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, September 10, 2026 **3:30 PM**

Meeting Started At: 3:46pm

Attendees: Commissioners Patrick, Johnson, Terry, Massiah, Bolton

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

I. MINUTES

2026-1287 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the August 18, 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

2026-1298 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the August 24, 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

II. DISCUSSION

Industrial Pre-Treatment and Sewer Capacity for Industry

-presentation provided by Director Wells, Dora De Taboada - Watershed Director of Regulatory Compliance, Kerry Williams -Dep Director ECMS, and Maria Houser - Consent Decree Director
-comments provided by Commissioner Terry
-Questions provided by Commissioner Terry regarding this process and individual treatment plants for large-scale projects in other jurisdictions
-Question CJ: what is the frequency of the sites that are not compliant? What happens if they are not compliant?
-response provided by Director Wells
-comments provided by Commissioner Davis Johnson
-Question LB: with the self-monitoring reports, do you require specific compliance reports for industries?
-response provided by Director Wells
-Dr. Bolton expressed her concerns regarding challenges facing maintenance of the water system
-Question CJ: when in the process is the modeling done?
-response provided by Mr. Williams
-Question TT: have you done a model where a grey water system that was being proposed?
-response provided by Mr. Williams
-Question RP: does it make sense to have a two year surety bond for large-scale projects?
-response provided by Director Wells
-Question LB: if there is an expansion in year two or three of the development, could there be another issuance of the surety bond?
-response provided by Director Wells
-Question CJ: if it's a private system they still have to connect to the public system to ensure it's up to our standards correct?
-response provided by Director Wells
-Question RP: if there is development on a reservoir could you discuss the process for enforcement of regulations?
-response provided by Director Wells
-additional comments provided by Director Houser regarding the Emory Hub
-next steps provided by COO Williams
-Question RP: could we have HMMH come back to us to discuss air quality for developments such as data centers and overall impact on the community?
-response provided by COO Williams

III. AGENDA ITEM

Previously Heard Agenda Items:

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 9/15/2026 .

-agenda item is currently in OIIA audit review

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.
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 9/15/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-OIIA determined that the agenda amount of $4,100,000 was invalid. OIIA validated a total amount of $4,402,022.02, which is $302,022.02 more than the amount stated in the agenda item.
-a substitute has been received for this agenda item
-information provided by Transportation Dept representative Mr. Sapp

Watershed Management (DWM)

2026-1183 Commission District(s): All
United States Geological Survey (USGS) 5-Year Agreement
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 9/15/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-agenda item has been supported by OIIA audit review
-information provided by Director Wells
-Question TT: regarding the Intrenchment Creek monitoring station, was that looked at?
-response provided by Director Wells
-Question TT: in the future could we amend this agreement and add a 23rd station?
-response provided by Director Wells
-Question TT: County Attorney could we approve this contingent upon Director Wells ability to add another monitor if prudent and USGS deems it reasonable?
-response provided by County Attorney Phillips
-Commissioner Patrick requests County Attorney return to the BOC on Tuesday with specific language to accomplish Commissioner Terry's aim

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.
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 9/15/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-OIIA determined that the agenda amount of $15,850,000 was not supported. OIIA validated a total amount of $23,470,616.75, which is $7,620,616.75 more than the amount stated in the agenda item.
-a substitute has been received for this agenda item
-information provided by Director Wells and Director Allen
-Question RP: is this different than the road repaving contracts?
-response provided by Director Allen
-Question RP: Director Allen your funds will cover pothole patches?
-response provided by Director Allen
-Question TT: what is the tax district operating fund that is being used? Could you explain the reason for the
-response provided by Director Allen
-Question TT: are we locking ourselves into higher prices for the next three years?
-response provided by COO Williams regarding a termination for convenience clause

-TT: motion to approve the substitute

New Agenda Items:

Chief Executive Office

2026-1320 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
ReCycle DeKalb Compost Beta Community Education Program (Purchasing Policy Exemption). Consists of the provision of weekly food-scrap collection services and community education to 500 unincorporated DeKalb households over a 40-week beta term in 2027. The program will provide branded 7-gallon containers to participating households at no cost to residents and is intended to educate residents on proper organics diversion while collecting participation, data, and measured behavior. A contract will be developed and executed in a form acceptable to the County Attorney or his designee. Awarded to: Compost Cowboys, LLC. Amount Not to Exceed: $325,000.00.
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 9/15/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Chief Milagro
-comments provided by Commissioner Terry
-Question TT: for the 500 households what is the process to select?
-response provided by Chief Milagro

Public Works - Transportation

2026-0952 Commission District(s): 2 & 6
RFQ - Request for Vendor Qualifications (RFQ) 22-500624 Design Services for North Druid Hills Road Bridge at CSX-(PI#0017991). For use by Public Works - Transportation (PW-T) to obtain design services for the replacement of the North Druid Hills Road Bridge at CSX. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer: AECOM Technical Services, Inc.: Amount Not To Exceed: $951,005.02.
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 9/15/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Mr. Sapp
-Question TT: they'll be designing a wider bridge so there will be a trail and sidewalk?
-response provided by Mr. Kingsbury

Public Works - Solid Waste Management

2026-1250 Commission District(s): 1, 3, 4, 6 & 7
SS - Truck Scale Maintenance and Repair Services (Sole Source). For use by Public Works - Solid Waste Management to obtain maintenance and repair services of truck scales at various facilities operated by the County on an as-needed basis. Awarded to: Fairbanks Scales, Inc.: Amount Not To Exceed: $380,000.00.
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 9/15/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director McKinnie
-comment provided by Commissioner Johnson regarding the services provided on truck scales

Watershed Management (DWM)

2026-1244 Commission District(s): All Commissioned Districts
To propose acceptance of Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) Loan CW2025020 in the amount of $17,887,000 an authorize the CEO to execute all necessary documents. GEFA approved our loan application, for the funding of the Shoal Creek Trunk Sewer Improvement Project, on May 12, 2026.
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 9/15/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director McNabb
-comments provided by Commissioner Patrick regarding the importance of completing such projects that fulfill the obligations of the Consent Decree

Meeting Ended At: 5:22pm

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

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Monday, September 28, 2026 **10:00 AM**

Special Called Meeting

Meeting Started At: 10:00am

Attendees: Commissioners Patrick, Johnson

Present 2 - Chairperson Robert Patrick, and Commissioner Chakira Johnson

Absent 1 - Commissioner Ted Terry

I. MINUTES

2026-1358 Commission District(s): ALL
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Yes: 2 - Chairperson Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Terry

II. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items:

Public Works - Roads and Drainage