# DeKalb County Government

178 Sams Street
Decatur, GA 30030

## Minutes - Draft

## ERPS-Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee

*Commissioner LaDena Bolton (Chairperson)*

*Commissioner Chakira Johnson*

*Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson*

| Tuesday, February 3, 2026 | 2:15 PM | 178 Sams Street, Decatur, GA 30030 (Multipurpose Room A1201) |
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Meeting Started At: 3:21pm

Attendees: Commissioners Bolton, Johnson, Davis Johnson, Massiah, Patrick

**Present** 3 - Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner LaDena Bolton, and Chairperson Chakira Johnson

### I. MINUTES

**2026-0253** Commission District(s): All
Minutes for the January 20, 2026 Employee Relations and Public Safety Committee Meeting
**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Bolton, and Chairperson Johnson

### II. AGENDA ITEM

*New Agenda Items:*

**Fire Rescue (FR)**

2026-0210 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
FY26 Grant Award for EMS Trauma Related Equipment with the Georgia Trauma Commission
**MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/10/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Bolton, and Chairperson Johnson

*-information provided interim Chief Carter*
*-Question LB: this grant is coming from the Georgia Trauma Commission correct? Chief Carter: correct*
*-Question CJ: is there a match on this grant?*
*Chief Carter: no ma'am; additional response provided*

**DeKalb Emergency Management Agency (DEMA)**

2026-0256 Commission District(s): All
SWC - Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-SPD0000172-011 Integrated Security and Surveillance Products and Services. This request seeks to purchase from the competitively let SWC for the purchase of a 5-year agreement for the RAVE Alert solution. This solution will allow the County to send out mass notifications to DeKalb County citizens alerting them of any critical events. Awarded to Motorola Solutions, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: $687,600.00.
**MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/10/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Bolton, and Chairperson Johnson

*-information provided by Director Avery - DEMA*
*-Question LB: for the cell notifications is that call and/or text?*
*C Avery: yes*
*-Question RP: can RAVE help with lower priority issues that the public can still be notified?*
*-response provided by Director Avery*
*-Question LB: does this require integration with our GIS system to work with the approach?*
*-response provided by Director Avery*
*-Question LB: is there an opt-in feature for residents or can residents be automatically be notified?*
*-response provided by Director Avery*
*-Question LB: can we do an initial call or text to let them know an issue is widespread?*
*-response provided by Director Avery*
*-Question RP: what's the implementation timeline?*
*-response provided by Director Avery*
*-Question LB: what percentage of residents under the previous system could we communicate with?*
*-response provided by Director Avery*
*-Question LB: what was the amount of residents that were notified of the previous data breach? You also discussed increasing the amount of residents that are notified through the new system?*
*-responses provided by Director Avery*

**Board of Commissioners - Super District 7**

2026-0218 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
To establish regulatory oversight of blasting operations in DeKalb County through the adoption of a Control Blasting and Safety Ordinance; to promote public safety, environmental protection, and community stability; and for other purposes.
**MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be Recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/10/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

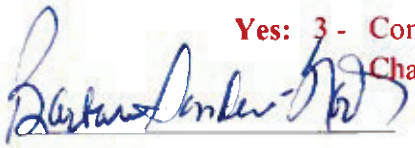
**Yes:** 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Bolton, and Chairperson Johnson

*-information and background provided by Commissioner Bolton*
*-additional information provided by Chief Carter - Fire & Rescue*
*-comments provided by Commissioner Johnson regarding additional methods for communications to residents to add additional layers of notification; if there are questions, reach out to the permittee directly*
*-Question CJ: does this ordinance address how damages are addressed?*
*-response provided by Commissioner Bolton*
*-Question CJ: has Risk Management been included in these discussions?*
*-response provided by Marcus Allen, BOC Central Staff*
*-CJ: I would like Staff to discuss with Risk Management as well*

Meeting Ended At: 3:51pm

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be Adjourned meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Bolton, and Chairperson Johnson



Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC