



# DeKalb County Government

1300 Commerce Drive  
Decatur, Georgia 30030

## **DRAFT - Minutes**

### **PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee**

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Tuesday, May 2, 2023

3:30 PM

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Meeting Started At: 3:34 PM

Attendees: Commissioners Cochran Johnson, Terry, Patrick

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

#### **I. MINUTES**

**2023-0499**      Commission District(s): ALL  
Minutes for the April 18, 2023, 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, Patrick, and Terry**

#### **II. AGENDA ITEM**

*Previously Heard Items:*

[2023-0421](#) Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 5 to Contract No. 978332 (formerly 15-903011) CIP Program Management Services: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing CIP Program Management Services; inclusive of program development and management, project controls, hydraulic modeling, master plan scope development, project management, technical specification and standards quality control, risk management, community outreach, technical support, and PMIS implementation support. This request is to increase contract funding, contract term, and scope of work to allow for the continuation of existing and new CIP program management tasks. Awarded to AECOM Technical Services Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$36,466,744.00.

**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 5/9/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-this item has come out of OIIA audit review and was not support. The review showed that \$36,336,452 was supported  
-information provided by Michelle Butler  
-additional information provided by Maria Houser*

*New Agenda Items:*

[2023-0325](#) Commission District(s): ALL  
REN - Contract No. 1290916 Ready Mix Concrete (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). This contract consists of providing ready-mix concrete for the construction and patching of sidewalks, curbs, headwalls, and driveways. This request is to exercise the 1st renewal option through May 31, 2024 with a price increase. Awarded to F.M. Shelton, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$375,000.00.

**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 5/9/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-information provided by Director Lemke*

[2023-0435](#) Commission District(s): 2 and 6  
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1288704 North Decatur Road Roundabout Improvements (120 days): for use by Public Works-Transportation. This contract consists of the construction of mini-roundabouts at the North Decatur Road intersections with Springdale Road and Oakdale Road, including related curb, ramps, and sidewalks. This request seeks to increase the contract funds and term through December 31, 2023. Awarded to: S D & C, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$25,035.00.

**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 5/9/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by David Pelton*

*Question TT: The extension is till the end of the year; do we expect it to take that long?*

*David Pelton: We expect the striping to be completed this week. The fully functioning roundabout should be together next week. We are waiting for supplies so to make sure we have extended it.*

*Question TT: Regarding visibility, does this contract address night time visibility?*

*David Pelton: It does not. The aim would make it stand out more, we will be adding a yellow line around the center island to help it stand out. We could also add raised reflective markers.*

*Question TT: the work is completed, how are they going to raise it?*

*Pelton: The work is completed. Additional information provided.*

*-TT: motion to approve with the consideration of additional nighttime markers to improve visibility*

[2023-0479](#) Commission District(s): 2 & 6  
Agreement for the Construction and Financing of Sewer Upgrades with Decatur East Phase II, LP for the Payment of \$97,000 to the County.

**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 5/9/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-information provided by Maria Houser*

[2023-0356](#) Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1201890 Consent Decree - Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation and Replacement (CD-GSRR): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists primarily of providing gravity sewer rehabilitation and replacement via cured in place pipe (CIPP) with internal and external point repairs, as well as open cut pipe bursting. This request seeks to utilize the Engineering News Record - Construction Cost Index (ENR-CCI) to calculate and pay additional cost impacts incurred due to the current market's supply chain issues. Additionally, this request seeks to amend and utilize the existing Owners Allowance line item to pay for these additional cost impacts with existing funds. This request also seeks to increase the contract term through December 31, 2024. Lastly, using existing funds and based upon the ENR-CCI, this request seeks to address retroactive payment of increased costs for periods prior to 3rd quarter 2022. Awarded to The Renee Group, Inc. Amount Not to Exceed: \$2,141,078.00

**This agenda item was recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners due back on 5/9/2023 .**

*LCJ: This item has been requested to be held. We will not discuss at this*

*time TT: Motion to Defer 2 week to the next PWI Committee meeting*

[2023-0533](#) Commission District(s): All  
To Approve the 2023 Capital Project List

*-information provided by COO Williams on Items related to PWI in Sanitation, Public Works and Roads & Drainage Question LCJ: Regarding Gateway/Corridor Improvement - the last meeting we approved a different amount. Can we confirm the numbers?*

*COO Williams: There was funding that carried over from the previous contract this is additional funding to that same contract. Additional information provided*

*Question LCJ: What is the funding source, is it not ARP?*

*COO Williams: the ARP did not get allocated - that is still sitting in the ARP. This was laid out in mid-year.*

*COO Williams: We are going to come back to discuss ARP allocations. Some needs are not as great as they once were. Additional information provided by Director Hutchinson*

*Question TT: This is a new cell? We approved a 10 million loan.*

*Hutchinson: The project in total will be around 20 million. This is apart of the same project.*

*Question TT: Where is the additional 6 million coming from?*

*Hutchinson: Sanitation Fund*

*Question TT: How much are we expected to raise this year with increased fee rates?*

*COO Williams: We can get exact numbers I would estimate 15 million.*

*Question TT: How much do we have in sanitation fund?*

*COO Williams: We can get you that information.*

*TT: I'm concerned using ARP monies while then turning around and raising rates. Why spend the 6 million on this that we would not be able to refund ourselves once it is used.*

*COO Williams: It could be possible, that around midyear we identify another funding source, either general or sanitation fund, we could that would able to reimburse ARP. It's something we could look at but we would need to have a further review. Question TT: regarding gateway improvements - it doesn't seem like an ARP fit. Do we need two million?*

*COO Williams: IT was a line item was not approved, it is still in draft.*

*Question LCJ: We also previously approved money for the trailers?*

*COO Williams: More is needed. At the time we couldn't replace all the trailers. We took what was available. Additional information provided.*

*TT: Motion to Approve Items related to Public Works & Infrastructure Committee - include Roads & Drainage, Public Works and Sanitation. Totaling 9.8 Million.*

2023-0353

Commission District(s): All Districts

Stormwater Fee Increase - The proposed fee increases are from currently four dollars (\$4.00) per month per equivalent residential unit to; Eight dollars (\$8.00) per month per equivalent residential unit for the year 2023. Nine dollars (\$9.00) per month per equivalent residential unit for the year 2024; and Ten dollars (\$10.00) per month per equivalent residential unit for the year 2025 and for every subsequent year, subject to adjustment through official action of the DeKalb County Governing Authority.

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 5/9/2023.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 2 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, and Patrick**

**No: 1 - Terry**

*-information provided by Director Lemke & Arcadius Representative*

*Question LCJ: When was the last increase?*

*Lemke: We have not had a rate increase since inception, 2004.*

*Question RP: Can EHOST Cover something like this?*

*Lemke: I do not believe so. Additional information provided.*

*Question TT: What is the deadline for a fee increase in order for it to appear on this year's tax bill?*

*Rep: June 1st. Action is needed this month*

*Additional information provided.*

*Question TT: What is the next phase, what is the community engagement process?*

*Lemke: There is an community elements. You'll see action regarding that in the next two months. Additional information provided.*

*Question TT: Do we have educational efforts for homeowners?*

*Lemke: Yes we do. Additional information provided.*

*Request TT: Overview of that information provided to home owners and outline what scope and efforts.*

*Request LCJ: Please provide us a report regarding sustainable medians practices and potential costs*

*COO Williams: we can bring back sustainable medians report second meeting in June. We will look into commissioner Terry's requests.*

*Question RP: What is the plan for notification for the public?*

*COO William: Outside of basics press releases and announcements nothing specific has been developed.*

*Question RP: One of the cities in my district doesn't provide rip rap. Could we put together an agreement for residents that are impacted. Can we look for a tradeoff of those funds?*

*COO Williams: That would be a part of the service delivery strategy. We can look into it.*

*Question RP: We are only voting this year for the \$8 increase; and return in the follow years?*

*COO Williams: That is correct*

*Question LCJ: that would only take this to the end of the 2023? Do we need to adjust this item to reflect that?*

*Additional information provided by COO Williams*

*Request LCJ: Please also come back for bio squill presentation*

Meeting Ended At:4:57 PM

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be adjourned meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

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Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC