



# DeKalb County Government

1300 Commerce Drive  
Decatur, Georgia 30030

## Minutes - Draft

### PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

*Commissioner Robert Patrick (Chair)*

*Commissioner Ted Terry, Member*

*Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Member*

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Tuesday, January 7, 2025

3:30 PM

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Meeting Started At: 3:31PM

Attendees: Commissioners Patrick, Terry, Davis Johnson, Long Spears, Massiah, Johnson, Bolton

**Present**            3 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, and  
Member Mereda Davis Johnson

#### I. MINUTES

**2024-1676**            Commission District(s): ALL  
Minutes for the December 13, 2024 Special Called Public Works  
and Infrastructure Committee Meeting  
**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by  
Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. The motion  
carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Terry, and Member  
Davis Johnson**

#### II. AGENDA ITEM

##### Public Works - Transportation

[2024-1632](#)            Commission District(s): Countywide  
Acceptance of \$800,000.00 of Safe Streets and Roads for All Funds  
from the Federal Highway Administration for Development of a  
Safety Action Plan  
**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Mereda Davis  
Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval.  
to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 1/14/2025. The  
motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Terry, and Member Davis Johnson**

*-information provided by Director Pelton*

*-Question RP: this is only unincorporated DeKalb correct?*

*-D Pelton: that's correct but some of the cities did receive their own grants*

*-Question TT: what is the process to procure these grants?*

*-response provided by Director Pelton*

2024-1637

Commission District(s): 1 and 7

Acceptance of \$800,000.00 of Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Funds for North Fork Peachtree Creek Greenway

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 1/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Terry, and Member Davis Johnson**

*-information provided by Director Pelton*

*-Question RP: when you say concept you are saying this gets us to the shovel-ready point?*

*-response provided by Director Pelton*

*-Question RP: is there public engagement part of this process*

*-D Pelton: yes there will be a public engagement process*

#### **Public Works - Sanitation and Beautification**

2024-1415

Commission District(s): All

REN - Contract Nos.: 1325680 and 1334397 Right-of-Way Mowing (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works -Sanitation and Beautification. These contracts consist of mowing and lawn maintenance services at one hundred thirty-two (132) right-of-way locations throughout the County. This request seeks to exercise the 2nd and last renewal option through January 31, 2026. Awarded to Executive Realty Solution, Inc. and Flex Landscaping, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed \$1,330,195.06.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for approval upon receipt of additional information to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 1/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Terry, and Member Davis Johnson**

*-information provided by COO Williams*

*-comments provided by Commissioner Patrick*

*-comments provided by Commissioner Terry and colleagues regarding possibility of adding right of ways to this work*

*-Commissioner Terry noted that he will share a shortlist of potential right of ways for consideration with Director Hutchinson*

*Commissioner Patrick noted that he would like to add the neighborhood of Fleetwood Hills off of Chamblee-Tucker Rd and I-85, and would share for consideration with Director Hutchinson*

*-Commissioner Davis Johnson requested that the Administration re-send the list*

*-COO Williams stated that they would incorporate any of the new right of ways being added*

*-MDJ: motion to approve with friendly amendments to a potential substitute for right of way locations to be added*

### **Public Works - Sanitation**

2024-1552

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1122508 Landfill Professional Engineering and Surveying Services (Annual Contract with 3 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Public Works - Sanitation. This contract consists of providing engineering and surveying services related to municipal solid waste landfills, including services related to construction, operating, permitting and compliance at the County's solid waste management facilities. This request seeks to increase the contract term through April 30, 2025. Awarded to Stearns, Conrad and Schmidt Consulting, Inc., dba SCS Engineers. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 1/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Terry, and Member Davis Johnson**

*-information provided by COO Williams*

[2024-1598](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

REN - Contract No. 1318937 Tires Recycling (Annual Contract 2nd and final renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Public Works - Sanitation. This contract consists of picking up and removing tires from the Seminole Landfill that were collected from illegal dump sites, residential homes and tire cleanup projects. This request seeks to exercise the 2nd and final renewal option through January 31, 2026. Awarded to Latham Home Sanitation Company, Inc. Amount Not to Exceed: \$150,000.00

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 1/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Terry, and Member Davis Johnson**

*-information provided by COO Williams*

#### **Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D)**

[2024-1201](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 24-101677 Twenty (20) Ton Equipment Trailer: for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by the Department of Roads & Drainage (R&D), Watershed Management (DWM) and Storm Water. Consists of the purchase of twenty-five (25) 20-ton equipment trailers used to haul various types of equipment to work sites throughout the County. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: JME Sales, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$549,600.00.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 1/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Terry, and Member Davis Johnson**

*-information provided by COO Williams*

#### **Public Works - Transportation**

[2024-1512](#) Commission District(s): 4 & 6  
LB - Invitation No. 24-101694 North Indian Creek Drive Traffic Signal and Pavement Marking (270 Days): for use by the Department of Public Works - Transportation (PW-T). Consists of the installation of a traffic signal and pavement marking on North Indian Creek Drive. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: NGT Group Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$529,761.26.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 1/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Terry, and Member Davis Johnson**

*-information provided by COO Williams*

[2024-1629](#) Commission District(s): 3 and 6  
Concept Study for Elimination of At-Grade Railroad Crossing on Constitution Road

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 1/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Terry, and Member Davis Johnson**

*-information provided by Director Pelton*

*-Question MDJ: how much is the cost?*

*D Pelton: it will be about \$575,000*

*-Question RP: how much of the match is SPLOST I?*

*-D Pelton: \$115,000*

2024-1261

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 3 for Contract Nos.: 1231540, 1231542, 1231546, 1231550 and 1231552 Engineering and Design Services for Public Works Transportation & Infrastructure (Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works-Transportation (PW-T). These contracts consist of providing engineering services to initiate design of selected public works infrastructure improvement projects for the County. This request seeks approval to increase contract funds and term through December 31, 2025. Awarded to: AtkinsRealis USA, Inc., Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB), Inc.; Arcadis U.S. Inc.; Atlas Technical Consultants and AECOM Technical Services, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,000,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 1/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Terry, and Member Davis Johnson**

*-this item is currently in OIA audit review*

*-Question TT: is there a specific goal with this agenda item?*

*-response provided by Director Pelton*

*-TT: motion to defer to the next PWI meeting*

**Watershed Management**

[2024-1301](#) Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 6 to Contract No. 1124403 Teledyne ISCO Training and Support, Equipment, Software and Licenses, Part and Related System Components for Sanitary Sewer Flow Monitoring (sole Source): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of the provision of vendor support and training in the installation and maintenance of equipment, flow monitoring equipment, parts and related system components used in the completion of existing hydraulic modeling and sewer monitoring programs related to Consent Decree requirements. This request is to increase funding and continue with the use of the existing sole source vendor through December 31, 2025. Awarded to Teledyne Instruments, Inc. as a business unit Teledyne ISCO. Amount Not to Exceed: 3,000,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 1/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Terry, and Member Davis Johnson**

*-this item is currently in OIIA audit review  
-MDJ: motion to defer to the next PWI meeting*

[2024-1336](#) Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 6 to Contract No. 1177081 Trenchless Sewer Line Rehabilitation and Construction and Televising Inspection Services (Savannah Contract: Event No. 5937/Buyer Contract No. 886 [DeKalb Cooperative Agreement]): for use by Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract is a cooperative agreement and consists of providing sewer line rehabilitation services; to primarily include inspections, sewer line cleaning, and cured in place pipe. This request is to increase the contract scope of work, term through December 31, 2026, and funding. This request will allow for the continuation of existing sanitary sewer line rehabilitation services. Awarded to Insituform Technologies, LLC. Amount Not to Exceed \$11,897,964.10.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 1/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Terry, and Member Davis Johnson**

*-this item is currently in OIA audit review*

*-MDJ: motion to defer to the next PWI meeting*

2024-1329 Commission District(s): District 3 and District 7  
CO - Change Order No. 18 to Contract No. 972548 Snapfinger Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facilities Expansion - Phase 2: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of the phase 2 expansion to the Snapfinger Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility; inclusive of site preparation, modification of existing structures, and the construction of new structures. This request is to increase the contract term through December 31, 2025. Awarded to Archer Western Construction, LLC. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY.

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 1/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Terry, and Member Davis Johnson**

*-information provided by COO Williams*

*-Question TT: will we be ready to turn this on before December 2025?*

*-response provided by Director Hayes*

2024-1604 Commission District(s): All  
SS - Maintenance Parts and Services for Endress+Hauser Water Treatment Systems (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of purchasing parts and services for verification, calibration, and repair of Endress+Hauser instruments. This request seeks to establish a three-year agreement with Endress+Hauser and will assist in the ongoing operation and maintenance of water treatment systems at the Snapfinger, Pole Bridge, and Scott Candler Wastewater Treatment Plants. Awarded to Endress+Hauser. Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,700,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 1/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Terry, and Member Davis Johnson**



*-information provided by COO Williams*

*Previously Heard Agenda Items:*

## **Finance**

[2024-1326](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
Adoption of the Attached Resolution Approving 6% Rate Increases on January 1 for the Years 2025, 2026 and 2027 and a 2024 Bond Issuance, Not to Exceed \$225 Million in Total Par Amount, for the Purpose of Rehabilitating of the Scott Candler Water Treatment Facility and Other Crucial Projects, for the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) CIP.

The Bond Issue Will Be Sold Through a Competitive Bid Process Managed by PFM, the County's Financial Advisor.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 1/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Terry, and Member Davis Johnson**

*-information provided by COO Williams regarding the status of this item, forthcoming substitute, and request to hold in committee*

*-comments provided by Commissioner Long Spears*

*-comments provided by Commissioner Bolton regarding the possibility of a cost of service assessment to determine if rates could be staggered for residents*

*-Question L Bolton: was there an assessment done in DeKalb?*

*-response provided by COO Williams*

*-Question MDJ: when you make that assessment, I would like to know the impact of a possible cost of service on businesses coming to the County, because we don't want to lose businesses by virtue of having a rate for commercial when we are already looking at the usage*

*-C Johnson: regarding impact fees there might be a specific category to account for extra water usage*

*-N Massiah: regarding educating constituents, trying to be pre-emptive and have some level of information provided aside from a town hall; it could be an insert in the water bill; just think of proactive strategies to head off some of the questions and concerns that constituents will have*

*-MDJ: if you put information inside a bill, you know that people are receiving that and you have a much greater reach*

*-Z Williams: I would suggest holding this item in committee*

*-MDJ: motion to defer for 2 weeks*

## **Board of Commissioners - District 2**

[2024-1357](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County  
Supporting Policy Changes to Protect Seniors, Disabled Individuals,  
and Low-Income Residents Against Upcoming Water Rate  
Increases

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 1/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Terry, and Member Davis Johnson**

#### Board of Commissioners - District 6

[2024-1405](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County  
Requesting an Operational Audit of the DeKalb County Watershed  
Department.

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 1/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Terry, and Member Davis Johnson**

#### Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D)

[2024-1284](#) Commission District(s): ALL  
Stormwater Master Plan

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 1/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Terry, and Member Davis Johnson**

- information provided by COO Williams
- comments provided by Director Lemke regarding an overview and update regarding upcoming inclement weather
- TT: regarding getting calls what is the best way for a resident to point out areas where you all need to look into?
- response provided by Director Lemke
- Question TT: could you send me the number for Public Works?
- R Lemke: I can get that to you
- Question TT: are we looking to adopt this in the next month or two?
- comments provided by COO Williams
- Question TT: in the presentation will you identify areas that you want to focus on first?
  
- TT: motion to defer to second BOC in February with a prior stop in PWI

## Watershed Management

[2024-1343](#) Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1283955 Cooperative Agreement for consent Decree: Trenchless Technology Rehabilitation, External Point Repairs, and Related Products and Services (OMNIA Partners Cooperative Purchasing Agreement No. R170802) [DeKalb Cooperative Agreement]: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of provided sewer system trenchless sewer line rehabilitation services. This request seeks to utilize the Engineering News Record - Construction Cost Index) ENR-CCI) to calculate and address cost increases for work completed after January 1, 2025. This request also seeks to increase the contract scope of work, funds, and contract term through December 31, 2026. Awarded to SAK Construction, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$14,866,309.92.

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 1/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Terry, and Member Davis Johnson**

*-a substitute has been provided for this audit item*

*-OIA audit review showed that \$14,096,700.42 was validated, which is \$769,609.40 less than the 14,866,309.92 requested.*

*-information provided by COO Williams*

*-comments provided by Commissioner Patrick*

*-TT: motion to approve the substitute*

2024-1450

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 24-101643 Stone Crushed Granite (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Departments of Watershed Management (DWM), Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), and Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D) and Sanitation. Consists of providing stone crushed granite for use in various applications. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: F.M. Shelton, Inc. and Green Dream International, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$ 7,080,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for approval upon receipt of additional information to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 1/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Terry, and Member Davis Johnson**

*-a substitute agenda item is forthcoming*

*-OIA audit review validated a net total of \$6,064,651, which is \$1,015,349 less than the amount requested*

*-information provided by COO Williams*

*-MDJ: motion to approve the forthcoming substitute*

### III. DISCUSSION

Water & Sewer Rates Discussion

*-discussion held with agenda item 2024-1326*

Meeting Ended At: 4:25PM

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

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Terry, and Member Davis Johnson**

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Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC