

**2023 SPLOST Oversight Committee
ORIENTATION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 21, 2023 – 6:15 P.M.
J.P. Carr Community Center, Conyers, GA**

Present Members: Bill Campbell, Bill Hughey, Celia Hemphill, Charles Staples (Chairperson), Charlotte Gellert, Dexter Bowman, Doug Smith, Elaine Nash, Josh Bettenhausen, Joy Douglas, Mary Greco, Nichele Ford, Pamela Perdue, Robin Berry, Sandra Weatherly, Shawn Bilak, Tanya Cobb, Thomas C. Dean III (Vice-Chair), Tuwanya Smith, Vinette D'Andrade, Yvonne Duncan

Not Present: Arthur A. Vaughn, Aviella Williams Gayden, Dereck Davis, James Stone, Jeffrey Allen Spencer I, John van der Spek, Juan Sebastian Cruz, Mchael Sellers, Roger Cannon, Shermelle Brooks, Stephanie Hollman-Curtis, Venus Arthur

1. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Charles Staples called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.
2. **Invocation:** Bill Hughey
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Chairman Staples modified the agenda to allow the Parks and Recreation Subcommittee to present their report ahead of the Courthouse Subcommittee. Bill Campbell made the motion to approve the agenda with the modification and the agenda was approved through unanimous consent.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Meeting minutes of May 15, 2023, were approved.
5. **SPLOST Chair Remarks**– Chairman Staples thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for providing the meal from Chick Fil A. He also thanked all the subcommittee members for their efforts in preparing the recommendations.
6. **Subcommittees Reports**–
 - **Parks & Recreation** – Chairperson Tanya Cobb made the motion to approve the project list and allot funding for Priority 1 projects not to exceed \$4,455,000 as funds are available. **Motion Carried**
 - **Finance:** Chairperson Doug Smith presented the Finance Subcommittee report and informed that as the June 2023 the sales tax collected an average of \$2.06m per month and exceed the monthly goals by an average of 788K.
 - **Courthouse:** Vice-Chair Dexter Bowman made the motion to allot funding in the amount of \$19,602,000. **Motion Carried** OSC member, Pamela Perdue asked that the minutes show her appreciation to Mr. Bowan for volunteering as Vice-Chair of the subcommittee.
 - **Fire/E911:** Chairperson – Bill Hughey presented the Fire/911 Subcommittee report and made the motion to allot funding for projects 1, 2, and 3 on the project list and not to exceed \$7,350,000 as funds are available. **Motion Carried.**
 - **Sheriff:** Chairperson – Michael Sellers was absent from the meeting and OSC Chairperson Charles Staples read a letter from Subcommittee Chairperson Sellers that there was no report or recommendations to issue at this meeting but will be presented in a future meeting.

- **Transportation:** Subcommittee member Vice-Chair Elaine Nash made the motion to allot funding for Courtesy Parking Extension Project not to exceed \$10,061,955. Vote of eleven approved, and six opposed.
Motion Carried.
- 7. **Public Comments:** George Kelecheck – Informed that he is the Founder of the Haynes Watershed Committee. JaNice VanNess expressed appreciation to the new members and staff.
- 8. **SPLOST Members' Comments:** Charlotte Gellert expressed appreciation for the new SPLOST website. Josh Bettenhausen requested confirmation of OSC meeting dates for November and December. Sandra Weatherly commented that she would like to get more information on projects before voting. Chairperson Charles Staples commented that gathering additional information is encouraged and that all members are welcome to attend subcommittee meetings. Pamela Perdue agreed with Sandra Weatherly on having more information prior to voting. Vice-Chair Thomas Dean commented that the decisions made by the subcommittee member were not done frivolously and that deep conversations and debates were made prior to presenting their recommendations. He also encouraged new members to attend the subcommittee meetings.
- 9. **Next meeting:** September 18, 2023
- 10. **Adjournment:** There being no further business or discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Approved:

SPLOST Committee Chair

Date

2023 SPLOST Oversight Committee

Recommendation Memo

Date of SPLOST Meeting: 08/21/23 Subcommittee: Parks & Recreation

Action Recommended to Board of Commissioners:

Move to approve Parks & Recreation project list as attached and allot funding for Priority 1 projects not to exceed \$4,455,000 as funds are available.

Budgeted amount for action: \$4,455,000

Subcommittee Approval:



Signature of Subcommittee Chair or Vice Chair

8/21/23

Date

Oversight Committee Approval:



Signature of Chair or Vice Chair

8/21/23

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2023 SPLOST Parks & Recreation Project List

Priority	Park	Improvement Description	Project Item Cost	Park Total Cost
1	South Senior Satellite	New building construction	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 700,000
		2017 SPLOST fund contribution	\$ (900,000)	
1	Rockdale River Trail	Trail connector	\$ 6,875,000	\$ 555,000
		GDOT 80/20 contribution	\$ (5,500,000)	
		2017 SPLOST fund contribution	\$ (820,000)	
1	Costley Mill Park	Beach Parking lot	\$ 500,000	\$ 1,600,000
		Welcome center parking with ADA	\$ 300,000	
		Glamping Yurts (4)	\$ 350,000	
		Visitors Center buildout of barn	\$ 250,000	
		Costley Mill loop trail	\$ 300,000	
		Costley Event bridge	\$ 300,000	
		Impact Fee contribution	\$ (200,000)	
		DNR RTP 2023 contribution	\$ (200,000)	
1	Wheeler Park South	Pavilion (with tables and grills)	\$ 110,000	\$ 635,000
		Skate Park	\$ 325,000	
		Volleyball courts (2)	\$ 15,000	
		Playground	\$ 95,000	
		Splash pad	\$ 300,000	
		Building (shower/changing/restroom/storage)	\$ 425,000	
		Loop trail	\$ 100,000	
		Disc Golf (9 hole)	\$ 25,000	
		Outdoor amphitheater	\$ 100,000	
		Pickleball	\$ 80,000	
		Sitework (grading, sidewalks, retention)	\$ 200,000	
		Amenities (benches, fencing, signage)	\$ 35,000	
		City of Conyers contribution	\$ (75,000)	
		Impact Fee contribution	\$ (1,100,000)	
1	Stanford Park (new)	Driveway entrance	\$ 50,000	\$ 200,000
		Parking lot	\$ 500,000	
		Pavilion (with tables and grills)	\$ 90,000	
		Restroom building	\$ 100,000	
		Playground	\$ 50,000	
		Natural Surface Trails	\$ 150,000	
		Amenities (benches, displays, signage)	\$ 60,000	
		LWCF 2023 contribution	\$ (800,000)	
1	Lakeview Estates 1	Road demo	\$ 50,000	\$ 250,000
		Youth soccer fields (2)	\$ 200,000	
1	South Park	Mountain Bike Trails - Phase 2	\$ 150,000	\$ 25,000
		Trail signage	\$ 25,000	
		SORBA contribution	\$ (150,000)	
1	Johnson Park	All inclusive ADA playground	\$ 200,000	\$ 250,000
		Sitework (grading, sidewalks, fencing)	\$ 50,000	
			Contingency	\$ 240,000
Total Priority 1 projects				\$ 4,455,000

2	Pine Log	Dog park	\$ 75,000	\$ 225,000
		Site clearing and stream protection	\$ 150,000	
2	Earl O'Neal Complex	Football building	\$ 150,000	\$ 250,000
		Softball building	\$ 100,000	
3	Rivers Bend (new)	Driveway entrance	\$ 50,000	\$ 1,000,000
		Parking lot	\$ 500,000	
		Pavilion (with tables and grills)	\$ 90,000	
		Restroom building	\$ 100,000	
		Splash pad	\$ 75,000	
		Sitework (grading, sidewalks, retention)	\$ 150,000	
		Amenities (benches, fencing, signage)	\$ 35,000	
3	Rocky Park (new)	Driveway entrance	\$ 50,000	\$ 1,000,000
		Parking lot	\$ 500,000	
		Visitors Center (park office/restroom/storage)	\$ 400,000	
		Ropes course (high/low)	\$ 150,000	
		ATV course	\$ 1,200,000	
		Outdoor amphitheater	\$ 100,000	
		Sitework (grading, sidewalks, retention)	\$ 150,000	
		Impact Fee contribution	\$ (550,000)	
		DNR RTP 2025 contribution	\$ (1,000,000)	
3	Rockdale Tennis Center	Pro Shop Expansion	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
				\$ 200,000
3	Black Shoals	Guard shack building	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
Contingency				\$ 125,000
Total Additional Projects				\$ 3,000,000

SPLOST Finance Subcommittee Report
August 21, 2023

- As of the June 2023 Sales Tax Collections we have collected an average of \$2.026m per month and exceeded our monthly goals by an average of \$788K.
- An Allocated Funds Report as of August 21, 2023, has also been provided.
- The SPLOST Finance Subcommittee met on July 19, 2023, with representatives from the County Finance Department. During this meeting, David Corbin, the Acting CFO of the Finance department presented the Finance Department's monthly report process and an overview of bonding. Thank you, David, for providing this overview.

Submitted by:



Doug Smith

2023 SPLOST Oversight Committee

Recommendation Memo

Date of SPLOST Meeting: 08/21/23 Subcommittee: Courthouse

Action Recommended to Board of Commissioners:

Move to allot funding for the courthouse project in the amount of \$19,602,000 in preparation for issuing bonding as indicated in the SPLOST referendum.

Budgeted amount for action: \$19,602,000

Subcommittee Approval:



Signature of Subcommittee Chair or Vice Chair

8/17/2023

Date

Oversight Committee Approval:



Signature of Chair or Vice Chair

8/21/2023

Date

2023 SPLOST Oversight Committee

Recommendation Memo

Date of SPLOST Meeting: 08/21/23 Subcommittee: Transportation

Action Recommended to Board of Commissioners:

Move to ~~approve Transportation project list as attached and allot funding for projects not to~~
exceed ~~\$35,199,846~~ as funds are available.

\$10,061,955

Budgeted amount for action: ~~\$35,199,846~~ \$10,061,955

Subcommittee Approval:

Elaine Nash

Signature of Subcommittee Chair or Vice Chair

8-21-23

Date

Oversight Committee Approval:

[Signature]

Signature of Chair or Vice Chair

8-21-23

Date

911/Fire Service Subcommittee Report Aug 21, 2023

The 911/Fire Service subcommittee met on August 3, 2023 at Fire Station 7, Fire Service Headquarters

As requested by the Oversight Committee, the subcommittee reviewed the list of Projects requested by E-911 and Rockdale Fire Rescue for the 2023 SPLOST.

The Subcommittee reviewed and discussed the list which included the following:

Replacement for Station House 8 (Scott Street, Conyers)

Replacement for Station House 4 (Union Church Rd)

Multifunction Heavy Rescue Vehicle

Heavy Ladder Vehicle

Fire Training Center Phase 2

E-911 Radio replacement program

The subcommittee review the request and selected the following projects to fit with the amount approved by voters

Replacement of Station 8

Replacement of Station 4

E-911 Radio Replacement program

The listed projects were approved by resolution and recommended to the Oversight Committee for approval

The balance of the requests will be held pending funds being available.

All the requested projects were worthy of funding and need to be considered for funding from other sources

Thank you

2023 SPLOST Fire & E911Project List			
Priority	Item	Address	Park Total Cost
1	Fire Station 8	1164 Scott St	\$ 3,500,000
2	Fire Station 4	3601 Union Church Rd	\$ 3,500,000
3	EMA Radios	N/A	\$ 350,000
Subtotal initial projects			\$ 7,350,000
4	Rescue Heavy Vehicle	-	\$ 962,000
5	Ladder heavy vehicle	-	\$ 1,580,000
6	Fire Training Facility Phase 2	Smyrna Rd and Hwy 212	\$ 2,000,000
Subtotal additional projects			\$ 4,542,000
Total 2023 SPLOST project list			\$ 11,892,000

2023 SPLOST Oversight Committee

Recommendation Memo

Date of SPLOST Meeting: 08/21/23 Subcommittee: Fire & E911

Action Recommended to Board of Commissioners:

Move to approve Fire & E911 project list as attached and allot funding for Projects #1, 2, and 3 not to exceed \$7,350,000 as funds are available.

Budgeted amount for action: \$7,350,000

Subcommittee Approval:

B. Lee Hegley
Signature of Subcommittee Chair or Vice Chair

8/21/23
Date

Oversight Committee Approval:

[Signature]
Signature of Chair or Vice Chair

8/21/23
Date