



DeKalb County Government

1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30030

Minutes - Draft

PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

Commissioner Robert Patrick (Chairperson)

Commissioner Chakira Johnson

Commissioner Nicole Massiah

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

3:30 PM

178 Sams Street, Decatur, GA 30030

Meeting Started At: 3:50pm

Attendees: Commissioners Patrick, Massiah, Johnson, Terry

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

I. MINUTES

2025-0867 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the June 3, 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. STATUS UPDATE

MARTA BRT Feasibility Study Update

-discussion not heard in committee

[2024-1139](#)

Commission District(s): Districts 1, 2, and 6

A Resolution Supporting Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) on Buford Highway in DeKalb County, Georgia

MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 6/24/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-comments provided by Commissioner Johnson

-comments provided by Commissioner Massiah

III. AGENDA ITEM

Public Works - Transportation

[2025-0805](#)

Commission District(s): 4 and 6

GDOT Right-of-Way Funds for Kensington MARTA Station Shared Use Path and Road Diets (GDOT PI No. 0017992).

Amount Not To Exceed: \$676,000.00

MOTION was made by Nicole Massiah, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 6/24/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information and presentation provided by Director Pelton

-comments provided by Commissioner Terry regarding pedestrian infrastructure; requests clarification regarding protected crossing and whether they should be nearer where the soccer pitches are located near the site

-Question TT: is the green strip's intention to make this a streetscapes with trees installed where this is indicated?

-D Pelton: yes

-Question TT: regarding right of way acquisition, is the green patched area right of way?

-D Pelton: most of the right of way will be from MARTA

Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D)

2025-0729 Commission District(s): All
REN - Contract No. 1350451 Traffic Paint (Annual Contract - 2nd
Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Roads
and Drainage (R&D). This contract consists of providing traffic
paint. This request seeks to exercise the 2nd renewal option through
October 31, 2026. Awarded to Allstates Coatings Company.
Amount Not To Exceed: \$130,000.00.

-information provided by Director Lemke

-Question TT: regarding timeline could you reiterate because we've discussed striping?

-comments provided by Director Lemke on the contract process

-Question TT: what is the solution to the delays experienced regarding the vendor?

-responses provided by Director Lemke and COO Williams

-Question TT: when are we expecting the truck to be delivered?

-R Lemke: in July

-Commissioner Terry requests a photo or video of the striping truck in action once operative

-Commissioner Patrick requests a photo of the truck once transferred over from the Fleet departments

-Question CJ: how much of the striping can we accomplish with our own truck versus a contract out?

-response provided by Director Lemke

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the Board of Commissioners, due back on 6/24/2025. The motion
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**Yes: 3 - Chairperson Patrick, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner
Massiah**

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

2025-0601 Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1298435 Steel Plates
(Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works -
Roads and Drainage (R&D) and Department of Watershed
Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing steel
plates for highway projects and various road repairs. This request
seeks to increase the contract term and funds through December 31,
2026. Awarded to LK Transport Expedited, LLC. Amount Not To
Exceed: \$200,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Nicole Massiah, seconded by Chakira
Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval.
to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 6/24/2025. The
motion carried by the following vote:**

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

-information provided by Director Lemke

-Question CJ: regarding some of the work not being County work but the utility company, but how is the communication managed between them and the County? IS there any instance of penalizing them for potentially causing damage to our assets?

-responses provided by Director Lemke

-Question TT: for permitting would they have to come through the Department of Transportation for review?

-response provided by Director Lemke

-Question TT: in theory if we pull the permits to dig and the work is completed, within a certain amount of time do they have to replace the plates with asphalt within a time period?

-response provided by Director Lemke

-Question TT: are we keeping track of all the steel plates through CityWorks?

-response provided by Director Lemke

-Commissioner Terry requests to know where the steel plates in the County are

Watershed Management (DWM), Facilities Management (FM), Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Public Works - Beautification (PWB) and Roads & Drainage (R&D) Divisions"

2025-0661

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Orders to Contract Nos. 1302440, 1302434, 1302441 and 1302439 Tree Cutting and Removal Services (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by Departments of Watershed Management (DWM), Facilities Management (FM), Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Public Works - Beautification (PWB) and Roads & Drainage (R&D) Divisions. These contracts consist of providing countywide tree cutting and removal services on an as needed basis. This request seeks to increase the contract term through December 31, 2026 for all four contracts. This request also seeks to increase the contract funds for Contract Nos. 1302440, 1302441 and 1302439. Awarded to Casey Tree Experts, Inc., Neda Inc. dba Garden of Aden, Sesmas Tree Service, LLC and One Two Tree, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$750,000.00.

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-information provided by Director Lemke

-TT: I sent over a tree that is partially down on 3rd avenue, if you could please review. Additional comments provided regarding removal of invasive species for trees in right of way

-RP: at midyear budget we discussed having a tree survey company come in and determine quality of trees; could we have a follow up conversation of that? We could address the invasive species issues, as well as infrastructure issues as a result of storm damage from trees falling

Watershed Management (DWM)

[2025-0664](#)

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1252340 Valve and Wet Tap Installation Services (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of the installation of valves and wet taps for fire hydrant repairs. This request seeks to increase contract funds. Awarded to Georgia Hydrant Services, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$150,000.00.

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

-information provided by Director Wells

-Question RP: does the County have a status update on the County's fire hydrant report?

-response provided by Director Wells

[2025-0795](#)

Commission District(s): All
CA - Cooperative Agreement for Electrical Maintenance Services (Cobb County Contract No. 25-6865): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Cobb County contract to provide electrical maintenance services. Awarded to Capital City Electrical Services, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed \$200,000.00.

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

-information provided by Director Wells

[2025-0389](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract Nos.: 1301520, 1301526 and Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1301523 On-Call Water and Sewer (Multiyear Contract With 2 Options to Renew) for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). These contracts consist of providing on-call services for the installation and repairs of various sizes of water and sewer pipes. The work also consists of providing the means to respond to emergencies and unforeseen failures or malfunctions throughout the County's distribution system. This request seeks to exercise the 2nd renewal option for three contracts. Utilizing existing remaining funds, this request further seeks to increase the contract term by an additional two (2) years through December 31, 2028 for Contract No. 1301526. Lastly, this request seeks to increase contract funds and scope. Awarded to GS Construction, Inc., Ruby-Collins, Inc., and SD&C Construction, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed \$59,245,720.87.

MOTION was made by Nicole Massiah, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 6/24/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-this item is currently in OIIA audit review

Board of Commissioners - District 6

[2025-0878](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

An Ordinance To Amend The Code Of DeKalb County, Georgia, Chapter 19, Section 28, To Authorize Class 1 And Class 2 Electric Assisted Bicycles To Be Operated On Bicycle Paths And Shared Use Paths Where Bicycles Are Permitted To Be Operated

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-information provided by Commissioner Terry

Previously Heard Agenda Items:

Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D)

2024-1284

Commission District(s): ALL
Stormwater Master Plan

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 6/24/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director Lemke

-comments provided by Commissioners Johnson and Massiah

-Question TT: are we planning on doing the rate structure review sooner than 2031?

-response provided by Director Lemke

-Question TT: when we discuss the priority areas, is this something that we can work on next - specifically the mini tributaries where overflows and/or flooding are happening?

-response provided by Director Lemke

-Question TT: would you mind sharing the phase 2 information you are referring to for the Snapfinger basin? Could we have Arcadis come and present on what they have been doing for phase 2?

-R Patrick: I would love that

-TT: when we look at basins we need to look at the curb lines; as a policy we need to look at resetting the curb lines when appropriate; additional comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-TT: my suggestion is that the Board adopt a policy for a curb line assessment; additional comments provided

-TT: regarding green infrastructure let's ensure we are incorporating aspects of this into the stormwater master plan

-comments provided by Director Lemke

-Comments provided by Commissioners Patrick and Johnson

Watershed Management (DWM)

2025-0606 Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos. 1297329 and 1297338
On-Call Mechanical, Electrical, Instrumentation and Controls
Maintenance Services for Scott Candler, Pole Bridge, and
Snapfinger Wastewater Treatment Plants (Three (3) Year Multiyear
Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management
(DWM). This contract consists of providing on-call labor,
equipment, materials, and supervision for mechanical and
instrumentation and controls maintenance at the County's water
treatment facility, wastewater treatment facilities, pump stations and
storage tanks. This request seeks to increase the contract term
through December 31, 2026. This request also seeks to increase the
contract funds for Contract No. 1297338 only. Awarded to River 2
Tap (R2T) and Tesco Controls, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed:
\$5,000,000.00

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Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to
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motion carried by the following vote:**

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

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-NM: motion to defer 2 weeks

2025-0534 Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract 1271094 Construction
Management Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department
of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing
on-call construction management services. This request seeks to
increase contract funds. Awarded to Tetra Tech, Inc. Amount Not To
Exceed \$10,324,000.00

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Massiah**

-this agenda item amount has been supported by OIIA audit review

-information provided by Director Wells

2025-0574 Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 4 to contract 1208627 Consent Decree - Construction Management Services: Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation and Replacement (CD-GSRR): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing construction management services for various gravity sewer collection system rehabilitation and replacement projects. This request is to increase contract funding for completion of work. Awarded to Benchmark Management, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed \$5,682,833.00.
MOTION was made by Nicole Massiah, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 6/24/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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-information provided by Director Wells
-comments provided by Commissioner Johnson*

2025-0453 Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 4 for Contract No. 1201898 Consent Decree - Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation and Replacement (CD-GSRR) [Multiyear Contract with 1 Option to Renew]: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists primarily of providing gravity sewer rehabilitation and replacement via cured in place pipe (CIPP), internal and external point repairs, as well as open cut and pipe bursting. This request seeks to increase scope of work and contract funds. Awarded to Kemi Construction Company, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed \$8,234,753.13.
MOTION was made by Nicole Massiah, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 6/24/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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-NM: motion to defer 2 weeks*

2025-0456

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1271093 Construction Management Services (Multiyear Contract): for use for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing on-call construction management services. This request seeks to increase contract scope of work and funds. Awarded to EDT-Wade Trim-Reeves JV [Joint Venture of Engineering Design Technologies, Inc. (EDT)/Wade Trim, Inc./RK Reeves and Associates, Inc.]. Amount Not To Exceed \$4,942,000.00.

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

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-information provided by Director Wells*

2025-0457

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1271092 Construction Management Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing on-call construction management services. This request seeks to increase the contract scope of work and funds. Awarded to CGA Solutions [Joint Venture of Corporate Environmental Risk Management, LLC (CERM)/Gresham Smith/Atkins North America, Inc.]. Amount Not To Exceed \$9,420,796.97.

MOTION was made by Nicole Massiah, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 6/24/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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-NM: motion to defer 2 weeks*

Meeting Concluded At: 5:10pm

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

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