



DeKalb County Government

178 Sams Street
Decatur, GA 30030

Meeting Minutes

FAB-Finance, Audit & Budget Committee

Commissioner Ted Terry (Chairperson)

Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

Commissioner Chakira Johnson

Monday, January 26, 2026

10:30 AM

1300 Commerce Drive, Decatur, GA 30030
(BOC Multi-Purpose Conference Room)

This meeting will be conducted via teleconference (Zoom). Simultaneous public access to the meeting will be available via live stream on DCTV's webpage: DCTVChannel23.tv

Special Called Meeting

Meeting Started At:

Attendance: Commissioners TT, CJ, MLS, RP, NM, MDJ, LB

I. MINUTES

- 2026-0164** Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the December 9, 2025, Finance, Audit, and Budget Committee
MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

II. DISCUSSION

Night/Weekend Court Policy

Questions:

- 1) *TT: Is there a value added/budget savings for departments? What does it mean for defendants? (Pub. Def. L. Delan responded)*
- 2) *MDJ: Do you feel we are significantly situated or is there a need to add? (Solicitor Coleman-Stribling responded)*
- 3) *TT: Request for COO to talk about SPLOST II (COO responded)*
- 4) *MLS: Comment - Must ensure that numbers/money/estimate is accurate, need to get a better understanding of scope. (Comm. TT responded)*
- 5) *MLS: Will it help the county? How would scheduling judges work? (Comm. TT responded)*
- 6) *Sheriff comment in response to MDJ question*
- 7) *NM: Comment*
- 8) *COO: Comments*
- 9) *TT: Fill in any gaps/questions*

CIP Requests

Will be discussed in January 27, 2026 FAB

FY2026 Budget

Will be discussed in January 27, 2026 FAB

III. AGENDA ITEM*New Agenda Items***Board of Commissioners - District 6**

2026-0158

Commission District(s): Commission Super District 6
To Approve a Resolution to Establish a DeKalb “For The People AI
Tech Dividend Fund” and Fiscal Stability Policy

Chief Executive Office

[2026-0125](#)

Commission District(s): All

EM - Facility Condition Assessment Consulting Services (Purchasing Policy Exemption - Emergency). Consists of an expedited facility condition assessment (FCA) for the DeKalb County Jail. Resulting assessment will assist the County in identifying security risks; potential threats to public safety; and planning for upgrade prioritization, renovations, and system replacement needs. A contract will be developed and executed in a form acceptable to the County Attorney or his designee. Awarded to: Comprehensive Program Services (CPS). Amount Not to Exceed: \$599,927.20

This agenda item was Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners due back on 1/27/2026 .

Questions:

- 1) *CJ: Is this a one time assessment of how to fix jail? Once we get assessment, will it show what is being done? (COO Williams responded)*
- 2) *TT: \$600K - Additional work anticipated?d (Chief Atkins responded)*
- 3) *RP: To COO - Will study look at funding sources? Can we add anything to this? (COO responded)*
- 4) *TT: Does contract with PFM cover what Comm. Patrick is referring to? (COO responded)*
- 5) *TT: Comment*
- 6) *NM: Comment (COO and TT responded)*

Juvenile Court[2026-0100](#)

Commission District(s): All Commissioners

Approval of the OJJDP Family Treatment Court Competitive Grant Program

Purchasing & Contracting

[2025-1751](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 8 to Contract No. 13-902703 Banking and Financial Services: for use by the Department of Finance. This contract consists of providing all banking and financial services and earnings on cash accounts. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided contract term increase. This request also seeks to increase funds and contract term through December 31, 2026. Awarded to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$184,000.00.

MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, 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:

Questions:

1) TT: How many years in this contract? Will have all information before contract ends? (B. Atkins and CFO McNabb responded)

[2025-1754](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 5 to Contract No. 1236388 Retail Image Lockbox Services: for use by the Department of Finance. This contract consists of the provision of lockbox services. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided contract term increase. This request also seeks to increase the contract funds and term through December 31, 2026. Awarded to Deluxe Corporation dba Remitco LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$96,200.00.

MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, 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:

Questions:

1) CJ: The 10K checks a month costing us more? (B. Atkins and CFO McNabb responded)

2) TT: Are checks mostly for water bills? (B. Atkins and CFO McNabb responded)

[2026-0116](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1310425 Financial Advisory Services (3 Year Multiyear Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Finance Department. This contract consists of providing financial advisory services and acting as the County's municipal advisor. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided contract term increase. This request also seeks to extend the contract term through June 30, 2026. Recommend award to Public Financial Management Inc. dba PFM Financial Advisors, LLC. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY.

MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, 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:

Questions:

1) CJ: Extending to June - When did it expire? (B. Atkins and CFO McNabb responded)

2) TT: Is this something where PFM can prioritize banking services? (B. Atkins and CFO McNabb responded)

Superior Court[2025-1838](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Grant to the DeKalb County Adult Felony Drug Court-Supplemental Transportation Funding-\$33,432.00

MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, 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:

[2025-1839](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

Judicial Council of Georgia Ad Hoc Committee on American Rescue Plan Act Additional Funding ("ARPA Committee") Grant-\$40,448.00

MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, 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:

Questions:

- 1) CJ: No match on ARPA? (L.Hawkins Ponzo responded)*
2) TT" Email from constituent re: MARTA? (L.Hawkins Ponzo responded)

*Agenda Items Previously Heard***Board of Commissioners - District 6**

[2025-1506](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
To Approve a Resolution to Ensure that the County's Judges Receive the Same Benefits as the Judges of the Superior Court of the DeKalb Judicial Circuit, County Employees, and Judges in Other Counties.

Tax Commissioner

[2025-1773](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Approve Amendment No. 3 to Lease with South DeKalb Realty LLC for Tax Commissioner's Office at The Gallery at South DeKalb.
MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, 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:

Questions:

TT: How many years for renewal? (Comm. N. Marchand responded)

Meeting Concluded At: 12:08PM

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood, CCC, CMC

