



DeKalb County Government

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Minutes - Draft

ERPS-Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee

Tuesday, May 18, 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: 2:15 PM

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

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

I. MINUTES

2021-2569 Commission District(s): All
Minutes for the May 4, 2021 Employee Relations and Public Safety Committee Meeting

This agenda item was approved

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

II. DISCUSSION

Employee Assistance Plan Update

-presentation from Director Ransom, Human Resources

III. AGENDA ITEM

2021-2554

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Accept a COVID-19 Public Assistance Grant from FEMA as a pass through via GEMA for expanded vaccine operations in the county. DeKalb has been obligated up to \$9,587,753.82 for the significant expansion of Emergency Protective Measures.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be recommended for approval upon receipt of additional information to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 5/25/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-COO Williams: this is an item that was presented to the Board previously. This will be used in 2 tranches, for standing up additional sites, 10 buses, and pop-up sites. The Board can anticipate a contract with the DPH; this is a strong first step in our vaccination strategy.

-Question MDJ: regarding incentives to our residents, is this taken into consideration of this strategy?

COO Williams: incentives may be one of the many necessary ways to help; unfortunately this grant doesn't allow these funds for incentives. Which leads us to consider whether there are other resources to retrieve funds for incentives. We've had conversations on incentives during the application process; the indication we received was that this was not eligible for incentives. I will confirm whether there is a specific statement provided regarding the allocation of funds for incentives within the grant.

-MDJ: we want to encourage people to be vaccinated, and create the herd immunity. We can explore means other than money

-COO Williams: incentives are a means to reach herd immunity through the furtherance of vaccines. These incentives may come in many different forms

-Question LJ: The reason why folks aren't getting the shot is one of the main questions. I hope we can use this for more than vaccinations; we can utilize funds for evictions. Let's have a holistic strategic, case managers for mortgage/rent relief, jobs, etc. We can have more services offered at these sites that can help people via ancillary services in these areas. Even food box distributions can be used to capture these groups.

-Question TT: I would like to emphasize commissioner Johnson's comments; we should identify on-the-ground, in the community knowledge and experience. A similar approach that was used during the Census; the engagement we need is direct; having pop ups and more access is a key part to it; but this is about persuasion, similar to getting people to vote. We need to knock on doors. I would suggest that a small portion of these funds could be used for an Activation Team to knock on doors and notify residents of these services.

COO Williams: that is one of the many things we are looking to do; this would involve working with our community partners through our Health Department. A build it and they will come model works for the first 35%. Now we have to find ways to go to where people are, and ensure access is there for those that are transportation-dependent.

-LCJ: each time we discuss this there is a resounding consensus. I would like to see the plan that accompanies the dollars for this FEMA grant. We are awaiting to see what the administration has developed; getting these last individuals who have not wanted the vaccine will need a very focused approach around education and marketing. From there we can make logical recommendations. This requires a serious conversation amongst our younger generations. I look forward to hearing a plan for the administration.

COO Williams: What we will show is what they are funding, which includes the staffing of these buses, mobile sites, education outreach programs that add up to this dollar amount. We will get you that in the next day or so.

MDJ: My biggest concern is how can we attract young people

2021-2509

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract Nos.: 973430, 973431, 973442, 973429 for Towing and Wrecker Services: for use by Police Services (PS), Sheriff's Office, Fire Rescue Services and Public Works - Fleet Management (FM). These contracts consist of the towing, removal, storage and impoundment of wrecked or disabled vehicles for private citizens in the six (6) DeKalb County service areas and includes towing services for County-owned vehicles. Awarded to: Brown & Brown Wrecker, Statewide Service South, Inc., South DeKalb Towing and Transport, Inc. and S&W Services of Atlanta, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$20,000.00/month.

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 5/25/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-Question MDJ: Does this exceed what we expended last year or is that at the same amount?

CPO Horner: this is approximately what our charges are per month

-Question MDJ: these are county-owned vehicles to be towed?

CPO Horner: if there are any vehicles to be impounded, they are towed to the impound lot; there can be additional vehicles besides those owned by the County that can be towed; in that scenario the owner of the vehicle can be charged.

-Question MDJ: if we impound a private vehicle, and the owner pays the costs of storage and towing, the county is reimbursed?

CPO Horner: we receive a percentage of that revenue

-Question MDJ: if there's a privately owned vehicle that is towed, and the cost is paid to the company, why does the County only receive a percentage?

Greg Ivanov: there are 2 portions of this contract; 1 bills the rates to the individual in which the County receives a portion; the other portion involves a cost-neutral aspect of the contract.

Meeting Ended At: 2:59 PM

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Robert Patrick, 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