



**Minutes - Draft**

**PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee**

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Tuesday, February 16, 2021

3:30 PM

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*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: 3:38 PM

Attendance: Comm. Cochran-Johnson, Terry, Patrick, Rader, Bradshaw, Johnson

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

**I. MINUTES**

**2021-2158**      Commission District(s): ALL  
Minutes for the February 2, 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 2021 Definition & Funding Report

*-presentation by Reggie Wells and Lee Judd*

*-Question LCJ: how far are we in the 59 miles at this point?*

*R Wells: we are at the design aspect at this point, construction will come after BOC approval*

*-Question JR: Trial infrastructure coming out of trunk sewer. To planning, how can we pursue this within the CIP?*

*Z Williams: it should be a policy statement that would go with the agenda that shows how trunk sewer expansion rather than going into the CIP itself*

*JR: that is fine as long as it directs our design team to integrate the plan into their work, as well as have this information available for public review/hearing*

### **III. DISCUSSION**

#### **Sanitation Financing & Operations**

*-Service delivery during the pandemic (route optimization)*

*-Sanitation staffing*

*-Which cities are handling their own sanitation*

*-Are these vehicle replacement measures capital contributions?*

*-TJ Sigler: there was over \$2M more revenue last year than this year; another factor to take into consideration is that we are addressing GEFA loan this year that will free up \$300K*

*-Question RP: you don't see a need for a rate increase?*

*TJ Sigler: not at this time*

*-Question LCJ: can this conversation of the rate discussion come back at mid-year?*

*Z Williams: we will revisit at another budget time; right now we are looking at rate optimization. We recognize that a rate increase is needed, but there may be other ways to operate in the short-term to address this. Rate increase will be the call at last resort when there are no other options to exhaust.*

#### **Beautification Budget Questions**

*-Can \$250,000 of that funding be set aside for specific beautification efforts to include:*

- 1. \$100,000 for a master plan for an urban farm and a CHARM (Center for Hard to Recycle Materials)*
- 2. \$150,000 for dedicated labor costs in Public Works or a sub-contractor for specific beautification efforts (planting, landscaping and clean up).*

*-Z Williams: once we have the budget to do this, this can be done with no problem*

### **IV. AGENDA ITEM**

*Previously Heard Agenda Items:*

[2020-1269](#)

Commission District(s): 1 and 6

LB - Invitation No. 20-101212 Scott Candler Water Treatment Plant - Ozone Generators Design and Installation: for use by The Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the design, installation, and the commission of two (2) ozone generators, including all supporting components, to operate in parallel with two existing generators. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Heavy Constructors, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed \$7,112,900.00.

**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 2/23/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

No Additional Information Requested;

*New Agenda Items:*

[2021-2063](#)

Commission District(s): All

SS - Sole Source for Products and Services for the Snapfinger, Pole Bridge, and Scott Candler Wastewater Treatment Plants (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing vital parts and services for numerous Endress+Hauser flowmeter systems. Awarded to Endress+Hauser c/o Carotek. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,125,000.00.

**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 2/23/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

No Additional Information Requested;

2021-2080

Commission District(s): All  
REN - Right of Way Mowing and Lawn Maintenance (Annual Contract 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew) to Contract Nos.: 1151237 and 1151240: for use by Public Works - Sanitation and Beautification (PW-S/B). These contracts consist of providing six (6) rounds of mowing and lawn maintenance services at 128 right-of-way locations; every six (6) weeks. Awarded to Flex Landscaping, LLC and Executive Realty Solutions, Inc. Total Amount Not to Exceed: \$1,082,738.58.

**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 2/23/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-LCJ: my concern is that this service is 6 weeks apart for each maintenance system?*

*Z Williams: yes this is every 6 weeks at right-of-way locations*

*T Hutchinson: discussion of how the services were tiered. This program is under the umbrella of Operation Clean Streets. In another conversation we should explore more sustainable options for medians that don't require the constant cutting/landscaping*

*-TT: a Beautification Plan and assessment of those areas is needed. Can we get a list of these locations? Can we get the contractors to do before-after photos?*

*T Hutchinson: yes we are currently in process of doing so, and have created an e-library in place for the last 4 yrs.*

*Z Williams: we would like the opportunity to do a presentation of the Beautification strategy and create outcomes/deliverables in a part 2 presentation afterward*

*-LCJ: let's get this presentation setup and onto the committee agenda for review and discussion of beautification efforts and better ways to go about this*

2021-2082

Commission District(s): All  
REN - Herbicide Growth Regulator Services (Annual Contract, 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew) to Contract No.: 1148695: for use by Public Works - Sanitation and Beautification (PW-S/B). This contract consists of providing seven (7) rounds of herbicide applications on sixty-two (62) roads and rights-of-way throughout the County every six (6) weeks. Awarded to DeAngelo Brothers, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$226,327.64.

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

*-Question TT: what kind of herbicide are we using?*

*T Hutchinson: we have a contractor with the proper license to apply the herbicide at the areas in the county. Doesn't think we're using Round-up, will get the correct name of the herbicide to the commissioner. Mowing will begin on April 5, and conclude at end of November*

*-Motion to Approve TT with the condition that application of Round-up as a carcinogen is not used in this service*

2021-2083

Commission District(s): All

REN - Tree Cutting and Removal Services (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1149581, 1149590 and 1149595 for use by the Departments of Watershed (DWM), Facilities Management (FM), Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RCPA), Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D) and Public Works - Beautification (PWB). These contracts consist of providing tree cutting and removal services on an as-needed basis. Awarded to Arborserv, Inc., Casey Tree Experts, Inc. and K2R Legacy Group, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,200,000.00.

**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 2/23/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-Question TT: this contract is an exact number appropriation, why is that?*

*CPO Horner: the funding we are seeking is in line with the expenditures to*

*Question TT: what % of FEMA funds are we receiving for this?*

*Z Williams: we are not receiving FEMA funds for this; that is a different process. This is funds coming from the county purse*

*-TT: is there some type of report that tracks this from last year to show where the work is being done in the county?*

*Z Williams: we will have a presentation at the next PWI meeting to show the work we have done since 2017 and provide that progress*

2021-2144

Commission District(s): 5 & 7

Change Order No. 2 to Agenda Item 2018-2275 Water and Sewer Utility Installation for the Georgia Department of Transportation Project for SR 212/Browns Mill Rd at CR 594/Salem Rd for an additional \$40,313.81

Item will be heard at the 3/2/21 PWI meeting;

[2021-2146](#) Commission District(s): 2 & 6  
Georgia Department of Transportation Contract Item Agreement -  
Water and Sewer Facilities Project PI 0013991 State Route 42 at South  
Fork Peachtree Creek 3.35 miles northwest of Decatur in DeKalb  
County

Item will be heard at the 3/2/21 PWI meeting;

[2021-2150](#) Commission District(s): 3 & 6  
Georgia Department of Transportation Contract Item Agreement -  
Water and Sewer Facilities Project PI M005976 State Route 42/US 23  
from 0.3 miles south of Key Street to 0.08 miles north of Wade Street  
in Fulton County - Resurfacing

Item will be heard at the 3/2/21 PWI meeting;

[2021-2152](#) Commission District(s): 5 & 7  
Georgia Department of Transportation Contract Item Agreement -  
Water and Sewer Facilities Project PI 0013758 State Route  
12/Covington Highway at County Road 5190/Hairston Road in DeKalb  
County

Item will be heard at the 3/2/21 PWI meeting;

[2021-2153](#) Commission District(s): 2 & 6  
Change Order to Agenda Item 2020-0509 Water and Sewer Facilities  
Project PI0009400 Buford Hwy/SR13 from Afton Ln/CS8 to  
Shallowford Terrace/CS750 for an additional \$1,136,200

Item will be heard at the 3/2/21 PWI meeting;

[2021-2155](#) Commission District(s): 2 & 6  
Georgia Department of Transportation Contract Item Agreement -  
Water and Sewer Facilities Project PI 0013971 State Route  
236/LaVista Road and State Route 42/Briarcliff Road in DeKalb  
County

Item will be heard at the 3/2/21 PWI meeting;

[2021-2219](#)

Commission District(s): All  
Watershed Management Capital Improvement Plan for 2021 through  
2030

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that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board  
of Commissioners, due back on 2/23/2021. The motion carried by  
the following vote:**

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

*-RP: Economic development is hinged on water and sewer, which attracts where people live - then where they shop - then  
where they go to school and other quality of life measures. He supports this plan wholeheartedly*

Meeting Ended At: 4:45 PM

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

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

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