



DeKalb County Government

178 Sams Street
Decatur, GA 30030

Minutes - Draft

ERPS-Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee

Commissioner LaDena Bolton (Chairperson)

Commissioner Chakira Johnson

Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

2:15 PM

178 Sam's Street, Decatur, GA 30030
(Multipurpose Room A1201)

Meeting Started At: 2:32pm

Attendees: Commissioners Bolton, Davis Johnson, Johnson, Terry, Patrick

Present 3 - Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner LaDena Bolton, and Chairperson Chakira Johnson

I. MINUTES

2025-0551 Commission District(s): All
Minutes for the April 1, 2025 Employee Relations, and Public Safety Committee Meeting
MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Bolton, and Chairperson Johnson

II. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items:

Fire Rescue (FR)

2025-0398 Commission District(s): ALL
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 2000105 Technology Product Solutions and Related Services (Cobb County / Omnia Contract No. 23-6692-01): for use by Fire Rescue (FR). This contract consists of purchasing through the competitively let Cobb County / Omnia contract for the purchase of dashcam equipment, related accessories, licensing, and installation for emergency vehicles. This request seeks to increase the contract funds to equip additional fleet with accessories as needed. Awarded to: Carahsoft Technology Corporation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$60,000.00.
MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/22/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Bolton, and Chairperson Johnson

*-information provided by Chief Fullum
-Question LB: how long is the contract?
Chief Fullum: the contract goes to 2028*

Police Services

2025-0583 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Amendment to Contract No. 21-500571, Towing and Wrecker Services (Multiyear Revenue Generating Contract) for use by the Department of Police Services (PS).
MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/22/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Bolton, and Chairperson Johnson

-information provided by Chief Padrick

-Question MDJ: so we're at \$125 and you want to increase that to \$175?

-response provided by Chief Padrick

-Question MDJ: how much are we receiving now from the \$125?

Chief Padrick: \$18; additional comments provided by Chief Padrick

-Question MDJ: the beneficiaries would be the wrecker companies, and they get the business from DeKalb County that we send them, correct?

Chief Padrick: yes ma'am

-Question MDJ: some say we are going into or are in a recession, and you want us to increase that fee by \$50, where people are being laid off, or fired. There is a domino effect in the economy, yet the wrecker companies are still going to get business because they are dealing with DeKalb County. I have no problem with an increase, I have a problem with it being right now.

Additional comments provided by Commissioner Davis Johnson

-response provided by COO Williams

-Question MDJ: perhaps it could be a smaller increase than the \$175

-comments provided by COO Williams

-Question MDJ: what is the per day cost?

-response provided by COO Williams

-Question CJ: when are we implementing this service? How often are we towing vehicles?

-response provided by Chief Padrick

-Question CJ: are we subsidizing this currently because the tow company is charging more than what we're covering?

-response provided by Chief Padrick

-Question RP: the contract is coming from you? At the rates currently charged are we having difficulty getting people to fill the service?

-response provided by Chief Padrick

-Question RP: if we were to do over a 2 year escalating period of \$25 now and \$25 on January 1, would that work financially?

-response provided by Chief Padrick

-comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-Question MDJ: is there a volume associated with the contract? Approximately how often is that?

-response provided by Chief Padrick

-Question MDJ: how many towing companies would you say are out there?

-response provided by Chief Padrick

-Question LB: how long have we been doing business with the vendors?

-response provided by Chief Padrick

-Question LB: when would we be due for a renewal or RFP?

-response provided by Chief Padrick

-Question LB: does the proposed increase allow us to meet the operational costs internally?

Chief Padrick: yes

-Question LB: is there a way to receive a higher fee without going to \$175? Could we still charge our fee if a specific number was set; is there a set percentage?

-response provided by Chief Padrick

-LB: I suggest an increase of \$30 in impound per day, to \$160 for impound, and \$20 increase for storage

-Question TT: for accidents is that something the insurance company pays for? Is the most common reason for towing vehicle accidents or abandoned vehicles?

-response provided by Chief Padrick

-comments provided by Commissioner Davis Johnson

-Question LB: from what you can tell, is there a majority of accidents in which wreckers are used for residents or nonresidents of the County?

-response provided by Chief Padrick

-Question LB: when was the last contract?

Chief Padrick: 2021; the next contract expires the end of this year

Commissioner Davis Johnson requests additional information such as how many - what is the volume of wrecking services in DeKalb? That way we could get an evaluation for this contract

-Question TT: how many cars, what is the revenue? Regarding a public safety strategy, this is part of the equation; if you

have been operating at a deficit for 10 years, then we just need to get caught up. Additional comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-Question TT: how many are criminal cases; is there possibility for a waiver or rebate for vulnerable populations?

-Question RP: what is the length that impound vehicles stay in our possession? As we raise rates, how does that affect overall insurance rate premiums for our residents?

-comments provided by COO Williams

-MDJ: bring back the average amount of time these cars are in storage; also how many of these cars on confiscated?

-MDJ: motion to defer 30 days with Staff bringing back the information that was discussed, along with COO Williams' data to show the County's costs

Chief Executive Office

2025-0581

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Resolution to Establish a Public Safety Task Force

This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 4/22/2025 .

-COO Williams requests this item be held in committee

III. DISCUSSION

Open Enrollment

-presentation provided by Director Jacobs

-Question CJ: have you thought of doing pre-announcements to prepare people for Open Enrollment?

-response provided by Director Jacobs

-Question CJ: when you were last presenting regarding the Police incentive for healthcare benefits, I would consider expanding that for all our first responders

-Question TT: what was the original budget for this?

Director Jacobs: back in the fall we budgeted \$130M; additional response provided

-Question TT: how does the Administration treat that reduction in the budget?

-response provided by COO Williams

-comments provided by Director Jacobs regarding the self-funded plan details and budgetary impact

-Question LB: why did we transition to a midyear s opposed to end of year?

-comments provided by Director Jacobs

-Question CJ: do we need to take action to have a rate pass for pre-65 retirees?

-CJ: motion to approve healthcare renewal rates for the pre-65 retirees

Second MDJ

Vote: yes unanimous

County Pension Update

-discussion not held in committee; will be held during the first ERPS meeting in May

Meeting Ended At: 3:20pm

MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be adjourned meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Bolton, and Chairperson Johnson

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC