



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

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

3:30 PM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

Meeting Started At: 3:45 PM

Attendees: Commissioners Patrick, Terry, and Davis Johnson

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

I. MINUTES

2024-1212 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the September 17, 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

Previously Heard Agenda Items

Public Works - Sanitation

2024-1102

Commission District(s): All
REN- Contract No. 1352465 Residential Single-Stream Recycling Materials, Commercial Cardboard & Mixed Paper (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public-Works-Sanitation. This contract consists of processing residential single-stream recycling materials, commercial cardboard and mixed paper collected by the recycling program. This request seeks to exercise the 1st renewal option through October 31, 2025. Awarded to Pratt Recycling, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$650,000.00.

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 10/8/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

TT: Do we have the capacity to amend this contract or add an additional vendor specifically for cardboard collections in the future?

We are not currently taking cardboard separate and we could increase revenue based on the audit.

Does it make sense to take the cardboard directly to the vendor separately?

TH: It would require more capital from the department to hire more drivers and acquire more trucks to accomplish hauling cardboard separately to the vendor. The process in place now returns quite a bit of revenue to the County, we receive an offset on our bill that saves money monthly.

The current process works for us, if we were to add another vendor we would lose the ability to control when they run their routes and how they run their routes, it would take control away from the County.

TT: Understood, I am looking for the best use of resources. If we can generate more revenue with direct cardboard sorting, then we should explore those options.

TH: We can review adding additional trucks in the long term.

TT: It seems that September is a low month, is there a reason for that?

TH: Yes, sometimes it can sit on the floor, sometimes the vendor has issues bringing it in. The recent chemical fire has shut the vendor down completely. So we will generally see an increase in the next month.

TT: The audit report spoke to a 45% contamination rate.

TH: The average contamination rate is 31%.

TT: Can we look at ways to educate or encourage compliance with the residents?

TH: Yes

TT: Is there a process where drivers can look to see if the trash is compliant and not take it if it is noncompliant?

TH: We do have our door hangers, but we would love to work to ensure compliance.

New Agenda Items

Public Works - Sanitation

[2024-1122](#) Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1348743 Printing Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works-Sanitation and Beautification and the Office of Management and Budget. This contract consists of the provision of graphic design and printing services. Awarded to Fuentes Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Interprint Communications. Amount Not To Exceed: \$24,000.00
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 10/8/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No additional information requested.

Public Works - Transportation

[2024-1080](#) Commission District(s): ALL
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1360341 Briarcliff Road Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon Crosswalks: for use by Public Works-Transportation (Transportation). This contract consists of the installation of two new crosswalks with rectangular rapid flashing beacons on Briarcliff Road. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided thirty (30) day contract term increase effective as of October 1, 2024. This request also seeks to increase the contract term through December 31, 2024. Awarded to DAF Concrete Inc. 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 10/8/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No additional information requested.

[2024-1126](#) Commission District(s): 3 and 7
Payment of \$171,378.67 to Georgia Power for LED Conversion of
Columbia Drive at I-20 Interchange Lighting
**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 10/8/2024. The motion
carried by the following vote:**

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

TT: Will this include the area around the Jail?

DP: No

TT: Will this be more along I-20? Are these lights going to generate savings from Georgia Power?

DP: Yes, we are requesting a deferral for 2 weeks to consider additional projects along I-20.

*DP: These lights will be metered, allowing for more accurate tracking of electricity usage. This along with
reduced consumption by the LED's should lead to some savings.*

TT: How much do we spend on street lights per year?

DP: Approximately \$4 million.

RP: Is the lighting under the Henderson Mill bridge a separate conversation?

DP: Yes that is a joint project with the city.

[2024-1176](#) Commission District(s): 3 and 6
Accept \$500,000 from the Georgia Department of Transportation
(GDOT) for a New Traffic Signal on Moreland Avenue at Bailey Street
**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 10/8/2024. The motion
carried by the following vote:**

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

No additional information requested.

[2024-1179](#) Commission District(s): 2 and 6
Payment of \$12,000 to CSX Transportation for DeKalb Avenue Quiet
Zone Project
**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 10/8/2024. The motion
carried by the following vote:**

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

No additional information requested.

Meeting Ended At: 4:11 PM

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

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

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC