



DeKalb County Government

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1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30030

Minutes

ERPS-Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

2:15 PM

Meeting Started At:

Attendees: Commissioners Terry, Davis Johnson, Long Spears, Patrick, Cochran-Johnson

Present 2 - Commissioner Ted Terry, and Mereda Davis Johnson
Absent 1 - Commissioner Steve Bradshaw

I. MINUTES

2023-1208 Commission District(s): All
Minutes for the September 19, 2023, Employee Relations, and
Public Safety Committee Meeting
**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by
Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. The motion
carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Terry, and Davis Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

II. STATUS UPDATE

Code Red Project

-presentation provided by DEMA Director Cox

-Question TT: How many people are currently opted in to receive alerts?

J Cox: almost 32,000 residents. Detailed information is in a later slide.

-Question MDJ: How does this differ than what we currently get in an emergency?

J Cox: This is from the County, others are from the State. Any County related emergencies are from us. we are the mass communication channel for the County.

-Question MDJ: The numbers that you have - how do you get those numbers? I've received notices but I don't believe I've signed up

Response provided by Chief Cox

J Cox: we will be bringing forth an item, 0566, during the next cycle to support our mass communication contract.

FY23 Budget Adjustment

-FLOCK Cameras budget discussion provided by Chief Ramos - Police

Ramos: Current proposal is for 31 flock cameras including 1 year use and installation at \$113,150.00. If you want to go into the second year without fees it is \$93,000.

-Question MLS: could you provide a copy of which districts will be having these cameras?

-response provided by Chief Ramos

-MLS: if you could please have someone reach out to my office to provide me more information on the FLOCK camera capabilities

-Question MDJ: how does this FLOCK camera tie the person to the crime?

-responses provided by Chief Ramos

-comments provided by Commissioner Patrick

-Question RP: so it takes about \$200,000 for 31 camera locations for the first 2 years, and \$130,000 is for the initial setup processes?

-Chief Ramos: that's correct; additional information provided by Chief Ramos

-RP: Chief if you could please provide me additional information on this that I could provide at a community event

-TT: Chief please share with us the initial analysis so we can review. We will come back in two weeks to discuss a two year plan.

COO: Yes this provides as an update. We can share with you the chief and her teams work. If you want to add more cameras we could assess using general funds or district ARP Funds, especially if it's a district where the data may not support need.

-Question MDJ: is the data you have based on crime in the area?

M Ramos: it is based on violent crime

-Question MDJ: if there is non-violent crime and we provide you with additional funds, can you place them in those areas?

M Ramos: yes; additional comments provided by Chief Ramos

TT: Please share the report and we will come back in two weeks for further discussion.

-Healthcare Ambassador Program information provided by Michelle Waldorff

-Question MDJ: who would be the ambassadors?

M Waldorff: The goal would be representation across the County

-comments provided by Commissioner Patrick

-comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-TT: I would like to propose \$100,000 to get this program started, and months later come back to the committee for an update on the progress of the program

-Question MDJ: what would the \$100,000 be utilized for to get the program started?

M Waldorff: Promotional items and additional support staff. I'm looking for at least part time help. Additional information provided by Michelle Waldorff

TT: before the final vote if you could provide a rough sketch of the budget to provide to all commissioners.

-MDJ: motion to approve the funding for the Healthcare Ambassador Program

Second TT

-Vote: yes 2-0

III. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items:

Board of Commissioners - District 2

2023-1273 Commission District(s): All Commission District
A Resolution Urging the Administration to Explore Use of Physical
and Mental Health Advocates(s) for DeKalb Employees Needing
Assistance Navigating Insurance and Healthcare Services
**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by
Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral
to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/10/2023. The
motion carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Terry, and Davis Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

-information provided by Commissioner Long Spears

-information provided by Director Jacobs

-Question MDJ: would they be serving as advocates or support?

-responses provided by COO Williams

-comments provided by Commissioner Long Spears

*-TT: we will defer this for 2 weeks and come back with more details, budget estimates for consideration in the
2024 budget, with the intent of bringing forward a substitute that makes more granular the request*

-MDJ: motion to defer 2 weeks

Meeting Ended At: 3:14 PM

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted
Terry, that this agenda item be adjourned meeting. The motion
carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Terry, and Davis Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC