

MINUTES  
SPLOST 2016  
CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
W. HAROLD PATE BUILDING  
1725 REYNOLDS STREET, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2017 AT 2:00 PM

Present: Ronnie Perry, Chairman  
Robert Franklin, Vice Chairman  
Lance Sabbee  
Robert Terjesen  
Philip Graitcer  
Ron Maulden  
Jeff Kilgore

Also Present: Bill Brunson, Board of Commissioners Chairman, District 4  
Richard Strickland, Board of Commissioners, District 3  
Alan Ours, Glynn County Manager  
Jim Drumm, Brunswick City Manager  
Dave Austin, Glynn County Public Works Director  
John Catron, Glynn County IT Manager

Absent: Kamau Dickerson  
Albert Verheyn

1) Welcome and Introductions – Bill Brunson

Commissioner Brunson, Commissioner Strickland, and County Manager Alan Ours gave a brief introduction and thanked the members for volunteering to serve on the committee and gave a brief overview of the committee's goals.

2) Overview of Resolution and Bylaws for Oversight Committee

Mr. Ours discussed the bylaws, layout, officer appointment, meeting times, and responsibilities of the committee.

3) Selection of Chairman

Ron Maulden nominated Ronnie Perry. Jeff Kilgore nominated Robert Franklin.

Robert Terjesen, Ronnie Perry, Lance Sabbee, and Ron Maulden voted in favor of Ronnie Perry, Jeff Kilgore voted against Ronnie Perry, and Robert Franklin and Philip Graitcer abstained. Ronnie Perry was selected as Chairman of the committee.

4) Selection of Vice-Chairman

Robert Franklin selected by committee to serve as Vice Chairman, unopposed.

5) Overview of SPLOST 2016 Resolution

Alan Ours gave an overview of 2016 SPLOST projects and the County's budget. There was a brief discussion on project scope and limitation. It was determined that all projects would be given in detail to the Committee as each project was initiated. Projects will be completed by Glynn County and City staff unless scope of projects requires additional assistance for outside firms. RFP's will be issued to select vendors and contractors that meet County requirements.

There was a group discussion on possible consultation from other SPLOST committees for advice or learning opportunities. It was suggested to look at the School Board projects and management for some guidance.

6) Collection and Distribution of Taxes

Alan Ours gave an explanation on how funds were being collected and distributed to the various projects and departments using a priority based system to be made available at a later date. There was a brief discussion on the possibility of borrowing money that has not been collected yet to get started on projects. It was determined that the only bonds that could be issued would have to come from funds within Glynn County.

7) Overview of SPLOST Website

John Catron, Glynn County IT Manager, gave a presentation of the new SPLOST 2016 website available on [www.glynncounty.org](http://www.glynncounty.org).

The committee suggested adding a short bio section for each of the SPLOST Oversight Committee members on the website, similar to that of the Glynn County Board of Commissioners, for the public. It was determined that this would be coordinated with county staff.

8) Overview of Projects

City Manager Jim Drumm gave a presentation of City 2016 SPLOST funds and projects. He assured the Committee that more details for each project would be given as they are executed and that public safety would be a top priority. The rest of the projects would be prioritized based on need and budget. All of the projects will be completed over a three year budgeting system.

Vice Chairman Franklin Suggested that the Committee should take a time to meet with Brunswick to discuss details of their projects as they arise, as well as make visits to the sites of those projects to gauge progress. Mr. Kilgore countered with a suggestion that video's and Photographs should be enough to get information about the projects progress. Mr. Ours also suggested the use of the Mondo Pad as a way to look at the sites without a physical visit.

A request was made by multiple committee members that the Joint Water and Sewer Commission (JWSC) send a representative to the next committee meeting to discuss their budgeted projects for SPLOST 2016.

Dave Austin, Glynn County Public Works Director, gave an overview of the Glynn County SPLOST 2016 projects to be prioritized and detailed as they are planned. The first projects

to be started will be the island projects and they will be done at one time during the year, in order to minimize public inconvenience. All other projects will be planned and executed in house from the help of the Community Development department.

The new Animal Control Facility will be built with longevity in mind. Dr. Graitcer expressed concern that the project did not have enough public input. Mr. Ours suggested that the SPLOST Oversight Committee could work with the Animal Control Advisory Board to get some insight and coordinate community meetings if the Board of Commissioners felt they were necessary.

The Committee discussed how they would be able to communicate concerns of the citizens to Glynn County staff and to get them addressed. The main issue discussed was the possibility of SPLOST projects not getting completed in a timely manner. Dr. Graitcer suggested that outside firms be brought in to eliminate the potential delays. Mr. Ours advised that the costs of using such firms were not budgeted into the projects and therefore could only be used in case of a severe delay that could not be overcome by County staff. Mr. Austin assured the Committee that staff was prepared and competent to complete all projects in a timely manner that also assures quality.

9) Selection of dates for future meetings

Mr. Kilgore suggested that a bi-weekly report on projects be sent to the committee. Dave Austin stated that major changes would most likely not occur that frequently, however any issues that need to be looked at by the Board of Commissioners or have public input would be sent to the committee as they arose.

It was agreed that if there was a need for a discussion of project delays, a special called meeting will be held and any other meeting time changes would be discussed at a later date.

The next regular SPLOST Oversight Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 19, 2017, at 3 p.m.