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**Minutes – One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee
Thursday, March 21, 2013**

Members Present:

Lee Berg
Bill Carver
Marline Elkins
Murray Homan
John Pape
Alice Summerour
Johnny Brown
Frank Wigington

Cobb County & Other Officials Present:

Sam Heaton, Fire Chief
John Reida, Director, Property Management
Scott Barfield, Division Mgr, Property Mgmt.
Mark Reida , Public Safety Facilities Supervisor
July Arnold, Admin Supervisor, Property Mgmt
Nancy Rouse, Admin, DOT

Absent:

Dania Aponte
Scott Johnson
David Hong

City of Kennesaw

Earnie Via, Public Works Director
Yared Altaye, City Engineer
Doug Taylor, Director, Parks & Recreation

Chairperson Alice Summerour called the 41th meeting of the One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee to order at 3:00 p.m. on March 21, 2013, in the Board of Commissioners conference room. A quorum was not present when the meeting was called to order.

Bill Volckmann, Associate Comptroller, Finance gave the 2011 SPLOST financial update. Total collections are \$12.2 million above projections. The Cities in total have received \$3.3 million over projections. The County currently has \$78.7 million in cash. Departments have been encouraged to start new projects.

Mr. Volckmann mentioned the County is looking at how the new ad valorem taxes will affect sales tax collections. State is saying to expect \$300k-400k deficit to sales tax collections. This year will affect only a partial year (March to September). The County wants to have one full year under the next tax plan before looking at budget adjustments.

Earnie Via, Public Works Director, City of Kennesaw, gave an update on Kennesaw's projects. Only 33% of their 2005 SPLOST projects are done, due to cost overruns on other projects.. All 2005 resurfacing is complete. Mr. Via went on to discuss the status of the 2005 and 2011 projects. Several questions and discussions were held regarding various projects.

Doug Taylor, Director, Parks and Recreation, City of Kennesaw, reviewed the status of the 2011 SPLOST Parks projects. There was a discussion of the skate park project currently under construction at Swift-Cantrell Park.

As a quorum was now present, a motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2013 meeting. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

John Reida, Director, Property Management introduced Julie Arnold, Administrative Supervisor who oversees the financials for the 135 projects and renovations in the Facilities SPLOST program. Scott Barfield, Division Manager, was introduced. He manages all the 2011 Facility projects with the exception of the renovations projects which are done for the most part with in-house staff.

Project Management has a budget of \$18.1 million for 135 facility projects. Twenty-seven projects are complete of the twenty-six scheduled. Nine projects are under construction of seventeen scheduled. Projects are scheduled for over the next 6 years. Mr. Reida went through highlights of projects underway or completed.

Question was asked about rate of return on lighting upgrades – there is a 2 year rate of return. County has received approximately \$50k in rebates from Georgia Power from stimulus program.

Only seven projects scheduled for 2013, why? Large project started in 2013, which is utilizing resources and health building design is utilizing a large amount of funding, so when scheduling was done, it was taken into consideration that resources and cash flow would be tied up, so fewer projects could be accomplished in 2013.

Question was asked how much do we use inmate labor? In years past, there were 2 to 3 inmates per employee but now we only have 1 inmate per employee. Not as many available due to the work release programs.

How much work is done in-house? The HVAC work and roofing are out sourced but the renovations are done in-house.

Sam Heaton, Fire Chief, introduced Mark Reida, Facility Supervisor for Public Safety. Public Safety has a \$13 million budget with 27 projects planned. Eleven of the fifteen planned are completed. Chief Heaton described the various trucks that have gone into service in the last couple of months and a discussion was held regarding the new Air Bottle Tender trucks that went into service.

Upcoming activities include bid process for 2 rescue trucks and 2 fire engines and evaluation of manual defibrillators.

County recently donated an older fire engine that had been taken out of service, to a city in the Northeast that had lost their fire engine in the Sandy disaster.

It was mentioned the Committee would like to meet the new Public Safety Director at the next COC meeting with Public Safety.

The next meeting will be held on May16, 2013 at 3:00pm. The meeting was adjourned.