



# 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, October 15, 2024

3:30 PM

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Meeting Started At: 3:40 PM

Attendees: Commissioners Patrick, Terry, Davis Johnson

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

#### I. MINUTES

**2024-1254**            Commission District(s): ALL  
Minutes for the October 1, 2024, Special Called Public Works and  
Infrastructure Committee Meeting  
**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Mereda Davis  
Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion  
carried by the following vote:**

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

#### II. DISCUSSION

MARTA BRT Feasibility Study Scope

*-presentation provided by Michael Rafshoon - MARTA*

*-discussed in tandem with agenda item 2024-1139*

Water & Sewer Rate Discussion

- discussion amongst the Committee and COO Williams regarding logistics of a future public discussion; possibly a virtual meeting prior to a return to Committee the first week of November, with a final vote by the BOC on November 12th
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- MDJ: motion to defer to November 12th BOC meeting, with a prior stop in PWI (October 29th SC PWI)

#### Stormwater Master Plan

- presentation provided by Arcadis
- discussed in tandem with agenda item 2024-1284

### III. AGENDA ITEM

*Previously Heard Agenda Items:*

#### Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2024-1139](#) Commission District(s): Districts 1, 2, and 6  
A Resolution Supporting Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) on Buford Highway in DeKalb County, Georgia  
**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 10/22/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

- Question MLS: regarding station spacing, we can maintain that from ART to BRT if we find a way to make that transition?
- response provided by Mr. Rafshoon
- Question MLS: the study on center-running and curb-running that is being done on ART to BRT, is that something you all will be taking a look at?
- response provided by Mr. Rafshoon
- comments provided by Commissioner Long Spears
- comments provided by Commissioner Terry
- Question MDJ: what is the cost associated with this study?
- response provided by Mr. Rafshoon
- Question MDJ: if it's not funded where do you see the local match coming from?
- response provided by Mr. Rafshoon
- Question TT: when we come back with this we will hear back the report from Candler Road and Memorial Drive corridors?
- M Rafshoon: that's correct
  
- MDJ: motion to defer to second BOC meeting in December, with a stop in PWI prior

### Public Works - Transportation

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 Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/22/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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- information provided by Patrece Keeter
- Question MDJ: when will you bring back this item?
- P Keeter: we are waiting on a response from Georgia Power; I expect to bring a substitute to you once that response is received
  
- MDJ: motion to defer 2 weeks

*New Agenda Items:*

### Public Works - Sanitation

[2024-1191](#) Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 1326920 Equipment Rentals and Related Products and Services (OMNIA Partners Contract No. 201900319): for use by the Department of Public Work- Sanitation. This contract consists of purchasing from the competitively let OMNIA Partners contract to lease four (4) 11-yard rear loader trucks for 26 weeks; four (4) 25-yard rear loader trucks for 52 weeks; and eight (8) 25-yard rear loaders for 12 months. This request seeks to purchase four (4) rear loader trucks at the end of the rental lease. Awarded to Big Truck Rental. Amount Not To Exceed: \$860,000.00

**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 10/22/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-information provided by Director Hutchinson*

*-Question RP: do these come with a maintenance contract?*

*T Hutchinson: Mr. Gordon in Fleet will be taking care of the maintenance*

#### **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 10/22/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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- presentation provided by Arcadis
- additional comments provided by Director Lemke
- Question MDJ: would you say most of the higher risk areas are in Central and South DeKalb?
- response provided by Arcadis
- Question MDJ: what effect if any does this have on drinking water?
- response provided by Arcadis
- additional information provided by Director Hayes regarding efforts to eliminate and block all contaminants within system
- Question RP: could you expand on that regarding newer pipes and possible brown water?
- response provided by Director Hayes
- Question RP: even if a trunk line is repaired there's potential that with a new development with an old pipe there's that potential of once it goes on the private property for that intrusion?
- response provided by Director Hayes
- Question TT: are you looking for an adoption of this plan?
- response provided by COO Williams
- Question TT: were you looking at basin by basin next?
- Arcadis: yes basin by basin
- Question TT: when was the last rate increase set?
- Arcadis: the most recent rate increase should kick in 2025
- Question TT: Got it, so 2026 kicks in with no new funding. Have you worked in jurisdictions where the stormwater assessment depended on the watershed? It is a more localized fee structure?
- response provided by Arcadis
- Question TT: will we be able to do examples of green, natural infrastructure projects in DeKalb so people can see ways to deal with stormwater quality/quantity without building a concrete box?
- response provided by Arcadis
- Question TT: are those conversations you discuss still high level?
- response provided by Arcadis
- Question TT: do stormwater utility funds buy land to build greater capacity to address stormwater events?
- response provided by Arcadis regarding relevant examples for flood control
- comments provided by Commissioner Terry regarding the idea of a stormwater park
- Question RP: how does the stormwater master plan discuss private dams in the community? How does this address issues like clearwater coming from those?
- response provided by Arcadis
- Question RP: how do we interact with our municipal partners within this plan?
- response provided by Arcadis
- additional comments provided by COO Williams regarding efforts with the cities to discuss combined stormwater efforts
- RP: if we defer 30 days to the BOC with a stop in PWI can you work with that?
- response provided by Director Lemke
  
- TT: motion to defer 30 days (November 12th BOC, SC PWI October 29th)

[2024-1059](#)

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1258006 for Stormwater Master Plan: for use by Public-Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). This contract consists of providing stormwater master planning services for DeKalb County. This request seeks to increase the contract term through December 31, 2025, and to add certified LSBE - DeKalb vendor, Accura Engineering and Consulting Services, Inc., as a sub-contractor to the contract. Awarded to Arcadis US, Inc.  
CONTRACT TERM EXTENSION ONLY.

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

*-information provided by Director Lemke*

*-Question MDJ: do we need this in order to conduct the master plan? Are these connected?*

*-response provided by Director Lemke*

[2024-0947](#)

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract Nos. 1220544, 1220549, and 1220262 Stormwater Pipe Repair Using Chemical Liners (Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works -Roads & Drainage (R&D). These contracts consist of relining the storm drainage system using chemical liners on County easements and rights-of-way. This request is to increase the contract amounts and contract terms through December 31, 2025. Awarded to Inland Pipe Rehabilitation (IPR) dba IPR Southeast, LLC, Inliner Solutions, LLC, and Metals & Materials Engineers, LLC. Total Amount Not to Exceed: \$179,300.49.

**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 10/22/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-information provided by Director Lemke*

[2024-1016](#) Commission District(s): All  
RES - Rescission of Awards under RFP No. 22-500627 Catch Basin Cleaning Services (Annual Contract with Three (3) Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). Consists of providing cleaning services for catch basins and associated storm water systems. This request seeks to rescind the award to EnviroWaste Services Group, Inc., Sweeping Corporation of America, Inc. and Pateco Services, LLC.

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*-information provided by Director Lemke*

*-Question RP: how much capacity does that contractor have?*

*-response provided by Director Lemke*

*-Question RP: are there lots of stormwater vendors available?*

*-response provided by Director Lemke*

*-Question TT: what is the end date for this contract? I see it was awarded in June 2023*

*-response provided by Director Lemke*

*-Question TT: did the other 3 vendors do any work or didn't perform the correct work that was supposed to be performed?*

*-response provided by Director Lemke*

*-Question MDJ: from my understanding those contracts were never executed right? But the work was never performed?*

*-response provided by Director Peggy Allen*

*-Question MDJ: does the remaining company have the capacity to do what these other 3 did?*

*-response provided by Director Peggy Allen*

[2024-1058](#) Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1295610 for 2021 LMIG Road Resurfacing Projects (365 Day Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). This contract consists of resurfacing of County roads. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided sixty (60) day contract term increase through October 31, 2024. This request also seeks to increase the contract term through December 31, 2024. Awarded to HEH Paving, 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 10/22/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-information provided by Director Lemke*

*-Question RP: through the end of the month is what you're asking for?*

*R Lemke: that's correct*

2024-1062

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1269771 Guardrail Repair and Installation (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). This contract consists of providing repair and installation of guardrails. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided thirty-one (31) day contract term increase. This request also seeks to increase the contract term through September 30, 2025, and transfer funds in the amount of \$200,000.00 from Contract No. 1266958 to Contract No. 1269771. Awarded to Gracie Gray Contractors, Inc. FUNDS TRANSFER 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 10/22/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-information provided by Director Lemke*

2024-1123

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1266921 and 1266919 Traffic Calming Maintenance (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). These contracts consist of construction, installation, and maintenance of traffic calming solutions. This request seeks to increase the contract term and funding through April 30, 2026. Awarded to HEH Paving, Inc. and DAF Concrete, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$800,000.00.

**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 10/22/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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



*-information provided by Director Lemke*

2024-1172

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1323051 SPLOST Phase II Resurfacing Project (Area A) (365 Days): for use by Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). This contract consists of providing SPLOST (Phase II - Area A) road resurfacing to various roads located in DeKalb County. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided sixty (60) day contract term increase effective as of September 1, 2024 and increase the contract term through November 30, 2024. Awarded to E.R. Snell Contractor, Inc. 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 10/22/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-information provided by Director Lemke*

2024-1069

Commission District(s): All  
LB - Invitation No. 24-101659 2024 LMIG Road Resurfacing Projects for use by Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). Consists of resurfacing DeKalb County roads. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder: E.R. Snell Contractor, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$20,821,478.20.

**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 10/22/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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*-this item is currently in OIIA audit review  
-information provided by Director Lemke*

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

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

[2024-1097](#) Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1266062 Salt (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management and Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). This contract consists of the purchase of salt. This request seeks to increase the contract term through October 31, 2025. Awarded to F.M. Shelton, Inc. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY.  
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*-information provided by Director Lemke*

#### **Watershed Management (DWM)**

[2024-1178](#) Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos. 1296038 and 1296180: Ferric Chloride, Liquid Oxygen, & Various Chemicals (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). These contracts consist of providing chemicals to treat drinking water for DeKalb County residents. This request seeks to ratify Purchase Order No. 5006566 and increase the contract funds. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,600,000.00.  
**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 10/22/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-information provided by Director Hayes*

[2024-0881](#)

Commission District(s): All

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Cleaning of Manholes, Sewer Lines, and Drains (Cobb County Water System Sealed Bid No. 22-6612): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of removal services and vacuuming of accumulated grit and materials within the wet wells of the clean water and wastewater treatment plants. Awarded to Wind River Environmental, LLC, dba Hamby's Septic. Amount Not To Exceed: \$250,000.00.

**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 10/22/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-information provided by Director Hayes*

[2024-1052](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1272495 Sanitary Sewer Chemical Root Control (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of treating portions of the County's gravity sewer system with a chemical root control herbicide. This request is to increase the contract amount. Awarded to Duke's Root Control, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,950,000.00.

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

*-this item is currently in OIA audit review*

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

**WALK-ON: Commission District(s): All Districts.**

**LB - Invitation No. 24-101673 Stormwater Drainage Infrastructure System Repair for Public Works – American Rescue Plan Act Projects (Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works – Roads and Drainage (R&D). Consists of providing storm drainage construction services.**

**Recommend award to all bidders who are responsive and responsible: Kemi Construction, Inc., Jewel of the South, Inc., and GS Construction, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$7,500,000.00.**

*-this item is currently in OIIA audit review*

*-Question TT: this was already budgeted, we're just making sure we have the contact before the end of the year?Z Williams: that's correct*

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

## 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.

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Meeting Ended At: 5:52PM

**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**

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Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC