



DeKalb County Government

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1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30030

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ERPS-Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee

Monday, July 10, 2023

1:00 PM

Special Called Meeting

Meeting Started At: 1:03 PM

Attendees: Commissioners Terry, Bradshaw, Davis Johnson, Cochran Johnson, Spears

Present 3 - Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, and Mereda Davis Johnson

I. MINUTES

2023-0789 Commission District(s): All
Minutes for the June 20, 2023, Employee Relations, and Public Safety Committee Meeting
MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Terry, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Davis Johnson

II. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items

Fire & Rescue

[2023-0795](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
2022 Assistance to Firefighters Grant totaling \$393,610.00
MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 7/11/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Terry, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Davis Johnson

Information provided by Chief Fullum

Question TT: What is a flash over?

Response provided by Chief Fullum

Question TT: is the simulator VR?

Fullum: No we can actually palce fire in it. Additional information provided

Question TT: do you have a contractor already in place

Fullum: No we will need an RFP, probably around 3 months

TT: When you obtain the contractor lets come back and discuss in committee

[2023-0675](#) Commission District(s): ALL
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1227524 Construction Fire Station No. 7 (730 days): for use by Fire Rescue Services (Fire). This contract consists of the construction of the new Fire Station No. 7. Awarded to Lichty Commercial Construction, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$350,000.00.
MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 7/11/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Terry, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Davis Johnson

Information provided by Chief Fullum

-MDJ: motion to approve

Board of Commissioners - District 1

[2023-0614](#) Commission District(s): District 1
2023 Mid-Year Budget Request to Support the Purchase of Twenty (20) Flock Safety ALPR Cameras for High Priority Areas in District 1
MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval upon receipt of additional information to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 7/11/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Terry, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Davis
Johnson**

Information provided by COO Williams

TT: I wanted to speak to if there are other high priority areas in DeKalb

COO: You may want to include language requesting an assessment county wide for additional cameras and for other locations. We could bring it forward in 2024.

Question MDJ: District 1 has already been identified

Ramos: I have been working with him and some locations have been identified.

Question TT: are you all open to feedback to priority areas, I would like to include this in this 2023 mid year Response provided by COO Williams.

Question SB: we would have the administration to fund flock camera for the whole county?

COO Williams: if the board wants to allocate the funds to that then yes. This item is for district 1.

Question SB: Have you discussed the use of Commissioner discretionary funds?

COO: No.

Question MDJ: Could public safety could identify the locations instead of the commissioners

SB: That's how I did it a few years back when we installed 13 in District 4.

Question LCJ: I take no issue with the item, however since you are discussing midyear budget funds from the county what I would like to know if the science behind selection of hot spots

Question TT: Only one company does the flock cameras and there is a process to purchase. When areas are identified how quickly can a camera system be installed?

Ramos: It depends on the locations. They have to physically assess the area, the fastest we've completed the process was 2 months

Question TT: is it correct we are projecting an additional 2 million in police resources. If we were to draft an amendment how best

Response provided by COO Williams

Question TT: Could an assessment already begin as we wait for mid year adjustments, it would give us a more specific dollar amount.

COO Williams: If it is approved today and tomorrow at the BOC we could start then.

Question TT: How much per year

Ramos: \$2550/year

SB: Motion to amend 2023-0614 to include countywide assessment of FLOCK or other devices, to be considered for inclusion in the FY2023 midyear budget. Understanding that a more specific amount and devices to potentially come by the passage of the midyear budget. The areas are to be determined by Public Safety

III. STATUS UPDATE

Police Multifamily Enforcement Response

Information provided by COO Williams & Chief Ramos

Question MDJ: it was my understanding that unit was vacant

Additional information provided by Chief Ramos

Question TT: how could a unit be vacated for months but no one in the complex be aware. Authorities or landlord.

COO: From our understanding the eviction process had not concluded therefore tents still had claim to the apartment. Additional information provided

Question TT: has this complex had any interior inspections in the last 6 months or year? Are there plans to further asset the unit

MDJ: let's be aware of other services that failed this child. Instead of focusing on this particular complex we should wait till all the facts are in. Additional comments provided.

Additional Comments provided by Commissioner Terry

Police Mobile Crisis Unit

Information provided by Chief Ramos & Stg Capaldi

Question TT: what is your call response year to date?

Ramos: we have received 2848 in the last six months of 2023

Question TT: If people call 911 how do people get directed to mobile crisis unit?

Ramos: 911 has a protocol. There is also 988. We had a forum recently with them. They do mobile crisis and other assistances. Along as it is not an emergency

Question MLS: regarding the mobile crisis unit, what are you envisioning the next steps?

Ramos: We need more clinicians on board stay on board. Once we are there we can think about expanding

Question TT: can commissioners scheduled a ride along?

Ramos: yes, reach out and we can schedule it

Question TT: who hires clinicians

Ramos: CSB hires them and we reimburse

Additional comments provided by Commissioner Terry

Question TT: how does community or human services fit into this puzzle of response and making sure that we are not responding to the same people every 6 months.

Response provided by COO Williams

Additional Comments provided by Commissioner Terry

Response provided by COO Williams

Meeting Ended At: 2:06 PM

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be adjourned meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Terry, Commissioner Bradshaw, and Davis Johnson

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC