

Minutes – One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee
Thursday, March 17, 2016

Members Present:

Dania Aponte
Johnny Brown
Bill Carver
Marline Elkins
Scott Johnson
Kenneth Jones
John Pape
Roger Sandbothe
JoEllen Smith
Kes Stadler
Alice Summerour

Frank Wiginton

Members Absent:

Jay Cunningham
Brunessa Drayton
Karen Traeger

Cobb County & Other Officials Present:

Jim Wilgus, DOT, Interim Director
Sam Heaton, Director of Public Safety
Destiny Davidson, 911 Director
John Houser, Police Chief
Randy Crider, Fire Chief
Dennis Thayer, Public Safety
Dan Ferrell, Public Safety
Suzanne Pete, Public Safety
John Reida, Property Management Director
Sharon Stanley, Information Services
Director
Judy Sheppard, Information Services
Calandra Miller, Support Services Agency
Lindy Tisdell, Finance Department

City of Kennesaw:

Ricky Stewart, Director of Public Works
Yared Altaye

Chairperson Alice Summerour called the 57th meeting of the One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee to order at 3:00 PM on March 17, 2016.

As there was a quorum present, a motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2016, meeting. Motion was made and seconded; minutes were approved unanimously.

The financial report was deferred until later in the meeting.

Ricky Stewart, Director of Public Works, **City of Kennesaw**, distributed a written report on the status of the City's 2005, 2011, and 2016 SPLOST programs. There have been some delays and right-of-way issues on Old Highway 41 project with project currently scheduled for bid in late summer. Pine Mountain Court & Cobb Parkway Intersection project scheduled for bid around July in conjunction with the Pine Mountain Road project. Right-of-way acquisition underway for Rutledge Road & North Main Street project. Discussing warrants for traffic signal with Cobb County DOT. Right-of-way acquisition for Stanley Road and Collins Road Improvements is 95-97% complete. Cherokee Street Improvements to bid in late summer 2017. Cobb International Boulevard project is on the back burner needing more funds. Resurfacing projects are completed each summer with available funds. Design is in early phases for Ben King Road Improvements, and there has been no date set for bid. Survey is complete and right-of-way acquisition will begin this year on Sardis Street Extension. Dallas Street/Watts Drive will go to bid next month and is expected to be a 9-month project.

John Reida, Property Management Director, provided an update on 2011 and 2016 Cobb County **Facilities Projects**. Of the 135 Facilities Projects in the 2011 SPLOST, 96% have been completed. Activities are continuing in 2016 for two projects: the Magistrate Court, ADR, and Circuit Defender project is in the design phase and renovation continues on the Health Department Headquarters building.

Four projects have been deferred for various reasons: State Court Judgeship, East Marietta Library Roof, East Marietta Library HVAC, and Kennesaw Library Special Renovation. 2011 SPLOST completed projects include:

1. Windows and exterior (12 locations) \$1,097,451
2. Roofs (31 locations) \$2,359,834
3. HVAC (31 locations) \$3,088,795
4. Electrical (25 locations) \$376,739
5. Special Renovations (15 locations) \$291,300
6. Juvenile Court Renovation \$2,831,250
7. Senior Wellness Center Renovation \$980,123
8. Health Department Renovation \$5,410,050
9. Driver's License Construction \$295,300

In the 2016 SPLOST, the following major Facilities projects are underway:

1. Judicial: Magistrate Court; relocation renovation underway at 10 E. Park Square along with Superior Court Clerk Records Room
2. Health Department – renovation continues at Headquarters
3. Libraries – East Marietta – builder completing design
4. Public Safety – Fire Station #29 – property purchase; Police Headquarters and Public Safety Training (needs analysis and site evaluations)

The 2016 SPLOST for Facilities Improvements includes six categories of funding: Interior, Exterior, Roofs, Equipment, Paving, and Security.

Sam Heaton, Director of Public Safety, presented the update for 2011 and 2016 **Public Safety Improvements**. Director Heaton introduced Destiny Davidson, the new E911 Director as well as other members of his agency. All projects in the 2011 SPLOST are complete and projects are underway for the 2016 SPLOST. We received a 35% reduction in cost by ordering Motorola radios early which saved approximately a half-million dollars. We borrowed \$3 million to purchase the remaining 167 vehicles. We are identifying land in the Cumberland area to be used for Fire Station 29. We are working on the specifications to replace our Mobile Command Unit which is 20 years old. The Public Safety Training Center was built in 1992. Since that time, we have doubled the number of firefighters and police officers who are trained there. We are looking to build Police Precinct #6 further out in the Sandy Plains/Shallowford area. Under County Wide Improvements, new 800 MHz towers will be built in the following areas: Camp Highland, Kennesaw-Acworth, and Marietta near Blackjack Mountain. Other County Wide Projects include replacement of the 800 MHz Core which has already been paid for and replacement of the incinerator at Animal Control. Director Heaton distributed the DPS 2016 SPLOST Priority List identifying projects and projected costs with anticipated projected revenue from 2016 – 2021. Years 2017 to 2021 have been planned out, but may need to be adjusted.

Sharon Stanley, Information Services Director, provided an overview of **Technology Improvements** included in the 2016 SPLOST. Technology Improvements include two components: Data Center Build & Technology Modernization and Business Technology Transformation. The current Data Center does not support the increasing technology needs of Cobb County. The location of a new Data Center has not

been identified, and it may be co-located with the new Police Headquarters to provide secure, reliable, and modern technology infrastructure. Data Center technologies are being evaluated to safeguard data from malicious attack. Business Technology Transformation consists of many projects that will improve mobility, services, and transparency. Projects will provide convenient access to County services and information 24x7—anytime, anywhere, any device. Some of the applications used by the County are 20-30 years old. One project that will be kicking off this quarter is the Unified Court Case Management System which is partially funded from 2016 SPLOST. Information Services and the Communications Department are working together on building a new Web portal which provides the pathway into Cobb County for many people. Another project that is planned is a Dashboard to present a wide array of information to citizens through a public-facing website.

Lindy Tisdell of the Finance Department gave the financial report. Collections for the 2011 SPLOST are finished with a total of \$533-million collected which is \$40.9-million over projections. Collection of 2016 SPLOST was received at the end of February in the amount of \$10.4-million which was \$760K more than projected.

Sharon Stanley demo'd Cobb Commute which displays streamlined traffic conditions on a desktop or mobile device. Cobb Commute was a joint project with Cobb DOT and Information Services. No app is required; you can download the link from the website CobbCommute.org. If you're going to the airport or you want to check traffic conditions before heading home, Cobb Commute is the best way to check. There were 1800 users on Tuesday with the traffic situation on Johnson Ferry.

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