

**2023 SPLOST Oversight Committee
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 20, 2025
JP Carr Community Center**

Present Members: Arthur A. Vaughn, Bill Hughey, Charles Staples (SPLOST Chairperson), Charlotte Gellert, Dexter Bowman, Doug Smith, Elaine Nash, James Stone, John van der Spek, Josh Bettenhausen, Mary Greco, Michael Sellers, Nichele Ford, Pamela Perdue, Robin Berry, Roger Cannon, Sandra Weatherly, Shawn Bilak,

Not Present: Aviella Williams Gayden, Bill Campbell, Celia E. Hemphill, Dereck Davis, Jeffery Allen Spencer I, Joy Douglas, Juan Sebastian Cruz, Sharmelle Brooks, Stephanie Hollman-Curtis, Tanya Cobb, Thomas C. Dean III (SPLOST Vice-Chair), Venus Arthur, Vinette D'Andrade, 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 John van der Spek, to approve the agenda, seconded by Arthur A. Vaughn, and was passed unanimously. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Mike Seller to approve the meeting minutes of July 21, 2025, seconded by John van der Spek, and passed unanimously. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Board of Commissioner Rockdale County Chair/CEO Remarks:**
 - a. Rockdale County Chair JaNice Van Ness provided a reminder SPLOST members of the Veterans Parade, scheduled for November 8, 2026, at 2:00 pm.
5. **SPLOST Chair Remarks:**
 - a. SPLOST Chair Charles Staples had a few announcements to provide from SPLOST members.
6. **Subcommittee's Reports:**
 - a. **Courthouse:** Dexter Bowman, Chair of the Courthouse Subcommittee, provided an update indicating that 65% of the framing for the courthouse is complete, and the foundation for the Administrative building is fully finished.
 - b. **Finance:** Finance Subcommittee Chair Doug Smith informed that as of April 2025, the sales tax collected is \$56.234 million, which is an average of \$2.008 million per month and collections continue to exceed the monthly goal by an average of \$771,000 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.

- c. **Fire/E911:** Fire Subcommittee Chair, Bill Hughey presented the report on the Fire Subcommittee projects. Please refer to the attachment for more information. Fire Subcommittee Chair Bill Hughey motioned to approve the purchase of one Heavy Rescue Vehicle not to exceed \$1,450,000.00 as funds are available, seconded by Arthur Vaughn, and passed unanimously. **Motion Carried.** Fire Department Chief James Robinson provided a report on the Fire Apparatus.
 - d. **Parks & Recreation:** Parks and Recreation subcommittee member, Robin Berry provided a brief update of the Parks and Recreation Projects. Parks and Recreation subcommittee member Robin Berry motioned to approve the revised project priority list: to move Earl O'Neal Park (2709 Old Covington Rd) softball and football building renovations to priority 1, move Legion Sports Complex (1260 S Main St.) building renovation to priority 1, and move the following items listed for Costley Mill (2455 Costley Mill Rd NE) to priority 3 (includes the beach, welcome center parking, glamping yurts, and barn buildout), seconded by Bill Hughey, and passed unanimously. **Motion Carried.**
 - e. **Sheriff:** Michael Sellers, Chair of the Sheriff Subcommittee, provided a brief update on the Mental Health Ward, regarding the personnel required.
 - f. **Transportation:** Transportation Subcommittee Chair Arthur Vaughn provided an update on Transportation Subcommittee project lists.
7. **Public Comments:** No public comment.
8. **SPLOST Members' Comments:**
- a. SPLOST member Josh Bettenhausen asked a question regarding Sigman Road's street lights, which SPLOST Chair Charles Staples provided inputs that there are a few different
9. **Next meeting:** The next Oversight Committee meeting will be January 26, 2026, due to the holiday on January 19, 2026...**AMENDED due to location availability & weather condition. New date & new location: February 2, 2026, at Fire Station 5, 2100 W. Hightower Trail Conyers, GA 30012.**
10. **Adjournment:** There being no further business or discussion, Charles Staples motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John van der Spek. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

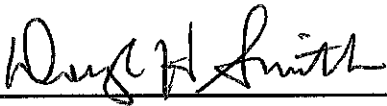
Approved:

SPLOST Committee Chair

Date

SPLOST Finance Subcommittee Report
October 20, 2025

- The SPLOST Finance Subcommittee last met on Wednesday, July 9, 2025.
- As of July 2025, SPLOST Sales Tax Collections collected \$56.234m - an average of \$2.008m per month and exceeded our monthly goals by an average of \$771K per month.
- An Allocated Funds Report as of June 27, 2025, has also been provided.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug H. Smith", written over a horizontal line.

Doug Smith

ALLOCATED FUNDS REPORT

COUNTY PROJECTS		AUTHORIZED AMOUNT	(REVENUE)	FUNDS OBLIGATED BY	Splost Bond	FUNDS PAID TO	UNOBLIGATED
			FUNDS ALLOCATED TO DATE	EXECUTED CONTRACTS	Series 2024 Debt Service Payments	CONTRACTORS	FUNDS REMAINING
	%						
			-	-		-	-
Transportation	39.51%	35,199,846	20,226,664	7,876,951	-	9,483,516	2,866,197
Fire & E911	9.00%	8,019,000	4,607,198	3,729,515	-	544,106	333,577
Sheriff	6.00%	5,346,000	3,071,765	343,792	-	1,609,203	1,118,770
Parks & Recreation	5.00%	4,455,000	2,560,152	1,388,146	-	807,121	364,885
Courthouse	22.00%	19,602,000	11,263,836	3,824,500	3,174,167	-	4,265,169
County Total	81.506%	72,621,846	41,729,615	17,162,904	3,174,167	12,443,947	8,948,598
City Total	18.494%	16,478,154	10,399,959	-		10,399,959	(0)
Grand Total	100.00%	89,100,000	52,129,574	17,162,904	3,174,167	22,843,906	8,948,598
			NOTE (1)	NOTE (2)	NOTE (2)		

NOTE (1): Report shows tax receipts allocations through July 31, 2025
NOTE (2): Report shows Obligated Funds & Payments to Contractors as of Sept. 10, 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	1,179,056
Grand Total Interest		2,911,191.31

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

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	4,007,750.00	NO
	<u>\$ 15,210,916.66</u>	

Monthly		Sales Tax			
Remit		Sales Tax	GOAL	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	\$ 2,021.5	\$ 784.0
27	Jun-25	\$	1,237.5	\$ 2,062.1	\$ 824.6
28	Jul-25	\$	1,237.5	\$ 2,049.6	\$ 812.1
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		\$ -
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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		\$ -
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Total		\$	89,100.00	\$ 56,234.23	\$ 21,584.23
Month Average		\$	1,237.50	\$ 2,008.37	\$ 770.87

2023 SPLOST Oversight Committee

Recommendation Memo

Date of SPLOST Meeting: 10/20/25

Subcommittee: Parks and Recreation

Action Recommended to Board of Commissioners:

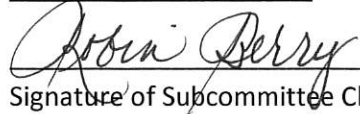
Motion to approve revised project priority list.

Changes:

- Move Earl O'Neal Park (2709 Old Covington Rd) softball and football building renovations to priority 1
- Move Legion Sports Complex (1260 S Main St) building renovations to priority 1
- Move the following items listed for Costley Mill to priority 3. Beach and welcome center parking, Glamping Yurts, and barn buildout.

Budgeted amount for action: Earl O Neal - \$700K, Legions- \$200K

Subcommittee Approval:



Signature of Subcommittee Chair or Vice Chair

10/20/25

Date

Oversight Committee Approval:



Signature of Chair or Vice Chair

10-20-25

Date

SPLOST

911/Fire Service Subcommittee Report

October 20, 2025

Station 5, West Hightower Rd

The renovation of Station 5 is nearing completion, the General Services staff and Fire Service staff have reviewed the remaining items to be completed and it is hoped that the Station 5 will be operational by Thanksgiving. An open house for the community and SPLOST members will be scheduled in the future.

Station 4, Union Church Road

The future site for Station 4 is on property owned by the county on East Fairview in the area of South Park, Engineering and survey work are in progress.

Fire Training Center

The Contractor is working on the site plan and entrance design and the Burn Building location.

Fire Apparatus,

The Ladder truck approved by the SPLOST Committee previously is in production and will be delivered in 2026 or early 2027. The Heavy Rescue Vehicle we discussed at previous meetings finished design work and was submitted for bid. The subcommittee recommends submitting the following Resolution for your approval: It is expected that the vehicle will be delivered in 2027 or later and we do not pay for the vehicle till it is delivered.

Motion: Approve the purchase of one Heavy Rescue Vehicle not to exceed \$1,450,000. As funds are available.

Present Resolution:

Future Fire Rescue Vehicles need:

We asked Chief James Robinson to present information on the future need for Fire Apparatus for possible overage fund use and for the next SPLOST.

We asked him to share the information with the SPLOST Committee for your information:

Introduce Chief Robinson

2023 SPLOST Oversight Committee

Recommendation Memo

Date of SPLOST Meeting: 10/20/25 Subcommittee: Fire/911

Action Recommended to Board of Commissioners:

Motion to approve the purchase of (1) Heavy Rescue Vehicle not to exceed \$1,450,000 as funds are available.

Budgeted amount for action: Not to exceed \$1,450,000

Subcommittee Approval:

Bell Heghey 10/20/25
Signature of Subcommittee Chair or Vice Chair Date

Oversight Committee Approval:

[Signature] 10-20/25
Signature of Chair or Vice Chair Date