



DeKalb County Government

1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30030

Minutes

PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

Tuesday, April 19, 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: 3:44PM

Attendees: Commissioners Cochran-Johnson, Terry, Patrick, Davis Johnson, Johnson

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

I. MINUTES

2022-1498 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the April 5, 2022 Public Works and Infrastructure Committee Meeting

This agenda item was approved

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

II. DISCUSSION

Green Hive

-presentation provided by Miranda Rupkey, Jamie Rosenthal of Roots Down

-LCJ: I want us to continue working together; we have asked through Keep DeKalb Beautiful for a sustainability plan. COO Williams is familiar with the plan. We would like to look toward more productive and sustainable green spaces that would eliminate mowing and blowing while saving the County money. We really do need a phase out plan, particularly along our major corridors. I look forward to continuing to have these important conversations with you all.

-Question MDJ: I just want to thank Jamie and Perry for the work they've done with gardens in the 5th District. They are giving the community information pertaining to the edible gardens in the district. Yesterday evening you discussed the schools that you are partnering with. Is Georgia Piedmont one of those schools? I would like to see them added to the list J Rosenthal: absolutely; they are working with us on the Growers program, and our goal is to work very heavily with Piedmont Technical College; we'll be reaching out to President Holston in the near future

-information provided by Commissioner Terry

III. AGENDA ITEM

Previously Heard Items:

2022-1325

Commission District(s): All

CO - Consent to Assignment of Contract No. 1176858 from Otto Environmental Systems North American, Inc. to Duramax Holdings, LLC: for use by PW-Sanitation. Consists of the Consent to Assignment to transfer remaining funds and contract term to Duramax Holdings LLC, dba Otto Environmental Systems. No change in the contract's terms, conditions or prices.

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 4/26/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

2022-1367

Commission District(s): All

RA - Ratification of PO No. 1283762 for the Animal Crematory (Emergency): for use by the Department of Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of the ratification of the purchase of the incinerator that replaced the existing incinerator that reached end of life. Recommend approval to ratify the emergency service from Bestech Environmental Recourse, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed \$137,221.00.

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 4/26/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-Question TT: this is not for Animal Services? It's for Sanitation and basically dead animals on the road?

Z Williams: that's correct

-Question TT: are we picking up that many animals?

Z Williams: there are deer in some cases

-Question TT: is there a pile of deer at the Landfill?

R Lemke: There is not; that is one of the reasons why we are requesting an additional incinerator to take care of the needs of the County

-Question RP: is there a maintenance plan that goes along with this?

R Lemke: it's into a fixed location; we do a regular maintenance routine on these but I'm not familiar with that program. I will certainly get you that answer

2022-1384

Commission District(s): 2 & 6

Change Order to Agenda Item 2020-0509 & 2021-2153 Water and Sewer Facilities Project PI0009400 Buford Hwy/SR13 from Afton Ln/CS8 to Shallowford Terrace/CS750 for an additional \$1,825,771.89

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 4/26/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Director Hayes

2022-1417

Commission District(s): 3 & 6

To consider authorizing the sale of County owned property in fee simple and authorizing temporary easements and Rights of Entry to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to allow GDOT to make roadway improvements on I-285 at Bouldercrest Road (PI # 713300).

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 4/26/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director Ellis

-Question TT: on the Google Map this is next to Blackhall Studios. Is that where this land is?

C Ellis: that's correct; interstate widening is taking place there and is currently part of County inventory

-Question TT: so they're expanding the interchange?

C Ellis: that's correct

-Question TT: where does the money go when we receive it?

Z Williams: it will go into the General Fund

-Question TT: regarding sustainability, does GDOT have to pay into the tree bank for that?

Z Williams: I don't think there's any additional funds requested

-TT: I think we should develop a policy where an entity cuts forest, there is a tree replacement piece to that. Z Williams: if the committee wanted to add a substitute piece to that I think that would be more than fine

-TT: I see now that this is going to the RPCA capital fund; that seems appropriate for this

New Agenda Items:

2022-1314

Commission District(s): 5 and 7

Panola Road Scoping Study Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Stonecrest

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 4/26/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by COO Williams, David Pelton

-Question LCJ: regarding the study, the conversation was to be with Stonecrest as to their involvement. There were federal funds that went away on this; what level of commitment do we have from the City of Stonecrest regarding this project, and will they bear the responsibility for it?

Z Williams: this represents a 50/50 share of the \$400,000 for this study. The overall project will be tens of millions of dollars. Those numbers are pre-COVID and inflation. Where we are now is that we have agreed to come to the table to do this study; from there we can determine the best course of action to seek funds besides our SPLOST and their SPLOST. This is the first step of bringing their commitment; their interest in represented in this study. If you approve this study, that represents a \$200,000 explorative commitment by DeKalb, and not to other aspects

-Question TT: part of the discussion was how trail connectivity would work. Is that part of the scoping study?

D Pelton: yes the study will look at all modes of transportation

2022-1448

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 21-101413, Sidewalks and Roadways (Multiyear): for use by the Departments of Public Works - Transportation, Roads and Drainage and Recreation (R&D), Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). To clarify the substitute agenda item awarded in agenda item 2021-3410.

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 4/26/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by CPO Horner

2022-1377 Commission District(s): County Wide
Speed Zone Order/Radar Permit Application
This agenda item was withdrawn

-TT: is it possible to do improvements before the December 31st deadline?

LCJ: I think the issue is that we simply don't have the time to conduct the study before the school year ends. Traffic studies must be captured during the school year because they provide the most accurate traffic volumes

-Z Williams: between Directors Pelton and Allen they would be able to state what the process is and we would respond off of that. Perhaps Director Allen if you believe that would entail

-information provided by Director Allen

P Allen: there would not be enough time to make this change prior to end of the permit

-Question TT: would the new study request a change to all 3 sections?

P Allen: we would look at the request made by Commissioner Rader based on what the community wants to see; if the state approves then they will move forward with it; in the past they have not wanted multiple speed limits on that street

-Question TT: do we do our studies in house?

P Allen: We have on call contractors to do a traffic study for us to send to the state

-LCJ: this can be stricken from the PWI agenda, and I will allow it to go through the course of the ERPS committee

Meeting Ended At: 4:44 PM

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick,
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