back. I think that October December is reasonable.

TJ: November 1st and then adopted in January, changing to October compresses the schedule, and the public hearings during the holidays would be difficult to schedule. Suggest the second meeting in January for adoption, January 31st.

MDJ: We are fine with those date changes. Presented November 1st, adopted by January 31st.

MDJ: What are the benefits or cons of our involvement in the budget presentation.

TJ: It would involve the Board directing the CEO, we are open to any suggestions you all have about the budget's presentation.

RP: What would be another way that the budget could be presented that would make it clearer?

Staff response.

LB: I don't think we should include the part about directing the CEO's presentation.

TT: Comments on process. The reason why this is here is that the CEO has presented a shell budget, until the last month. The reason why this line is here is to allow for a two-month period to go through the budget. Why don't we put in the organizational act what is expected. The CEO can budget at a departmental level, a high level but that doesn't give us the details of what is in there.

TJ: The legal level of control is at the department level. When you adopt the budget, you're adopting the budget by the department and fund. You can change the legal level of control. We present the budget by cost center and object categories; you can go to the line-item level online. The challenge that we've had is trying to show the proposals and the status of them. What is presented is more than what is required.

TT: The difference between approving at the departmental level and knowing what is at the departmental level are two different things. The intent here was for more detail.

MDJ: Can we request department heads to come present their budgets? If we need to adjust or amend, we have the ability to do that?

TJ: Yes.

TGP: There is a delicate balance between the budgetary approval process for the Commission and the operational control of the CEO. To change the level of control is a different issue because it bleeds into the powers of the CEO. Please consider the distinction between your budget approval process when an administration is in place vs a new administration.

TT: The sentence we are debating right now, specifying the manner is subjective, but the other part is with documentation.

MDJ: Is there not documentation that supports the budget?

TJ: there is, it is a matter of detail that we are trying to find the right balance for.

RP: Comments on process, requests time to come ack and discuss this.

LB: I would like to clarify whether asking for more detail would require us to goto the legislature because were changing powers.

TGP: If you're wanting to control what goes into the line item, that would be going into the powers of the CEO. Historical example. Contemporary example.

LB: The reason I asked is because I'm interested in seeing where that line is. Each department presentation is different. I would like something that is more easily digested and streamlined. Is that bleeding into the CEO's powers?

TGP: I don't think that how you've described it, no it isn't a power bleed.

LB: The language does say determining the presentation of the budget, can we wordsmith that?

TGP: Comments on additional factors that would affect the form from an operational standpoint for consistency.

TJ: Comments on budget presentation document.

LB: I think the language is vague and we should take it out. Nothing stops us from asking for the additional information.

RP: Let's double back to 19.

Meeting Concluded At: 2:15 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