



Draft - Minutes

PWI- Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

3:30 PM

This meeting will be conducted via teleconference (Zoom). Simultaneous public access to the meeting will be available

(1) via live stream on DCTV's webpage,

(2) on DCTVChannel23.TV

Meeting Started At: 3:45 PM

Attendees: Commissioners Cochran-Johnson, Patrick, Terry

Present 3 - Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Robert Patrick, and Commissioner Ted Terry

I. MINUTES

2022-1847 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the June 21, 2022, 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 Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

II. AGENDA ITEM

Previously Heard Items:

[2022-1624](#)

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 6 for Contract Nos.: 1063844, 1063841, and 1068774 Annual Water & Sewer Construction (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). These contracts consist of primarily providing installation and repair of water and sewer pipes in various sizes. This request seeks to increase the contract funding and term through June 30, 2023. Awarded to GS Construction, Inc., SD&C, Inc., and The Renee Group/CamKen Consulting (RGI/CamKen JV). Total Amount Not to Exceed: \$18,782,452.91.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for approval upon receipt of additional information to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 7/12/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-Z Williams: the item walked-on to be terminated was another contract with CamKen. This item, we have a signed affidavit that the cause of concern will not be involved. We are ready to move forward with approval on this item

-Question LCJ: is the Administration satisfied that services can be provided from CamKen?

Z Williams: yes ma'am

-C Horner: we have received a name change request from RGI and that name change is in process

-additional information provided by Director Hayes

-additional information provided by County Attorney Ernestes

-LCJ: they bought out the assets of CamKen in 2017/2018. why now, after the controversy, do you present yourself as an independent entity? That's as disturbing to me as we were in the beginning. We value our relationship with all our contractors and service providers, but I'm just stating my thoughts on this.

-Question RP: is this time sensitive?

LCJ: we are nearing the end of the existing agreement; to a certain respect there is, but we have another scheduled PWI meeting that would allow us to take action before the expiration of the contract

-Question RP: who are the folks that will be working on behalf of the taxpayers?

Z Williams: I can get you that information

-additional information provided by CPO Horner

-LCJ: I would be interested in seeing that document discussed where the severance took place

-TT: I agree that the documentation that the joint venture no longer exists would be helpful.

-LCJ: we will defer this item pending additional information, and take it up in 2 weeks

-Z Williams: another option would be a motion to move forward with GS construct, SD&C, Inc., and the other pending information.

-Motion to approve pending receipt of additional information

[2022-1341](#)

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1240831 Consent Decree - Proactive and Reactive Assessment and Cleaning For Gravity Sewer Lines (PRAC) [Multiyear Contract With 1 Option to Renew]: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists primarily of providing sanitary sewer assessments that include: assessments for gravity sewer pipes with diameters from 8” to over 36”; tiered assessments for 8” to 18”; and TISCIT assessment for pipes larger than 18”. This request is to add new scope of work and increase the existing scope of work and funding. Awarded to Metals and Materials Engineers, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$5,611,257.89.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 7/12/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

--this item has completed OIA audit review

-information provided by Director Hayes

-TT: via email could Director Hayes share with us the issues with the previous company?

D Hayes: yes Commissioner I will provide that; some of it is detailed in the documentation but I will provide that information

-Question RP: the contract extension is through December 31, 2025?

D Hayes: that's correct

[2022-1593](#)

Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 21-101446 On-Call Mechanical, Electrical, Instrumentation and Controls, Maintenance Services for Scott Candler, Pole Bridge, and Snapfinger Wastewater Treatment Plants (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing mechanical, instrumentation and controls maintenance services to the County. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: River 2 Tap, Inc. (R2T) and Tesco Controls, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$29,482,500.00.

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 7/12/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

-this item has completed OIIA audit review

-information provided by Director Hayes, CPO Horner

-Question RP: the electrical component is not critical to everything else moving forward?

C Horner: we don't have anyone to award it to, so yes we would need to move it forward

-Question TT: the market survey attachment suggested a company would pass on the opportunity because they do not have particular services. Were they the only ones who were going to apply?

C Horner: they were the only ones that attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting. We will work with the Watershed Management and see if we need to have any changes to the scope of work and locate any additional bidders

2022-1697

Commission District(s): 3, 5, and 7

Aesthetic Improvements for Glenwood Road, Covington Highway and Redwing Circle Bridges over I-285

This agenda item was No recommendation to the Board of Commissioners due back on 7/12/2022 .

-information provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Director Pelton

-LCJ: we will take no action on 1697, we will allow it to move forward

-no official recommendation

New Agenda Items

2022-1784

Commission District(s): 3 and 7

Reimburse Georgia Power for Relocation of Overhead Lines for Construction of Sidewalk on McAfee Road

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 7/12/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

-information provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

2022-1664

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 21-101467 Steel Plates [Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract]: for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D) and Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing steel plates for highway projects and various road repairs. Recommend award to sole bidder who is responsive and responsible: LK Transport Expedited, LLC. Amount Not Exceed: \$440,000.00.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 7/12/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and
Commissioner Terry**

-information provided by Director Allen

-Question LCJ: are these also the metal plates used on highways to cover potholes and such?

-response provided by Director Allen

-Question LCJ: are we requiring contractors to place this on all plates?

P Allen: no at this point there is no requirement to put those stabilizers in place. Additional information provided by Director Allen

-Question TT: as a policy to consider, does this contractor remove the plate when it's done?

P Allen: it does occur sometimes that the County may pick up a plate that has been placed by someone else, or vice versa.

D Pelton: at the moment we're not part of CityWorks. I know that's something we want to be added in and have utility permitting adding in to better track what contractors are doing. We would have to see what GDOT's requirements are in that regard, because we cannot be more restrictive than GDOT. That is something we can check out.

-TT: we need to get the other contractors that aren't us on some sort of platform to verify the work was done correctly

-Question LCJ: do we not have a system currently that tells us where these metal plates are located?

D Hayes: it is tracked in Watershed CityWorks. We are working with other departments to get them up to speed. We do place metal plates out with a work order and there are tracking of picking them up. We do not monitor contractors at this time.

-Question RP: if we took the \$440,000 and put it into a rapid reaction staff, is that feasible? To help us not rely on metal plates to begin with?

D Hayes: often these plates are put over a site because the work hasn't been completed. There is also the concern with getting asphalt in; asphalt contracts we often have a backlog because the vendors are busy and we can't pull them from one area to another.

-Question LCJ: would it be more conducive to bring on full-time staff as opposed to external source?

-Question TT: once a plate has been used, what happens to it? How often can you recycle?

P Allen: we take them to a designated area and hold them for future use

-LCJ: Mr. Gear could create a heat map on where these metal plates are. If there is an extreme case where we cannot procure materials, we should not have these metal plates out there for an extended period of time. I would like to see a mapping system of the tracking for these plates and tracking system for when plates are in the field for an extended period of time, such as 60 days

[2022-1756](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 22-101491 Pleasantdale Road Traffic Signal: for use by Public Works-Transportation (180 days). Consists of installation of a traffic signal on Pleasantdale Road at the existing entrance to Pleasantdale Elementary School and Pleasantdale Park to include some roadway striping and minor sidewalk work. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: R.J. Haynie & Associates. Amount Not To Exceed: \$179,722.10.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 7/12/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

--information provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-Question RP: once approved, how soon can this be installed?

D Pelton: we have pre-ordered materials; that will have some bearing on when the work could start. August 8th would be challenging to get it done, but we are hoping for August or September time

-Question TT: I would assume they will have the walking signals embedded in the massed arms?

D Pelton: it's part of the project yes

-Question TT: I asked Ms. Keeter about how we do the traffic signal study; I'm curious what we're doing here

-D Pelton: here the radar system is the best, and that's what we're doing here on this traffic signal

-TT: I'm curious as to the efficacy of the radar system as opposed to others, and how systems work together in the traffic study

-LCJ: at a future date, Mr. Pelton please prepare a presentation that helps us understand traffic warrants and the process, and what type of traffic calming devices could be utilized that would be most appropriate. Please communicate with me ahead of time when you may have that presentation ready

[2022-1782](#)

Commission District(s): All

RA-Ratification of Emergency Debris Collection Service: for use by Public Works-Sanitation. Consists of debris collection routes at North Collection Lot. Awarded to Russell Landscape LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,950,000.00.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval upon receipt of additional information to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 7/12/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

-information provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-additional comments provided by Commissioner Terry

TT: Have we considered moving yard waste pick up to every other week for the next few months and clearly stating that to residents? My concern is this contract is undercutting what could actually be done by our own paid staff.

-LCJ: I would seriously ask that due diligence be given to making yard waste biweekly. It will allow us to be consistent in our service delivery

-information provided by COO Williams

-Question RP: The County used to train CDL drivers; are we working on a process to train our own needs for the future?

-response provided by Director Hutchinson

-Question TT: I would like to see a plan for this to be in-house. How long will this emergency last?

-LCJ: this is a ratification; the service has already begun. What will we do to address the root cause which is salary for the employees?

-information provided by COO Williams

-information provided by Director Hutchinson

-Question LCJ: where are we with the request for increase in pay

T Hutchinson: Arcadis is currently reviewing our revenue analysis; after that they will review a rate analysis and come back with a recommendation. Our revenue analysis meeting is this Friday

-Question TT: the ERPS committee will gladly take up this salary compression issue, as it's currently in our work plan. We in the committee will work with HR to further enlighten everyone on how the salary compression works

-LCJ: we are narrowing the scope of service. I'd like discussion on that

-RP: there is an immediate short term crunch that is happening right now, that communities are having now. The issue now is that we need to get the services back up. I get a phenomenal amount of calls from residents related to pickup. This is a short-term alternative. I will support whatever it takes to get staff back to where it needs to be. When I hear from my residents, they want to have it fixed. Let's fix the issue, and that's what this approach is from my perspective

-TT: if there's a shortage of trucks and drivers that is an issue. But this contract has nothing to do with that. We are getting landscape crews

-Z Williams: we are anticipating us to get us through the contract; we are not sending the message that we are contemplating outsourcing. The labor shortage is present - we don't have the people.

-Question TT: you don't need CDL drivers for the recycling. Why do we need it for yard waste?

-response provided by COO Williams

-Z Williams: if the committee wanted to ratify to the end of the year and have a strategy as part of the budget that's fine.

-TT: it has been on the ERPS work plan to ask the question 'why would someone want to work for DeKalb County government'? What is it that we are offering job applicants? What is our competitive edge? Can we find out from our own employees why they work here, and what would make them stay if they were offered a different position elsewhere? If we do a survey analysis, then we could actively do job fairs

-LCJ: that would have to be done in a more formal environment when COO Williams and Director Hutchinson would have time to prepare answers to these questions. But I do welcome this commissioner

-TT: let's just approve the contract through the end of the year, and we ask the Administration what is the long-term strategy?

-LCJ: if we're going through the end of the year on the ratification, it will take us until December and during that time you would bring a more detailed and comprehensive proposal that looks at pay and the best possible way at the most cost-effective way the delivery of service. Commissioner Terry is proposing to ratify the agreement for a 6 month period. That would require a substitute. COO Williams you're saying this money will be drawn down as needed and all of it may not be used.

TT: I am less concerned about the price and more about the service that we could be doing in-house. So its more of a time period than the amount.

Z Williams: we would come back during next year's budget cycle with any amendments and a strategy

-LCJ: for those who provide our notes that are associated with the meetings, please indicate when there is a substitute and go ahead and write the 50% amount that's been requested, as well as the expiration date because that works better for me in my notes.

Motion to approve a substitute agreement for a 6 month period from July 1, 2022 till December 31, 2022 and reduces the substitute amount from 1,950,000.00 to \$975,000.00

[2022-1783](#) Commission District(s): 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7
C - Cancellation of Contract No. 1276418 Consent Decree - Design and Engineering Services for Shoal Creek Trunk Sewer Relief Project (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing design and engineering services for the upsizing of numerous trunk sewers to address seven (7) repeat sanitary sewer overflow areas in the County. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 7/12/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

-information provided by CPO Horner, Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

[2022-1805](#) Commission District(s): 3, 5 & 7
Georgia Department of Transportation Contract Item Agreement - Water and Sewer Facilities Project PI M006292 resurface State Route 155 from the Henry County Line to Interstate 20 in DeKalb County - Resurfacing - Estimated \$432,500

This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 7/12/2022 .

-item held in committee

[2022-1809](#) Commission District(s): 2, 4, 6, & 7
Georgia Department of Transportation Contract Item Agreement - Water and Sewer Facilities Project PI M006326 resurface State Route 10 from State Route 8 to the Gwinnett County Line in DeKalb County - Resurfacing - Estimated \$706,000

This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 7/12/2022 .

-item held in committee

[2022-1810](#) Commission District(s): 1 & 7
Georgia Department of Transportation Contract Item Agreement -
Water and Sewer Facilities Project PI M006327 resurface State Route
236 from Interstate 285 to State Route 8 in DeKalb County -
Resurfacing - Estimated \$242,500
**This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the
Board of Commissioners due back on 7/12/2022 .**

-item held in committee

[2022-1811](#) Commission District(s): 1 & 7
Georgia Department of Transportation Contract Item Agreement -
Water and Sewer Facilities Project PI M006336 resurface State Route
13 Connector from State Route 141 to State Route 13 in DeKalb
County - Resurfacing - Estimated \$50,000
**This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the
Board of Commissioners due back on 7/12/2022 .**

-item held in committee

[2022-1726](#) Commission District(s): All
RG - Request for Proposals No. 21-500595 for Start-up, Operation and
Maintenance of DeKalb County's Renewable Fuels Facility (RFF)
(Multi-Year): for use by the Department of Public Works-Sanitation.
Consists of the start-up, operations, maintenance, and conversion of
renewable natural gas at the County's renewable fuels facility (RFF).
Recommend approval of the highest scoring proposer: Conyers
Renewable Power, LLC. Estimated 7-Year Total Revenue Amount:
\$26,973,333.00.
**This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the
Board of Commissioners due back on 7/12/2022 .**

-item is currently in OIIA audit review

-item held in committee

[2022-1785](#)

Commission District(s): 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7
RFP - Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 21-500567 Consent Decree - Design and Engineering Services for Shoal Creek Trunk Sewer Relief Project (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing design and engineering services for the upsizing of numerous trunk sewers to address seven (7) repeat sanitary sewer overflow areas in the County. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer: Atkins North America, Inc. Amount Not to Exceed \$5,224,841.00.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval upon receipt of additional information to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 7/12/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

-item is currently in OIIA audit review

-TT: motion to approve pending additional information - audit review

Meeting Ended At: 5:56 PM

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be adjourned meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC