

**Minutes – One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee  
Thursday, July 19, 2018**

**Members Present:**

Alice Summerour  
Bill Carver  
James Brock  
Jay Cunningham  
Marline Elkins  
Ray Higginbotham  
Roger Sandbothe  
Susan Tucker  
Sally Riddle

**Absent:**

Dee Gay  
Frank Wigington  
Kenneth Jones  
Lindsay Edwards

**Cobb County & Other Officials Present:**

Dr. Jackie McMorris, Deputy County Manager  
Scott Barfield, Property Management Div. Mgr.  
Sam Heaton, Director, Public Safety  
Sharon Stanley, Director, IS  
Erica Parish, Deputy Director, DOT  
Meagean Diaz, Admin, DOT  
Lindy Tisdel, Finance  
**City of Powders Springs:**  
Pam Conner, City Manager

Chair Alice Summerour called the One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee to order at 3:00 PM on July 19, 2018.

As there was a quorum present, a motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2018, meeting. Motion was made and seconded; minutes were approved unanimously.

Lindy Tisdel, General Accounting Manager, Finance Department, gave the monthly financial report regarding the 2016 SPLOST Summary.

**Q.** Can we highlight what information is presented at each meeting (font is too small on report)?

**A.** Yes.

Pam Conner, City of Powder Springs, City Manager, gave an update on the City's 2016 SPLOST program. She highlighted several projects including the completion of Linear Park ADA Accessible Playground, Resurfacing projects that will begin in August of this year, Powder Springs Road at Deercreek Drive and Pine Grove Drive and Flint Hill Road which is expected to go to bid this Fall and other various project updates.

**Questions/Answers for City of Powder Springs:**

**Q. Linear Park:** Is there an added expense to maintaining ADA Accessible Playgrounds in comparison to standard playgrounds?

**A.** The City can provide this information to the committee.

**Q. Powder Springs Road:** What types of improvements is the City looking at?

**A.** The area where Deercreek Drive, Pine Grove Drive and Flint Hill Road all come into Powder Springs Road, it presents sight distance issues and other safety issues where people are driving above the speed limit. We are looking to do a realignment for safety improvements to allow more of a buffer around that curve.

**Q.** Are you looking to incorporate Bike Lanes or other options for Pedestrians?

**A.** Not for this project. It is a very heavily traveled lane that does not currently have bike traffic.

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Scott Barfield, Property Management, Director, provided an update on the 2016 SPLOST program. The 2016 SPLOST projects are in progress for Public Safety, Judicial, Senior Services, Libraries and the Health Department. They have completed a substantial amount of the work in Judicial and Senior Services. An agenda item is planned to close out the Senior Services portion of the program. Some highlights include Fire Station #8, #7, #31, #1, Acworth/Kennesaw Health Center and various facility restorations. Property Management is performing several of the renovations In House through their employees for a cost savings to many projects.

**Questions/Answers for Facilities:**

**Q.** Will all Tier 1 projects be complete before the end of the year?

**A.** No. It will be the Facilities/Restoration portion of the program.

**Q.** Sewell Mill Library: Was the Coffee Bar originally part of the plan?

**A.** It was a part of it in the beginning but we did not know if we had enough money to put it in. Once we realized we had a savings, we implemented the Coffee Bar plan.

**Q.** What were the benefits of utilizing In House staff?

**A.** We were able to complete triple the amount of work for the money and we were able to expedite the projects with In House staff working versus hiring a contractor in regards to the work we are able to perform with smaller jobs.

Sam Heaton made a correction to the Facilities Report. Fire Station #31 should be listed as Fire Station #29 (SPLOST FUNDED). Fire Station #31 is funded out of the Fire Fund not SPLOST.

Sam Heaton, Public Safety, Director, provided an update on the 2011 and the 2016 SPLOST program. Remaining funds from the 2011 SPLOST were used to replace the A/C at 911. 2016 SPLOST projects were discussed and highlighted such as the radio and police car purchase, two Animal Service Vans, two replacement Police Crime Scene Units, Fire Station #29 (still need to identify a location in the Cumberland Area), Airport Crash/Firefighting Unit and other various projects. We have requested from the Board to utilize Fire Funds to cover some of the costs for identified Fire Stations, due to inflation, with the condition that it be reimbursed should SPLOST dollars become available.

**Questions/Answers for Public Safety:**

**Q.** Station #1 will be a quarter of a mile from the new one, what will we do with the property of the old one?

**A.** The Board will make the determination. If they sell the property, the funds will return to the program that purchased the property.

The Committee discussed with Public Safety the various Fire Stations to determine which are funded under SPLOST and which are funded under the Fire Fund.

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Sharon Stanley, Information Services, Director, provided an update on the 2016 SPLOST program. Projects in progress include Unified Court Case Management System (partially funded by SPLOST), Business Continuity Plan/Application, Business Intelligence/Dashboarding Tool, Web Portal and the GIS Big Data Analytics. Two new projects include the Sheriff Offender Management System (OMS) and the High-Speed Printer, Folder/Inserter Systems. Significant changes to the Dashboarding Tool project includes an expansion of the tool to the Police Command staff for an additional 75 licenses. The Web Portal new web address will be rolled out to the IS staff around August, then to the County employees, then to a Control group and finally the public.

**Questions/Answers for Information Services:**

**Q.** When will the Dashboarding Tool become available?

**A.** Each piece of it will be pushed out separately. As we build them, they will be made available to ensure data is accurate.

**Q.** The City of Atlanta had an attack on their network, how does that affect the County?

**A.** The County was attacked in December 2017. No information was retrieved in that event. However, we went to the Board for a more advanced firewall for Cyber Security that is efficiently protecting our system.

The Committee further discussed the posting on social media that was brought up at a previous SPLOST COC meeting. They would like to have standard language on the SPLOST COC website to inform the public on the SPLOST program.

IS suggested utilizing a Story Map for the SPLOST program and a link to the ACCG SPLOST information.

The Committee will make a determination on how they will approach the issue.

Jim M. Miller Park will have a Ribbon Cutting and the Committee will be invited. Once, the Fair is over at the park, the County will arrange a tour for the Committee.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.