



# DeKalb County Government

Manuel J. Maloof Center  
1300 Commerce Drive  
Decatur, Georgia 30030

## Minutes

### OPS-County Operations Committee

*Chair Person: Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5*

*Member: Larry Johnson, District 3*

*Member: Michelle Long Spears, District 2*

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Tuesday, March 5, 2024

1:00 PM

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Meeting Started At: 1:02 PM

Attendees: Commissioners Davis Johnson, Johnson, Long Spears (via dial-in), Terry, Patrick, Bradshaw

**Present**      3 - Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Larry Johnson, and Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

#### I. MINUTES

**2024-0314**      Commission District(s): All Districts  
Minutes for the February 20, 2024, County Operations (OPS) Committee Meeting;  
**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**  
**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Long Spears**

#### III. DISCUSSION

Committee Goals

*-information provided by Commissioner Davis Johnson on the proposed list of committee goals under review by the Committee*

*-Commissioner Davis Johnson requested that at the next OPS meeting Director Keisha Smith be invited to discuss the topics of Voter Precinct Changes and Elections Translation Services. Lets bring this to the 3/19 OPS Meeting*

*Comments provided by Dr Obeng, Chief of Staff*

*MDJ: board appointments would be good to discuss, this has come up in Charter Review. We have vacant positions not filled and it would be good to review.*

*-COO: We have worked with the law department, central staff and P3 to review board vacancies and duties. Maybe this is something we could bring to committee in the spring.*

*-comments provided by Commissioner Terry on the P3 Boards and Commissions project*

*MDJ: we will talk about; Parking deck Mural, PDK Masterplan update, Animal Services 5 year plan, this year's legislative agenda, Composting RFP, and elections.*

*-suggestions provided by Commissioner Johnson regarding discussing items within SPLOST I from 2017, such as the Facilities Master Plan and transition plan for the commission to move pending renovations and what is going to be added to Maloof to be effective technology wise.*

*LJ: The clerk used to keep commissioners aware of vacancies quarterly, maybe that can be brought back*

*-comments provided by Commissioner Terry regarding the boards and commissions project*

*-comments provided by Commissioner Long Spears regarding boards and commissions appointments*

*-MLS: I look forward to that presentation as soon as possible*

*MDJ: I'll speak to Dr. Obeng about getting an update from the Clerk's Office*

#### IV. AGENDA ITEM

##### *Previously Heard Items*

#### **Board of Commissioners - District 7**

[2023-1515](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
A Resolution Of The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County, Georgia, To Provide Annual Funding To DeKalb Pro Bono  
**This agenda item was No recommendation to the Board of Commissioners due back on 3/12/2024 .**

*MDJ: Let's bring this to our next Committee of the Whole*

#### **Board of Commissioners - District 2**

[2024-0190](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
An Ordinance for Companion Animal Litter Permit and Transfer and Sale of Dogs and Cats in DeKalb County, Georgia  
**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 3/12/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Long Spears  
**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

*-MLS: motion defer for two weeks*

*New Agenda Items*

**Board of Commissioners - Central Staff**

[2024-0332](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Board of Commissioners Community Spending Projects: Federal  
Funding Requests

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by  
Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended  
for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on  
3/12/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Long Spears

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

*Information provided by Chief of Staff, Dr. Obeng*

*MDJ: You have different congressional districts within the County, so each Commissioner would need to know who would be available for their district*

*KO: We did receive a map outlining as such, we will circulate following this meeting.*

*Question MLS: would this also need to go to PECS?*

*MDJ: we could vote on them as a group to senate offices but how house representative we'll need to know which district falls in which congressional district*

*-MLS: motion defer for two weeks*

**Purchasing & Contracting**

[2024-0157](#)

Commission District(s): ALL  
REN - Contract Nos.: 1284154, 1284156, 1284155, 1284157, and 1284158 Lubricants (Annual Contract - 2nd of 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management and the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). These contracts consist of the purchase of lubricants (motor oil, hydraulic fluids, transmission fluids, etc.) used for County vehicles and on-site equipment. This request seeks to exercise the 2nd renewal option through March 31, 2025. User Departments also reserve the right to transfer funds between awardees based on department needs. Awarded to Dilmar Oil Co.; The McPherson Companies, Inc.; Lubrication Engineers, Inc.; Taylor Enterprises, Inc.; and Cadence Petroleum. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$700,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 3/12/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Long Spears

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

*Information provided by Director Gordon -*

*MLS: motion to approve*

### **Innovation & Technology**

[2024-0204](#)

Commission District(s): ALL  
CO - Change Order No. 5 to Contract No. 1072167 Customer Billing System Replacement (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Innovation & Technology (DoIT). This contract consists of the delivery, implementation, integration, and annual maintenance and support of a state-of-the-art Customer Information System (CIS) solution. This request seeks to increase contract funds to continue additional go-live support training, resources and per diem professional services. Awarded to Systems & Software, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$250,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 3/12/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Long Spears

**Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson**

*Information provided by Director Matelski -*

*MLS: motion to approve*

**2024-0206**

Commission District(s): ALL  
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1279315 Application Maintenance and Operations Support for DeKalb County's Gov CX City 311 application (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). This contract consists of providing the annual maintenance and operation support for DeKalb County's Gov CX City 311 application. This request seeks to increase contract funds and term through February 28, 2027. This request also seeks to ratify a previously provided fifteen (15) day contract term increase, effective as of February 29, 2024. Awarded to Speridian Technologies, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$600,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 3/12/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 2 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Long Spears**

**Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson**

*Information provided by Director Matelski -*

*MLS: motion to approve*

**2024-0209**

Commission District(s): ALL  
CA - Cooperative Agreement for Palo Alto Network and Infoblox Equipment (General Services Administration (GSA) Multiple Award Schedule Contract No. 47QSWA18D008F): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). Consists of purchasing from the GSA Schedule Contract for the annual maintenance and support of the County's Palo Alto network and Infoblox equipment. Awarded to Carahsoft Technology Corporation. Amount Not to Exceed: \$702,062.00.

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 3/12/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 2 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Long Spears**

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

*Information provided by Director Matelski -*

*MLS: motion to approve*

2024-0211

Commission District(s): ALL  
SWC- Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-SPD-T20120501-0013  
Networking Equipment and IT Infrastructure Products: for use by the  
Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). This request seeks  
to purchase the annual maintenance and support for the County's  
Juniper network equipment from the competitively let SWC. Awarded  
to Layer 3 Communications, LLC. Amount Not to Exceed:  
\$409,833.00.

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by  
Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for  
approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 3/12/2024.  
The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Long Spears

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

*Information provided by Director Matelski -*

*MLS: motion to approve*

2024-0217

Commission District(s): All  
REN - Contract No. 1245846 Network Professional Services &  
Monitoring (Annual Contract- 3rd Renewal of 4 Options to Renew): for  
use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). This  
contract consists of providing managed network services and  
maintenance support for the enterprise local wide area County voice  
and data network. This request seeks to exercise the 3rd renewal option  
through March 31, 2025. Awarded to Layer 3 Communications, LLC.  
Amount Not To Exceed: \$977,658.30.

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by  
Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for  
approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 3/12/2024.  
The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Long Spears

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

*Information provided by Director Matelski -*

*MLS: motion to approve*

2024-0306

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 8 to Contract No. 1070633 End-User Computing (Statewide Contract): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). This request seeks to purchase from the competitively let Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-SPD-SPD000161-004 to purchase new computers, laptops, scanners, and accessories utilized by all County departments. This request seeks to increase contract funds. Awarded to Dell Marketing, L.P. Amount Not To Exceed \$3,000,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 3/12/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Long Spears

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

*Item was sent to OIIA -2/29 - Not Returned*

*MDJ: this will be contingent on Audit Review  
Information provided by Director Matelski*

*-MLS: motion to approve pending OIIA review*

#### **Board of Commissioners - District 2**

**2024-0370**

Commission District(s): District 2  
Resolution Accepting the Charter Review Commission Recommendations

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval upon receipt of additional information to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 3/12/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Long Spears

*Information provided by Commissioner Long Spears*

*Comments provided by County Attorney*

*Review of previous presentation provided by Commissioner Davis Johnson*

*LJ: I am hesitant on hiring someone to review open records requests, currently the law department does this. I am not in support of the proposed subpoena power. I'd like more conversation regarding their budget recommendations on moving the deadline up.*

*MLS: I am in support of recommendations provided and applaud the process*

*Question SB: Is the choice all or nothing? If not I wouldn't vote until this document is modified. What is the going forward process? Can we amend this document?*

*Comments provided by County Attorney*

*Question MDJ: if there is a recommendation from us to modify? If we do not want to accept it as a whole could there be modifications or recommendations?*

*County Attorney: yes. It is just like any other state law, there can be group recommendations or individual recommendations. Comments provided by Commissioner Terry*

*TT: I would ask the committee today to please send this to the full board, with amendments if necessary so we can work out the details for a vote next Tuesday. I'm sure the County Attorney can support.*

*Comments provided by Commissioner Davis Johnson*

*Comments provided by Commissioner Patrick*

*RP: Most of my concerns were mentioned at the COW Meeting, if there is a process I'd like to work those in*

*MDJ: I spoke to some at the COTW meeting. I would like to leave "with cause" in our charter when it comes to COO and County Attorney position. I think every 8 years for review is good, I'd like that to start from the date from this review was conducted. I appreciate the review board's work and effort in developing this.*

*MLS: to reiterate I support all recommendations made by the review board. I'm sensitive to the concerns raised and I would encourage each commissioner to speak with their appointee.*

*Question MLS: For us to move the agenda item along, would we need a substitute after review of the resolution and recommendations? Can we work together to compile a list of concerns from Commissioners and forward that to the legislative delegation?*

*County Attorney: There is not a set process but you could have staff to collect comments if commissioners would put them in writing and submit them as part of the item's substitute.*

*Question MDJ to County Attorney: can we submit them to you and what amendments we would like changed and you put them in the substitute for approval?*

*County Attorney: Yes written comments and I can attach them to the resolution. They can be individual comments. Additional comments provided*

*Question MDJ: can the CEO and Board have sperate resolutions?*

*County Attorney: CEO can communicate to the delegation as he chooses or participate in this one.*

*MDJ: So we can send them to you, maybe copy commissioners on it so everyone can see what the comments are and put that in a resolution to be voted on by Tuesday?*

*County Attorney: yes.*

*MLS: my office is happy to assist in preparing this substitute.*

*Additional comments provided by County Attorney.*

*Comments provided by Commissioner Johnson*

*Comments provided by Commissioner Davis Johnson*

*County Attorney: The motion would be - to direct the County Attorney to prepare a substitute item Agenda and resolution that includes comments from each individual commissioner regarding the charter review board recommendations. These would be individual comments and not necessarily match.*

*Comments by Commissioner Johnson*

*Comments by Commissioner Bradshaw*

*TT: If we move forward with conflicting comments there will not be any movement. My suggestion would be to make the changes that have been laid out and take it to a vote, then the delegation will know where the board stands.*

*Comments by Commissioner Davis Johnson*

*MLS: Motion to direct the County Attorney to prepare a substitute resolution that approves the charter review commissions work and attached to the resolution the written comments from each commissioner outlining what they would like the delegation to know. These comments do not have to match.*

*Second: LJ*

*Vote: yes unanimous*



*MLS: I am included to agree with Commissioner Terry, however considering we have little time I think it is important to provide input. I support us pulling together this list of comments*

*Question SB: is there a deadline for comments?*

*County Attorney: Close of business Monday at the very latest*

Meeting Ended At: 2:14 PM

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

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Long Spears

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

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Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC