



DeKalb County Government

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Minutes - Draft

ERPS-Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee

Tuesday, July 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: 2:21PM

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

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

I. MINUTES

2021-2755 Commission District(s): All
Minutes for the June 15, 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

Midyear Budget

Public Safety

-presentation from OMB Director Sigler

-TJ Sigler: Regarding Public Safety, we funded a lot of the requests part of the original ARP budget outline; this is pertaining to violence interruption and court backlog. Since we've released the midyear dept we've received different guidance from Treasury on what can be allocated using ARP funds.

-TJ Sigler: Regarding the questions we received of whether we will be funding out of both sources, in all cases we will only be funding out of 1 source, depending on its eligibility for ARP. Those were mostly programs geared toward violence interruption and court backlog.

-TJ Sigler: there were an additional \$4.1M allocated within Public Safety that didn't fall into these categories. A good portion of that was for the Sheriff's department; this would include just over \$1M for increased overtime, \$1.4M for increased inmate medical services, and smaller allocations to 911 and Superior Court, Magistrate Court, District Attorney

-Question JR: regarding the Police millage rate, there will be a fund increase from 4.979 mills in 2020 to 6.67 mills to 2021 proposed; this represents a 33% increase from 2020.

TJ Sigler: that is due to how we are handling the insurance premium taxes. Previously, we've been depositing those directly into the Police Fund, which would then lower the millage rate for those. Those funds are determined based on the unincorporated population, so when we were determining this budget it was more appropriate for those revenues to be reflected in the Unincorporated Fund. A portion of that would then be transferred to the Designated Fund, which more closely matches with the unincorporated area for items like Parks, Roads & Drainage, that are funded primarily through unincorporated taxes. These also provide some services to the cities. That's the main point here. The millage rate for the Police Fund was making up for \$29M that was previously funded through the insurance premium tax, but is now in the Unincorporated Fund and Designated Fund.

-Question JR: The Designated Fund's millage rate is only declining by about 1 mill. Is there that much of a difference in tax digest?

TJ Sigler: there is a considerable difference there, especially since the digest for the Parks portion of the Designated Fund doesn't include Tucker or Stonecrest, whereas the Police tax digest does include both of those cities and they pay the full amount of the millage rate. There are other cities that do participate in both of those funds but at a reduced millage rate compared to those cities.

-Question JR: if the tax base is lower in the Designated Fund, shouldn't its impact of the same amount of money be higher than it would be on the larger Police Fund's budget?

TJ Sigler: If I follow your question, I believe so if you're looking at a straight reduction in the millage rate based on that dollar amount. But another component to take into account regarding Police millage rate was that we are funding quite a number of those violence interruption programs. They were receiving a budget increase as well. So it was really a combination of those two factors - the Police budget for the Police Fund, and shifting the insurance premium to the Unincorporated and Designated Funds.

-Question JR: isn't the Police Fund's budget going up about 5%? It seems there are opportunities to reduce the unincorporated millage rate.

TJ Sigler: We do try to maintain the aggregate millage rate at the same level. The Police Fund and the Designated Fund are the two major funds that unincorporated residents fund that incorporated city residents do not; there were increases in Parks and Police Services; in some cases you get what you pay for.

-JR: we have also achieved reasonable fund balances. It wouldn't be aspirational to reduce the unincorporated millage rate for those taxpayers since everyone else is getting that

-Question JR: will you come back with revised numbers for the ARP funding?

TJ Sigler: we should have a list by tomorrow

III. DISCUSSION

Insight on Police Strategies, Training, and Procedures

-presentation from COO Williams, Director Lumpkin, Chief Ramos
-Director Lumpkin: Discussion of past and current initiatives within Public Safety
-Chief Ramos: Discussion of community engagement, training, and outreach
-Question MDJ: please touch on mental health initiatives as well
Chief Ramos: we are ensuring our officers have DIT training, we are about 50% in that currently. Those officers will also be able to assist with the mobile crisis unit. We are in process of hiring a commission to assist internal officers in their issues as well.
-Question JR: I would like to remind COO that he will be providing comparative analysis data on the marketplace
Z Williams: absolutely; let me see where that is
-MDJ: let's bring this discussion back at the next ERPS on July 20th to discuss the comparative analysis provided from the Administration

IV. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items:

2021-2444 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Change Order No. 2 to Contract 06-900516 for Lease Agreement with
ATC Watertown LLC (Multiyear)

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval upon receipt of additional information to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 7/13/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided from Major Douglas Bentley
-Question JR: we don't co-locate with anyone on this?
D Bentley: no we do not.
For 911 services we typically do not co-locate
-Question JR: typically we are enjoined from going on for more than an annual contract. This seems to have a structure for 5 year automatic extensions and renewal terms.
V Ernstes: that is correct; there is a provision within state law that speaks to the automatic renewals. I would need to take a look at this contract.
-JR: if you could provide that information before we vote that would be beneficial
-Director Lumpkin: we can look to see if the state has been providing services in these areas, and could potentially be a partner in which costs are shared. We will have that for you in written format.
-V Ernstes: I will get you this information by the EOD today

2021-2620

Commission District(s): ALL

CA - Sourcewell Cooperative Contract No. GA-ST07-040820-JLC
State of Georgia - Indefinite Quantity Construction Contract for use by
Fire Rescue (FR). This contract consists of the purchase, installation,
and project management to construct Plymovent Vehicle Exhaust
Systems at County Fire Stations. Awarded to Johnson-Laux
Construction LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,068,788.11.

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Jeff Rader,
that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board
of Commissioners, due back on 7/13/2021. The motion carried by
the following vote:**

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

-Question JR: Do we not have a vehicle exhaust system in our firehouse now?

Chief Fullum: We do have some of our stations with operational systems; other stations have systems not operational. This contract is to retrofit/replace 18 of them. There are 3 that currently have different systems. One of the reasons we are choosing this provider is because they are able to do retrofits, and it is 100% exhaust capture. The maintenance is not part of this.

2021-2700

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Acceptance of Federal Forfeiture Property - Police Services

**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 7/13/2021. The motion carried by
the following vote:**

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

-Question JR: in the past we have asked the department prepare a forecast of how forfeited funds will be used throughout the year. It would be helpful for Public Safety to provide an update on forfeited funds in the past year, and plans for forfeited funds in the next year.

-Question: Is property or funds?

Chief Ramos: this is for funds. We can provide a report of what funds have been utilized last year and what can be utilized this year.

2021-2702

Commission District(s): Commission Districts 1 and Super District 7
Option to Renew Contract No. 1197126 (previous Contract No.
12-902427) - Lease Agreement 2156 Flintstone Drive, Tucker GA
30084

**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 7/13/2021. The motion carried by
the following vote:**

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

-no additional information requested

Meeting Ended At: 3:35PM

**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