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Minutes - Draft

PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

Commissioner Robert Patrick (Chairperson)

Commissioner Chakira Johnson

Commissioner Ted Terry

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 **3:30 PM**

Meeting Started At: 3:42pm

Attendees: Commissioners Patrick, Johnson, Terry, Massiah

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

I. MINUTES

2026-1124 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the July 6, 2026 Special Called 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

2026-1146 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the July 7, 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. APPOINTMENT INTERVIEW

Chief Executive Office

2026-1196 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Appoint Boniface G. Echols, Esq. to Post 4 of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) Board of Directors.
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 8/25/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-interview conducted by the PWI Committee to Attorney Echols

III. AGENDA ITEM

Previously Heard Agenda Items:

Watershed Management (DWM)

2026-0197 Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1280028 SCADA Controls and Instrumentation (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract). For use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) to obtain SCADA software systems management services at water and wastewater treatment plants within the County. Seeking increase the contract funds. Awarded to TESCO Controls, Inc: Amount Not To Exceed: $5,000,000.00
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/25/2026 .

-agenda item not heard in committee

2026-0854 Commission District(s): All
RFP-Request for Proposals No. 2025-117-RFP, Design Build Services (DBS) for Scott Candler Water Treatment Plant (SCWTP) Demolition and New Clearwells and High Service Pump Station. For use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) to obtain design, construction, and commissioning of the new SCWTP. Awarded to Ruby-Collins, Inc.; Amount Not to Exceed $233,810,423.00.
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 8/25/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-this item has been supported by OIA audit review
-information provided by Director Wells
-Question RP: will this address stilts and buildings?
-response provided by Director Wells
-additional comments provided by Ted Rhinehart

2026-0861 Commission District(s): All Districts
CO - Change Order No. 5 to Contract No. 1301520 On-Call Water and Sewer Services. For use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) to obtain on-call water and sewer installation, repair, and emergency response services throughout the County. Seeking increase in contract funds and term through June 30, 2027. Awarded to GS Construction, Inc. Amount Not to Exceed: $18,179,733.15.
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/25/2026 .

-agenda item not heard in committee

Public Works - Transportation

2026-0949 Commission District(s): 3,7
RFQ - Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 2025-039-RFQ Design Services for Michelle Obama Trail Extension from South River Trail to Flakes Mill Road (PI#0019888). For use by Public Works - Transportation (PW-T) to obtain design services for North Fork Peachtree Creek Trail at Waldrop Road to Flakes Mill Road near Narvie Harris Elementary School. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer: Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.: Amount Not To Exceed: $4,100,000.00.
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/25/2026 .

-agenda item not heard in committee

New Agenda Items:

Finance

2026-1224 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
The renewal of a contract with The Urban League of Greater Atlanta for the operation of the DeKalb County water and sewer customer assistance programs.
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 8/25/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by COO Williams, Dorna Werdelin, Nancy Flake Johnson of the Urban League
-Question LB: the debt program has not began as of yet?
-response provided by Ms. Flake Johnson
-Question LB: as the rates increase over the years you are anticipating an increase of those eligible for the program, have you discussed how to sustain the program moving forward?
-response provided by Ms. Flake Johnson
-Question LB: with the renewal of the project that includes increases that also cover salaries and benefits?
-response provided by Ms. Flake Johnson

Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D)

2026-1046 Commission District(s): All Districts
Accept the Funding from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the FY2026 Local Maintenance and improvement Grant Program, (Supplemental Grant)
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/25/2026 .

-agenda item not heard in committee

2026-1041 Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 5 to Contract No. 1258006 Stormwater Master Plan. For use by Public-Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D) to provide stormwater master planning services. Seeking increase in contract funds, scope of services, and term through June 30, 2028. Awarded to Arcadis US, Inc: Amount Not To Exceed: $2,299,900.00.
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/25/2026 .

-agenda item not heard in committee

2026-1168 Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 2000222 Roadway Bulk De-Icing (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract). For use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage which consists of the purchase of de-icing materials to make the sand/salt mixture used to maintain the County's roadways, parking lots and sidewalks. Seeking an increase in contract funds. Awarded to F.M. Shelton, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: $100,000.00.
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/25/2026 .

-agenda item not heard in committee

Public Works - Solid Waste Management

2026-1010 Commission District(s): 3 & 7
CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 2000167 CNG Fueling Station Maintenance & Repairs. For use by Public Works - Solid Waste Management to obtain routine and on-call repair and maintenance services to the Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling stations throughout the County. Seeking increase in contract funds and term through November 30, 2027. Awarded to Atlanta Gas Light Company: Amount Not To Exceed: $200,000.00.
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/25/2026 .

-agenda item not heard in committee

2026-1030 Commission District(s): 3
LB - Invitation No. 2025-167-ITB Seminole Road MSW Landfill 2026 Gas Collection and Control System (GCCS) Expansion. For use by Public Works - Solid Waste Management to obtain construction services for the expansion of the GCCS at the Seminole Road Landfill. Recommend award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder: Blue Flame Crew, LLC: Amount Not To Exceed: $2,397,297.00.
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/25/2026 .

-agenda item not heard in committee

Public Works-Solid Waste Management & Beautification

2026-0939 Commission District(s): All
REN - Contract No. 2000420 Curb Bumping and Street Sweeping (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew). For use by Public Works-Solid Waste Management & Beautification to obtain curb bumping and street sweeping services throughout County. Exercising 1st renewal option through August 31, 2027. Awarded to Pateco Services, LLC: Amount Not To Exceed: $120,000.00.
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 8/25/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director McKinnie
-Question TT: they are picking up the work that is in the original contract?
-response provided by Director McKinnie
-Question RP: can you provide a map of the service areas?
-Director McKinnie: absolutely
-Question RP: is this critical?
-response provided by Director McKinnie regarding a forthcoming substitute
-Commissioner Patrick requests a follow up with a linear foot expectation/cost
-Question LB: if commissioners want to add locations would that change the amount not to exceed? What is the frequency of curb bumping that will occur?
-response provided by Director McKinnie and Dep Director Ricky Crockett
-Question TT: what's the funding source?
-McKinnie: the Stormwater fund
-comments provided by Commissioner Patrick
-Question RP: can I discuss retaining wall issues that are getting cover

-TT: motion to defer 2 weeks

Public Works-Fleet Management

2026-1117 Commission District(s): All
CA - Cooperative Agreement - Grounds Maintenance Equipment & Related Attachments (Sourcewell Contract No. 112624-KBA). For use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by Beautification to obtain six (6) Kubota Mowers (Model No. F2690) with attachments. Awarded to Kubota Tractor Corp., c/o Lashley Tractor Sales: Amount Not To Exceed: $169,375.50.
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/25/2026 .

-agenda item not heard in committee

Public Works-Transportation

2026-1066 Commission District(s): 3 & 7
RFQ - Request for Qualifications: 2025-113-RFQ, Design Services for Flat Shoals Parkway (SR 155) Sidewalk from Columbia Drive to Wesley Chapel Road (PI# 0019622). For use by Public Works-Transportation to obtain design services for the addition of 2.1 miles of new sidewalks on both sides of Flat Shoals Parkway to create continuous sidewalks, meet current ADA standards and installation of a protected pedestrian crossing. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer: AtkinsRéalis USA, Inc.: Amount Not To Exceed: $3,210,410.84.
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/25/2026 .

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Public Works - Transportation, Roads and Drainage (R&D), and Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA)

2026-0767 Commission District(s): ALL
CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1281318 and Change Order No. 6 to Contract No. 1281319 Sidewalks and Roadways (Multiyear). For use by Public Works - Transportation, Roads and Drainage (R&D), and Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA) to obtain construction services to improve sidewalks, drainage, roads, bike lanes, multi-use trails, and curb and shoulders. Seeking increase in contract funds and term through December 31, 2027. Awarded to Autaco Development, LLC and DAF Concrete, Inc.: Total Amount Not to Exceed: $2,165,000.00.
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/25/2026 .

-agenda item not heard in committee

Watershed Management (DWM)

2026-0774 Commission District(s): ALL
CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No.: 2000105 Technology Product Solutions and Related Services (Cooperative Agreement No. 23-6692-01). For use by Fire Rescue to obtain dashcam equipment through the competitively let County / Omnia contract for the purchase of dashcam equipment, related accessories, licensing, and installation for emergency vehicles. Seeking to add the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) to the contract and increase the contract funds to purchase dash cam equipment, related accessories, installation, and 5 year license. Awarded to: Carahsoft Technology Corporation: Amount Not To Exceed: $1,580,587.45.
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/25/2026 .

-agenda item not heard in committee

2026-1180 Commission District(s): 2 & 6
Agreement for the Construction and Financing of Sewer Upgrades with PPF AMLI 750 Commerce Drive, LLC with a Contribution of $168,500.
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/25/2026 .

-agenda item not heard in committee

2026-1114 Commission District(s): 5
LB - Invitation No. 2026-058 Application of Herbicides at Pole Bridge Wastewater Treatment Plant (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract). For use by Department of Watershed Management (DWM) to obtain herbicide and application services at the Pole Bridge Water Treatment Plant. Recommend award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidders: Opterra Solutions, Inc., and Pro Way Turf Inc.: Total Amount Not To Exceed $300,000.00.
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/25/2026 .

-agenda item not heard in committee

2026-1153 Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1381109 Design/Build Services for Snapfinger Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility (SFAWTF) Expansion - Phase 3B Project (UV Disinfection System): For use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) to obtain design services, furnishing, permitting and constructing of UV system. Seeking to increase contract scope of work, funding and performance time. Awarded to Morgan Contracting, Inc. Amount Not to Exceed $394,309.31.
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/25/2026 .

-agenda item not heard in committee

2026-1174 Commission District(s): ALL
Kahua Project Management Information System (PMIS) Governance and Optimization (Purchasing Policy Exemption): For use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) to obtain advisory consulting services for the implementation, governance and effective delivery of Kahua PMIS. Awarded to SG Contracting Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: $400,800.00
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/25/2026 .

-agenda item not heard in committee

2026-1187 Commission District(s): All
LB- Invitation No. 2026-057-ITB Field Verification and Reporting of Public and Private Service Lines (Multi-year). For use by Department of Watershed Management to obtain services to verify and report ingress and egress water line materials. Recommend award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder: Integrated Construction Management, Inc.: Amount Not To Exceed: $1,263,625.00.
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/25/2026 .

-agenda item not heard in committee

2026-1173 Commission District(s): 1 & 6
Water Utility Installation for Upcoming City of Dunwoody Project Cost to the County: Not To Exceed $2,894,225
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/25/2026 .

-agenda item not heard in committee

2026-1183 Commission District(s): All
United States Geological Survey (USGS) 5-Year Agreement
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/25/2026 .

-agenda item not heard in committee

Watershed Management (DWM), Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Facilities Management (FM) and Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D)

2026-1165 Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 2026-004 Asphaltic Concrete Pavement Repair (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): For use by Departments of Watershed Management (DWM), Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Facilities Management (FM) and Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). Recommend award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidders: A&S Paving, Inc. and Autaco Development, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: $15,850,000.00.
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/25/2026 .

-agenda item not heard in committee

Board of Commissioners

2026-1234 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
To Amend Previously Adopted Agenda Item 2025-0240 with an Updated Resolution to Establish Independent CIP Monitor Roles and Responsibilities.
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/25/2026 .

-agenda item not heard in committee

IV. DISCUSSION

Operational Assessment Update - PWI Depts

-information provided by Alexis Mathis, Management Consultant at Momentum Firm
-comments and questions provided by Commissioners regarding the operational assessment

Water & Sewer CIP Update

-presentation provided by Director Houser, Robert Ryall of Arcadis
-CFO McNabb discussed the County's bond ratings in lieu of the additional debt brought on by the County
-Question CJ: what is our current collection rate?
-D McNabb: 95% currently; it was about 85% during the water billing moratorium
-Question CJ: could you provide more information on the county's process regarding impact fees? The fees that we charge as well?
-response provided by Mr. Ryall
-Question CJ: can you expand on refunding options?
-response provided by Director McNabb
-Question NM: can you explain why we're expecting a debt coverage rebound?
-response provided by Director McNabb
-Question NM: could discuss how the collection rate will impact our debt coverage?
-response provided by Director McNabb
-Commissioner Massiah requests a lists of projects that may be eliminated
-response provided by Director Houser

Meeting Ended At: 5:15pm

MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, 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