



DeKalb County Government

1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30030

Minutes

PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

3:30 PM

Meeting Started At: 3:31 PM

Attendees: Commissioners Cochran Johnson, Terry, Patric

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

I. MINUTES

2023-0929 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the July 18, 2023, 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

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 Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval upon receipt of additional information to the Board of Commissioners. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Information provided by Director Hayes

Question LCJ: Why are we increasing the terms instead of doing a renewal?

Hayes: this is an active contract and the volume of funds currently will not cover work provided. Additional context provided

Question LCJ: Why increase the term if we are extending the contract?

Hayes: I will get that answer and get back to you

Question LCJ: what is the final dollar amount?

Information provided

TT: Rec to approval of substitute amount and strike the concerning the contract extension term

New Agenda Items:

Sanitation

[2023-0824](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1289347 Seminole Road Landfill Cell Construction Phase 3, Unit 2, Cell 3N and Unit 4, Cells 4N and 5N: for use by Public Works - Sanitation. This contract consists of the construction of Cells 3N, 4N and 5N at the Seminole Road Landfill to continue providing waste disposal capacity for the residents of DeKalb County. This request seeks to increase contract funds for the purchase and replacement of 22,160 cubic yards of protective cover sand, rock excavation, as well as 40,000 cubic yards of fill dirt for the new cell. Awarded to Morgan Corporation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,467,920.00.

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 8/8/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Information provided by Tracy Hutchinson

Question TT: when we looked at 4N & 5 N, how did we miss there were rocks in the area?

Context provided by Director Hutchinson

Question TT: the original contract covered 5N? Why do we need an additional 2 million?

Hutchinson: Original contract did not include the sand in its cost. The protective sand layer is required for state and federal environmental regulations.

Question TT: Were funds from ARP?

Hutchinson: we took out GFA loans, part ARP and general funds.

Question TT: Are we still on track investigating issues of what goes into our waste stream is destined to the landfill verses recycling or yard waste? When can we bring that back to committee for discuss

Hutchinson: I have the number and can be available.

Question LCJ: are we still paying to have recyclables received, we haven't seen a change there?

Hutchinson: Yes we are still paying a third party for processing.

[2023-0840](#)

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1122508 Landfill Professional Engineering and Surveying Services (Annual Contract with 3 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Public Works - Sanitation. This contract consists of providing engineering and surveying services related to municipal solid waste landfills, including services related to construction, operating, permitting and compliance at the County's solid waste management facilities. This request seeks to increase the contract funds and term through December 31, 2024 for new and ongoing projects. Awarded to Stearns, Conrad and Schmidt Consulting Inc. dba SCS Engineers. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,900,000.00.

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 8/8/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Information provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson

Question LCJ: Why is the contract not going out for bid?

Response provided by Director Hutchinson

Question LCJ: why not renew the contract, we have three options to renew?

Butler: all the renewals are exhausted

Question LCJ: And the work can be completed in one year?

Hutchinson: Yes

Question TT: Are there more rock needs to be blasted?

Response provided by Director Hutchinson

Question TT: when was the landfill plan approved? This is the same engineers that started the project?

Hutchinson: I believe last year, 2022. and correct, the current PE's have and are reasonable of all aspects of the current project.

Question TT: what is the process for amending that plan?

Hutchinson: it's a little unusual to amend outside of that 5 year update. If we want to make changes on operations we have to meet with EPD

Question TT: Could we ask this firm to assist the ability of current landfill plan as well as permitting composting abilities? Hutchinson: I believe we could do that. I would also want to engage the Georgia DCA department, they used to have a company that would come out and do representative samples of landfills in Georgia as well as other studies for the state.

TT: Justice 40 has a healthy soil grant that dedicates funds to composting and similar services. Additional context provided.

Hutchinson: My only concern is if the process would trigger anything under our air regulations. We looked at a pallet study years ago. We didn't get it started. Additional information provided by Director Hutchinson. Seminole files a greenhouse gas emissions report every year we are close to non-attainment.

LCJ: Please put the Landfill emissions report on the next Agenda

Hutchinson: I can bring it up for title 5 as it relates to air admissions, the firm on this contract helps me submit these reports.

[2023-0855](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

SS - Sole Source for Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Tax Services: for use by Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of purchasing compressed natural gas fuel for the County's sanitation CNG trucks as well as monthly tax services. Awarded to American Fueling Systems, LLC and AFS DeKalb Georgia, LLC (AFS). Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,000,000.00.

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 8/8/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, and Patrick

No: 1 - Terry

Information provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson

Question TT: can we get clarity on the process of gas collection

Hutchinson: We pull compressed natural gas from our pipeline. This fuels our trucks

Question TT: is the intention to restart the plant, when can we expect that?

Hutchinson: we have it in motion, but it is moving slow

Question TT: Why?

Additional information provided

Transportation

[2023-0907](#)

Commission District(s): 1 and 7

Flowers Road Mid-Block Pedestrian Crossing

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 8/8/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Information provided by David Pelton

Meeting Ended At: 4:27 PM

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, 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