

**2023 SPLOST Oversight Committee
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 21, 2025
JP Carr Community Center**

Present Members: Arthur A. Vaughn, Bill Hughey, Charles Staples (SPLOST Chairperson), Charlotte Gellert, Dexter Bowman, Doug Smith, Elaine Nash, Jeffery Allen Spencer I, John van der Spek, Josh Bettenhausen, Joy Douglas, Mary Greco, Michael Sellers, Pamela Perdue, Robin Berry, Roger Cannon, Sandra Weatherly, Shawn Bilak, Tanya Cobb, Vinette D'Andrade.

Not Present: Aviella Williams Gayden, Bill Campbell, Celia E. Hemphill, Dereck Davis, James Stone, Juan Sebastian Cruz, Nichele Ford, Sharmelle Brooks, Stephanie Hollman-Curtis, Venus Arthur, Thomas C. Dean III (SPLOST Vice-Chair), Yvonne Duncan.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Charles Staples called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Arthur Vaughn, to approve the agenda, seconded by Bill Hughey, and was passed unanimously. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by John van der Spek to approve the meeting minutes of April 21, 2025, seconded by Robin Berry, and passed unanimously. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Board of Commissioner Rockdale County Chair/CEO Remarks:**
 - a. Chair JaNice Van Ness expressed her sincere gratitude to all SPLOST members for their continued service in facilitating projects. Chair Van Ness emphasized that providing funds to the Transportation Department to make their projects "shovel-ready" is crucial for seizing funding opportunities as they arise. Chair Van Ness noted that the county is presently involved in a lawsuit with Biolab stemming from last year's incident, which will facilitate the replacement of three vehicles for the Fire Department. This lawsuit is ongoing, and no update is currently available on its resolution.
5. **SPLOST Chair Remarks:**
 - a. SPLOST Chairperson Charles Staples thanked the Parks and Recreation department for providing the meal.
6. **Subcommittee's Reports:**
 - a. **Courthouse:** Courthouse Subcommittee Chair Dexter Bowman provided a brief update from their recent meeting as the subcommittee members walked over to the construction site for a closer look. Josh Bettenhausen asked whether the project is on budget, to which Chair Bowman responded that it is. Robin Berry inquired whether the current construction site is where the parking deck is currently being constructed. Subcommittee Chair Dexter Bowman clarified that what you see is the administrative building and that there are currently no updates to provide regarding the parking deck.

- b. **Finance:** Finance Subcommittee Chair Doug Smith informed that as of April 2025, the sales tax collected is \$50.101 million, which is an average of \$2.004 million per month and collections continue to exceed the monthly goal by an average of \$767,000 per month, see the attachments for the collection and allocation reports. If the projections move forward at the same rate, they could collect around \$144 million, with an excess of about \$55 million over the targeted \$89.1 million. The county is still on target to meet the goal of \$89.1 million by December 2026. Jeffery Allen Spencer inquired whether the numbers were based on inflation-adjusted figures or real dollars. In response, Finance Subcommittee Chair Doug Smith clarified that they are based on current real dollars. Additionally, SPLOST Chair Charles Staples mentioned that this is a projection of the potential overage; we will not know the actual overage until the funds have been collected.
 - c. **Fire/E911:** Fire Subcommittee Chair Bill Hughey provided the report for the Fire subcommittee, see the attachment for more information.
 - d. **Parks & Recreation:** Parks and Recreation Subcommittee Chair Tanya Cobb reported that the subcommittee toured the expansion of Black Shoals House and Costley Mill Event Center.
 - e. **Sheriff:** Sheriff Subcommittee Chair Michael Sellers provided an update on Sheriff's projects. The Mental Health Ward is 99% complete, and the Sheriff's Department is in the process of hiring personnel. The Crime Scene Expansion cannot be put out to bid until the necessary funds are collected, which are anticipated to be available by mid to late 2026 or early 2027.
 - f. **Transportation:** Transportation Subcommittee Chair Arthur Vaughn provided an update on the FDR (Full-Depth Reclamation) list, stating that they are now down to the last road listed. Subcommittee Chair Arthur Vaughn presented a motion to allot funding of \$300,000.00 for general engineering and design as funds become available, seconded by Elaine Nash, and passed unanimously. **Motion Carried.** Jeffery Allen Spencer inquired about how funds are allocated to specific RDOT projects. In response, Subcommittee Chair Vaughn explained that RDOT Director Brian Kelley and the RDOT team manage the allocation. The funds are not designated for a specific project; instead, they will be available for RDOT to use for professional services assistance. SPLOST Chair Charles Staples added that, occasionally, the state can provide matching funds, and it's essential to ensure that funds are available to take advantage of those grant opportunities.
7. **Public Comments:** No public comment.
8. **SPLOST Members' Comments:**
- a. Charlotte Gellert reminded members about the Reimagine Rockdale website. She highlighted that Pine Street will be reduced to one lane from July 4 to August 14, [Information taken directly from the website] with specific closures depending on the needs of the construction site. For more information and the latest updates, please visit the website.
<https://reimagine-rockdale.com/>

b. Sandra Weatherly questioned if the vehicles approved for the Fire Department would be additions or replacements. Given Rockdale County's rapid growth, she also wondered if this would meet the county's needs. Fire Chief James Robinson clarified that the ladder truck will replace Ladder 1, located at Fire Station 1, 1851 Conyers Station Rd., while the second truck is still in the early stages of preparing the proper documents for bidding. Chief Robinson noted that these two trucks alone would not be sufficient to meet demand; however, the department is seeking additional resources to address the growth. If SPLOST has overages, the projected plan for the Fire subcommittee would be to request additional engines.

9. **Next meeting:** The next Oversight Committee meeting will be October 20, 2025, at JP Carr Community Center.

10. **Adjournment:** There being no further business or discussion, John van der Spek motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dexter Bowman. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm

Approved:



SPLOST Committee Chair

10/20/25

Date

ALLOCATED FUNDS REPORT

COUNTY PROJECTS	%	AUTHORIZED AMOUNT	(REVENUE) FUNDS ALLOCATED TO DATE	FUNDS OBLIGATED BY EXECUTED CONTRACTS	Splost Bond Series 2024 Debt Service Payments	FUNDS PAID TO CONTRACTORS	UNOBLIGATED FUNDS REMAINING AS OF DEC
			-	-		-	-
Transportation	39.51%	35,199,846	17,803,725	6,660,136	-	4,632,124	6,511,466
Fire & E911	9.00%	8,019,000	4,055,304	3,256,880	-	544,106	254,318
Sheriff	6.00%	5,346,000	2,703,801	473,795	-	1,464,811	765,195
Parks & Recreation	5.00%	4,455,000	2,253,473	1,467,464	-	687,208	98,801
Courthouse	22.00%	19,602,000	14,018,548	3,824,500	3,174,167	-	7,019,882
County Total	81.506%	72,621,846	40,834,852	15,682,775	3,174,167	7,328,248	14,649,663
City Total	18.494%	16,478,154	9,265,704	-		9,265,704	(0)
Grand Total	100.00%	89,100,000	50,100,556	15,682,775	3,174,167	16,593,952	14,649,663
			NOTE (1)	NOTE (2)	NOTE (2)		

NOTE (1): Report shows tax receipts allocations through April 30, 2025
NOTE (2): Report shows Obligated Funds & Payments to Contractors as of June 25, 2025.
NOTE (3): OSC approval 10.21.2024 allocate 1st overage funds \$4.4M to match City of Conyers Funds for Parking Deck

Interest earned	2023 total	209,425.87
	2024 total	1,522,709.50
	2025 total to date	666,904
Grand Total Interest		2,399,038.95

Rockdale County 2023 1% Special Local Option Sales Tax
(in thousands 1,000"s)

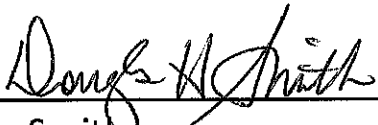
	Monthly Remit	Sales Tax GOAL	Sales Tax ACTUAL	Variance
1	Apr-23	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 1,962.0	\$ 724.5
2	May-23	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 1,990.6	\$ 753.1
3	Jun-23	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 2,124.8	\$ 887.3
4	Jul-23	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 2,073.9	\$ 836.4
5	Aug-23	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 1,928.2	\$ 690.7
6	Sep-23	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 1,957.0	\$ 719.5
7	Oct-23	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 1,994.4	\$ 756.9
8	Nov-23	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 1,877.5	\$ 640.0
9	Dec-23	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 2,167.6	\$ 930.1
10	Jan-24	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 1,817.3	\$ 579.8
11	Feb-24	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 2,076.7	\$ 839.2
12	Mar-24	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 1,936.9	\$ 699.4
13	Apr-24	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 1,983.8	\$ 746.3
14	May-24	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 2,063.4	\$ 825.9
15	Jun-24	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 2,108.5	\$ 871.0
16	Jul-24	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 2,045.9	\$ 808.4
17	Aug-24	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 1,992.6	\$ 755.1
18	Sep-24	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 1,885.5	\$ 648.0
19	Oct-24	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 1,941.1	\$ 703.6
20	Nov-24	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 1,927.0	\$ 689.5
21	Dec-24	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 2,220.5	\$ 983.0
22	Jan-25	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 1,814.6	\$ 577.1
23	Feb-25	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 1,957.5	\$ 720.0
24	Mar-25	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 2,048.0	\$ 810.5
25	Apr-25	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 2,205.9	\$ 968.4
26	May-25	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
27	Jun-25	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
28	Jul-25	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
29	Aug-25	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
30	Sep-25	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
31	Oct-25	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
32	Nov-25	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
33	Dec-25	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
34	Jan-26	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
35	Feb-26	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
36	Mar-26	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
37	Apr-26	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
38	May-26	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
39	Jun-26	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
40	Jul-26	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
41	Aug-26	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
42	Sep-26	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
43	Oct-26	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
44	Nov-26	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
45	Dec-26	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
46	Jan-27	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
47	Feb-27	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
48	Mar-27	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
49	Apr-27	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
50	May-27	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
51	Jun-27	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
52	Jul-27	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
53	Aug-27	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
54	Sep-27	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
55	Oct-27	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
56	Nov-27	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
57	Dec-27	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
58	Jan-28	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
59	Feb-28	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
60	Mar-28	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
61	Apr-28	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
62	May-28	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
63	Jun-28	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
64	Jul-28	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
65	Aug-28	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
66	Sep-28	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
67	Oct-28	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
68	Nov-28	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
69	Dec-28	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
70	Jan-29	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
71	Feb-29	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
72	Mar-29	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
Total		\$ 89,100.00	\$ 50,101.14	\$ 19,163.64
Month Average		\$ 1,237.50	\$ 2,004.05	\$ 766.55

Debt Service Requirements Series 2024

Period	Debt Service	Paid (Yes/No)
June 1, 2024	83,416.66	Paid
December 31, 2024	2,811,250.00	Paid
June 1, 2025	279,500.00	Paid
December 31, 2025	3,824,500.00	NO
June 1, 2026	190,875.00	NO
December 31, 2026	3,915,875.00	NO
June 1, 2027	97,750.00	NO
December 31, 2027	<u>4,007,750.00</u>	NO
	<u>\$ 15,210,916.66</u>	

SPLOST Finance Subcommittee Report
July 21, 2025

- The SPLOST Finance Subcommittee met on Wednesday, July 9, 2025.
- As of April 2025, SPLOST Sales Tax Collections collected \$50.101m - an average of \$2.004m per month and exceeded our monthly goals by an average of \$767K per month.
- An Allocated Funds Report as of June 27, 2025, has also been provided.



Doug Smith

SPLOST

911/Fire Service Subcommittee Report

July 21, 2025

Updates:

Station 5, West Hightower Rd,

Renovations are on track, we have reconfigured the existing building from a single bay facility to a two bay, drive through facility and will be operational late August.

Station 4, Union Church Road

Station 4 is an old Butler Building and is the next to be replaced. The current location is not the ideal location for the citizens of Rockdale County as a result of new housing developments, we are currently reviewing county owned properties in the southwest portion of the county as a possible site for the new Station 4

Fire Training Center, Smyrna Road

The Fire Training center which will be located off Smyrna Rd near the South Tower. After a traffic review by Fire Services the original proposed entrance off State Route 212 was deemed to be unsafe for a fire truck due to the congestion, visibility and speed of the traffic, engineering contract for grading and site preparation has been awarded, and construction will begin soon.

Chief Robinson and I met with homeowners in the area to discuss their concern about noise and traffic congestion issues.

Fire Truck replacements,

As approved by this committee the trucks are on order and will arrive in late 2026 and early 2027. A discussion about truck replacement was held and Chief Robinson and staff outlined the current and future needs of the department and we would like to share with you the future needs of Rockdale County Fire Service for the overage funds and the next SPLOST.

2023 SPLOST Oversight Committee

Recommendation Memo

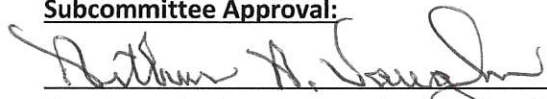
Date of SPLOST Meeting: 7/21/2025 Subcommittee: Transportation

Action Recommended to Board of Commissioners:

Motion to allot funding of \$300,000.00 for general engineering and design as funds become available.

Budgeted amount for action: \$300,000.00

Subcommittee Approval:



Signature of Subcommittee Chair or Vice Chair

7-21-2025

Date

Oversight Committee Approval:



Signature of Chair or Vice Chair

Date