



# DeKalb County Government

1300 Commerce Drive  
Decatur, Georgia 30030

## Minutes - Final

### PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

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Friday, November 8, 2024

1:00 PM

178 Sams Street  
Decatur, GA 30030

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Meeting Started At: 1:01 PM

Attendance: Commissioners Patrick, Terry, Bradshaw, Spears

**Present**            2 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, and Commissioner Ted Terry  
**Absent**             1 - Member Mereda Davis Johnson

#### I. MINUTES

**2024-1332**          Commission District(s): ALL  
Minutes for the October 15, 2024 Public Works and Infrastructure  
Committee Meeting  
**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick,  
that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the  
following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry  
**Absent:** 1 - Member Davis Johnson

#### II. AGENDA ITEM

*Previously Heard Agenda Items:*

**Finance**

[2024-1326](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
Adoption Of (1) The Attached Resolution Approving 10% Rate Increase No Earlier Than May 1 for the Year 2025, and Nine Additional Increases in the Amount of 10% Each , Which Shall Become Effective on Each January 1, Beginning January 1, 2026 Through and Including January 1, 2034, and (2) the Attached Series 2025 Bond Resolution Authorizing the Issuance by the County of not to Exceed \$450 Million in Total Par Amount of Its Water and Sewerage Revenue Bonds, for the Purpose of Rehabilitating of the Scott Candler Water Treatment Facility and Other Crucial Water and Sewerage Projects, for the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) CIP.

**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 11/12/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry**

**Absent: 1 - Member Davis Johnson**

-COO Williams requests deferral of this agenda item as it will be discussed more fully during the November 12th Town Hall meeting

-Commissioner Patrick requests information regarding the bond issuance

-TT: motion defer to November 19th BOC meeting

#### **Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D)**

[2024-1284](#) Commission District(s): ALL  
Stormwater Master Plan

**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 11/12/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry**

**Absent: 1 - Member Davis Johnson**

-Commissioner Patrick requests 30 day deferral to provide the Commissioners additional time to review prior to action

-TT: motion defer to the last PWI and BOC meetings in December (December 17th)

[2024-1069](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 24-101659 2024 LMIG Road Resurfacing Projects for use by Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). Consists of resurfacing DeKalb County roads. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder: E.R. Snell Contractor, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$20,821,478.20.

**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 11/12/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry**

**Absent: 1 - Member Davis Johnson**

-OIA audit review shows this contract amount is supported

-information provided by Director Lemke

-Question TT: for this extension will it be solely the LMIG grant?

-R Lemke: it will be SPLOST Funding plus the LMIG grant

-TT: we passed the resolution recreating the SPLOST oversight board - is what we're looking for before the committee can be formed is that we need to make appointments to that board?

-comments provided by County Attorney Ernestes regarding appointment guidelines for the oversight board

-comments provided by Commissioner Long Spears regarding forming the oversight board in January 2025 as new commissioners are seated

[2024-1359](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 24-101673 Stormwater Drainage Infrastructure System Repair for Public Works - American Rescue Plan Act Projects (Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). Consists of providing storm drainage construction services. Recommend award to all bidders who are responsive and responsible: Kemi Construction, Inc., Jewel of the South, Inc., and GS Construction, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$7,500,000.00.

**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 11/12/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry**

**Absent: 1 - Member Davis Johnson**

-OIA audit review shows this contract amount is supported

-information provided by Director Lemke

**Public Works - Transportation**

[2024-1126](#) Commission District(s): 3 and 7  
Payment of \$657,100.33 to Georgia Power for LED Conversion of Columbia Drive at I-20 Interchange Lighting  
**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 11/12/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry**

**Absent: 1 - Member Davis Johnson**

-information provided by Director Lemke

-Director Lemke requests deferral as they are waiting on estimates from GA Power for the street lights

-Question TT: is it Beautification funds being used?

R Lemke: that's correct

-Question TT: is that our posture to use Beautification funds for non-street light petition efforts?

-response provided by COO Williams

-TT: motion to defer 30 days to 12/3 PWI (12/10 BOC)

### **Watershed Management (DWM)**

[2024-1052](#) Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1272495 Sanitary Sewer Chemical Root Control (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of treating portions of the County's gravity sewer system with a chemical root control herbicide. This request is to increase the contract amount. Awarded to Duke's Root Control, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,950,000.00.  
**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 11/12/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry**

**Absent: 1 - Member Davis Johnson**

-information provided by Director Hayes

-discussion amongst Commissioner Terry and Director Hayes regarding private laterals and current stormwater and wastewater infrastructure issues

-Question TT: could we find out how many private titles transfers take place every month, so that we could map out the impact of property usage?

M Welch: I'm sure we can review that sir within the proposed ordinance

*New Agenda Items:*

**Board of Commissioners - District 2**

[2024-1357](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County  
Supporting Policy Changes to Protect Seniors, Disabled Individuals,  
and Low-Income Residents Against Upcoming Water Rate  
Increases

**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 11/12/2024. The motion  
carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry**

**Absent: 1 - Member Davis Johnson**

-Commissioner Spears requests a 2 week deferral as this will be a possible discussion topic at the November 12th town hall

**Watershed Management (DWM), Facilities Management (FM), Recreation, Parks, and Cultural  
Affairs (RPCA), Public Works - Beautification (PWB) and Public Works - Roads & Drainage  
(R&D)**

[2024-1189](#) Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract Nos.: 1302439, 1302440,  
and 1302441 Tree Cutting and Removal Services (Three (3) Year  
Multiyear Contract): for use by Departments of Watershed  
Management (DWM), Facilities Management (FM), Recreation,  
Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Public Works - Beautification  
(PWB) and Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). These  
contracts consist of providing countywide tree cutting and removal  
services on an as needed basis. This request seeks to increase the  
contract funds only. Awarded to One Two Tree, LLC, Neda, Inc.  
dba Garden of Aden, and Sesmas Tree Service, LLC. Total  
Amount Not To Exceed: \$400,000.00.

**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 11/12/2024. The motion  
carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry**

**Absent: 1 - Member Davis Johnson**

- information provided by Director Lemke
- Question TT: have we reached the threshold for the FEMA reimbursement?
- R Lemke: we believe we have yes
- Question TT: is this the only tree removal contract that we have?
- response provided by Director Lemke regarding multiple contracts
- Question TT: when we passed the no net loss of trees policy, we were excluding anything within right-of-ways correct?
- R Lemke: that's correct
- Question TT: how are we tracking that? Is the contractor tracking each tree taken down?
- R Lemke: that goes through Planning & Sustainability via the permitting process for projects
- TT: that could be a possible discussion topic in the PECS Committee, or we could just send an email requesting a report from the department
- Question RP: what is the best way to address fallen trees, stumps, and debris in the right-of-way?
- TT: we should include a provision to cut the vines at the root to avoid issues with ivy covering trees
- response provided by Director Lemke

### **Watershed Management (DWM)**

[2024-1203](#)

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1266498 Machine Shop Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by Departments of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of machine shop services for various industrial equipment at the wastewater plants and lift stations. This request seeks to increase the contract term through December 31, 2025. Awarded to Cole Technology, Inc. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY.

**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 11/12/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry**

**Absent: 1 - Member Davis Johnson**

- information provided by Director Hayes

### **Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D)**

[2024-1247](#) Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1349683 2023 LMIG Road Resurfacing Projects (Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). This contract consists of providing road resurfacing on DeKalb County roads. This request seeks to increase the contract term through June 30, 2025. Awarded to C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc. CONTRACT TERM INCREASE ONLY.

**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 11/12/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Member Davis Johnson

-information provided by Director Lemke

[2024-1047](#) Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1335341, 1335342, 1335468, and 1355409 and Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1335343 Pond Maintenance Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D) and the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). These contracts consist of cutting, cleaning, spraying and repair/maintenance of stormwater retention and detention ponds. This request seeks to increase the contract funds for all awarded contracts. Awarded to KSK Landscaping, Inc.; ASAP Landscape Management Group, LLC; Mariani Enterprises, LLC dba Ed Castro Landscape; Executive Realty Solutions, Inc.; and Phillips Lawncare & Services, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$4,300,000.00.

**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 11/12/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

**Absent:** 1 - Member Davis Johnson

- this item is still currently under OIIA audit review
- Question TT: out of the County owned ponds, have you identified the pilot retention ponds to do the bio retention pond treatment?
- response provided by Director Lemke
- comments provided by Commissioner Terry regarding landscaping retention pond treatment
  
- TT: motion to defer to 11/12 BOC meeting

### III. DISCUSSION

#### Utility Customer Billing System Processing Fees

- Presentation provided by CFO McNabb regarding processing fees for residential vs. commercial utility payers
- discussion amongst CFO McNabb and the Committee regarding the processing structure in place

Meeting Ended At: 1:52 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: 2 - Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry**

**Absent: 1 - Member Davis Johnson**

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Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC