

**Minutes – One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee
Thursday, September 18, 2014**

Members Present:

Johnny Brown
Bill Carver
Marline Elkins
Kenneth Jones
Lance Lamberton
John Pape
Roger Sandbothe
Kes Stadler
Alice Summerour
Frank Wigington

Cobb County & Other Officials Present:

Faye DiMassimo, DOT Director
Eddie Canon, PRCA Director
Tom Bills, PRCA Program Manager
Jim Wilgus, DOT, Deputy Director
Bob Galante, DOT, Construction Manager
Lindy Tisdell, Accountant III, Finance
Nancy Rouse, Admin, DOT

City of Acworth Others

Brian Bulthuis, Acworth City Manager
Brandon Douglas, Acworth, Assistant City Manager
Russell Small, Moreland Altobelli, Program Mgr

Absent

Dania Aponte
Jay Cunningham
Chuck Castro
JoEllen Smith
Scott Johnson

Chairperson Alice Summerour called the 50th meeting of the One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee to order at 3:00 p.m. on September 18, 2014, in the Board of Commissioners conference room.

As there was a quorum present, a motion was made to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2014 meeting. Motion was seconded and minutes were approved unanimously.

New committee member, Kenneth Jones, was introduced. Mr. Jones was appointed by Commissioner Cupid to represent District 4.

Lindy Tisdell, from the Finance Department, gave the monthly financial report. Year-to-date receipts total \$36.9 million, which is \$27 million over projection. The County currently has \$122.4 million cash and investments on hand.

Brian Bulthuis, City Manager for Austell, gave update on the city's programs. The 2005 SPLOST is complete.

Original 2005 SPLOST budget	\$14,430,370
SPLOST reduction due to deficit	-\$1,408,672
Joint Project Managed by Cobb	<u>-\$2,602,000</u>
Amended SPLOST Budget	\$10,419,698
Actual SPLOST Funds Received	\$10,432,473

Mr. Bulthuis gave a breakdown by department for the 2011 SPLOST.

The new Police Headquarters is complete and expect to get final occupancy permit this week.

Two park projects Cauble Park and Newberry Park are complete. The Acworth Sports Complex parking is complete. Logan Farm Park engineering is underway.

The sidewalks for SR92 (Cowan Rd to Cherokee) is going to require extensive permitting and is not supported by GDOT and will not move forward.

The City has received a cost estimate from CSX railroad for the five Silent Crossings in the downtown area. It is within budget and there is a state grant. City is now coordinating with GDOT and CSX to finalize. Construction has to be performed by CSX.

Tom Bills, PRCA Program Manager gave the SPLOST update for Parks. This is one of the busiest times at Parks with all projects currently underway. Parks program consists of:

\$30M for Athletic Fields/Parks

\$44.M Buildings/Site Work

\$5M Specialized Projects

\$4M Paving

172 projects in 50 parks.

Mr. Bills gave updates on projects currently underway:

Sewell Park –\$2.1M budget - replacing bath house, pool deck, installed splash pad, renovated ball fields, replaced concession/restroom facilities, repaved and new maintenance building.

Hurt Road Park - \$1.3M budget – Full renovation to include replacement of concession/restroom facilities, renovating 4 softball and 2 football fields. “Moving lots of earth” on this project. 30% complete.

Wildhorse Creek Aquatics – \$3.0M budget – new seasonal family water feature – is a replacement for the Power Springs City pool. 25% complete.

Kennworth and Terrell Mill Tennis Centers – replacing the buildings. 95% and 90% complete.

Kennworth Park \$1.7M budget – replacing concession/restroom facilities and renovating softball fields. Paving of parking lots is a joint project with City of Acworth

Shaw Park – \$864k budget – replacing concession/railroad facilities, madding ADA improvements, renovating baseball fields and replacing crosstie walls.

Mr. Bills went on to discuss the recently started projects and upcoming construction projects.

A question was asked about the cross tie walls and Mr. Canon said by the end of the program all cross tie walls should be gone.

Discussion was held about the first parks in the County – there were original 6 parks in 1966.

Mr. Stadler asked if there were any plans for Stout Farm Park. Mr. Canon said yes, but there is no funding currently.

Jim Wilgus, DOT, Deputy Director began the DOT update with the recent joint Ribbon Cutting/ Groundbreaking ceremony that was held for the completion of the Floyd Road widening, from Hicks Road to Clay Road, and the beginning of construction for the Floyd Road, from Clay Road to Veterans Memorial Hwy. safety and operational improvements project.

DOT's program consists of:

\$119M Infrastructure Preservation
\$67M Safety and Operational Improvements
\$43M Congestion Relief
\$12m Traffic Management

There are 179 transportation projects and we are 49% complete. The Department is ahead of schedule with 41 project currently in pre-construction and 27 in construction.

Mr. Wilgus highlighted several projects recently completed or currently underway: Burnt Hickory Road Bridge, Old Stilesboro Road Bridge, Stout Parkway Bridge, Six Flags Parkway at Lee Industrial, and Skip Spann Connector,

Ms. DiMassimo, DOT Director, mentioned that the Skip Spann Connector is expected to relieve traffic on Chastain Road by 19% and the bridge was part of a design competition with KSU, Chattahoochee Tech and Southern Polytech. And will be a gateway bridge with an outline of Kennesaw Mountains and lights.

Mr. Wilgus discussed the upcoming construction on Windy Hill Road which is actual five projects. Three of the projects were bid together and next summer construction will begin on the Windy Hill Diverging Diamond Interchange over I-75 and intersection improvements at Cobb Parkway. A public meeting was held this week explaining the upcoming construction; it will be a difficult two years while under construction but there will be significant improvements in the safety and efficiency along with pedestrian improvements on the corridor.

Infrastructure preservation includes resurfacing and drainage repairs. Drainage in the county was constructed with corrugated metal pipe with a useful life of 50 years – most of the structures were installed 50 years ago. So the drainage repairs are greatly needed. Resurfacing has the most impact to the public and keeps maintenance costs down. As of June 2014, the County has bid contracts valued at \$64.6M, resurfaced \$1,054 roads, 326 miles.

Alice Summerour mentioned the upcoming public informational meetings for the 2016 SPLOST and a handout of the dates and locations was provided.

Meeting was then adjourned.