Chairperson Alice Summerour called the, called the 52nd meeting of the One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee to order at 3:00 p.m. on January 15, 2015, in the Board of Commissioners conference room.

Ms. Summerour welcomed a new member of the Committee, Burnessa Drayton. Ms. Drayton was appointed by District 4 Commissioner, Lisa Cupid.

As there was a quorum present, a motion was made to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2014, meeting. Motion was made and seconded, minutes were approved unanimously.

Lindy Tisdel, from the Finance Department, gave the monthly financial report. Collections to date are $381.8 million which is $27.5 million over projection.

Charlie Lanz, City Engineer, Marietta, gave an update on the City’s programs. Mr. Lanz gave an overview of the City’s 2005 and 2011 SPLOST programs:

The 2005 SPLOST program funding is 99.5% spent. All projects were completed. Remaining funds are encumbered for property acquisition. The engineering and right-of-way for Kennesaw Mountain to Chattahoochee River Multi-Use Trail has been completed. Construction is to be completed in the 2011 SPLOST program Mr. Lanz handed out a report detailing the projects.

Mr. Lanz gave out a report detailing the 2011 SPLOST program. Several budget changes were discussed:

Cherokee Street at Cherry Street Intersection Improvements– the project is currently on hold due to Kennestone Wellstar Hospital future development plans

Roswell Road at Cobb Parkway Intersection Improvements- The managed lanes interchange is being constructed nearby the City is trying to piggy back this project onto the GDOT managed lanes project.
A discussion was held regarding the Managed Lanes project, also referred to as the Northwest Corridor Project which extends northwest along I-75 from Akers Mill Road to Hickory Grove Road, and along I-575 from the I-75/I-575 interchange to Sixes Road. These are pay for use lanes like the ones on I-85. Ms. DiMassimo, Director of DOT, mentioned the GDOT website – which is www.nwcproject.com.

Polk Street at Mountain View Road Intersection project is on hold there is not enough funds in the 2011 program, it is in the 2016 Tier 2 projects.

The City has 13 Traffic Calming Intersection projects to be constructed in the next 4 years.

Various other transportation projects were reviewed and discussed. Public Safety had no projects in 2014. Marietta has a new public safety building in the programs, the land was purchased with 2011 funding, and construction of the building is in the 2016 SPLOST.

Street marking reflectivity budget was reduced from $1.9m to $390k. Dollars were moved to the sidewalk component of the program.

Sidewalks and Multi-use trails have a local match mechanism – Marietta has spent $5.6M from local SPLOST funding matched by $4M in federal grants.

Mr. Lanz was asked if the City used local contractors. His response was the majority are local contractors with a couple from Gwinnett County.

There were no further questions from the City and the meeting was turned over to Mr. Tom Bills, PRCA Program Manager, who gave an update to the Parks program (see attached presentation). Of the 172 projects in 50 parks – 35% are completed projects, 41% construction is underway and 21% the design/engineering is underway, with 3% future projects.

Mr. Bills also handed out a list of the projects completed in 2014, along with current ongoing projects and upcoming ones for 2015.

Mr. Jim Wilgus, DOT Deputy Director, gave the transportation update (see attached presentation). Of 189 projects, 58% are complete, 12% under construction and 24% design/engineering is underway. There is currently 46 active projects with 22 in construction.

There are three 2005 SPLOST projects under construction - Nance Road, Queen Mill Road and Dallas Hwy. Streetscapes.

Question was asked when will the Tier 2 projects be addressed? The Tier 1 projects must be completed first. The Board of Commissioners will determine prioritization and programming of the Tier 2 projects. Some planning will be required to determine what is now in the 2016 program and how it relates to the 2011 program.

Separate accounting books are kept for each SPLOST program. The Tier 1 projects are constrained, however, the Tier 2 are unconstrained and therefore not enough funding to do all the Tier 2 projects.

The next order of business was the Election of Officers for 2015.
Marline Elkins was nominated for Secretary, nomination was seconded and Marline Elkins was approved unanimously.

Frank Wigington was nominated for Vice-Chairman, nomination was seconded and Frank Wigington was approved unanimously.

Alice Summerour was nominated for Chairperson, nomination was seconded and Alice Summerour was approved unanimously.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.