

**Minutes – One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee
Thursday, November 15, 2018**

Members Present:

Alice Summerour
Bill Carver
Frank Wigington
Roger Sandbothe
Susan Tucker
Lindsay Edwards
Marline Elkins
Jay Cunningham
Sally Riddle
Barkley Russell
Marty Williamson

Absent:

Dee Gay
James Brock
Kenneth Jones

Cobb County & Other Officials Present:

Dr. Jackie McMorris, Deputy County Manager
Scott Barfield, Director, Property Mgt
Randy Crider, Fire Chief, Public Safety
Sharon Stanley, Director, IS
Erica Parish, Director, DOT
Desiree Young, Admin, DOT
Wade Kelly, SPLOST Program Manager, DOT
Lindy Tisdel, Finance

City of Smyrna:

Kevin Moore, Interim City Engineer
Tammi Saddler Jones, City Administrator
Scott Andrews, Assistant City Administrator
Frank Martin, Director of Public Works
Larry Terry, Croy Engineering
Ashley Youmans, Management Fellow

Chairperson Alice Summerour called the One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee to order at 3:00 PM on November 15, 2018.

The new SPLOST COC member, Marty Williamson, introduced himself to the committee.

As there was a quorum present, a motion was made to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2018, meeting. Motion was made and seconded; minutes were approved unanimously with the addition to minor edits.

Lindy Tisdel, General Accounting Manager, Finance Department, gave the monthly financial report regarding the 2016 SPLOST Summary.

Kevin Moore, City of Smyrna, Interim City Engineer, gave an update on the City's SPLOST program. The following projects were highlighted; Windy Hill Road, Roswell Street Roundabout, Fire Station #2, the Reed House, and Resurfacing.

Questions/Answers for City of Smyrna:

Q. Fire Station #2: Where is the fire station located?

A. It is located on Concord Road.

Q. Fire Station #2: Did you have enough money in the budget to provide security for the cars & equipment?

A. Yes.

Q. Resurfacing: What percentage of the road is that?

A. 5.8 miles total. Less than 5%, more like 3 or 4%.

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Q. Windy Hill Road: What is the ultimate aim on Windy Hill?

A. The main objective is traffic flow; it's going to eliminate lights on the route.

Scott Barfield, Property Management, Director, provided an update on the 2016 SPLOST program. The 2016 SPLOST projects are in progress for Public Safety, Judicial, Senior Services, Libraries and the Health Department. An agenda item will be presented to the Board for funding options of the Medical Examiners Building. The budgeted amount towards this project was estimated in 2014, since then the price has significantly increased. The project is a priority and will move forward over budget. Property Management is performing several of the renovation In-House through their employees for a cost savings to many projects.

Questions/Answers for Property Management:

Q. Medical Examiner Building: Where is the building located?

A. By police headquarters.

Q. South Cobb Library: What's the timeline for closure? Will the entire library have to be closed again?

A. About a month and a half. Not the complete, just partial.

Q. Gritters Library: What's the status on it?

A. We already have drawings but it comes down to money. Possibly a grant, but that wouldn't be approved until next July.

Q. Gritters Library: Was there not SPLOST money associated with this job? Is grant money typical for all libraries?

A. There are SPLOST dollars for the project, but there wasn't enough money to complete the job and design. No, it's not typical.

Randy Crider, Fire Chief, Public Safety, provided a quarterly update on the 2011 and 2016 SPLOST program. On October 23, 2018, the Board of Commissioners authorized the spending of the remaining 2011 SPLOST funding of \$156,310.00 for safety equipment, roofing installations, and paving. Completed 2016 SPLOST projects were discussed, including the Mobile Command Unit and the Airport Fire Fighting Unit, which is located at the Cobb County International Airport. It will be showcased during the Super Bowl in February. The current 2016 SPLOST projects that were discussed, Fire Station #29, which is getting closer to identifying a property site. Fire Station #1 is under construction and Fire Station #7 is in design. Public Safety has purchased the LGE building as the site of the new Police Headquarters. The current occupants have two years to vacate the building. In addition, Public Safety are currently in negotiations for the new Police Training Center, and other various projects.

Questions/Answers for Public Safety:

Q. Mobile Command Unit: What type of event will be the Mobile Command Unit need to be deployed for? Has it been deployed?

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A. Active Shooter type events. Multiple public safety agencies coming together on a joint project that will have to communicate with one another. It has been deployed on small projects but nothing major.

Q. LGE Building/Police Headquarters: Is there any kind of incentive for the current occupants to vacate the building early?

A. There is not. The second year is more expensive for the occupants.

Q. Police Cars: Was any SPLOST money spent on the new police cars license plate readers?

A. Not sure if that is a part of the equipment that was installed. It's just the car and radio equipment.

Q. Radio Tower: In the SPLOST report there is mention of (3) radio towers 1 of which is on hold. In the PowerPoint presentation there were only two mentioned, Mile Marker 281 and Austell. Is Camp Highland the third tower you were referring to?

A. Yes. The Camp Highland tower has been completed. There is one on hold and there hasn't been a decision on the location. Adam will get with Sam Heaton about this information and get back to committee with the correct information.

Q. MLB Training: Was the training strictly for Cobb County agencies? Or were there outside agencies attending as well?

A. No it was strictly for Cobb fire & police.

Q. Gritters Fire Station: What is the age of the Gritters Fire Station?

A. It was built in the early 60s. I believe 1962.

Sharon Stanley, Information Services, Director, provided an update on the 2016 SPLOST program. Projects in progress include a new Data Center Build (RFQ for Technical Advisor has been put out) and Technology Modernization, Unified Court Case Management System (partially funded by SPLOST), Business Continuity Plan (BOC approval December 11th will close this project), Business Intelligence/Dashboarding Tool, Web Portal, GIS Big Data Analytics, Sheriff Offender Management System, and the High-Speed Printer, Folder/Inserter Systems. Two new projects include the Business License System and the Kronos - Time and Attendance System.

Q. Unified Court Case Management System: Is there any possibility of supplemental funding, whether it be State or Federal grants to help with a system like this?

A. Not at the moment.

Q. High-Speed Printer and Folder/Inserter Systems: Are you purchasing the maintenance equipment or leasing the equipment?

A. We purchased the equipment.

Q. High-Speed Printer and Folder/Inserter Systems: Is there an expected life expectancy?

A. About ten years.

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Q. Business License System: How does the county business license interface with the City?

A. There isn't an interface. The City does their own business licensing system.

The Committee was made aware of the location change for the January meeting. The meeting will be held at new P.A.R.K.S. Administration building located at 1792 County Services Parkway, Marietta GA 30008. There will also be a tour of Jim Miller Park.

The Committee also congratulated Erica Parish, as the new Director for the Cobb County Department of Transportation.

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