



# DeKalb County Government

1300 Commerce Drive  
Decatur, Georgia 30030

## Minutes

### PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

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Tuesday, September 19, 2023

3:30 PM

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Meeting Started At:  
3:34 PM

Attendees: Commissioners Cochran-Johnson, Patrick, Terry, Bradshaw

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

#### I. MINUTES

**2023-1070**          Commission District(s): ALL  
Minutes for the August 15, 2023, 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: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Terry, and Patrick**

#### II. STATUS UPDATE

Glass Recycling Locations

-presentation provided by Director Hutchinson

-Question LCJ: What process are you using to ensure the community is aware of the changes?

T Hutchinson: We use our website. Everything is up to date. Additional information provided.

LCJ Request: Please draft a countywide press release giving the public a notification of changes for drop off. And please send all commissioners a flyer we could use in our press.

Question LCJ: Is glass recycling down?

T Hutchinson: The program launched in 2017. In 2017 we collected 203 tons (July -December), in 2018 we collected 825 tons, 2019 collected 1044 tons. In 2020 we collected 1,196 tons, 2021 collected 1096 tons. 2022 we collected 912 tons. Year to date for 2023 540 tons. We are on track to produce over 1000 tons of glass by the end of this year, 2023.

-Question LCJ: I wanted to verify this item includes both glass and plastic?

T Hutchinson: Anything at the curb we pay Pratt to process. Glass is a revenue, we get money back from the vendor.

-Question RP: We are going to be spending 1.1 million to Pratt for cardboard and paper recycling?

Comments provided by Director Hutchinson

-Question RP: Pratt also gets our plastics?

T Hutchinson: Yes, there is a list. We provide a list to every resident on the top of the cans of what is acceptable.

Question RP: Can you explain the process for pick up?

T Hutchinson: Yes we pick up weekly Monday through Thursday. We do three passes - recycling, trash and yard waste. If there is nothing at the curb, we don't stop.

LCJ: We will speak to this another time. There was an article in AJC of comingling waste products. The claim they are putting recycling and trash in the same truck.

T Hutchinson: I'm aware of the article, that is not correct procedure. Additional information provided.

Question TT: Regarding the glass recycling; are we still having issues of bins being too full?

T Hutchinson: I'm hoping that is addressed. I have not received complaints recently. Additional information provided. There is a total of 7 locations at the moment we are working for Wade Walker in the next 30 days

Question TT: this is long containers?

T Hutchinson: Yes these are the 30 yard containers with partisans. We used to have to separate colors.

Question TT: When they are not doing roll off what are the employees doing, driving small trucks?

T Hutchinson: No, roll off drivers work all day on roll offs. Additional information provided

Question TT: City of Atlanta is introducing sensors to notify when a cart is full. Have you looked further into it?

Hutchinson: Yes I've given it to my GIS Analyst for review, we've looked at it for commercial use like apartment complexes that historically do not communicate with us. Our goal is always service provided. We will still need to visually review containers. Additional comments provided.

LCJ: Commissioner Terry please send out the senior article. I will work with central Staff to continue this conversation at a later point

## Snapfinger Wastewater Treatment Facility

-Presentation provided by Director Hayes & Wendell Brown

Comments provided by Commissioner Patrick

Question TT: Would it be possible to do a tour for everyone; maybe consider a PWI Meeting onsite

Wendell: I can take up 15-20 people

LCJ: I will reach out for a tour. Additional Comments provided

## III. DISCUSSION

### FY23 Budget Adjustments

*Discussion not heard in committee*

## IV. AGENDA ITEM

*New Agenda items*

**Transportation**

[2023-1071](#) Commission District(s): 3 & 7  
An Ordinance to Amend the Code of DeKalb County, Georgia-  
Parking Restriction on Cedar Crest Way  
**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 9/26/2023. The motion  
carried by the following vote:**

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

*-Information provided by Patrice Keeter*

*Question LCJ: Why the Petition ?*

*Comments provided by Ms. Keeter*

*Question LCJ: Why do you only need 51% for parking but traffic calming in*

*65%? Keeter: I'm not sure this is our current SOP; Additional comments provided*

*Question TT: When was the subdivision built?*

*Keeter: I do not know*

[2023-0961](#) Commission District(s): 4, 5 & 7  
RFP - Request for Proposal No. 23-500642 Redan Road Corridor  
Scoping Study: for use by Public Works Transportation (365 Days).  
Consists of providing a transportation study to guide in modernizing the  
Redan Road corridor from Holcombe Road to South Hairston Road to  
improve better transportation options for the stakeholders in the area  
and to address congestion/safety issues. Recommend award to the  
highest scoring proposer: KCI Technology, Inc. Amount Not To  
Exceed: \$379,000.00.  
**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 9/26/2023. The motion carried by  
the following vote:**

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

*-Information provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson*

[2023-1039](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 23-101590 DeKalb Industrial Way at Milscott Drive Traffic Signal (270 days): for use by Public Works-Transportation. Consists of the installation of a traffic signal on DeKalb Industrial Way at Milscott Drive. Some roadway striping and minor sidewalk work are included. Recommend award to the sole, responsive and responsible bidder: Brooks Berry Haynie & Associates, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$353,635.75.

**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 9/26/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-Information provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson*

#### **Roads & Drainage**

[2023-0983](#)

Commission District(s): County Wide

Speed Zone Order/Radar Permit Application - 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 9/26/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Director Allen*

*Question LCJ: the submission of a new permit will reflect changes in City of Tucker, Howell Rd and Stone Mountain Industrial?*

*Allen: That is correct*

*Question TT: do we run radar as a normal course of duties of the police department*

*Peggy Allen: Yes we use it,*

*TT Request: Report from Police on Radar usage*

[2023-0864](#) Commission District(s): All  
REN - Contract Nos.: 1274332, 1275648, and 1275653 Hot Asphaltic Mix Concrete (Annual Contracts - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). These contracts consist of purchasing the asphaltic material needed to complete multiple asphalt repair and maintenance projects. This request seeks to exercise the 2nd renewal option through December 31, 2024 and ratify Purchase Order Nos. 1342222 and 1342228. Awarded to JT Asphalt, LLC; Metro Materials, Inc.; and Pittman Construction Company. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,210,000.00.  
**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 9/26/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Peggy Allen*

*Question TT: How are we tracking pot holes?*

*Peggy Allen: We track work orders for repairs*

*Question TT: They are in city report, you could provide a report? Peggy Allen: Yes we can get those to you*

[2023-1014](#) Commission District(s): All  
LB - Invitation No. 23-101572 2023 LMIG Road Resurfacing Projects (Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). Consists of resurfacing DeKalb County roads. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder: C.W. Matthews Contracting Co. Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$25,692,675.58.  
**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 9/26/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*- Item pending review by OIIA*

*RP Request: Excel file of roads under LMIG brought to the next hearing of the item*

*- TT: motion to defer to next PWI (10/3)*

[2023-1018](#)

Commission District(s): All  
REN - Contract Nos.: 1266958 and 1269771 Guardrail Repair and Installation (2nd Renewal - Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): 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. This request seeks to exercise the 2nd renewal option through September 30, 2024. Awarded to Stembridge Custom Metals, Inc. and Gracie Gray Contractors, Inc. Total 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 9/26/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson  
LCJ Request: Return to PWI to discuss guard rails repairs*

**Sanitation**

[2023-0941](#)

Commission District(s): ALL  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Purchase Order (PO) No. 1292080 Non CDL Truck Rental (Emergency): for use by the Department of Public Works - Sanitation. This PO consists of the rental of non-CDL trucks to assist with County recycling routes. This request seeks to increase the PO funds and continue the current lease of 4 existing non-CDL trucks through December 31, 2023. Awarded to RDK Assets, Inc. dba RDK Trucks Sales. Amount Not to Exceed: \$183,844.00.

**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 9/26/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Tracy Hutchinson*

*Question TT: Are we experience delays for recycling collections?*

*Hutchinson: yes there could be delays. Obviously that is not the goal. Additional comments provided*

*Question TT: But your purchasing the same trucks?*

*Hutchinson: yes we are going to buy the rented trucks and one additional*

*Question TT: How many routes does this cover?*

*Hutchinson: 4 Routes*

*Question TT: did we lose CDL drivers in 2021?*

*Hutchinson: yes. We have turnover every year.*

*Comments provided by Commissioner Terry*

*Comments provided by Director Hutchinson*

*Comments provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson*

*Comments provided by COO Williams*

*Question TT: My main question is if this is the solution why are we not expanding it*

*LCJ: Honestly this is probably spurred by need. Additional information provided*

*Comments provided by Cochran Johnson*

2023-1005

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 23-101562 Residential Single-Stream Recycling Materials, Commercial Cardboard & Mixed Paper (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works-Sanitation.

Consists of processing residential single-stream recycling materials, commercial cardboard, and mixed paper collected by the recycling program. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Pratt Recycling, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,170,000.00.

**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 9/26/2023. 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: Why are we expecting 18,000 tons, is this over several years, where does the 18,000 come from? We have concerns over recycling in DeKalb, and what it is actually costing to recycle in this county. I would request a deferral and ask OIIA to review this contract. Additional comments provided*

*LCJ: I think some of this would benefit from a separate conversation. Additional comments provided*

*Hutchinson: The amount is not to exceed. We pay for what we send and is process.*

*Question TT: can anyone speak to the reduction in recycling numbers?*

*Comments provided by Director Hutchinson*

*Question TT: Do we weigh the trucks going to the landfill, show me where the landfill truck weights have increased*

*COO Williams: we would like some time to take a look as to the issue.*

*Question LCJ: Would a deferral of the item delay service? Let's let the audit team look at the numbers and have COO come back with a course of action.*

*COO Williams: We will continue service if delayed.*

*Question TT: When does the contract expire, November 22nd?*

*Comments provided by Michelle Butler*

*Question TT: I'm still concerned how the 18,000 tons got in the contract. We are not close to that amount. Is money being moved around to cover this contract?*

*Hutchinson: No, we pay a monthly invoice to Pratt. this helps us avoid change orders. Additional comments provided. LCJ: Lets engage OIIA to review the recycling program, tonnage and the contract*

*-TT: motion to defer pending OIIA*

*Motion failed due to lack of a second*

*-RP: motion to approve the item and ask there be an audit to look at different weights of recycling programs*

## **Watershed Management**

2023-0915

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1301526 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 is to increase scope of work and funds to allow for the completion of work. Awarded to Ruby-Collins, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed \$22,235,110.70.

**This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 9/26/2023 .**

*Pending OIIA Results Item  
not heard in Committee -Rec  
Holding in Committee*



[2023-1015](#)

Commission District(s): All  
REN - Contract No. 1303265 Steel Bottoms & Tops Lids (Annual Contract 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Public Works - Sanitation. This contract consists of purchasing steel bottoms and top lids for commercial containers at various locations within the County. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided thirty (30) day contract term increase effective as of August 31, 2023. This request also seeks to exercise the 1st renewal option through August 31, 2024. Awarded to Wastequip Manufacturing Company, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$200,00.00.

**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 9/26/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Commissioner Cochran  
Johnson Substitute is expected to correct the amount*

[2023-1017](#)

Commission District(s): All  
REN - Contract No. 1303313 Commercial Containers, Commercial Container Lids, Commercial Recycle Containers and Roll-Off Containers (Annual Contract 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Public Works - Sanitation. This contract consists of supplying commercial containers for the roll-off and commercial services. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided thirty (30) day contract term increase effective as of August 31, 2023. This request also seeks to exercise the 1st renewal option through August 31, 2024. Awarded to Wastequip Manufacturing Company, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$300,00.00.

**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 9/26/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by Commissioner Cochran  
Johnson Substitute is expected to correct the amount*

- [2023-1049](#) Commission District(s): 3 & 6  
Agreement for the Construction and Financing of Sewer Upgrades with Cielo Blu, LLC for a Contribution Amount of \$143,500  
**This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 9/26/2023 .**

*Item not heard in Committee  
-Rec Holding in Committee*

- [2023-1175](#) Commission District(s): 4 & 7  
Financing of Water Line Upgrades with the City of Tucker not to exceed \$336,827.11  
**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 9/26/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Information provided by COO Williams*

- [2023-1081](#) Commission District(s): ALL  
LB - Invitation No. 23-101579 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Fuel Station Operations, Preventive Maintenance, & Repair Services (Annual Contract with 3 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of providing on call operations, preventive maintenance, and repair services for the CNG fueling station. Recommend award to the overall lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Atlanta Gas Light Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$450,000.00.  
**This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 9/26/2023 .**

*Item not heard in Committee  
-Rec Holding in Committee*

*Previously Heard Items*

### **Watershed Management**

[2023-0830](#) Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1268548 (fka 1210485)  
and Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1208627 Consent Decree  
- Construction Management Services: Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation  
and Replacement (CD-GSRR): for use by the Department of  
Watershed Management (DWM). These contracts consist of  
providing construction management services for various gravity  
sewer collection system rehabilitation and replacement projects.  
This request is to increase contract funds to Contract Nos.: 1268548  
(fka 1210485) and 1208627 and the contract term through  
December 31, 2025 to Contract No. 1268548 (fka 1210485).  
Awarded to Gresham Smith/CERM Joint Venture (GS/C-JV) and  
Benchmark Management, LLC. Total Amount Not to Exceed:  
\$5,930,000.00.  
**This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to  
the Board of Commissioners due back on 9/26/2023 .**

*Item not heard in Committee  
-Rec Holding in Committee*

**Board of Commissioners - District 6**

[2023-0680](#) Commission District(s): All DeKalb County Commission Districts  
A Resolution to Update the DeKalb County Traffic Calming  
Program  
**This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to  
the Board of Commissioners due back on 9/26/2023 .**

*Item not heard in Committee  
-Rec Holding in Committee*

Meeting Ended At: 5:31 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, Terry, and Patrick**

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Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC