



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

Monday, October 12, 2026

1:00 PM

1300 Commerce Drive, Decatur, GA 30030
BOC Multi-Purpose Conference Room, 5th
Floor

Special Called Meeting

Meeting Started At: 2:05PM

Attendance: Commissioners T. Terry, C. Johnson, M. Long Spears (virtually), and R. Patrick

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

I. MINUTES

2026-1488 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the September 29, 2026, Finance, Audit, and Budget
Committee meeting

**MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by
Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be Approved. The
motion carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Terry, Commissioner Long Spears,
and Commissioner Johnson

II. DISCUSSION

BOC Mid-Year Budget Adjustments

Questions/Comments:

CJ: All employees eligible for Dependent Care?

CJ: Day shelter When is it opening? Budgeted for security? Need to revisit South Day Shelter?

MLS: Regarding Animal Services - Requesting to increase amount to \$82,500 to cover through March 1 budget approved

MLS: Regarding PAWS Atl - What is \$180K for? Public Outreach - Provide background - How does \$71K help?

MLS: Correct prorated amounts

RP: What is gratuity?

TT: Comments

CJ: Comments

MLS: Re: BOC staffing request - "Elevate to Senior Policy Analyst - Only Central Staff or open to other employees?"

TT: Homeland Security report? HR Classifications - Pay & class working on this?

TT: Appropriate to make recommendation for facility update now?

CIP:

CJ: Asking for comprehensive jail update; Why is there a hold on Rainbow park, but not for Callandwolde? CJ: What is Stone Mtn. trail model mile?

MLS: Comment regarding Briarcliff sidewalks

RP: Has there been an assessment of the jail yet?

III. AGENDA ITEM**OMB (Office Managing Budget)**

2026-1319 Commission District(s): All
To Amend the 2026 Operating Budget and Reallocate Capital
Improvement Project Funding.

Commissioners had 2 separate motions:

CJ motion, MLS 2nd: Approving Schedule C - Including Facilities BOC update for \$215K

CJ motion, TT 2nd: Approving CIP \$1M fund for Callandwolde

MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Terry, Commissioner Long Spears,
and Commissioner Johnson

Purchasing & Contracting

[2026-1181](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 2000297 Strategic Procurement Assessment and Related Services (Cooperative Agreement). For use by Purchasing and Contracting to obtain procurement assessment and related services. Ratifying consent to assignment of contract to National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) Inc. effective July 1, 2026 and an increase in contract funds. Awarded to Periscope Holdings Inc.: Amount Not To Exceed: \$134,000.00.

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and Commissioner Johnson

Solicitor-State Court

[2026-1431](#)

Commission District(s): All

To Authorize \$72,000 Of Funding To The Solicitor's Office To Purchase Larger Replacement County Vehicles Through The Fleet Unit.

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and Commissioner Johnson

Meeting Concluded At: 2:04PM

Barbara Sanders-Norwood, CCC, CMC