

**2023 SPLOST Oversight Committee
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 18, 2023 – 6:15 P.M.
J.P. Carr Community Center, Conyers, GA**

Present Members: Arthur A. Vaughn, Aviella Williams Gayden, Bill Hughey, Charles Staples (Chairperson), Charlotte Gellert, Dexter Bowman, Josh Bettenhausen, Joy Douglas, James Stone, Jeffrey Allen Spencer I, John van der Spek, Mary Greco, Nichele Ford, Pamela Perdue, Sandra Weatherly, Shawn Bilak, Tanya Cobb, Thomas C. Dean III (Vice-Chair), Tuwanya Smith, Venus Arthur.

Not Present: Bill Campbell, Celia Hemphill, Dereck Davis, Doug Smith, Elaine Nash, Juan Sebastian Cruz, Mchael Sellers, Roger Cannon, Shermelle Brooks, Stephanie Hollman-Curtis, Robin Berry, Vinette D'Andrade, Yvonne Duncan

1. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Charles Staples called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. and acknowledged member Miker Sellers, accompanied by his wife, who had brain surgery; she is recovering well and wanted to attend the meeting. Mr. Staples called to the members' attention that they need to notify their subcommittee chairs if they are not attending a subcommittee meeting. An explanation was provided to the members that the SPLOST Oversight Committee will not meet during November or December due to the holidays and people's travel schedules.
2. **Invocation:** Bill Hughey
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Meeting minutes of August 21, 2023 were approved.
5. **SPLOST Chair Remarks-** Chairman Staples thanked the Transportation Department for providing the meal from Jim 'N Nick's Bar-B-Q.
6. **Subcommittees Reports-**
 - **Finance:** OSC Chairperson Charles Staples informed that as of June 2023 the sales tax collected was \$6.077M and collections continue to exceed the monthly goals by an average of around \$800k.
 - **Fire/E911:** No Report
 - **Parks & Recreation** – Chairperson Tanya Cobb informed that the 2023 SPLOST funding will contribute along with other funding sources to bring three new parks to serve the community.
 - **Stanford Park** (next to Earl O'Neal Park) on Old Covington Rd will have a parking lot, natural surface trails, a pavilion with tables and grills, and restrooms.
 - **Rivers Bend Park** at Oglesby Bridge Rd and the South River will have a driveway/parking lot, pavilion with tables and grills, restrooms, splash pad, and amenities.
 - **Rocky Park** (W. Hightower and Philadelphia Rd.) Donated property of 100 acres. It will have a driveway/parking lot, visitor center (park office/restroom/storage), high/low ropes course, ATV course, outdoor amphitheater, and amenities.

- **Courthouse:** No Report
- **Sheriff:** Chairperson Michael Sellers reported that they had their meeting on August 29th to review and finalize their project list (attached) which includes building improvements and purchase of vehicles not to exceed \$5.346M. Motion was made to approve the Sheriff project list. **Motion Carried.**
- **Transportation:** No Report

7. **Public Comments:** None

8. **SPLOST Members' Comments:**

Arthur Vaughn commented on the process explaining that after the SPLOST Oversight Committee approves the projects, they must still be passed by the Board of Commissioners before any funds are spent. The money needs to be collected by the finance department before a project can commence.

Thomas Dean III encouraged all members to go to the subcommittees meetings and reminded all members that they are the advocates for SPLOST to the community.

9. **Next meeting:** October 16, 2023

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

Approved:

SPLOST Committee Chair

Date

Rockdale County, Georgia
 2023 SPLOST
 9/11/2023 7:56

ALLOCATED FUNDS REPORT

COUNTY PROJECTS	%	AUTHORIZED AMOUNT	(REVENUE) FUNDS ALLOCATED TO DATE	FUNDS OBLIGATED BY EXECUTED CONTRACTS	FUNDS PAID TO CONTRACTORS	UNOBLIGATED FUNDS REMAINING AS OF DEC
Transportation	39.51%	35,199,846	3,220,251	-	-	3,220,251
Fire & E911	9.00%	8,019,000	733,476	-	-	733,476
Sheriff	6.00%	5,346,000	488,984	-	-	488,984
Parks & Recreation	5.00%	4,455,000	407,929	-	-	407,929
Courthouse	22.00%	19,602,000	1,793,162	-	-	1,793,162
County Total	81.506%	72,621,846	6,643,802	-	-	6,643,802
City Total	18.494%	16,478,154	1,507,502	-	1,123,946	383,556
Grand Total	100.00%	89,100,000	8,151,304	-	1,123,946	7,027,358

NOTE: Report shows tax receipts allocations and expenditures through August 31, 2023

2023 SPLOST Parks & Recreation Project List

Priority	Park	Improvement Description	Project Item Cost	Park Total Cost
1	South Senior Satellite	New building construction	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 700,000
		2017 SPLOST fund contribution	\$ (900,000)	
1	Rockdale River Trail	Trail connector	\$ 6,875,000	\$ 555,000
		GDOT 80/20 contribution	\$ (5,500,000)	
		2017 SPLOST fund contribution	\$ (820,000)	
1	Costley Mill Park	Beach Parking lot	\$ 500,000	\$ 1,600,000
		Welcome center parking with ADA	\$ 300,000	
		Glamping Yurts (4)	\$ 350,000	
		Visitors Center buildout of barn	\$ 250,000	
		Costley Mill loop trail	\$ 300,000	
		Costley Event bridge	\$ 300,000	
		Impact Fee contribution	\$ (200,000)	
		DNR RTP 2023 contribution	\$ (200,000)	
1	Wheeler Park South	Pavilion (with tables and grills)	\$ 110,000	\$ 635,000
		Skate Park	\$ 325,000	
		Volleyball courts (2)	\$ 15,000	
		Playground	\$ 95,000	
		Splash pad	\$ 300,000	
		Building (shower/changing/restroom/storage)	\$ 425,000	
		Loop trail	\$ 100,000	
		Disc Golf (9 hole)	\$ 25,000	
		Outdoor amphitheater	\$ 100,000	
		Pickleball	\$ 80,000	
		Sitework (grading, sidewalks, retention)	\$ 200,000	
		Amenities (benches, fencing, signage)	\$ 35,000	
		City of Conyers contribution	\$ (75,000)	
		Impact Fee contribution	\$ (1,100,000)	
1	Stanford Park (new)	Driveway entrance	\$ 50,000	\$ 200,000
		Parking lot	\$ 500,000	
		Pavilion (with tables and grills)	\$ 90,000	
		Restroom building	\$ 100,000	
		Playground	\$ 50,000	
		Natural Surface Trails	\$ 150,000	
		Amenities (benches, displays, signage)	\$ 60,000	
		LWCF 2023 contribution	\$ (800,000)	
1	Lakeview Estates 1	Road demo	\$ 50,000	\$ 250,000
		Youth soccer fields (2)	\$ 200,000	
1	South Park	Mountain Bike Trails - Phase 2	\$ 150,000	\$ 25,000
		Trail signage	\$ 25,000	
		SORBA contribution	\$ (150,000)	
1	Johnson Park	All inclusive ADA playground	\$ 200,000	\$ 250,000
		Sitework (grading, sidewalks, fencing)	\$ 50,000	
			Contingency	\$ 240,000
Total Priority 1 projects				\$ 4,455,000

2	Pine Log	Dog park	\$ 75,000	
		Site clearing and stream protection	\$ 150,000	
				\$ 225,000
2	Earl O'Neal Complex	Football building	\$ 150,000	
		Softball building	\$ 100,000	
				\$ 250,000
3	Rivers Bend (new)	Driveway entrance	\$ 50,000	
		Parking lot	\$ 500,000	
		Pavilion (with tables and grills)	\$ 90,000	
		Restroom building	\$ 100,000	
		Splash pad	\$ 75,000	
		Sitework (grading, sidewalks, retention)	\$ 150,000	
		Amenities (benches, fencing, signage)	\$ 35,000	
				\$ 1,000,000
3	Rocky Park (new)	Driveway entrance	\$ 50,000	
		Parking lot	\$ 500,000	
		Visitors Center (park office/restroom/storage)	\$ 400,000	
		Ropes course (high/low)	\$ 150,000	
		ATV course	\$ 1,200,000	
		Outdoor amphitheater	\$ 100,000	
		Sitework (grading, sidewalks, retention)	\$ 150,000	
		Impact Fee contribution	\$ (550,000)	
		DNR RTP 2025 contribution	\$ (1,000,000)	
				\$ 1,000,000
3	Rockdale Tennis Center	Pro Shop Expansion	\$ 200,000	
				\$ 200,000
3	Black Shoals	Guard shack building	\$ 200,000	
				\$ 200,000
			Contingency	\$ 125,000
			Total Additional Projects	\$ 3,000,000

2023 SPLOST Oversight Committee

Recommendation Memo

Date of SPLOST Meeting: 09/18/23 Subcommittee: Sheriff

Action Recommended to Board of Commissioners:

Move to approve Sheriff project list as attached and allot funding for Building Improvements and
Vehicles not to exceed \$5,346,000 as funds are available.

Budgeted amount for action: \$5,346,000

Subcommittee Approval:



Signature of Subcommittee Chair or Vice Chair

8/29/23

Date

Oversight Committee Approval:



Signature of Chair or Vice Chair

9-18-23

Date