



SPLOST IV COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2013 @ 6:00 PM
Moseley Park Recreation 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)
Linda Moye (District 4)
Steve Cash (District 5)
Tim Young (City of Locust Grove)

Members Absent:

Carlotta Harrell (District 5)

Other City Representatives Present:

Andy Pippin (City of Hampton)
Frederick Gardiner (City of McDonough)

SPLOST Staff Present:

Roque Romero
Ron Burkhalter
Dustin Farron
Lynn Planchon
Chae Yi

Other County Staff Members Present:

LaTonya Wiley
Fred Auletta
Angie Sorrow
Connie Mitchell
Terry McMickle
Cheri Hobson-Matthews
Chief Bill Lacey
Julie Hoover-Ernst

Representative for Committee Members:

Houston Nelson

MEETING AGENDA (SEE ATTACHED AGENDA)

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Cash

The meeting was Called to Order by Chairman Cash at 6:00 P.M.

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

Approval of the April 11th Minutes: Motioned made by Andy Calloway, seconded by Ed Toney. Unanimous approval

Introductions were made by all Elected Officials, Committee Members and Staff Members. Commissioner Gary Barham, District 3, Fred Auletta County Attorney and LaTonya Wiley, County Attorney were all introduced.

The agenda was followed as printed

NEW BUSINESS

Handouts:

- A.** SPLOST I Handout – This list is believed to be tied to the minutes; disclaimer made – verification that BOC approved this list (1996), based on handout.

- B. SPLOST II Handout – Page 6 does not have money attached to the projects; Bridge Improvements total amount – 54 projects with no dedicated value for each. Staff reconciled this list with what was done; \$5.2 million what was the intent of the Commissioner – the intent might have been to do \$5.2 million worth of projects.
- C. SPLOST III Handout – See minutes and list of projects – minutes do support the approval of the list, but no money is attached to the projects. Economy was good and then crashed; \$300 million –\$240-\$180 million is the SPLOST forecast; \$240-\$300 million was the intent, money was attached to the SPLOST III list. All money collected through March 2014 will be expended on those projects shown on the SPLOST III list.
- D. Handout 4 – Ballot – no projects are listed on the ballot
- E. Handout 5 – Further researched – Reconciliation of SPLOST I, SPLOST II, & SPLOST III – no money shown for bridges.

CAPITAL PROJECTS PRESENTATION:

Ron Burckhalter presented to committee members. SPLOST Staff can identify projects that were not completed on previous list (SPLOST II & SPLOST III). Ron discussed projects that were not completed (See Handout #5).

- ✓ All SPLOST I Capital Projects were completed

Fred mentioned that no dollar amounts were listed on Capital Projects as well. Projected SPLOST 2013/2014 cost discussed. Phase II of the Correctional Facility was discussed (addition of jail PODS) – this was listed under SPLOST III. Sheriff Keith McBrayer stated that he had just opened ½ of the last vacant POD; staff went from 8 hour to 12 hour shifts. Sheriff stated that he doesn't believe there is a need for Phase II at this time. He mentioned that the State has gone from receiving prisoners every 3 months to picking them up every 2-3 weeks and this has helped with congestion.

TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS PRESENTATION:

Roque Romero presented to committee members. Roque referenced and reviewed previous SPLOST programs (See Handout #5). Roque stated to disregard the previous handout referencing Transportation Projects. Question was asked if the Hampton/Locust Grove Road widening project and the Bill Gardner project could be combined. Roque stated, "No". County Attorney, LaTonya Wiley, referenced via email that previously listed projects have not been abandoned, but stated that a determination should be made to define feasibility. Conversations were had regarding

- ✓ Flippen Road Extension
- ✓ New Morn Drive Extension (no longer feasible due to existing subdivision), Hampton/Locust Grove Road Bridge replacement (between Simpson Mill & Rocky Creek)
- ✓ Parallel connector
- ✓ Bridge over SR 155 in McDonough
- ✓ Racetrack Road (previously shared partnership with City of McDonough)

- ✓ Widening of Rock Quarry Road
- ✓ Davis Drive @ SR 42 (combined with widening of SR 42)
- ✓ Widening of SR 42 (GDOT project match/contribution)

Mr. Smith stated the numbers may need to be adjusted and specified. Ms. Wiley asked that GDOT specify the match percentage amount.

COUNTY MANAGER COMMENTS:

Mr. Auletta reminded the committee that roads should be identified and specified based on District concerns and needs. SPLOST I – SPLOST III projects that have been listed but not yet completed will take top priority. Mr. Auletta also reminded committee members to talk to constituents; prioritize the list and list the projects in \$10 million increments. Final determination on dollar amounts shouldn't be the concern of the committee or capital vs. transportation allocations. Mr. Auletta reiterated that the Board of Commissioners will look at capital projects and the cost to General Funds once the project is completed. Committee members are just to prepare the list.

COUNTY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

Ms. Wiley made general comments regarding the reconciliation of past SPLOST programs. The meeting to determine the funding split between the cities and the county is to be May 14th. This will include city/county overlap/joint projects. Ms. Wiley also further explained email correspondence sent to all committee members regarding previous project list and projects not yet completed.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

Chairman Cash asked if the SPLOST IV Committee is mandated, answer was “no”. Mr. Lowe asked if District II had projects on the SPLOST III list not yet started does the project automatically roll over to SPLOST IV or should it be prioritized on the list? Mr. Auletta stated that projects cannot be abandoned until the public abandons them through a referendum. Mr. Auletta stated that committee members should look at and discuss old projects on previous SPLOST list vs. the list of new projects. LaTonya stated that the committee is to discuss and decide which projects will carry over to SPLOST IV. Mr. Greer stated that he felt this was not smart, politically. LaTonya stated that incomplete projects that aren't feasible should be taken back to the voters with stated reasoning. Ask the voters; can you relieve us of this obligation? Mr. Gardiner mentioned that projects should be categorized as feasible/non-feasible projects. Mr. Auletta requested that SPLOST staff take two weeks to determine if current, incomplete projects are feasible/non-feasible projects and list findings in a separate column on each project sheet. ***Andy Pippin and Arley Lowe commented on the feasibility of certain transportation projects, which was followed up with a comment from Mr. Houston Nelson and staff members regarding the feasibility of East Atlanta Road and Walter Way Extension.***

OVERVIEW

A. INTERSECTIONS

- ✓ Moseley Park – realignment
- ✓ Hemphill Road @ SR 138 – Design is complete – Money needed for R/W & Construction

B. BRIDGES

- ✓ SPLOST I - \$5 million budgeted for 54 projects
- ✓ Allowed 3 weeks for new amount description and full replacement

C. DIRT ROADS

- ✓ SPLOST I - \$6 million budgeted for 54 projects

Mr. Smith stated that if you're purchasing Right-of-Way, those roads should take top priority.

DISTRICT IV NEEDS:

The needs of District IV were presented by Mr. Johnny Basler and Ms. Linda Moyer. Opening comments were made regarding previously completed SPLOST projects; specifically Eagle's Landing Parkway and the importance of that particular project – it was a need for the county as a whole. A few District IV recommendations are as follows:

- ✓ Repaving of East Lake Road
- ✓ Intersection at East Lake Road @ SR 20 (Joint with District III) (availability of safety funds)
- ✓ Widening of East Lake Road from SR 155 to Elliot (through existing school zone) (Joint with District III)
- ✓ Intersection of Banks Road @ Rock Quarry Road
- ✓ Fire Station needed in Kelleytown area
- ✓ Improvement of existing parks

SPLOST IV PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman Cash advised and encouraged citizens to go to the county website, where they can fill out public input form. The following comment was received via the website:

Dr. Mike Moon: He has received public comments regarding old, abandoned cemeteries, asked that item be added to the minutes along with weather sirens. Mr. Auletta stated that expending money to purchase 19 weather sirens is on the BOC agenda for May 7, 2013.

The following comments were made during the meeting:

Ms. June Wood: Technical College – Building 2 - \$6 million for 120x60 Soccer Field

Mr. Ken Loach, Henry County Lacrosse Association – Handout given (see handout attached), request of 6 Lacrosse Fields (no cost analysis prepared).

A motion to adjourn was made by Johnny Basler and seconded by Andy Callaway. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.