



# 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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Thursday, August 29, 2024

3:30 PM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

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### Special Called Meeting

Meeting Started At: 3:33 PM

Attendees: Commissioners Patrick, Davis Johnson, Terry, and Long Spears

#### I. AGENDA ITEM

##### *Previously Heard Agenda Items*

[2024-0289](#)

Commission District(s): 1,3,6,7  
SWC - Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-SPD-S20200901-00023  
Indefinite Quantity Construction (ezIQC®) Services: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let SWC for small to medium sized construction projects. This request is for miscellaneous repairs and repainting of three potable water ground storage tanks and one elevated water storage tank located at four locations inside the County. Awarded to Lichty Commercial Construction, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,668,230.45.

**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 9/10/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*MDJ: What is the process for painting these tanks?*

*DH: Very large tanks that have to be properly prepped and repaired to begin work on painting.*

*DH: The subcontractors are certified.*

*TT: Will there be a visit from the accreditation agency to the site to ensure that the work is being completed properly?*

*DH: I do not know if the accreditation agency will go to the site, but our engineering firms will be onsite to ensure the work is being completed properly.*

*TT: Please provide documentation of certifications for subcontractors and contractors.*

2024-0987

Commission District(s): All Districts

GEFA Stormwater Loan

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval upon receipt of additional information to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 9/10/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*ZLW: We will be providing a substitute to expand on reserves and projects.*

*ZLW: We will also be checking with districts for specific projects.*

*ZLW: We are requesting approval but will work with you all to add projects between now and 9/10/24 to allocate the \$3.1M that was shown as a reserve.*

*MLS: Do you need projects by 9/10/24?*

*ZLW: Yes ma'am.*

2023-1022

Commission District(s): All Districts

To Request the Department of Planning and Sustainability Staff to Explore the Feasibility of Adopting Standard Dumpster Requirements for Apartment Complexes and Multi-Family Units

**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 9/10/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Six recommendations were presented to the committee. The recommendations are as follows:*

- I.  
Request further consideration of a formula-based service delivery by the Sanitation Division;*
- II.  
Amend Chapter 22-Solid Waste to require solid waste management plans for approval by the Sanitation Division;*
- III.  
Amend Chapter 22-Solid Waste and/or Chapter 18-Nuisances authorizing mandatory bulk item/special collection (e.g., sofas, mattresses, furniture, etc.) service, when applicable;*
- IV.  
Targeted enforcement of existing multi-family developments by the Code Compliance Administration and the Sanitation Division;*
- V.  
Consider use of “smart” waste sensor technology; and*
- VI.  
Consider incentive-based policies to encourage solid waste management compliance or participation.*

*MDJ: How often does sanitation do multi family residential pick up?*

*RP: Depends on the residence, sometimes once every two weeks.*

*MDJ: What is the remedy for this issue? More dumpsters? More Pick ups?*

*BW: It would depend on the situation, the formula would be based on number of occupants at the complex, but either option.*

*MLS: Is there something in place for commercial properties?*

*BW: Not that I am aware of, businesses coordinate with sanitation.*

*MLS: Can we add a commercial component to this item?*

*RP: We would like to focus on residential for right now, but are open to a commercial component at a later time.*

*TT: Please also add to the list of options the possibility of getting a trash compactor as a third solution for those that do not want more dumpsters or pickups.*

*Motion to approve.*

#### *New Agenda Items*

#### **District 6**

[2024-1007](#)

Commission District(s): All DeKalb County Commission Districts  
A Resolution to Create a “Sustainability Fund” to Support Mitigating Climate Change, Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Reaching Clean Energy Goals, Improving Resiliency in Our Neighborhoods and County Facilities, and Creating Local, Green Jobs

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item was recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 9/10/2024 . The motion carried**

*Defer until after the Clean Energy Transportation plan has been reviewed, defer for 60 days.*

**Roads & Drainage**

[2024-0978](#) Commission District(s): All  
REN - Contract No. 1350451 Traffic Paint (Annual Contract - 1st  
Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Roads and  
Drainage (R&D). This contract consists of providing traffic paint. This  
request seeks to exercise the 1st renewal option through October 31,  
2025. Awarded to Allstates Coatings, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed:  
\$130,000.00.

**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 9/10/2024. The motion  
carried by the following vote:**

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

*RP: Will this be the paint on roads for stop sign lines and road lines?*

*PA: Yes Sir, this is thermoplastic paint for Crosswalks and stop bars.*

*RP: Will this also cover the don't block the box x on intersections?*

*PA: Yes Sir.*

*TT: How much painting will this get us?*

*PA: Probably more than we can do in house in a year.*

*TT: Do you have the locations that you are targeting or can you take input from*

*Commissioners?PA: We can take input from Commissioners.*

**Department of Watershed Management**

[2024-0461](#) Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1252006 and 1252055  
Diving Services (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by  
Department of Watershed Management (DWM). These contracts  
consist of diving services for the removal of blockages that inhibit  
proper flow of water in various raw water pump stations. This request  
seeks to increase the contract term through December 31, 2025 for  
both contracts and increase contract funds for Contract No. 1252006.  
Awarded to Underwater Construction Corporation and Zion Marine,  
Inc. Total Amount Not to Exceed: \$80,000.00

**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 9/10/2024. The motion  
carried by the following vote:**

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

*No additional information requested.*

2024-0994 Commission District(s): All  
LB - Invitation No. 24-101632 Sewer Rods and Accessories (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract) for use by The Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the purchase of sewer rods and accessories. Recommend award to the sole bidder who is responsive and responsible: F.M. Shelton, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,350,000.00.

**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 9/10/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*RP: Can we get a photo of what the snake looks like?*

2024-1057 Commission District(s): 4 & 7  
Agreement for the Construction and Financing of Sewer Upgrades with Company with a contribution of \$338,500.

**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 9/10/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*DH: These are all similar the main difference is the location. Builders partner with the County to make improvements to the sewer system to increase development. In these areas that they are requesting to build there may be low sewer capacity, there may need to be pipe upsizing or increased INI, or a thorough cleaning in the area. These are areas where Watershed may be aware of the need but does not have the capacity to complete the work at this time. These are agreements between the developer and the County where the developer is offering to pay half the cost to allow them to connect to our system. They have to upsize for their development and for other developments to have capacity in the "bank".*

*TT: Would it be possible to keep tally of how many units we have been able to get greenlighted because of these projects?*

*Move for action for items 1057, 1064, 1065, 1066, and 1068, motion to approve made by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Davis Johnson.*

[2024-1064](#) Commission District(s): District 3, Super District 6  
Agreement for the Construction and Financing of Sewer Upgrades with  
Company with a contribution of \$70,000.00.

**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 9/10/2024. The motion  
carried by the following vote:**

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

*No additional information requested.*

[2024-1065](#) Commission District(s): Districts 4 & 6  
Agreement for the Construction and Financing of Sewer Upgrades  
with Company with a contribution of \$145,500.

**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 9/10/2024. The motion  
carried by the following vote:**

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

*No additional information requested.*

[2024-1066](#) Commission District(s): Districts 5 and 7  
Agreement for the Construction and Financing of Sewer Upgrades  
with Company with a contribution of \$71,000.

**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 9/10/2024. The motion  
carried by the following vote:**

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

*No additional information requested.*

[2024-1068](#)

Commission District(s): District 3 / Super District 6  
Agreement for the Construction and Financing of Sewer Upgrades  
with Toll Southeast LP Company, Inc. with a contribution of  
\$124,000.

**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 9/10/2024. The motion  
carried by the following vote:**

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

*No additional information requested.*

Meeting Ended At: 4:28 PM

**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**

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Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC