



DeKalb County Government

1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30030

DRAFT - Minutes

PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

3:30 PM

Meeting Started At: 3:57 PM

Attendees: Commissioners Cochran Johnson, Terry, Patrick

Present 3 - Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Robert Patrick, and Ted Terry

I. MINUTES

2023-0900 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the July 10, 2023, Special Called Public Works and Infrastructure Committee Meeting
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Patrick, and Terry

II. AGENDA ITEM

Previously Heard Items:

Board of Commissioners - District 6

[2023-0680](#) Commission District(s): All DeKalb County Commission Districts
A Resolution to Update the DeKalb County Traffic Calming Program

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 7/25/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Patrick, and Terry

Information provided by Commissioner Terry

TT: My intention here is a review of the finical model as well as an update to the treatments that could be available for neighborhoods to choose from when seeking traffic calming solutions. Sidewalks, roundabouts, eastabouts , rain gardens, etc. These elements factored in, could provide a more comprehensive approach. Additionally, considering an expanded tax district option for neighborhoods.

Question RP: Staff, are the finances of the traffic calming project secure?

Lemke: If I'm remembering correctly we have roughly \$1 million in that fund. However I believe it would be prudent for us to not stagnate, and look into some of the options suggested. Additional context provided.

TT: Defer 60 Days with a report back from the administration on potential steps forward

[2023-0562](#) Commission District(s): Potential for All Commission Districts
A Resolution to Create a Study Committee for the Pole Bridge Wastewater Treatment Property for a Greater Understanding of How to Address Environmental Justice Strategies for This Area and the Many Tributaries That Connect DeKalb County.

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Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Patrick, and Terry

Information provided by Commissioner Terry

Question LCJ: Can we combine this with some of the equity discussions happening?

Response provided by COO Williams

TT: I'd like to defer this item for now, this is in district 5 I would like commissioner Davis Johnson's input.

LCJ: Commissioner Terry since you are proposing the committee I think it be best you also provide the proposed framework. When the meetings will take place, goals and objectives etc. Please present that when this item comes back

Comments provided by Commissioner Patrick

Comment provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson

RP: Defer 30 Days with a return to committee with a framework of next steps

New Agenda Items

Transportation

[2023-0800](#) Commission District(s): ALL
Acceptance of GDOT Safety Funds for Roadway Pavement
Marking and Signage Improvements
**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry,
that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the
Board of Commissioners, due back on 7/25/2023. The motion
carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Patrick, and Terry

Information provided by Richard Lemke

Question LCJ: Can we verify that this is for \$500,000? Do we have a list of the roads?

Lemke: The roads are outlined in the packet. The actual amount is \$230,000 with a match from the County \$200,000 of SPLOST funds

Question TT: Are these all county roads, why is GDOT providing the funds?

Additional information provided by Director Lemke

Question TT: We are in the position to do the work ourselves, or will we need an on call contractor?

Lemke: We would look to use our current resources available, or expand the on call contractors or look elsewhere

Question TT: There is still a capacity issue with striping?

Lemke: Yes and I think with the upcoming SPLOST we would look to add a lot of this type of work.

Question TT: Would there ever be a time we would bring striping operations in house?

Lemke: We would have to evaluate that, Additional context provided.

[2023-0803](#) Commission District(s): 3 and 6
Acceptance of Georgia Department of Transportation Funds for
Replacement of Cedar Grove Road Bridge
**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick,
that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board
of Commissioners, due back on 7/25/2023. The motion carried by
the following vote:**

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Patrick, and Terry

Information provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson

[2023-0852](#) Commission District(s): 4 and 6
Lighting Indication of Support for Kensington MARTA Station Shared
Use Path and Road Diets (GDOT PI No. 00017992)
**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick,
that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board
of Commissioners, due back on 7/25/2023. The motion carried by
the following vote:**

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Patrick, and Terry

Information provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson

Question LCJ: Are we decommissioning parts of the road ways?

Lemke: No I don't believe so

Additional information provided by Director Lemke

Question LCJ: Are you all coordinating with the Trail Master Plan

Lemke: Yes we try to coordinate and as to not piece meal the process.

Question LCJ: No dollar amount at this time?

Lemke: No just a commitment to GDOT that we will take reasonability since GDOT will not Question TT

Information provided by David Pelton

Question TT: The route is around the Marta station?

Pelton: Correct

Question TT: Would it make sense for us to create a special lighting tax district?

Response provided by David Pelton

Watershed Management

2023-0689

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1301520 On-Call Water and Sewer (Multiyear Contract With 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing on-call services for the installation and repair 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 increase the contract scope of work, funds, and term through December 31, 2025. Awarded to GS Construction, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed \$18,288,416.25.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 7/25/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Patrick, and Terry

Information provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson

-RP: Defer pending Audit

[2023-0690](#)

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1198103 Stone Crushed Granite (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Departments of Watershed Management (DWM), Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D) and Sanitation. This contract consists of providing stone crushed granite for use in various applications. This request seeks to increase the contract funds and term through July 31, 2024. Awarded to F.M Shelton, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$20,000.00.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 7/25/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Patrick, and Terry

Information provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson

Sanitation

[2023-0738](#)

Commission District(s): ALL
CO - Change Order No. 1 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 piggybacking off the competitively let OMNIA Partners contract to lease four (4) 11 - yard rear loader trucks for 26 weeks and four (4) 25 - yard rear loader trucks for 52 weeks. This request seeks to increase contract funds to support leasing 8 additional 25 yard rear loader trucks for 12 months. Awarded to Big Truck Rental. Amount Not To Exceed: \$991,318.75.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 7/25/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Patrick, and Terry

Information provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson & Director Lemke

Question TT: these are not CDLs, the smaller trucks?

Lemke: Correct. The 25 yard trucks require CDLs

Question TT: Since we are receiving the loaders in 2025, is it the expectation we would have to extend this contract again? Lemke: It is possible. Additional context provided

Question TT: Did we sell 8 rear loaders based on this letter provided by Director Hutchinson?

Lemke: I don't know off the top of my head. We can provide.

TT: Request further information on the funding source on the contract,

Question TT: are we going to sell the side loaders that can't get down some of the more narrow roads?

Lemke: No we would keep those for their life expectancy. Additional information provide.

Meeting Ended At: 4:51 PM

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

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Patrick, and Terry

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC