

DEKALB COUNTY

ITEM NO.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

HEARING TYPE
Action

BUSINESS AGENDA / MINUTES

ACTION TYPE
Resolution

MEETING DATE: February 9, 2016

SUBSTITUTE

SUBJECT: **Resolution implementing County-wide water meter replacement program policy**

DEPARTMENT: Board of Commissioners

PUBLIC HEARING: YES NO

ATTACHMENT: X-YES No

PAGES:

INFORMATION CONTACT: Commissioner Sharon Barnes Sutton

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Deferred 12/8/15, 1/12/16, 1/26/16

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this resolution is to place a FY 2016 budget and policy priority on the implementation of a County-wide water meter replacement program every ten (10) years.

NEED/IMPACT:

The implementation of a water meter replacement policy establishes a budgetary priority on a direct performance evaluation criteria (water meters replaced) that will be linked to the FY2016 budget proposal process. This resolution would promote an environment of performance based budgeting for essential water and sewer services to DeKalb County residents.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Approve resolution implementing County-wide water meter replacement program policy

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION THAT ALLOWS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A REPLACEMENT PROGRAM OR INSTALLATION OF WATER METERS ON A COUNTY-WIDE BASIS THAT WOULD PROMOTE A COMPREHENSIVE UTILIZATION STRATEGY OF EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT & EFFICIENT DELIVERY OF SERVICES.

WHEREAS, DeKalb County and the Department of Watershed Management is presently in the process of streamlining and performing certain upgrades and renovations to its entire water and wastewater systems; and

WHEREAS, the County presently utilizes a manual system as well as the electronic mechanism for the reading of water meters; and

WHEREAS, many of the County's meters are in need of evaluation and may require subsequent replacement by the Department of Watershed Management; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of a water meter replacement program is a tool of fiscal policy and performance base budgeting; and its evaluation by the Board of Commissioners will permit the prioritizing of budgetary allocations for the proper alignment with constituent needs and the available resources of the County; and

WHEREAS, the replacement of meters demonstrates the full commitment of DeKalb County Government and efforts of the Board of Commissioners to establish eco-friendly environments and sustainable communities on a dedicated basis; and

WHEREAS, the water and sewer customers of DeKalb County will benefit from the accurate reading/evaluation of meters thereby helping to alleviate the potential operational costs of the Department of Watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is supportive of the county-wide replacement program every ten (10) years because the upgrading of the meters will result in increased efficiency, an accurate reporting of water usage rates, and the greater potential for revenues that are currently lost and uncollectable due to malfunctioning or outdated meter systems across the County.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is also supportive of the other required elements of an efficient billing system to include billing office redesign, software updates and changes, conversion of field staff to be more responsive to the new data generated from the meters and conversion to monthly billing.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED, BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA that Board of Commissioners and DeKalb County consents to the replacement of water meters county-wide that would benefit the residents of the jurisdiction and effective management by the Department of Watershed.

APPROVED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this ___ day of _____, 2015.

Officer

LARRY L. JOHNSON, MPH Presiding

Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this ____ day of _____,
2015.

ICEO Lee May
Interim Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

BARBARA SANDERS, CCC
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners
and Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO SUBSTANCE:

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SCOTT A. TOWLER, P.E.
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