



SPLOST IV COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2013 @ 6:00 PM
Henry County Administration Building
Conference Room B

The SPLOST IV Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:06 P.M.

The Henry Daily Herald was notified of the meeting via email.

Committee Members Present:

Wayne Greer (Chairman Appointee)
Andy Calloway (District 1)
Susan Craig (District 1)
Edward Toney (District 2)
Arley Lowe (District 2)
John Smith (District 3)
Richard Craig (District 3)
Linda Moyer (District 4)
Johnny Basler (District 4)
Steve Cash (District 5)
Tim Young (City of Locust Grove)

Members Absent:

Carlotta Harrell (District 5)

Other City Representatives Present:

Andy Pippin (City of Hampton)
Frederick Gardiner (City of McDonough)

Fred Auletta, County Manager opened the first official meeting of the SPLOST IV Committee and thanked the committee for agreeing to serve on the committee. Mr. Auletta stated that the purpose of the committee and indicated that staff would be available to assist with any additional request. Mr. Auletta indicated that based upon conversations with the SPLOST staff members, County Attorney and Elections and Registers Department the following benchmarks, needed to be met:

- ✓ June 20, 2013: Final Committee Meeting and Project List defined for BOC submittal
- ✓ June 30, 2013: Board of Commissioner Action on SPLOST IV Project List (60 day review by the County Attorney and Department of Justice)
- ✓ September 1, 2013: Project List due to Janet Shellnut, Elections and Registrar, Director for inclusion in the November ballot.

Mr. Auletta stated that the committee would need to vote on the location, day and time for the remaining thirteen (13) meetings. Introductions were then requested from all committee members, and were made in the following order: Susan Craig (District 1), Arley Lowe (District 2), Steve Cash (District 5), Wayne Greer (Chairman Appointee), Andy Calloway (District 1), Johnny Basler (District 4), Linda Moyer (District 4), John Smith (District 3), Richard Craig (District 3), Edward Toney (District 2), Tim Young (City of Locust Grove), Andy Pippin (City of Hampton) and Frederick Gardiner (City of McDonough).

The County Manager indicated that the cities would have one representative present and at the table, additionally the cities would have one city vote made for all four cities. The cities will participate in the dialogue in regards to city specific issues. Tim Young and Andy Pippin then introduced themselves. Buddy Welch was then introduced by the County Manager.

The County Manager then introduced the staff members present, followed by citizen introductions: Roque Romero, Transportation Manager, Cheri Matthews, Planning and Zoning Director, Ron Burkhalter, Connie Mitchell, Assistant Finance Director, Angie Sorrow, Finance Director, Michael Harris, Division Director, Planning and Zoning Services, Julie Hoover-Ernst, Communications Director and Lynn Planchon, SPLOST, Citizens: Mike Griffin (Board of Education), Greg Mayo (Stantec Consulting), Mayor Robert Price, City of Locust Grove and Attorney Buddy Welch, Smith, Welch, Webb and White. After introductions were made, the agenda was followed as printed below.

MEETING AGENDA

Selection of Chairperson

County Manager called for nominations from the floor for the Chairman position. A motion was made for Steve Cash by Richard Craig (District 3), seconded by Arley Lowe (District 2). The nominations were closed by a motion from Arley Lowe (District 2), seconded by Andy Calloway (District 1). The vote was taken and was unanimous for the appointment of Steve Cash, as the SPLOST IV Committee Chairman.

The meeting was turned over to the Chairman. Chairman Cash thanked the committee for nominating him and entrusting him. Chairman Cash indicated that he has always supported SPLOST and gave a synopsis of the SPLOST program and the importance of the program.

Selection of Vice-Chairperson

Chairman Cash then called for nominations from the floor for the Vice-Chairman Position. Susan Craig (District 1) made a motion to nominate Johnny Basler, which was followed by a second from Wayne Greer (Chairman Appointee). The nominations were closed by a motion from Richard Craig and a second from Wayne Greer. A vote was taken and was unanimous for the appointment of Johnny Basler, as the SPLOST IV Committee Vice-Chairman.

SPLOST III PowerPoint Presentation

Ron Burckhalter, Capital Projects Director gave an overview of the SPLOST III Capital Projects, followed by Roque Romero, Transportation Manager, providing a transportation update. Both presentations included photos and supporting information (See attachment).

Discussion of future meeting dates, times and locations

The committee then had a lengthy discussion regarding the next thirteen weeks and meeting locations. A motion was made by Arley Lowe and seconded by Andy Calloway to have all SPLOST IV Committee Meetings on Thursday at 6:00 PM for the next thirteen weeks. A vote was taken, with all in favor and one opposition made by Frederick Gardiner (City of McDonough). Mr. Gardiner indicated that the City of McDonough City Council Meetings is held on the 1st Thursday of every month, which would result in the City of McDonough not being present for some meetings. It was determined by the committee that meetings should be held within every respective Commissioner District and municipality boundaries. The following suggestions were made by the Committee Members as delineated below:

- ✓ Replace Locust Grove City Hall with Locust Grove Event Center
- ✓ Add Moseley Recreational Center
- ✓ Henry County Administration Building (final meeting)
- ✓ Replace Hampton City Hall with Hampton Train Depot
- ✓ Add Flippen Elementary School (potential D4 location)
- ✓ Add Luella Middle School or Rocky Creek Road ES (potential D2 locations)
- ✓ Add Kelleytown Presbyterian Church
- ✓ Fairview Area should be Fairview Recreational Center
- ✓ Define Western side of Interstate 75

Handouts were distributed to all Committee Members

- Calendar of March, April, May, June 2013
- Proposed Dates
- Proposed Locations

BUSINESS OF THE COMMITTEE: Chairman Cash asked if there is a list of projects which couldn't be started due to funding. Roque responded that this information is included in the committee books. Chairman Cash also requested that all members review the literature prepared by staff. He also stated that all committee members should make contact with the Commissioner who appointed them and start defining district needs are. A request was made to have a Finance Presentation during the April 4th meeting. A question was raised by Richard Craig regarding the division of funds, based on Commissioner Districts. Staff responded that this had not be determined, but will be decided by the Commissioners. Staff reiterated that the committee needed to decide how the funds would be distributed between transportation and capital projects.

A motion was made by Wayne Greer, seconded by John Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 PM.

STAFF REQUEST:

1. Find meeting locations in District 4 and confirm facility dates and locations.
2. The committee indicated that the next meeting should be at the Merle Manders Conference Center, April 4th.
3. Email a Committee Member Contact list to all committee members.
4. Provide a cost estimate for roundabouts (requested by Richard Craig).
5. Presentation regarding finances-April 4th Meeting.