



DeKalb County Government

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

Minutes

OPS-County Operations Committee

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

1:00 PM

Meeting Started At: 1:04 PM

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

Present 3 - Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Larry Johnson, and Michelle Long Spears

I. MINUTES

2023-1067 Commission District(s): All Districts
Minutes for the August 1, 2023, County Operations (OPS) Committee Meeting;
MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Johnson, and Long Spears

II. DISCUSSION

FY23 Budget Adjustment

Information provided by COO Williams & TJ Sigler

Information on Animal Services Funds provided by TJ Sigler

Question LJ: How much in fees are collected each year, what is the revenue?

Sigler: I would have to look it up, it is not a lot.

Question MLS: How many cages will we receive for the \$110,000

Director Lumpkin: We are receiving 100 cages. Regarding the fees; a lot of the fees for adoption are waived to entice adoption. we don't make much revenue off of fees.

Question MLS: the animal shelter rental of \$860,000 is that coming out of the capital budget?

Sigler: That is correct

Question MLS: the funding to establish adoption/pet ownership, this is a grant program for residents can apply?

Sigler: That's correct though details are still being flushed out.

Question MLS: We discussed a needs assignment at \$12,000 and community engagement at \$25,000 can we include that in here?

COO Williams: Correct, the needs assessment is included, This would now be the time to include funds for citizen engagement.

Additional comments provided.

MLS: so we could approve and include an additional \$25,000 for needs assessment and community engagement for a new shelter.

Question MDJ: you are requesting an additional \$25,000?

Response provided by Commissioner Spears

Question LCJ: beyond community engagement are we conducting an audit of the current operations of Lifeline? Additional Comments provided

Comments provided by Lifeline CEO Rebecca Guinn

Question TT: related to community engagement; can get more metrics on what is being achieved?

MLS: the dollars that are being requested are specific to community engagement activity to the expansion of the shelter.

-MLS: motion to approve midyear amendment plus an additional \$25,000 for community engagement activities related to expansion of the shelter

Second LJ

Vote: yes unanimous

III. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items

Innovation & Technology

2023-0962

Commission District(s): All

SS - Microsoft Azure Business Continuity / Disaster Recovery (BCDR) Consulting Project (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). Consists of hardware and software support services that help minimize significant downtime in the event of a cyber security attack or other disasters that impacts the Microsoft Azure environment within the County. Awarded to Microsoft Corporation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$323,545.00.

MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 9/26/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Johnson, and Long Spears

-information provided by Director Matelski

2023-1020

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 23-101578 Installation of Data, Voice and Multimedia Cabling (Annual Contract with 4 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). Consists of providing low-voltage and security camera installations, as well as moves, adds and changes of data, voice and multimedia cabling at various facilities within the County. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: R. B. Communications, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$300,000.00.

This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 9/26/2023 .

*Item not heard in Committee -
Rec Holding in Committee*

Facilities Management

2023-0467

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 10 to Contract 1147259 Elevator, Escalator and Walkway Maintenance and Modernization Services and Related Solutions (Omnia Partners Contract No. EV2516): for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). This contract consists of piggybacking off the competitively let OMNIA Partners Contract for monthly preventative maintenance, inspections, testing and modernization of the County's elevators and associated equipment. This request seeks to increase the contract funds and term through November 30, 2024 to procure an elevator door lock monitoring system which is now required for all existing elevators. Awarded to KONE, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$285,900.00.

This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 9/26/2023 .

*Item not heard in Committee -
Rec Holding in Committee*

Fleet Management

[2023-0977](#) Commission District(s): ALL
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1271176 Cooperative Agreement for Motor & Aviation Fuels & Related Services (Omnia Partners Cooperative Agreement No. 53315): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management and the Department of Facilities Management (FM). This contract consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Omnia Partners contract for the purchase of red dyed diesel fuel used to fuel off-road County equipment. This request seeks to increase the County's contract funds; continue use of the contract through December 31, 2024; and add Facilities Management. Awarded to Mansfield Oil Co. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,575,000.

This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 9/26/2023 .

*Item not heard in Committee -
Rec Holding in Committee*

[2023-1012](#) Commission District(s): All Commissioner Districts
DeKalb County Auction of Vehicles and Pieces of Equipment
This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 9/26/2023 .

*Item not heard in Committee -
Rec Holding in Committee*

Previously Heard Items

Fleet Management

[2023-0921](#) Commission District(s): ALL
REN - Contract Nos.: 1262401, 1262403, 1262413 and 1262406 Automobiles, Vans, Trucks, and Accessories (Annual Contract - 2nd of 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management. These contracts consist of purchasing replacement vehicles to enable County personnel to complete daily tasks that require the use of automobiles. This request seeks to exercise the 2nd renewal option through August 31, 2024. Awarded to Wade Ford, Inc.; Hardy Chevrolet, Buick, GMC, Inc.; Hardy Family Ford, Inc.; and ZT Auto CDJR Union City, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$11,801,500.00.

This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 9/26/2023 .

*Item not heard in Committee
-Rec Holding in Committee*

Animal Services

2023-0912

Commission District(s): ALL
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1132039 Animal Shelter Operation Services for DeKalb County (Multiyear Contract): for use by Police Service-Animal Services Enforcement. This contract consists of providing animal shelter operations and services. This request seeks to increase the contract funds and term through December 31, 2024. Awarded to Lifeline Animal Project, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$6,300,000.00.

MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 9/26/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Johnson, and Long Spears

Item was supported by OIIA 9/13

Question MDJ: This amount takes us to December 2024?

COO Williams: That is correct. Additional comments provided

Question LJ: Based on the amount of space at the shelter why haven't we limited the amount of animals we accept? COO Williams: In our services we do not have the opportunity to choose if we can respond.

Comments provided by Director Lumpkin

Question MLS: You previously mentioned a grant?

COO Williams: That is in midyear

Question MLS: The 6.3 in this item includes salary increasements?

COO Williams: that is correct

-MLS: motion to approve

Board of Commissioners - District 6

2023-0563

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
A Resolution Mandating Compost Facilities in DeKalb County Government Buildings by 2024, and Request for Proposals for Composting Services

This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 9/26/2023 .

*Item not heard in Committee
-Rec Holding in Committee*

[2023-0565](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A Resolution to Incorporate Public Art and Planting Improvements to
The DeKalb County Courthouse Parking Deck Rehab Project**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 9/26/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:****Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Johnson, and Long Spears**

Information provided by COO Williams & Judge Dear Jackson & Clyde Stovall

Stovall Provided information on proposed fees and timeline

Question MDJ: What is the anticipate revenue?

COO Williams: if were to expand ticketing to night s and weekends we are looking at 12,800/Month or 300,000/Month Question MDJ: This is at what cost?

COO Williams: \$8/Hour with nights and weekends

Question LJ: when would you start the renovation

Stovall: Matter of weeks, we've been working with the judge to coordinate and build out some space for judge parking. Additional information provided

Question LJ: Have you talked with Decatur forgoing parking fees by the Waffle house to help mitigate this?

Stovall: I have not had a direct conversation with Decatur Leadership

Response provided by Superior Court Judge Jackson

Comments provided by Commissioner Davis Johnson

Question MDJ: We have an allowance to encourage people to use MARTA

COO Williams: Yes we had a program, I'll see if it's still operational

Judge Dear Jackson: the parking I'm speaking too is for people coming for short term parking. As far as the parking deck we do not have a full timeline. We are still working through details that need changes - secure areas, directorial traffic, jury impact.

Question MDJ: Are you saying no fee for short term?

Judge Dear Jackson: No, I'm open to it as an option to mitigate impact that comes from the construction. Any space that would be a viable option we are exploring.

Question TT: we are addressing several things in this conversation. Regarding the rate structure, do you need the BOC to approve the rate change or add to the item?

COO Williams: I would recommend coming back with an item to address it.

Question TT: I support the additional funding for MARTA Passes, I believe it is a part of the open enrollment period. The city of Decatur is getting ready to have a public hearing for a proposed hotel and say parking would be offsite and the court parking deck would be involved. We may need to have facilities to speak with Decatur about the accommodating the request. Question MDJ: Have we spoken to Decatur about use of the parking deck?

COO Williams: We have not. I would expect a negotiation to occur to discuss lease terms.

Question MLS: Judge how do you feel about beatification of the parking deck?

Judge Dear Jackson: I am open to discussion, rehabilitation of the deck is going to take about 18 months which is more than enough time to talk out a plan.

Question MLS: Do jurors pay for parking?

Judge Dear Jackson: They do not.

Question MLS: Do you hear of paying for parking as a barrier to conduct business?

Judge Dear Jackson: I not aware of it or providing additional support to help pay for parking

MDJ: I would recommend deferral of this item till we can determined what is needed and practical

Question MLS: We know this doesn't address the parking fees so can we can add that or does it need to be separate?

COO Williams: We can separate the fees. The repairs and security are taking priority for now

Question MLS: So we can pull together another item for fees - that'll be come later?

COO Williams: We would place it as part of the 2024 budget.

TT: In the interest in moving the item along, this item is urging the administration to beauty the deck and they have agreed. If we develop a substitute that reflects the plan of action we could pass it at the next BOC. Update the resolution to include the committee.

COO Williams: We can work with commissioner Terry to develop the substitute that proposes a committee to work together and come up with a process and a RFQ if its deemed to make sense.

Question MDJ: let's be clear; the committee would be of the judiciary and the administration?

COO Williams: Correct, and sheriff's office for security review.

-MLS: motion to defer 30 days for the second OPS meeting in October (10/17) (10/24/2023 BOC)

Second LJ

Vote: yes unanimous

- [2023-1000](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Place Holder for Working Revisions to the Public Works and Infrastructure (PWI) Committee to Include Environmental Justice Matters That Fall Under this Committee of Jurisdiction.
This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 9/26/2023 .

*Item not heard in Committee -Rec
Holding in Committee*

- 2023-1174** Commission District(s): All
A Resolution by The DeKalb County Board of Commissioners to Support a Georgia Effort to Protect the Okefenokee Swamp
MOTION was made that this agenda item be recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 9/26/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Johnson, and Long Spears

*Item not heard in Committee -
Rec Holding in Committee*

Board of Commissioners - District 3

- 2023-1190** Commission District(s): District 3
2023 Mid-Year Budget amendment request to purchase 2 mobile surveillance trailers to be used in the parks or any area within in the county that can help deter criminal activity
This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 9/26/2023 .

*Item not heard in Committee -
Rec Holding in Committee*

Meeting Ended At:2:20 PM

MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be adjourned meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Johnson, and Long Spears

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC