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Matthew Holtkamp, District 4

Official

**Business Session Minutes**

**Tuesday, September 19, 2023 - 2:00 PM**

Present: Nicole L. Hendrickson, Ben Ku, Jasper Watkins III, Matthew Holtkamp  
Via Teleconference: Kirkland Carden

**I. Call To Order**

**II. Opening Remarks by Chairwoman**

**III. Approval of Agenda**

{Action: Amend agenda by adding GCID 2023-0886 as New Business, under Commissioners (Page 8) Motion: Ku Second: Watkins Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

{Action: Approval of amended agenda Motion: Ku Second: Watkins Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

**IV. Approval of Minutes:**

- **Invocation:** September 5, 2023
  - **Work Session:** September 5, 2023
  - **Informal Presentation, 11:00 a.m.:** September 5, 2023
  - **Informal Business Discussion, 12:00 p.m.:** September 5, 2023
  - **Executive Session:** September 5, 2023
  - **Business Session:** September 5, 2023
  - **Informal Presentation, 3:00 p.m.:** September 5, 2023
- {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Watkins Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

**V. Announcements:**

- **Proclamation:** Recognizing Georgia's Youngest Certified Hydroponic Farmer
- **Proclamation:** Celebrating Voter Registration Day, September 19, 2023



## Proclamation

# RECOGNIZING GEORGIA'S YOUNGEST CERTIFIED HYDROPONIC FARMER

September 19, 2023

WHEREAS, Gwinnett is home to remarkable people who share their creative talents with the world while remaining rooted in the values of service and community; and

WHEREAS, At age 12, Gwinnett resident Malon E.D. James has achieved remarkable milestones, notably becoming Georgia's youngest certified hydroponic farmer; and

WHEREAS, Malon is a pioneer in the hydroponics industry, championing hydroponic farming as a practical solution to combat food insecurity and promote environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Hydroponics is an innovative method of cultivating plants using a water-based nutrient solution rather than traditional soil. Through his research, Malon identified hydroponics as an agricultural method to ensure the well-being of children during challenging times such as pandemics, conflicts, or natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, Malon is currently conducting research on a hydroponic farm, assessing the viability of organically produced nutrients, and comparing various aspects of hydroponically grown food to food produced using traditional farming methods; and

WHEREAS, Malon serves as a role model for people of all ages and backgrounds, inspiring them to believe in themselves, pursue their passions with purpose, and give back to their community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kirkland Carden, do hereby recognize Malon E.D. James, Georgia's youngest certified hydroponic farmer, for his exceptional achievements, humanitarian endeavors, and unwavering commitment to fostering a positive impact in Gwinnett. Malon's work in the hydroponics industry is truly commendable, and I wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

**District 1  
Board of Commissioners  
Gwinnett County, Georgia**

Signed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023



## Proclamation

# RECOGNIZING VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

September 19, 2023

WHEREAS, One of the most fundamental and sacred rights in any democracy is the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, Each year, millions of Americans find themselves unable to vote because they missed a registration deadline, did not update their registration, or were unsure how to register; and

WHEREAS, Voter Registration Day was first observed in 2012 to celebrate our democracy and inspire Americans to make their voices heard at the ballot box; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception more than a decade ago, Voter Registration Day has served as an essential reminder for citizens to ensure they can exercise their right to vote in upcoming elections; and

WHEREAS, In honor of Voter Registration Day, a diverse coalition of volunteers, government agencies, and community organizations unite to raise awareness about voter registration opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Gwinnett residents can actively engage by encouraging their friends, family, and neighbors to fulfill their civic responsibility by registering to vote.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nicole Love Hendrickson, on behalf of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize September 19, 2023, as Voter Registration Day in Gwinnett County. I encourage all eligible Gwinnett County voters to celebrate this day by ensuring they are registered to vote.

**Chairwoman  
Board of Commissioners  
Gwinnett County, Georgia**

Signed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023

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**VI. Consent Agenda**

**A. New Business**

**1. Multiple Departments**

**2023-0823 Award BL066-23**, provision of speed limit feedback radar signs on an annual contract (September 20, 2023 through September 19, 2024), Departments of Police Services and Transportation, to Radarsign, LLC, base bid \$151,540.00. This contract is funded 73% by the 2017 SPLOST Program. (Staff Recommendation: Award) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Watkins Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

**2023-0825 Approval** to renew RP023-20, provision of wrecker services on an annual contract (January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024), Departments of Police Services and Support Services, with Lance Wrecker Service, Inc.; Statewide Wrecker Service, Inc.; and Willard Wrecker Service, Inc., base amount \$115,000.00. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Watkins Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

**2. County Administration**

**2023-0831 Award BL117-23**, provision of commercial moving services on an annual contract (September 20, 2023 through September 19, 2024), to Suddath Relocation Systems of Atlanta, Inc., base bid \$522,600.00. (Staff Recommendation: Award) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Watkins Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

**3. Financial Services/Buffy Alexzulian**

**2023-0813 Approval** to renew RP035-21, provision of armored courier services on an annual contract (January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024), with Brink's, Inc., base amount \$147,513.48. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Watkins Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

## **VI. Consent Agenda**

### **A. New Business**

#### **4. Planning & Development/Matt Dickison**

**2023-0811 Approval** of Time Lapse Requirements for Zoning of property located at 3650 Loganville Highway and 259 Willowwind Drive. The applicant, Stanton Porter, requests waiver of the 12-month time lapse requirement for zoning relating to prior related cases, RZC2023-00011, RZM2023-00010, and SUP2023-00025. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Watkins Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

#### **5. Police Services/James D. McClure**

**2023-0836 Award RP023-23**, provision of emergency management consulting and recovery services on an annual contract (September 29, 2023 through September 28, 2024), to Tetra Tech, Inc., base amount \$101,000.00 (negotiated cost savings of approximately \$3,635.00). Contract to follow award. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. (Staff Recommendation: Award) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Watkins Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

**2023-0796 Approval/authorization** of a Resolution enabling the Gwinnett County Police Department to maintain compliance with all state requirements regarding its speed detection permit with the Georgia Department of Public Safety. Approval/authorization for the Chairwoman to sign all related documents. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Watkins Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

#### **6. Support Services/Ron Adderley**

**2023-0826 Award BL113-23**, Gwinnett County Five Forks Public Library roofing replacement project, to A&B Commercial Construction, LLC, amount not to exceed \$403,000.00. Contract to follow award. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. (Staff Recommendation: Award) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Watkins Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

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**6. Support Services/Ron Adderley**

**2023-0830 Award BL088-23**, Police West Precinct roof replacement project, to Alpha Roofing Systems, LLC dba ACR Commercial Roofing, amount not to exceed \$198,298.69. Contract to follow award. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. (Staff Recommendation: Award) **{Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Watkins Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}**

**2023-0806 Approval/authorization** for the Chairwoman to execute a Second Amendment to Lease Agreement between Peachtree Marketplace Outparcel, LLC, and Gwinnett County, Georgia, for the Peachtree Corners Tag Office located at 6135 Peachtree Parkway in Peachtree Corners. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) **{Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Watkins Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}**

**2023-0807 Approval/authorization** for the Chairwoman to execute a Lease Amendment between Pike Center, LLC, and Gwinnett County, Georgia, and execute a Rental Agreement between the State Properties Commission and Gwinnett County, Georgia, for the Day Reporting Center located at 595 Old Norcross Road in Lawrenceville. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) **{Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Watkins Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}**

**2023-0808 Approval/authorization** for the Chairwoman to execute a Lease Amendment between Meritex Atlanta Industrial I, LLC, and Gwinnett County, Georgia, to lease Elections office and warehouse space at 825 Progress Center Avenue in Lawrenceville. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) **{Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Watkins Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}**

**7. Transportation/Lewis Cooksey**

**2023-0816 Award BL085-23**, triple surface treatment of EM Croy Road and Sycamore Drive, to Epps Brothers, Inc., amount not to exceed \$121,600.00. This contract is funded by various SPLOST Programs. (Staff Recommendation: Award) **{Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Watkins Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}**

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#### **7. Transportation/Lewis Cooksey**

**2023-0817 Award BL108-23**, Suwanee Creek Road at Bennett Creek roadway improvement project, to CMES, Inc., amount not to exceed \$3,545,000.00. Contract to follow award. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. This contract is funded by the 2017 SPLOST Program. (Staff Recommendation: Award) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Watkins Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

**2023-0820 Award BL103-23**, supplemental contract for the provision of sidewalk trip hazard removal services on an annual contract (September 20, 2023 through September 19, 2024), to Georgia Safe Sidewalks, LLC, base bid \$102,000.00. (Staff Recommendation: Award) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Watkins Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

**2023-0834 Approval/authorization** for the Chairwoman to execute a Resolution of Commitment to apply for, and accept if awarded, a competitive U.S. Department of Transportation grant available through the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant Program. This grant application includes a request for funding in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 to support the development of a plan to connect the communities surrounding Interstate 85 from Jimmy Carter Boulevard to Beaver Ruin Road. If awarded, the County will provide required matching funds of an amount up to \$400,000.00 from the 2017 SPLOST Program. Approval/authorization for the Chairwoman or designee to execute any and all documents related to this application. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Watkins Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

**2023-0828 Award OS041-23**, transit fare revenue system annual maintenance agreement (October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024), to Cubic Transportation Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$218,752.00. (Staff Recommendation: Award) (Gwinnett County Transit Advisory Board Approved on September 6, 2023, Vote 4-0.) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Watkins Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

## **VI. Consent Agenda**

### **A. New Business**

#### **7. Transportation/Lewis Cooksey**

**2023-0829 Approval/authorization** for the Chairwoman to execute a Resolution adopting the Gwinnett County Transit Development Plan (TDP) and authorization to submit the TDP to the Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority (ATL) for inclusion in the ATL Regional Transit Plan (ARTP). Approval for the Chairwoman to execute any and all related documents. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Watkins Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

#### **8. Water Resources/Rebecca Shelton**

**2023-0810 Award BL089-23**, Turkey Crossing gravity sewer interceptor project, to Mid-South Builders, Inc., amount not to exceed \$2,776,090.00. Contract to follow award. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. (Staff Recommendation: Award) (Water and Sewerage Authority Approved on September 11, 2023, Vote 5-0.) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Watkins Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

**2023-0818 Approval** to renew BL080-21, purchase of solids dewatering and thickening polymer on an annual contract (October 19, 2023 through October 18, 2024), with Polydyne, Inc., base bid \$2,342,000.00 (negotiated cost savings of approximately \$234,200.00). (Staff Recommendation: Approval) (Water and Sewerage Authority Approved on September 11, 2023, Vote 5-0.) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Watkins Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

**2023-0839 Approval** to renew BL098-20, sewer and stormwater assessment program on an annual contract (January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024), with Woolpert, Inc., base bid \$4,535,000.00. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) (Water and Sewerage Authority Approved on September 11, 2023, Vote 5-0.) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Watkins Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}



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**8. Water Resources/Rebecca Shelton**

**2023-0840 Approval** to renew BL092-22, provision of sanitary sewer and force main rehabilitation program on an annual contract (January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024), with Southeast Pipe Survey, Inc. and Vortex Services, LLC, base bid \$5,500,000.00 (negotiated cost savings of approximately \$330,000.00). (Staff Recommendation: Approval) (Water and Sewerage Authority Approved on September 11, 2023, Vote 5-0.) **{Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Watkins Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}**

**VII. Old Business**

**1. Commissioners**

**2023-0657 Approval** to appoint Laurie McClain to the Gwinnett County Transit Advisory Board. Term expires December 31, 2026. Incumbent Joshua Williams. District 4/Holtkamp **(Tabled on 9/19/2023) (Tabled to 10/17/2023)** **{Action: Approve Motion: Holtkamp Second: Watkins Vote: 1-3-1; Hendrickson-No; Carden-Abstained; Ku-No; Watkins-No; Holtkamp-Yes – Motion Failed} {Action: Tabled Motion: Holtkamp Second: Watkins Vote: 4-0-1; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Abstained; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}**

**2. Planning & Development/Matt Dickison**

**2023-0690 RZM2023-00016**, Applicant: Syed Firoz; Owner: Kamaran Mamand; Rezoning of Tax Parcel No. R6067 014; 2090 Elmwood Circle; R-100 to R-TH for Townhouses; 2.41 acres; District 3/Watkins [Planning Department Recommendation: Approve with Conditions] [Planning Commission Recommendation: Deny] **{Action: Approved with Change Motion: Watkins Second: Ku Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}**

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**VIII. New Business**

**1. Commissioners**

**2023-0886 Approval/authorization** of a Resolution to move the November 28, 2023 Public Hearing to November 14, 2023 and to move any items scheduled for the November 28, 2023 Public Hearing to November 14, 2023. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Watkins Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

**IX. Comments from Audience**

**X. Adjournment**

{Action: Adjourn Motion: Ku Second: Holtkamp Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}