



**DRAFT - Minutes**

**PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee**

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Tuesday, August 16, 2022

3:30 PM

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

*(2) on DCTVChannel23.TV*

Meeting Started At: 3:31 PM

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

**Present**        2 - Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, and Commissioner Robert Patrick

**Not Present**    1 - Commissioner Ted Terry

**I. MINUTES**

**2022-2029**        Commission District(s): ALL  
Minutes for the August 2, 2022, Public Works and Infrastructure Committee Meeting

**This agenda item was approved**

**II. DISCUSSION**

Street Sweepers

-presentation provided by Director Hutchinson

-Question LCJ: did we buy street sweepers?

-T Hutchinson: to my knowledge we have not purchased street sweepers

-additional information provided by COO Williams

-Question LCJ: there was an agenda item that came before us around 2019 that was approved. I remember very well because street sweepers has already.

-presentation continued by Director Hutchinson

-additional information provided by CPO Horner

-Question LCJ: At one point were we utilizing street sweepers through the city of Atlanta?

T Hutchinson: Not that I know of

COO Williams: We provided a presentation to the board in 2019 where we discussed the possibility of purchasing sweepers. That did not bear fruit and we have only contracted street sweepers. However if the board sees fit to direct more money in the budget towards street sweeping that can be a discussion.

Question RP: Thank you for the map provided. These are more traveled roads compared to neighborhood roads. Is there I criteria for roads to be selected for sweeping, what would it cost to provided services to neighborhoods?

T Hutchison: We have not looked at going into neighborhoods, the machines need a lot of access, they kick up dust and there is a lot of liability going into the neighborhoods. If there I catch basins that need to be cleaned out, our internal curb bumping does provide that service.

RP: Some jurisdictions do provide neighborhood sweeping services, I think that would be a good next step of the county's part to show we are concerned with neighborhood ascetics

Hutchinson: I understand, we are able to allow crews to go in and clean up litter and perform tree cutting services, etc. For street sweeping services we would need to look more into that, there is a lot of liability.

Question LCJ: we have only serviced 52.6 miles?

Hutchinson: The presentation provided was inaccurate.

LCJ: please provide us with the updated information. Secondly, what is the total amount of locations for 2022?

T Hutchinson: 127 locations

Question LCJ: And they are serviced multiple times a year, correct?

T Hutchinson: the frequency is just one time. We have several contractors that divide up the County to ensure they do not cross over and are able to reach a larger span of the County.

Question LCJ: We only street sweep each location one a year?

T Hutchinson: That is correct - As we review we add more roads to the area for next year.

Question RP: What was the cost of the program?

T Hutchison 100-150 per hour. I can get you the full contract and how much we spent in 2021. This is funded through the beautification budget.

Question LJ: Does this equate to the request I made to increase street sweepers? Has it increased or is this the same amount. COO

Williams: My impression that ultimately all of the recommendations from the committee's end up in FAB but the PWI committee would support your recommendation to increase the budget, or however it is eventually framed out of this conversation

Question LJ: Would that increase allow us to sweep 3 times per street?

COO Williams: If directed from the PWI committee that the increase would mean providing multiple sweeps, yes, we would get it done

LJ: I only say three because of the seasons, Spring, Summer, Fall. you should consider putting something out to let people know your system or schedule.

Question LCJ: IS once a year adequate?

T Hutchinson: Through all services provided the County is clean, yes. The sweeping is just part of the program.

Question LCJ: I've asked before for a plan for edging on major corridors such as flat shoals and memorial drive. I am still interested in that and believe that is something we should be doing provided we can fund it. Many have asked about sustainable environments along those corridors as well. City of Decatur has implemented low maintenance greenery and over time I think it will pay for itself. Is there any assistance needed in developing an all-terrain landscaping on major corridors?MDJ: I have not received any inquiries about the sweepers however I will say it looks so much better than compared to when I came on. I'd like to see a budget for the proposed expansion so we can see if this is something the Commission would want to carry forth. I am for maintenance of our streets including litter pick up I just would like to know the cost.

LCJ: Duly noted and previously requested. I defer to Ms. Hutchinson and COO Williams as to when they can create

something and return to Committee. Please let us know if there is anything we need to do to help, such as a study along major corridors.  
LJ: I want to caution us, residents don't delineate between what the County and the State are responsible for. I'd like to know how much we pay for clean-up for state roads and highways. Secondly, consider some signs for educational purposes for what the State is responsible for with a number for residents to call. Thank you for the discussion.

COO Williams: I appreciate the acknowledgment for our team's work we have done on the State's roads. It is important to know we do spend County time and resources to provide that maintenance. I do like the Idea of capturing the costs we give to State road clean up.  
LCJ: I say again we're here to support you and not have difficult conversations or put you in a in an adverse position. If we need to be responsible for development or study of corridors and some of these suggestions we are here. I will defer to Ms. Hutchinson to let us know what you need to accommodate these services.

### III. AGENDA ITEM

*Previously Heard Items:*

2022-1852

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 5 to Contract Nos.: 1115899, 1118591 and 1118593 for Asphaltic Concrete Pavement Repairs (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D) and Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs (RPCA). These contracts consist of completing paving repairs. Awarded to A&S Paving, Inc., Greenway One, Inc., and HEH Paving, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,900,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval upon receipt of additional information to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 8/23/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, and Commissioner Patrick

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Terry

*-CPO Horner: the amount of \$2,900,000 was not supported and their recommendation was \$1M less.*

*-additional information provided by Director Lemke*

*-LCJ: I'm assuming we want to approve a substitute with a dollar amount of \$1,900,000?*

*-C Horner: that's correct, and we will get you that substitute information prior to Tuesday*

*-RP: motion to approve (pending additional information) with a substitute amount of \$1,900,000*

[2022-1863](#) Commission District(s): All  
ITB No. 22-101492 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). Consists of providing tree cutting and removal services countywide on an as needed basis. Recommend award to all responsive and responsible bidders: Casey Tree Experts, Inc., One Two Tree, LLC, Neda, Inc. dba Garden of Aden, and Sesmas Tree Service, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$7,554,975.00.

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 8/23/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, and Commissioner Patrick

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Terry

*-agenda item was supported by OIIA review  
-information provided by Director Lemke*

[2022-1894](#) Commission District(s): All  
LB - Invitation No. 21-101473 2022 Gas Collection and Control System (GCCS) Expansion at Seminole Road MSW Landfill: for use by Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of the construction and expansion of the GCCS at the Seminole Road Landfill. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Carlson Environmental Consultants, PC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,045,848.00.

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 8/23/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, and Commissioner Patrick

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Terry

*-agenda item was supported by OIIA review  
-information provided by Director Hutchinson*

*New Agenda Items:*

[2022-1550](#) Commission District(s): All  
LB- Invitation No. 22-101512 Steel Bottoms & Tops Lids (Annual Contract with Two Options to Renew): for the use by Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of purchasing steel bottoms and top lids for commercial containers at various locations within the County. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Wastequip Manufacturing Company, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$200,000.00

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 8/23/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, and Commissioner Patrick

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Terry

-no additional information requested

[2022-1551](#) Commission District(s): All  
LB - Invitation No. 22-101513 Commercial Containers, Commercial Container Lids, Commercial Recycle Containers and Roll-Off Containers (Annual Contract with Two Options to Renew): for the use by Public Works - Sanitation. Consist of supplying commercial containers for the roll-off and commercial services. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Wastequip Manufacturing Company, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$500,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 8/23/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, and Commissioner Patrick

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Terry

*-information provided by Director Hutchinson*

*-Question LCJ: what was it that required us to rescind the award last year?*

*T Hutchinson: The price fluctuation for the price of steel; we went open market for a while until we could get a solid commitment from a vendor*

2022-1781

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 1233446 for Environmental Monitoring and Gas Collection and Control System (GCCS) Operations and Maintenance Services (Multi-year Contract): for use by the Department of Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of providing environmental monitoring services and GCCS, operations and maintenance services related to municipal solid waste at the DeKalb County Seminole Road Landfill. Awarded to Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. Amount Not to Exceed: \$50,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 8/23/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, and Commissioner Patrick

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Terry

*-Question LCJ: why are we doing a change order here?  
-response provided by Director Hutchinson*

2022-1905

Commission District(s): All  
REN - Guardrail Repair and Installation (1st Renewal - Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos. 1266958 and 1269771: for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). These contracts consist of providing repair and installation of guardrails within various areas of the County. Awarded to Stembridge Custom Metals, Inc. and Gracie Gray Contractors, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$360,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 8/23/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, and Commissioner Patrick

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Terry

*-information provided by Director Lemke*

*-Question LJ: I have a lot of them that need to be painted. Do we have an inventory of guard rails that can be checked? Many of them are rusted in my district. Does this just repair or do we have someone who can paint?*

*R Lemke: this is a simple repair; we do not have an inventory as much as we wish that we did. This is just for guard rail repair and not the painting nor installation of new guard rail. Additional information provided by Director Lemke*

*-Question LJ: at some point in the future if you could discuss in PWI the painting of the guard rails.*

*LCJ: we do have quite a few rusted guard rails. I don't think we've probably had an ongoing capital improvement plan as it relates to the guard rails. I will work with Ms. Allen so that we can have necessary conversations.*

*-Question LCJ: why would we need to have a study for installation of a new guard rail?*

*-response provided by Director Lemke*

*-RP: to Commissioner Johnson, with the sidewalk inventory request, Stacy said that it can look at the width of sidewalks but also the inclusion of guard rails in existing roads. We could also pickup sidewalks and guardrails in that. I have noted specific guard rails that would need to be addressed*

*-R Lemke: Commissioner if you could send that information so that it can be added to our list*

2022-2010

Commission District(s): ALL

RA-Ratification to PO#1298875-350 HP Crawler Dozer with Warranty: for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by Public Works-Sanitation. Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Sourcewell Cooperative Agreement No. 032119-JDC to purchase two (2) 350 hp crawler dozers with warranties to move collected refuse on the working face of the landfill. Recommend approval to ratify the purchase with Flint Equipment Co. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,657,202.00.

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 8/23/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, and Commissioner Patrick

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Terry

*-information provided by Director Lemke*

2022-1969

Commission District(s): 3 & 6

Agreement for the Construction and Financing of Sewer Upgrades with Aurora Senior I, LP Not to Exceed \$72,500.

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 8/23/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, and Commissioner Patrick

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Terry

-LJ: Mr. Hayes, these items look like Zoning. Please let me know, if it's regarding Zoning, before this hits the agenda. Our area has some of the most affordable housing in District 3. I hope that I don't get a lot of apartments that pop up; I thought we would get businesses, restaurants, etc. I just need to be forewarned, because the calls will come to me regarding the development and I will have a plan of action

-LCJ: I want to be assured that we would not issue credits if there is a matter of zoning change. Can someone verify that for me?

-Z Williams: I certainly appreciate your remarks and will take responsibility for ensuring we notify district commissioners when these types of things are happening. I'm sure we can put a system in place that lets you know before this is placed on the agenda. I read you loud and clear.

-information provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-additional information provided by Director Hayes

-Question RP: on page 2 of the first contract, 'sewer capacity approval in lieu of certification'. Could you explain what that certification entails, when does it come into play, and how does it relate to the consent decree?

-response provided by Director Hayes

-Question RP: is there a certification that verifies maximum capacity on that trunkline?

D Hayes: that is our modeling system. Additional information provided by Director Hayes

-information provided by Director Houser

-comments provided by Bishop GT Lewis

2022-1970

Commission District(s): 3 & 6  
Agreement for the Construction and Financing of Sewer Upgrades with Fullerton Family I, LP  
Not to Exceed \$222,500.

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 8/23/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, and Commissioner Patrick

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Terry

-information provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson  
-additional information provided by Director Hayes

2022-1971

Commission District(s): 4 & 7  
Agreement for the Construction and Financing of Sewer Upgrades with Prudential Overall Supply Not to Exceed \$123,000

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 8/23/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, and Commissioner Patrick

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Terry

-information provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson  
-additional information provided by Director Hayes



[2022-1972](#) Commission District(s): 2 & 6  
Agreement for the Construction and Financing of Sewer Upgrades with  
NR East Decatur Property Owner LLC, Not to Exceed \$401,500  
**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Lorraine  
Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for  
approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 8/23/2022.  
The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, and Commissioner Patrick

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Terry

*-information provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson  
-additional information provided by Director Hayes*

[2022-1812](#) Commission District(s): All  
LB - Invitation No. 22-101493 Chlorine Gas, Sodium Hydroxide,  
Sodium Hypochlorite and Sodium Bicarbonate (Three (3) Year  
Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed  
Management (DWM). Consists of providing chemicals to treat drinking  
water for DeKalb County residents. Recommend award to the lowest,  
responsive and responsible bidder: Brentagg Mid-South Inc. Amount  
Not To Exceed: \$5,321,808.00  
**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Lorraine  
Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for  
deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 8/23/2022.  
The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, and Commissioner Patrick

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Terry

*-agenda item is currently in OIIA audit review  
-LCJ: this is a time sensitive item. Is this something that can wait to the next meeting or can we take action pending audit?  
-D Hayes: I am fully confident that Ms. Horner will work with the department so that everything will function as normal  
-RP: motion to defer to the next PWI committee meeting, pending audit*

Meeting Ended At: 5:09 PM

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Lorraine  
Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be adjourned meeting.  
The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, and Commissioner Patrick

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Terry

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Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC