



# DeKalb County Government

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## Minutes - Draft

### FAB-Finance, Audit & Budget Committee

*Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Chair*  
*Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Member*  
*Commissioner Robert Patrick, Member*

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Tuesday, September 24, 2024

2:00 PM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

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Meeting Started At: 2:00PM

Attendees: Commissioners Bradshaw, Davis Johnson, Patrick, Terry

**Present**      3 - Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Robert Patrick, and  
Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson

#### I. MINUTES

**2024-1142**      Commission District(s): ALL  
Minutes for the September 10, 2024 Finance, Audit, and Budget  
Committee

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Mereda  
Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion  
carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Patrick, and  
Commissioner Davis Johnson**

#### II. AGENDA ITEM

**Purchasing and Contracting**

2024-0977

Commission District(s): ALL  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No.1338634 DeKalb LINKS (Annual Contract With 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Purchasing and Contracting (P&C). This contract consists of a customized, cloud-based application designed and integrated specifically for the DeKalb First Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE) Program. This request seeks a contract funds and term increase through January 31, 2025. It also seeks to ratify a previously provided thirty (30) day contract term increase, effective as of September 1, 2024. Awarded to Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council (GMSDC). Amount Not To Exceed: \$99,166.62

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/8/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Davis Johnson**

- a substitute has been received for this agenda item
- information provided by Purchasing & Contracting
- Question SB: what is the reason for the price increase?
- response: we needed to reconciled some previous invoices; additional information provided
- Question MDJ: so the difference in the price is to ratify a previous 30 day contract term increase; what is different from the original and the substitute
- response: there were outstanding invoices that we needed to pay that weren't included in the original item
- Question RP: \$57,000 worth of things that needed to get added in on top of that?
- response: yes sir
- Question TT: regarding the change order request form, could you describe more in detail?
- response provided regarding details of the need for the change order
- Question TT: so getting us through the end of January will get us time to figure out the transition? Is there thinking on bringing this in-house?
- response: yes sir that is the thinking; additional response provided
- Question TT: COO Williams if we're moving away from the system software, do we need to have a replacement software?
- response provided by COO Williams
- Question TT: is Innovation & Technology helping identify the new software?
- Z Williams: they will be involved in identifying the software
- Question TT: is the LSBE changing?
- Z Williams: that's not changing; we have capacity, we may bolster capacity but the staff itself is not changing, the software is
- Question RP: over \$14,000 per month for the next several months - can you get us a breakdown of the budget
- RP: motion to approve substitute

### III. DISCUSSION

## American Rescue Plan Report

*-presentation provided by CFO McNabb, COO Williams*

*-Question MDJ: will you all reconsider reallocating some of those funds to us?*

*-response provided by COO Williams regarding expecting an agenda item in the next 2 weeks regarding the Administration's plan regarding funding opportunities*

*-Question TT: could you give us a couple of weeks to talk with you all about that?*

*Z Williams: if we have this on the next FAB agenda, hopefully by then we have an item*

*-Question MDJ: if some of the money is reallocated what has been allocated back to the General Fund, is that what I'm hearing?*

*-response provided by CFO McNabb*

*-Question MDJ: when is the deadline?*

*Z Williams: the deadline for the obligation of these projects is the end of this year, which means you have to have an executed contract. And the contract has to be spent by the end of 2025 I believe*

*-SB: Staff please bring this discussion back to the FAB agenda in two weeks*

*-Question TT: have we confirmed that the Courts still want to use this money?*

*-response provided by COO Williams*

*-Question TT: for the public defender item is that something that needed to be corrected?*

*-response provided by CFO McNabb*

*-Question TT: are we good to do the Stormwater projects and execute this year?*

*-response provided by COO Williams*

*-Question TT: is food insecurity a line item for the food distributions? What is the intent of that spending?*

*-response provided by COO Williams*

*-Question TT: would you consider working with each of the commissioners to do something more substantial around Thanksgiving for food insecurity?*

*-Z Williams: we'd be happy to have that conversation*

*-Question TT: for proposed reallocations, where is this being reallocated to?*

*-CFO McNabb: we're not sure yet; that's what we're bringing back in two weeks*

*-TT: could commissioners propose reallocations regarding the \$3M in this document; will you take suggestions from commissioners?*

*-response provided by CFO McNabb*

*-Question RP: is there \$1M still set aside for Stormwater improvements?*

*-Z Williams: we will check and make sure all of that is still accounted for?*

*-Question RP: when you said you had contract issues pop up, what were you referring to?*

*-response provided by CFO McNabb regarding the Davis-Bacon Act and other requirements for Federal compliance*

*-Question RP: are there any exemptions to that Act?*

*-D McNabb: we haven't seen anything like that; we usually don't have warning when they are changing a rule*

*-Question RP: you're going to come back to us in the next few weeks with these Stormwater projects for the \$1.9M you have listed here?*

*-Z Williams: that's correct*

*-Question MDJ: what will be the plan for the Public Defender's Office spending?*

*D McNabb: we will transfer that to their operating budget*

*-Question MDJ: Commissioner Terry when you said we will come to the Administration with our recommendations, are you suggesting that money be allocated to special projects? My thought is that funding would be given equally to commissioners to prioritize what they want to use those funds for*

Meeting Ended At: 2:31PM

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be adjourned meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Davis Johnson**

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Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC