

DeKalb History Center

DeKalb County Government Reorganization

Scope and content: The DeKalb County Government Reorganization Commission documents include correspondence, newspaper clippings and research, sign in sheets from public hearings and text for a radio public service announcement. Also included are meeting minutes and drafts, notes and the completed final report sent in November 1979. The documents range from 1971 until 1980.

Provenance: Gift of H. Allen Moye, Accession # 1980.28.

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Organizational History of the DeKalb County Government Reorganization Commission:

The DeKalb County Government Reorganization Commission was formed by the Georgia General Assembly in 1978. The 29-member commission was to develop a reorganization plan for DeKalb government. The commission was chaired by H. Allen Moye. Eugene P. Walker was vice chairman and Whitfield C. Smith was secretary. Meetings were open to the public and press releases distributed to local newspapers. The final report was released in November 1979 and favored a strong chairman form of government, separating the executive and legislative branches and giving the chairman veto power over the county commission.

Description: The DeKalb County Government Reorganization collection includes newspaper articles, budget research and materials, correspondence, information of the cost of reorganization, personnel code and an employee's handbook. There is also information on departments in the government, such as how they are set up and responsibilities given to them. There are meeting minutes, handwritten notes and research materials. There is also a 1978 report on structuring the leadership in DeKalb by Goals for DeKalb, a non-profit, non-political citizens group. The report here is a result of seven public sessions, the last two of which were moderated by former dean of the Emory School of Law Ben F. Johnson. There are population and census statistics and documents from the powers and duties committee.

Subject Headings: Where possible, Library of Congress Subject Headings have been used.

Main Entry: DeKalb County Government Reorganization Commission

Subject/Added Entries: DeKalb County (Ga.)
 Moye, H. Allen
 Walker, Eugene P.
 Smith, Whitfield C.
 DeKalb County (Ga.) Chief Executive Officer
 DeKalb County (Ga.) Board of Commissioners
 Goals for DeKalb, citizens group

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