



DeKalb County Government

Manuel J. Maloof Center
1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30030

Minutes

OPS-County Operations Committee

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

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: Commissioners Terry, Bradshaw, Patrick, Cochran-Johnson, Davis Johnson

Present 3 - Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, and
Commissioner Robert Patrick

I. MINUTES

2021-3438 Commission District(s): All Districts
Minutes for the November 16, 2021 County Operations (OPS)
Committee Meeting;
**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Robert
Patrick, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried
by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Terry, Commissioner Bradshaw, and
Commissioner Patrick**

2021-3491 Commission District(s): All Districts
Minutes for the November 30, 2021 Special Called County Operations
(OPS) Committee Meeting;
**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Robert
Patrick, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by
the following vote:**

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Terry, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Patrick

III. DISCUSSION

Animal Slaughter in DeKalb County

-information provided by Sonali Saindane, Tamara Archie, Norman Powell - Animal Services Advisory Board

-LCJ: As it relates to enforcement, we need to revisit municipal codes; we need swift enforcement of the law.

TT: I would like for Law Department to come on here to speak on legal aspects related to Department of Agriculture regulations, religious freedoms, etc.

-information provided by County Attorney Ernestes

-Question TT: regarding the code of ordinances, do we need to better articulate which departments are responsible? Since there is lack of clarity, does the Law department need to help in clarifying on what can be done?

Z Williams: as County Attorney Ernestes has articulated, that need to provide clarity - we have litigation pending in the court. There still remains issues of how far are we able to go, where does our authority end and the State Department of Agriculture authority begin. There will be others, so it would be good to be in a position to act swiftly if we are able to have the authority to take necessary action. I would welcome the conversation with our attorney, code enforcement, animal enforcement to discuss how should we revise these ordinances.

-TT: I would like to begin with less punitive actions for residents who may not realize they are violating the law, and have enforcement mechanisms beginning at education and escalating from there

Z Williams: the State will need to be on the same accord with us

-LCJ: punitive is exactly what we need here, which would compel swift action. When code enforcement issues a citation that is constructive notice that you are in violation. I almost wish we had a daily accrual fine or fee that would be levy. These cases can take up a great deal of resources and we should be compensated for the time we spent adjudicating these cases.

-TT: I won't disagree if folks are continuing to disobey the law, I think there are opportunities for scaling up penalties. I don't know the fees or penalties schedule, if it's by code or the court's decision

TT requests COO Williams provide penalty schedule related to this

-MDJ: a citation is not a conviction; it is putting you on notice but you have a right to defend. You cannot fine someone until they've had their opportunity in court and it is found that they have violated what is put before the court. I understand their frustration related to these procedures. We as commissioners do not control the court's calendar nor impose the requirements of state court cases; we empathize and understand your frustration but that is not within our purview. You cannot sentence a person before they are convicted, pending court ruling.

-S Saindane: regarding state regulation, this is very much a local issue. State laws run parallel to local laws, are narrowly focused and are designed intentionally so that local laws supersede them. State law is all about processing and packaging the meat; they are not checking for other caveats such as animal cruelty, which are enforced by the local agencies.

Additional questions regarding the cease and desist order cases from Ms. Saindane to Law.

-information regarding the civil case provided by County Attorney Ernestes

-TT: we have 1 more meeting before the end of the year; COO Williams, could we by the next OPS meeting provide a sense of the timeline for making sure the ordinances are clear regarding departmental responsibility, revising SOP's, and ongoing training and continuity in the SOP's moving forward?

Z Williams: I look forward to reviewing the information provided; we will put the team together and go through with guidance from Law, and then we will come back to the committee with steps needed on providing clarity; our first step will be reviewing this information in-depth

IV. AGENDA ITEM

Previously Heard Items:

[2021-2855](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

A Request to Consider Establishing County Website Update

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended holding in committee to the OPS-County Operations Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Terry, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Patrick

-update provided by Director Matelski regarding short survey that will be provided

-TT: my biggest concerns are more about user experience and back-end, rather than content

-J Matelski: my goal is to have the survey put out before the new year; the key will be comparative information provided through survey responses to provide outcomes that stakeholders are searching for, and work with the communications office regarding next steps

-TT: regarding the budget, the timeline would be to do the survey, come back in the new year to review results, have some budget deliberations, and if there are major budget considerations, that would be possibly mid-year discussion?

J Matelski: absolutely; and regarding customer experience we will be taking your feedback into consideration as we look to improve

New Agenda Items:

[2021-3325](#)

Commission District(s): All

SS - Implementation of DataCloud (Sole Source): for the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT) for use by the Property Appraisal Department (PA). Consists of full implementation by DataCloud of MobileAssessors including licenses, field equipment, SaaS, hosting, maintenance, and support. Awarded to Woolpert, Inc. dba Data Cloud Solutions, a Woolpert Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$670,420.98.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the OPS-County Operations Committee, due back on 1/4/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Terry, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Patrick

-J Matelski: request to put this on hold as Purchasing, IT, and Tax Assessor are reviewing

RP: is there a time frame to bring this back?

CPO Horner: due to the holiday season 30 days would be sufficient, could we bring this back to the first OPS Meeting in January?

2021-3411

Commission District(s): ALL

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Household Moving, Relocation Services and Related Products: for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let OMNIA Partners Contract No. 2020002692 for the provision of relocating the Departments of Community Development (CD), Planning and Sustainability (P&S), Watershed Management (DWM) and Code Compliance to the newly renovated 178 Sams Street Facility. Awarded to: Wheaton Group, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$326,580.00.

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 12/14/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Terry, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Patrick

-information provided by Director Stovall

-Question SB: how are we tracking overall?

C Stovall: we are looking at the end of January for Planning and Development; Watershed Management department will be after that. We are doing a lot of this concurrently, so these are good and solid dates

2021-3416

Commission District(s): All

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) Project: for use by Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIt). Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-SPD-T20120501-0013 for upgrading the County's DMZ. Awarded to Layer 3 Communication, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$110,973.68.

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 12/14/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Terry, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Patrick

-information provided by Director Matelski

2021-3452

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1090364 for State Legislative Lobbying Services: for use by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the Board of Commissioners (BOC). The contract consists of performing legislative lobbying service on the state level. Awarded to Dentons US, LLP. Amount Not To Exceed: \$240,000.00

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval with friendly amendment. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 12/14/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Terry, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Patrick

-information provided by Dan Baskerville

-Question TT: regarding the integrated resource plan, is this contract sufficient enough to cover lobbying at the Public Service Commission regarding scope including this?

D Baskerville: if the BOC wanted us to move forward by lobbying the PSC on the integrated resource plan, we could accommodate that under this current scope; there would be additional amounts of work for what is currently under the contract. Based on the complexity of the work and the length of time (approximately 4 months), we would propose an additional \$5,000 per month - so a total of \$20,000, if that is acceptable to the Board.

-TT: should we make a motion to add this into the contract now?

Z Williams: we could have language to include 'amount not to exceed' or language similar to

-CPO Horner: if you could approve with a friendly amendment regarding a high level description and we will submit a substitute for you for next week

-SB: Motion to approve with friendly amendment of special project included to intervene on the County's behalf regarding Integrated Service Plan with lobbying services to the Georgia Public Service Commission

2021-3453

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1129360 for Federal Legislative Lobbying Services: for use by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the Board of Commissioners (BOC). This contract consists of providing federal legislative lobbying services. Awarded to Dentons US, LLP. Amount Not To Exceed: \$156,000.00.

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 12/14/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Terry, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Patrick

-substitute agenda item provided

Recommended approval of substitute item

Meeting Ended At: 2:03 PM

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

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Terry, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Commissioner Patrick

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC