



DeKalb County Government

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Minutes - Draft

ERPS-Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

2:15 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: 2:15pm

Attendance: Commissioners Davis-Johnson, Rader, Patrick, Cochran-Johnson, Terry

Present 3 - Chairperson Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Robert Patrick, and Jeff Rader

I. MINUTES

2021-2372 Commission District(s): All
Minutes for the March 16, 2021 Employee Relations and Public Safety Committee Meeting
MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Davis Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Rader

II. STATUS UPDATE

COVID Vaccination Strategy

Fire Dept vaccination rate 35%. That is shots that have been given by DeKalb. The true percentage may be over 40%

-Police Dept vaccination rate 25%

-Medical Examiners 60%

-Communications 10%

-60% Animal Services

-80% DEMA

-Question JR: what efforts are there to persuade those that are reluctant? I have seen web-based resources that can be provided

Director Lumpkin: videos by departments have been made to encourage everyone, fireside chats, and overall perception will better over time.

-Commissioner Davis-Johnson requests this discussion come back in 30 days on the May 4th ERPS

Indigent Grave Markers

-presentation from Medical Examiner Director Bailey

-around 2000 grave markers that will need to be altered

-MDJ: what is the cost for the grave marking? Additionally, I see that we are discussing service costs today.

-question MDJ: do we own the cemeteries?

-Commissioner Davis-Johnson requests a synopsis of the holistic scope to bring to the Board

P Bailey: Both are maintained on County land. I will send a synopsis of the holistic scope to bring to the Board

-this discussion will come back in either the May 4th or May 18th ERPS committee

III. DISCUSSION

DeKalb County Grievance Process for Employees

-was not heard in committee. Will be heard on the April 20th ERPS

IV. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items:

[2021-2301](#)

Commission District(s): All

To authorize interviewed statements promoting the DeKalb County E911 Nurse Navigator Program

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/13/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Davis Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Rader

-Question TT: is this also related to mental health response?

Chief Fullum: That would be a separate area of 911

-Question JR: the purpose of this is to authorize your appearance in the video. Will the video be used in other places than DeKalb?

Yes they will, we are 1 of only 6 EMS zones using this service

-Question JR: if they end up not being our provider, will they still be able to use this video?

Chief Fullum: that is not something immediately raised but we will raise this

2021-2289

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Catalina Content - HLN Network - "Vengeance" Filming with The
DeKalb County Police Department

This agenda item was no official recommendation

-Question MDJ: what is the benefit to the county?

M Vincent: The benefit is to show our detectives were able to identify the murderer and begin the process leading to the conviction of the perpetrator

Question JR: Has the segment been aired?

M Vincent: It will air in summer 2022

Question JR: Did we have authority to review this segment?

M Vincent: We do not currently

Question LCJ: for some residents that have seen shows that were inspired by events in DeKalb County, the perception is that this may place us in a bad light when we participate in shows like this.

MDJ: I believe that there's significant benefit when we can identify the suspect and bring the case to closure. On the other hand, we must take any hesitation into consideration.

RP: I would be comfortable approving this, as I have seen segments of this show on HLN. These are events that happen everywhere, and this would be good advertising for our police department to show that we do catch perpetrators when a crime is committed. Also, as we have large film studios being included in the county, we should not be hesitant to this type of filming

JR: it would be beneficial to review the airing before approving, rather than being in a discussion in which we approve something we end up not liking

-Item was not voted in committee, will come back at next ERPS 4/20/21

2021-2296

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Grant Acceptance - FY21 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
(HIDTA) Grant, \$276,156.00

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/13/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Davis Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Rader

-Question JR: are there any prevention elements to our program of service?

Major Mears: This portion of the money is strictly for enforcement. The HIDTA does have prevention elements, in which we are receiving other services

-Question RP: is this a component of asset forfeiture

Major Mears: this specifically is not, but we do engage in asset forfeiture

-Question TT: How many guns were confiscated last year? And what do we do with that?

-Major Mears: 86 guns were confiscated last year, We review if they were linked to other crimes, and if not, they are stored. The guns are not resold per state statute.

[2021-2383](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) - In-service Training
Film Featuring Officer Cochran
**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Robert Patrick,
that this agenda item be recommended for approval to the Board
of Commissioners, due back on 4/13/2021. The motion carried by
the following vote:**

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Davis Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Rader

-no additional information requested

[2021-2391](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
The Annie E. Casey Foundation Video Documentation - Chatham
County's Juvenile Justice Reform Project, Interview with Jack
Lumpkin, Deputy COO of Public Safety
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*-Director Lumpkin: name of the program is the "Front Porch", a multi-agency resource center for counseling and
youth services in an effort to reduce the incarceration of non-violent youth*

[2021-2285](#) Commission District(s): ALL
EM - Enviro-Master SaniGuard Virus Vaporizer Program: for use by
Police Services (PS). Consists of On-Call Electrostatic Disinfectant
Vaporized Spraying services for continued use at nine (9) Public Safety
facilities. Awarded to 144 Common Street Ventures, Inc. DBA
Enviro-Master Services of Atlanta Southeast. Amount Not To Exceed:
\$133,952.00.
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-Question MDJ: what is the length of this contract?

CPO Horner: this is for 26 weeks

-Question JR: have there been any reports of competitors, or is it a sole source?

*CPO Horner: this is a sort of sole source, where we are continuing services with the same vendor through the
pandemic*

[2021-2335](#)

Commission District(s): All

REN - Law Enforcement Accessories (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1209266, 1209268 and 1209269 for use by Police Services (PS) and the Marshal's Office. These contracts consist of providing badges, driving pins, duty belts, holsters, patches, and other law enforcement accessories. Awarded to: GT Distributors of Georgia, Inc, Dana Safety Supply and Galls, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$62,000.00

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Yes: 3 - Chairperson Davis Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Rader

-No additional information requested

Meeting Ended At: 3:30pm

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be adjourned meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Davis Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Rader

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC