# DeKalb County Government

178 Sams Street
Decatur, GA 30030

## Minutes - Draft

## ERPS-Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee

*Commissioner LaDena Bolton (Chairperson)*

*Commissioner Nicole Massiah*

*Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson*

| Thursday, May 21, 2026 | 2:15 PM | 178 Sams Street, Decatur, GA 30030 (Multipurpose Room A1201) |
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Meeting Started At: 2:29pm

Attendees: Commissioners Bolton, Davis Johnson, Terry

**Present** 2 - Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner LaDena Bolton

**Absent** 1 - Commissioner Nicole Massiah

### I. MINUTES

**2026-0931** Commission District(s): All
Minutes for the May 5, 2026 Employee Relations and Public Safety Committee Meeting
**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by LaDena Bolton, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Bolton

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Massiah

### II. STATUS UPDATE

E-911 Services Update

*-presentation provided by Director Swain - E-911 Director*
*-Question LB: is the emergency number available online if they were outside of the district and needed to reach you?*
*-C Swain: yes ma'am*
*-Question LB: is the emergency call triage feature something new or we needed to activate?*
*-response provided by Director Swain*
*-Question MDJ: regarding duplicate reports, if someone is on another line calling, you wouldn't know that they are calling about the same incident unless a dispatcher picks up?*
*-response provided by Director Swain regarding geographic location*
*-Question MDJ: you have over 120 slots open for 2026?*
*-response provided by Director Swain regarding current applicants and available slots in the next class*
*-Question MDJ: how long are your classes?*
*-response provided by Director Swain*
*-Question MDJ: so you are looking to have all your department slots filled by the end of the year?*
*-response provided by Director Swain*
*-Question MLS: could you discuss abandoned calls?*
*-response provided by Director Swain*
*-Question LB: even though you use a third party, there are cases where communication is delayed for those who speak other languages?*
*-response provided by Director Swain*
*-comments provided by Commissioner Davis Johnson*
*-Question LB: regarding answer times, is this standard emergency reporting or does it include mass reporting such as events like people doing doughnuts on Glenwood?*
*-response provided by Director Swain*
*-Question LB: with these numbers do you know how the improvement has been in response times since we've implemented the NextGen network?*
*-response provided by Director Swain*
*Question LB: how frequently do we get those events that will jam up the phone lines?*
*-response provided by Director Swain*

## III. AGENDA ITEM

*New Agenda Items:*

**Fire Rescue (FR)**

2026-0903 Commission District(s): Commission Districts 4,5,6, & 7
Fire Stations 16 & 27 Street Lighting Lease Agreement
**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by LaDena Bolton, that this agenda item be Recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 5/26/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Bolton

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Massiah

*-a substitute has been received for this agenda item*
*-information provided by Fire Chief Carter, SPLOST manager Chris Kingsbury*
*-Question TT: before Director Pelton retired he worked on a different structure for the LED lights and not the GA Power Streetlight program. Additional comments provided by Commissioner Terry*
*-response provided by COO Williams*
*-Question LB: are we using the LED light because they have a longer lifespan?*
*-response provided by Mr. Kingsbury*
*-Commissioner Davis Johnson requests the Administration look into the advantages/disadvantages of what Commissioner Terry is discussing*

*-MDJ: motion to defer the substitute to the next ERPS meeting*

2026-0687 Commission District(s): ALL
CO - Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 1210840 Inspection, Care, Maintenance and Cleaning of Personal Protective Equipment (Multiyear). For use by the Department of Fire Rescue (FR), to obtain inspection, care, maintenance and cleaning of personal protective equipment (PPE). Ratifying term increase and an increase in contract funds and term through October 27, 2026. Awarded to North America Fire Equipment Company, Inc. (NAFECO). Amount Not To Exceed: $75,000.00.
**This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 5/26/2026 .**

*-agenda item not discussed*
*-recommended holding in committee*

2026-0303 Commission District(s): ALL
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 2000432 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Purchase, Repair, & Maintenance (Annual Contract with 4 Options To Renew): for use by the Department of Fire Rescue Services (FR). This contract consists of the purchase, repair, maintenance, and management of the County's SCBA equipment. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided contract term increase. This request also seeks to increase the contract funds and term through October 30, 2026. Awarded to: MES Service Company, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: $80,000.00.
**This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 5/26/2026 .**

*-agenda item not discussed*
*-recommended holding in committee*

**Police Services (PS)**

2026-0840 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Agreement of Mutual Aid and Assistance Between DeKalb County, Georgia and the City of Atlanta, Georgia for Law Enforcement Services.
**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by LaDena Bolton, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 5/26/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Bolton

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Massiah

*-information provided by Chief Padrick*

2026-0842 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
GY2023 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Program Grant in the Amount Not to Exceed $132,750.00.
**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by LaDena Bolton, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 5/26/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Bolton

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Massiah

*-information provided by Chief Padrick*
*-Question LB: do we have a designated time frame where this money will need to be spent?*
*-response provided by Chief Padrick*

2026-0683 Commission District(s): All
REN - Contract No. 1381091 Helicopter Maintenance and Repair Service (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 4 Options to Renew). For use by Police Services (PS) to obtain helicopter repair and maintenance services for County helicopters. Exercising 2nd renewal option through June 30, 2027. Also, ratifying a previously issued purchase order. Awarded to: Rotor Resources, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: $630,000.00.
**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by LaDena Bolton, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 5/26/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Bolton

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Massiah

*-information provided by Chief Padrick*
*-Question LB: the ratification for the previously issued purchase order - you all purchased something previously and that has been added on here?*
*-response provided by Chief Padrick*

2026-0748 Commission District(s): All
CA -Cooperative Agreement - Body Armor with Related Accessories, Equipment and Services (Sourcewell Contract No. 091924-GAL). For use by the Department of Police Services (PS) to obtain Level III+ rifle plates and helmets. Awarded to Galls, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: $192,464.00.
**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by LaDena Bolton, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 5/26/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Bolton

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Massiah

*-information provided by Chief Padrick*

**Police Services (PS), Fire Rescue and Public Works - Fleet Management (FM)**

2026-0285 Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract Nos.: 1266487, 1266488, 1266489, 1266491, Towing and Wrecker Services (Multiyear Revenue Generating Contract). For use by the Departments of Police Services (PS), Fire Rescue and Public Works - Fleet Management (FM) to obtain towing, removal, storage and impoundment of wrecked and disabled vehicles for private citizens in six (6) DeKalb County service areas and includes towing services for County-owned vehicles. Ratifying term increase and an increase in contract term through December 31, 2026. Awarded to Brown Wrecker Service, Inc dba Brown & Brown Wrecker Service, S&W Services of Atlanta, Inc., South DeKalb Towing and Transport, Inc., and Statewide Wrecker Service South, Inc. CONTRACT TERM EXTENSION ONLY
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**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Massiah

*-information provided by Chief Padrick*

*Previously Heard Agenda Items:*

**Board of Commissioners - District 1**

2025-0683 Commission District(s): All Districts
To Approve a Resolution to Address Egregious Littering and the Illegal Dumping of Scrap Tires
**This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 5/26/2026 .**

*-agenda item not discussed*
*-recommended holding in committee*

**Board of Commissioners - District 2**

2026-0596 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
An Ordinance to Regulate the Restraint and Transportation of Animals and for other Purposes.
**This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 5/26/2026 .**

*-agenda item not discussed*
*-recommended holding in committee*

**Board of Commissioners - Super District 6**

2026-0769 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
A Resolution Requesting the Administration to Establish Independent Civilian Oversight and Auditing For DeKalb County's Digital Shield Initiatives and Surveillance Infrastructure
**This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 5/26/2026 .**

*-agenda item not discussed*
*-recommended holding in committee*

Meeting Ended At: 3:31pm

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC