

2023 SPLOST SHERIFF Subcommittee
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 12th, 2026
Rockdale County General Services
1329 Portman Drive, Ste J, Conyers GA 30094

07 1. **Call to Order:** Mike Sellers called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM

Attendees:

SPLOST Members: Mike Sellers-Chair, Josh Benttenhausen, Pamela Perdue, Charles Staples, Roger Cannon

County Staff: Director Andrew Hammer, Ashley Baird - General Services, Captain Ernest Strozier, Kai Oden, Lt Billy Burrell, Major Tate

Guests: None Present

Not Present: Sandra Weatherly – excused illness absence

2. **Approval of the agenda:** Mike Sellers

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Mike Sellers

4. **Subcommittee Chair Report:** Nothing to Report.

5. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. AXIS update: awaiting County TS to set up and assign ports – computer is accessing either internet or cameras, need to figure out how to program them to access both at the same time.
- b. Ashley Cathcart advised VLAN connection is a problem – cameras are working, just not connecting to the network. They were on site today and will be again tomorrow.
- c. Major Tate advised staffing needs to be at minimum 18 in daytime and 19 at night - right now staffing is at 20 daytime and 21 at night. Major Tate advised December 2026 opening date.

6. **New Business:**

- a. Want to prioritize vehicles now – no need for additional voting to push collected funding to vehicles now. Captain Strozier says we need approx. 20 vehicles now.

Overage Wishlist sent by Lt Burrell:

Vehicles \$6,552,145.69

\$300,000 purchase 4 vehicles now

\$732,145.69 purchase 10 vehicles in December 2026 (average \$70,000 per vehicle)

\$1,725,000 purchase 23 vehicles in 2027 (average \$75,000 per vehicle)

\$1,840,000 purchase 23 vehicles in 2028 (average \$80,000 per vehicle)

\$1,955,000 purchase 23 vehicles in 2029 (average \$85,000 per vehicle)

Axis Cameras for the entire Jail \$867,506

\$478,631 (cameras and installation)

\$388,875 (3 years of cloud storage at \$129,625 per year)

Medical Infirmary \$1,300,000
Sigman Industrial Fleet buildout \$920,348.31
Real Time Crime Center buildout \$360,000

Total: \$10,000,000

Josh Bettenhausen made a Motion to take the request of \$10 Million to the Oversight Committee, Pamela Perdue seconds, All say aye. No opposed.

There is no Subsequent Action needed to change the sequence projects are conducted once they have been approved by the board. Once approved a project can never be abandoned from the project list.

7. **Public Comment:**

- a. None Present

8. **SPLOST Member Comments:**

- a. Per Josh Bettenhausen- intends to impress to the other committees that the Sheriff's department supports and receives pressure from all other committees' expenditure decisions. As the County continues to grow, the Sheriff's department needs to grow with it.
- b. Per Pamela Perdue- The Public will understand increasing safety for county residents. The County's progress demands more attention to Sherriff's department.

9. **Adjournment:** 6:58 PM

- a. **Next meeting:** July 14th, 2026 @ 6:15 PM
- b. **Location:** 911 Chambers Drive, Conyers, GA 30012

Approved:

SPLOST Subcommittee Chair

Date