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DeKalb Commissioners' Public Works and Infrastructure Committee Saves County Over \$29 Million

DECATUR, Ga.—On July 9, 2019, DeKalb County Commissioners Steve Bradshaw, Kathie Gannon and Nancy Jester, members of the Public Works and Infrastructure (PWI) Committee, collectively made an operational decision to have the Office of Independent Internal Audit (OIIA) review all purchasing contracts in excess of \$3 million.

“I have had the privilege of serving as chair of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee with my colleagues, Commissioners Gannon and Jester,” Commissioner Bradshaw said. “Significant progress was made this year. As a committee, we are proud that we have increased fiscal responsibility on behalf the citizens of DeKalb County. And we thank the Office of Independent Internal Audit for supporting us in the effort.”

Since July 9, 2019, when the \$3 million threshold was agreed to the OIIA generated actual cost savings of \$3.3 million. Additionally, OIIA contract generated funding reductions have been \$14.35 million.

Moreover, audit oversight has been taking place since the beginning of 2019. For the entire year OIIA generated actual cost savings of \$4.8 million. Additionally, OIIA contract generated funding reductions have been \$24.7 million.

Committee members agreed that providing this additional oversight constitutes good public policy. This operational decision has produced some tangible results for the taxpayers of DeKalb County.

“These funds were made available for reallocation to fund other needs rather than being encumbered by a contract approval at the original not-to-exceed dollar amount,” said John Greene, chief audit executive.

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