



# DeKalb County Government

1300 Commerce Drive  
Decatur, Georgia 30030

## Minutes - Draft

### PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

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Tuesday, July 6, 2021

3:30 PM

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*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: 3:38PM

Attendees: Commissioners Cochran-Johnson, Terry, Patrick

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

#### I. MINUTES

**2021-2752**      Commission District(s): ALL  
Minutes for the June 15, 2021 Public Works and Infrastructure Committee Meeting  
**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

#### II. STATUS UPDATE

CIP Update

*-Z Williams: we would like to have this at the next PWI meeting*

### III. DISCUSSION

Midyear Budget

Sanitation

-Z Williams: within this budget, we recognize this as a stop gap short term solution. The general fund would be an appropriate source for these non-traditional efforts. But it's not mutually exclusively to the rate increase needed at the landfill. Ms. Hutchinson and her team have been working on some proposals that we will be presenting in the next few months. Secondly, there is room to double the current number and be at the low end of the spectrum. Currently we have a well monitoring system, which represents a high priority on the Sanitation. There may be fee increases for the residential pickup but we will review other means of funding before moving forward with that particular increase. Priority 1 is the landfill, then we can look at recycling.

-Question LCJ: on this well monitoring system, I don't see anything on that.

Z Williams: this is an ongoing activity at the landfill, and is an environmental requirement to monitor gases put into the air. This would be an expansion of existing services.

-LCJ: I would like to see what the rate fee increase proposal would be; we can't continue to run at this deficit. Since this is a slippery slope, we have to deal with the present.

Z Williams: it is time that we take some sort of action

-Question TT: will we be back here in March with a similar expectation to have an interfund transfer? Can we expect a rate increase study before the end of year to address the shortfall we're seeing?

Z Williams: we are close to the landfill rate increase and that should be here before the end of the year. That would be phase 2 would be reviewing a residential rate increase.

Z Williams: what we could do is authorize a loan of up to the dollar amount

TJ Sigler: a portion of that fund is being used to support the fund balance at the end of the year. Some of the costs include workers compensation adjustments, gas collection and control system upgrades, 95 gallon roll carts, and retention bonuses. The transfer from the general fund is offsetting the capital expenses from the previous year; otherwise there would have been an additional \$11M in the fund this year.

-Question RP: Do you have a time frame that we can get the enterprise correction plan fund?

Z Williams: a proposed fee increase, starting with the landfill, can be provided by the end of summer. I wouldn't call it an enterprise fund correction. Commissioner Rader's proposal of 'up to \$10M' line of credit can be done; we can have that to you before this runs out.

-Question RP: what is the process for going through a neighborhood and ensuring those properties are taken care of?

Z Williams: part of our protocol does require supervisors to drive along the routes. Not sure how it relates to the technology of tracking, but the GPS is assigned in their routes. Regarding any residential rate increase, there needs to be a re-examining of our systems. This action you're about to take puts us on that path.

-Commissioner Cochran-Johnson: requests a report back with an amortization chart to visually state payment details over time

-Question TT: First, the tipping fees: does it cost more for out-of-county residents to drop off loads that in-county residents? Do we have data on the zip codes of those coming to the landfills?

R Lemke: I believe that is the case. We have the only landfill within 45 miles; staff has been working on that opportunity

-Question TT: regarding worker's comp increase, as we move forward with rolling forward to one, we will see less injuries in the future and the budget will be moderated?

Z Williams: yes, less back injuries would be expected to occur. Sanitation has more injuries than any other department.

-Question TT: there was also a Silverado purchase. Is that natural gas or gasoline?

R Gordon: that particular vehicle is gasoline

-LCJ: we need to have Ms. Hutchinson do a detailed evaluation of everything related to injuries and worker's compensation

-LCJ: this discussion will come back again at a later date. Regarding the budget, I would lean toward a low-interest loan.

Commissioner requests a presentation from COO Williams

Z Williams: we will also make this part of a CIP update as well

-JR: as it relates to the budget, the budget includes a grant from the general fund to the Sanitation fund. If the committee would like to see this as a loan or grant we can go that route

-TT: Motion to recommend up to \$10M be loaned, no interest, to Sanitation Fund from the General Fund as part of the midyear budget update

Guard Rail Repairs

*-discussion from Director Lemke regarding update on guard*

*R Lemke: In last 3 years 32 guard rail repairs throughout the county. Average cost \$40,000 per repair. Delays have occurred because an on-call contractor for guard rail repair has not been in support; the department is working on getting that from a contract that is currently pending.*

*-LCJ: the County could face liability without proper guard rail repair. Our commission districts have received many calls regarding this.*

*-Question RP: When an accident happens, who ultimately pays for that replacement?*

*R Lemke: We do have a means of going after the insurance company; these are county dollars and we don't want to spend funds that we don't have to. Many of these are also hit-and-run*

*-CPO Horner: I've reviewed this bid; it has closed and is currently in evaluation. We are about 6 weeks out from getting that to you.*

#### IV. AGENDA ITEM

*Previously Heard Items:*

[2021-2705](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 20-101318 Restoration Services (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of labor and materials for the restoration of property to include concrete installation, sodding and landscaping services. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Autaco Development, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$19,080,375.00.

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

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

*-additional information provided from CPO Horner, John Greene*

*-CPO Horner: only 2 bids were received for this agreement*

*-Question TT: there was a discrepancy in the sodding, multiplex, and watering*

*J Greene: sometimes*

*-TT: requests additional information before the next BOC meeting. Does this contract also cover public right of way*

*R Wells: this will be more closely geared toward restoration*

*-Question RP: before you let a bid go, do you check with other jurisdictions to see if they have this service in place?*

*R Wells: we have done piggybacking with other jurisdictions in the past. This particular contract would be all-inclusive.*

*-LCJ: this item is not time sensitive; we will receive a line item for each service that's requested.*

*-Question RP: What is the staging time if this were to be approved in committee?*

*R Wells: once passed through PWI, there's more time needed to get the contract executed; there would be several weeks before we could put the vendor to work. After passage there is a time that is required to get the contract executed.*

*CPO Horner: this could be available for Watershed's use within 1 month*

*-TT: perhaps we could have OIIA review this multi-year contract on a regular basis, for example every 6 months*

*J Greene: we can review this in 6 months to ensure this is being invoiced as planned. I can put that in the agenda item that we look at this then.*

*-TT: Motion to approve the bid as presented. Mr. Greene's office will check in with a report 6 months after execution of the bid*

*New Agenda Items:*

2021-2688

Commission District(s): Commission District 1

Approve Placement of Embry Hills (Sign Toppers) Signage within DeKalb County Right-of-Way Embry Hills

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

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

-no additional information requested

2021-2721

Commission District(s): 3, 6 and 7

Georgia Power Maintenance Agreement for Roadway Lighting at the Flat Shoals Road at I-285 Interchange

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

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*-TT: the amount of power that GA Power charges for the services provided should be discussed; we should write a letter to the Georgia Public Service Commission*

*-LCJ: I would suggest this letter be discussed in Green Policy ad-hoc committee*

2021-2735

Commission District(s): 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7

GDOT Funding for Pavement Marking Safety Upgrades

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

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*-JR: we used to have a policy that we would evaluate and renew markings at schools on an annual basis. What is our current policy regarding these markings?*

*R Lemke: that is still our policy. Due to COVID we were not able to do that; we do anticipate getting this back this summer in preparation for the Fall*

*-Question RP: do we have a list of roads that you are looking to do per the priority grade?*

*R Lemke: I will have to provide that list to you*

*-Question TT: what is the grant cycle? Is this each year?*

*D Pelton: this was an unusual circumstance. GDOT had funds available to use for safety funding. We had a contract in place, but limited time to come up with a list and costs; this will not be an all-inclusive list of roads in need of repair.*

*R Lemke: as we received additional requests for pavement markings we try to make those updates in-house. However it is on a case-by-basis. If you have specific roads in need of repair, send me an email*

2021-2706

Commission District(s): Commission Districts 1 and 6

Approval of Contract with the City of Chamblee for the Hardee Avenue Sidewalk Project

**This agenda item was no official recommendation**

2021-2670

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 20-101319 Crane Services (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the provision of crane services. Recommend award to the sole bidder who is responsive and responsible: Phoenix Crane Service, Inc. Amount Not to Exceed: \$817,875.00.

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

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

-no additional information requested

[2021-2672](#)

Commission District(s): ALL  
RFP - Request for Proposals No. 20-500558 On Call Soils & Materials Testing, Surveying Services and Structural Analysis (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM), Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Public Works-Transportation, Public Works-Roads & Drainage and Department of Waste Management (DWM). Consists of providing geotechnical and geo-environmental evaluations for evaluating the engineering constructability and/or potential environmental risks of multiple sites throughout the County. Recommend award to the four (4) highest scoring proposers: MATRIX Engineering Group, Inc., Corporate Environmental Risk Management, LLC (CERM), ACCURA Engineering & Consultant Services, Inc. and United Consulting Group, Ltd. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$830,000.00.

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

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

-no additional information requested

[2021-2703](#)

Commission District(s): ALL  
CA-350 HP Crawler Dozer: for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by Public Works-Sanitation. Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Sourcewell Contract No. 032119-JDC to purchase two (2) 350 hp (horsepower) crawler dozers. These units are used to prepare the landfill site, build access roads and to perform various other tasks. Awarded to Flint Equipment Co. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,498,116.00.

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

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

-no additional information requested

2021-2709

Commission District(s): 2 & 6

Georgia Department of Transportation Contract Item Agreement - Water and Sewer Facilities Project PI M005990 State Route 42 from City Street 2873/Briarcliff Place to State Route 13/US 23 in DeKalb County - Resurfacing

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

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

*-JR: I would appreciate curbs getting milled down*

*R Lemke: we will work with GDOT to ensure the appropriate milling for reduction of asphalt*

2021-2712

Commission District(s): 2 & 6

Georgia Department of Transportation Contract Item Agreement - Water and Sewer Facilities Project PI 0015629 State Route 236 from Leafmore Place to Pangborn Road in DeKalb County

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

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

-no additional information requested



[2021-2731](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 21-100917 Rock Crushing (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of crushing rock, granite, stone and hauling materials to and from the Seminole Road Landfill. Recommend award to the sole bidder who was responsive and responsible: K&T Installers, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$178,050.00.

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

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

-no additional information requested

Meeting Ended At: 5:23PM

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

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

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Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC