DeKalb County Government

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Minutes - Draft

PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

Commissioner Robert Patrick (Chairperson)

Commissioner Chakira Johnson

Commissioner Ted Terry

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 **3:30 PM**

Meeting Started At: 4:03pm

Attendees: Commissioners Patrick, Johnson, Terry

Present 3 - Chairperson Robert Patrick, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, and Commissioner Ted Terry

I. MINUTES

2026-0484 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the March 3, 2026 Public Works and Infrastructure Committee Meeting
MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Patrick, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

II. DISCUSSION

Operational Assessment Update - PWI Departments

-presentation provided by Lakeisha Sesay - the Momentum Firm
-Question RP: could you define governance issues or structural changes?
-response provided by Ms. Sesay
-Question CJ: I would like to understand the difference between blocked and recommendations requiring resources; could you explain?
-response provided by Ms. Sesay
-Commissioner Terry requested information regarding SOPs for tracking requests made by Commissioners
-comments provided by Ms. Sesay
-comments provided by Commissioner Patrick regarding a follow up discussion from Staff on where they are post-implementation phase
-Question TT: what roads are on the traffic control center?
-response provided by Ms. Sesay

CIP Update

-presentation provided by Maria Houser - Consent Decree Director
-information presented by Dora De Taboada - Senior Engineer
-Question TT: how does this renovation fit into the Southface Clean Energy study?
-additional information provided by Kenneth Gobin regarding generator power
-Question CJ: regarding generators, what is the cost to be determined and how far out are we on implementation?
-response provided by Ms. De Taboada and Kenneth Gobin
-Question RP: can the facility handle the current population of the County?
-response provided by Mr. Gobin
-Question RP: if worst case scenario happens can Pole Bridge handle the additional load?
-response provided by Mr. Gobin
-information presented by Catherine of AECOM regarding the Snapfinger site
-Question TT: is the increase in cost for landfill cost related to the tipping fee increase?
-response provided by Mr. Gobin
-information provided by Director Houser

III. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items:

Executive Assistant - Chief Operating Office

2026-0478 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
An allocation of up to $300,000 to contract with a firm to perform research and analysis of the county's Water and Sewer system. This analysis will determine how the County's Water and Sewer function can best be managed to ensure the long-term health and stability of the County's Water and Sewer assets and whether optimum service delivery would be achieved through the existing structure, reorganizing/outsourcing in whole or in part or the creation of a Water and Sewer Authority.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval upon receipt of additional information to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 3/24/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Patrick, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

-information provided by COO Williams
-Question RP: will you come back to us with a more detailed scope of an ITB?
-response provided by COO Williams
-Question CJ: do we have a consultant or will use an existing consultant?
-response provided by COO Williams
-Question CJ: so you're asking if we can set aside this money for this purpose and then we can go about making determinations later?
-response provided by COO Williams
-Question TT: is the $300,000 a Watershed expense?
-response provided by COO Williams
-Question TT: so this is an effort to amend the budget?
-response provided by COO Williams
-TT: I was hoping we could do the operational audit first as a starter to determine where we are in the Watershed Department. Additional comments provided by Commissioner Terry
-response provided by COO Williams
-Question TT: would it be possible to get a clear scope of work written out on what you'll be looking for in the RFP?
-response provided by COO Williams regarding the authorization to move forward
-Question TT: what is the end goal here?
-response provided by COO Williams
-comments provided by Commissioner Patrick regarding a better understanding of the scope and a slide provided to the Board of Commissioners at the business meeting on March 24th
-Question RP: could stormwater utility be added to this as well?
-response provided by COO Williams

-TT: motion to approve pending additional information provided as well a personal brief from COO Williams to the Commissioners regarding the scope of work

Public Works-Sanitation

2026-0406 Commission District(s): All
REN - Contract No. 2000201 Rock Crushing (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Public Works-Sanitation. This contract consists of crushing rock, granite, stone and hauling materials to and from the Seminole Landfill. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided contract term increase. This request also seeks to exercise the first renewal option through February 28, 2027. Awarded to ATL Aggregates, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: $175,000.00.
MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 3/24/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Patrick, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

-information provided by Sanitation Department representative Mr. Singh

Public Works-Sanitation & Beautification, Fire Rescue (FR), DeKalb Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) and Public Works-Roads and Drainage (R&D)

2026-0462 Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1378111 Beverages: for the use by the Department of Public Works-Sanitation & Beautification, Fire Rescue (FR), DeKalb Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) and Public Works-Roads and Drainage (R&D). This contract consists of providing beverages for County employees working primarily outside throughout the summer season. This request seeks to add Police Services (PS), and the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) to the contract, to increase the contract funds and term through May 8, 2027. Awarded to: Coca-Cola Bottling Company United, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: $185,000.00.
MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 3/24/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Patrick, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

-information provided by Director Wells

Community Development

2026-0497 Commission District(s): 4 & 7
Extension of the Contract Time Provision for the City of Tucker - ADA Transportation Plan
MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 3/24/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Patrick, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

-information provided by Director Mitchell - Community Development

Previously Heard Agenda Items:

Watershed Management (DWM)

2026-0241 Commission District(s): All
RFP-Request for Proposals No. 2025-023-RFP Shoal Creek Trunk Sewer Section 1 Construction Management Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing Pre-Construction Services, Construction Inspection and Other Field Services as well as Scheduling and Attending Meetings and Preparing Progress Reports during the Construction Phase of the Shoal Creek Trunk Sewer Relief Section 1 Project. Recommend Award to the Highest Scoring Proposer; BenchMark Management, LLC. Total Amount Not-to-Exceed $5,648,923.50.
MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 3/24/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Patrick, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

-this agenda item has been supported by OIIA audit review
-information provided by Director Wells
-comments provided by Commissioner Patrick regarding the audit review
-comments provided by Commissioner Johnson

2026-0277 Commission District(s): All
LB-Invitation No. 2025-069-ITB Consent Decree: Major Gravity Sewer Line Capacity Restoration (Multiyear Contract) for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists primarily to address urgent sanitary sewer maintenance and rehabilitation needs identified through assessment in the Ongoing Sewer Assessment and Rehabilitation Program (OSARP) and the Maintenance Management System (MMS) Program. Secondly, this contract will also be used to perform sewer rehabilitation to reduce infiltration/inflow (I/I) and provide additional capacity for potential development. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Southeast Pipe Survey, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed $21,042,416.45.
MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 3/24/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Patrick, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

-this agenda item has been supported by OIIA audit review
-information provided by Director Wells

2026-0288 Commission District(s): All
LB-Invitation No. 2025-087-ITB Water Valve and Air Valve Replacement and Repairs (Multiyear Contract) for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of installation and maintenance of valves within its potable water system that have been previously identified as failing. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: GS Construction, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed $19,088,160.00.
MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 3/24/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Patrick, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

-this agenda item has been supported by OIIA audit review
-information provided by Director Wells
-Question CJ: so you're doing a systematic process across the system regarding the proactive replacement of the valves?

Meeting Ended At: 5:42pm

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be Adjourned meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Patrick, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC