DeKalb County Government

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Minutes - Draft

PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

Commissioner Robert Patrick (Chairperson)

Commissioner Chakira Johnson

Commissioner Ted Terry

Thursday, March 26, 2026 **3:30 PM**

Meeting Started At: 3:30pm

Attendees: Commissioners Patrick, Johnson, Terry

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

I. MINUTES

2026-0583 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the March 17, 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. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items:

Public Works - Sanitation and Beautification

2026-0413 Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 2025-137-ITB County Abatement Properties Mowing and Maintenance (Annual Contract with 3 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Sanitation and Beautification to obtain mowing and maintenance services at various County abatement locations. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Flex Landscaping Management, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: $100,000.00.

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 4/14/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-new Sanitation Director Eugene Mckinnie introduced by COO Williams to the PWI Committee
-information provided by Director Mckinnie
-comments provided by Commissioner Patrick regarding a property that needs maintenance within District 1
-Question TT: could we ensure that all Commissioners are inquiried regarding problem spots that need to be picked up in this contract? Could we open up the possibility of addressing areas not on this list after the agenda item moves forward?
-response provided by COO Williams
-Question TT: some neighbors have asked that instead of mowing we allow some abatement lots to become pocket parks, what is the ability for neighbors to utilize lots that won't be developed to become flowerbeds, gardens, etc.?
-response provided by COO Williams
-Question TT: it will be helpful to know that the process will be, such as if Parks & Recreation were to pick up the park to assist the neighbors; additional comments provided by Commissioner Terry regarding an example in Detroit
-Question TT: regarding cemeteries, there are 3 on the list; are these cemeteries that we own?
-response provided by COO Williams regarding the process of maintaining abandoned cemeteries
-comments provided by Commissioner Terry regarding a previous fund from the State of Georgia regarding a fund to manage cemeteries; additional response requested by the Law Department
-comments provided by Commissioner Patrick regarding conducting research and possibility of making cemeteries historic designation
-Commissioner Terry noted the DeKalb History Center is working with his office regarding research
-comments provided by Interim County Attorney Phillips the process ahead and possibility of a future case by case analysis on cemeteries
-Commissioner Terry requests how the County got to the point of maintaining these cemeteries on the agenda item and what the road forward will be
-Question CJ: for the list of properties in the agenda item, can we get that broken down by District?
-Question RP: also could this be placed into a GIS map? Additionally the possibility of putting this up on the market after getting these priced out
-response provided by COO Williams
-Question RP: could you provide web maps where the County shows the roads and rights of way maintenance related to this work?
-Z Williams: yes

Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM)

2026-0473 Commission District(s): All
CA - Cooperative Agreement Sewer Vacuum, Hydro-Excavation, and Municipal Pumping Equipment with Related Accessories and Supplies (Sourcewell Contract No. 101221-VAC): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This request seeks to purchase from the competitively let Sourcewell Contract No. 101221-VAC for the provision of one (1) Vac-Con International Truck, Cab & Chassis, (Model No. HV507) with Hot Shot Jetting Machine, for the purposes of unclogging sewer manholes and residential sewer lines throughout the County. Awarded to Vac-Con, Inc., c/o Carolina Environmental Systems. Amount Not To Exceed: $412,880.15.
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 4/14/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director Gordon

Watershed Management (DWM)

2026-0568 Commission District(s): 5 & 7
Agreement for the Construction and Financing of Sewer Upgrades with the Company with a contribution of $682,000.00.
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 4/14/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director Gordon

2026-0436 Commission District(s): 2, 4 and 6
Intergovernmental Agreement For Paving of SR-10/US-278 Between DeKalb County, Georgia and The City of Avondale Estates, Georgia
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 4/14/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director Wells

2026-0601 Commission District(s): 4 and 7
Septic to Sewer Petition - Pine Lake, Georgia - Forrest Road
This agenda item was No official recommendation

-information provided by Director Wells
-Question CJ: 51% of the 3 lots that we're bringing on?
-response provided by Director Wells
-Question TT: we got 100% of signatures? And the sewer district requirement is 51%?
-R Wells: yes
-Question TT: this tax district is 51% is that correct in order to move forward? We have other petition driven districts that require different amounts of signatures, such as traffic calming petitions that require 65%
-comments provided by Director Wells
-Question RP: 240 linear feet for $650,000 in cost to the County?
-response provided by Director Wells

-no official recommendation by the committee

Previously Heard Agenda Items:

Board of Commissioners - Super District 6

2025-1787 Commission District(s): All Districts
A Resolution to Enhance Environmental Equity and Sanitation Practices in DeKalb County
MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be Recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/14/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-comments provided by Commissioner Terry regarding the discount structure of the proposal - including the rebate nature of the discount, history of the resident concern living nearby the Landfill, possibility of $300,000 reduction based on current rates
-Question RP: regarding the discount program, based on distance from the landfill, how has the County in the past addressed similar situations? Do you currently have an analysis?
-response provided by COO Williams
-RP: at the last meeting the EPD let us know the components of air quality monitoring and background thereof. This portion of DeKalb has the two air monitoring stations within the proximity of the map provided in the agenda item. There is a distinction between odors and pollutants; those will all be part of the conversation as we get back into the next PWI Committee meeting
-Commissioner Terry requests Central Staff and GIS true up the fiscal impact based on the initial map provided, if we could get an exact amount to consider

III. DISCUSSION

CIP Update

-discussion not held in committee

Committee Goals 2026

-discussion not held in committee

Meeting Ended At: 4:04pm

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

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