



DeKalb County Government

Minutes - Draft

PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

Commissioner Robert Patrick (Chairperson)

Commissioner Chakira Johnson

Commissioner Nicole Massiah

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

3:30 PM

Meeting Started At: 3:54pm

Attendees: Commissioners Patrick, Johnson, Terry

Present 2 - Chairperson Robert Patrick, and Commissioner Chakira Johnson
Absent 1 - Commissioner Nicole Massiah

I. MINUTES

2025-0989 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the June 26, 2025 Public Works and Infrastructure
Committee Meeting
**MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Robert
Patrick, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried
by the following vote:**

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Massiah

II. DISCUSSION

Stormwater Master Plan: Snapfinger Basin Study Update

-presentation provided by Director Lemke, Rich Gruell & Anwer Ahmed - Arcadis

-Question RP: is the data shown only for Snapfinger Creek basin?

-response provided by Rich Gruell

-Question RP: regarding the 29% of detention ponds that would be decommissioned for being nonfunctional, is there a communication plan for the public?

-response provided by Director Lemke

-Question RP: to clarify for the remaining phase II master planning for Peachtree Creek and South River locations will be \$1M each? Is there a time frame for getting started on these three?

-responses provided by Director Lemke

-Question CJ: regarding the culvert analysis on Cedar Park Drive and Cherie Glen Trl, is this overtopping a heavy storm area?

-response provided by Rich Gruell and Director Lemke

-Question CJ: regarding the slide on detention pond review and considered for decommissioning, these are for ponds that we own or maintain?

R Gruell: yes ma'am

-Question CJ: do we have examples of bioretention in our system?

-R Gruell: this would be the first one; GDOT builds these for their road projects on occasion

-Question CJ: regarding funding, have we considered funding options and ways to fund these master plans?

-response provided by Director Lemke

-Question TT: can you show examples of what the 3D laser model looks like?

-response provided by Mr. Gruell

-Question TT: regarding the decommissioning of retention ponds, could you provide cost estimates of what that would save us on maintenance contracts?

-response provided by Director Lemke

-Question TT: regarding working with HOA's and neighborhood associations, we have green infrastructure set aside, so maybe that is something you can look at doing for Pond A. For Pond B, is this a way we could pilot with neighborhoods to give them options for decommissioning, and working out a template that you can use for other communities with a similar situation?

-response provided by Director Lemke

-Question TT: is there one version of a decommissioning when part of a pond becomes usable and could become a greenspace?

-response provided by Director Lemke

-Question TT: in the study of decommissioning, will there be standard prototypes of how you will decommission ponds?

-response provided by Mr. Gruell regarding a decommissioning plan

-Question CJ: as we're considering decommissioning these ponds, if there are opportunities for creation of pocket parks, who is maintaining the pocket parks? That could be something to consider as we move forward with opportunities

-comments provided by Director Lemke

-discussion amongst Commissioner Johnson, Director Lemke, and Mr. Gruell regarding feasibility of decommissioning detention ponds even if the cost benefit analysis isn't as high if it doesn't serve a stormwater management purpose

-Question RP: if there are private stormwater facilities in a multi-family complex, is there the ability for them to contract directly with the County to provide that service?

-response provided by Mr. Gruell

-comments provided by Director Lemke

-Question RP: have you had experience where the assumptions were not right and it ended up being a problem, and if so, what's the fix?

-response provided by Mr. Gruell

-Question RP: within my district, is there opportunity for collaboration with cities and the County where boundaries touch, regarding long-term fixes?

-response provided by Director Lemke

-Question RP: can there be a conversation with municipalities to discuss whether they are beginning work on their own stormwater master plans?

-response provided by Director Lemke

III. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items:

Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D)

[2025-0859](#) Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1284299 Shotcrete and Restorative Services for Stormwater Projects (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). This contract consists of furnishing all labor, materials, and equipment necessary to provide shotcrete and restorative services to construct concrete walls, pipes etc., on an as needed basis. This request seeks to increase the contract term and funds through February 28, 2027. Awarded to Proshot Concrete, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,500,000.00.

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 7/22/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Massiah

-information provided by Director Lemke

-Question RP: is shotcrete a type of concrete?

-response provided by Director Lemke

-Question CJ: this additional amount is to cover the extension through 2027?

-R Lemke: correct

Public Works- Sanitation

2025-0844

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 5 to Contract No. 1326920 Equipment Rentals and Related Products and Services (OMNIA Partners Contract No. 201900319): for use by the Department of Public Works- Sanitation. This contract consists of purchasing from the competitively let OMNIA Partners contract to lease four (4) 11-yard rear loader trucks for 26 weeks, four (4) 25-yard rear loader trucks, and eight (8) 25-yard rear loaders for 52 weeks each. This request seeks to increase the contract's term to October 31, 2026, as well as to purchase eight (8) 25-yard garbage trucks for continued weekly residential collection services within the County. Awarded to Big Truck Rental, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,804,000.00.

MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, 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 7/22/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Massiah

-information provided by Director Hutchinson

-Question CJ: this is for replacement trucks not additional trucks correct

-T Hutchinson: correct for replacement trucks

-Question TT: this is for residential collection? How are we doing on commercial collection?

-responses provided by Director Hutchinson

-Question TT: do we have the capacity to increase the workload for commercial customers?

-response provided by Director Hutchinson

-Question CJ: is this CNG or diesel?

-response provided by Director Hutchinson

-Question RP: this is only for the 8 25 ft yard loaders? Will we need a substitute agenda item for consideration at the next meeting?

-information provided by CPO Butler

-CJ: motion to approve forthcoming substitute

Public Works - Sanitation & Beautification

2025-0914 Commission District(s): ALL
LB - Invitation No. 2025-100064 Herbicide and Growth Regulator Service (Annual Contract with 3 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Public Works - Sanitation & Beautification. Consists of providing four (4) rounds of herbicide and growth regulator applications on seventy-three (73) County streets and right of way locations every six (6) weeks. These services include the treatment of weeds, sidewalks where applicable, roadside trees and hardscapes. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: American Eagle, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$126,796.80.

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 7/22/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Massiah

-information provided by Director Hutchinson

Watershed Management (DWM)

2025-0860 Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1172083 Meter Testing Equipment, Hardware/Software Maintenance and Support (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of software maintenance of MARS Meter Testing Equipment. This request seeks to increase the contract funds and contract term through July 31, 2030. This request also seeks to ratify Purchase Order No. 5029915. Awarded to OW Investors, LLC dba Mars Company. Amount Not to Exceed: \$490,000.00.

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 7/22/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Massiah

-information provided by Deputy Director Georginna Lockett - Watershed Management

2025-0866 Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1259927 Water Valve and Fire Hydrant Locate and Assessment (City of East Point Contract No. 2016-1585 [DeKalb Cooperative Agreement]): for use by the Departments of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract primarily consists of performing water valve and fire hydrant locates and assessments. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided contract term increase. This request also seeks to increase the scope of work and contract funds and term through December 31, 2026. Awarded to Xylem Dewatering Solutions, Inc. dba Wachs Water Services. Amount Not to Exceed: \$1,671,500.00.

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 7/22/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Massiah

-information provided by Deputy Director Georginna Lockett - Watershed Management

Executive Assistant - Chief Operating Officer

2025-1039 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Approve award of a contract with The Urban League of Greater Atlanta for the establishment and operation of the DeKalb County Office of Water and Sewer Customer Advocacy.

MOTION was made that this agenda item be No recommendation to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 7/22/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Massiah

-information provided by COO Williams; request to present proposal to FAB Committee on July 17th

GIS

2025-1015

Commission District(s): 1 & 6

A Resolution to Declare County Real Property as Surplus and Authorize Sale of County-owned Property at 2117 Savoy Drive to Georgia Department of Transportation for Public Transit Improvements

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 7/22/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Massiah

-information provided by Chris Bell - GIS

-Question RP: has GDOT provided insight as to what this land will be used for?

-response provided by Mr. Bell

-Question RP: is the City of Chamblee aware of this transaction?

-response provided by Mr. Bell

-Question CJ: is this a transfer or are we selling this?

-C Bell: this is a sale

-Question TT: are there plans for how the County will use this \$1.1M?

-response provided COO Williams

-TT: I would ask that we consider some agreed upon use of those funds, such as blight remediation, park improvements in Districts 1 and 6, where this sale is happening?

-comments provided by Commissioner Johnson for ideas such as stormwater and tire cleanup

-comments provided by COO Williams

-Commissioner Patrick requests a follow up discussion of use of this space and potential utilization of sale funds at a Committee meeting in October. The goal is to follow up with the Administration on how these sale funds are planned to be utilized and if there are future opportunities to develop a broader strategy on how the County may want to use sale funds from the sale of surplus County-owned property

Previously Heard Agenda Items:

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

MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 7/22/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Massiah

-Commissioner Patrick requests 60 day deferral

Watershed Management (DWM)

2025-0911

Commission District(s): 5 & 7

Georgia Department of Transportation Contract Item Agreement -
Water and Sewer Facilities Project PI No. 0002868

adjustments/additional installations of utility facilities as reconstruct
of a Diverging Diamond Interchange Panola Road @ I-20 FROM
Fairington Rd. TO Snapfinger Woods Dr. in DeKalb County -
Estimated \$4,220,926.66

**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 7/22/2025. The
motion carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Massiah

-this item has been reviewed and supported by OIIA audit review

-information provided by Deputy Director Georginna Lockett - Watershed Management

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 Chakira Johnson, seconded by Robert
Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to
the Board of Commissioners, due back on 7/22/2025. The motion
carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Massiah

-this item has been reviewed and supported by OIIA audit review

-information provided by Deputy Director Georginna Lockett - Watershed Management

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 Chakira Johnson, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 7/22/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Massiah

-this item has been reviewed and supported by OIIA audit review

-information provided by Deputy Director Georginna Lockett - Watershed Management

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

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 7/22/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Massiah

*-this item has been reviewed and supported by OIIA audit review
-information provided by Deputy Director Georginna Lockett - Watershed Management*

Board of Commissioners - Super District 6

2025-0739 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
A Resolution To Amend The Enabling Legislation Of The
Watershed Customer Service And Billing Advisory Group.
**MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, 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 7/22/2025. The motion carried by
the following vote:**

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Massiah

*-information provided by County Attorney Welch
-Commissioner Terry requests amendment that references DeKalb County's "Water and Sewer Customer Advocate" be
applied as opposed to the 'Office of Water and Sewer Customer Advocacy', as a technical change in the proposed resolution
-comments provided by Commissioner Terry regarding request to have the Urban League attend meetings of the WCSBAB
group to provide monthly reports to the advisory group for their review*

*-CJ: motion to approve with friendly amendment discussed in committee
Second RP
-Question RP: is the Administration comfortable with this language?
-response provided by COO Williams
-Question RP: so we will receive a substitute Tuesday that considers the most recent changes?
-comments provided by Attorney Welch
-Vote: yes 2-0*

Meeting Ended At: 5:29pm

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

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Patrick, and Commissioner Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Massiah

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC