

SPLOST Courthouse Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 6:00P.M
1595 Centennial Olympic Parkway NE

1. Call to Order: Chair Bowman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Members Present:

Subcommittee Chairs: Dexter Bowman

Vice-Chair: Nichele Ford

Subcommittee Members: Celia Hemphill, Vinette D'Andreade, Roger Cannon, Pamela Perdue, Jeffrey Allen Spencer

Members Absent:

Guests Present: Charlotte Gellert, Brian Fricks

Staff Present: General Services' Director: Andrew Hammer, COO, City of Conyers

Program Director (JAC Improvements): Michael Robinson, Ashley Alexander (General Services)

2. **Approval of the agenda (10.10.24):** Vice chair Bowman motioned to approve the agenda. Vinette D'Andreade seconded. Motion carried.

3. **Approval of the Minutes from July 11, 2024:** Meeting minutes approved by unanimous consent

4. **Subcommittee Chair Report:** None

5. **Unfinished Business:**

6. **New Business: Proposed partnership with the City of Conyers**

i. Brian Fricks with the City of Conyers proposed a plan to contribute city funds not to exceed \$4.4 million to have Rockdale County construct an additional (3rd) parking deck level for the *Judicial complex improvements*. He also requested the County add a 4th level to the deck to bring parking up to approximately 480 spaces.

ii. Vice Chair Ford moved to approve the additional parking deck level. Mrs. Vinette D'Andreade motioned seconded. Motion carried.

7. **Public Comment:**

- i.* Mr. George Uelecheck inquired about installing solar panels for the parking decks and the courthouse to positively impact energy efficiency. He suggested that they be considered also as a tax incentive, preserving funds for complex improvements.
- ii.* Charlotte Gellert suggests that the subcommittee have an additional discussion about where the funds will come from if an additional parking deck is agreed upon. She also raised the question of if charging stations will be included at each level, and if there is a deadline on signing a contract for the additional parking deck(s). Director Hammer assured Ms. Charlotte that there is still an ongoing discussion with the fire department, about how the EV chargers will be added due to fire regulations. He also informed the subcommittee that there is no particular deadline, but decisions should be solidified as soon as possible, so that we can implement proper planning.
- iii.* Josh Bettenhausen (Sheriff's Subcommittee Member) requested insight on how Rockdale County would gain revenue alongside the City of Conyers' contribution.

SPLOST Member comments:

A. Chairman Staples clarifies (after discussion about an additional deck) that the plan still reflects a 2-level deck for parking, and the additional spaces proposed have to be mutually agreed upon.

B. Vice Chair Ford suggested that we establish pricing for the additional level(s) as soon as we can and asks if there will be parking meters in the future.

9. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM by Chair Bowman

10. **Next Meeting:** January 9, 2025