



# DeKalb County Government

1300 Commerce Drive  
Decatur, Georgia 30030

## Minutes

### PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

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Tuesday, June 6, 2023

3:30 PM

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Meeting Started At: 3:30PM

Attendees: Commissioners Cochran Johnson, Patrick, Terry

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

#### I. MINUTES

**2023-0636**      Commission District(s): ALL  
Minutes for the May 16, 2023, 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, Patrick, and Terry**

#### II. STATUS UPDATE

Commercial Sanitation Fees and Services

*Information Provided by Director Hutchinson*

*Question LCJ: Where are we with our staffing?*

*TH: I don't have the exact numbers, we do have new people all the time in the weekly employee orientation. Our relationship with HR is very strong at the moment. Additional information provided.*

*Question LCJ: Can you expound on our second chance program?*

*TH: yes. Additional information provided.*

*Question TT: When it comes to service delays, were they related to drivers or crew?*

*Response provided by Director Hutchinson*

*Question TT: During OPS We approved replacement of rear loaders, what I am getting at are delays due to crews or need of resources? Where those just for replacement?*

*TH: That is correct, they were for replacement. There are several factors that can contribute to delays. Additional information provided*

*Question TT: Are we prepared for increased recycling needs without increasing capacity?*

*TH: The new rate increases will help us expand for capacity.*

*Question TT: Will we continue our contract for yard waste pickup, can we keep that going or will that roll of?*

*TH: Yes that will help us keep it going. The rate increases will help us support that project. We provide this service to every household, however we see a significant difference in participation between north and south DeKalb.*

*Question TT: regards to the jobs numbers, if we fill these vacancies we will be able to expand services. I would request we keep a key focus on these positions in order to meet current demand and we consider other incentives as needed. Whether through ERPS or PWI I'd like us to bring a monthly jobs report for sanitation with exact numbers on where we are short. I want to make sure that when fees increase we can meet service demand.*

*Question TT: Is third party vendor the best cost efficient approach for yard waste pick up than crew expansion?*

*TH: we need the crew, the contract does help, we can run five routes with this company.*

*Question TT: Regarding the glass pick up, can we get a third party for just glass pick up/drop off bins?*

*TH: Part of us being a full service program is we eliminate the need for third party vendors, For glass recycling we need more locations throughout the county to be more expansive. Additional information provided.*

*Request LCJ: Please follow up with us on the amount of current vacancies and chart of where sanitation salaries are at given the current increase to base pay.*

*Question RP: can we get a breakdown of all things we recycle and cost for breakdown services. Can you also provide information that delineates recycling and it's impact on cell capacity. I'd like to show cost savings to recycling for tax payers and the county in addition to the moral arguments to do it.*

*TH: yes. We can provide information on materials by the ton recycled and its savings cell capacity at the landfill. We can outline the recycle items and the end result of items after the process.*

### **III. AGENDA ITEM**

*Previously Heard Items*

[2022-2405](#)

Commission District(s): All  
LB - Invitation No. 22-101523 Pond Maintenance Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D) and the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of the cutting, cleaning, spraying and repair/maintenance of stormwater retention and detention ponds. Recommend award to all bidders who are responsive and responsible: ASAP Landscape Management Group, LLC, Ed Castro Landscape, Inc., Executive Realty Solutions, Inc., KSK Landscaping, Inc. and Phillips Lawncare & Services, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,325,000.00.  
**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 6/13/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Director Lemke*

*Question LCJ: This is for on demand and not preset?*

*Lemke: yes.*

*Question TT: can you describe the different between the tiers mentioned?*

*Lemke: The tiers categorize different aspects and their severity. Additional information provided.*

[2023-0426](#)

Commission District(s): All  
RFP - Request for Proposals No. 22-500630 Design and Engineering Services During Construction for Snapfinger Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion - Phase 3A Project: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing design and engineering services for numerous trunk sewers to address seven (7) repeat sanitary sewer overflow areas in the County. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer: CDM Smith, Inc. Total Amount Not to Exceed \$6,273,240.00.  
**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval upon receipt of additional information to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 6/13/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson & David Hayes*

*Question TT: This is for 7 sites?*

*David Hayes: That's incorrect; Additional information provided Additional information provided by Michelle Butler, Purchasing*

*-TT: motion to approve pending substitute*

*New Agenda Items*

2023-0225

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1283955 Cooperative Agreement for Consent Decree: Trenchless Technology Rehabilitation, External Point Repairs, and Related Products and Services (OMNIA Partners Cooperative Purchasing Agreement No. R170802) [DeKalb Cooperative Agreement]: for use by Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing sewer system trenchless sewer line rehabilitation services. This request is to increase the contract scope of work, funding, and term through October 31, 2024. Additionally, this request seeks to approve a 5% maximum cost escalation for work completed from January 2023 going forward. Awarded to SAK Construction, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$13,829,333.45.

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 6/13/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson & Director*

*Hayes TT: motion to Defer pending OIIA*

[2022-2641](#) Commission District(s): 1 & 6  
SS - Parts and Repair Services for Scott Candler Water Treatment Plant Polychem Sludge Collection System (Sole Source - Multi-Year Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing 3 years of parts and repair services to Scott Candler's Polychem Sludge Collection System. Awarded to Brentwood Industries, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$165,000,00.  
**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 6/13/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Director Hayes*

[2023-0296](#) Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1100349 Land and Easement Acquisition Services (Annual Contract with 3 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing land and easement acquisition services and other related activities to land and easement acquisition. This request is to increase funds and the contract term through December 31, 2024. Awarded to Atlas Technical Consultants, LLC (fka Moreland Altobelli Associates, LLC). Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,352,203.00.  
**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 6/13/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson & Director Hayes*

*Question TT: The original contract was 3 million, this is all watershed?*

*DH: Correct*

*Question TT: Can you briefly describe what this contract is doing, what is the billing process for this type of work?*

*Response provided by Director Hayes*

*Question TT: is this the final renewal, what is remaining in the process?*

*DH: there is a RFP out now, we could have a new contract sometime next year.*

*Question TT: is payment separate than this contract?*

*DH: Correct this facilitates the acquisition of the easement*

[2023-0365](#) Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1217791 Fire Hydrant Replacements, Repair Parts, and Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) and Airport (PDK). This contract consists of providing repair and replacement services for fire hydrants and hydrant parts. This request is to increase the funds and contract term through December 31, 2023. Awarded to Georgia Hydrant Services, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$700,000.00.

**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 6/13/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Director Hayes*

*Question TT: this is part of watershed already, no PDK Funds are used here?*

*DH: Correct. Additional information provided .*

*Question TT: Can you expand on the cost, \$700,000?*

*Response provided by Director Hayes*

*TT Request: I'd ask for a response in the coming week. How many fire hydrants could we replace for the same cost. I'd Like to know why the cost is so high*

*Question LCJ: Is this type sensitive?*

*DH: Yes, the expiration date is this week.*

[2023-0486](#) Commission District(s): 3  
REN - Contract No. 1252208 Drive Shaft Maintenance (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing maintenance and repair of the Snapfinger Creek Facility pump drafts LCC 1, LCC 2, and LCC 3, which are mandated by the Consent Decree. This request seeks to exercise the 2nd renewal option through June 30, 2024. Awarded to Cole Technology, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$10,000.00.

**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 6/13/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Director Hayes*

[2023-0187](#) Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to 1309823 Installation and Support for Upgrades to the Seminole Landfill Existing Gas Handling System (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Public Works -Sanitation Division. This contract consists of the installation and support for upgrading the Seminole Landfill existing gas handling system. Awarded To Perennial Energy, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$19,842.00.  
**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 6/13/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Director Hutchinson*

[2023-0515](#) Commission District(s): ALL  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract 1279778 Conventional Grass Seeding (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Public Work-Sanitation. This contract consists of the purchase of grass seeding services as a means of erosion control at the Seminole Road Landfill. This request is to add additional funds. Awarded to Flex Landscaping, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$54,000.00.  
**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 6/13/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Commissioner Cochran*

*Johnson Question LCJ: this is an EPA requirement?*

*TH: That is correct.*

*Additional information provided by Director Lemke*

[2023-0620](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 11 to Contract No. 14-902868 Engineering and Design Services for by Public Works Transportation and Infrastructure Projects: for use by Public Works-Transportation (PW-T). This contract consists of design and construction of various highway projects for the County. This request seeks to add to the contract, the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA) and increase the contract amount and term through December 31, 2024. Awarded to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$200,000.00.

**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 6/13/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Chuck Ellis and David Pelton*

[2023-0553](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A Resolution to Establish an Environmental Justice Ad-Hoc Committee To Investigate to Make Recommendations to Mitigate Exposure to Marginalized Communities From Hazardous Waste, Resource Extraction, and Other Land Uses from Which These Communities Do Not Receive Benefits.

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 6/13/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*LCJ: we will hear this first at the next PWI meeting*

Meeting Ended At: 4:52 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, Patrick, and Terry**

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Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC