



DeKalb County Government

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Draft -Minutes

OPS-County Operations Committee

Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson(Chairperson)

Commissioner Robert Patrick

Commissioner LaDena Bolton

Thursday, March 26, 2026

1:00 PM

Meeting Started At: 1:00 PM

Attendees: Commissioners Davis Johnson, Patrick, Bolton, Terry

Present

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

I. MINUTES

2026-0365

Commission District(s): All Districts

Minutes for the March 17, 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

II. AGENDA ITEM

Previously Heard Items

Innovation and Technology

2026-0410

Commission District(s): All
SWC - Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-SPD-SPD0000219-0010 Networking Equipment and Related Services: for use by Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). Consists of purchasing from the competitively let SWC No. 99999-SPD-SPD0000219-0010 for the annual technical support and maintenance for the Palo Alto Networks software utilized throughout the County. Awarded to Palo Alto Networks, Inc., c/o MGT Impact Solutions, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$699,316.86.

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 4/14/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Information provided by Scott Sheldon, IT Director & Staff
-RP: Motion to approve

2026-0411

Commission District(s): All
SWC - Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-SPD-SPD0000219-0008 Networking Equipment and Related Services: for use by Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). Consist of purchasing from the competitively let SWC No. 99999-SPD-SPD0000219-0008 for the annual maintenance and onsite support of the Juniper Networks software utilized throughout the County. Awarded to Juniper Networks (US), Inc., c/o MGT Impact Solutions, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$567,129.93.

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 4/14/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Information provided by Scott Sheldon, IT Director & Staff
-LB: Motion to approve

Fleet Management[2026-0339](#)

Commission District(s): All

CA - Cooperative Agreement Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Attachments and Technology (Sourcewell Contract No. 011723-KOM): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This request seeks to purchase from the competitively let Sourcewell Contract No. 011723-KOM for the provision of two (2) Komatsu (Model No. WA270-8) Rubber Tire Wheel Loaders with Attachments, for the purposes of clearing debris, dirt & rocks, as well as loading items into dump trucks at various work sites throughout the County. Awarded to Komatsu America Corporation, c/o Tractor & Equipment Co. Amount Not To Exceed: \$489,396.08.

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 4/14/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Information provided by Vernetha Hills, Assistant Director, Fleet

-RP: Motion to approve

2026-0340

Commission District(s): All

CA - Cooperative Agreement Grounds Maintenance Equipment & Related Attachments (Sourcewell Cooperative Contract No. 112624-KBA): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This request seeks to purchase from the competitively let Sourcewell Cooperative Contract No. 112624-KBA for the provision of one (1) Kubota Mini Compact Excavator with Attachments, and two (2) Kubota Compact Track Loaders with Attachments, for the purposes of excavating various worksites throughout the County, as well as cleaning up debris and landscaping. Awarded to Kubota Tractor Corporation, c/o Lashley Tractor Sales. Amount Not To Exceed: \$268,143.58.

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 4/14/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Information provided by Vernetha Hills, Assistant Director, Fleet

-LB: Motion to approve

2026-0401

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-Sanitation. This request seeks to purchase from the competitively let Sourcewell Contract No. 011723-JDC for the provision of one (1) John Deere (Model No. 333P) Compact Track Loader for the purpose of mulching and maintenance around retention ponds, sweeping roadways, picking up yard debris, loading and unloading supplies, and routine maintenance 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: \$192,515.00.

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 4/14/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Information provided by Vernetha Hills, Assistant Director, Fleet

-RP: Motion to approve

2026-0402

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 2000120 Police Pursuit and Special Service Vehicles (Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-001-SPD0000183-0002): for use by Public Works - Fleet Management. This contract consists of purchasing off the competitively let SWC to support law enforcement and emergency responders in carrying out their daily duties that rely on the use of these pursuit and special service vehicles. This request seeks to increase contract funds and term through October 31, 2027. Awarded to Hardy Chevrolet Buick GMC, Inc., Amount Not To Exceed: \$16,223.265.00.

MOTION was made that this agenda item be No recommendation to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/14/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Substitute provided by User Department

Information provided by Vernetha Hills, Assistant Director, Fleet

Q LB: any changes to the fleet at all?

Response provided by Vernetha Hills

Q TT: any electric or hybrid vehicle options?

VH: no we do not have options under this contract

Q LB: can get clarity from P&C on the amount of fleet for police. Is there a typo?

VH: it's a total of 123 vehicles

Q MDJ: there seems to be confusion on this item, can we hold it.

COO: yes we can, a certain number will be funded with SPLOST and the others through the Vehicle Replacement fund. We can hold this item

MDJ: Staff please note why the item is being sent without recommendation and what is needed at the upcoming BOC Meeting

2026-0405

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 2000416, 2000417, 2000418 and 2000419 Administrative Vehicles (Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-001-SPD0000218): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management. These contracts consist of purchasing off the competitively let SWC to supply the County with administrative vehicles like sedans, SUVs, vans, and trucks to be used for daily operational tasks that necessitate the use of such vehicles. This request seeks to increase contract funds and term through August 31, 2027. Awarded to Hardy Chevrolet Buick GMC., Inc., Allan Vigil Ford Lincoln, Inc., Family Ford, Inc., dba Hardy Family Ford, and Akins Ford, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$6,387,763.00.

MOTION was made by LaDena Bolton, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval upon receipt of additional information to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/14/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Substitute provided by User Department

Information provided by Vernetha Hills, Assistant Director, Fleet

Q TT: which departments?

VH: a lot of different ones; including code, watershed, facilities . These are administrative vehicles

Q TT: Do you have any data of millage or daily use? This ties back to my request for electric and hybrid options.

Further information provided by Public Works Director Robert Gordon

Q TT: Can we do a cost benefit analysis for all options

RG: we can do the best with the data we have, for electric and hybrid options including the charging costs.

-LB: Motion to approve substitute

New Agenda Items

Fleet Management

2026-0481 Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 4 to Contract Nos.: 1297340, 1297345 & 1297347 Vehicle Mounted GPS Devices (Cooperative Agreement). For use by Public Works-Fleet Management (Fleet), DeKalb County Code Compliance Administration (DKCCA), and the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) to obtain GPS vehicle services, safety and work management applications, and tracking capabilities. Seeking increase in contract funds and term through June 30, 2027. Awarded to Verizon Connect NWF, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$202,000.00.

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 4/14/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Information provided by Robert Gordon, Public Works Director

-LB: Motion to approve

Innovation and Technology

2026-0496 Commission District(s): All
SWC - Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-SPD-SPD0000060-0006 Software and Ancillary Services. For use by Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT) to pay outstanding Microsoft Azure license overages for June through December of 2025. Awarded to Dell Marketing, LP: Amount Not To Exceed: \$473,050.71.

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 4/14/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Information provided by Scott Sheldon, IT Director & Staff

-LB: Motion to approve

Aiport (PDK)[2026-0526](#)

Commission District(s): 1 & 6

CA - Cooperative Agreement - Scoreboards, Digital Displays, and Video Boards with Related Services (Sourcewell Contract No. 030223-DAK). For use by the DeKalb Peachtree Airport (PDK) to obtain replacement and additional digital displays and signs at the airport. Also seeking to ratify a previously issued purchase order. Awarded to Daktronics, Inc.: Amount Not To Exceed: \$215,467.00.

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 4/14/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

III. DISCUSSION**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 4/14/2026 .

Review of Section 2 (pg. 7) from December 12th Memorandum, requiring state action - Committee request discussion with Voter Registration & Elections Director regarding suggestion of removing Voter Districts from charter list. Discussion pending for special Called OPS April 16th. Open to adding language directing residents to Elections Office.

Section 2 - eligibility requirements - Committee comfortable with no change to current candidate requirements, regarding age and residency status. Asking for continue conversation with Voter Registration & Elections Director
Review of Section 9 (page 9) - Powers & Duties of the Commission, provided by Matthew Welch, Deputy County Attorney

BOC Ability to establish individual community engagement programs - Commissioner RP Request Law to return with information on NPU's compared to City of Atlanta's set up. Review to learn what they review and how it could impact Community Council.

TT: Suggested incorporate school districts into discussion of proposed NPUs

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 4/14/2026 .

Meeting Concluded At: 2:26 PM

MOTION was made by LaDena Bolton, seconded by Robert Patrick, 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