



# DeKalb County Government

1300 Commerce Drive  
Decatur, Georgia 30030

**DRAFT** -Minutes

## PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

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Tuesday, March 21, 2023

3:30 PM

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Meeting Started At: 3:30 PM

Attendees: Commissioners Cochran-Johnson, Patrick, Terry

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

### I. MINUTES

**2023-0176**      Commission District(s): ALL  
Minutes for the March 7, 2023, Public Works and Infrastructure  
Committee Meeting

**This agenda item was approved**

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

### III. DISCUSSION

Speed Humps

*-presentation provided by Director Lemke*

*Question LCJ: What is the definition of a predetermined affected area?*

*Lemke: Residents/properties that are adjacent to area or residents who are also mostly to be effected based on traffic pattern of the area*

*Question LCJ: Maintenance fees are in perpetuity*

*Lemke: Yes unless the speed hump is removed*

*-Question LCJ: do you have data on the requests for traffic calming?*

*Keeter: We can get the numbers. The requests have gone up since working from home has become more common.*

*Question LCJ: How do traffic calming calls come to you?*

*Ketter: Direct to office. So they find us online or are repeat customers*

*-Question TT: at what point was the tax district created?*

*Allen: The original funding for the program in 95-97 came through HOST Funding.*

*Question TT: DeKalb has in-house crews for the installment of speed tables?*

*Allen: we have one inhouse crew that does installment and maintenance we also have an all call contractor that assist in times in higher workloads. Additional comments provided*

*Question TT: Why wouldn't the SPLOST contract for paving also not include replacement of speed tables?*

*Allen: that is a function of maintenance. Additional comments provided*

*Question TT: What is the long term liability of this fund at 25\$ per household. How to we insure the Maintenance fund has enough funds to continue long term services of the speed tables.*

*Question LCJ: I echo some of the concerns raised; the question raised is if we are going in and resurfacing roads as apart of SPLOST why are we then using road maintenance dollars instead of SPLOST dollars? Also please clarify, even though we are seeing an increase you are not currently operating in the rears?*

*Lemke: No we are currently not in the rears due to our fund balances. Looking into the future to decide what we want to do and if our funds are suffience, we are looking to see if the trend line is there. It's hard to justify fee increases with a significant fund balance. If the request trends level off at a high peak then yes we should consider increase fees and other logistics. Question TT: If the fee hasn't changed in 20 years then at the very least index it to inflation. IT sees like we are catching up from the past 3 years, it would seem to me we would want to rationalized our fees and costs. My request is to consider adjusting the fee to the actual cost so we are not pulling other resources in the future.*

*TT Request: review and consider how we accommodate other requests outside of speed tables within reason. We say we have other options but when we speak to residents of some of these neighborhoods it sounds the opposite.*

*Lemke: there are procedures for alternate types of speed control/calming activities in the process. After the initial petitions has met the requirements of the traffic study then transportation will make their recommendations including any alternatives that could accommodate indivial neighborhood needs. A lot of time that is speed tables.*

*TT: I believe the underlying goal of these requests is safety and people feeling safe to move within their communities. I want us to focus on other alternatives and consider of neighborhood wide alternatives/systems.*

*LCJ Request: a separate discussion of the variety of options. I would ask that you come back with the cost, show the science, bring an overview of the variety of options based on the study conducted for requests.*

*RP Request: Arcadus to return to committee and provide a cost estimate of what is going to take long term to keep the fund sufficiently capitalized.*

*Keter: Following up on Traffic calming requests; in 2022 we did 90 initial interest petitions and 94 traffic studies.*

*Question LCJ: Out of the 90 what is the number that meant the requirements necessary to proceed*

*Keter: We will provide that information in the update. Very often initial interest petitions are not returned. You need a 65%interest on those petitions. This is a very divided topics that neighborhoods really need to decide.*

#### **IV. AGENDA ITEM**

##### *Previously Heard Items*

[2023-0082](#)

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1198103 Stone Crushed Granite (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Departments of Watershed Management (DWM), Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D) and Sanitation. This contract consists of providing stone crushed granite for use in various applications. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided sixty (60) day contract term increase for one vendor (FM Shelton); increase the contract term through July 31, 2023; and increase funds. Awarded to F.M Shelton, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,999,164.00.

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 3/28/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*No additional information provided. -*

*TT: motion to defer*

[2023-0113](#)

Commission District(s): 4 & 7  
Agreement for the Construction and Financing of Sewer Upgrades with Captura Rockbridge  
Acquisition I LLC Not to Exceed \$150,500.

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 3/28/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-Information provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson & Director Hayes*

*D Hayes: the new request is for 78 units*

*LCJ Request: Please provide Commissioners with an accurate substitute that reflects this change*

*-TT: motion to defer*

[2022-2573](#) Commission District(s): All  
LB - Invitation No. 22-101507 Water Meters and Parts (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the replacement and installation of water meters and parts. Recommend award to the sole bidder who is responsive and responsible: Kendall Supply, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$30,500,000.00.

**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 3/28/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-Information provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson & Director Hayes*

*-RP: Rec for approve of Sub at \$22,525,310,*

[2023-0310](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
Sanitation Department increase in Commercial, Landfill and Tipping Fees

**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 3/28/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-Information provided by COO William*

*Question TT: Department of Watershed will have to increase their budget for tip fee loads, how much is that annually?COO: We can get that information and assess the impact on watershed*

*Question TT: I wonder on some of these line items; can we get stats on performances? For example, animal cremation - It seems high I'd suggest a lower rate for DeKalb residential customers.*

*LCJ Request: We have a request for animal cremation being lowered; lets what through and address this*

*Hutchinson: This fee mostly impacts commercial residents. We do not receive many residential requests.*

*TT: I want to provide this as an option to make sure our residents can properly dispose of their pets without a cost barrier. Question LCJ: I suggest we rethink how we approach fees as a service-providing entity. I do have questions about the costs and life expectancy of the crematorium machines.*

*Hutchinson: Machines last about 15 years, we are in the process of replacing one. When collecting animals, we will receive calls and go and collect the animals and provide logistics for disposal. So there are costs to the service provided we want to consider into the fees.*

*-TT: Rec for approval with an amendment for animal care fee to be \$25 for DeKalb residential sanitation customers;*

*New Agenda Items*

2023-0205

Commission District(s): 3 & 6

REN - Contract No. 1256295 Household Hazardous Waste Collection (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal Options of 2 Options to Renew): for the use by the Department of Public Works - Sanitation. This contract consists of collecting, handling, packing and lawfully transporting household hazardous waste. Awarded to MXI Environmental Services, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$150,000.00.

**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 3/28/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-information provided by Director Hutchinson*

*Question TT: Will we do more events with this increase?*

*Hutchinson: we serviced 700 cars at this event. We do two each year; We did not do the event during COVID.*

2023-0208

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 1133840 Water Meter Upgrade and Replacement Program (Annual Contract with 3 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of the provision and management of upgrades and the replacement of existing water meters and new water meter installations. This request seeks to increase contract funds and the contract term through December 31, 2024. Awarded to RTS Water Solutions, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,000,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, 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 3/28/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Item currently in Audit*

*Information provided by Director Hayes*

*Hayes: this contract is set to expire at the 31st of March*

*LCJ: we can approve pending audit and if it complete by next Tuesday we can hear it.*

*-TT: Rec for approval pending additional information*

[2023-0271](#)

Commission District(s): All  
Amend Agenda Item 2022-1108, approved on March 22, 2022 to  
Cooperative Technical Assistance Intergovernmental Cost Sharing  
Agreement with the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) additional  
\$400,000

**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 3/28/2023. The motion carried by  
the following vote:**

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

*-Information provided by Director Hayes*

*Question TT: how long is the contract*

*Hayes: 3 years starting in 2021*

*-TT: Rec Approval Sub*

Meeting Ended At: 4:52 PM

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

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

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Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC