



DeKalb County Government

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Minutes - Draft

FAB-Finance, Audit & Budget Committee

Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Chair
Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Member
Commissioner Robert Patrick, Member

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

2:00 PM

Meeting Started At: 2:02PM

Attendance: Commissioners T. Terry, C. Johnson, M. Long Spears, R. Patrick, N. Massiah, and L. Bolton;
CEO Cochran-Johnson

Present 3 - Chairperson Ted Terry, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, and
Commissioner Chakira Johnson

I. MINUTES

2025-0066 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the December 10, 2024 Finance, Audit, and Budget
Committee
**MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by
Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. The
motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Chairperson Terry, Commissioner Long Spears, and
Commissioner Johnson**

II. DISCUSSION

Overview of presented FY25 Budget

Budget Discussion/Presentation: CEO Cochran Johnson and Director TJ Sigler

- 1) MLS: Regarding page 3, Assessment was done on all counties? (Response from CEO Cochran Johnson)
- 2) MLS: Also looking at procurement? (Response from CEO Cochran Johnson)
- 3) MLS: On slide 4, are we shooting for 4 months of reserve? (Response from CEO Cochran Johnson)
- 4) MLS: Commented that Brookhaven also has drones
- 5) CJ: Are impact fees being considered? (Response from CEO Cochran Johnson)
- 6) RP: Plans to augment Code Compliance? (Response from CEO Cochran Johnson)
- 7) MLS: Timeline question regarding the townhalls scheduled (Response from CEO Cochran Johnson)
- 8) NM: Does budget include assessment of level service disbursement throughout county? (Response from CEO Cochran Johnson)
- 9) LB: Facilities Master Plan-Will we investigate to find out if space/areas are being utilized? Evaluation being done? (Response from CEO Cochran Johnson)
- 10) TT: Can you talk about suggestions/projections? (Response from Director Sigler)
- 11) TT: What were conservative projections from last year? (Response from Director Sigler)
- 12) TT: Will we get more information in May regarding tax digest? Acknowledged added reserve for appropriation for Commissioners in budget (Response from CEO Cochran Johnson)
- 13) MDJ: How much was each allocation for each Commissioner? Has lack of money from Federal Government been taken into consideration? (Response from CEO Cochran Johnson)
- 14) TT: Midyear budget adjustment from last year -were funds put aside? What is our approach regarding things already approved? (Response from Director Sigler)
- 15) RP: What is our position on HB581? (Response from Director Sigler)
- 16) MDJ: What is our position? (Response from CEO Cochran Johnson)

District Attorney Budget Discussion:

- 1) MLS: Breakdown of funds for: human trafficking & cold cases (Response from DA Boston)
- 2) RP: Please give a breakdown of storage amount (Response from DA Boston)

III. AGENDA ITEM*New Agenda Items***Purchasing and Contracting**

2024-1258

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 1236388 Retail Image Lockbox Services: for use by the Department of Finance. This contract consists of the provision of lockbox services. This request is to increase the contract funds and extend the term through December 31, 2025. Awarded to REMITCO LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$134,000.00.

MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/11/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Terry, Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Johnson

2024-1394

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 6 to Contract No. 988895 Print & Mail Services, Electronic Billing Presentment and Data Processing (Annual Contract with 4 Options To Renew) for the Department of Finance-UCO to be used by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM), Public Works-Sanitation and the Peachtree DeKalb Airport. This contract consists of providing customized bill formatting, print and mail services, hosting the County's water and sewer portal and other miscellaneous statements to citizens and businesses. This request seeks approval to increase the contract fund and to extend the contract term for twelve (12) months through December 31, 2025. Awarded To Level One, LLC/a Doxim Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,328,219.68.

MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/11/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Terry, Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Johnson

Questions:

TT: Original Contract/Change Order #6, Is it original w/4 options? Will we hear from admin before Dec. 31 to increase contract? (Response from COO Williams and Director McNabb)

[2024-1451](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

REN - Contract No. 1365832 Law Enforcement Accessories (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal Option of 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Police Services (PS) and the Marshal's Office (Marshal). This contract consists of the purchase of various law enforcement accessories. This request seeks to exercise the 1st renewal option through January 31, 2026. Awarded To: Dana Safety Supply, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$356,168.54.

MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/11/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Terry, Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Johnson

Questions:

MLS: Confirming - \$206K for Marshal's Office? Police requesting up to \$150K? (Response from Staff)

Meeting Ended At:

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC