



Minutes

PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

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Tuesday, May 17, 2022

3:30 PM

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

*(2) on DCTVChannel23.TV*

Meeting Started At: 3:49 PM

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

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

**I. MINUTES**

**2022-1618**      Commission District(s): ALL  
Minutes for the May 3, 2022 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**

2023 ARC Green Communities Submission

*-LCJ: in lieu of time today, I will consider a special called meeting in particular to the sign maintenance discussion*

*-MDJ: I did ask the gentlemen that gave the OPS presentation today about the signage and how the PWI aspects connect and interact. There is interaction as well as exclusiveness; we dealt with signage in OPS; nothing to do with roads; I wanted to make that distinction*

*-LCJ: Dr. Obeng and Mr. Williams I will work with you on the best course of action as it relates to the presentations that were slated for today*

*-Question TT: I thought the ARC was more of a Planning Department issue, are we going to take up everything as it pertains to Green Communities in PWI moving forward? I think we are getting crossed wired here - Signs should have come to the PWI Committee. Should ARC conversation happen in PWI or OPS?*

*-LCJ: Regarding Green Communities it depend on what we are talking about, we do talk about creating sustainable environments as it relates to beautification. Those Items are heard in PWI. It was through this committee that the request was made to develop a sustainable environments plan and bring that back to us. Currently mowing discussions take place here, execution of mediums as it relates to right of ways and roads are discussed in PWI, I believe this it is in the proper committee.*

*-TT: The ARC Green Communities is mostly about internal operations, it talks about recycling, proper signage, and if we have a sustainability plan for our internal government.*

*LCJ: Understood, so since this item relates more to what we do that would be a function of OPS, I take no issue moving this to OPS Committee.*

*TT: I thought that was more of an internal operations like diagnostic checklist of things that we're doing in our own House, maybe there are external factors too.*

*COO Williams: It's heavy facilities too, OPS works well. This is a cross departmental team, which is the Green Committee and the work they've done to submit something to ARC.*

*-MDJ: I have no problems hearing that in OPS*

*-LCJ: Mr. Manson please transfer this particular report to OPS*

*-discussion not heard in committee*

#### Signage Maintenance

*-discussion not heard in committee*

#### Stormwater Utility Fees

*-discussion not heard in committee*

### **III. AGENDA ITEM**

*Previously Heard Items:*

[2022-1540](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 21-101476 - Seminole Road Landfill Cell Construction Phase 3, Unit 2, Cell 3N and Unit 4, Cells 4N and 5N: for use by Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of the construction of Cells 3N, 4N and 5N at the Seminole Road Landfill to continue providing waste disposal capacity for the residents of DeKalb County. Recommend award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder: Morgan Corporation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$21,185,943.45.

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 5/24/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-This agenda item has come out of OIIA and is supported*

*-RP: how much of the cells will be dedicated for the sludge that come from the sewage treatment plant? I would like to quantify the amount that would be transferred and whether we are maximizing its use as a fertilizer*

*LCJ: we do currently utilize some of the sludge as fertilizer*

*T Hutchinson: the sludge that we get has to go to a line area; the compost is not for a line area*

*-Question RP: can it be converted?*

*T Hutchinson: currently it cannot; our composting area is true yard debris that we pick up from homes*

*-Z Williams: Commissioner Patrick I'd like to set a separate meeting with Director Hayes to discuss this. There have been other instances where we utilize the sludge for hay; we've been doing that for some time; we can set a time to discuss*

*-TT: at a conference last year I was told we stopped land applications several years ago*

*-LCJ: there are valid questions; in lieu of the time today I would ask that you and Commissioner Terry have that discussion offline*

*New Agenda Items:*

[2022-1592](#)

Commission District(s): 4 & 7

Approval and ratification of work completed for expended funds made by HEH Paving, Inc. for Contract No. 1183559 - 2019 LMIG Road Resurfacing Contract in the amount of \$76,254.15 for use by The Department of Public Works. This contract consisted of patching, milling and resurfacing of County roads.

**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 5/24/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

-no additional information requested

2022-1407

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 5 to Contract No. 1034381 for Engineering Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing on-call engineering services that primarily includes engineering studies, design, land surveying and construction administration services for water and sewer consent decree projects in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). This request is to increase funding. Awarded to Black & Veatch Corporation. Total Amount Not to Exceed \$1,719,907.00.

**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 5/24/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-information provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson*

2022-1415

Commission District(s): 3 & 6  
REN - Household Hazardous Waste Collection (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1256295 for the use by the Department of Public Works - Sanitation. This contract consists of collecting, handling, packing and lawfully transporting household hazardous waste. Awarded to: MXI Environmental Services, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed \$150,000.00.

**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 5/24/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-information provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson*

[2022-1453](#)

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1081070 Design Build Services for Gravity Sewer System Rehabilitation Replacement & Construction - Package No. 2 (Multiyear): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of design build services to perform pipe rehabilitation or upsizing to the gravity sewer system. This request is to increase the contract term through December 31, 2023. Awarded to Granite Inliner, LLC. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY.

**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 5/24/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-information provided by Director Hayes*

[2022-1522](#)

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract Nos.:1151237 and 1151240 for Right of Way Mowing and Lawn Maintenance (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): 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: \$700,825.72.

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 5/24/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 2 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, and Commissioner Patrick**

**Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Terry**

*-information provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson*

*-Question TT: I agree there is a better solution to mowing and blowing; I think the intent of the mowing is to address high grass; but if we looked at this in a more holistic way, but to beautify these roads and corridors. There may be an opportunity to plant more flowers in these spaces*

*-Question RP: reviewing this agenda item and 2022-1525 that deal with cutting grass, I didn't see mention of the water treatment plant as it abuts to the residential property in the area. The small piece of land attracts a lot of attention. Where would these references be included? I would like to get that area on a more frequent maintenance schedule*

*-LCJ: 2022-1525 would be the item in which that would be addressed; let's take that when we are on that item*

*-RP: within the agenda packet is an excel file; I would like a copy of the excel file*

*LCJ: Ms. Hutchinson will get us a copy of the excel spreadsheet*

2022-1523

Commission District(s): ALL

AP-6 Yard Dump Truck: for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM).

Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Statewide Contract No. 99999-001-SPD00000155 to purchase two (2) additional 6 yard dump trucks in order to transport dirt and gravel throughout DeKalb County for repairs and installations. Awarded to Rush Truck Centers of Georgia, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$251,332.08.

**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 5/24/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-information provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson*

2022-1525

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order 1 to Contract Nos.: 1167100 and 1169273 County Abatement Lot Mowing and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Sanitation and Beautification (PW-S/B) These contracts consist of mowing and maintenance services for the County's abated locations. Awarded to Executive Realty Solutions, Inc. and Pro Cutters Lawnsapes, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$180,575.00.

**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 5/24/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-information provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson*

*-LCJ: the properties are abated and are in the County's possession; we have a fiduciary responsibility to maintain them; what we are going to bring back to committee is the fact that we are spending dollars for the general upkeep. I would like to see if the County is allowed to recoup funds when these properties go to the Land Bank. I would ask that COO Williams develop a strategy and come back to committee with an item for discussion*

*-Question TT: is the expectation that these 6 lots go to the Land Bank?*

*LCJ: the Land Bank's responsibility is the adjudication; it is still the County's responsibility for general upkeep*

*Z Williams: our goal would be to divest of the properties. The goal would be that the new Land Bank that is up and running, would be able to sell their properties and have their own revenues to invest in the upkeep. This is from a previous land bank*

*-additional information provided by Director Hutchinson*

*-additional information provided by Attorney Ernestes on the process*

*-Question TT: why do we only do the right of way in some properties and not others?*

*-response provided by Director Hutchinson*

*-TT: Detroit has an issue with vacant lots and has developed a program to do small beautification improvements, while offering a template to fit individual communities. For the ones that we do own like the FEMA and Land Bank lots, we may have more control there. People like to feel like they have some participatory democracy in improving their neighborhoods*

*-RP: the property in particular is owned by the county. If we could get a commitment or timeframe of the mowing schedule*

*-LCJ: please get the address to Ms. Hutchinson*

*-RP: Laurelwood Drive off of Tilly Mill Road*

*-D Hayes: that is part of the Scott Candler Treatment Facility; there is a contract with another mowing contractor that should be maintaining that; I will reach out to the contractor and ensure they are on a routine schedule*

2022-1533

Commission District(s): All

REN - Compressed Natural Gas (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1219152 for use by Public Works-Sanitation. This contract consists of purchasing compressed natural gas fuel for the County's CNG vehicles on an as needed basis. Awarded to AFS DeKalb Georgia, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$960,000.00.

**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 5/24/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-information provided by Director Hutchinson*

[2022-1604](#)

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract 1100349 Land and Easement Acquisition Services (Annual Contract with 3 Options to Renew): for use by Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing land and easement acquisition services and other related activities to land and easement acquisition. Awarded to Atlas Technical Consultants, LLC (fka Moreland Altobelli Associates, LLC).  
CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY

**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 5/24/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-information provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson*

[2022-1614](#)

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 5 to Contract No. 1177081 Trenchless Sewer Line Rehabilitation and Construction and Televising Inspection Services (Savannah Contract: Event No. 5937/Buyer Contract No. 886 [DeKalb Cooperative Agreement]): for use by Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract is a cooperative agreement and consists of providing sewer line rehabilitation services; to primarily include inspections, sewer line cleaning, and cured in place pipe. This request is to increase the contract scope of work, term through December 31, 2024, and funding. This request will allow for the continuation of existing sanitary sewer line rehabilitation services. Awarded to Insituform Technologies, LLC. Amount Not to Exceed \$29,190,530.39.

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 5/24/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-this item is currently in OIIA audit review*



[2022-1624](#) Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 6 for Contract Nos.: 1063844, 1063841, and 1068774 Annual Water & Sewer Construction (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). These contracts consist of primarily providing installation and repair of water and sewer pipes in various sizes. This request seeks to increase the contract funding and term through June 30, 2023. Awarded to GS Construction, Inc., SD&C, Inc., and The Renee Group/CamKen Consulting (RGI/CamKen JV). Total Amount Not to Exceed: \$18,782,452.91.

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 5/24/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

-this item is currently in OIA audit review

**2022-1668** Commission District(s): 5 and 7  
Memorandum of Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for Additional Covington Highway Street Lights

**This agenda item was No recommendation to the Board of Commissioners due back on 5/24/2022 .**

*Question LCJ: Is the walk on time sensitive?*

*D Pelton: No it is not*

*LCJ: we will pick this up first thing next meeting*

-item deferred to next meeting

Meeting Ended At: 4:58 PM

**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**

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Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC