



Minutes - Draft

OPS-County Operations Committee

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

1:00 PM

This meeting will be conducted via teleconference (Zoom). Simultaneous public access to the meeting will be available

(1) via live stream on DCTV's webpage,

(2) on DCTVChannel23.TV

Meeting Started At: 1:00 PM

Attendees: Commissioner Davis Johnson, Patrick, Bradshaw, Terry, Rader, Cochran-Johnson

Present 3 - Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, and Commissioner Robert Patrick

I. MINUTES

2022-1119 Commission District(s): All Districts
Minutes for the January 18, 2022 County Operations (OPS) Committee Meeting;
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Patrick

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson

II. DISCUSSION

Board Of Elections - New Member Introductions

-information provided by Chair Lowman Smith, Karli Swift, Board of Registration and Elections

-introduction of Executive Director Keisha Smith

-Commissioner Terry requested further information on the board budget and the DeKalb Elections Committee

-D Lowman Smith: regarding the budget, we are getting about double what the most recent budget was. We have been discussing getting the department up to the appropriate funding level, and we are working with HR to ensure we have the appropriate staffing and organizational structure to become one of the leading elections operators in the southeast. You can expect additional position requests as we get clarity around that. We are trying to model ourselves around best practice organizations. Regarding the stakeholder committee, one of Ms. Smith's charges will be to look into how we can incorporate that collaboration and communication in the day-to-day. We have since brought on a consultant on communications and marketing to keep our stakeholders apprised; we feel that we are on the right path and look forward to Ms. Smith's recommendations on how we can integrate that into what we do, rather than have something separate

-MDJ: myself and Commissioner Patrick will hold a 6:30PM Thursday, February 3rd event will be a voter education town hall meeting, where we'll be introducing our new board members. That is a virtual event at 6:30PM, streaming live on DCTV and Mereda Davis Johnson's Facebook. We will also have an update on the pending federal legislation regarding voting rights.

III. AGENDA ITEM

Previously Heard Items:

2021-3578

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 21-101448 Repair, Maintenance and Installation of Fire Intrusion Alarm Systems (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). Consists of providing maintenance, repair and installation of fire intrusion alarms. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Automated Security Integrators, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$250,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/8/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Patrick

-information provided by Deputy Director Kevin Buford

-Question MDJ: the other 2 bidders were non-responsive?

C Horner: that is correct

[2022-1050](#)

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order 8 to Contract No. 10-901833 for Systems Maintenance and Support Agreement for Construction and Use Permits, Code Enforcement, Cashiering, Customer Services and Licensing; For the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT). Consists of upgrading the Rhythm for Civics project. Award To Infor Public Sector, Inc. Amount Not to Exceed: \$58,400.00.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/8/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Patrick

-Information provided by Director Matelski

[2022-1072](#)

Commission District(s): All
REN - Installation of Data, Voice and Multimedia Cabling (Annual Contract 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew) to Contract No. 1213433: for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). This contract consists of providing low-voltage installations, moves, adds and changes of data, voice and multimedia cabling at various locations within the County facilities. Awarded to R. B. Communications, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$300,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/8/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Patrick

-information provided by Director Matelski

2022-1077

Commission District(s): All

REN - Network Professional Services & Monitoring (Annual Contract-1st Renewal of 4 Options to Renew) Contract No. 1245846 for the use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT). Consists of providing managed network services and maintenance support for the enterprise local wide area County voice and data network. Awarded to Layer 3 Communications. Amount Not To Exceed: \$859,870.76.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/8/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Patrick

-information provided by Director Matelski

Substitute was proved that corrects the effective date of the contract. No other changes were made

-RP: motion to approve the substitute

2021-3283

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution Of The Governing Authority of DeKalb County Requesting That The DeKalb Delegation Of The General Assembly Support Legislation to Amend The Georgia Elections Code To Allow Counties To Use Instant Runoff or “Rank Choice” Voting in Local Elections

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/8/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Patrick

-information provided by Commissioner Rader

-Question MDJ: how would this affect the rank choice in the state of Georgia's system?

JR: it doesn't change the necessity to change the 50%+1 to have the election. What is does is upon the elimination of candidates in a particular election, if a single candidate achieves 50+1 at the general election, they are elected. If no candidate receives that 50+1 in the general election, rather than go to a runoff election, the lowest ranked candidate would be eliminated and their votes reallocated to the second candidate. The process works it way through for each candidate after if that does not result in a 50+1 for one candidate.

-information provided by Bill Bozarth

-B Bozarth: discussion of HB 1085, sponsored by 6 legislators, 2 of which are representatives from DeKalb. The lead sponsor is a republican. This is a bipartisan effort. This resolution would put DeKalb in the position that you would like this to happen to be a choice in the county.

-Question TT: has there been a study committee convened?

B Bozarth: there has not yet been a study committee convened in the legislature

-discussion of benefits of a ranked choice system by Commissioner Terry

-TT: if this study committee happens, and they look at it from a comprehensive view, there would be uniformity that we get the study committee going so that we can particularly review the cost savings

-Question MDJ: does HB 1085 that is the bill to put the counties and municipalities on equal footing when determining the type of runoffs you desire?

B Bozarth: the bill was drafted based on what could be accomplished. The legislation being discussed by Commissioner Terry is what Better Ballot Georgia believes the state needs to do; it does not include counties currently, so down the line counties would need to be added to this - only cities.

-Question SB: I don't think the electorate is well served by a candidate debate stage with several 8-10 candidates battling on stage. When it is 1-1 you get to see the candidate and their ability to work under pressure; but if this is to convene a study committee then I am on board with that

-RP: having been through a runoff, it is an opportunity for residents to see what you have as a candidate; I'm not sure I see the immediate benefit but I can get behind the study committee

-Question MDJ :commissioner Rader is this study committee only going to study the cost factor, or other factors?

JR: this does not single out costs, so the committee would have a broader charge than studying costs; the real focus needs to be some of the factors that Commissioners have expressed regarding public will and best way to manifest that. That is more to the point of what ranked choice voting is intended to do

2021-3530

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution Of The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County, Georgia To The General Proposing A County Organizational Act Amendment To Ensure, And Eliminate Impediments To, Establishment, By Ordinance, Of A Transparent And Efficient County Procurement System

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/15/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Patrick

-information provided by Commissioner Rader

-Question MDJ: is it your position that any flexibility should be taken out of the procurement process?

JR: not necessarily. Additional information provided by Commissioner Rader. The adoption of an ordinance does not remove all executive flexibility; it identifies those areas where flexibility is formalized in order to make all parties accountable. This was not perfected in the legislation previously adopted, so this attempts to correct that defect in the legislation

-Question SB: for clarity, what is different now from the original ruling that this change couldn't be made without a referendum?

JR: nothing has changed; this is a resolution to petition the delegation to correct the flaw that was identified. It doesn't have any other problems sought to be addressed. This simply says that there is that flaw in the existing legislation that needs to be corrected

-Question SB: in a practical sense, does this encroach on the current authority of the chief executive?

JR: that is supposedly the issue that the county attorney identified; the legislation that the General Assembly adopted had that effect and therefore required a referendum.

-question RP: as I read this it seems that we are asking the legislation to fix the problem; would it not be better to suggest what we want?

JR: The focus on the construction is to draw that defect to their attention

-MDJ: I would like to have further discussions on this in committee. I have questions on it and am not ready to proceed with it

-SB: I'm not ready to take action on 3530, and the 2 successive items. I believe that all 3 of these should be taken in the construct of an overall charter review

Z Williams: the discussion of the charter review board appointee will be coming soon as the CEO is working on bringing that forward

-SB: motion to defer 2021-3530 to our next OPS meeting

-MDJ: we will hold all other items until the next meeting

2021-3531

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia to the DeKalb County Delegation of the General Assembly to Amend the DeKalb County Organizational Act Section 13A to Allow the Board of Commissioners to make Appointments after a 90 Day Period

This agenda item was recommended holding in committee

2021-3532

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution Of The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County Georgia To The General Assembly Relating To The Creation Of A Charter Review Commission To Study And Make Recommendations On The Governance Structure of DeKalb County

This agenda item was recommended holding in committee

- [2022-1109](#) Commission District(s): All Districts
A Resolution Of The Governing Authority Of DeKalb County, Georgia To The DeKalb County Delegation Of The General Assembly To Enact Legislation Establishing Gun Storage Requirements For All Firearms And Other Lawful Purposes
This agenda item was recommended holding in committee

New Agenda Items:

- [2021-3540](#) Commission District(s): ALL
RA - Ratification of Change Order No. 3 to Contract Nos. 1023197 and 1031586 for Architectural and Engineering Design Services (Multi-year Contract): for use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM) and Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). These contracts consist of the provision of architectural and engineering design services for various projects. Awarded to Brown Design Group, Inc and Pond & Company. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$777,959.00.
This agenda item was recommended holding in committee

- [2022-1037](#) Commission District(s): ALL
CA - John Deere SLHL Backhoe with Hydraulic Breaker & Coupler: for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Sourcewell Contract No. 032119-JDC to purchase four (4) John Deere SLHL backhoes with hydraulic breakers and couplers. These units are used to excavate worksites related to water and sewer projects. Awarded to Flint Equipment Co. Amount Not To Exceed: \$430,733.00.
This agenda item was recommended holding in committee

[2022-1063](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 7 to Contract No. 1070267 for Technology Solutions, Products and Services: for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT) to be used by various County departments. This contract consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Region 4 ESC/Omnia Partners Contract No: R210401 for purchasing Apple computer hardware, tablets, peripherals, printer, network gear and other approved software. Awarded to CDW Government, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,000,000.00.

This agenda item was recommended holding in committee

Meeting Ended At: 2:19 PM

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be adjourned meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Patrick

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC