

Minutes SPLOST V Committee

Thursday, November 1, 2018 – 6:30 P.M.

Bear Creek Senior/Recreation Center, 54 McDonough Street, Hampton, Georgia

The Henry Herald was notified of the meeting via email.

Meeting Agenda (See Attached Agenda)

I. Call to Order

Mr. Clayton Carte, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Carte.

III. Acceptance of Agenda

****See attached agenda***

Mr. Carte called for a motion for acceptance of the agenda for November 1, 2018, and asked committee members if there were any revisions. Motion was made by Mr. Claud Spinks (County Manager Representative) and seconded by Mr. Tom Israel (District 1 Representative). The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Opening – Clayton Carte

Mr. Carte opened with a general overview regarding the SPLOST program and its impact in Henry County. SPLOST stands for Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. It is a program that the Georgia General Assembly created in the 1980s allowing Georgia counties to call for local sales tax for the purpose of funding capital projects. Within Henry County, SPLOST was first passed in 1996. Since then, three subsequent programs have passed. We are currently in our fourth SPLOST program, which was passed by the voters in 2013. There is a separate SPLOST, the E-SPLOST or Education SPLOST, governed by the Henry County Board of Education and it is operated separately from the Henry County Board of Commissioners General SPLOST.

The SPLOST V Committee has been formed by the Henry County Board of Commissioners to look at a proposed extension of the SPLOST program. SPLOST IV, our current program, is set to expire in 2020. This committee will be spending the next year looking at potential projects, developing a project list, analyzing cost estimates, and

getting public feedback on possible projects before recommending a project list to the Henry County Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners may then modify the list, as need be, before calling for a voter referendum to approve the extension of SPLOST in November of 2019.

V. Introduction of County Commissioners

Mr. Carte noted that there were no County Commissioners in attendance. Mr. Carte expressed regret on behalf of Chair Wood, stating that she was at the Joint County/Cities Statewide meeting in Macon and couldn't be in attendance at tonight's meeting.

VI. Introduction of Committee Members and City Representatives

- Clayton Carte, Committee Chair (County Chair Representative)
- Claud Spinks (County Manager Representative)
- Tom Israel (District 1 Representative)
- David Linton (District 2 Alternate, standing in for Arnold Cole)
- Mike Elrod (District 3 Representative)
- Harold Jenkins (District 4 Representative)
- Errol Mitchell, City Council Member

Not in attendance: Carlotta Harrell (District 5 Representative) and Arnold Cole (District 2 Representative)

VII. Introduction of Staff/Technical Committee

- Cheri Matthews, County Manager
- Brad Johnson, Deputy County Manager
- Ron Burckhalter, Public Works Director
- Roque Romero, SPLOST Transportation Director
- Chae Yi, SPLOST
- Dana Holder, SPLOST
- Lynn Planchon, SPLOST/Airport

VIII. Proposed Projects – City of Hampton

Hampton City Council Member, Errol Mitchell, stated that these projects would be presented by Mr. Charles Coney, Hampton City Manager, upon his arrival to the

meeting. However, Mr. Coney was unable to attend the meeting to give his presentation on behalf of the City of Hampton.

IX. Review Potential Projects within District II

Mr. Romero opened by giving a brief explanation of the current SPLOST program; how it works, and what it provides. It is projected that \$190 million dollars will be collected in the current SPLOST IV program. Of that \$190 million, 25% is split between the cities of Henry County and 75% is retained by the county. Each entity manages its own portion of the funds received. SPLOST revenue can be used to fund a variety of both transportation and capital projects; such as road and intersection improvements, parks, libraries, senior centers, and fire stations. Within District II, SPLOST funds have been utilized to build the Bear Creek Senior/Recreation Center, Fortson Public Library, and Fire Stations 14 & 15. Transportation projects, funded by SPLOST, within District II are: the paving of Amah Lee Road, intersection improvements at Old Highway 3 @ State Route 81, Mt. Carmel Road @ Chambers Road, and Jodeco Road @ Blackhall Road.

Mrs. Matthews stated that the cities are not required to submit their list of projects to the county. The list of projects recommended by the county will be shown on the ballot in 2019; however, the cities are not required to do this. Councilman Mitchell made mention of the need to either update or relocate Fire Station 5, which is within the city of Hampton. Deputy County Manager, Brad Johnson, explained that the capital assets, such as the fire stations, each have a maintenance schedule and a time-out, or lifespan, schedule. Station 5 is approximately 25 years old, and is estimated to be half-way through its lifespan. Mr. Johnson stated that there is no immediate need to replace Station 5. However, if the city wanted to partner together with the county to relocate Station 5 that is something the city would need to recommend to both the SPLOST V Committee and the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Johnson went on to explain that corrections have been made to foundation issues at Station 5, and that the pad area located in front of the fire station is currently scheduled to be replaced for \$75,000.

On behalf of Commissioner Clemmons and Mr. Cole, Mr. Linton shared a variety of projects within District II that they are recommending to the Committee for consideration. Mr. Linton stated that a big concern within District II is transportation. They have concerns regarding their growth and the impact it is having on their roads. Mr. Linton stated that Commissioner Clemmons is diligently working with the Georgia Department of Transportation regarding the need for a north and south corridor, this is a high priority due to the volume of traffic on I-75. Mr. Linton spoke on the Nash Farm Master Plan adopted some years ago. He stated that along with improving transportation, improvements to the park would also help to maintain a quality of life in Henry County. Mr. Linton stated that all of the Commissioners have expressed how much they would like to see the county move in a direction where you can live, work, and play. These are the things that are in the forefront of the Commissioner's minds as we move toward SPLOST V. Mr. Linton stated that as the Development Authority works

to bring new jobs to Henry County, we also need to work together to find ways to accommodate the growth. Mr. Carte added that a lot of great projects have been completed in our previous SPLOST programs, we're continuing to work with the Georgia Department of Transportation on numerous major road widening projects, and that SPLOST V will be a continuation of working toward improving the number one concern, that being transportation.

X. Public Comments

Mr. Carte asked if anyone had signed up for public comments. No one signed up for public comments at tonight's meeting.

XI. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Carte made a motion to adopt the minutes from the October 18, 2018, SPLOST V Committee Meeting. Mr. Jenkins made the motion, Mr. Spinks seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

XII. Future Meetings

Mr. Carte made the announcement that the next two meetings of the SPLOST V Committee will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the City of McDonough at the McDonough City Hall; and on Thursday, November 29, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Stockbridge at the Merle Manders Conference Center.

XIII. Committee Comments

Mr. Elrod asked if Mr. Romero could give an update regarding current SPLOST projects. Mr. Romero stated that the striping and lighting have been completed at the new Jodeco Road @ Blackhall Road round-a-bout. The round-a-bout at Old Jackson Road @ South Bethany Road located in District I is still under construction, the circle and truck apron have been completed, however the asphalt, leveling, topping, and lighting all still need to be finished. The construction of McDonough Parkway, from Henry Parkway to SR 20/81, began the week of October 22, 2018. Once this project is completed it will connect SR 155 to SR 20/81. Mr. Romero added that the Georgia Department of Transportation is currently working on widening SR 20/81 from Willow Lane/Industrial Boulevard all the way to Phillips Drive. This project will include the intersection improvement of SR 20/81 @ McDonough Parkway. Also, the Campground Road Extension project at Jodeco Road is still under construction, most of the work from Peach Drive to SR 42 is complete. This includes the new four lane bridge over the railroad tracks. The next step is to install the signals at the new intersections of Jodeco Road @ Peach Drive, SR 42 @ the newly aligned Campground Road, and Winbrook Drive

@ the new Campground Road Extension. Mr. Romero looks for this project to be completed before its estimated completion date of April 2019. The resurfacing of Pates Creek Road and the subdivisions of Summer Leigh and Meridian have all been completed. Paving has just been completed at the intersection improvement of Mill Road @ SR 81, the signal will be installed and the striping will be completed within the next few weeks. The paving of Elliott Road, a dirt road in District IV, is still under construction. Mr. Romero made the statement that there is still approximately 100 miles of dirt roads in Henry County. Thoroughbred Road, located between SR 155 & Greenwood Industrial Park, is one example of a recently paved dirt road that was surrounded by warehouses on both sides. Another major project in the works is the new interchange off of I-75, this interchange will be located off of Bethlehem Road. The next step toward completing this project will be placing it on the Transportation Improvement Program through the Atlanta Regional Commission once they call for projects in 2019. Henry County currently has \$5.25 million dollars to contribute toward completing this project. Mr. Carte made mention of the Diverging Diamond project, through the Georgia Department of Transportation, that is planned for SR 20/81 over I-75. Mrs. Matthews clarified the management of roads, stating that roads within city limits are under the jurisdiction of the cities, state roads such as I-75, SR 20, SR 42, SR 81, and SR 155 fall under the authority of the Georgia Department of Transportation, and all other rural roads are managed by the county.

XIV. Adjournment

Mr. Carte made the motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Elrod and seconded by Mr. Spinks. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

**Minutes were prepared by Dana Holder, Henry County SPLOST staff.*

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Hampton - Mayor Steve Hutchison
Bear Creek Senior Center

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Stockbridge - Merle Manders Conference Center
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SPLOST V COMMITTEE

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING #7

BEAR CREEK RECREATION CENTER/CITY OF HAMPTON

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