DeKalb County Government

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PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee

Commissioner Nicole Massiah (Chairperson)

Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

Commissioner Robert Patrick

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 **3:30 PM**

Meeting Started At: 5:02 PM

Attendance: Commissioners Massiah, Patrick, Long Spears

I. MINUTES

2026-1455 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for August 25, 2026, Planning, Economic Development, and Community Services Committee Meeting,
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Massiah, Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Patrick

II. APPOINTMENT

2026-1129 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Appoint Angela Chambliss to Post 3 of the DeKalb County Board of Family and Children Services.
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/27/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Massiah, Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Patrick

Committee conducted an interview of Ms. Angela Chambliss
-RP: motion to approve

2026-0925 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Appoint Ms. Kendra Price to Post 4 of the DeKalb County Community Service Board.
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/27/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Massiah, Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Patrick

Committee conducted an interview of Ms. Kendra Price -
RP: motion to approve

2026-1130 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Appoint Ronald Mangum to Post 7 of the DeKalb County Board of Family and Children Services.
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 10/27/2026 .

unavailable - Rescheduled to 10/27 meeting
Holding in Committee

III. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items

Community Development

2026-1054 Commission District(s): All
Rental Assistance and Supportive Services Project for SafeHouse Outreach, Inc.
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/27/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Massiah, and Commissioner Patrick

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

Information provided by Melvia Richards, Community Development
Q NM: How many households are we serving in 2026?
MR: we don't have 2026 figures yet but I will provide them
Comments provided by Commissioner Patrick

-RP: motion to approve

2026-1411 Commission District(s): Districts 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7
Declare 30 county-owned vacant properties surplus and transfer the county's interest in the Parcels of Real Property from DeKalb County to DeKalb Regional Land Bank Authority
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/27/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Massiah, and Commissioner Patrick

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

Information provided by Tamika Churchill, Executive Director DeKalb Regional Landbank
Q NM: How many of parcels are in district 3?
TK: almost 30% are in district 3. the bulk of the parcels are in Districts 3,4 and 5
Q NM: what is the real estate department?
COO Williams: its through GIS, and does a lot of the assessment needed to get the properties ready. Additional details provided

-RP: motion to approve

Library

2026-1413 Commission District(s): 2 and 6
Authorize the Transfer of Property and Permanent Easement to the City of Brookhaven for Brookhaven Special Services District Project 10 - Sylvan Circle NE to Apple Valley Road Parcel Number 1
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/27/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Massiah, and Commissioner Patrick

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

Information provided by Allison Weissinger, Director of Library
-RP: motion to approve

Human Services

2026-1208 Commission District(s): All
RFP - Request for Proposals No. 2026-069-RFP Congregate and Shelf Stable Meal Services for Seniors (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract). For use by the Department of Human Services (HS) to obtain congregate meals for senior centers and shelf-stable meals for eligible seniors in DeKalb County. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer: Meals on Wheels Atlanta, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: $1,885,529.00.
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/27/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Massiah, and Commissioner Patrick

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

Information provided by Damon Scott, Human Services Director
-RP: motion to approve

WorkSource DeKalb

2026-1316 Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1265085 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) One-Stop Operator. For use by WorkSource DeKalb (WSD) to obtain coordination and management of workforce services as required by WIOA. This request seeks to increase contract term through June 30, 2027. Awarded to: In The Door, LLC. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY.
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/27/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Massiah, and Commissioner Patrick

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

Information provided by COO Williams

RP: motion to approve

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs

2026-1142 Commission District(s): ALL
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 2000132 Pressure Washing for County Parks (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew). For use by Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs to obtain pressure washing services. Seeking increase in contract funds. Awarded to Facility Maintenance & Services Group LLC: Amount Not To Exceed: $75,000.00.
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/27/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Massiah, and Commissioner Patrick

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

Information provided by Paige Singer, RPCA

-RP: motion to approve

2026-1233 Commission District(s): 4 and 6
LB - Invitation No. 2026-085-ITB Feed, Hay, and Shavings for Little Creek Horse Farm (3 Year Multiyear Contract with 2 Options to Renew). For use by Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs to obtain feed, hay, and shavings at Little Creek Horse Farm. Recommend award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder: Conyers Pet & Livestock Supply Inc. dba The Stock Market: Amount Not To Exceed: $660,000.00.
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/27/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Massiah, and Commissioner Patrick

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

Information provided by Paige Singer, RPCA
Q RP: what are the shavings for?
PS: they use them in the horse stalls

-RP: motion to approve

2026-1330 Commission District(s): ALL
LB - Invitation No. 2026-078-ITB Athletic Uniforms for RPCA (3 Year Multiyear Contract with 2 Options to Renew). For use by Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs to obtain athletic uniforms for the recreations. Recommend award to the sole responsive and responsible bidder: Safeguard Printing & Promotional Products Inc.: Amount Not To Exceed: $134,485.05.
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/27/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Massiah, and Commissioner Patrick

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

Information provided by Paige Singer, RPCA
Q RP: is this in relation with police PALS?
PS: no this is separate
Q RP: Would it be beneficial to partner with Pals?
PS: we can look into it.

-RP: motion to approve

2026-1344 Commission District(s): ALL
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 2000042 Architectural and Engineering Services for Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA) (Multiyear). For use by the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA) to obtain on-call architectural and engineering design services. Seeking increase in contract funds. Awarded to Pond & Company: Amount Not To Exceed: $115,575.00.
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/27/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Massiah, and Commissioner Patrick

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

Information provided by Paige Singer, RPCA
-RP: motion to approve

2026-1346 Commission District(s): Districts 3 and 7
To approve the creation of a Georgia Power easement at Exchange Park, located at 2775 Columbia Drive, Decatur, GA 30034 (Parcel ID - 15 103 01 001).
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/27/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Massiah, and Commissioner Patrick

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

Information provided by Paige Singer, RPCA
-RP: motion to approve

2026-1371 Commission District(s): Districts 4 and 6
Acceptance of FY2026 Economic Development Initiative -Community Project Funding (CPF)- Congressional Grants Division Grant Award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the total amount of $1,985,160.00 for the Avondale Dunaire I Renovations located at 700 George Luther Drive, Decatur, Ga 30032 (15 252 04 048).
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/27/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Massiah, and Commissioner Patrick

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

Information provided by Paige Singer, RPCA
Q RP: do we have blueprints?
PS: we are not there yet, this is just to accept the funding, next step is design.

-RP: motion to approve

2026-1372 Commission District(s): Districts 5 and 7
Acceptance of FY2026 Economic Development Initiative -Community Project Funding (CPF)- Congressional Grants Division Grant Award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the total amount of $349,475.00 for Arabia Mountain Bridge Renovations located at 3787 Klondike Road, Lithonia, GA 30038 (16 141 04 012).
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/27/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Massiah, Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Patrick

Information provided by Paige Singer, RPCA
Q NM: please share the plans with us
PS: yes we will

-RP: motion to approve

2026-1373 Commission District(s): Districts 4 and 7
Acceptance of FY2026 Economic Development Initiative -Community Project Funding (CPF)- Congressional Grants Division Grant Award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the total amount $850,000.00 for the Wade Walker Renovations located at 5585 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30088 (18 037 13 005).
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/27/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Massiah, and Commissioner Patrick

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

Information provided by Paige Singer, RPCA
-RP: motion to approve

2026-1374 Commission District(s): District 4 and 7
Acceptance of FY2026 Economic Development Initiative-Community Project Funding (CPF)- Congressional Grants Division Grant Award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the total amount of $1,200,000.00 for Rowland Park Renovations located at 1227 Rowland Road, Stone Mountain, GA (15 228 05 012).
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/27/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Massiah, and Commissioner Patrick

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

Information provided by Paige Singer, RPCA
-RP: motion to approve

2026-1375 Commission District(s): Districts 3 and 7
Acceptance of FY2026 Economic Development Initiative - Community Project Funding (CPF) - Congressional Grants Division Grant Award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the total amount of $250,000.00 for the County Line Park Improvements, with no match required, located at 4059 Old River Rd, Ellenwood, GA 30294 (15 028 05 002).
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/27/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Massiah, and Commissioner Patrick

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

Information provided by Paige Singer, RPCA
Q NM: can you speak to what the improves are?
PS: repave and expand the service drive and put a community pavilion in the back of the park

-RP: motion to approve

2026-1385 Commission District(s): Districts 5 and 7
Rename a portion of Lithonia Park to DeKalb Lithonia Park located at 2501 Park Drive (parcel 16 136 01 068).
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/27/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Massiah, and Commissioner Patrick

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

Information provided by Paige Singer, RPCA
-RP: motion to approve

Previously Heard Items

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs

2026-1231 Commission District(s): ALL
REN - Contract No. 1373363 Restoration and Maintenance of Athletic Fields (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew). For use by Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs. Ratifying term increase and exercising 2nd renewal option through August 31, 2027. Awarded to JMB Landscaping Inc.: Amount Not To Exceed: $65,000.00.
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/27/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Massiah, and Commissioner Patrick

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

Information provided by Paige Singer, RPCA
Q RP: are these designated for specific parks?
PS: The way the bid is set up is, its for all sod fields, listed out by acre. As they come online and restored they fall into the list
Q RP: is Pleasantdale handled by RPCA or the soccer club?
PS: the soccer club

-RP: motion to approve

Extension Service

2026-1255 Commission District(s): All Districts
Annual Financial Agreement between The Board of Regents of the University Systems of Georgia by and on behalf of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service and DeKalb County - Compensation of personnel in the amount of $154,373.00 for the contribution toward the compensation of County Extension Personnel January 1, 2027, to December 31, 2027
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/27/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Massiah, and Commissioner Patrick

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

Information provided by COO Williams
Comments provided by Commissioner Massiah
Q RP: can you send us some engagement data
COO: yes absolutely.

-RP: motion to approve

Chief Executive Office

2026-1166 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Establishment of the DeKalb Farm Fresh Mobile Market (Purchasing Policy Exemption) and Ratification of Purchase Order No. 5080905. Consists of the provision of services to establish and operate the DeKalb Farm Fresh Mobile Market to make locally sourced food more accessible and affordable for residents of DeKalb County, Georgia. A contract will be developed and executed in a form acceptable to the County Attorney or his designee. Awarded to: Retaaza, LLC. Amount Not to Exceed: $378,000.00.
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/27/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Massiah, and Commissioner Patrick

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

Information provided by COO Williams

-RP: motion to approve

Code Compliance

2026-1058 Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 2026-042-ITB Nuisance Abatement and Remediation Services (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract). For use by the Department of Code Compliance and Enforcement (CC) to obtain services to reduce blight in the County including abatement of vacant and abandoned properties (houses and lots). Recommend award to the overall lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Cascade Services, Inc. and Executive Realty Solutions, Inc.: Amount Not To Exceed: $450,000.00.
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 10/27/2026 .

Information provided by Tonza Clark, Director Code Compliance
Q NM: can you speak to the properties in District 1 & 3
Response provided by Director Clark
Q RP: Does this include demolition?
TC: this contract covers clean up and abatement
Q NM: how did come to choose this vendor, how many were evaluated?
COO: we can get back to you
NM: then lets hold this in committee till we can meet offline

Holding in Committee

Meeting Concluded At: 6:00 PM

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Adjourned meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Massiah, and Commissioner Patrick

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

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Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC