DeKalb County Government

1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30030

Minutes - Draft

PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

Commissioner Robert Patrick (Chairperson)

Commissioner Chakira Johnson

Commissioner Ted Terry

Monday, October 12, 2026 | **2:00 PM** | **1300 Commerce Drive, 5th Floor Multipurpose Room, Decatur, GA 30030**

Special Called Meeting

Meeting Started At: 2:15pm

Attendees: Commissioners Patrick, Johnson, Terry

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

I. MINUTES

2026-1461 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the September 28, 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. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items

Public Works-Fleet Management

2026-1290 Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 2026-084-ITB Walking Floor Open Refuse Transfer Trailer (One-Time Buy). For use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by Public Works-Solid Waste Management to obtain twelve (12) walking floor open refuse transfer trailers for transporting refuse for the County. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Travis Body & Trailer, Inc.: Amount Not To Exceed: $1,404,000.00.
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 10/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Deputy Director Vernetha Halls

Public Works-Solid Waste Management

2026-1305 Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 2000131 Residential Single-Stream Recycling Materials, Commercial Cardboard & Mixed Paper (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew). For use by Public Works-Solid Waste Management to obtain residential single-stream material recycling services throughout the County. Seeking increase in contract funds and term through March 31, 2027. Awarded to Pratt Recycling, Inc.: Amount Not To Exceed: $400,000.00.
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 10/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director McKinnie
-Question TT: do we have the updated monthly tonnage report to provide to Commissioners?
-report provided by Director McKinnie
-Question RP: can you explain what's happening regarding a decrease in mixing complaints in the last two years?
-response provided by Director McKinnie
-Question RP: do you know when the new recycling RFP will be awarded?
-response provided by Director McKinnie
-Question CJ: so the goal would be to have the new contract in place before then?
-E McKinnie: yes
-Question TT: COO Williams can you provide the public with the progress made over the past year or so to highlight the positive improvements?
-response provided by COO Williams

Watershed Management (DWM)

2026-1313 Commission District(s): 1 and 6
SS - Polychem Sludge Collector Original Equipment Manufacturer Parts (Three (3) Year Multiyear - Sole Source). For use by the Department of Watershed Management to obtain OEM parts to maintain sludge collectors at the Scott Candler Water Treatment Plant on an as-needed basis. Recommend award to: Cornerstone H2O, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: $191,916.72.
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 10/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director Wells
-Question RP: how does rain impact water quality coming into the facility?
-response provided by Director Wells regarding the use of reservoirs
-Question TT: are we on track with the Scott Candler project discussed previously for design work?
-response provided by Director Wells
-Question RP: do we know when full system rehabilitation will be expected?
-response provided by Director Wells

2026-1345 Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1271092 Construction Management Services (Multiyear Contract). For use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) to obtain on-call construction management services. Seeking to increase the contract funds and term through December 31, 2028. Awarded to CGA Solutions [Joint Venture of Corporate Environmental Risk Management, LLC (CERM)/Gresham Smith/Atkins North America, Inc.]. Amount Not to Exceed $2,609,413.59.

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 10/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director Wells
-Question RP: is this related to a specific Consent Decree project?
-response provided by Director Wells; will email the Committee the documents related to this question
-Question TT: is this intended to relate to the Pole Bridge Master Plan? I am seeking consensus on the next steps, in November could we add that to a future PWI discussion and get consensus on the process that was presented previously.
-comments provided by Director Wells regarding a different contract this pertains to but is committed to working on bringing the committee the necessary information

2026-1257 Commission District(s): ALL
LB - Invitation No. 2026-027-ITB Machine Shop Services (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract). For use by Department of Watershed Management (DWM) to obtain machine shop services. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Cole Technology, Inc. and Capital City Machine Shop, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: $5,500,000.00.

This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 10/13/2026 .

-this agenda item is currently in OIIA audit review

2026-1285 Commission District(s): All
RFP- Solicitation No. 2026-061-RFP, Scott Candler Water Treatment Plant (SCWTP) Clearwells and Pumping Station Upgrade Construction Management Services (Multi-Year). For use by the Department of Watershed Management to obtain Construction Management Services. Recommend Award to the highest scoring Proposer, CDM Smith, Inc., Amount Not to
Exceed $11,120,246.50.
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 10/13/2026 .

-this agenda item is currently in OIIA audit review

Previously Heard Agenda Items

Public Works - Roads and Drainage

2026-1178 Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 2026-028-ITB Traffic Pavement Markings (Five (5) Year Multiyear Contract). For use by Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D) to obtain traffic pavement marking services. Recommend award to the responsive and responsible bidders: Peek Pavement Marking, LLC, and Autaco Development, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: $3,330,000.00.
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 10/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-OIIA determined that the agenda amount of $3,330,000 was valid and supported
-information provided by Director Allen
-Question RP: how will the striping schedules align with resurfacing work?
-response provided by Director Allen
-Question RP: what ensures uniform quality and visibility across vendors?
-response provided by Director Allen
-Question RP: how does the previously purchased paint factor into these projects?
-response provided by Director Allen
-Question TT: could you explain the total list of line items and how it alludes to the work being done?
-response provided by Director Allen
-Question TT: the first two years in the contract have higher spending then the funding tapers off; is it difficult to project past that the timeline which explains the cost structure?
-response provided by COO Williams and Director Allen
-Question TT: would you be able to share what projects you think they'll get to in years 1 and 2?
-response provided by Director Allen
-Commissioner Johnson requests an update on the striping projects on a per district basis, with a GIS map

Watershed Management (DWM)

2026-1170 Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 2026-007-ITB Maintenance and Repair of Manhole Rings, Covers & Valve Boxes (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract). For use by the department of Watershed Management (DWM) to obtain services for the adjustment, replacement and/or installation of manhole rings, covers, and valve boxes. Recommend award to the responsive and responsible bidders: Kemi Construction Company, Inc., and Precision 2000, Inc. Total Amount Not to Exceed: $7,000,000.00.
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 10/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-OIIA audit review has deemed this agenda item amount as reasonable
-information provided by Director Wells
-Question TT: regarding manhole inserts, are there products like that that you deploy in high flood areas?
-response provided by Director Wells
-Question TT: sometimes the traffic flow can get bottlenecked, if there is work being done on busy roads during busy times, I would like contractors to be sensitive to that
-response provided by Director Wells regarding the traffic plan being dictated by the permit
-comments provided by Commissioner Johnson
-Question TT: regarding how we seek compliance, is there a permit fee? Are we up to date on the fee for service on the outside vendors who are hired to inspect?
-response provided by COO Williams regarding a fees assessment provided by MGT, if adjustments are needed they will be presented in the FY27 budget which will outline the adjustments necessary across operations
-Commissioners requested a per committee list of upcoming fee adjustment requests coming forward in FY27 (i.e. streetlight fees)
-Question RP: what coordination exists with resurfacing schedules to reduce work
-response provided by Director Wells
-Question RP: what are the leading causes of repeated adjustments?
-response provided by Director Wells
-comments provided by Commissioner Terry regarding who monitors certain aggregate for certain public works related issues

Watershed Management (DWM), Public Works - Solid Waste Management, Beautification

2026-1205 Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 2026-063-ITB On Call Concrete and Retainer Walls (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract). For use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) and the Department of Solid Waste Management and Beautification to obtain services for forming, placing and finishing concrete as needed for curbs, gutters, sidewalks, retainer walls, cheekwalls, footings and steps. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: DAF Concrete, Inc. and Double A&A Grading and Paving. Total Amount Not To Exceed: $4,550,000.00.
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 10/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-Based on the documentation reviewed, OIIA determined that $4,150,000 of the proposed $4,550,000 was supported, resulting in a reduction of $400,000.
-information provided by Director Wells

-a presentation was provided regarding the Public Works Department

-a presentation was provided regarding the Stormwater program
-Commissioners engaged in a discussion with the Administration afterward regarding the projects within the presentation

Meeting Ended At: 3:31pm

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