



DeKalb County Government

1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30030

DRAFT - Minutes

PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

3:30 PM

Meeting Started At: 3:31 PM

Attendees: Commissioners Cochran-Johnson, Terry, Patrick

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

I. MINUTES

2022-2300 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the November 3, 2022, Special Called Public Works and Infrastructure Committee Meeting
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

II. STATUS UPDATE

Care and Conserve Program

-presentation provided by COO Williams

-Question LCJ: how many individuals were in the program you spoke of?

Z Williams: approximately 1700 individuals; this is for individuals having trouble paying their water bills due to COVID

-LCJ: I hope we have a mechanism in place to ensure we are not dealing with individuals that are not chronic in nature

-responses provided by COO Williams

-comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-Question TT: we were assuming that the individuals would never pay. So we were not calculating those customers into our revenue projections?

Z Williams: there's a specific formula used; additional responses provided by COO Williams

-additional comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-LCJ: Mr. Williams I want you to come back to us to discuss further. We haven't cut the check yet; but Commissioner Terry I see what you're saying regarding if we want to get the \$17M we just found \$5 million

-comments provided by COO Williams

-TT: so we will get a report back on Care & Conserve?

Z Williams: these two additional programs deal with the bills. At the last meeting of December or when the chair prefers we can bring back a report on all of these. The urban league should be back

-LCJ: at that time this committee will get a report back

-Question TT: will we begin using bond proceeds in 2023?

Z Williams: I believe we are going to begin using funding from the bond issuances in 2023

-Question TT: is the goal not to do any rate increases next year?

Z Williams: our primary objective - I no rate increase if we can avoid it. We are looking at residential first to avoid. Today we believe we can move forward with the bond issuance and the \$13M allocation and believe we won't need a rate increase in 2023

-comments provided by Commissioner Terry regarding equity

-comments provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-discussion among Commissioner Terry and Director Dianne McNabb regarding water bill processes and tools

-LCJ: I believe this needs further discussion but I don't think we'll have time today

III. DISCUSSION

ARP Public Infrastructure Allocations

-discussion not heard in committee

IV. AGENDA ITEM

Previously Heard Items:

[2022-2103](#) Commission District(s): 2 and 6
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1272696 Reindeer Drive Water Main Replacement (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the removal of existing galvanized pipe and asbestos cement water mains; abandonment of a steel main; construction and installation of ductile iron pipe (DIP) water mains; and removal and replacement of fire hydrants. This request is to increase the scope of work, funding, and the contract term through June 30, 2024, to allow for completion of additional work. Awarded to GS Construction, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$15,502,309.70.

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 12/13/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-agenda item has come out of audit review and a substitute will be forthcoming. This report was issued on November 14, 2022. The OIA review validated \$15,344,809.70, which is \$157,500 less than the agenda item amount.

-information provided by Director Hayes regarding substitute

RP: motion to approve substitute (pending additional information)

[2022-2210](#) Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 7 for Contract Nos: 1063844 and 1063841 Annual Water & Sewer Construction (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed (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 scope of work and funding. Awarded to GS Construction, Inc. and SD & C, Inc. Total Amount Not to Exceed: \$6,663,431.00.

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 12/13/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-item is currently in OIA audit review

-information provided by Director Hayes

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

2022-2373

Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 22-101519 2022 LMIG Road Resurfacing Projects (365 Day Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). Consists of resurfacing DeKalb County roads. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder: C.W. Matthews Contracting Co. Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$23,772,020.00

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 12/13/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-item is currently in OIIA audit review information provided by Director Lemke

-RP: is there a list of roads provided?

R Lemke: we can get you the list

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

New Agenda Items:

2022-2481

Commission District(s): 4 and 7
Decorative Street Lights on Rockbridge Road - up to \$92,000

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 12/13/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information and presentation provided by Director Lemke

-Commissioner Cochran-Johnson requests additional information and data regarding this request

-responses provided by Director Lemke

-additional information provided by Patrece Keeter

-TT: right now the costs look good, but over the next 20-30 years we will be paying much more for power bill and maintenance. I would like to know what the fiscal impact is

-comments provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson regarding the service costs

[2022-2233](#) Commission District(s): All
REN - Contract Nos. 1235993 and 1235999 Pump Repair Services (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). These contracts consist of the purchase of pump repair services for various wastewater treatment plants. Awarded to Cole Technology, Inc. and GoForth Williamson, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,050,000.00.

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 12/13/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director Hayes

[2022-2360](#) Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 22-101500 County Abatement Lot Mowing and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for the use by Public Works - Sanitation and Beautification. Consists of mowing and maintenance services for the County's abated locations. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Executive Realty Solutions, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$225,000.00.

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 12/13/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director Lemke

-comments provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-Question TT: do we have someone come out to all of these sites?

R Lemke: we do a quality control on the results of their mowing

-Question TT: is the land bank looking at these? What's the handoff here?

-TT: I'm leery that these properties will not go anywhere. Additional comments provided by Commissioner Terry

[2022-2367](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

LB-Invitation No. 22-101504 Lawn Maintenance for Scott Candler Water Treatment Facility (Three (3) Year Multi-Year Contract) for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the purchase of lawn maintenance services. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Executive Reality Solutions, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$750,000.00.

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 12/13/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director Hayes

-Question RP: if there's a way we could look into a shrub that might obscure deeper parts of that property, that is something that residents would appreciate

D Hayes: we have a team looking into that and will address as quickly as we can

-Question TT: what is the location of this around Scott Candler?

-response provided by Director Hayes

[2022-2380](#)

Commission District(s): 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7

CO - Change Order No. 6 to Contract No. 1156154 for DeKalb Sidewalk Program Phase 2C - Salem Rd., Henderson Rd. and Flat Shoals Rd. - PI# 0007618/PI# 0008268 (548 days): for use by Public Works - Transportation. This contract consists of construction of sidewalks along Salem, Henderson and Flat Shoals Roads. Awarded to: Precision 2000, Inc. Contract Term Increase Only

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 12/13/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director Lemke

[2022-2443](#) Commission District(s): 4 & 7
CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSX) Agreement No. CSX962140 for the
S. Stone Mountain Lithonia Road Project \$238,300
**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 12/13/2022. The motion carried by
the following vote:**

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

-information provided by Director Hayes

[2022-2124](#) Commission District(s): ALL
LB - Invitation No. 22-101516 Asphaltic Concrete Pavement Repairs
(Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by Departments of
Watershed Management (DWM); Public Works - Roads & Drainage
(R&D); Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs (RPCA); and Facilities
Management (FM). Consists of providing road repair and maintenance
services on various County roads. Recommend award to all responsive
and responsible bidders: A&S Paving, Inc.; Greenway One, Inc.; and
HEH Paving, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$42,659,618.50.
**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry,
that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board
of Commissioners, due back on 12/13/2022. The motion carried by
the following vote:**

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

-item is currently in OIIA audit review

-RP: motion to defer pending audit review

Meeting Ended At: 5:14 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