



DeKalb County Government

Manuel J. Maloof Center
1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30030

Minutes

OPS-County Operations Committee

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

1:00 PM

This meeting will be conducted via teleconference (Zoom). Simultaneous public access to the meeting will be available

(1) via live stream on DCTV's webpage,

(2) on DCTVChannel23.TV

Meeting Started At:1:00PM

Attendees: Commissioner Terry, Bradshaw, Davis Johnson, Rader

Present 2 - Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Steve Bradshaw

Absent 1 - Commissioner Robert Patrick

I. MINUTES

2021-2956 Commission District(s): All Districts
Minutes for the August 3, 2021 County Operations (OPS)
Committee Meeting;
MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Bradshaw

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Patrick

II. DISCUSSION

Electric Vehicle Lifetime Costs

-presentation from Director Robert Gordon, Fleet Maintenance

-Question Commissioner Bradshaw: what percentage of our total fleet is electric?

-R Gordon: 18 of about 3600

-Question Commissioner Terry: over the lifetime of the vehicle, you make the point that is more cost-effective over the life of the vehicle?

-R Gordon: yes sir. Maintenance cost will be low, and fuel will be chargers for them. If we do that correctly and put them in the right applications, without a doubt it will be cheaper on the long haul for maintenance cost and fuel.

-Question Commissioner Terry: How many EV charging stations do we have?

R Gordon: currently we have about dozen charging sites in the County. Currently the program that Gordon Kenna has been working on will have the capacity for 70 charging stations. Funding will be needed for costs; it will be 100% a good idea for us to take advantage of this program due to its advantages.

-Question Commissioner Terry: regarding the investments being made in Transportation Department, there will be continued opportunities to support high capacity lines. The infrastructure is what costs a lot of money correct?

R Gordon: that's correct

-Question Commissioner Terry: Regarding our vehicle replacement fund, operationally will the maintenance costs be reflected in individual departments' budgets or will be in Fleet's budget?

R Gordon: Since my department is an internal services everything I do is billed back to the department. I also have a budget that I adhere to. The vehicle replacement fund is funded separately from my budget, and individual departments put money into those vehicles until it is paid for.

-COO Williams: the depreciated value will be an important thing to assess as we look at what is factored into the amount that departments pay. As we increase our EV fleet, vehicles will last longer, so that may be lower overall costs for our entire enterprise.

R Gordon: it all depends on the usage

-Question Commissioner Terry: regarding the reticence that may exist, Director Gordon you are the expect on our vehicles. Is there any

R Gordon: Ms. Hall and Mr. Allen in my department. Department of Parks and Rec is fine tuned into this and do a very good job. I send out reports to directors every month on vehicles that may be underutilized as well. This past year we pull vans to departments to give to the Dept of Health and VRE to assist their efforts for example.

-Question Commissioner Terry: what do we have to do to let user departments know why they will have certain types of vehicles? What are reasons to oppose it?

-Z Williams: we don't make decisions based on what someone likes or don't like; although we do encourage input.

-Commissioner Terry: there have been commitments nationwide to commit to 0 emission vehicles by a certain date. It seems to me that we can have the informal conversation to encourage...At what point should we be looking at a deeper analysis of what a transition might look like for EV?

Commissioner Davis Johnson: This is something that the BOC has not decided on as a policy for the County to move forward on. Rather than stating that we will do "x" by a certain amount of time, this is something that the Administration and Board should discuss regarding policy. For me to have the Administration give a time before the Board decides the policy is a little premature.

-Commissioner Terry: the vehicle replacement fund pays for the vehicles that are run county-wide. I'm suggesting that we start that discussion of what a transition plan would look like. The Board would have to come to a consensus on.

-Question Commissioner Terry: is there interest from the Administration in discussing an EV transition plan with the departments and the Board?

Z Williams: EV have their place; we can look to expand something that was started years ago. There are other sources that we can look to expand in our fleet, such as liquid natural gas and others. We can say that we need to diversify our fuel source, and over time as the technology evolves, if we need to make a transition for certain types of vehicles.

-Commissioner Terry: anything that burns fossil fuel creates carbon in our atmosphere; all experts say that we need transition from a carbon dependent fuel society. We don't have to do this overnight, but if we don't commit to a transition plan

-Z Williams: this is not new for DeKalb understanding that carbon is not a problem; currently we're not prepared to provide timelines. But we will continue to have the conversation and move forward with what we have done. Ultimately myself or the CEO makes the final decision based on departmental need for the type of vehicle.

-Commissioner Terry: requests a transition plan from the Administration if already drafted; requests a commitment from the BOC that we look toward appropriated funds toward this transition plan. Whether it is a resolution or statement that speaks to the vehicle replacement fund.

-Commissioner Davis Johnson: that isn't the position of the entire Board; we don't whip folks into compliance. We discuss

the matter and obtain all of the facts. I appreciate Mr. Gordon's ability to answer the questions that the commissioners may have.

-Z Williams: I would suggest more conversation Commissioner Terry. Each department will have specific needs and operational concerns related to electric vehicles, ensuring the necessary infrastructure is in place. Prior to the Board taking any position we would need to understand the needs that they have. This would be prior to the development of a transition plan.

-Commissioner Davis Johnson: If I don't agree you with doesn't mean that I'm anti-climate. It's more the characterization of your statements. We should step back, respect each other's position, and have dialogue rather than put someone in a block.

-Commissioner Bradshaw: Millennial's don't have a monopoly on caring about the environment.

-Commissioner Terry: I don't mean to come off that way. I would just suggest that we start this process; I will introduce legislation that we commit to a transition plan.

III. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items

[2021-3005](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

Profile Marketing Communication Services

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be Approval to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 8/24/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Bradshaw

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Patrick

-discussion from Director Erica Hamilton on the new contract

-CPO Horner: if the committee wishes you can move forward with recommended approval of the agenda item with a friendly amendment

-V Ernestes: what you are doing is approving the services for \$350,000. the contracting parties would be the Board of Registration and Elections, and Mr. Burton and his associates. We can help you have a substitute agenda item so that it is accurate. This is a budget issue; it has not been previously allocated to this firm; I see it as everyone trying to work together.

-Question Commissioner Terry: regarding the transition services, we had a group that did great work last year. Can we extend translation services beyond Spanish and Korean?

E Hamilton: I can reach out to the company to ask that.

D Lowman-Smith: Mr. Burton has also been reviewing the data from the census, and we could start to make recommendations based on that information as it relates to language.

E Hamilton: the funding source - there were overages from our CTCL grant funds, and will be coming from our operating budget

-Question Commissioner Rader: it sounds as though it is the budgetary capacity that is already in VRE. What action do we need to take as the BOC in order to allow them to enter into the contract?

E Hamilton: the amount that we are requesting needs BOC approval

Z Williams: this item did not follow the traditional procurement process; because the procurement rules are set up a different process, and in talking with the VRE as to their need, we did not have a way to present it to the Board; this is a request to the Board to move forward with this authorization?

-Question Commissioner Rader: So we are approving the budgetary authority, and not the contract? The money has been previously appropriated.

Z Williams: that is correct

-Commissioner Rader: I will review the amended agenda item

-Commissioner Davis Johnson: I don't think this is much different than how we received it in the 2020 elections in allocating funds to the VRE; they utilize those funds as allocated. The purpose of these funds is for communications, and I don't see any reason why we shouldn't continue with the funds that we generated through our grants and don't control.

-V Ernestes: the appropriate way to state this motion is to direct the County Attorney and Executive assistant to revise the agenda item in a way that complies with state law to present at Tuesday's BOC meeting

-Commissioner Bradshaw : Motion to direct the County Attorney and Executive assistant to revise the agenda item in a way that complies with state law to present at Tuesday's BOC meeting

2021-3007

Commission District(s): Commission Districts 1 & 6

Proposed Grant of Two Permanent Easement to the City of Chamblee for Conveyance of Stormwater and to Operate, Maintain, Replace and Repair Related Infrastructure

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 8/24/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Bradshaw

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Patrick

-additional information from Director Evans and Law

[2021-2868](#)

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1081988 for Professional Services for the Implementation of Oracle Hyperion Planning and Budgeting Cloud Services for Public Sector: for the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT) for use by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This contract consists of providing services that streamline the budget preparation process and enhance the County's ability to track and manage budgets in real-time. Awarded to Deloitte Consulting, LLP. Amount Not To Exceed: \$100,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 8/24/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Bradshaw

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Patrick

-no additional information requested

[2021-2912](#)

Commission District(s): ALL
CO - Change Order No. 6 to Contract No. 1070267 for Technology Solutions with Related Equipment and Accessories: for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT) to be used by various County departments. This contract consists of piggybacking off the competitively let National IPA (Lead Agency City of Mesa, AZ) Contract No. 2018011-01 for purchasing Apple computer hardware, tablets, peripherals, printer, network gear and other approved software. Awarded to CDW Government, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,000,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 8/24/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Bradshaw

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Patrick

-no additional information requested

[2021-2920](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 21-101405 for Fence Installation and Repairs (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM) and Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of the purchase, repair, and installation of a variety of fencing needed throughout the County.

Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Executive Realty Solutions Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$537,000.00.

This agenda item was recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/24/2021 .

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Bradshaw

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Patrick

-no additional information requested

[2021-2921](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1213631, 1213634, and 1213635 for Commercial Janitorial Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Facilities Management: This contract consists of the development, management and monitoring of high quality commercial janitorial/cleaning/custodial services and Day Porters at various County facilities. Awarded to: Building Maintenance Services (BMS), Cleanstar National, Inc. and A-Action Janitorial Services. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,566,122.81.

This agenda item was recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/24/2021 .

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Bradshaw

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Patrick

-no additional information requested

[2021-2943](#)

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 2 to CPA 1213433 - Installation of Data, Voice and Multimedia Cabling (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (IT). Consists of providing low-voltage installations, moves, adds and changes of data; voice and multimedia cabling at various locations within the County facilities. Awarded to R. B. Communications, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$100,000.00

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 8/24/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Bradshaw

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Patrick

*-Question Commissioner Terry: is the goal to further enhance county facilities with video surveillance systems?
J Matelski: The watershed cameras were replacing the aged system; that is specific to this. As we encounter new facilities or retrofits, those particular needs are worked with the departments in those areas. Employee safety monitoring is engrained into projects as well.*

Meeting Ended At: 2:19PM

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

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Terry, and Commissioner Bradshaw

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Patrick

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC