



Draft -Minutes

PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

3:30 PM

Meeting Started At: 3:39 PM

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

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

I. MINUTES

2023-0100 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for February 7, 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. DISCUSSION

FY23 Budget Discussion

Sanitation

Question TT: question related to the sanitation budget; regarding recycling, it was dashed out, is the recycling expenditure the same?

Hutchinson: its about a million a year, its built into our operating budget to pay Pratt.

Question TT: what are the non CDL trucks for rental?

Hutchinson: we are looking at continue renting those trucks

Roads & Drainage

Information provided by Director Lemke

RL: we have had 3 enhancements not recommended in upcoming budget; in-grade adjustments (%50,000), upgrade of 4 positions (\$187,486) and replacement of 10 salt/snowplows (\$7,500,000). We will be looking at those down the road Question RP: Last year you mentioned a 6 million for addressing street lights?

RL: Yes the presentation includes an update to the phase we are in of that project with an allocation for it

Question LCJ: do we get internal notifications of traffic power outages ?

Peggy Allen: we do but not all have a system provided, a lot will come from 911 dispatch

Question RP: the time frame for replacement snow plows?

RL: at least 18 months

TJ: we are recommending the early replacement of snowplows through the vehicle replacement fund

Question RP: are these purpose built truck or can you a-fix something to another truck

Peggy Allen: some is dual purpose, these types of trucks were also used during the pipe freezes over Christmas Question TT: I support the snow plows, how many do we have now?

Peggy Allen: we have a total of 16, the ones at R&D are worn so we want to get started replacing them

TT Motion: Recommend to FAB committee an amendment of 7,500,000 for Roads & Drainage for snow plows

Second RP

Vote: Yes unanimous

Question TT: county verse municipal roads, do cities call us in for use of snowplow?

Peggy Allen: we focus on unincorporated dekalb or cities in our judication, Stonecrest, tucker, Doraville

Question LCJ: Do we have a IGA of services with Stonecrest, can we get additional information?

COO Williams: We need to locate, we are collecting their taxes to provide the services.

TJ Sigler: To clarify, the 7.5 is already imbedded in the recommended budget (replacement fund), this is not in addition

Watershed Management

Information provided by David Hayes

David Hayes: our enhancements have been recommended.

DeKalb Sanitation Rate Study

Information provided by Mr. Wilds

Question LJC: What are you currently paying drivers?

COO Williams: \$17-\$19 LCD Drivers. The \$15 is typically refuse collectors

Question RP: If pay increases to \$20/hr do you have a plan to deal with compression?

Wilds: Yes we do

LCJ Request: I am assuming that the 8.5 million in new debt is this year? Let's have that conversation

Childs: Now changes to residential fees in 2023

Question TT: how many residential customers have a 395 gallon trash cans?

Wild: We don't but it is not common

Question TT: what is the rationale for discounted services for double the waste?

Question LCJ: this is associated with what is currently offered depending on how many carts you currently have. Hutchinson: Correct.

San1 - residential with 1 cart San 2 - 2 95gl carts, optional recycling is 408. We do have households with 3 trashcans and recycling, 520.

These are current established rates

Question TT: its cheaper for residents for us to take more waste? Maybe we need to reconsider; if its 265 for San 1 then 2 cans would be over 500 not 408.

Hutchinson: We service 170,000+ households with 120,000 participating in the recycling program. I was what you are saying; there is a reduction but at the end of the day there is trash in need of service that require more trashcans

Request TT: Impact statement from Sanitation

Request LCJ: breakdown of customers serviced with more than one trashcan and over services such as backdoor service Question LCJ: do we charge for backdoor services?

Hutchinson: there is no additional charges for those services. We can provide an aggregate of services based on tax codes Question MDJ: is it true some of these municipalities can have private entities for pick management

Wilds: correct, we excluded counties that contracted out

Question RP: I receive a lot of complaints regarding commercial pick up. how will rate increases make sure the county can maintain or provide better service than currently set.

Wilds: I can't speak to operations. Additional comments provide

Question TT: How do we work with apartment complexes or commercial customers who need more pickups?

Hutchinson: it's based on size and frequency, when we go out there and a container is blocked due to an eviction we mark it as a blocked container and notify them they need a roll cart. Not all mises are necessary on service; we can't accommodate what we are not notified about.

LCJ Request: central Staff please made note and bring this back to PWI for discussion

Question RP: Do we have ration of number of housing units to trashcans on the books? If not that could that be developed? Example could be if you have 400 units you must have at least 3 containers? This would speak to what was discussed earlier by Director

Hutchinson

Question RP: why don't we go in line with the \$110 tipping fee like our local competitors?

Wilds: that can be an option; we wanted to keep fees reasonable

Question RP: who is using this tip station; what is the breakdown?

Hutchinson: private sectors, cities, citizens - it's a full range

Question TT: you said waste management would change their fuel fees weekly, why the variable?

Hutchinson: fuel prices change on a regular bases, it can be for a lot justifications

Question TT: So in total projected 47 million in additional revenues by 2026

Wilds: that is the projected shortfall if no changes occur

Question TT: what is the actual impact of fees this year?

Wilds: about 24 million dollars

Question TT: early on the presentation a capital bond for 32 million was discussed

Wilds: Accumulatively it is 36 but spread out over several years. 8 this year, 16 in two years

Question LCJ: one year is skipped?

Question TT: the future bond is paid by a 9% increase through 2026?

Request TT: can you provide us a copy of the full comprehensive report

Request RP: chart breakdown of revenue services

Question LCJ: what is the annual?

Wilds: 79 million, mostly from residential. We can provide a breakdown the different sources of revenue from residential, commercial, landfill, transfer station

Question TT: where any other revenue sources considered in the rate study, like composting?

Wilds: we did not, mostly focused on services already provided. Additional information provided.

Request LCJ: Lets have you come back with an update

Question TT: do you have any part of the study that expands on recommendations for revenues? I'd love to know what other counties are doing to increase revenue? If we are going to increase residential rates I want to make sure there is something provided. composting the yard and food waste and then turn around to provide it to residents is valuable.

LCJ: I agree with Commissioner Terry, I believe this focused on commercial not residential. If you want to review residential I'm happy to have that conversation - Please bring us any updates

Question RP: Please provide us a copy of the presentation with mistakes removed, what is the time frame for completion? COO Williams: Our goal is to bring back a item next cycle with the intention of moving forward with increased proposed.

Motion TT: Return agenda item that reflects represented fees and return to committee with additional revenue discussions

Second RP

Vote: Yes unanimous

III. AGENDA ITEM

Previously Heard Items

[2023-0228](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 22-101543 SPLOST Phase II Resurfacing Project (Area A) (365 Days): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). Consists of providing SPLOST (Phase II - Area A) road resurfacing to various roads located in DeKalb County. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: E.R. Snell Contractor, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$22,483,778.80.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for approval upon receipt of additional information to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/28/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Information provided by COO Williams

RP Motion: Rec Approval pending additional information (audit)

[2023-0113](#)

Commission District(s): 4 & 7

Agreement for the Construction and Financing of Sewer Upgrades with Captura Rockbridge

Acquisition I LLC Not to Exceed \$150,500.

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 2/28/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

COO Williams: We would like to defer

RP Motion: Rec deferral

New Agenda Items

2023-0191 Commission District(s): Commission Districts 2,6
CSX Encroachment Agreement at S. McDonough Street, East College
Ave. and East Howard Ave. No Cost to County
**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 2/28/2023. The motion carried by
the following vote:**

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

Information provided by COO Williams & Peggy Allen Question

LCJ: this allows for permeant signals and poles?

Peggy Allen: that is correct

Question LCJ: who is paying the cost?

Peggy Allen: it is a joint effort between the county, State and CXS

2023-0201 Commission District(s): All
REN - Contract Nos. 1242005 and 1242006 Electrical Switchgear
Inspections and Repair (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options
to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management
(DWM). The contracts consist of providing inspection and repair of
switchgear equipment at water and wastewater treatment plants. This
request seeks to ratify a previously provided sixty (60) day contract
term increase and exercise the 2nd renewal option through January 31,
2024 for both contracts. Awarded to Cleveland Electric Company and
Brown Electrical Services, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed:
\$2,493,572.00
**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 2/28/2023. The motion carried by
the following vote:**

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

Information provided Director David Hayes

Question LCJ: why the 60 day ratification?

DH: the contract would have expired

[2023-0082](#)

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 1 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 ratify a previously provided sixty (60) day contract term increase for one vendor (FM Shelton); increase the contract term through July 31, 2023; and increase funds. Awarded to F.M Shelton, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,999,164.00.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended holding in committee to the PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee, due back on 3/7/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Item sent to OIIA on 2/16, review has not returned

TT Motion: Hold in committee for further study

Meeting Ended At: 5:32 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