

**APPROVED**

**Minutes – One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee  
Thursday, June 21, 2012**

**Members Present**

Lee Berg  
Johnny Brown  
Marline Elkins  
Murray Homan  
David Hong  
Scott Johnson  
John Pape  
Alice Summerour  
Frank Wigington

**Cobb County & Other Officials Present**

Eddie Canon, Director – PRCA (Parks)  
Sam Heaton, Acting Director/Fire Chief  
Bob Galante, Construction Eng - Cobb DOT  
Virgil Moon, Agency Director, Support Services  
Bill Volckmann, Division Manager, Finance  
Nancy Rouse, Admin, Cobb DOT

**Others:**

Pam Conner, City of Powder Springs  
Buddy Alison, Croy Engineering  
Jim Croy, Croy Engineering  
Don Hicks, Croy Engineering

**Absent:**

Dania Aponte  
Bill Carver  
Virginia Gregory

Chairperson Alice Summerour called the 37<sup>th</sup> meeting of the One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee to order at 3:00 p.m. on June 21, 2012, in the Board of Commissioners Conference Room.

As a quorum was present, the minutes from the April 19, 2012 meeting were approved.

Bill Volckmann, Finance Department, gave the 2005 and 2011 SPLOST finance update. The May payment for the 2011 SPLOST was \$9.6 million and was \$140,685 less than projected, however, the county is currently \$2.6 million above projections. Mr. Volckmann mentioned it is not unusually for a low month to be followed up with a high collection month. Thinks this is just a timing issue. Finance is still pursuing a response from the Dept. of Revenue regarding the final 2005 SPLOST payment. The final two payments totaled \$13 million (\$7.2 million and \$5.8 million). Jim Pehrson, County Finance Director reviewed past payments and said the County had never had a monthly payment as low as the \$5 million dollar range. The county also had Dr. Roger Tutterow, professor of economics at Mercer University, review the payments and he agreed that the final two payments were not equivalent to 2 months of receipts. The State is unable to provide any further documentation regarding this.

Don Hicks, Croy Engineering gave an update on the projects in the City of Powder Springs. Powder Spring's original 2005 SPLOST budget was reduced from \$13.2 million to \$11.9 million, due to the decrease in sales tax receipts. He reviewed the remaining projects and stated Powder Springs will wind up the 2005 program in about a year. Mr. Hicks also reviewed the status of the 2011 SPLOST projects.

Jim Croy was asked when there would be a local recommendation regarding the Alternative Analysis-Northwest Transit Study. His response was in the September timeframe.

Virgil Moon, Agency Director Support Services, gave a report on the projects in the Facilities component of the 2011 program. There are a total of 136 projects with an \$18 million dollar budget, \$2 million dollars has been committed for the 19 projects currently underway.

Mr. Moon said he holds a monthly meeting and gets a report from his staff and audits it to make sure it balances to Finance's report. Property management is handling projects for five different departments: Public Library System, Senior Services, Judicial Facilities, Public Health and other county facilities, as well as assisting Public Safety with their renovation projects.

In-house resources are being used where possible; however, will this increase timeline, but save money. Lee Berg asked what resources are being utilized. Mr. Moon responded with in-house project managers, HVAC projects, renovation projects are utilizing in-house electricians, plumbers, carpenters, skilled and unskilled labor, in-house design group, and inmates. Depending on the project, this will result in 20-40% savings.

In addition, materials are being purchased through a national purchasing co-op, giving the County additional savings.

Sam Heaton, Fire Chief and Acting Public Safety Director, gave the Public Safety report for the 800 MHz/E911 Improvements, Police and Fire Equipment, and their facility projects. Chief Heaton gave a detailed report of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter activities and planned activities for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Forty percent of their projects have been started (\$4.1 million). They have a total of 17 projects with an \$11.4 million budget.

A discussion was held about the service life of ladder fire trucks – which are used for 15 years front line and 5 years as a reserve. Retired vehicles are sold as surplus equipment and bring around \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Mr. Canon was asked about the Green Meadows Park. He mentioned there is currently no money to develop; however, the Cobb Master Gardeners have started a Community Garden and currently have around 24 raised beds. There is information about Green Meadows on the Cobb Master Gardeners website: <http://www.cobbmastergardeners.com/index.php>. (click on Dibblers – their newsletter and see article about Green Meadows).

Bob Galante mentioned the roundabout at Holly Springs and Davis Road is open but still under construction.

Question was asked about Jamerson Road paving. Mr. Galante agreed it was unacceptable and we have written a letter to the contractor demanding corrective measures. It will probably have to be re-milled and paved again. The contractor's performance bond will have to make corrective work if contractor cannot.

The Groundbreaking for Floyd Road widening project was held Thursday morning (6/21) at the Mable House.

Ribboncutting for the Big Shanty Road Connector is July 18<sup>th</sup>.

A discussion was held regarding a tour of park projects. DOT and Property Management would ride along, if they have projects in the area. Mr. Canon stated it would need to wait until after 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August, when Parks would have vans available. Bill Carver and John Pap will coordinate.

The election of a new secretary was postponed until next meeting. It was stated that the committee is currently three members short.

The next meeting will be held on August 16, 2012 at 3:00pm. The meeting was then adjourned.