



DeKalb County Government

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Minutes - Draft

PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

Commissioner Robert Patrick (Chair)

Commissioner Ted Terry, Member

Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Member

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

3:30 PM

Meeting Started At: 3:50PM

Attendance: Commissioners Patrick, Terry, Davis Johnson

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

I. MINUTES

2024-1462 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the November 8, 2024 Special Called 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: 3 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Terry, and Member
Davis Johnson**

II. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items:

Public Works - Roads & Drainage

[2024-1210](#) Commission District(s): All
RES - Rescission of Invitation No. 23-101575 Traffic Signal Equipment (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). Consists of the purchase of traffic signal equipment. This request seeks to rescind the previous award made under Agenda Item No. 2024-0221 due to a discrepancy in the recommended award request. This request seeks to recommend award of Invitation No. 23-101575 Traffic Signal Equipment (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew). Recommend award to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidders: Control Technologies, Inc.; Utilicom Supply, LLC; and Wavetronix, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$300,000.00.
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 12/10/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director Lemke

-Question TT: the traffic lights at Mill Scott and DeKalb Industrial I believe have been installed. The community near there has been waiting for the traffic light to be installed. Could we do a 'light-up' event in the near future when it's ready to be turned on? Do you know when it will be ready?

-R Lemke: sure we can do that; and I will get that information to you

Public Works - Sanitation

[2024-1349](#) Commission District(s): ALL
EM - Seminole Landfill Odor Control (Emergency Purchase): for use by the Department of Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of the installation of temporary and permanent vegetative cover for the soil stabilization for odor mitigation. This request seeks to ratify emergency odor control mitigation measures performed at Seminole Road Landfill and subsequent brush cutting services. Awarded to Brown Management Services (BMS) Enterprises, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$192,750.00.
MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 12/10/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Member Davis Johnson

No: 1 - Commissioner Terry

-information provided by Director Hutchinson

-Question TT: why have you not considered other planting types?

-response provided Director Hutchinson

-comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-discussion amongst the Committee and Director Hutchinson regarding vegetation options at the Landfill

2024-1350

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1342309 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Tax Services (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Public Works - Sanitation. This contract consists of purchasing compressed natural gas fuel for the County's Sanitation CNG trucks and monthly tax services. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided ninety (90) day contract term increase, effective September 1, 2024, and Purchase Order No. 5010263. Additionally, this request seeks to continue use of a previously approved sole source vendor along with a price increase. Lastly, this request seeks to increase contract funds and term through August 31, 2025. Awarded to: American Fueling Systems, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,005,000.00.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 12/10/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director Hutchinson

-Question TT: what's the fuel stations on the south end?

-response provided by Director Hutchinson

-Question TT: so this contract are just for the north lots?

-response provided by Director Hutchinson

-Question TT: who provides the fuel for the south end?

-response provided by Director Hutchinson

[2024-1452](#)

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1299082 Start-up, Operation, and Maintenance of DeKalb County's Renewable Fuels Facility (RFF) (Multi-Year): for use by the Department of Public Works-Sanitation. This revenue generated contract consists of the start-up, operation, maintenance, and conversion of renewable natural gas at the County's RFF. This request seeks to increase the contract term through December 31, 2034 and add provisions related to: construction milestones and liquidated damages, amend the provisions related to the anticipated revenue and termination to only allow for termination for cause, as well as authorization for the marketing and selling of existing equipment at the RFF, if authorized pursuant to a task order. Awarded to Conyers Renewable Power, LLC.
CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY.

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 12/10/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by County Attorney Ernstes regarding an upcoming briefing to the commissioners regarding the status of this project

-County Attorney requests to have briefings with commissioners prior to the December 3rd PWI meeting

-MDJ: motion to defer to December 10th BOC meeting, with a stop in PWI on December 3rd

Public Works - Sanitation and Beautification

[2024-1400](#) Commission District(s): ALL
CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1328331 DeKalb County's GDOT Gateways Landscaping Design, Installation, Enhancement, and Maintenance (Muti-Year): for use by Public Works - Sanitation & Beautification. This contract consists of providing landscaping design, installation, enhancement, maintenance, and litter/debris removal services at nineteen (19) locations. This request seeks to increase funds, as well as revise and increase the scope of work for five (5) locations. Awarded to Russell Landscape. Amount Not to Exceed: \$1,930,705.00.
MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 12/10/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

*-information provided by Director Hutchinson
-comments provided by Commissioner Patrick
-comments provided by Commissioner Terry
-TT: motion to add \$350K to add Memorial Drive to this contract
-no second, motion fails
-comments provided by Commissioner Patrick*

Watershed Management

[2024-1285](#) Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1217791 Fire Hydrant Replacements, Repair Parts, and Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) and Peachtree DeKalb Airport (PDK). This contract consists of providing repair and replacement services for fire hydrants and hydrant parts. Awarded to Georgia Hydrant Services, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,320,000.00.
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 12/10/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director Hayes

-additional information provided by Director Butler

2024-1351

Commission District(s): All

RES - 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. This request seeks to rescind the previous award under Agenda Item No. 2024-0881 for an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00. This request also seeks to re-award under this revised award to correct a discrepancy in the previous award amount. Awarded to Wind River Environmental, LLC, dba Hamby's Septic. Amount Not To Exceed: \$400,000.00.

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 12/10/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director Hayes

2024-1373

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1257867 Valves, Tapping Sleeves and Fire Hydrants (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of the purchase of valves, tapping sleeves and fire hydrants. This request seeks to increase the contract term through December 31, 2025. Awarded to Ferguson Waterworks. 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 12/10/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director Hayes

-Question TT: was this a \$5M budget item in 2021? And we've spent \$2.1M to date. Help me understand how your budgeting works. Is the funding held as an encumbered item and not used for any other Watershed project?

-responses provided by Director Hayes

-Question TT: do you expect to use the funding within the next one year?

-response provided by Director Hayes

-additional comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-Question MDJ: if the money is not spent what happens to it?

-D Hayes: It goes back into Watershed's budget

-Question MDJ: have projects not gone forward because there wasn't funding for it?

-response provided by Director Hayes

-additional information provided by COO Williams

-Question RP: one of the Dunwoody council members asked me for a fire hydrant status report. Would you have such a list?

-response provided by Director Hayes

-RP: let discuss how it would look to have an accurate count of fire hydrants in the County

-TT: if we do not need \$1.9M for the next year, should we not consider lowering the contract amount?

-response provided by Director Hayes

2024-1426

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 24-101672 Pump Repair Services (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract) for use by Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of pump repair services for various wastewater treatment plants. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder: Cole Technology, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,600,000.00.

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 12/10/2024. 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

-information provided by Director Hayes

2024-1433

Commission District(s): All

Approval and authorization to execute the updated Cooperative Technical Assistance Intergovernmental Cost Sharing Agreement with the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC)

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 12/10/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director Hayes

Public Works - Transportation

[2024-1425](#) Commission District(s): ALL
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 2000013, Four Pedestrian Crossings with Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (120 Days): for use by the Department of Public Works - Transportation. Consists of the construction of crosswalks with rectangular rapid flashing beacons on Central Drive, Indian Creek Way, Redan Road, and Briarlake Road. This request seeks to extend the contract term through March 31, 2025. Awarded to: NGT Group LLC.
CONTRACT TERM EXTENSION 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 12/10/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director Pelton

-Question TT: is there another contract that maintains the pedestrian islands and other structures to help stop people from crossing the road?

-D Pelton: that would be GDOT that does those; if we installed them, the County would be responsible for maintaining them

Public Works - Transportation, Roads and Drainage (R&D), and Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA)

[2024-1402](#) Commission District(s): ALL
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1281318 and Change Order No. 4 to 1281319 Sidewalks and Roadways (Multiyear): for use by the Departments of Public Works - Transportation, Roads and Drainage (R&D), and Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). These contracts consist of sidewalks, drainage improvements, minor road improvements, bike lanes, multi-use trails, and curb and shoulder improvements. This request is to extend the contracts' term through December 31, 2025 and seeks approval to transfer funds between contracts based on the needs of the County. Awarded to: Autaco Development LLC and DAF Concrete Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,350,000.00.
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 12/10/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director Pelton

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

[2024-1382](#) Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract Nos. 1321948 & 1321949 and Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1321944 Asphaltic Concrete Pavement Repairs: for use by the Departments of Watershed Management (DWM), Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Facilities Management (FM), and Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). These contracts consist of providing road repair and maintenance services on various County roads. This request seeks to increase the contract funds and term through December 31, 2025. Awarded to A&S Paving, Inc.; Greenway One, Inc.; and HEH Paving, Inc. Total Amount Not to Exceed: \$3,960,501.00
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 12/10/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-item is currently in OIA audit review

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 Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 12/10/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-item not heard in committee

[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 Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item was recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 12/10/2024 . The motion carried

-comments provided by Commissioner Terry regarding the proposal for this agenda item

-comments provided by COO Williams regarding the Administration's proposal

III. STATUS UPDATE

Sidewalk Mapping Implementation Plan

-discussion not heard in committee; this discussion will appear on the next PWI agenda

Meeting Ended At: 5:00PM

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, 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