

2024 SPLOST Courthouse Subcommittee
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, January 18, 2024 6:00P.M.
958 Milstead Ave, Conyers, GA

1. **Call to Order:** Courthouse Subcommittee Chair Dexter Bowman called the meeting to order at 6:07PM.

Members Present: (Oversight SPLOST) Chairman Charles Staples, (Oversight SPLOST) Vice-Chair Thomas Dean III, Celia Hemphill, (Courthouse Sub-committee) Vice-Chair Dexter Bowman, Nichele Ford, Pamela Purdue, Vinette D'Andreade,

Members not Present: Jeffrey Allen Spencer I, Roger Cannon

Guests Present: Charlotte Gellert

Staff Present: (General Services' Director) Andrew Hammer, Ashley Alexander

2. **Approval of the Agenda:** August 17, 2023 agenda: approved by unanimous consent

3. **Approval of the Minutes:** August 17, 2023 meeting minutes approved by unanimous consent

4. **Unfinished Business:** None

5. **New Business:** General Services Director Andrew Hammer opened our project update discussion with a template, elaborating on the significant necessity of security and expansion of the courthouse. He explains the essentialness of keeping the complex improvements within the Olde Town area, due the surrounding commercial facilities assisting in funding the expansion of the Complex. He states how utilizing the space we currently have would help Rockdale allocate funds towards the expansion, in a cost-effective manner, as opposed to purchasing additional space for the Judicial and Administrative Complex improvements. Director Hammer also shows the subcommittee a concept of where each department will be located, and on which proposed floor, including information on how the contractors determine where each department will be placed, by using square footage and several other specifications. Director Hammer pointed the subcommittee directly to the "Re-imagine Rockdale" web page for answers to FAQs, plans, and updates.

6. **SPLOST Members' Comments:** Celia Hemphill and Chairman Staples inquire about the amount of parking for staff and if building on the parking lot in the future could preserve funds. Vice Chair Dean also explains to the subcommittee how the security being administered to the courthouse has to abide by federal regulations. Charlotte Gellert inquired on traffic studies and handicap accessible parking, which will be included in the construction of the parking garage. In closing, the subcommittee proposed to appoint Vice-Chair Bowman as the Chairman of the subcommittee, and Nichele Ford as Vice-Chair of the subcommittee, due to by-laws. Vinette D'Andreade motions to appoint Vice-Chair Bowman as Chairman of the subcommittee. Motion carried. Pamela Purdue motions for Nichele Ford to be appointed as Vice-Chair of the subcommittee. Motion carried.

7. **Other items:** None

8. **Adjournment:** There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

2023 SPLOST
Next Meeting: March 14, 2024 6:00P.M.

Date: 2nd Thursday of every month; Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Administrative Bldg. 958 Milstead Ave., Conference Room 106

