



DeKalb County Government

178 Sams Street
Decatur, GA 30030

Meeting Minutes - Draft

FAB-Finance, Audit & Budget Committee

Commissioner Ted Terry (Chairperson)

Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

Commissioner Chakira Johnson

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

2:00 PM

178 Sam's Street, Decatur, GA 30030
(Multipurpose Room A1201)

Meeting Started At: 2:02PM

Attendance: Commissioners T. Terry, C. Johnson, M Long Spears, R. Patrick, N. Massiah

Present 3 - Chairperson Ted Terry, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears,
and Commissioner Chakira Johnson

I. MINUTES

2026-1206 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the July 13, 2026, Special Called Finance, Audit, and
Budget Committee

This agenda item was Approved

II. DISCUSSION

Water Bill of Rights - Legal Defense Fund Group

Questions/ Comments:

TT: Why do you support item 1525? Does anyone else have pay 1 get 1? (Mr. Wheaton responded)

TT: theory behind not paying in payment plan? Comments

RP: How long does unpaid bill go before considered debt? When you first fall behind? (Mr. Wheaton responded)

RP: Clarification on wrap program; How many people have long term debt? How far back do we go with debt?

TT: Of 90% of customers that have debt how many included with AMI? (Mr. Wheaton responded)

CJ: Don't know who qualifies for 60% AMI correct? (Mr. Wheaton responded)

MLS: Question re: When is the credit applied? Capacity issue? (Mr. Wheaton responded)

MLS: How much was recovered of past due date? What has been done differently? How do you get people to participate? Have we currently or in the past worked w/groups like SNAP or HUD? (Mr. Wheaton responded)

CJ: Program for 24 months or 24 payments? (Mr. Wheaton responded)

RP: Helpful if Mr. Wheaton can look at DeKalb County data (Mr. Wheaton responded)

TT: Look at avatar of different families in the county (demographic groups)

RP: Another email was sent regarding numbers

RP: Comments

Housing Investment Bond Program**Question/ Comments:**

MLS" Clarification on \$15Mil for next year?

TT: Comment

TT: What is purpose? Eventually for refinancing?

TT: Comment

MLS: Re: page 2 - Programs that were approved - Multi-family etc. Down payment assistance called?

Housing Capacity fund, etc. please give explanation of different funds in news release

Mid-Year Budget Adjustments - Preliminary Timeline Discussion**III. AGENDA ITEM**

New Agenda Items

Board of Commissioners - District 3

[2026-1216](#) Commission District(s): District 3
Budget Amendment to Increase the General Fund for Recreation Parks & Cultural Affairs - Sugar Creek Tennis & Golf to Address the Lighting and Retention Wall for the 3rd Tennis Court. An Amount not to exceed \$800,000.00
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/25/2026 .

[2026-1219](#) Commission District(s): District 3
Budget Amendment to increase the General Fund for Recreation Parks & Cultural Affairs - Porter Sanford Performing Arts & Community Center to Address Required Equipment Improvements. An Amount not to exceed \$79,000.00.
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/25/2026 .

Chief Executive Office

[2026-1214](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
A supplemental resolution (i) approving the issuance of the “Housing Authority of the County of DeKalb, Georgia Taxable Revenue Bonds (Housing Investment Bond Program) Series 2026” in the aggregate principal amount of \$[_____], for the purpose of funding the Housing Investment Bond Program and (ii) authorizing the execution and delivery of an Intergovernmental Housing Cooperation Agreement between the County and the Housing Authority of the County of DeKalb, Georgia.
This agenda item was Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/25/2026 .

Finance

[2026-1224](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
The renewal of a contract with The Urban League of Greater Atlanta for the operation of the DeKalb County water and sewer customer assistance programs.
Approved with request to work on "amount not to exceed"
This agenda item was Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/25/2026 .

Questions/ Comments

CJ: Comment

TT: Regarding criteria for different groups (ie seniors)

TT: When are you launching pay 1, get 1? First test w/families already engaged in a program?NM: Comments- COO responded

TT: Comments

CJ: Comments

RP: What do you do for those who do not speak English?

Purchasing & Contracting

[2026-1144](#)

Commission District(s): ALL
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 2000521 Upfitting of Government-owned Emergency Response Vehicles [Multiple Award Schedule, General Service Administration (GSA Contract No. GS-07F-0512T)] (Cooperative Agreement). For use by the Marshal's Office to outfit ten (10) new vehicles. Seeking increase in contract funds. Awarded to Dana Safety Supply Inc.: Amount Not To Exceed: \$302,400.34.

This agenda item was Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/25/2026 .

Solicitor-State Court

[2026-1211](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts Will Be Impacted
The Solicitor-General's Office Request to Assume the Lease for the Vacant Office Space at 160 Clairemont from the District Attorney's Office as of September 1, 2026. the Cost will be Approximately \$106,000 for the Remainder of 2026.

This agenda item was Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/25/2026 .

Questions/Comments:

CJ: Move into this space, will you still occupy other space? (Solicitor responded)

MLS: Comment

TT: Comment, COO comment

Agenda Items Previously Heard

Board of Commissioners - District 6

[2025-1525](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
An Ordinance to Amend The Code of DeKalb County, Georgia
Chapter 25 Pertaining To Water, Sewers and Sewage Disposal And
For Other Purposes.

**This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to
the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/25/2026 .**

[2026-0158](#) Commission District(s): Commission Super District 6
A Resolution To Establish The “DeKalb For The People Dividend
Fund” And Fiscal Stability Policy

**This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to
the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/25/2026 .**

Purchasing & Contracting

[2026-0839](#) Commission District(s): All
RFP - Request for Proposals No. 2025-048-RFP Financial Advisor
Services (Multiyear Contract). For use by the Finance Department
to obtain financial advisory services in connection with various
financing transactions and programs. Awarded to Public Resources
Advisory Group: Amount Not To Exceed \$1,167,000.00

**This agenda item was Recommended for deferral to the Board
of Commissioners due back on 8/25/2026 .**

Questions/ Comments:

MLS: Correct PO name

MLS: Would like to resolve in 2 weeks

Meeting Concluded At: 3:30PM

Barbara Sanders-Norwood, CCC, CMC