



SPLOST IV COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013 @ 6:00 PM
Locust Grove Event Center

The SPLOST IV Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chairman Steve Cash.

The Henry Daily Herald was notified of the meeting via email.

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)
Johnny Basler (District 4)
Carlotta Harrell (District 5)
Steve Cash (District 5)
Tim Young (City of Locust Grove)

Members Absent:

Linda Moya (District 4)

Other City Representatives Present:

Andy Pippin (City of Hampton)
Tim Young (City of Locust Grove)
Frederick Gardiner (City of McDonough)

SPLOST Staff Present:

Roque Romero
Ron Burkhalter
Dustin Farron
Lynn Planchon

Chairman Cash stated that the following two items would be tabled under Old Business:
Item VIII. (C) Revised Financial Reports; and
Item VIII. (D) Legal Response.

No motion was made and the Chairman proceeded with following the agenda as printed:

MEETING AGENDA (SEE ATTACHED AGENDA)

Acceptance of the Agenda: The agenda was accepted as presented with a motion made by Richard Craig, seconded by John Smith

Approval of the March 28th Minutes: Motion was made by Carlotta Harrell, seconded by John Smith; Vote was unanimous

Approval of the April 4th Minutes: Motion was made by John Smith, seconded by Richard Craig; vote was unanimous

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Cash, followed by recognition of Mayor Price, City of Locust Grove and Locust Grove City Council, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Kay Pippin, Chamber President, Eddie Ausband and Council for Quality Growth Chair, Clate Wall.

Introductions were made by all Elected Official, Committee Members and Staff Members.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Proposed Daytime Committee Meeting: Chairman Cash made general comments regarding the request to have a daytime meeting in order for Henry County Staff to present project recommendations to be considered by the committee. May 9th at 4pm was proposed. After discussion from various committee members regarding potential conflicts, a motion was made by Richard Craig, seconded by John Smith to have a day meeting on May 9th @ 4pm at the County Administration Building. After the vote was taken, Carlotta Harrell asked whether this meeting would be posted, since a previous meeting schedule had already been sent out and posted on the county website. Staff confirmed that the meeting would be posted and information forwarded to the Communication Department.

B. Sub-Committee Discussion: Chairman Cash stated that there was a request made to consider dividing the committee into two sub-committees, to focus on transportation projects and capital projects. *A motion was made by Ed Toney to create two sub-committees. No second was received. Motion died for lack of second.*

Chairman Cash moved on to New Business and requested that the Committee amend the agenda, as a request was received from Eddie Ausband to address the committee. A motion was made by Richard Craig and seconded by John Smith to amend the agenda to add an item D. Presentation from Eddie Ausband, under New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

District 1 Presentation: Susan Craig and Andy Callaway presented to the committee District 1 request and indicated that their presentation was based on a meeting held with District 1 Commissioner, Bo Moss. Ms. Craig made the following comments and stated the following project needs:

- ✓ Details are needed from staff regarding SP2/SP3 Projects that have been completed
- ✓ Locust Grove Fire Station-Replacement station is a dire need and will result in no need for additional personnel; land has been identified and discussions have been held between the city and county, per the City Manager.
- ✓ Projects currently on SP3 might be the only projects to include in the SP4 list

- ✓ Correctional Facility-has a meeting been held with the Sheriff? If not, this needs to happen to determine needs;
- ✓ Performing Arts Center-Countywide need and accessibility to the interstate would be ideal;
- ✓ Sandy Ridge Park: Lots of discussion regarding current funds and previously unused SP2 funds. Questions were raised on whether the park improvements are complete and whether the 212k balance is from SP2 or SP3. Lynn Planchon responded that there are no SP3 funds available. Further discussions included projects and the need to revise the budget sheets based on projects. Other questions were raised regarding whether budget revisions were needed for both capital and transportation.

TRANSPORTATION: Bill Gardner Parkway-remain on the list; what will it take to complete this project; question was raised regarding this project. Roque indicated that he would have to get a response from the County Attorney.

Arley Lowe then expressed concern regarding having an answer from the County's Legal Department regarding projects on the current SP3 list in which work has been done. Mr. Lowe questioned "projects started" and the interpretation of the law as it pertains to completing "projects which have started." Arley indicated that at this point in the process, this has to be answered. Arley requested that staff get a definitive answer, in order for the committee to proceed.

The committee members then offered additional comments regarding the SPLOST laws, projects and the funding mechanisms. Questions were raised regarding the current SPLOST projects and whether the projects listed on the last ballot, have to be completed. Committee Member Young indicated that projects can be altered and Chairman Cash stated that a final opinion regarding the questions raised would be addressed at the next meeting, after a legal opinion is made from the County Attorney.

District 1 Committee Members then proceeded with reviewing the District 1 Transportation Projects and engaged in a discussion with staff regarding the status of a number of projects (see list prepared by District 1) in which a number of the projects had already been completed.

Committee Member Harrell then inquired about Sandy Ridge Park and the funding amounts previously discussed. She asked for clarification on the funding amounts and the actual improvements made under the SP2 and SP3 programs. Ron Burckhalter indicated that the referendum wasn't specific in the type of improvements to be made, so improvements were made based on needs.

Committee Member Gardiner then directed the members to page 11 of the Guidebook as it pertains to projects and the law. Chairman Cash again reminded the committee members that an opinion from the Legal Council would need to be made, before further discussions could be held. Chairman Cash ensured the committee members that an opinion would be made by the County Attorney.

B. HCFD Presentation: Chief Brad Johnson presented the committee members with the District 1 needs. Chief Johnson indicated that the Station 2 replacement is a high priority. He also indicated that the replacement station would have no impact on staffing. Chief Johnson also presented the committee with a map delineating coverage areas. Chief Johnson also responded to inquiries regarding the replacement of fire apparatus and relocation of Fire Station #1. Committee Member Harrell requested a list of apparatus replacements needed in order of priority. Chairman Cash requested a summary of the information presented by Chief Johnson.

C. CITY OF LOCUST GROVE: City Manager Tim Young presented the committee members with a list of projects to be considered. Young reemphasized that the list should be a continuation of the current SP3 project list. The following projects were identified:

- ✓ Tanger Boulevard Rehabilitation
- ✓ Bill Gardner Interchange
- ✓ Public Buildings: Public Safety Facility, Locust Grove Administration Building (replacement of windows, energy efficiency)
- ✓ Overhead Bridge Crossings
- ✓ Supports replacement of Fire Station #2
- ✓ Transportation Improvements: SR 42 @ Bill Gardner and Cleveland Street, Tanger Blvd Extension to Jackson Street
- ✓ Resurfacing Lump Sum
- ✓ Stormwater Lump Sum

Chairman Cash reminded the committee that historically the monies are sent directly to the cities to expend as the cities see fit. Chairman Cash requested that a list be prepared and submitted to the committee for review. Committee Member Young indicated that a list was being prepared and would be made available to the committee members.

D. Eddie Ausband request to allocate funds for the Southern Crescent Technical College

Mr. Ausband brought the committee up to speed on the Technical College and requested that six million dollars in SPLOST funds be allocated to the construction of building #2. The total cost of building #2 is 18 million dollars. Comments were made from various committee members with a recommendation from Committee Member Lowe for each District Commissioner to allocate 1 million from each district and 250k from each city. Committee Member Gardiner stated that the City of Griffin allocated SPLOST funds to The University of Georgia and Griffin Tech in previous SPLOST programs. Committee Member Pippin stated that this investment should seriously be considered as this could certainly support the economic development within Henry County. Committee Member Smith asked if this project should be designated as a Level 1 or 2 project and a response was made that it should be a Level 1. General comments were offered from committee members. (White Paper distributed by Kay Pippin)

Public Comments:

Randy Crawford:

Raised questions regarding replacing vs rebuilding a fire station, transportation improvements are critical, dirt road paving is essential for access to surrounding school complexes

Walton Gibbs:

Public safety and Fire stations needs should be addressed

Announcement was made by Kay Pippin regarding an upcoming Housing Summit Business Booster Luncheon on Thursday, April 18th. Chairman Cash asked the committee members to plan on attending the Housing Summit Business Booster Luncheon, as it would certainly be beneficial and paint a good picture of what is going on in Henry County.

Handouts: SPLOST Staff members provided the following handouts:

1. SPLOST IV Cost Estimates (SP3 Projects Not Completed)
2. SPLOST IV Projected Budget Sheets (Capital and Transportation)

Chairman Comments:

Chairman Cash stated that all agenda items needed to be sent to the SPLOST Department by the close of business on Monday in order to be included on the agenda.

UPCOMING MEETING: Thursday, April 18, 2013 @ Moseley Park Recreational Center

STAFF REQUEST

1. Opinion from the County Attorney regarding projects in progress and current projects on the SP3 list being carried over.
2. A list of fire apparatus priorities from the Fire Department and a summary of needs.
3. A project list for each district delineating projects not yet completed.
4. A summary of needs from the City of Locust Grove
5. Email a Committee Member Contact list to all committee members.
6. Provide a cost estimate for roundabouts (requested by Richard Craig).
7. Presentation regarding finances

A motion was made by Arley Lowe, seconded by Ed Toney to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Minutes prepared by: Cheri Hobson-Matthews, SPLOST IV Secretary