



# DeKalb County Government

1300 Commerce Drive  
Decatur, Georgia 30030

## Minutes

### PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

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Tuesday, October 3, 2023

3:30 PM

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Meeting Started At:5:25 PM

Attendees: Commissioners Cochran-Johnson, Terry, Patrick

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

#### I. MINUTES

**2023-1207**      Commission District(s): ALL  
Minutes for the September 19, 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. DISCUSSION

FY23 Budget Amendment

- Beautification Unincorporated Fund 5 new positions

Information provided by Director Hutchinson, COO Williams

Question LCJ: these positions are going to be full time and function in beautification?

Question LCJ: How many people are in Beautification?

Hutchinson: I want to say 63 or 68 positions. We will confirm.

Question LCJ: how many departments do we have in DeKalb?

COO: Something like 50, 40 of which are under the COO.

Question LCJ: Can you talk to what the assistant director do in beautification?

Response provided by Director Hutchison

Question LCJ: Can you expand the reinstatement of Keep DeKalb Beautiful board?

Response provided by Director Hutchison

Question LCJ: where are we with the board review approved last year?

Response provided by COO Williams

Question LCJ: who has direct oversight and responsibilities of the boards?

Response provided by COO Williams

Response provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson

Question TT: Keep DeKalb Beautiful board was not apart of the review?

CO: I'd have to check, however it has been inactive for 6 years. Additional information provided

Question TT: is recruitment on the way?

Hutchinson: my goal is to have people by the end of the year.

TT: by the positions are in place we come back with status update on Beautification board and how commissioners can get involved.

COO: we could bring at first of the year a strategic plan for the beautification business unit. This will outline our goals prior to spring

Question LCJ: I'm concerned about the budget adjustment for salaries. This is for 5 positions?

COO: correct. Prorated for two months. Each have a different pay scale. We will have a full salary in next year's budget.

- Beautification - Stormwater Fund - \$300,000 for "increased ground maintenance" Curb bumping

Question TT: Are we going to spend this \$300,000 in two months?

Hutchinson: This is going to expand the line item. Additional comments provided.

Question RP: I've seeing a lot of down trees, would this allocation take care of that?

Response provided by Director Hutchinson

Question LCJ: does this allocation have to do with item 2023-1085 on the agenda?

Hutchinson: the item is a renewal of the contract. The budget allocation is to make sure we can pay the vendors for the work in the future.

Question LCJ: regarding curb bumping can you provide us with a list of streets, can you provide me a schedule?

Hutchinson: yes. My coordinator can provide the list completed for 2023

Question TT: what about those pedestrian islands areas that accumulate debris?

Hutchinson: apart of this allocation is for blowers that could help alleviate that

*-Adjustment Contributions to Capital - Designated Fund - 2 Million Corridor Improvements*

*Question LCJ: which corridors are in this updated request?*

*Hutchinson: Scope of work includes design, permitting, demo, installation and maintenance of , of 8 locations - Chamblee-Tucker I85, Chamblee Tucker Median, Candler Rd I20, Flat Shoals Median, Morland Ave I20, Flat Shoals I20, Gresham & Flat Shoals I20*

*Question RP: in the corridors we are considering can we also look at sidewalks that need maintenance. We are putting all the information together at once let's try to do as much as possible*

*Question LCJ: can you bring back the designs to committee for us to review?*

*Hutchinson: Once Approved*

*-Additional request for \$22,000 wildflower seeding provided by Commissioner Terry*

*TT: I've ask the administration to consider inclusion of the Roadside Wildflower Program. This program would support planting more native flowers and greenery around the exit on and off ramps. I've also asked that we analysis the road ways of current maintenance costs for mowing and review all areas that could be potential installation sites. My request is for an additional \$22,500 added into corridor improvements for this project.*

*Question RP: we received GIS data for sidewalks. Can we add that layer into this plan to get a fuller scope of need and repair?*

*Response provided by COO*

*LCJ: this would be an additional \$22,000 into the beautification budget for seeding, do we have it - do we need to take a deeper dive?*

*COO: there may be opportunities to replace grass or more dirty areas and add the wildflowers.*

*TT: the first step would be to agree and get a report back from GDOT and select what areas we want to do. Some may not be applicable.*

*Question RP: Could we maybe get a mockup of one to get an idea of what can be done?*

*Response provided by COO*

*TT: the allocation would include a report back on the top viable options through an analysis. The core of this is we spend a lot of money mowing. GDOT is trying to increase this method to save money. We would have the opportunity to save money from decreased mowing contracts and beautify through wildflowers*

*Question LCJ: COO Williams, are you ready to move the item?*

*COO: if the board would approve an item that request the study for wildflowers on county owned and maintained properly to include corridors and vacant lots that would be suitable.*

***TT: Motion to include request the study for wildflowers on county owned and maintained properly to include corridors and vacant lots***

***Second RP***

***Vote: yes unanimous***

*Information on Stormwater Operations from Stormwater Fund adjustments provided by TJ Sigler*

*Information on Debt Service Bond Fund - Water & Sewer provided by TJ Sigler*

*Information on Watershed- General Fund adjustments provided by TJ Sigler*

*Information on Water and Sewer Operating Fund adjustments provided by TJ Sigler*

***RP: Motion to approve FY2023 Budget Adjustments as presented  
Second TT***

***Vote: yes unanimous***

Avondale Estates Plastic Film Recycling Program

*- Information provided by Charlotte Davis - Ellen Powell - Avondale Estates*

*Question LCJ: do you have a breakdown of cost?*

*Comments provided by Representatives*

*Comments provided by Commissioner Terry*

*Comments provided by Ellen Powell*

*TT: I would suggest we work with COO and Brookhaven or other areas that are interested in this pilot and work towards connecting this program with our Sanitation department*

### **III. AGENDA ITEM**

*Previously Heard Agenda Items:*

#### **Roads & Drainage**

[2023-1014](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 23-101572 2023 LMIG Road Resurfacing Projects (Multiyear 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: \$25,692,675.58.

**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 10/10/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson*

#### **Watershed Management**

[2023-0915](#) Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1301526 On-Call Water and Sewer (Multiyear Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing on-call services for the installation and repair of various sizes of water and sewer pipes. The work also consists of providing the means to respond to emergencies and unforeseen failures or malfunctions throughout the County's distribution system. This request is to increase scope of work and funds to allow for the completion of work. Awarded to Ruby-Collins, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed \$22,235,110.70.  
**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 10/10/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Commissioner Cochran  
Johnson Question LCJ: Can we get a verified amount?  
Information provided by Michelle Butler*

**-TT: motion to approve Sub**

[2023-1049](#) Commission District(s): 3 & 6  
Agreement for the Construction and Financing of Sewer Upgrades with Cielo Blu, LLC for a Contribution Amount of \$143,500  
**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 10/10/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson  
Question TT: This is for Blue Sky?  
Hayes: you are correct. The builder would like to connect to our system we are splitting the cost, both parties are paying in \$143,500 each  
Question TT: Is inspections happened are they waiting for sewer capacity?  
Hayes: they are waiting for sewer first*

[2023-0830](#)

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1268548 (fka 1210485) and Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1208627 Consent Decree - Construction Management Services: Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation and Replacement (CD-GSRR): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). These contracts consist of providing construction management services for various gravity sewer collection system rehabilitation and replacement projects. This request is to increase contract funds to Contract Nos.: 1268548 (fka 1210485) and 1208627 and the contract term through December 31, 2025 to Contract No. 1268548 (fka 1210485). Awarded to Gresham Smith/CERM Joint Venture (GS/C-JV) and Benchmark Management, LLC. Total Amount Not to Exceed: \$5,930,000.00.

**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 10/10/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson*

**Sanitation**

[2023-1081](#)

Commission District(s): ALL  
LB - Invitation No. 23-101579 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Fuel Station Operations, Preventive Maintenance, & Repair Services (Annual Contract with 3 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of providing on call operations, preventive maintenance, and repair services for the CNG fueling station. Recommend award to the overall lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Atlanta Gas Light Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$450,000.00.

**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 10/10/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson*

*Question TT: when do we expect our landfill gas to be utilized in the trucks?*

*Hutchinson: We are currently talking with the vendor now to create a construction timeline. This item is just for maintenance*

#### **Board of Commissioners - District 6**

[2023-0680](#) Commission District(s): All DeKalb County Commission Districts  
A Resolution to Update the DeKalb County Traffic Calming Program

*Deferred to the next PWI Meeting - no vote cast*

**This agenda item was recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners due back on 10/10/2023 .**

*New Agenda Items:*

#### **Watershed Management**

[2023-0973](#) Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1264488 Hauling Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Department of Watershed Management (DWM) and Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). This contract consists of providing hauling services. This request seeks to increase contract funds and term through October 31, 2024. Awarded to Brown Management Services Enterprises, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$650,000.00.  
**This agenda item was recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners due back on 10/10/2023 .**

*Information provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson*

[2023-1131](#) Commission District(s): ALL  
LB - Invitation No. 22-101506 Small Domestic Brass Fittings and Gate Valves (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the purchase of small domestic brass fittings and gate valves. Recommend award to lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder: Delta Municipal Supply Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$16,608,990.00.

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/10/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*TT: Motion to Defer pending OIIA*

**Public Works - Sanitation**

[2023-0979](#) Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1326920 Equipment Rentals and Related Products and Services (OMNIA Partners Contract No. 201900319): for use by the Department of Public Works -Sanitation. This contract consists of piggybacking off the competitively let OMNIA Partners contract to lease four (4) 11 - yard rear loader trucks for 26 weeks; four (4) 25 - yard rear loader truck for 52 weeks and eight (8) 25-yard rear loaders for 12 months. This request seeks to increase contract funds to support leasing nine (9) additional 25-yard rear loader trucks for 12 months. Awarded to Big Truck Rental. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,011,703.00.

**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 10/10/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson*

*Hutchinson: we are going to buy some non CDL trucks. The rental amount is for 12 months so if we still need a truck after our purchased items come in we have a locked rate.*



### Public Works - Sanitation and Beautification

[2023-1085](#)

Commission District(s): All  
REN - Contract No. 1307662 County Abatement Lot Mowing and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract - 1st 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 abate locations. This request seeks to exercise the 1st renewal option through December 31, 2024. Awarded to Executive Realty Solutions, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$180,000.00.

**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 10/10/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson*

*Question LCJ: these parcels will move to the landbank ?*

*Hutchinson: Yes. Additional comments provided*

### Roads & Drainage

[2023-1096](#)

Commission District(s): All  
LB - Invitation No. 23-101563 Traffic Paint (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). Consists of providing traffic paint for various road striping projects. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Allstates Coatings, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$130,377.05.

**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 10/10/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson Question*

*LCJ: these parcels will move to the landbank ?*

*Hutchinson: Yes. Additional comments provided*

[2023-1162](#)

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1295610 for 2021 LMIG Road Resurfacing Projects (365 Day Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). This contract consists of resurfacing of County roads. This request seeks to increase the contract term through August 31, 2024. Awarded to HEH Paving, 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 10/10/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson*

Meeting Ended At: 5:25 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, Patrick, and Terry**

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Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC