

2023 SPLOST Sheriff Subcommittee
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 6:00 pm
Sheriff Admin. Building, 911 Chambers Drive NW, Conyers, GA 30012

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.
2. **Attendees:**
 - a) **SPLOST members:** SPLOST Co-Chairperson Charles Staples, Sheriff Chairperson Michael Sellers, Josh Bettenhausen, Pamela Perdue, Tuwanya Smith, Sandra Weatherly
 - b) **Not Present:** Vice-Chairperson Roger Cannon, Yvonne Duncan
 - c) **County Staff:** Sheriff Eric Levett, Rockdale County Sheriff; Chief of Staff LeJohn Tate, Rockdale County Sheriff; Lieutenant Thomas, Rockdale County Sheriff; Michael Robinson, Senior Capital Projects Manager, Rockdale County
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved.
4. **Approval of the Minutes:** Member Bettenhausen pointed out a typographical error in the minutes which was corrected in the record. The meeting minutes of the previous meeting were approved by unanimous consent with no objections.
5. **Subcommittee Chair Report** During the subcommittee meeting, Co-Chairperson Staples proposed moving the Sheriff Subcommittee meeting dates to the same month as the SPLOST Oversight Committee meeting. Chairperson Sellers agreed this was a good idea. The group discussed this proposal, and members decided to have quarterly meetings coinciding with the same month as the SPLOST Oversight Committee meeting.
6. **Unfinished Business:** The matter of the prior request and proposal by Ms. Weatherly that the Subcommittee tour the county women's penal facility was discussed. The proposed dates of a Saturday, January 13 open house were offered by Chairperson Sellers and Mr. Robinson. An alternate date in April was proposed should the January 13 date not be available or attended by all. Robinson agreed to investigate the January 13 date and advise Chairperson Sellers further of its availability for an escorted tour.
7. **New Business: Construction Project Updates**
 - a) Mental Health Ward project update was given, and progress photos shown. Project to date expense report requested. Project expense review planned for the next committee meeting.
 - a) Property / Crime Lab Project update given.
 - b) Discussion ensued regarding project bidding. Project bidding process was reviewed.

c) Jail operations update given by Sheriff.

8. **Public Comments:**

- a. Chairperson Sellers reminded the Subcommittee that the Educational SPLOST primaries are in March and May of 2024 and asked for the group's assistance to socialize this information in the community.
- b. Sheriff Levett introduced Lieutenant Thomas who was attending as a guest. Lt. Thomas is the Department's Chief of Staff Involvement. Sheriff Tate also announced the promotion of Mr. LeJohn Tate to the rank of Major. The Chairperson and Members welcomed the participation and extended their congratulations to Major Tate.
- c. No members of the public attended the meeting, and no public comments were received during the meeting.

9. **SPLOST Member Comments:**

- a. SPLOST Member Comments are reflected above under New Business and incorporated herein by reference to the appropriate project notes.

10. **Next Meeting:** April 11, 2024

11. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m. The original scheduled meeting conflicted with another subcommittee meeting date. The next meeting has been adjusted and scheduled for April 9th, 2024.