

2023 SPLOST Courthouse Subcommittee
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday April 10, 2025 6:00P.M.
958 Milstead Avenue, Conyers GA 30012

1. Call to Order: Courthouse Subcommittee Chair Dexter Bowman called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

Members Present:

(Oversight SPLOST) Chairman Charles Staples
(Courthouse Sub-committee) Chair Dexter Bowman
(Courthouse Sub-committee) Vice Chair Nichele Ford
Celia Hemphill, Pamela Purdue, Roger Canon

Members not Present: Jeffrey Allen Spencer I, Roger Cannon, (Oversight SPLOST)
Thomas Dean

Guests Present:

(Rockdale County's COO) Sue Sanders
(BOC Chair and CEO) Chair VanNess
Charlotte Gellert, Connie Lazenby

Staff Present:

(General Services' Director) Andrew Hammer
(General Services Project Coordinator) Ashley Alexander

2. Approval of the Agenda: July 10, 2025
3. Approval of the Minutes: April 10, 2025 meeting minutes approved by Vice Chair Ford seconded by Pamela Perdue
4. Subcommittee Chair Report:
5. Unfinished Business:
6. New Business:
Director Hammer reviewed floor plans for the Administration Building. He briefly discussed where staff would be located for the purpose of functionality.

Director Hammer also displayed the current construction site and the order in which construction will occur, explaining how job site materials will be safely loaded onto the job site. He explains to subcommittee that the water that was on site is being routed around the courthouse, and away from the infrastructure in the complex. He also tells the subcommittee that the green space will have seating and amenities for the public.

7. Public Comment

Connie Lazenby asked if there would be one security entrance accessible to the public. Dir. Hammer said that there will be only one entrance, but security precautions for emergency exits have been arranged as necessary.

8. SPLOST Members' Comments:

- Vice-Chair Bowman suggested widening the road on Milstead Avenue to alleviate the possibility of congestion due to traffic.

- Celia Hemphill asked if the changes requested for the floor plan would acquire significant cost, and if partnering departments will be stationed together. Director Hammer gave a summary of where departments will be located, resulting in an estimated \$200k-\$300k in savings.

- VC Bowman asks if there will be flex space for additional employees in the future. He was informed that there will be a small amount of additional spacing for growth.

- Chairman Staples inquired about the frequency of compaction tests. Compaction tests are conducted for every area of the buildings.

- Pamela Perdue requested information about how the green space will be maintained, and was informed that the Parks and Recreation Department will be responsible for the maintenance, and that the materials are selected to minimize ongoing maintenance.

9. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 7:06PM by VC Bowman seconded by Roger Canon

Next Meeting: July 10, 2025.

Date: 2nd Thursday of every month; Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Administrative Bldg. 958 Milstead Ave., Conference Room 106

