

**2023 SPLOST Oversight Committee
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 22, 2024 – 6:15 P.M.
J.P. Carr Community Center, Conyers, GA**

Present Members: Arthur A. Vaughn, Bill Hughey, Charles Staples (Chairperson), Charlotte Gellert, Dexter Bowman, Doug Smith, Elaine Nash, James Stone, Jeffery Allen Spencer I, John van der Spek, Josh Bettenhausen, Joy Douglas, Mary Greco, Michael Seller, Nichele Ford, Roger Cannon, Robin Berry, Sandra Weatherly, Thomas C. Dean III (Vice-Chair), Tuwanya Smith.

Not Present: Aviella Williams Gayden, Bill Campbell, Celia Hemphill, Dereck Davis, Juan Sebastian Cruz, Pamela Perdue, Shermelle Brooks, Shermelle Brooks, Stephanie Hollman-Curtis, Venus Arthur, Vinette D'Andrade, Yvonne Duncan.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Charles Staples called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. and Chairperson Staples reminded all members that the next SPLOST Oversight meeting will likely be held at a different location in the county, and to check your email for updates.
2. **Invocation:** Bill Hughey
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes.** Charlotte Gellert motion to update the date for the last Oversight Committee meeting minute notes. **Motion Carried.** Meeting minutes of October 16, 2023, were approved with changes.
5. **SPLOST Chair Remarks** – Chairperson Staples announced that Marilu Montalvo has officially retired, and the new SPLOST Recording Secretary will be Ariana Nava. Chairperson Staples requested Parks and Recreations to create an address list for the parks mentioned.
6. **Subcommittees Reports**–
 - **Finance:** Subcommittee Chair Doug Smith informed that as of November 2023, the sales tax collected is \$15.908 million, which is an average of \$1.989 million per month and collections continue to exceed the monthly goal by an average of \$751,000. Subcommittee Chair Smith also presented the proposal, *2023 SPLOST Excess Funds Allocation Basis*, to have each SPLOST Subcommittee re-prioritize their projects and determine the most equitable way to distribute the excess funds, if any are available, within six months of SPLOST reaching the goal of \$89,100,000. Vice-chair Thomas C. Dean III informed members the proposal would allow all 2023 SPLOST subcommittees to have an opportunity to identify additional projects where the excess funds could be allotted to. Please see the attachment provided for the proposal.
 - **Fire/E911:** Subcommittee Chair Bill Hughey reported they met on Thursday, January 4th to discuss the progression of Fire Station 10 and 5, and Fire Training Facility. Please see the attachment provided.
 - **Parks & Recreation:** Subcommittee Chair Tonya Cobb reported an update on the current park projects, with an emphasis on Wheeler Park's projected completion of this year and Rockdale River Trail connector

GDOT timelines. Tonya Cobb also reviewed the safety reasons behind the request for LED lights for the Softball field in Earl O'Neal Sports Complex.

- **Courthouse:** OSC Vice-Chair Thomas C. Dean III presented Dexter Bowman as the new Chairperson and the new Vice-Chair Michelle Ford for the Courthouse Subcommittee.
- **Sheriff:** Subcommittee Chair Michael Sellers reported the subcommittee met on January 11th, and informed the committee the Mental Health Ward has started up. Subcommittee Chair Sellers also commented that Sheriff Subcommittee meetings would move to meet quarterly in the same month as the OSC meeting.
- **Transportation:** Arthur Vaughn moved to allot \$125,000 of SPLOST funds for testing and engineering of roads recommended by the transportation SPLOST subcommittee. Results will help RDOT engineers decide on the final treatment recommendations. **Motion Carried.**

7. **Public Comments:** None

8. **SPLOST Members' Comments:**

Multiple members discussed the subcommittee meeting times which Chairperson Charles Stapes commented to check and ensure the web page has been updated to reflect subcommittee meeting time and date.

9. **Next meeting:** April 15, 2024

10. **Adjournment:** There being no further business or discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

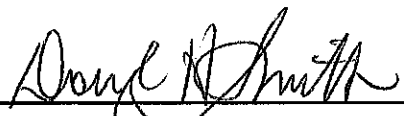
Approved:

SPLOST Committee Chair

Date

SPLOST Finance Subcommittee Report
January 22, 2024

- As of the November 2023 Sales Tax Collections we have collected \$15.908m - an average of \$1.989m per month and exceeded our monthly goals by an average of \$751K.
- An Allocated Funds Report as of November 30, 2023, has also been provided in your reports.
- The SPLOST Finance Subcommittee last met on November 15 and has the following motion to submit to the SPLOST Oversight Committee.



Doug Smith

2023 SPLOST Oversight Committee

Meeting Agenda – January 22, 2024

6:00 P.M.

J. P. Carr Community Room, Conyers, GA

I. Call to Order

II. Invocation

III. Approval of Agenda

IV. Approval of Minutes from 10/16/23

V. SPLOST Chair Remarks

VI. Subcommittees Reports

- Courthouse
- Finance
- Fire/E911
- Parks & Recreation
- Sheriff
- Transportation

VII. Public Comments

VIII. SPLOST Committee Members Comments

IX. Next Meeting April 15, 2024

X. Adjournment

<https://www.rockdalecountyga.gov/splost-oversight-committee/>

ALLOCATED FUNDS REPORT

COUNTY PROJECTS	%	AUTHORIZED AMOUNT	(REVENUE) FUNDS ALLOCATED TO DATE	FUNDS		UNOBLIGATED FUNDS REMAINING AS OF DEC
				OBLIGATED BY EXECUTED CONTRACTS	FUNDS PAID TO CONTRACTORS	
Transportation	39.51%	35,199,846	6,284,764	-	-	6,284,764
Fire & E911	9.00%	8,019,000	1,431,479	-	-	1,431,479
Sheriff	6.00%	5,346,000	954,319	688,587	-	265,732
Parks & Recreation	5.00%	4,455,000	796,131	568,893	132,865	94,373
Courthouse	22.00%	19,602,000	3,499,603	-	-	3,499,603
County Total	81.506%	72,621,846	12,966,296	1,257,480	132,865	11,575,951
City Total	18.494%	16,478,154	2,942,098	-	2,594,870	347,228
Grand Total	100.00%	89,100,000	15,908,395	1,257,480	2,727,735	11,923,180

NOTE: Report shows tax receipts allocations through November 30, 2023

Rockdale County 2023 1% Special Local Option Sales Tax
(in thousands 1,000's)

Monthly Remit	Sales Tax GOAL	Sales Tax ACTUAL	Variance	
1	Apr-23	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 1,962.0	\$ 724.5
2	May-23	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 1,990.6	\$ 753.1
3	Jun-23	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 2,124.8	\$ 887.3
4	Jul-23	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 2,073.9	\$ 836.4
5	Aug-23	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 1,928.2	\$ 690.7
6	Sep-23	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 1,957.0	\$ 719.5
7	Oct-23	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 1,994.4	\$ 756.9
8	Nov-23	\$ 1,237.5	\$ 1,877.5	\$ 640.0
9	Dec-23	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
10	Jan-24	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
11	Feb-24	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
12	Mar-24	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
13	Apr-24	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
14	May-24	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
15	Jun-24	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
16	Jul-24	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
17	Aug-24	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
18	Sep-24	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
19	Oct-24	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
20	Nov-24	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
21	Dec-24	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
22	Jan-25	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
23	Feb-25	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
24	Mar-25	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
25	Apr-25	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
26	May-25	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
27	Jun-25	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
28	Jul-25	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
29	Aug-25	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
30	Sep-25	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
31	Oct-25	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
32	Nov-25	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
33	Dec-25	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
34	Jan-26	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
35	Feb-26	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
36	Mar-26	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
37	Apr-26	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
38	May-26	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
39	Jun-26	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
40	Jul-26	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
41	Aug-26	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
42	Sep-26	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
43	Oct-26	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
44	Nov-26	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
45	Dec-26	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
46	Jan-27	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
47	Feb-27	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
48	Mar-27	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
49	Apr-27	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
50	May-27	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
51	Jun-27	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
52	Jul-27	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
53	Aug-27	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
54	Sep-27	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
55	Oct-27	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
56	Nov-27	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
57	Dec-27	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
58	Jan-28	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
59	Feb-28	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
60	Mar-28	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
61	Apr-28	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
62	May-28	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
63	Jun-28	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
64	Jul-28	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
65	Aug-28	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
66	Sep-28	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
67	Oct-28	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
68	Nov-28	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
69	Dec-28	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
70	Jan-29	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
71	Feb-29	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
72	Mar-29	\$ 1,237.5		\$ -
Total		\$ 89,100.00	\$ 15,908.39	\$ 6,008.39
Month Average		\$ 1,237.50	\$ 1,988.55	\$ 751.05

2023 SPLOST Excess Funds Allocation Basis

The 2023 SPLOST Finance Subcommittee would like to make the following recommendation to the SPLOST Oversight Committee concerning the distribution of the excess after the Sales Tax Goal of \$89,100,000 is collected.

Per the intergovernmental agreement as agreed to by the City of Conyers and Rockdale County, the funds collected for the 2023 SPLOST are distributed to the City and the County based on the most recent census population – 18.494% to the City and 81.506% to the County. Once the goal of \$89,100,000 is collected, the excess funds will continue to be distributed to the City and County based on the same percentages.

Until we meet the goal of \$89,100,000, the County's share of the 2023 SPLOST funds is distributed to the various projects based on the following allocation:

Project	Allocation	\$ Estimated
Transportation	39.506%	35,199,846
Fire & E911	9.000%	8,019,000
Sheriff	6.000%	5,346,000
Parks & Recreation	5.000%	4,455,000
Courthouse	22.000%	19,602,000
Total	81.506%	72,621,846

The County must project collections conservatively because all SPLOST projects above placed on the ballot must be funded or the County must make up any shortfalls (per the Dickey case). Therefore, the County has never relied upon any excess to fund projects. In several cases, when excess funds were available, priority projects on the subcommittee lists could not be funded because the excess had already been allocated to other subcommittees.

Over the years, different methods have been used to determine how the county's portion of the excess SPLOST funds were distributed. Based on previous SPLOST efforts, we realize that six (6) years is a long planning horizon. Priorities are likely to change and shift not only between stated projects, but even within a project category.

The SPLOST Finance Subcommittee recommends the following –

Within six (6) months of the 2023 SPLOST projection reaching the goal of \$89,100,000, each SPLOST Subcommittee will be asked to re-prioritize their projects and determine how each Project Category could spend any excess to provide the best use of these funds for the county. This re-prioritization must be within the guidelines of a SPLOST project.

The SPLOST Oversight Committee will review the requests, determine the most equitable way to distribute the excess funds (if they are available), and establish a percentage allocation basis for the projects that will be recommended to the Board of Commissioners for consideration.

SPLOST
911/Fire Service Subcommittee Report
Jan 22, 2024

The SPLOST 911/Fire Service Met on Thursday Jan 4th, 2024 at Station 7 on Rockbridge Rd. at 5:00PM.

The Sub-committee reviewed the progress of construction on Station 10 on GA 138 north, the brick work is up and with a projected completion date of June 2024.

We reviewed the renovation plans for Station 5 on Hightower Trail. Once Station 10 is operational, the crew at Station 5 will relocate there during the renovation process of Station 5.

The sub-committee reviewed Phase 1 Planning and design update of the Fire Training Facility to be built off of Rt 212 and Smyrna. Rd., Engineering work has begun, and Storm Water plans have been submitted.

The sub-committee review the purposed purchase of 65 new radios to complete the updating of department .radios started in the last SPLOST.

2023 SPLOST Oversight Committee

Recommendation Memo


Date of SPLOST Meeting: 1/22/2024 Subcommittee: Transportation

Action Recommended to Board of Commissioners:

Motion to allot SPLOST funds, in the amount of \$125,000.00, for testing and engineering of roads recommended by the transportation SPLOST subcommittee for consideration of resurfacing. Results of testing and engineering to be considered in decision making for final treatment recommendations by RDOT engineers.

Budgeted amount for action: \$125,000.00

Subcommittee Approval:



Signature of Subcommittee Chair or Vice Chair

1-22-2024
Date

Oversight Committee Approval:



Signature of Chair or Vice Chair

1-22-2024
Date