

2023 SPLOST Sheriff Subcommittee

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 2025

SHERIFF ADMIN OFFICE

911 CHAMBERS DRIVE

1. **Call to Order:** SPLOST Sub-Committee Chair Michael Sellers called meeting to order at: 6:20 PM

Attendees:

SPLOST Members: MICHAEL SELLERS, CHARLES STAPLES, SANDRA WEATHERLY, ROGER CANNON **County Staff:** ASHLEY BAIRD, CPT ERNEST STROZIER

Guests: NONE

Not Present: PAMELA PERDUE, JOSHUA BETTENHAUSEN

2. **Approval of the agenda:** MIKE SELLERS

A motion was made by SANDRA WEATHERLY to approve the agenda: 1. SANDRA WEATHERLY, 2. ROGER CANNON

3. **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by MIKE SELLERS to approve the meeting minutes from XXX meeting: 1. SANDRA WEATHERLY, 2. ROGER CANNON

4. **Subcommittee Chair Report:** NONE

5. **Unfinished Business:**

a. **SELLERS:** ENCRYPTION: ONLY SPLOST FUNDS PURCHASED EQUIPMENT CAN APPLY. STAPLES AND SELLERS DISCUSS ARE WE REQUESTING SPLOST FUNDS TO PAY FOR ALL ENCRYPTION. TRYING TO USE ALLOTTED CSI MONEY TOWARD THE ENCRYPTION SINCE CSI IS SO FAR OUT. LT BURRELL EMAILED SELLERS AND DIR HAMMER. DIR HAMMER INDICATED \$150,000 REGARDING 2017 SPLOST FUNDS.

NEED CLARIFICATION FROM DIR HAMMER ABOUT HOW MUCH OF THE EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT WAS PURCHASED UNDER ANY SPLOST FUND. THE COMMITTEE REQUESTS FURTHER EXPLANATION WHY THE FUNDING CANNOT BE ALLOCATED. MR STAPLES ASKED HOW CRITICAL THE ENCRYPTION IS. MR STAPLES ALSO ASKED HOW MANY PEOPLE IN THE NEW FACILITY REQUIRE RADIOS – CPT STROZIER ANSWERED 15 TOTAL NEW EMPLOYEES. THE REMAINDER WILL USE JAIL EQUIPMENT.

SELLERS REMINDED GROUP: 150 RADIOS NEEDED ACCORDING TO LT BURRELL. STAPLES REQUESTED COST PER RADIO AND # OF RADIOS NEEDED PER FACILITY.

ALL DISCUSS THEIR VOTE IN JANUARY TO GO TOWARDS EXPEDITING IMPORTANCE OF THIS ENCRYPTION. ALL WANT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IN ORDER TO DECIDE ON VOTE.

ACTION ITEMS:

WANT BY 10TH OF NOV- STAPLES WILL MAKE CALLED TO GATHER INFORMATION IF HE CANNOT GET IT BY

11.10.25

CPT STROZIER TEXT BURRELL WHO REPLIED: 150 RADIO ENCRYPTIONS NEEDED NOW.

RADIOS ARE **\$6,000/EACH.**

WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MUCH SPLOST MONEY CAN BE USED TO ENCRYPT RADIOS.

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- a. SHERIFF SUB COMMITTEE WANTS TO MAKE SURE LOW VOLTAGE WAS INSTALLED AND RADIO ENCRYPTION WAS ADDRESSED AT MENTAL HEALTH WARD.

6. **New Business:**

- a. MENTAL HEALTH WARD- PLANS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY SHERIFF LEVETT. HOOKING UP THE LAST OF THE CPUS AND PHONES. CAMERAS ARE IN. BIGGEST HOLD UP IS THE STAFFING. SALARIES HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR ADD'L 10%. STAPLES: ANY ADD'L FEDERAL OR STATE MONEY FOR THIS PROJECT? SELLERS 'YES SOME', STAPLES ADVISES IF THERE'S ANY LEFT OVER IT HAS A DEADLINE. STAPLES ASKED CPT STROZIER TO DETERMINE THIS ANSWER.
- b. CSI EXPANSION: ARCHITECT HAS DECLARED ADA RAMP: UNFEASIBLE. STAPLES ADVISES CSI EXPLANSION ON HOLD UNTIL TOTAL FUNDING ALLOTTED DEC 2026~ EARLY 2027. STAPLES ADVISES DON'T COUNT ON FUNDING UNTIL FULLY ALLOTTED
STAPLES WANTS SHERIFF TO HAVE HIS WISH LIST AVAILABLE BY SUMMER OF 2026 FOR SPLOST 2027 ALLOTTMENT DECISIONS. SO THE OVERALL COMMITTEE CAN MAKE VOTES. COMMISSIONERS THEN MAKE FINAL SAY BASED ON THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

7. **Public Comment:**

- a. NO PUBLIC PRESENT

8. **SPLOST Member Comments:**

- a. NONE

9. **Adjournment:** 7:06 pm

- a. **Next meeting:** JANUARY 13TH at 6:15 p.m.

Approved:

SPLOST Subcommittee Chair

Date