



DeKalb County Government

1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30030

Minutes - Final

PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

3:30 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: 3:40 PM

Attendees: Commissioners Cochran-Johnson, Terry, Patrick, Rader, Johnson, Davis Johnson

Present 2 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, and Commissioner Ted Terry

I. MINUTES

2022-1291 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the February 15, 2022 Public Works and Infrastructure
Committee Meeting
This agenda item was approved

II. DISCUSSION

Competitive Infrastructure Funding Opportunities for Local Governments

-information provided by COO Williams

-information provided by Carver Joseph of Watershed

-information provided by Dentons - Gary LaPaille & John Russell on federal monies available for counties in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Plan

-Question LCJ: to COO Williams, are there any categories for which we have made application? It would be better to have specifics to where the administration is, which particular funds are being accessed

Z Williams: I would like to meet with Dentons and the people of our various agencies, and come back to committee with what we will respond to. We will come back with a proposed strategy after those conversations.

-LCJ: we can then deal in more specifics with what those goals are. Will those programs require a local match? I would imagine so. Our next meeting will be a special called meeting that we are in the process of organizing

-MDJ: when you talk about local matches, Mr. Williams, can that match come from several places?

Z Williams: in my experience, typically everything is on the table with the exception of other federal funds

-TT: with this presentation, do we want to discuss further the gameplan?

LCJ: we have started a list and checking dates for a special called meeting. I would like to hold a special called meeting and a full presentation at that time. I will continue working with COO Williams and Dentons to have a more structured presentation on our goals and objectives, and what we are pursuing

Committee Goals

Not heard in Committee

III. AGENDA ITEM

Previously Heard Items:

[2021-3524](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 21-101362 Sanitary Sewer Easement Clearing (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of clearing vegetation along the County's sanitary sewer system easements. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Total Outdoor, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed \$6,047,700.00.

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 3/8/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director Hayes

-Question TT: as the sewer easements are mowed, we often see a plethora of invasive species that take over and kill trees. As those clearings are taking place, I believe there is a place to address those invasive species.

-RP: I know we're doing a lot of work in clearing sewer easements; there will be a time when roads will be built to get to clearing as well; perhaps we could have a conversation on making those into trails. That would be a phenomenal way to build out a county trail system that would be a lighter cost to the County

-JR: I strongly support Commissioner Patrick's statement of looking at our sewer easements as a way to address our trails

[2021-3435](#)

Commission District(s): All

RA - Hot Asphaltic Mix (Emergency): for use by Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). Consists of multiple asphalt projects throughout DeKalb County. Metro Materials, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$500,000.00

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 3/8/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director Lemke

[2022-1025](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 21- 101387 Road Construction Signs (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing various road construction signs and sign stands. Recommend award to the sole bidder who is responsive and responsible: Korman Signs, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$614,646.00.

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 3/8/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-TT: my only concern is the process for removing the signs once the work is done. Sometimes the work is completed but the sign may remain stating 'road work ahead'. Will the vendor pick up these signs once work is complete?

LCJ: I believe it's a bit of a combination

[2022-1070](#)

Commission District(s): All
RFP - Request for Proposals No. 20-500544 On Call Engineering Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing on call engineering services that primarily includes engineering studies, design, land surveying, construction administration, and related services for water and wastewater projects under the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Consent Decree (CD). Recommend award to the six (6) highest scoring proposers: Freese and Nichols - Graham Joint Venture; WSP USA, Inc.; Tetra Tech; Brown and Caldwell; CDM Smith, Inc., and Arcadis US, Inc. Total Amount Not to Exceed \$48,000,000.00.
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 3/8/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director Hayes

-TT: motion to approve pending substitute item, based upon the reduced recommended audit price of \$48,000,000

[2022-1073](#)

Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 21-101437 Manhole Rings, Covers & Valve Boxes (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the purchase of manhole rings, covers and valve boxes. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder: Metals & Materials Engineers, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,805,500.00.
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 3/8/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by CPO Horner

-Question TT: is this only covering the standard manhole situation, or is there a different strategy for those in flood prone areas?

D Hayes: these are for the traditional manholes broadcast throughout the county. Regarding your question on flood areas, Watershed is looking at ways to address this. That is not in this contract. But we have done a great deal of assessments regarding this.

-Question RP: in the packet, the usage department says the project amount this term is over \$6 million. I want to understand how on one hand it says \$3.8M and in another section it says \$6M.

-C Horner: the correct recommendation is in legistar; I'm not sure why the information in the packet isn't correct

[2022-1095](#)

Commission District(s): 3

LB - Invitation No. 21-101434 Quarterly Barscreen and Annual Return Line Cleaning (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing quarterly cleaning of three (3) inclined multi rake bar screens and an annual cleaning of the plant return lines at the Snapfinger Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder: Metals & Materials Engineers, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$234,045.00.

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 3/8/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-Question TT: how does affect the lines for the new plant?
D Hayes: these bar screens will be used for the new facility

[2022-1118](#)

Commission District(s): All

REN - Furnish and Install Silt Fence, Sandbags, and Straw (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1213591 for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM), Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D), and Sanitation. Consists of furnishing and installing silt fencing, sandbags, and straw. Awarded to The K&E Group USA, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$129,000.00

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 3/8/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- No additional Information Requested

[2022-1132](#)

Commission District(s): 4

CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1171444 for Road Widening, Sidewalks, Bike Lanes (Rockbridge Road - Allgood to Rowland Road) - PI#s 008121/0012789: for use by Public Works - Transportation (PW-T). This contract consists of the widening of Rockbridge Road from Allgood to Rowland Road to allow for the construction of sidewalks and bike lanes. Awarded to E. R. Snell Contractor, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$194,499.40.

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 3/8/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director Lemke

[2022-1140](#)

Commission District(s): 3 & 6

Georgia Department of Transportation Contract Item Agreement - Water and Sewer Facilities Project PI M004842 State Route 54 Connector from State Route 54 in Clayton County to State Route 42 in DeKalb County - Resurfacing

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 3/8/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-Information provided by Director Hayes
D Hayes: the cost for this is \$17,500

[2022-1163](#) Commission District(s): All
CA - Cooperative Agreement for Consent Decree: Trenchless Technology Rehabilitation, External Point Repairs, and Related Products and Services (OMNIA Partners Cooperative Purchasing Agreement No. R170802) [DeKalb Cooperative Agreement]: for use by Department of Watershed Management (DWM). The contract consists of providing sewer system trenchless sewer line rehabilitation services. This request is to obtain over 71,000 linear feet of sewer line rehabilitation services; to include inspections, sewer line cleaning, external point repairs, manhole rehabilitation, and cured in place pipe lining. Awarded to SAK Construction, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$7,781,553.28.

-agenda item held in committee

[2022-1127](#) Commission District(s): Commission District 1
Sign Topper Approval (No Cost to the County)
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 3/8/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-LCJ: deterioration of signs is a county wide issue. We will put it on the agenda. I will ask that for the next meeting we discuss countywide signs issue

R Lemke: I will put together a report for you so that you can have an indication of our needs and where we stand regarding maintenance approaches

New Agenda Items:

[2022-1139](#) Commission District(s): 4, 5 & 7
Change Order No. 3 to Agenda Item 2020-0345 Water Facilities to resurface SR124 from I-20(CSX # 279681D) to Gwinnett County Line additional \$3,100

-agenda item held in committee

[2022-1260](#) Commission District(s): 4, 5 and 7
Acceptance of Funds from the Atlanta Regional Commission for a Scoping Study for Safety and Operations Improvements on Redan Road from Holcombe Road to near South Hairston Road

-agenda item held in committee

[2022-1076](#) Commission District(s): 3
LB - Invitation No. 21-101359 Variable Speed Drive - Rotary Screw Air Compressors for Snapfinger Creek Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility (One Time Buy): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the purchase of variable speed drive - rotary screw air compressors for Snapfinger Creek Advance Wastewater Treatment Facility. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Rogers Machinery Company, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$236,101.00

-agenda item held in committee

[2022-1128](#) Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 21-101395 Stormwater System Cleaning, Video Inspection (CCTV) Services and Repair (Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). Consists of providing stormwater system cleaning, video inspection (CCTV) services and repair. Recommend award to the sole bidders who are responsive and responsible: Kemi Construction, Inc., and A&S Paving, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,000,000.00.

-agenda item held in committee

[2022-1131](#) Commission District(s): All
RFP - Request for Proposal No. 21-500572 Professional Services for Mapping of the Floodplain (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). Consists of conducting flood studies and mapping to identify both existing and future land-use and floodplains conditions as required by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer who is responsive and responsible: Dewberry Engineers, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,200,000.00.

-agenda item held in committee

[2022-1138](#) Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 21-101339 Roadway Bulk De-Icing (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) and Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). Consists of the purchase of de-icing materials to make the sand/salt mixture used to maintain the County's roadways, parking lots and sidewalks. Recommend award to the sole bidder who is responsive and responsible: F.M. Shelton, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$249,600.00.

-agenda item held in committee

[2022-1157](#) Commission District(s): All Districts.
A Resolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia, to Adopt a Comprehensive Trails Master Plan by 2023 and to Appropriate \$400,000 for the Development of the Trails Master Plan

-agenda item held in committee

[2022-1236](#) Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 21-101354 Shotcrete and Restorative Services for Stormwater Projects (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). Consists of furnishing all labor, materials, and equipment necessary to provide shotcrete and restorative services to construct concrete walls, pipes etc., on an as needed basis. Recommend award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidders: Coastal Gunitite Construction Company and Proshot Concrete, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,400,000.00.

-agenda item held in committee

[2022-1240](#) Commission District(s): 3 and 7
CO - Change Order No. 12 to Contract No. 972548 Snapfinger Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facilities Expansion - Phase 2: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of the phase 2 expansion to the Snapfinger Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility; inclusive of site preparation, modification of existing structures, and the construction of new structures. This request is to increase funding to allow for the completion of six (6) proposed design changes. Awarded to Archer Western Construction, LLC. Amount Not to Exceed \$1,111,640.00.

-agenda item held in committee

[2022-1308](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
The Department of Watershed Management Funding Plan for Capital
Improvement Plan (CIP) for the years 2021 through 2030 (CIP 2021)

-agenda item held in committee

-LCJ: this item will need due diligence regarding possible placement on a special called agenda

TT: I have no objection to that

-LCJ: we will have a special called meeting to get through these items, and give this item a special due diligence

-RP: Central Staff put together a Google doodle to put together a meeting schedule to keep all the commissioners on track regarding special called meetings

-TT: a big piece is the funding plan for the CIP, this is a big decision and we should have a few meetings to ensure the public understands

-LCJ: Central Staff look heavily at a meeting to discuss this special called meeting on Thursday or Friday rather than next week

JR: I'd like to see substantive time put into this to inform our public stakeholders

-TT: I wasn't suggesting a public hearing vein of advertising; moreso a town hall type of process. We need to explain to our constituents what we need to do and how we will pay for it

Z Williams: I'd like to talk to the FAB committee before we come back and discuss what we want it to look like. It may be best served to gain your inputs and I would be prepared to respond. Then we can get you the information you need for this committee.

-LCJ: I'm thankful that we are now where we are; but you know the type of presentation that we need, the data that needs to be given, the assurances that people need to see to feel comfortable regarding water and sanitation. We need to have a presentation. Central Staff please look at Thursday or Friday send us a Google Doodle and we will all come to a time that works for this meeting. At that time you can make the presentation, we can take a vote on it and the other items

-JR: do we have a copy of the rate increase proposal? If you could send it to us that would be helpful

-Question RP: we're looking to have this on our BOC agenda for the next Tuesday?

Z Williams: that is the expectation once the agenda is set

LCJ: we do what we're comfortable with; if we hear it before next week, we would move it to the next phase, but if not we will have the necessary discussions

-Question TT: will part of this be tied to the refinancing of the water and sewer bonds?

M Houser: it's part of it; in the agenda item it's the entire financial plan. It's the rate plan, the WFIA loan #2, bond refinancing, a plan as to how we solidify our future for water and sewer infrastructure until 2030. we will be happy to engage

-TT: I'm ready to approve the rate increases; I just want to ensure our constituents understand this as well and that we do our due diligence regarding the full scope of the work

-JR: we have not had discussion on that policy discussion and how that amount of money should be raised

LCJ: I would hope that when we have that discussion this would be disclosed

M Houser: we have a proposal on how we will address the aspects. The rate increase will be requested to be across the board. The enQuesta piece will also be addressed in the presentation that our team will engage the Board of Commissioners on.

LCJ: we will look forward to the presentation; I am pushing for Thursday or Friday

RP: Monday will be easier for my schedule; Thursday and Friday will be best for me

Meeting Ended At: 5:35 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 - Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC