



# DeKalb County Government

1300 Commerce Drive  
Decatur, Georgia 30030

## **DRAFT - Minutes**

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

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Monday, November 6, 2023

11:00 AM

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#### **Special Called Meeting**

Meeting Started At: 11:03 AM

Attendees: Commissioners Cochran Johnson, Terry, Patrick, Johnson

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

#### **I. MINUTES**

**2023-1362**      Commission District(s): ALL  
Minutes for the October 17, 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:** 2 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, and Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Patrick

#### **III. AGENDA ITEM**

*Previously Heard Items:*

**Watershed Management**

[2023-0823](#) Commission District(s): ALL  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1324307, 1324314, and 1324317 Rental of Various Heavy Equipment (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Departments of Watershed Management (DWM), Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D) and Sanitation. These contracts consist of the rental of various heavy equipment. This request seeks to add use by the Department of Watershed Management and increase contract funds in support of that use. Awarded to H & E Equipment Services, Inc.; Herc Rentals, Inc.; and Sunbelt Rentals, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$5,527,809.00

**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 11/8/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Item pending review from OIIA  
-TT: motion to defer pending OIIA*

[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 Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/8/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Substitute Provided*

*Information provided by Director Hayes*

*Question TT: can you explain some of the notes I'm in the contract summary*

*Response provided by Director Hayes*

*Question TT: what is the reason for baking in 3 years?*

*Hayes: If prices do go up we are still locked in at this rate. We won't have to go back to renegotiate*

***-RP: motion to approve substitute***

*New Agenda Items*

**Board of Commissioners - District 1**

[2023-1022](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

To Request the Department of Planning and Sustainability Staff to Explore the Feasibility of Adopting Standard Dumpster Requirements for Apartment Complexes and Multi-Family Units

**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 11/8/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Update provided by Brandon White*

*Information provided by Commissioner Patrick*

*Question TT: is truck size apart of this conversation? Additional information provided by Commissioner Terry*

*BW: Yes we can include dumpster closure requirement and setback requirement. Part of land development processes includes a sanitation representative reviewing project layouts to ensure compliance with sanitation. We will coordinate with sanitation and return.*

*RPR: also frequency and how often collection is needed*

*Question LCJ: I'd like to hear from director Hutchinson on this consideration*

*Hutchinson: Apartment complexes have the authority to choose the size of dumpsters and frequency. Formulation can occur to set standards based on units or resident populations. When new businesses come there is a round table with sanitation representative to review layouts include width of street, truck turn radius, community size, etc. at the beginning of land development. What we are speaking to today, moving forward is making sure apartment complexes have the right number, size of containers and determined frequency. Information provided by Commissioner Patrick*

*Question LCJ: when we find the recommendation that is given is insufficient we should provide a standard and meet the needs of the community. Has it been determined that our current processes is insufficient? Hutchinson: My understanding that this is what we are undertaking with this item. Review and come up with a template.*

*LCJ: That is what I'd like to see. The right to service needs to be sufficient.*

*RP: the service in question is from a private entity. My understanding is they have the option to not obtain our level of service.*

*Comments provided by COO Williams*

*LCJ: I think a text amendment would be necessary to help resolve this*

*Question TT: This complex is in unincorporated DeKalb? Is it not a requirement to use our sanitation services? Can we review the current ordinance allowable by law? Can we compare the DeKalb business license database with DeKalb sanitation client list to see where we don't have sanitation service, can we enforce it?*

*COO: Let us talk with the law department.*

*TT: lets at least have that as part of the analysis.*

*Comments provided by COO Williams*

*Question TT: Is it possible to include sensors as part of this review too?*

*COO: that will be a part of it.*

*RP: I am in agreeance with the ideas today, additionally coordinating with the solicitor to consider fines or probationary periods with county involvement.*

*COO: we can work on something and bring it back. I think what we want to regulate is the absent of trash and providing a secure environment*

*LCJ: We will defer and await for planning to return with a recommended course of action*

*COO: if we could defer 60 days*

*PR: I am in support of the deferral, I want to see a complete package of everything discussed today Attorney: As apart of this I want to give you clear advice on what is currently or not mandated, to get a clear understanding to move forward. Could be put this to the first PWI in February?*

***-RP: motion to defer to first PWI February 2024***

## Roads & Drainage

### 2023-1269

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1220262, 1220544, and 1220549 Stormwater Pipe Repair Using Chemical Liners (Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). These contracts consist of relining the storm drainage system using chemical liners on County easements and rights-of-way. This request seeks to increase the contract funds and term through December 31, 2024. Awarded to: Metals & Materials Engineers, LLC, Inland Pipe Rehabilitation (IPR) dba IPR Southeast, LLC, and Inliner Solutions, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,000,000.00.

**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 11/8/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Director Lemke*

*Question LCJ: do we have a new contract out to bid?*

*Lemke: this change order extends the current contract while a new one is out to bid*

### 2023-1332

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1263589 SPLOST Phase II Road Resurfacing Projects - Area B (365 Day Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). This contract consists of patching, milling, and resurfacing of County Roads. This request is to increase the contract term through August 31, 2024. Awarded to HEH Paving, Inc. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY.

**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 11/8/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Director Lemke*

*Request RP: can you provide a list of roads under this contract, yet to be paved*

## Sanitation

[2023-1255](#) Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Purchase Order (PO) No. 1292080  
Non-CDL Truck Rental (Emergency): for use by the Department of  
Public Works - Sanitation. This Purchase Order consists of the  
rental of non-CDL trucks to assist with County recycling routes.  
This request seeks to increase the purchase order funds to lease an  
additional six (6) 13-yard non-CDL trucks. Awarded to RDK  
Assets, Inc. dba RDK Truck Sales. Amount Not to Exceed:  
\$540,000.00.

**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 11/8/2023. The motion  
carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Director Hutchinson*

*Question LCJ: we just approved the lease of 4 trucks that turned into a purchase, what are those used for?*

*Hutchinson: sanitation for the north collection lots. The other remaining trucks will be dedicated to the  
east, central, and south lot. These will help us separate recycling routes.*

*Question LCJ: are we not moving towards purchase of these trucks?*

*Response provided by Director Hutchinson*

*Question TT: is it \$7500/month to lease these trucks? The letter indicates this per year*

*Response provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson*

*Hutchinson: the trucks are on hold until we receive approval*

*Comments provided by Commissioner Terry*

#### **Watershed Management**

[2023-0978](#) Commission District(s): All  
LB - Invitation No. 22-101488 Consent Decree: Find and Fix  
Assessment and Rehabilitation (CD: FFAR) [Multiyear Contract]:  
for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM).  
Consists of primarily providing sanitary sewer assessments that  
include: assessments of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) for pipes  
18” diameter and Totally Integrated Sonar and Camera Inspection  
Technique (TISCIT) assessments and rehabilitation of pipes 24”  
diameter”. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and  
responsible bidders: Inliner Solutions, LLC, and Southeast Pipe  
Survey, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed \$90,712,867.00.

**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 11/8/2023. The motion  
carried by the following vote:**

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

*Item pending review from OIIA*

*-RP: motion to defer pending OIIA*

2023-0914 Commission District(s): 2 and 6  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1296980 Scott Boulevard Phase III Watermain Replacement: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of the installation of 30-inch ductile iron pipe (DIP) watermain and replacement of existing 6-inch distribution mains with 8-inch DIP inside the right-of-way and under existing pavement. This request is to increase the contract term through December 31, 2024. Awarded to Garney Companies, 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 11/8/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson*

*Question TT: is the rest of the work on schedule outside of the noted delay*

*Response provided by Director Hayes*

*Hayes: the extension will help us continue work around the school schedule to reduce impact*

2023-1109 Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1228720 Engine and Generator Maintenance and Repair Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM), Facilities Maintenance (FM), and E-911. This contract consists of providing maintenance and repair of engines and generators. This request seeks to increase contract funds and term through December 31, 2024. Awarded to Power and Energy Services, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$750,000.00.  
**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 11/8/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson*

*Question TT: is the preferred for propane or natural gas? How do you approach this? Hayes:  
this is for existing generators in the County, for new ones we look for natural gas.*

2023-1110

Commission District(s): ALL

RA - Ratification of Purchase Order No. 1341444 Hay cutting, baling, and removal at the Pole Bridge Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility (AWTF) (Emergency): for use by Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This request seeks to ratify an emergency purchase for cutting, baling, and removal of hay from 300 acres of hay fields at the Pole Bridge Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility (AWTF). This request also seeks to maintain services through September 30, 2024 in order to remain compliant with Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) regulations. Awarded to Mark L. Farms, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$110,250.00.

**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 11/8/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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



*Information provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson*

*Question TT: How many times a year are we cutting? Is this already done or is the quote for moving forward*

*Hayes: 3-4 times a year. This is a ratification to pay for completed work. Additional information provided.*

*Question TT: So will the contract go back out next year?*

*Hayes: yes*

*Question TT: Are we planning on doing more land application, how long have we been doing this? Are we collecting soil samples?*

*Hayes: land application stopped in 2014. we do monthly soil testing. Additional information provided*

*Question TT: how much money would it save the watershed department? Why continue the permit if we have to been doing land applications since 2014 , would we have to start from scratch*

*Hayes: We would. It was run by an outside company. Our goal has been to return to land application but we do not have the staff or equipment. Additional information provided*

*Comments provided by Commissioner Terry*

*Hayes: our goal would be to provide that information to the Administration with a recommendation and move forward from there*

*Comments provided by COO Williams*

*LCJ: Please keep us updated and bring the conversation back*

*Question TT: I still haven't gotten the soil report. We are doing this to keep a permit but The question remains do we still have to bail the hay if the soil has returned to compliance. Does it have to be done or are we doing it to keep the permit or because soil levels are too high*

*Hayes: Watershed notice levels were increasing, we stopped to review. The tests do show that levels are increasing and not because of us. We still have the right from the EPA to conduct if we choose to. We have not been told to stop.*

*Question TT: We have to cut and bail the grass because it is taking up the minerals and is apart of the process, so, the levels increased after we stopped land application?*

*Hayes: the nitrate levels have not subsided.*

*Question LCJ: Do we test on an annual bases?*

*Hayes: we are continually testing*

*Question LCJ: when was the last nitrate test done, can you get us a report?*

***-TT: motion to approve with the expectation that the watershed department will report back to PWI on current nitrate levels as well as future plans for the Pole bridge site***

[2023-1204](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1272818 On Call Architect and Engineering and Design Services for Facilities Management (Multiyear Contract): for use by Department of Facilities Management (FM), Department of Watershed Management (DWM), and Fire Rescue (FR). This contract consists of providing on call architect and engineering design services for a variety of planning, design, and construction projects for the County. This request is to add DWM use and increase contract funds to allow for the design of the Roadhaven Master Plan (Phases 1A & 1B). Awarded to Pond & Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$265,700.00.

**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 11/8/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson*

*Question TT: what is the Roadhaven master plan?*

*Hayes: we are trying to improve the Roadhaven campus. It is the current watershed headquarters*

*Question TT: is that part of the facilities master plan?*

*COO: it is not in the facilities master plan. The item is to develop.*

*Question TT: when was the bid put out? I'm looking for additional information, I have not heard of this before Response provided by Director Hayes*

*TT Request: can your provide preliminary materials to Committee members*

*COO Williams: maybe we can bring this to PWI, there may be other infrastructure departments, like Roads & Drainage, we will know more tomorrow.*

*Question TT: Roadhaven is coming from department watershed funds, not SPLOST?*

*COO: Correct. There has been some renovations, this could be a good opportunities to showcase all. We are trying to create a*

*TT Request: Status update on preliminary master plans of infrastructure department*

[2023-1278](#)

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1284733 for On Call Engineering Services (Multi-Year Contract): for use by the Department Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing on call engineering services that primarily includes engineering studies, design, land surveying, construction administration, and related services for water and wastewater projects under the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Consent Decree (CD). This request seeks to add the Department of Public Works - Sanitation to the contract and increase the contract scope of work and funding. Awarded to Arcadis U.S., Inc. Amount Not To Exceed \$200,000.00.

**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 11/8/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson*

*Question LCJ: this is to review our sanitation rates?*

*Hutchinson: Correct*

*Question TT: when would the study be completed?*

*COO: some work has been finished already. As soon as the item is approved we will come back to the table to continue the work*

*Question TT: this is the same process and commercial rates?*

*COO Williams: Correct. This was mentioned last year when commercial rates increased*

*Question TT: are you also looking into other revenue generators such as composting?*

*COO Williams: Yes*

[2023-1336](#)

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos. 1235993 and 1235999 Pump Repair Services (Annual Contract with 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. This request seeks to increase the contract funds and term through December 31, 2024. Awarded to Cole Technology, Inc. and GoForth Williamson, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,700,000.00.

**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 11/8/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Director Hayes Question*

*TT: this will be an RFP?*

*Hayes: Correct*

*Request LCJ: Formal discussion on solar panels*

Meeting Ended At: 12:30 PM

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

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

**Absent: 1 - Patrick**

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Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC