

## **APPROVED**

### **Minutes – One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee Thursday, July 18, 2013**

#### **Members Present:**

Dania Aponte  
Lee Berg  
Antwyn Brown  
Bill Carver  
Jay Cunningham  
Marline Elkins  
Lance Lamberton  
Alice Summerour  
Frank Wigington

#### **Cobb County & Other Officials Present:**

John Forsyth, Public Safety Director  
Chief Sam Heaton, Public Safety  
John Reida, Director, Property Management  
Mark Reida, Public Safety Facilities Supervisor  
Mike Perrow, Facilities Supervisor  
Bill Volckmann, Finance, Div. Manager  
Diana Belanger, Finance, Accountant III  
Faye DiMassimo, DOT Director  
Dan McDuff, DOT, Deputy Director  
Julie Arnold, Admin, Property Management  
Nancy Rouse, Admin, DOT

#### **Absent:**

Johnny Brown  
David Hong  
Scott Johnson  
John Pape  
Kes Stadler  
Steve Williams

#### **City of Powder Springs**

Brad Hulsey, City Manager  
Don Hicks, Croy Eng, Program Mgr.  
Buddy Allison, Croy Engineering  
Samantha Loucks, Croy Engineering

Chairperson Alice Summerour called the 43rd meeting of the One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee to order at 3:05 p.m. on July 18, 2013, in the Board of Commissioners conference room.

As a quorum was present, a motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2013 meeting. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

New committee members, Antwyn Brown, Jay Cunningham, and Lance Lamberton were introduced. Current members introduced themselves as well.

Bill Carver and Lance Lamberton volunteered to be the Committee's Point of Contract for District 2 and 3, respectively.

Bill Volckmann, Finance Manager, gave the 2011 SPLOST financial update. Year to date collections are at \$169 million. Collections for June were very close to projections, within \$32,000. The Finance staff is still watching to see how House Bill 386 ("birthday tax") is going to affect sales tax collections. There are concerns that the negative effect of collections will escalate going forward, maybe 2 to 3 years. We currently have \$97 million cash in hand. Actual YTD collections are \$14.3 million over projections.

Brad Hulsey, City Manager, Powder Springs introduced himself and thanked the Committee for their service. Mr. Hulsey wanted the County and Committee to know how much Powder Springs appreciates the SPLOST and all it does for the City to improve the quality of life. Don Hicks, Croy Engineering proceeded to give an update on the 2005 and 2011 SPLOST programs for Powder Springs.

The 2005 SPLOST program had a budget of \$13.2 million, amount actually received \$11.9 million, due to the 2005 revenue shortfall. The biggest project in the 2005 program was the General Streets and Parking Improvements project at \$3.9 million. The project is substantially complete, only punch list items remain – should be complete in August 2013.

The question was asked, when does Powder Spring's fiscal year run. It runs July to June, so just started Fiscal Year 2014.

City Council will determine how the remaining \$150,000 to \$200,000 in the 2005 program will be spent. By Spring 2014 Powder Springs will complete the 2005 SPLOST program.

Mr. Hicks went on to give an update of the 2011 SPLOST program and the projects currently underway. Mentioned that the Hopkins Road Bridge over Wildhorse Creek is a joint project with the County and is currently underway and should be open by the end of July. Another joint project is the Powder Springs Park.

The Community Theatre renovations are underway. Discussion was held about this facility. It was noted, that the City will be celebrating its 175th anniversary in October.

Powder Springs' Public Safety Department has completed the installation of computers and videos in their cars.

John Reida, Property Management Director, presented the update for the Facilities portion of the SPLOST. There are 135 projects in the program. Proposed scheduled was for 31 projects to be complete, with 2 underway and 4 in design as of this date. Program is actually ahead of schedule with 41 projects completed, 24 underway and 17 in design.

Mr. Reida showed pictures of the County's in-house millworks department, employees and inmates build many of the tables, cabinets, shelves, etc. in the renovation portion of their projects. Discussed work done by inmates. Savings are significant since so much of this work is done in-house.

Mr. Reida went through project highlights. Several questions regarding energy rebates and new technology were discussed. It is possible that the program will be completed in four years as opposed to the projected six years.

Chief Sam Heaton introduced Jack Forsythe, the new Public Safety Director, who is new to the County as of January. Public Safety has 18 planned vs 10 actual projects completed. Chief Heaton noted that more are equipment purchases underway but not considered complete until delivered.

Discussion was held about replacement of fire engines and equipment. Life of fire engines is more about time on the engine as opposed to mileage. Maintenance costs on a 10 year old fire engine averages \$62,000/year as oppose to a 3 year old engine with an average cost of \$16,000/year. There was also a discussion regarding portable radios, which cost approx. \$4,300/each, used by Public Safety. Jack Forsyth extended an invitation to the committee to tour the 911 center at one of their meetings.

Chief Heaton updated the committee on project highlights and citizen impacts to replacement of equipment.

Bill Carver suggested we revisit the possibility of a field trip to see various SPLOST projects.

Lee Berg, an original Committee member appointee, resigned from the Committee. Lee was appointed by Commissioner Birrell and was the District 3 Point of Contact.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

*Next meeting to be held on September 19, 2013 at 3:00 pm.*