



DeKalb County Government

1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30030

Minutes - Draft

PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

3:30 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: 3:30pm

Attendees: Commissioners Cochran-Johnson, Patrick, Terry, Rader

Present 3 - Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Robert Patrick, and Commissioner Ted Terry

I. MINUTES

2021-2460 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the April 6, 2021 Public Works and Infrastructure Committee Meeting
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

II. STATUS UPDATE

CIP Definition and Funding Report

-presentation from Reggie Wells, Director Watershed Management
Water Meter Presentation

-Question LCJ: With the New Day Project how many water meters were we replacing?

R Wells: The original plan when deployed was 102,000

-Question LCJ: are our reading electronically done?

R Wells: yes, we currently have over 130,000 customers within advance meter infrastructure (AMI), and we are working to get the remaining 35,000 customers done electronically to serve our customers with informed data

-Question LCJ: When did the New Day Project begin?

R Wells: the commitment began in 2017, the settlement happened in 2018, and the operation began in 2019

-Question TT: What are the leading causes for unexpected high meter bills?

R Wells: in the past the main contributing factor to unexpected high water bills was the misalignment between the device in the field and its setup in the billing system. Today, the most common issue experienced has been more of the customer having shock after getting a new meter replacement that now measures consumption/usage.

-Question TT: Do we have a program that alerts customer service reps of issues experienced in the field?

-R Wells: we do. Mr. Wells referred to presentation snapshot of data capturing system within the AMI

-Question TT: are there options for an irrigation meter? What is the policy on that?

R Wells: we use the same type of meter. When irrigation is used, the user only pays the irrigation rate, and not the sewer rate. We use the same type of metering device and AMI technology. The cost for a second irrigation meter is mostly around the construction of the meter and infrastructure, around \$2000. This is due to the logistics involved around installing the meter. The meter itself is around \$110.

-Question RP: what is the process for routine payment arrangements for outstanding bills?

Response provided from COO Williams

-R Wells: next step is to lift the billing moratorium that has been in place

III. AGENDA ITEM

2021-2395

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 20-101321 Snapfinger Creek Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility Nord Helical-Bevel Gear Motors (One Time Buy) (DWM). Consists of the purchase and replacement of five (5) Nord Helical - Bevel Gearmotors. One (1) bid was received. Recommend award to the sole, responsive and responsible bidder: Cole Electric Technology Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$129,132.80.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/27/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

-Question RP: what is the life expectancy of these gear motors? Was the last batch purchased to address defects?

R Wells: many factors drive the effectiveness of the motors; if the alignment is good you will get more usage out of them

-Question RP: what happens with the parts that are out of commission?

R Wells: We pull them if normal wear and tear; we also do an analysis with the vendor to determine next steps, for instance a warranty.

[2021-2417](#) Commission District(s): ALL
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No.1212999 for Portable Toilet Rentals (Annual Contract with 2 Options To Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM), Recreation, Parks, and Culture Affairs (RPCA) and the DeKalb-Peachtree Airport (Airport). Consent to Assignment to transfer the remaining balance and contract terms to United Site Service LLC. No change in the contract's terms, conditions, or prices and exercise the first renewal option.
Amount Not To Exceed: \$92,500.00.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/27/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

-Sanitation has been added to the contract; a substitute has been provided. Cost increased by \$7000

[2021-2442](#) Commission District(s): 1, 6
Embry Hills Sign Toppers

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/27/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

-Peggy Allen: there is no cost to the County; costs are covered by the community partners, HOA's. The County does issue the permits for the signs to be implemented

-Commissioner Terry requests the costs associated with this, in case another neighborhood does want to implement their own signs

-LCJ: This would be a case-by-case basis, driven by the wants of the community partners, rather than a blanket cost per sign.

Meeting Ended At: 4:50pm

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

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC