



DeKalb County Government

Minutes - Draft

PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

Commissioner Robert Patrick (Chairperson)

Commissioner Chakira Johnson

Commissioner Nicole Massiah

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

3:30 PM

178 Sams Street, Decatur, GA 30030
(Multipurpose Room A1201)

Meeting Started At: 4:00PM

Attendees: Commissioners Patrick, Johnson, Massiah, Johnson, Terry

Present 3 - Chairperson Robert Patrick, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, and
Commissioner Nicole Massiah

I. MINUTES

2025-0441 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the March 6, 2025 Public Works and Infrastructure
Committee Meeting
**MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Nicole
Massiah, that this agenda item be approved. The motion
carried by the following vote:**
**Yes: 3 - Chairperson Patrick, Commissioner Johnson, and
Commissioner Massiah**

II. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items:

Finance

2025-0468

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
GEFA Water and Sewer Loans

MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/3/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Patrick, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Massiah

- presentation provided by Director Wells, Dora De Taboada - Assistant Director of Compliance, Watershed Management*
- Question CJ: regarding the inventory status on slide 3, that is for the public correct?*
- response provided by Ms. Taboada*
- Question NM: throughout DeKalb County, no more of our pipes are lead?*
- response provided by Ms. Taboada*
- Question TT: so this 71% is all private property that we don't know is lead or not?*
- D Taboada: that's correct*
- Question TT: and you are providing resources to property owners to assist with self-identifying pipes?*
- response provided by Ms. Taboada*
- Question TT: last year there was a map that used AI technology that had color coding of census tracts that identified homes built on a certain time period. Through the water bill, can we set a targeted date?*
- response provided by Ms. Taboada regarding the investigation process with CDM*
- Question TT: in terms of our communication with the areas that could have a higher propensity for lead pipes, are we sending that as an insert for the water bill?*
- response provided by Ms. Taboada*
- Question TT: are there plans to do another communication regarding this?*
- response provided by Ms. Taboada*
- TT: my suggestion would be to send a bill insert with graphics for water bills*
- R Wells: we can get with the billing team and discuss that*
- Question LB: is there a targeted number of responses from the community in order to deem this a success to ensure people are interested in getting help to look at these pipes?*
- response provided by Director Wells*
- Question LB: once lead is identified, do we have a program that helps facilitate replacement?*
- response provided by Director Wells*
- Question CJ: Could we consider adding an electronic copy of this information to residents?*
- response provided by Director Wells*
- Question RP: what is the ask for today?*
- R Wells: we ask that we receive your approval for accepting the loans*

2025-0501

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Appropriation of \$7,4000,000 from the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST II; approx. \$2.5mm from Parks & Recreation - C1 and approx. \$4.9mm from Water & Sewer and/or Stormwater - D1) to meet the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Corps Water Infrastructure Financing Program Loan (CWIFP) match requirement for dam repair and rehabilitation.

MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/3/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Patrick, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Massiah

-presentation provided by Director Houser regarding DeKalb County's dams and projects
-Question CJ: what is the terms for the repayment of the loan?
-response provided by Director Houser
-Question NM: regarding utilization of SPLOST funds, could you share where the anticipation of those funds would come from regarding the match?
-response provided by Director Houser regarding SPLOST II
-Question NM: is there an estimated cost for each of those items?
-response provided by Director Houser
-Question NM: are we focusing on Category I first then Category II dams?
-response provided by Director Houser
-Question NM: I would like an idea of what we have left in SPLOST regarding water & sewer/stormwater, and parks amounts?
-response provided by Director Houser
-Question TT: are there aspects of the preliminary application that could be changed before the final application?
-response provided by Director Houser
-Question TT: could we reach out to the cities regarding this program to share this information?
-response provided by COO Williams
-Question LB: is completion of the full application contingent on us approving the \$7.4 million?
-response provided by Director Houser
-Question LB: in the application you have to demonstrate the capacity to pay that back?
-response provided by Director Houser
-Question LB: if we do need to tap into the stormwater fund in order to pay back will there be an impact on capacity of the work determined that needs to be done regarding that stormwater fee increase?
-response provided by Director Houser regarding the need for SPLOST funding
-Question LB: are we on a timeline to initiate or complete any of these projects?
-response provided by Director Houser
-Question LB: how swift is the urgency to initiate or complete the projects?
-response provided by Director Houser
-Question CJ: the solicitation for the dams contractor, will we wait to do the loan application or can we begin the scope now?
-response provided by Director Houser
-Commissioner Patrick discussed the process moving forward regarding this funding
-Question RP: you mentioned that this year is the final rate increase for Stormwater. Is that \$110 or \$120?
M Houser: \$120
-Question RP: it would be ideal to have the amount of loans that we are taking out so that everyone has a tab of where we are; a conversation on the payments and what is left regarding the low interest loans

Watershed Management (DWM)

[2025-0137](#) Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1266150 and 1267238 Laboratory Services for Water & Wastewater Analysis (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). These contracts consist of the analysis of DeKalb County's water and wastewater samples. This request seeks to reallocate all remaining existing funds from Contract No. 1267238 to Contract No. 1266150. This request also seeks to ratify a previously provided contract term increase. Lastly, this request seeks to increase the contract term through December 31, 2025 for Contract No. 1266150. Awarded to Analytical Environmental Services, Inc. and TestAmerica Laboratories, Inc.
This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 4/3/2025 .

-agenda item not discussed in committee

[2025-0312](#) Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1266115 for Crane & Hoist Inspection and Repair Services (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing crane maintenance work including service, repair, and preventative maintenance. This request seeks to ratify the issuance of Purchase Order No. 5025400 and a previously provided contract term increase. This request also seeks to increase the contract term through December 31, 2025. Awarded to Crane Safety Associates of America, Inc.
This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 4/3/2025 .

-agenda item not discussed in committee

[2025-0407](#) Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 24-101637 Copper Tubing & Fittings (Three (3) Multi-Year Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the purchase of copper tubing and fittings. Recommend award to lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Delta Municipal Supply Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$5,357,149.00.
This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 4/3/2025 .

-agenda item not discussed in committee

Watershed Management (DWM), Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D), and Public Works - Sanitation

[2025-0353](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 1 to CPA No. 1324317 Rental of Various Heavy Equipment (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM), Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D), and Public Works - Sanitation. This contract consists of the rental of various heavy equipment to support ongoing operations and emergency response efforts. This request seeks to increase contract funds. Awarded to Sunbelt Rentals, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$900,000.00.

This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 4/3/2025 .

-agenda item not discussed in committee

Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D)

[2025-0304](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract Nos.: 1274332, 1275648 and 1275653 Hot Asphaltic Mix Concrete (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). These contracts consist of purchasing the asphaltic material needed to complete multiple asphalt repair and maintenance projects. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided contract term increase and Purchase Order No. 5027604. This request also seeks to increase the contract funds and term through December 31, 2025. Awarded to Pittman Construction Company; J.T. Asphalt, LLC; and Metro Materials, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$800,000.00

This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 4/3/2025 .

-agenda item not discussed in committee

Public Works - Sanitation

- 2025-0329 Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 1122508 Landfill Professional Engineering and Surveying Services (Annual Contract with 3 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Public Works - Sanitation. This contract consists of providing engineering and surveying services related to municipal solid waste landfills, including services related to construction, operating, permitting and compliance at the County's solid waste management facilities. This request seeks to increase the contract funds for continued landfill professional engineering and surveying services. Awarded to Stearns, Conrad and Schmidt Consulting Inc. dba SCS Engineers. Amount Not To Exceed: \$187,600.00.
This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 4/3/2025 .

-agenda item not discussed in committee

- 2025-0400 Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 1297573 Debris Collection Services (Emergency Purchase): for use by the Department of Public Works - Sanitation. This contract consists of weekly debris collection routes at the North Collection Lot, to be transported to and disposed of at the North Transfer Station. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided contract term increase. This request also seeks to increase contract funds and contract term through April 30, 2025. Awarded to Russell Landscape, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$487,500.00.
This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 4/3/2025 .

-agenda item not discussed in committee

Public Works - Transportation

- 2025-0368 Commission District(s): 5 and 7
CSX Railroad Construction Phase Services for Redan Road at South Stone Mountain Lithonia Road Traffic Signal
This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 4/3/2025 .

-agenda item not discussed in committee

Previously Heard Agenda Items:

Watershed Management (DWM)

2025-0268

Commission District(s): ALL

RA - Peachtree Industrial Boulevard Water Main Replacement (Emergency): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of the purchase and installation of approximately 10,500 linear feet of 12-inch and 10,500 linear feet (LF) of 36-inch ductile iron pipe (DIP) water mains. This request seeks to ratify the emergency purchase to replace aged and corroded pipes that deliver water to one-third of the County, which includes the critical facilities Emory Hospital and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Awarded to Ruby-Collins, Inc. Amount Not to Exceed: \$46,435,928.00.

MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/3/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

No: 1 - Commissioner Massiah

-OIIA audit review has supported this item

-Director Wells provided a presentation regarding this agenda item

-RP: please reach out to the Dunwoody homeowners association as well as the Chamblee Doraville CID and how this may affect businesses and properties

-comments provided by Director Wells

-Question CJ: so the emergency work was done; how quickly are we moving on the additional aspects?

-response provided by Director Wells

-Question CJ: how can we ensure that continual communication is held with stakeholders impacted in this area to ensure they are up to date on progress and know who to reach out to for questions?

-response provided by Director Wells

-CJ: when you communicate to those stakeholders please also communicate to the district commissioner

2025-0313

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 24-101649 Consent Decree: Find and Fix Assessment and Rehabilitation (CD: FFAR) [Multiyear Contract] for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing primarily: sanitary sewer assessments using closed circuit television (CCTV) and totally integrated sonar and camera inspection technique (TISCIT) and rehabilitation of 24-inch pipes. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: SAK Construction, Inc. and Vortex Services, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$75,826,623.00.

MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/3/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

No: 1 - Commissioner Massiah

-OIA audit review has deemed this review valid

-a substitute has been provided for this item

-Director Wells provided a presentation regarding this agenda item

-Question CJ: is there any value gain in having four vendors that we can pull from?

-response provided by Director Wells

-Question NM: was this non-audit?

-response provided by Director Wells

-Question NM: did the typographical error have effect on the total price?

-response provided by Director Butler

-additional comments provided by Director Wells

-Question TT: regarding the bid tabulation sheet, we're focusing on 18 and 24 inch pipes, is that correct?

-response provided by Director Wells

-Question TT: regarding unit price and extended price, could you detail what you're looking for regarding lowest responsible bidder?

-response provided by Director Wells

-Question TT: there is water and sewer rehabilitation work to do; the research I've done shows that the find and fix way is superior to address sewer needs; there are 3 vendors with essentially the same price for the 18-24 inch price. The only information I have is the lowest price, but I don't see anything that says the responsive and responsible aspects. Could you provide more information on this?

-response provided by Director Wells

-additional response provided by CPO Butler

-CJ: I feel that I understand why the recommendation was for two and not for four; moving forward with these contracts if we could be privy to meeting notes to help us understand why certain decisions were made

-comments provided by Commissioner Terry

Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D)

[2024-1284](#)

Commission District(s): ALL
Stormwater Master Plan

This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 4/3/2025 .

-agenda item not discussed in committee

Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2024-1139](#)

Commission District(s): Districts 1, 2, and 6
A Resolution Supporting Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) on Buford Highway in DeKalb County, Georgia

This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 4/3/2025 .

-agenda item not discussed in committee

III. DISCUSSION

Committee Goals 2025

-presentation provided by Marcus Allen, BOC Central Staff

-discussion held amongst members of the PWI Committee regarding these proposed policy goals

-Commissioner Patrick requests Central Staff to coordinate with district staff regarding scheduling an upcoming Special Called PWI meeting to adjudicate agenda items

Meeting Ended At: 5:34PM

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

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Patrick, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Massiah

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC