



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

Friday, November 8, 2024

1:00 PM

178 Sams Street
Decatur, GA 30030

Meeting Started At: 1:01 PM

Attendance: Commissioners Patrick, Terry, Bradshaw, Spears

Present 2 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, and Commissioner Ted Terry
Absent 1 - Member Mereda Davis Johnson

I. MINUTES

2024-1332 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the October 15, 2024 Public Works and Infrastructure
Committee Meeting
**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick,
that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the
following vote:**

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Absent: 1 - Member Davis Johnson

II. AGENDA ITEM

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 Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/12/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Absent: 1 - Member Davis Johnson

-COO Williams requests deferral of this agenda item as it will be discussed more fully during the November 12th Town Hall meeting

-Commissioner Patrick requests information regarding the bond issuance

-TT: motion defer to November 19th BOC meeting

Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D)

[2024-1284](#) Commission District(s): ALL
Stormwater Master Plan
MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/12/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Absent: 1 - Member Davis Johnson

-Commissioner Patrick requests 30 day deferral to provide the Commissioners additional time to review prior to action

-TT: motion defer to the last PWI and BOC meetings in December (December 17th)

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 Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/12/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Absent: 1 - Member Davis Johnson

-OIA audit review shows this contract amount is supported

-information provided by Director Lemke

-Question TT: for this extension will it be solely the LMIG grant?

-R Lemke: it will be SPLOST Funding plus the LMIG grant

-TT: we passed the resolution recreating the SPLOST oversight board - is what we're looking for before the committee can be formed is that we need to make appointments to that board?

-comments provided by County Attorney Ernestes regarding appointment guidelines for the oversight board

-comments provided by Commissioner Long Spears regarding forming the oversight board in January 2025 as new commissioners are seated

2024-1359

Commission District(s): All

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.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/12/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Absent: 1 - Member Davis Johnson

-OIA audit review shows this contract amount is supported

-information provided by Director Lemke

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 Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/12/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Absent: 1 - Member Davis Johnson

-information provided by Director Lemke

-Director Lemke requests deferral as they are waiting on estimates from GA Power for the street lights

-Question TT: is it Beautification funds being used?

R Lemke: that's correct

-Question TT: is that our posture to use Beautification funds for non-street light petition efforts?

-response provided by COO Williams

-TT: motion to defer 30 days to 12/3 PWI (12/10 BOC)

Watershed Management (DWM)

[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.
MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/12/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Absent: 1 - Member Davis Johnson

-information provided by Director Hayes

-discussion amongst Commissioner Terry and Director Hayes regarding private laterals and current stormwater and wastewater infrastructure issues

-Question TT: could we find out how many private titles transfers take place every month, so that we could map out the impact of property usage?

M Welch: I'm sure we can review that sir within the proposed ordinance

New Agenda Items:

Board of Commissioners - District 2

2024-1357 Commission District(s): All Commission 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 Robert Patrick,
that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the
Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/12/2024. The motion
carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Absent: 1 - Member Davis Johnson

-Commissioner Spears requests a 2 week deferral as this will be a possible discussion topic at the November 12th town hall

**Watershed Management (DWM), Facilities Management (FM), Recreation, Parks, and Cultural
Affairs (RPCA), Public Works - Beautification (PWB) and Public Works - Roads & Drainage
(R&D)**

[2024-1189](#) Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract Nos.: 1302439, 1302440,
and 1302441 Tree Cutting and Removal Services (Three (3) Year
Multiyear Contract): for use by Departments of Watershed
Management (DWM), Facilities Management (FM), Recreation,
Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Public Works - Beautification
(PWB) and Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). These
contracts consist of providing countywide tree cutting and removal
services on an as needed basis. This request seeks to increase the
contract funds only. Awarded to One Two Tree, LLC, Neda, Inc.
dba Garden of Aden, and Sesmas Tree Service, LLC. Total
Amount Not To Exceed: \$400,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick,
that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the
Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/12/2024. The motion
carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Absent: 1 - Member Davis Johnson

-information provided by Director Lemke

-Question TT: have we reached the threshold for the FEMA reimbursement?

-R Lemke: we believe we have yes

-Question TT: is this the only tree removal contract that we have?

-response provided by Director Lemke regarding multiple contracts

-Question TT: when we passed the no net loss of trees policy, we were excluding anything within right-of-ways correct?

-R Lemke: that's correct

-Question TT: how are we tracking that? Is the contractor tracking each tree taken down?

-R Lemke: that goes through Planning & Sustainability via the permitting process for projects

-TT: that could be a possible discussion topic in the PECS Committee, or we could just send an email requesting a report from the department

-Question RP: what is the best way to address fallen trees, stumps, and debris in the right-of-way?

-TT: we should include a provision to cut the vines at the root to avoid issues with ivy covering trees

-response provided by Director Lemke

Watershed Management (DWM)

2024-1203

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1266498 Machine Shop Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by Departments of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of machine shop services for various industrial equipment at the wastewater plants and lift stations. This request seeks to increase the contract term through December 31, 2025. Awarded to Cole Technology, Inc. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/12/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Absent: 1 - Member Davis Johnson

-information provided by Director Hayes

Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D)

[2024-1247](#) Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1349683 2023 LMIG Road Resurfacing Projects (Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). This contract consists of providing road resurfacing on DeKalb County roads. This request seeks to increase the contract term through June 30, 2025. Awarded to C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/12/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Absent: 1 - Member Davis Johnson

-information provided by Director Lemke

[2024-1047](#) Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1335341, 1335342, 1335468, and 1355409 and Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1335343 Pond Maintenance Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D) and the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). These contracts consist of cutting, cleaning, spraying and repair/maintenance of stormwater retention and detention ponds. This request seeks to increase the contract funds for all awarded contracts. Awarded to KSK Landscaping, Inc.; ASAP Landscape Management Group, LLC; Mariani Enterprises, LLC dba Ed Castro Landscape; Executive Realty Solutions, Inc.; and Phillips Lawncare & Services, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$4,300,000.00.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/12/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Absent: 1 - Member Davis Johnson

-this item is still currently under OIA audit review

-Question TT: out of the County owned ponds, have you identified the pilot retention ponds to do the bio retention pond treatment?

-response provided by Director Lemke

-comments provided by Commissioner Terry regarding landscaping retention pond treatment

-TT: motion to defer to 11/12 BOC meeting

III. DISCUSSION

Utility Customer Billing System Processing Fees

-Presentation provided by CFO McNabb regarding processing fees for residential vs. commercial utility payers

-discussion amongst CFO McNabb and the Committee regarding the processing structure in place

Meeting Ended At: 1:52 PM

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: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Absent: 1 - Member Davis Johnson

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC