



Minutes SPLOST IV Committee

**Thursday, April 4, 2013 – 6:00 P.M.
Merle Manders Conference Center, Stockbridge, Georgia**

Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPLOST IV Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M.

Committee members present:

Wayne Greer, Chairman Appointee
Andy Calloway, District 1
Susan Craig, District 1
Edward Toney, District 2
Arley Lowe, District 2
John Smith, District 3
Richard Craig, District 3
Linda Moye, District 4
Johnny Basler, District 4
Steve Cash, District 5
Carlotta Harrell, District 5
David Milliron, City of Stockbridge

Other City representatives present:

Andy Pippin, City of Hampton
Tim Young, City of Locust Grove
Rodney Heard, City of McDonough

Commissioners present:

Bo Moss, District 1
Gary Barham, District 3
Bruce Holmes, District 5

Steve Cash, Committee Chairman, opened the meeting and commented that the purpose of the committee is to work together as one to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Henry County.

The motion for acceptance of the Agenda was made by Edward Toney (District 2), and seconded by Andy Calloway (District 1). Next motion for approval of the March 28, 2013, meeting minutes was made by Susan Craig (District 1). Since not all members have received the minutes, the motion was withdrawn by Susan Craig, and seconded by John Smith (District 3). Meeting minutes for the March 28, 2013, and April 4, 2013, meetings will be sent to all members by April 9, 2013.

Steve Cash introduced elected officials Gary Barham (District 3), and Bo Moss (District 1). Next Steve requested for each committee member to introduce themselves in the following order: Steve Cash (District 5), Andy Calloway (District 1), Susan Craig (District 1), Edward Toney (District 2), John Smith (District 3), Richard Craig (District 3), David Milliron (City of Stockbridge), Tim Young (City of Locust Grove), Andy Pippin (City of Hampton), Wayne Greer (Chairman Appointee), Johnny Basler (District 4), Linda Moyer (District 4), Arley Lowe (District 2).

Steve then requested any County staff to introduce themselves starting with Ron Burckhalter (SPLOST Capital Director), Roque Romero (SPLOST Transportation Director), Dustin Farron (Finance), Angie Sorrow (Finance Director), Connie Mitchell (Finance), Lynn Planchon (SPLOST), Julie Hoover-Ernst (Communications Director).

Nomination and election of Vice-Chairperson was next. This was necessary due to District 4 Commissioner nominated Johnny Basler after the first meeting. Arley Lowe (District 2) made the motion to nominate Johnny Basler for the Vice-Chairperson. The motion was seconded by John Smith (District 3). Vote was unanimous.

Steve introduced Angie Sorrow (Finance Director) for her to provide a Finance Report. Angie provided four financial schedules. First she discussed SPLOST III projected revenues. Original projected revenue was \$300M, then \$240M, \$180M, and now working on a \$173,773,544.00. Then discussion was about the first schedule provided the SPLOST III Overall Yearly Collections. John Smith (District 3) pointed out that the yearly average was wrong. Angie pointed out that there might be an error in the formulas. The Finance Department will provide a corrected schedule for the next meeting. Next Angie discussed the SPLOST III – County and City portions (Schedule 2), followed by SPLOST IV – Projected Revenues (Schedule 3) and last SPLOST IV – County and City Revenue Projections (Schedule 4). The SPLOST IV showed projections of 1%, 1 ½ % and 2% inflation. Comments were made that the projections were too conservative. It was requested that finance look at existing and future discussion of the amount of projects versus dollars collected. Also the amount of projects not completed in SPLOST III and that they need to be the cornerstone for SPLOST IV. Steve thanked Angie for her presentation and that at the next meeting there would be a short discussion over the revised finance schedule.

Next, District 5 committee members Carlotta Harrell and Steve Cash discussed the needs and projects for their district. The following are the projects mentioned:

Transportation Projects:

- Rock Quarry Extension – from SR138 to East Atlanta
- Fairview Road Widening – from Home Depot to Austin Road schools or SR155
- East Atlanta @ Mays/Stagecoach
- Sidewalks on Walt Stephens Road
- East Atlanta Road @ Flat Rock Road

Capital Projects:

- Passive Park
- Athletic Field, Soccer Fields
- Water Park

The floor was open to the public. Katherine Gilbert asked what happens if there is a windfall in collections; she suggested it should be divided between the County and Cities.

Steve requested for the Cities to advertise on their websites. Tim Young and David Milliron mentioned that their respective cities are already doing this. Steve asked about other avenues where we could get the word out. Julie Hoover-Ernst mentioned that the County is advertising the meetings on the County website, Channel 14 and on Twitter.

Lynn Planchon (SPLOST) provided handouts:

- Proposed Meeting Dates and Locations
- Population by District

Linda Moye asked about holding a day meeting.

Steve thanked the committee for being present.

Staff requests:

- Provide a list of projects not completed and a budget for each.

A motion was made by John Smith and seconded by Arley Lowe to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

Minutes were prepared by Roque Romero and Ron Burckhalter for Cheri Hobson-Matthews, SPLOST IV Secretary.