



# SPLOST IV COMMITTEE

## THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2013 @ 6:00 PM

### Ola Elementary School-District 3

The SPLOST IV Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:13 P.M. by Chairman Steve Cash.

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

**Committee Members Present:**

Andy Calloway (District 1)  
Susan Craig (District 1)  
John Smith (District 3)  
Richard Craig (District 3)  
Johnny Basler (District 4)  
Steve Cash (District 5)  
Tim Young (City of Locust Grove)

**Members Absent:**

Wayne Greer (Chairman Appointee)  
Edward Toney (District 2)  
Arley Lowe (District 2)  
Linda Moya (District 4)  
Carlotta Harrell (District 5)

**Other City Representatives Present:**

Justin Johnson (City of McDonough)  
David Milliron (City of Stockbridge)

**SPLOST Staff Present:**

Roque Romero  
Ron Burckhalter  
Chae Yi  
Lynn Planchon

**Other County Staff Members Present:**

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

## **MEETING AGENDA (SEE ATTACHED AGENDA)**

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Chairman Cash

**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 18<sup>th</sup> Minutes:** Motion made by John Smith, seconded by Susan Craig. Unanimous vote of approval

**Approval of the April 25<sup>th</sup> Minutes:** Motion made by John Smith, seconded by Johnny Basler. Unanimous vote of approval

Introductions were made by all Elected Officials, Committee Members and Staff Members. Commissioner Gary Barham, District 3, and Fred Auletta, County Manager, were both in attendance.

Chairman opened the new business of the meeting by asking Committee members if they had any outstanding issues or concerns.

Tim Young, City of Locust Grove - Cities are still working on their project list, but no major concerns. Tanger Outlet merchants have concerns regarding Bill Gardner Parkway and will be making the committee aware during the upcoming meeting. The City of Locust Grove is working with the County on any pending issues.

Committee Members – There were no concerns raised from any of the committee members.

David Milliron, City of Stockbridge – None as of date; questioned if concerns raised; preparing for County meeting.

Justin Johnson, City of McDonough – No pending concerns.

Chairman Cash reiterated the need to present a list on “one accord” and to produce a final product.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Presentation from John Smith and Richard Craig

District 3 Committee Members distributed and presented a handout based on joint meeting between committee members and Commissioner Barham. The following was offered in no order of priority:

- McDonough Pkwy SR 42 – SR 155.
- Joint project between the County and City of McDonough-SR20/Lawrenceville St./McGarity Rd.
- Elliott Road Bridge Replacement. Fire/School Buses cannot cross this bridge and GDOT has put an eight (8) ton limit on this bridge, which is low.
- East Lake @ SR 20 – Jointly share with D4 (traffic signal, turning lane).
  - Johnny Basler asked about getting assistance from GDOT. Roque responded that the county could certainly seek assistance.
- District 3 is willing to allocate 1 million for Bldg. #2 for the Southern Crescent Technical College.
- Widening SR 81 – west of library to Bethany Road. Boundary line between D1 and D3. \$750K between both districts to get the design completed; seek money from GDOT

### **Capital Projects (see handout)**

Fire Stations/Police – There is a need to have an ambulance at every station.

Q. Can SPLOST money be used to refurbish?

A. Yes

North Ola Park – Discussion – Needs include parking spaces, additional fields. Conversation between Board of Education and County did not pan out. Staff will provide an aerial for committee.

## **HANDOUTS/REPORT FROM SPLOST STAFF**

Ron Burckhalter – Reviewed handout and discussed the tier system for capital projects.

Roque Romero– Reviewed the roads list/prioritized project list/cost estimates.

Q. Johnny Basler – District 5 project list – general questions regarding projections/cost estimates.

Steve Cash – asked Committee Members to look at the District 3 list prepared by committee in comparison to the SPLOST list just distributed by staff.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Charlie Hammond via email – comments regarding East Lake Road resurfacing.

Thomas Crowe – SR 138 and Hemphill Road intersection improvements.

Eddie Ausband – Southern Crescent Technical College funding for Building #2. Handout distributed to committee members.

Houston Nelson – addressed the committee members and apologized regarding meeting protocol. Mr. Nelson then posed a question to the County Manager regarding the replacement of vehicles. The County Manger responded and Commissioner Barham followed up with additional comments. Chief Lacey then responded to an inquiry regarding the purchasing of ambulances and life of an ambulance.

Jane Askew- Rutledge – Raised a question to the committee members regarding what percentage of the funds will go capital versus transportation. Ms. Rutledge also inquired about the old First State Bank Operations Building and the City of Stockbridge plans for the building. David Milliron responded and dialogue between him and Ms. Rutledge continued regarding the use of the building. Ms. Askew also asked whether the city planned on asking for a Senior Center in SPLOST 4. David Milliron responded, no.

Bill Camp – Raymon/James – Bond Counsel was also present and discussed bonding, project delivery and ballot language as it pertains to bonding. Mr. Camp also discussed the option of “pay as you go” and reiterated that larger projects needed to show that money is in the bank.

## **UPCOMING MEETING:**

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2013-4:00 P.M. HENRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

Julie Hoover Ernst announced that this meeting would be advertised on Henry TV 14 and Channel 99 AT&T.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 P.M.

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