

AGENDA
SPLOST 2016
CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
W. HAROLD PATE BUILDING
1725 REYNOLDS STREET, 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017 AT 3:00 PM

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

Also Present: Alan Ours, Glynn County Manager
 Kathryn Downs, Glynn County Communication Manager
 Jim Drumm, Brunswick City Manager
 Jimmy Junkin, Brunswick-Glynn County Joint Water and Sewer
 Commission (JWSC)

Absent: Kamau Dickerson
 Philip Graitcer

1. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 19, 2017, and the special called meeting held June 21, 2017, subject to any necessary corrections.

~~A motion was made by Mr. Kilgore and seconded by Mr. Franklin to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.~~

2. Receive a projects update from Glynn County.

County Manager Alan Ours gave an overview of progress of all county SPLOST 2016 projects including project stage as well as an estimated completion timeline. Most road projects are in the design or drafting of request for payment (RFP) or request for qualification (RFQ) phases and those should be awarded sometime in the coming fall. With the exception of those projects that come into contact with intersection projects, intersections must be done first to prevent double work and wasted funds. Some sidewalk projects are already underway and others should see RFP's drafted by December 2017. Most drainage projects are still in the design and engineering phase. In regards to the joint drainage projects with the City of Brunswick, both County and City representatives and staff are working with City hired engineering teams to come up with a comprehensive design. Intersection projects are underway in the designing phase. An RFP has been sent out

for the new Animal Control facility and will be voted on in the fall. Lastly, the Veterans Memorial Park and Courthouse parking is being drafted and designed.

It was suggested by Mr. Kilgore that the Committee receive copies of RFP's and RFQ's as they get sent out. Mr. Sabbee wanted some of the missing prioritizations for projects filled in as they become available. Mr. Ours agreed to both and would work facilitate those requests. Mr. Terjesen inquired about the Spur and Altama Connector intersection as to how the County was planning on alleviating the traffic concerns in that area. Mr. Ours replied that there was not a concrete plan for that as of now and staff is working towards proposing a few different options.

3. Receive a projects update from the City of Brunswick.

City Manager Jim Drumm gave an update on the prioritization of City projects projected over a three year budgeting system. Howard Coffin Park is projected to come in under budget and is almost complete. Street paving work is an ongoing process and due to the large volume of that project it is still being planned and prioritized and more information will be given to the committee as it progresses. Most sidewalk projects are currently underway. Drainage projects are in the design phase and the City is working with engineers and county staff to plan those out. Construction should start by spring or summer 2018.

Mary Ross Park is an ongoing project and construction and repairs on the dock funded by SPLOST 5 should begin soon. Mr. Perry expressed concern that Mary Ross has been on multiple SPLOST lists and it seems that little work has actually been done. Mr. Drumm assured the Committee that Mary Ross was a very large project and has been designed as more of an activity center than a traditional park. It is an elaborate plan and projected to cost around 15 million to fully complete.

Two public safety vehicles have been ordered with the first dispersal of SPLOST funds and one has arrived. The downtown Historic Fire Station is being designed to add another bay to accommodate the ever growing fire trucks. They are continuously getting larger and the current bays cannot accommodate them. Overall most projects are in the design phase and have been budgeted as such for this fiscal year. The budgets for these projects will go up each year to accommodate new phases and construction.

4. Receive a projects update from the Brunswick - Glynn County Joint Water & Sewer Commission (JWSC).

Jimmy Junkin, Executive Director of JWSC, went over the two main projects that have been budgeted for 2016. The first project, freeing up capacity in the North Mainland area, has been divided into four phases and is currently in a pre-phase project planning stage. Construction to upgrade systems through the eastern branch is projected to begin early 2018. JWSC is currently working with the county to complete a design for Canal Road and Harry Driggers Boulevard to complete a routing design for that area. The main problems that JWSC is facing are old and

outdated infrastructure and the decisions have to be made to restore, replace, or reroute those portions.

The second project is the restoration and upgrades to the lift station 4003 which is projected to cost about 6.8 million dollars to complete. 3.3 million of that will come from SPLOST and the rest will be applied for in a Bond Application this fall. The JWSC is currently providing the upfront money to begin the engineering phases of these projects.

Mr. Franklin expressed a concern as to why the 15 million dollars that has been awarded to JWSC will not be enough to complete either project, and that allowing JWSC access to these funds without proof of supplemental funding or the Bond issuance that projects may be delayed or left unfinished, which is not what was voted on by the public. He suggested that the county attorney draft an agreement that the SPLOST 2016 funds not be issued to JWSC until proof of supplemental funds could be provided. Mr. Junkin assured Mr. Franklin that based on preliminary conversation with the financial institution issuing the bonds that they would be easily obtained, and that waiting on everything to be concrete and done will cause delays not only in JWSC projects but other County and City road projects and further developments that cannot be completed until the JWSC infrastructure was completed.

Mr. Kilgore clarified that the community and Commission voted on exactly what Mr. Junkin presented and that the resolution does not imply that the projects have to be completed using the SPLOST funds, simply that they were there to help with the rehabilitation and rerouting of the JWSC lines and stations. Mr. Franklin expressed a concern that the voters may be confused on this and expect the 15 million to pay for the project's completion. Mr. Junkin explained that most of the projects in the north mainland area could be completed using the 15 million however in order to ensure proper functioning of the new lines that other projects in other areas had to be done. This will require the extra funding from the Bond issuance and that if such an issue with the public came up, that JWSC would happily address those concerns at that time, as well as any further concerns expressed by the committee.

Mr. Perry concluded with a request that Mr. Junkin and team provide a more definite update on costs and bond status in the October meeting.

5. Discussion regarding what active oversight practices Committee Members wish to employ.

Mr. Franklin opened a discussion on what communication strategies that the committee wished to employ to get their information to the public. He also reminded the committee that the County still needs their biographies for the SPLOST 2016 website. Glynn County's Communication Manager Kathryn Downs suggested further use of the website, which was designed to be community friendly, should suffice and that she welcomed any input or advice the committee had on what the site should look like and include. It was decided that the committee would

utilize the newspapers and the website to communicate pertinent information to the public, such as meeting minutes, and photographs of projects as they are completed.

6. Selection of dates for future meetings

The next SPLOST Oversight Committee meeting will be held Wednesday October 18, 2017, at 9:30 am.

Ronnie Perry, Chairman
SPLOST Citizen's Oversight Committee
Glynn County, Georgia

Attest:

Dhwani Patel