



DRAFT -Minutes

PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

Thursday, November 3, 2022

10:00 AM

Special Called Meeting

Meeting Started At: 10:03 AM

Attendees: Commissioners Terry, Patrick, Davis Johnson

Present 2 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, and Commissioner Ted Terry

Absent 1 - Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

I. MINUTES

2022-2298 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the October 18, 2022, 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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

2022-2299 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the October 20, 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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

II. DISCUSSION

American Rescue Funds

Watershed Management

-Question TT: Woodland Hills and Shepherd's Lane replacement projects, are they separate projects? Could you provide more information on that?

Z Williams: correct; additional information provided by COO Williams

Sanitation

-Question TT: could you provide information on the construction of the cell at Seminole Landfill?

-response provided by COO Williams

-Question TT: what's the plan regarding the payback of the \$10M loan from the General Fund to Sanitation Fund?

-response provided by COO Williams on upcoming plan regarding landfill rate increases

-Question TT: if we pay for the cell construction out of ARP there would be no rate increase for residential?

-Z Williams: we are very cognizant of the impacts of inflation; the proposals that you'll see will not have impacts on residential

-Question TT: these are enterprise funds; if the rates haven't been raised in 10 years, and over the last several years we've seen the revenues erode. Is the concern that we're talking an extra \$30-\$40 to cover that? I don't see that in the Sanitation Fund we are deciding to eat those costs through other means?

-Z Williams : we will be bringing forward rate and revenue increases; they will be geared toward the landfill as opposed to residential.

But we are not giving anyone a 'pass'. That plan will be coming to PWI in the coming weeks

-Question TT: it seems we will be raising rates on commercial vendors and the tipping fees. But the majority of costs come from the cans.

Has there been an analysis done on the rate structure? There should be a dollars and cents analysis done that have to go into the enterprise fund that go into the long-term viability of the service. Will this \$10M forestall the residential increases for another year? How long will it forestall?

-response provided by COO Williams

-Question TT: so we're not going to vote on ARP regarding Sanitation until you bring forward the plan?

Z Williams: that's correct, and that's why we wanted to hold this conversation for today

-Question RP: what are the discussion points for any increases, and how is that being a benefit to our residents? Inflation has had an impact on people; there has to be a strategy so that the taxpayers are seeing their needs are being addressed.

-response provided by COO Williams

-Question TT: here we are going to raise rates on renters

-MDJ: I want to echo what Commissioner Patrick has stated. We have to be concerned with our residents. When I look at this proposed substitute that show that the commissioners would get \$10.5M it is 'go money' or money that we can spend as we see fit. If I had to give that \$1.4-1.6M to do what we please with that money or use it to the benefit of the payers of DeKalb County, I would go with that going back into Watershed and Sanitation. If we can do something to help our citizens at this point, I'm in agreeance with it, and I'm looking forward to your presentation Mr. COO

-response provided by Commissioner Terry

-TT: Commissioners deserve to get options on this; if we just get one option then we just get to say 'yes' or 'no'

-additional comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-comments provided by Commissioner Patrick

Stormwater Management

- Not discussed in Committee

Transportation

- Not discussed in Committee

III. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items:

[2022-2361](#) Commission District(s): County-wide
Request for Funding from the Georgia Department of Transportation
(GDOT) for the FY2023 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant
Program

**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 11/8/2022. The motion carried by
the following vote:**

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-information provided by Director Lemke

-Question RP: I hope we're able to get the SPLOST from this year back to us quickly so that we can get back to the paving? I want to make sure that we do get those roads paved

-response provided by Director Lemke

-Question TT: regarding the roads on the spreadsheet, they have different ratings. Is there a larger spreadsheet? Are you putting the worst roads being put in order?

R Lemke: yes that's correct they are being put in order. Additional information provided regarding the County's rating system

-Question TT: when would this be submitted?

R Lemke: we would submit to GDOT in January 2023; additional information provided by Director Lemke

-Question TT: if we didn't get the matching funds they'd still be on the list

R Lemke: They'd still be on the list but would be at a reduced rate to get these done

-Question TT: it seems that we are putting more funds into infrastructure that demands the next level of project management, which could be in the billions of dollars. Mr. Williams is that something on your minds as you do these infrastructure projects in the future?

-response provided by COO Williams

2022-2115

Commission District(s): All
CA - Cooperative Agreement for Electrical Maintenance Services: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Cobb County contract for Bid # 22-6623 to provide electrical maintenance services. Awarded to Capital City Electrical Services, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed \$600,000.00.

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 11/8/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-information provided by Director Hayes

-Question TT: this bid sheet looks like it's just on-call electricians?

D Hayes: correct

-Question TT: the systems used in Cobb County are similar in DeKalb?

-response provided by Director Hayes

2022-2137

Commission District(s): All
REN - Contract No. 1264488 Hauling Services (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options of Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) and Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). Consists of providing hauling services. This request is to exercise the 2nd renewal option through October 31, 2023. Awarded to Brown Management Services Enterprises, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$630,000.00.

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 11/8/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-information provided by Director Hayes

-Question TT: is this for the hauling of sludge to the landfill?

D Hayes: This assists with hauling some sludge, debris, when we have limited drivers or vehicles

-Question TT: so this is when we need the extra capacity?

D Hayes: correct

[2022-2217](#)

Commission District(s): 4

CO - Change Order No. 6 to Contract No. 1171444 for Road Widening, Sidewalks, Bike Lanes (Rockbridge Road - Allgood to Rowland Road) - PI#s 008121/0012789: for use by Public Works - Transportation (PW-T). This contract consists of the widening of Rockbridge Road from Allgood To Rowland Road to allow for the construction of sidewalks and bike lanes. Awarded to E.R. Snell Contractors, Inc. CONTRACT TERM EXTENSION ONLY

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Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-information provided by Director Lemke

[2022-2220](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 5 to Contract No. 14-902884 Professional Engineering Services (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Watershed Management. This contract consists of the provision of engineering services. This request is to increase the contract term through December 31, 2024. Awarded to Prime Engineering Incorporated. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY.

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Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-information provided by Director Hayes

-Question RP: the increase in term is related to?

D Hayes: it took us a great deal of time to get this Scott Blvd package approved, as well as the chain of products. That time gap allowed the contract to near its expiration

-Question RP: is this related to COVID delays?

D Hayes: correct, such as supply chain; we just got the supplies in and are ready to continue. We would like to have the engineer of record in case it is needed

[2022-2244](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 947356 Sale of Single Stream Recycling Material (Multi-Year Contract): for use by Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of recycling single stream materials collected by the recycling program. Awarded to Pratt Recycling, Inc. Amount Not to Exceed: \$480,000.00.

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Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-information provided by Director Lemke

-Question RP: do we have a ratio that shows the life to cost of material?

-response provided by Director Lemke

-Question RP: it would be helpful to have something like that. If there's a way to come back with that data to show the residents the value they are getting

R Lemke: certainly

-Question TT: we get asked often 'where does the recycling go'? I've actually never seen it. You mentioned we used to get money for this and now we are spending money. Pratt has been our taker for how many years?

R Lemke: it goes back to 2012

-Question TT: so Pratt used to give us money?

R Lemke: yes; additional response provided by Director Lemke

-Question TT: what is the rationale for us having a fee structure regarding recycling? Not everyone opts in to the service

R Lemke: in DeKalb recycling is a voluntary program, not everyone is obligated to do that. The participation is excellent, and they do a great job of providing the recycling materials for us to put in

-Question TT: regarding our subscription rates, is it 40% opt in for the recycling cart?

R Lemke: I believe that's correct, I'd have to go and look at the numbers

-Question TT: those that are choosing not to opt in are paying the same amount, so it's really a use it or lose it situation

R Lemke: right

-Question TT: as we look at increased costs and reviewing the system through the lens of equity; we have a population that are paying for others to use recycling; we are paying for it if we are not using recycling

-response provided by Director Lemke

-Question TT: does Pratt pick up glass recycling?

R Lemke: I'd have to look that up for you

-Question TT: I think that as we move forward we should consider how we can leverage the local glass manufacturing facility, to increase the life of the landfill, and we can increase intake and hopefully encourage other facilities to do so. Glass makes it harder to sort at recycling centers?

R Lemke: that's correct; additional response provided by Director Lemke

-Question TT: so we're approving to extend the current contract at the current rate?

R Lemke: that's correct, and it would add \$480,000 to the contract; there is anticipation of an anticipation going out in the first quarter

-Question TT: what is being done differently in this RFP compared to the last one in 2014?

R Lemke: we haven't put a lot together yet regarding the scope; as of now we are trying to get this one out so that we can start on the next one

-Question TT: when I'm looking at the future of recycling I'm looking at a host of realities. The way I'm looking at the Pratt contract is that we are paying for services that will also be used at other landfills if they are contaminated. Additional comments provided by Commissioner Terr

-Question TT: let's look for vendors and ask the question of what the realities are 5-10 years down the line

2022-2209

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 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). Consists of providing construction management services for various gravity sewer collection system rehabilitation and replacement projects. This request is to increase funding for completion of work. Awarded to Benchmark Management, LLC. Amount Not to Exceed: \$2,450,000.00.

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 11/8/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-information provided by Director Hayes

-Question TT: this is to expand to all of the projects?

D Hayes: not all of the projects, this will allow Benchmarks to assist Watershed Management as we do more projects around the County

-Question RP: this is for the purpose of keeping us in compliance with the Federal Government and EPA?

D Hayes: this has part to do with it yes

2022-2178

Commission District(s): All
Agreement for River/Lake Information Management Services

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 11/8/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-information provided by Director Hayes

-Question TT: how many sites do we have?

D Hayes: DeKalb has 15 sites that we monitor; this is sites that USGS monitors throughout Georgia

[2022-2193](#) Commission District(s): All
City of Atlanta CIP Payment (3rd Quarter 2021- 2nd Quarter 2022)
Cost: \$3,022,530.34
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 11/8/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-information provided by Director Hayes

-Question RP: I know we have the \$3M policy for audit review. Since this is the invoice, is there a necessity to follow through with this audit

-TT: there's a formula used here; the amounts are worked out. I don't think it needs to go to audit

[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 galvanize pipe and asbestos cement water mains; abandonment of a steel main; construction and installation of ductile iron pipe (DIP) watermains; 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 holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/8/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-item is currently in OIIA audit

-information provided by Director Hayes

-RP: motion to recommend holding in committee until audit review

[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 Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry,
that this agenda item be recommended holding in committee to
the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/8/2022. The motion
carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-item is currently in OIIA audit

-RP: motion to recommend holding in committee until audit review

[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 Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry,
that this agenda item be recommended holding in committee to
the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/8/2022. The motion
carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-item is currently in OIIA audit

-RP: motion to recommend holding in committee until audit review

Meeting Ended At: 11:17 AM

**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: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC