

2023 SPLOST SHERIFF Subcommittee
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 8TH, 2025, 6:00 PM
ROCKDALE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
911 CHAMBERS DRIVE, CONYERS, GA 30094

1. **Call to Order:** SPLOST SUB-COMMITTEE: **MIKE SELLERS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:13 PM**

Attendees:

SPLOST Members: MICHAEL SELLERS (SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR), CHARLES STAPLES (SPLOST CHAIR), PAMELA PERDUE, JOSH BETTENHAUSEN

County Staff: LIEUTENANT BILLY BURRELL (RCSO), DEPUTY DIRECTOR DOMINICK VILLANO (G.S.), PROJECT COORDINATOR ASHLEY BAIRD (G.S.), RETIRED LIEUTENANT NIKIE WEATHERSBY

Guests: NONE

Not Present: NONE

2. **Approval of the Agenda:** A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA . 1.WEATHERLY 2.PERDUE. AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. **MOTION CARRIED.**
3. **Approval of Minutes:** A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 8TH, 2025 MEETING. 1.MIKE SELLERS 2. WEATHERLY **MOTION CARRIED**
4. **Subcommittee Chair Report:**

CHAIR SELLERS THANKS EVERYONE FOR THEIR EFFORTS AND CONSISTANT PRESENCE FOR THE SUB-COMMITTEE. NOTHING MORE TO REPORT.

5. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. MENTAL HEALTH WARD COMPLETION UPDATE – LOW VOLTAGE INSTALLED (CAMERAS AND INTERCOMS). OPEN DATE TARGET PENDING EMPLOYEE POSITIONS FILLED- STAFF PULLED FROM THE SHERIFFS OFFICE FOR THE NEW FACILITY ACCORDING TO LIEUTENANT B BURRELL. THEY NEED TO REPLACE THE PERSONELL WHO WERE APPROVED TO MOVE INTO FACILIY. CURRENTLY OPERATING AT 60% CAPACITY AND CANNOT OPEN WITHOUT FILLING THOSE POSITIONS. CHAIR SELLERS AND STAPLES REQUESTED LIEUTENANT BURRELL TO GET WITH SHERIFF LEVETT FOR A TENTATIVE DATE TO OPEN FACILITY, AS WELL AS A TENTATIVE DATE TO FILL THE OPEN POSITIONS.

6. **New Business:**

- a. FIRST FLOOR CSI STATUS: PUTTING THE ROOM FLOORPLAN TOGETHER. SHERIFF LEVETT FINALIZING FLOOR PLAN WITH BRITTANY KONOPKA. LT. B BURRELL CONFIRMED HE AND SHERIFF LEVETT ARE READY TO HAVE THE FINAL FLOORPLAN MEETING WITH BK.
- b. SPLOST FUNDS UPDATE FOR CSI – DV EXPLAINS WE HAVE TO HAVE FUNDS COLLECTED BEFORE CSI EXPANSION JOB CAN GO OUT TO BID. ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF THE STABILIZATION UNITS SO FAR IS 2 MILLION. \$300,000/YEAR IN VEHICLES, IT IS ALLOTTED ANNUALLY. GIVEN THE TIMELINE IT'LL GO OUT TO BID 2027.

- c. *ENCRYPTION FOR RADIO CHANNELS - LT. B BURRELL TO CHECK ABOUT EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR SHERIFF'S DEPT COMMUNICATIONS ENCRYPTION – MIKE SELLERS MENTIONED THE FUNDING COMING OUT OF DIRECTOR WEBB'S BUDGET – THIS IS AN IMMEDIATE NEED AND THEIR DEPARTMENT COVERS COMMUNICATION. TOTAL # OF NEW RADIOS NEEDED: 200 PORTABLES 100 TO 150 CAR RADIOS. (ENCRYPTION IS TO PREVENT ANYONE FROM TAPPING INTO EMERGENCY PERSONAL RADIO CHANNELS. MAIN CHANNEL NOT CURRENTLY ENCRYPTED. CHAIRS SELLERS AND STAPLES DISCUSS WHO COVERED SHERIFF RADIO PURCHASES IN THE PAST. LT B BURELL ESTIMATES \$150,000 IN COST TO GET THIS DONE. JOSH BETTENHAUSEN MENTIONED MOVING THIS UP IN IMPORTANCE - MEANING THE FUNDING WOULD COME BEFORE THE CSI CENTER. BETTENHAUSEN: SINCE CSI ALREADY YEARS OUT WE SHOULD ASK THE BOC AT THE NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING TO ADJUST THE PRIORITY LIST AND VOTE FOR COMMUNICATIONS TO MOVE UP TO PRIORITY.*

7. **Public Comment:** NO PUBLIC PRESENT

8. **SPLOST Member Comments:** NONE

9. **Adjournment:** 6:46 PM

- a. **Next meeting:** TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 2025 @ 6:15 PM
b. **LOCATION:** 911 CHAMBERS DRIVE, CONYERS, GA 30012

Approved:

SPLOST Subcommittee Chair

Date