



Draft -Minutes

PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

Tuesday, June 21, 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: 3:37 PM

Attendees: Commissioners Cochran-Johnson, Terry, Johnson

Present 2 - Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, and Commissioner Ted Terry

Not Present 1 - Commissioner Robert Patrick

I. MINUTES

2022-1771 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the June 7, 2022, Public Works and Infrastructure Committee Meeting

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Patrick

II. STATUS UPDATE

Water/Sewer Capacity Report

-presentation provided by Director Houser

-Question TT: for large developments greater than 180 days in progress, could you provide more information?

-information provided by Director Houser

-Question LCJ: I see the map showed here is at DeKalb GIS website. This hasn't been placed on the county website yet has it?

M Houser: not yet we wanted to show this to the commissioners first

-Question LCJ: is there a link to this included anywhere?

M Houser: no because you need a password to login; however when the GIS team rolls it out it will be accessible and users will be able to toggle through

-Question LCJ: 60% of stormwater is owned and controlled by the county, but the other 40% is controlled by the people of DeKalb. This tool will inform individuals who is responsible for the stormwater. I love the map and can't wait to be more engaged with the map

III. DISCUSSION

Public/Private Sewers

-presentation provided by Director Houser on managing private stormwater in the public sewers

-Question TT: regarding the legacy systems, does that mean the government put in combined systems or the private entities allowed to place combined systems?

M Houser: it may not have been a planned approach when you look back at history. There was not a sewage treatment plant across the metro area. There's a lot of history there so that's the reason why we say some of the legacy systems. But we know there should be separate systems.

-M Houser: we will be coming back to the board regarding certain incentives we want to roll out

-Question TT: is it mostly the residential laterals that are that 50% or is it commercial, university, etc.?

M Houser: we don't have that information but can get it to you. I will see if our GIS team can help us figure out that

-Question TT: in residential areas, are we finding that developers may have built a subdivision; who did the pipes from the stormwater to the sewer system?

M Houser: many communities have been here for decades; in some cases it was easier to connect the pipes; we have some legacy issues

-Question LCJ: regarding the smoke tests, as we are finding these issues, are the bulk of issues private?

M Houser: yes - when we do smoke testing we are looking at private issues

-Question TT: you list goal to release 25 millions of gallons per day. Regarding these 8500 defects identified, what percentage of that 25 million is coming from these private defects, and what percentage is coming from the roots?

M Houser: that 25 million is the public side, not the private side. Additional information provided by Director Houser

-Question TT: on a single family home built 80 years ago, they may have a gutter or downspout going into a some drain that dumps into the sewer lateral from the house. Could you discuss the distinguishing between a private home and a development that may be involved in that system?

-response provided by Director Houser

-Question JR: regarding the county financing and repairs, where are we in the process of getting that rolled out?

COO Williams: we're finalizing one of the programs regarding Care and Concern; I'm anticipating that being signed in the next 7 days, and that could help get people connected. That is called Project Nehemiah

-JR: please send me more information on that

-Question TT: regarding the financing for the low income assistance - in the energy sector there is a pay-as-you-save concept for homeowners to be attached to the meter, regardless of who lives there. I also wonder if our stormwater fee assessment may come into play here - does that equation change if the stormwater is now going into the wrong pipe? Can a stormwater fee consider a different formula to take issues like this into consideration? Is the policy for us to expedite as quickly as possible, or is it about what we can afford? Does it make sense to increase the credit system?

-responses provided by Director Houser

-Question TT: are there any projections from agencies on the wet cycle/dry cycle?

M Houser: we will reach out; we understand the environment will become more extreme with climate change; I will make a note of that

-Question JR: how can I direct ratepayers to apply for a credit for casual irrigation?

Z Williams: let me get an update on where that is and provide that at the next meeting

-Question JR: what do we need to do at watershed to make us ready to issue Watershed new public debt?

Z Williams: other than getting the finance advisory team I don't know if there are other considerations.

-Question JR: how far have we run through the 70 million that we borrowed against tax funds?

Z Williams: around \$40 million

-Question JR: do you expect spending it by the end of the year?

M Houser: we do expect spending that by the end of the year

IV. AGENDA ITEM

Previously Heard Items:

[2022-1624](#) Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 6 for Contract Nos.: 1063844, 1063841, and 1068774 Annual Water & Sewer Construction (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). These contracts consist of primarily providing installation and repair of water and sewer pipes in various sizes. This request seeks to increase the contract funding and term through June 30, 2023. Awarded to GS Construction, Inc., SD&C, Inc., and The Renee Group/CamKen Consulting (RGI/CamKen JV). Total Amount Not to Exceed: \$18,782,452.91.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 6/28/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Patrick

-item is currently in OIIA audit review

-LCJ: at the next meeting I would like our Legal department to speak to some of the issues related to the vendor

-TT: motion to defer 2 weeks

[2022-1341](#) Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1240831 Consent Decree - Proactive and Reactive Assessment and Cleaning For Gravity Sewer Lines (PRAC) [Multiyear Contract With 1 Option to Renew]: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists primarily of providing sanitary sewer assessments that include: assessments for gravity sewer pipes with diameters from 8” to over 36”; tiered assessments for 8” to 18”; and TISCIT assessment for pipes larger than 18”. This request is to add new scope of work and increase the existing scope of work and funding. Awarded to Metals and Materials Engineers, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$5,611,257.89.

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Yes: 2 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Patrick

-item is currently in OIA audit review

2022-1464

Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 21-101427 Ferric Chloride, Liquid Oxygen, & Various Chemicals (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 bidders: PVS Technologies, Inc.; Airgas USA, LLC; and Univar Solutions USA, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$6,363,288.00.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 6/28/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Patrick

-OIA review complete -the amount was supported

-LCJ: since we have already discussed this item in committee, I would ask that we approve this now that we have support from OIA audit review

2022-1593

Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 21-101446 On-Call Mechanical, Electrical, Instrumentation and Controls, Maintenance Services for Scott Candler, Pole Bridge, and Snapfinger Wastewater Treatment Plants (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing mechanical, instrumentation and controls maintenance services to the County. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: River 2 Tap, Inc. (R2T) and Tesco Controls, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$29,482,500.00.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 6/28/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Patrick

-item is currently in OIA audit review

New Agenda Items:

[2022-1697](#) Commission District(s): 3, 5, and 7
Aesthetic Improvements for Glenwood Road, Covington Highway and
Redwing Circle Bridges over I-285
**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Lorraine
Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for
approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 6/28/2022.
The motion carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Patrick

-information provided by Director Lemke

*-Question TT: the Memorial Drive/285 inter-pass, there is a more decorative fence. So we are looking at doing about the same thing?
R Lemke: that's correct*

*-TT: I like the idea, I think we should take it a bit further and maybe put DeKalb County branding there. In future beautification/gateway
enhancement, we should look at including flowers, landscaping, architectural features, branding.*

*-LCJ: before the item comes there would have to be a comprehensive design that are in line with the aesthetics and planned development
of a particular area*

-information provided by Chris Kingsbury

-Question TT: what is remaining in the beautification/gateway funding?

C Kingsbury: I believe it's around \$400,000

[2022-1559](#) Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 21-101477 Valve Boxes and Risers (Three (3)
Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed
Management (DWM). Consists of the purchase of valve boxes and
risers. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive, and responsible
bidder: F.M. Shelton, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,059,000.00.
**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Lorraine
Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for
approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 6/28/2022.
The motion carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Patrick

-information provided by Director Hayes

2022-1665

Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 for Contract Nos.: 1167992, 1167993 and 1167995 Pond Maintenance Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): 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. Awarded to Williams Icon Homes and Properties, ASAP Landscape Management Group, and Executive Realty Solutions, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$760,000.00.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Patrick

-information provided by Director Lemke

-Question TT: I appreciate the need to cut back overgrown retention ponds. I spoke with a resident who informed me that we mowed the entire pond for their subdivision and was cut down to the bare dirt. Regarding long term maintenance of the ponds, is it more efficient to go in with a bushhog, or scrub the invasive species and re-plant plants that are beneficial species to the land? I wonder in a future contract we can fold in bio remediation so that we don't have to come in a mow every year?Z Williams: let me go back and take a look at that. We can see what others are doing regarding that

-Question TT: would that entail a new RFP?

R Lemke: yes that would be a new RFP

-Question TT: can we pilot with a couple of ponds?

R Lemke: right now we have to focus on addressing the existing needs; but that is something that could be addressed in the future

-TT: a specific suggestion would be to ensure landscapers do bio swells as part of their contract. Can we ask Director Ellis, if we could do bio-retention at one of the parks?

-C Ellis: a lot of times it depends on the retention/detention location and the water build up at that particular spot

2022-1696

Commission District(s): ALL
REN - Rock Crushing (Annual Contract- 1st Renewal Option of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1260316 for use by Public Works-Sanitation. This contract consists of crushing rock, granite, stone and hauling materials to and from the Seminole Road Landfill. Awarded to: K&T Installers, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$150,000.00.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 6/28/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Patrick

information provided by Director Lemke

2022-1703

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 1093417 for Inspection of Sanitary Sewer Stream Crossings (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of inspections and assessments of sewer stream crossings. Awarded to River to Tap (R2T), Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$350,000.00.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Patrick

-information provided by Director Hayes

2022-1724

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No.7 to Contract Nos.: 1038377 and 1038378 for Storm Drainage Infrastructure System Construction for Public Works Stormwater Projects (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 providing storm drainage construction services. Awarded to A&S Paving, Inc. and Kemi Construction Company, Inc. EXTENSION IN TERM ONLY.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 6/28/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, and Commissioner Terry

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Patrick

-information provided by Director Lemke

-Question TT: is this the same contract that has the ability to fix the culvert boxes over the storm drains?

R Lemke: yes it can be covered in this contract; we are looking at a separate program for cleaning of catch basins, but the short answer is yes we can use this for that purpose

-TT: if there are any open catch basins with no lid - I would ask that those be made a priority

Meeting Ended At: 5:17 PM

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, 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 Terry

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Patrick

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC