



## Minutes - Draft

### PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

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Tuesday, February 4, 2025

3:30 PM

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Meeting Started At: 3:47PM

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

**Present**            3 - Chairperson Robert Patrick, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, and  
Commissioner Nicole Massiah

#### I. DISCUSSION

##### Water & Sewer Rates Discussion

- introduction and reiteration of the proposed rate increase and bond provided by COO Williams
- COO Williams provided the dates for the upcoming town halls to discuss Water & Sewer rates: February 3rd at Dunwoody City Hall, February 4th at the Tucker Reid Cofer Library, and February 5th at the Porter Sanford Library
- Commissioner Terry provided a document the committee outlining additional information on the role of the Office of Customer Advocacy
- Question RP: does your legislation need to be included within the rate conversation or should it be separate?
- TT: my recommendation is that this is added into the rate resolution agenda item
- Commissioner Long Spears provided a substitute agenda item to 2024-1357, and discussion of possibly withdrawing 2024-1357 and including the most recent language into a comprehensive resolution for agenda item 2024-1326 (water & sewer rate proposal item)
- comments provided by Commissioner Patrick
- comments provided by Commissioner Terry
- Commissioner Terry requests the Committee work with the Law Department on any redline amendments to be made, incorporating documents shared during the meeting to be encompassed into a succinct substitute agenda item
- comments provided by Commissioner Patrick
- MDJ: I would be comfortable if there was an inspector general overseeing this process that reports directly to us and gives a report on what's happening with the project
- comments provided by Commissioner Bolton
- Commissioner Patrick and the Committee are considering the possibility of a special called meeting no sooner than January 12th
- Commissioner Terry requests the bond resolution aspect of agenda item 2024-1326 be discussed in the FAB Committee
- comments provided by Commissioner Long Spears and Commissioner Patrick regarding next steps

#### II. AGENDA ITEM

*Previously Heard Agenda Items:*

## Finance

[2024-1326](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
Adoption Of (1) The Attached Resolution Approving 10% Rate Increase No Earlier Than May 1 for the Year 2025, and Nine Additional Increases in the Amount of 10% Each , Which Shall Become Effective on Each January 1, Beginning January 1, 2026 Through and Including January 1, 2034, and (2) the Attached Series 2025 Bond Resolution Authorizing the Issuance by the County of not to Exceed \$450 Million in Total Par Amount of Its Water and Sewerage Revenue Bonds, for the Purpose of Rehabilitating of the Scott Candler Water Treatment Facility and Other Crucial Water and Sewerage Projects, for the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) CIP.

**MOTION was made that this agenda item be recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/11/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Chairperson Patrick, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Massiah**

## Public Works - Roads & Drainage

[2025-0048](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Authorizing Georgia Power Easement Request on DeKalb County's Property - 727 Camp Road, Decatur, GA 30032

**MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/11/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Chairperson Patrick, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Massiah**

*-information provided by Director Lemke*

*-Question LB: are the EV's operational already and are they at other locations?*

*-response provided by Director Lemke*

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

**MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/11/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Chairperson Patrick, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Massiah**

*-information provided by Director Lemke*

*-CJ: motion to defer 30 days*

### **Public Works - Transportation**

[2024-1261](#) Commission District(s): ALL  
CO - Change Order No. 3 to 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-Trans). 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 the contract term through December 31, 2025 for all contracts and also seeks to increase contract funds to Contract Nos.: 1231542, 1231546, and 1231552. 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: \$1,000,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/11/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Chairperson Patrick, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Massiah**

*-information provided by Director Lemke*

*-Question TT: are we having a separate conversation later on Crestline?*

*-R Lemke: yes that is a separate issue*

### **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 Chakira Johnson, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/11/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Chairperson Patrick, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Massiah**

*-this item has been supported in OIIA audit review*

*-information provided by Director Hayes*

*-L Bolton: how far in advance could we get the information on when there is a spill?*

*-D Hayes: this is real-time information; additional information provided by Director Hayes*

#### **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 Chakira Johnson, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/11/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Chairperson Patrick, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Massiah**

*-comments provided by Commissioner Long Spears*

### Board of Commissioners - Super 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 Chakira Johnson, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be recommended for withdrawal to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/11/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Chairperson Patrick, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Massiah**

*-Commissioner Terry requests that this agenda item be withdrawn, as information within is in agenda item 2024-1326*

*New Agenda Items:*

### Public Works - Sanitation and Beautification

[2024-1647](#)

Commission District(s): ALL  
REN - Contract No. 1307662 County Abatement Lot Mowing and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of Two Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Sanitation and Beautification. This contract consists of mowing and maintenance services for the County's abatement locations. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided sixty (60) day contract term increase, effective as of January 1, 2025. This request also seeks to exercise the 2nd renewal option through December 31, 2025. Awarded to Executive Realty Solutions, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$150,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Nicole Massiah, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/11/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Chairperson Patrick, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Massiah**

*-information provided by Director Hutchinson*

*-Question RP: will there be a need for a substitute for this item on Tuesday*

*-T Hutchinson: no the difference is made up in the contingency*

*-Question CJ: if you run out of your contingency what happens?*

*-response provided by Director Hutchinson*

*-Question TT: could you provide more information on residential lot #20 in the document?*

*-response provided by Director Hutchinson*

## Public Works - Sanitation

[2024-1677](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 24-101697 Rock Crushing (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of crushing rock, granite, stone and hauling materials to and from the Seminole Road Landfill. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder: ATL Aggregate, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$270,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/11/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Chairperson Patrick, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Massiah**

*-information provided by Director Hutchinson*

[2025-0075](#)

Commission District(s): All

REN - Contract No. 1367233 Modular Office Trailers (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Public Works - Sanitation. This contract consists of the purchase of modular office trailers for various Sanitation Division Operational Units. This request seeks to exercise the 1st renewal option through February 28, 2026. Awarded to Modular Solutions, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,041,253.00.

**MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/11/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Chairperson Patrick, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Massiah**

*-information provided by Director Hutchinson*

### Watershed Management

2025-0148 Commission District(s): 4 & 6  
Agreement for the Construction and Financing of Sewer Upgrades  
with Company with a Contribution of \$81,000.

**MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Nicole  
Massiah, that this agenda item be recommended for approval.  
to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/11/2025. The  
motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Chairperson Patrick, Commissioner Johnson, and  
Commissioner Massiah**

*-information provided by Director Hayes*

*-Question RP: how long will this happen after approval by the Board*

*-D Hayes: we have to have construction complete by May 2026*

2025-0151 Commission District(s): 3, 6 & 7  
Georgia Department of Transportation Contract Item Agreement -  
Water and Sewer Facilities Project PI M006462 resurface State Route  
155 from Interstate 20 to State Route 10 in DeKalb County -  
Resurfacing - Estimated \$166,000

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Massiah, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to  
the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/11/2025. The motion  
carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Chairperson Patrick, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner  
Massiah**

*-information provided by Director Hayes*

*-Question CJ: GDOT will be doing the work here?*

*D Hayes: that's correct*

Meeting Ended At: 4:50PM

**MOTION was made by Nicole Massiah, seconded by Chakira  
Johnson, that this agenda item be adjourned meeting. The motion  
carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Chairperson Patrick, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner  
Massiah**

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Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC