

**2023 SPLOST Oversight Committee
ORIENTATION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 17, 2023 – 6:15 P.M.
J.P. Carr Community Center, Conyers, GA**

1. **Call to Order:** Director Andrew Hammer gave the welcome remarks and introduced the General Service Staff, Deputy Director Dominick Villano, Senior Project Manager Michael Smith, and Projects Coordinators Dona Ballard and Marilu Montalvo. He asked the members to please sign the sign-in sheet, approve their contact information in the roster passing around, and note their polo shirt size in the last column of the roster. Director Hammer proceeded to introduce Chairman Oz Nesbitt.

Chairman Nesbitt welcomed the new 2023 SPLOST members and thanked the group for their dedication and time to serve the community. He remarked on the importance of the SPLOST for the county's future, and proudly commented that Rockdale County has never had an infraction on any SPLOST due process. The Chairman spoke of the meaning of leadership and how important it is to have well-respected civic leaders that are knowledgeable and reliable. Chairman Nesbitt appointed Charles Staples as the 2023 SPLOST Oversight Committee Chair and Thomas C. Dean III as the 2023 SPLOST Oversight Committee Vice-Chair.

Present Members: Arthur A. Vaughn, Aviella Williams, Bill Campbell, Bill Hughey, Charles Staples, Charlotte Gellert, Dexter Bowman, Doug Smith, Elaine Nash, Jeffrey Allen Spencer I, John van der Spek, Josh Bettenhausen, Joy Douglass, Mary Graco, Michael Sellers, Nichele Ford, Pamela Perdue, Robin Berry, Roger Cannon, Sandra Weatherly, Shawn Bilak, Tanya Cobb, Thomas C. Dean III, Tuwanya Smith, Venus Arthur, Vinette D'Andraded, and Yvonne Duncan

Not Present: Danielle Smith, Dereck Davis, James Stone, Juan Sebastian Cruz, Shermelle Brooks, and Stephanie Hollman-Curtis

2. **Subcommittees Reports:**
Director Hammer presented the Red Binder with all the information for the 2023 SPLOST and explained the function of all the Subcommittees.
 - a. **Finance** – Director Hammer explained the function of the Finance Subcommittees as an overseer of the revenue collected by the state to appropriately allocate to SPLOST. Based on the May 24, 2022, SPLOST referendum, the voters of Rockdale County approved the SPLOST to fund transportation, public safety and facilities, courthouse, and parks and recreation projects. The SPLOST estimated portion of county revenue is \$72,621,846 to be distributed as follows:

		<u>Authorized Amount</u>
Transportation	39.506%	\$35,199,846
Sheriff	6.000%	\$ 5,346,000
Fire & E911	9.000%	\$ 8,019,000
Parks & Recreation/Senior	5.000%	\$ 4,455,000
Courthouse	22.000%	<u>\$19,602,000</u>
County Total		<u>\$72,621,846</u>

- b. **Transportation:** Subcommittee works with the County DOT to identify and make improvements to roads, streets, bridges and sidewalks within the County, including resurfacing and maintenance, widening, and improvement projects.
- c. **Sheriff/Jail** – Subcommittee works with the Sheriff's Office to oversee additions to the public safety fleet and make improvements to buildings, infrastructure, and security.
- d. **911/Fire** – Subcommittee works with E-911 and the Rockdale County Fire and Rescue Department to oversee new heavy vehicles and new stations and building improvements to ensure the safety of the county's citizens.

- e. Parks and Recreation – Subcommittee works with the County Parks Department to use SPLOST funds for parks facility renovations, landscaping, and improvements to the trail system.
- f. Courthouse – Subcommittee works with the County COO and General Services Department as an advisory board for the SPLOST new Rockdale County Judicial and Administrative construction project.

3. **Public Comments**: No Comments

4. **Chairman's Report**: None

5. **SPLOST Members' Comments**: Elaine Nash inquired about bonding projects, and a discussion followed. Bonding only will be done for the courthouse project per the referendum.

6. **Other items**: None

7. **Adjournment**: There being no further business or discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

8. **Next meeting**:

2023 SPLOST
Monday May 15, 2023
at 6:15 p.m. at J.P. Carr Community Center

Approved:

SPLOST Committee Chair

Date