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1 COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

2 Isaac Blythers
Alice White Bussey
3 Rodney Frierson
Teresa Hardy
4 Nancy Love
Charles McCorkle
5 Ellen Nash
Jenna Teston
6 Gale Walldorff

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8 MS. CROWELL: Good evening, everyone. My
9 name is Delores Crowell and I'm the DeKalb County
10 Government Affairs Director and I welcome you to the
11 second DeKalb County SPLOST Citizens Oversight Group
12 meeting. If you recall, at our last meeting, that was
13 the first meeting that the county was responsible for
14 bringing folks together, getting you started, try to
15 give you a good overview of how we got here, and heard
16 the resolution for your group. Going forward you will
17 set your own agenda. Tonight we have put together some
18 recommendations for your agenda, some things that we
19 think you probably would want to cover, and then we're
20 going to give you some updates on where we are.

21 I did pass out to everyone, hopefully everyone has
22 a copy of the minutes that we had prepared by a
23 professional certified court reporter. I want to
24 introduce her to you. Her name is Barbara Hilger.
25 She's right back there. And she has had an opportunity

1 to scan the room and scan your names. The hard copy
2 that you have now, we'll be sending you a soft copy.
3 We'll also be putting the minutes on the website after
4 each meeting. On that particular version you won't see
5 any call to order kind of thing because our first
6 meeting wasn't really that formalized, but going forward
7 she'll be listing who is absent, who is present. And
8 any feedback you'd like to share with her, please let us
9 know tonight.

10 So let me go to the first page. I'm going to start
11 with the SPLOST vision statement, and the SPLOST vision
12 statement says: "The DeKalb County Special Purpose
13 Local Option Sales Tax will support county-wide
14 improvements that promote a high quality of life for all
15 residents." Going forward we would urge you to tee this
16 up at the beginning of your meetings so we can all
17 remember we're all on the same team.

18 The second page is what we are proposing as an
19 agenda. You will need to elect your chairs and
20 co-chairs. As promised from the last meeting, we do
21 have a presentation from the program management team,
22 Moreland Altobelli, and then we'd like to discuss with
23 you some of the early SPLOST successes and go through
24 that presentation.

25 Are there any updates or changes that you'd like to

1 make to this agenda?

2 Hearing none, would you like to proceed and look at
3 your election of chair and co-chairs?

4 MR. FRIERSON: Yes.

5 MS. CROWELL: There's a couple of ways that I
6 guess you could do this. We could open up nominations
7 among yourselves, you could self-nominate, recommend
8 someone. What would be your pleasure?

9 MR. FRIERSON: I think we should nominate
10 among ourselves. I would recommend that those who would
11 like to serve as chair or co-chair would go ahead and
12 nominate themselves, and we can make a decision where we
13 want to go from there. Would anyone on the board like
14 to serve as chair?

15 MS. HARDY: My name is Teresa Hardy, and I
16 would like to serve as your chair for the SPLOST
17 Oversight Committee.

18 MR. FRIERSON: Anyone else as chair? What
19 about as co-chair? I would like to nominate myself as
20 co-chair, if that's all right with the board. Any other
21 considerations?

22 Hearing none we have a chair and a co-chair.
23 Teresa is the chair and Rob Frierson is the co-chair.
24 Do we need to vote?

25 MS. TESTON: I'd like to state a motion to

1 elect a chair and co-chair, and all those in agreement
2 that Teresa Hardy will serve as chair and Rodney
3 Frierson as co-chair please say aye.

4 (Simultaneous aye response)

5 Any opposed?

6 (No response)

7 Motion carries.

8 MS. CROWELL: Our legal counsel has just
9 confirmed that technically you're co-chairs.

10 One other housekeeping note, because I think we're
11 moving right where we should be in terms of the meeting,
12 I'll turn it over to our county attorney and she'll give
13 you an update.

14 MS. ERNSTES: Good evening. How are you all
15 this evening? Viviane Ernstes, County Attorney. One
16 thing I wanted to remind you of: You have a little bit
17 of a different public notice rule than some of the other
18 boards. What was written into this resolution is that
19 all of your meetings are public, but you have a one-week
20 notice requirement that does not necessarily apply to
21 other boards, and that is found in Section 5 of your
22 resolution. So you must give one week's notice of your
23 meetings. They must be public, open to the public, and
24 you must post it on the county website. Obviously staff
25 will be glad to try and make sure that happens. And all

1 the members must be notified. So I just wanted to raise
2 that with you because that is a little different, a
3 little bit more notice than is typically required under
4 the Open Meetings Act.

5 MS. CROWELL: Thank you, Madam County
6 Attorney. The other thing, whatever your pleasure, you
7 don't have to decide this now, but at some point tonight
8 you'll probably want to go ahead and schedule your
9 meetings. Let's see how far we get and what information
10 you can glean from tonight. That would be my
11 recommendation. And then decide on your next meeting
12 schedule. Everybody good?

13 MS. HARDY: We're good.

14 MR. FRIERSON: Yes.

15 MS. CROWELL: Okay. So what I wanted to do
16 now is, if you recall from our last meeting, we wanted
17 you to get acquainted on a deeper level, if you will,
18 with the program manager that we selected for SPLOST for
19 the six-year term. One of the things we went through in
20 the last meeting was we took you through the binder and
21 told you kind of how we got there, and at the last
22 meeting we also committed to bring that lead team back.
23 We thought it was important that you knew who we
24 selected, the county did, with the board of
25 commissioners' approval, to lead the effort, guide and

1 ensure that projects are completed as efficiently as
2 possible and on time and within budget. So I want to
3 bring up the program chair for Moreland Altobelli.
4 They'll come up as a team and they'll go through the
5 first part of the program.

6 MR. KINGSBURY: We are excited to be here.
7 This is the third time we've seen your faces. The first
8 time was at the big roll-out at the courthouse, and
9 then, as Ms. Delores said, we had the little sort of
10 informal get-together the beginning of August, and that
11 coincided with our contract being signed and our work
12 orders being authorized.

13 So Ernest and I are moving into the sixth floor.
14 We have offices right next to Delores. We are truly
15 part of the team. And if you look at the slide and the
16 handouts, we are a big team. We are mostly local firms.
17 We have OLH doing some scheduling and reporting for us;
18 Lowe Engineers, a longstanding Atlanta firm. Accura
19 Engineering is based here in DeKalb. Khafra, talking to
20 Ernest, they are actually in downtown Atlanta, but we
21 won't hold that against them. They do a lot of work in
22 the county with us. We've got Steele Program
23 Management. Jackie Steele has done a lot of work in the
24 county along with the parks department. CGL is a
25 powerful global leader, a big firm working now with

1 facilities helping manage some things at the jail with
2 the facilities group. The Collaborative Group is a
3 public relations planning firm here based in East Point
4 but they are doing your current transportation plan in
5 DeKalb County. And then APR is a little specialty
6 group, Agwar Project Resources. They do cost estimating
7 for us.

8 So Jackie and Mr. Williams said tell them why
9 you're here, so I guess the next slide is who we are.
10 Real briefly, I'm Chris Kingsbury. This is Ernest
11 Slaughter. Looking at our resumes', and all the rest of
12 the guys, I don't know if we should be telling you guys
13 this, but it's 79 years of experience. I don't look
14 that old. I feel good. We are county residents. As I
15 said before the last time we met, I started one of the
16 first programs DeKalb County had, and Ernest and I have
17 worked together on a lot of projects. Ernest, introduce
18 yourself, put words with the face.

19 MR. SLAUGHTER: I'm Ernest Slaughter and I did
20 work with Fulton County government as deputy director,
21 assistant director for public works. I have more than
22 40 years of experience. I retired from Fulton County,
23 came back to work, and now I'm working again. But I
24 also worked with Gwinnett County in their SPLOST program
25 as well. Currently I'm working with Khafra Engineering,

1 and we are set up on a contract with Moreland Altobelli.

2 MR. KINGSBURY: Ernest is too shy. When he
3 worked at Gwinnett County we were the program managers;
4 we still are for Gwinnett County transportation. When
5 Ernest was at Fulton our little group was the program
6 managers at Fulton County.

7 So as Delores said, why did the county pick us?
8 Well, this is what we do. We manage programs for local
9 governments. So if you go around the metro area and you
10 stop in at Clayton County or Douglas County or Cobb
11 County or Glynn County or Forsyth County, we've got
12 folks in all those offices doing what Ernest and I are
13 going to do for the county for the next six years.

14 And folks ask me: What do you do? So simply,
15 these bullets are a lot of text, but if I had to
16 paraphrase it, I think personally it comes down to three
17 simple things. It's like an old-fashioned detective
18 novel: Who did what when? We want to know who is
19 working on the projects, what are they doing on the
20 projects, when are they doing them.

21 The most important thing is what's the process that
22 moves these things forward. As you heard at the last
23 meeting, the county has an exhaustive and thorough
24 vetting process of selecting consultants, so they've
25 been through that. We're here. We won.

1 At the heart of all these things is accountability.
2 This is our tax dollars. I'm a county resident. We're
3 all citizens. We pay taxes. We expect transparency.
4 We expect accountability. So what's the cost? In this
5 case SPLOST programs are not quite like bonds. When you
6 sell bonds you've got to have cash in the bank. You
7 know what it is. We are pretty good over the years.
8 We've had MARTA for years, other county sales tax.
9 DeKalb County has had a sales tax. We have a good idea
10 what we're going to generate. That's why we can say the
11 whole program countywide is 688 plus or minus and the
12 county's unincorporated portions (Unintelligible). So
13 all those are known facts.

14 Our role is to bring to you -- we are not going to
15 reinvent the wheel. Our team, all the folks on that
16 first slide all work together in one capacity or the
17 other for all these metro counties, including MARTA and
18 Georgia DOT.

19 If you go to the next slide, the heart of what we
20 do to add to that transparency, to help be efficient,
21 manage the projects, is information flow. At the center
22 of everybody's universe is your county government. You
23 elected the officials to be a part of the staff. You're
24 paying your taxes. We work next-door. We report to
25 them. There's a contractual relationship. We are an

1 extension of their staff. And behind the scenes we work
2 with the consultants that are going to design the
3 projects, the contractors that are going to put the
4 projects on the ground, and everything has to go out to
5 the public.

6 You guys have a unique position of being in the
7 middle. You're volunteers. God bless you. I couldn't
8 do it. You spend your evenings here a couple times a
9 year and follow this as a hobby. It's a great thing.
10 So you're sort of a filter between the public at large
11 and the county.

12 And real briefly so you know where we're headed --
13 we struggled about showing you samples of other
14 counties. On one hand that shows you what you're going
15 to get, but it also can be confusing because it could be
16 about Forsyth County or Clayton County or Douglas
17 County. So we're going to start with a clean slate. In
18 a few months, as we get all this together, there will be
19 a website available to you. We're working behind the
20 scenes with all the county staff, the GIS department,
21 finance. If you go to the SPLOST website now, there's a
22 nice little cartoon. We ran it last month. It's kind
23 of catchy on how the SPLOST program works.

24 But the way this works, there's a map. So this is
25 a planning map of the county, and it's purposely blank.

1 There's no district lines, there's no city lines,
2 because it's a countywide SPLOST even though there are
3 some procedural things that go with the districts and
4 the cities. And if you're interested in a project,
5 those little exclamation points, whatever, the map as
6 the program evolves will be filled with little dots like
7 that, and they'll be color coded. If you click on a
8 dot, you get a little page like this. This is kind of
9 handy because later tonight you're going to hear from
10 public safety. So one of the things the SPLOST program
11 has already done, because it's easy to buy equipment,
12 they've bought radios, upgraded the radio systems. I
13 couldn't begin to tell you the details. That's why
14 you've got the nice guys in uniform tonight that are
15 going to talk to you. But you get this little summary
16 sheet, what's the value, what's the schedule. In this
17 case it represents a finished project.

18 So as the program evolves, obviously, you're going
19 to click on dots. That schedule is going to become much
20 more complicated. It's going to have the different
21 phases of the project. We're in the right-of-way phase
22 if we have to buy land; we're in the design phase; we're
23 in the bidding phase; we're in the construction phase.
24 Congratulations! We're in the done phase talking to the
25 public.

1 So that's the type of thing you'll be able to see.
2 It's all the information we have behind the scenes, the
3 nitty-gritty spreadsheets, the documents. It's all
4 going to be out there available to the public. If you
5 can't understand it, you call Delores, she calls us.

6 So real quickly, Delores has a little fanfare,
7 early SPLOST success. If you have any questions, ask
8 them now, or we'll deal with them later. Yes, ma'am.

9 MS. BUSSEY: I'm Alice White Bussey with
10 District 3. You dealt with a process that's pretty much
11 easy to understand, but I'm interested in the soft
12 service, the human service that you're going to address,
13 and those that fall through the cracks. Because this
14 SPLOST was created for a particular reason, not just to
15 pave streets, but there are some severe quality-of-life
16 issues that came to the forefront, and safety was one of
17 the main ones. That's why you were able to get the cars
18 and the radios. But I didn't hear any of the rest of
19 it. So that's coming?

20 MR. KINGSBURY: Yes, all those bigger
21 categories. Obviously resurfacing is 140 something
22 million, but there are categories for improving fire
23 stations, there's categories for improving parks,
24 there's categories for improving facilities, upgrading
25 restrooms in some of the buildings, fixing

1 infrastructure.

2 And I think another question you touched on, may
3 not be exactly what you're asking, but our contract is
4 very specific in some of the resources we're bringing to
5 the county to grow some of the small business enterprise
6 efforts the county has. That's an important thing for
7 you all. We're a small office, a small business. We
8 appreciate how you grow from 30 people to 300, and we've
9 got some skills we've learned in other governments we're
10 going to help share with the county to grow those
11 home-based businesses. So there's the hard side, what
12 we're going to build with the tax dollars, and there's
13 the soft side, because everything we create for project
14 management and tracking stays with the county. The
15 tools we bring, the experience we bring, they will have
16 to move forward with.

17 MS. BUSSEY: So with the soft services, and
18 you're already out of the gate, how do we know when
19 you're going to help lead the human capital, the human
20 services? Are you going to hire? Are you working
21 through the departments? What is that connection as far
22 as community economic impact from the personnel to the
23 expansion of business?

24 MR. KINGSBURY: That comes in three ways. For
25 the program, the large part of what we do is we call

1 cradle to grave. So we're here right now today. We're
2 on board with the early part of the planning, the
3 understanding, getting the tools together to do the
4 reporting. That will evolve into the design contracts.
5 We have a fellow that's going to be working with the
6 local small business enterprise offices, a one-source
7 office, to help make sure that we put RFQs out in the
8 street just like DeKalb does now. We can target firms
9 that have an interest in developing local talent. One
10 of the biggest things we can help with, because you're
11 bringing on extra construction projects, is both on the
12 design side and inspectors. There's always a need to
13 train young people to get involved with construction
14 from the county's perspective to manage it and bring our
15 folks to learn trades to build these things. So it's a
16 very hands-on process.

17 One of the early deliverables you'll see soon is
18 the master project schedule. Like I said, the money
19 comes in every month over a six-year period, so we have
20 to try to balance the money with time when we'll have
21 enough money to do certain large projects. The first
22 ones you're going to see roll out are small, might not
23 have a lot of human capital, but as the program evolves
24 you're going to see it get bigger. You'll know where in
25 the schedule it will be when we start coordination to

1 find those human resources. That work for you?

2 MS. BUSSEY: I'll give you the benefit of the
3 doubt.

4 MR. KINGSBURY: Okay. You know how to find
5 us. Next?

6 MS. HARDY: Teresa Hardy. I have a question
7 as it relates to -- you just stated that you're in the
8 planning stages. How does your planning stages -- did
9 you start April 1st?

10 MR. KINGSBURY: No. Our contract was signed
11 August the 2nd. April 1st is when we all started paying
12 the extra penny.

13 MS. HARDY: Right. So with that extra penny
14 do we know how much that is at this point to allow us to
15 know what is the priority on what you're going to be
16 doing in your planning? I mean, have you gotten there
17 yet?

18 MR. KINGSBURY: That's what we're doing right
19 now. We are collecting the data from the finance folks,
20 because the first few months, it takes about 60 days for
21 the department of revenue to give you that first check.
22 Then there's a little shake-out period. Not every local
23 business gets the message and you have to go back and
24 adjust it. By the end of the year you'll know what your
25 cash flow basis is. And also concurrently we are

1 working with every department to verify the projects
2 they think fit in the categories you voted on. We're
3 going to be looking at the projects, evaluating the
4 current market. If some things are expensive right now,
5 we might want to put them off for a couple years to see
6 if we can time the market to get better bids. We'll
7 bring all that experience to the table to give you the
8 best value, but at the end of the day every penny you
9 voted for we can tell you where it went.

10 MS. HARDY: So what we're going to be tasked
11 with from the community -- because even though we have
12 elected officials, they know that we are on this
13 committee, and we are close to the community. We are
14 going to get -- we're going to be asked a lot about
15 seeing it. So I know that we'll stay close in contact
16 with where you're progressing and stuff, but I think
17 we're going to run into something if we don't hear
18 something, I mean, if we don't see anything before
19 December.

20 MR. KINGSBURY: You'll see something before
21 December. If we do our job right, that information is
22 out there. They won't bother you. It will be on the
23 website.

24 MS. HARDY: Well a lot of people in our
25 community do not go to the website, so we have to be

1 cognizant of everyone's needs. Everybody don't have
2 internet. Everybody don't have access to the website.

3 MR. KINGSBURY: I should say in many counties
4 everything gets reports printed. We also in a lot of
5 counties put those in libraries. We put them in
6 schools. For instance, Bibb County, everything we do in
7 Bibb County goes to the school. We found that an
8 effective way to get in touch with neighborhoods.
9 That's a good point.

10 MR. FRIERSON: As we ask the public to look at
11 what's happening out there, will they be able to see
12 these projects in their districts?

13 MR. KINGSBURY: Yes. The map is interactive.
14 You can type in your address, your district. If you go
15 to the GDOT or ARC websites, get that giant map, you
16 zoom in on a computer, you can even find your street.

17 MR. FRIERSON: (Unintelligible)

18 MR. KINGSBURY: Exactly. We're using the same
19 GIS data base, and the SPLOST information hopefully will
20 be on that.

21 MR. FRIERSON: Thank you.

22 MS. CROWELL: What we wanted to do now is talk
23 to you about some early successes. There's a couple of
24 things that have happened. Someone had mentioned that
25 the collection started April 1st and then there's a

1 process for that. I don't believe that those funds
2 actually come in until sometime late June; correct, TJ?

3 MR. SIGLER: We've received four months so
4 far, so there's a month delay, and so far we've received
5 about \$19.3 million.

6 MS. CROWELL: We'll have TJ come up right now
7 and tell you a little bit about this next slide. I want
8 to tell you what some of the early successes are. You
9 remember back, when we had the referendum, voters had to
10 make three decisions. If you didn't vote on all three,
11 it failed. And so that's why we think the very next
12 slide is so important, because without citizens voting
13 on all three you would not have had the benefit of the
14 tax credits that you received. And so one of the things
15 we wanted to remind folks of is that SPLOST was not only
16 going to help smooth the roads, use some 15 percent of
17 that money on capital improvements, but every
18 homesteaded property in DeKalb should have by now -- I
19 think you received your tax bills in August -- received
20 a HOST credit. So just bear that in mind that all these
21 benefits are the result of the affirmative vote that the
22 citizens gave for SPLOST.

23 So TJ, if you will come up and tell us where we are
24 with the credits and also with the moneys collected.

25 MR. SIGLER: This is a table that shows the

1 EHOST credits for 2018. It compares them to what the
2 HOST credits for tax relief were in 2017. So if you
3 look at the table, the first column is the 2017 HOST
4 credits; second is the 2018 EHOST credits, which
5 actually for 2018 is a partial year of EHOST and partial
6 year of HOST, so three months of HOST and nine months of
7 EHOST because of the April 1st start date. And then the
8 final column just shows the change in the amount of tax
9 relief that everyone would receive. This is based on a
10 \$250,000 house, which is about the average value of a
11 house throughout the county. It's assuming that they
12 have the basic homestead exemption. So it's comparing a
13 \$250,000 house in 2017 to one in 2018. So you'll see
14 here on the second column with the EHOST credits, that
15 still includes some HOST credits. Unincorporated
16 Stonecrest and Tucker, since they participate in all the
17 county millage rates, they received more in HOST credits
18 this year than anywhere else in the county. I think
19 some people focus on that last column and they think why
20 aren't we getting as much as everyone else, but really
21 they're getting more than everyone else. It's just that
22 other people are gaining versus what they had last year.

23 And then going forward, once we have a full year of
24 EHOST credits, everyone will receive the same percentage
25 off your tax bill. So if you have a \$250,000 house, it

1 doesn't matter where it is in the county; they'll all
2 get the same amount of HOST credits. Going forward that
3 should be a larger amount than this as well, since it
4 will be a full year of EHOST that's a hundred percent
5 dedicated towards tax relief. Do you have any
6 questions?

7 MR. FRIERSON: So with this EHOST program the
8 millage rate will remain the same. Is that right? So
9 we're just getting a credit to reduce the millage rate
10 which basically gives us a reduction in our taxes.

11 MR. SIGLER: Right. It works very similar to
12 the HOST credit now. Everyone should have gotten their
13 tax bills by now, hopefully, and what you'll see is it
14 has your taxable assessment, then the millage rates,
15 gives you the gross tax amount. Then it takes out any
16 of the other exemptions first. Then it applies the
17 credits there. We did do a calculation of an effective
18 millage rate. I don't have that on this presentation,
19 but we did that with the board of commissioners so they
20 could see what the equivalent rollback of the millage
21 rate would have been if it was done that way rather than
22 a credit. We can provide that to you.

23 MR. FRIERSON: That's fine. We can reach out.
24 Thank you.

25 MS. CROWELL: Thanks, TJ. Okay. We want to

1 bring up our director of public safety, Chief Lumpkin,
2 and he's going to go over the next slides.

3 CHIEF LUMPKIN: Good evening. I'm Jack
4 Lumpkin. We're going to speak to you regarding some
5 early successes that we think we've experienced,
6 particularly in the public safety arena. There is
7 three, really. Fire and rescue rapid response vehicles,
8 we have not had those. Fire and rescue does not have
9 those currently except for one that was a model -- fire
10 and rescue radios, and the police car purchases for the
11 take-home process. We think that these -- you know from
12 your vote that a significant percentage of the dollars
13 were assigned to public safety, a significant amount of
14 money, and I think you will see it's going to make a
15 difference.

16 First here is the fire rescue vehicles. You may
17 have seen one, particularly if you attended the CEO's
18 speech on the state of the county at Stone Mountain.
19 The fire department had built it itself, and it was a
20 pilot program to see what the public thought worked and
21 did not work, et cetera, before we actually contracted
22 to purchase ten. Ten rapid response vehicles, amazing
23 vehicles, were purchased. They were due in August.
24 They came in early. We got some work done on them in
25 terms of lettering, et cetera.

1 Tuesday on the 28th the board of commissioners had
2 authorized updating them with the medical and other
3 equipment that they need to be an actual first responder
4 vehicle. They will have an EMT and a paramedic
5 essentially on those vehicles that will respond as a
6 first responder to emergencies, medical emergencies,
7 motor vehicle accidents, et cetera. Currently we have
8 to operate a truck, a \$650,000 type of truck, to
9 actually respond to those type of incidents, so that's
10 what we will pay on the next one that we have to
11 purchase. The truck is larger. It will save about 30
12 percent of the cost. It will save wear and tear on
13 those much more expensive trucks. Each one of these
14 rapid response vehicles will total around \$200,000 when
15 we actually get them available. I think they will be a
16 little quicker to those incidents because you can get
17 through traffic a little better with a smaller vehicle.
18 This is going to come in under budget, around a hundred
19 thousand or so, hopefully, we forecast, and it's going
20 to come in on time. The first will be delivered in
21 December back to the county, and the last vehicle will
22 be delivered by March 2019. We'll have staff available
23 at that point in December, January, to start assigning
24 the vehicles. Yes, sir.

25 MR. BLYTHERS: Where will these vehicles

1 primarily be based?

2 CHIEF LUMPKIN: We're going to base them
3 throughout the county as needed. They will pick up
4 about 3500 calls, and it will be done as needed in terms
5 of the category of types of calls that they are to
6 answer. We will get some of that idea as we complete
7 our EMS study. We have a consultant that's now working
8 on our ambulance issues and challenges. That report
9 will be in the next couple of weeks, so we'll have a
10 much better idea from a third party where our vehicles
11 ought to be stationed. It will be done on needs and
12 best practices.

13 The two-way radios, I think we have a prop for you
14 here to actually handle. Please don't take them home.
15 It's about \$50,000 worth of radios. The prettier radio,
16 as I call it, the radio with the color on it, it is
17 designed for firefighters, for firefighter safety. It's
18 designed to withstand a certain level of water and
19 certain level of heat and for the firefighters to
20 actually be able to manipulate the radio while they are
21 in the fire with the big gloves and all their equipment,
22 et cetera.

23 FIREFIGHTER: So these are our old radios,
24 much smaller knobs. When you've got those gloves on to
25 fight a fire, it's hard to turn those knobs. So this

1 radio is the only one that is programmed right now, so
2 you're not in danger of broadcasting. One of the things
3 this radio does that the older radio does not do is,
4 when a firefighter is in the fire, the smoke of the
5 fire, you can't see the radio. Sometimes we have to
6 operate the radio to change the channels, and this radio
7 now does this: (Demonstration of audio capability).
8 From someone who has been in burning buildings needing
9 to change the radio channel, that's huge, because we
10 can't see our radios. With the older radio you had to
11 count how many times you turned the knob, and sometimes
12 it got knocked, sometimes whatever, you know. So this
13 is much better.

14 CHIEF LUMPKIN: As the project management team
15 said, this project is essentially complete. We have
16 some actually in the field. Others are being programmed
17 at this point. They will be issued to the firefighters,
18 and every firefighter will carry one. It's the
19 difference between safety and real harm to our
20 firefighters.

21 The third area that we've had some success in is
22 police vehicles. SPLOST actually calls for the purchase
23 of 100. We'll buy 50 this year. We've already
24 received 50. We have 36 that are completely outfitted
25 and are ready to go on the street, and people are being

1 issued those. We have a methodology of issuing. If you
2 have wrecks, you're going to drop all the way to the
3 bottom. You don't get vehicles per se. The type is
4 determined by what assignment you have. They're going
5 to the sergeants and the lower people that actually
6 deliver hands-on service to y'all.

7 These vehicles, the total budget is \$5.6 million.
8 We of course have not spent that, but we are only
9 dealing with about 50 of them at this time. They are
10 outfitted here locally. We certainly believe that these
11 vehicles will all be on the street before the end of
12 September. We will order the other 50 vehicles timely.
13 We plan to order them in a manner that we avoid the
14 annual increase in model change. So when they shut down
15 the factories, when they reopen them for the model
16 change, they typically raise the prices. We can order
17 them and get them at today's price. They may be 2018
18 vehicles but they're new vehicles.

19 Essentially we think those are the successes. We
20 are in budget on all three and have actually received
21 the products and they're operational within four months
22 of collection of the funds.

23 MS. LOVE: So what would be the total cost of
24 the 50 that are now here?

25 CHIEF LUMPKIN: It's in the three range.

1 It's around \$62,000 per vehicle when we get everything
2 on the vehicle. The vehicles are Tahoe SUVs that give
3 you a higher line of sight. It can carry more cargo and
4 equipment. What's really expensive, the vehicles are
5 not as expensive as all the equipment we're putting in
6 them, the computer software. Our new computer-assisted
7 dispatcher's license costs us about an extra thousand
8 dollars per vehicle. That's where the dollars come in,
9 the lights, a \$4500 computer in the vehicle, those types
10 of things.

11 In DeKalb we have more multilane highways than any
12 county in the state. We have significant accidents.
13 The most dangerous time for an officer and a firefighter
14 is when they're outside of those vehicles on the
15 multi-lane roads. We have to add those lights where
16 hopefully people don't hit them. We're trying to keep
17 the cost down on them because we want to issue vehicles
18 to be competitive. The challenge is the officers are in
19 those vehicles for ten plus hours per day, and it's like
20 their office.

21 MS. LOVE: When will the next 50 be ordered?
22 You're authorized for 100 cars; correct?

23 CHIEF LUMPKIN: Yes.

24 MS. LOVE: You've ordered 50. When will you
25 order the other 50?

1 CHIEF LUMPKIN: We will order them hopefully
2 before the change of the year. The plan was only to
3 order 50 initially, outfit those and put those on, hire,
4 get our staffing numbers up, and then have the other
5 vehicles here as our staffing numbers increase.

6 MS. LOVE: So end of the year.

7 CHIEF LUMPKIN: I would think yes, because we
8 would lose the opportunity to get the discount.

9 MS. LOVE: Okay. Thank you.

10 MS. TESTON: Chief Lumpkin, I'm Jenna Teston
11 representing District 1, unincorporated DeKalb. I'm
12 just curious to know if you believe this project is
13 going to come within budget.

14 CHIEF LUMPKIN: Yes.

15 MR. FRIERSON: Rod Frierson, District 5. The
16 radios that are no longer being used, are you going to
17 recycle those? I believe the ones that you're not using
18 now, I carried one of those about five years in my ear,
19 and I'm glad I don't use them anymore. What do you plan
20 to do with those that's left over?

21 CHIEF LUMPKIN: They have a salvage value, and
22 it will go through the system in that manner.

23 MS. CROWELL: Thank you, Chief Lumpkin. Okay,
24 I think that concludes our presentation. There is time
25 for public comments. If the board pleases, we'd like to

1 open it up for any public comment. Questions?

2 MR. HUBBARD: Good evening. My name is Brad
3 Hubbard. I have a couple of questions. Based on his
4 presentation, we have spent a significant amount of
5 funds. My question would be what percentage of those
6 funds has already been spent on social and economically
7 disadvantaged business, what percentage? Do you know
8 what percentage? If I come to these meetings, I would
9 like to have a count on how the money is being spent and
10 who it's being spent with, because in order for the
11 community to survive, that money is going to have to be
12 spent in an equitable way so all the community benefit
13 from that money in an equal and equitable way. That's
14 some of the things that hopefully the board will
15 consider so we can make sure that our governing agencies
16 are held responsible to make sure that's done. I'm
17 going to be here asking questions.

18 I'd like to pose a question, if I may ask you a
19 question. Can I see a show of hands of all those who
20 are in here who are truly concerned about the crime rate
21 in our community? Let's see a show of hands. Who is
22 concerned about the high incarceration rate in our
23 community? Who is concerned about the poor education in
24 our community? Who is concerned about the high
25 unemployment rate in our communities? Who are concerned

1 about the high homeless rate in our community, higher
2 today than it was ten, fifteen years ago?

3 The reason I ask those questions is because the
4 most important thing about that is that there's a reason
5 why those rates are where they are. So you and we can
6 do something about it. The number one reason is because
7 of poverty. Those things I just mentioned, 99.9 percent
8 of time they are a major problem in the poverty area, in
9 the poverty community, not in the affluent community.
10 So in order to address these problems we have to address
11 the inequities in the economic situation that we're
12 facing. When it comes to the public funds that we're
13 spending, we need to make sure we're spending those
14 funds in an equitable and equal portion according to the
15 demographic of the citizens of this county.

16 I want to say thank you for the opportunity.

17 MS. CROWELL: Hearing no other questions --

18 MR. McCORKLE: In regards to his first
19 question, how the funds are going to be spent, when can
20 we anticipate from the administration exactly what funds
21 have been disbursed, when they are going to be
22 disbursed, and a breakdown pertaining to that?

23 MS. CROWELL: The most recent funds that have
24 been spent we shared tonight on the public safety side.
25 The program management team is the critical piece in

1 this. They will be meeting with the finance department
2 and budget, and as Chris indicated earlier, they will
3 create a calendar and make sure that, as projects are
4 developed and planned, they'll balance that against the
5 money that's coming in and reports will be created. The
6 funds that were approved by the board of commissioners
7 are the SPLOST dollars that have been spent to date.

8 MR. McCORKLE: In regard to the road
9 resurfacing and disbursement of funds, is there any way
10 that we can obtain copies of what is being done outside
11 of SPLOST funds that are just general budget funds and
12 aside from the SPLOST funds?

13 MS. CROWELL: I may have to defer to
14 Mr. Williams on that. You mean from general operating
15 funds? I think those are what are discussed biweekly at
16 the board of commission meetings. That's when those
17 decisions are made. I guess I will kind of refer you to
18 those meetings and the outputs of those meetings to
19 determine how the money is being spent specifically for
20 road projects or any other projects.

21 MS. WALLDORFF: Just to follow up on the
22 financial piece of it just so we understand, taxes are
23 collected and then it goes into a separate account, and
24 then it's disbursed to the cities?

25 MS. CROWELL: Correct. You mean the SPLOST

1 funds?

2 MS. WALLDORFF: Yes.

3 MS. CROWELL: Those are collected by DOR, and
4 currently we are receiving those, and then going forward
5 we anticipate that the cities will -- our preference
6 will be that the cities receive their own and the
7 counties receive theirs. And that is going to -- we did
8 confirm that, yes.

9 (Unintelligible comment)

10 MS. CROWELL: It's a separate pot of money,
11 and that's per the legislation.

12 MS. HARDY: So just to piggyback off that,
13 we've collected \$19 million, whatever we've collected,
14 whatever that number was, \$19 million came into the
15 budget, and we had already before decided to do these
16 pretty major items for the public safety. So those
17 funds were used against that \$19 million. There's not
18 been any other priorities other than getting the program
19 management teams up.

20 MS. CROWELL: Correct. When you say
21 priorities, can you clarify?

22 MS. HARDY: The reason why I say priorities is
23 because from previous SPLOST meetings, and I know Ms.
24 Bussey has been on them, those priorities, that actual
25 what I call the tactical work, that's going to be done.

1 And that's why I mentioned priorities and whether or not
2 we're going to see anything until after December. Then
3 that's something we just want to be aware so that we're
4 speaking in the right terms for the right expectations
5 for the community. The only thing the community
6 understands is we said yes April the 1st and we haven't
7 got our potholes fixed. And that's really where the
8 biggest amount of this money should be going. So right
9 now we're working on planning. Our community don't
10 really understand planning. They understand we got a
11 bill passed and our streets still haven't been paved and
12 we don't know when that's going to happen.

13 MS. CROWELL: So as it relates to planning,
14 one of the benefits that we do have is that we had the
15 LMIG list of streets that were (Unintelligible) from
16 GDOT. We identified those already, and I think the
17 actual LMIG list is on the GDOT website, if I'm not
18 mistaken. Those monies were approved by the board of
19 commissioners last Tuesday. And so there will be paving
20 this year. We have a short window. I'll let Chris give
21 you more details on it, but we do have a short window,
22 and we do recognize that people are looking to see some
23 more tangible results from the SPLOST dollars that they
24 know are coming in. Those locations are already
25 assigned, and what the program management team is going

1 to do is be working with our own roads and drainage
2 department to put that list together. And we fully
3 anticipate that roads will be starting to be paved in
4 the next several weeks, actually. Well, let's say a
5 month. But the bottom line is roads will be paved this
6 year.

7 MS. BUSSEY: To piggyback on what Teresa said,
8 we are in this room and we voted in November, but we
9 have spent two years or more with the plan and we tasked
10 the community to come up with a priority list. So the
11 community was already engaged long before the effective
12 date of April 1. So it's anticipation that the
13 community has because they have more knowledge than most
14 of us because they've been engaged in the process. That
15 priority list was put together based upon the department
16 heads of DeKalb County in conjunction with the
17 communities. So that partnership is already there.
18 What I haven't heard or seen is the explanation to the
19 community on how the homestead exemption works, that
20 tax. I mean, that's good information but it has not
21 been put out there. It has not been interpreted in
22 laymen's terms that this is a benefit of the SPLOST to
23 the everyday citizen.

24 And the other part of that is how we relate to the
25 cities, because I get questions about the cities versus

1 the county. And this is not really clear on how we
2 communicate that message when we're just now ourselves
3 understanding what you have done, because we have
4 regrouped some of those priorities that we created early
5 on based upon what you said, DOT. But it was this
6 department with their specialized people that helped to
7 put some of those projects in the areas that have been
8 year after year neglected. I just need clarity on what
9 we are doing based upon all those early years of work in
10 partnership with the community.

11 MS. CROWELL: Let me address your first
12 question about EHOST and education in the community.
13 We've had several public meetings where the CEO as well
14 as members of the budget committee have reviewed EHOST,
15 the benefits, in really excruciating detail, what the
16 benefits are. The table that you saw tonight we've
17 presented at least three times to the public. That
18 information is also on the website. And I think we've
19 done a pretty thorough job in communicating the benefits
20 of that. And we also did a full presentation on the
21 millage rate just to address some of the concerns that
22 people had about understanding the millage rate. We had
23 the tax assessment office come in, and they explained
24 it. So if there's additional work that needs to be
25 done, we can certainly talk offline about that, but I

1 just wanted to clarify that the county has done an
2 extremely thorough job in communicating the benefits of
3 EHOST.

4 Secondly, as it relates to the money that was the
5 projects that you referenced, Ms. Bussey, we have to
6 remember that in 2016 there was an effort to actually
7 engage the community. They identified projects, and
8 they came up with project lists. Unfortunately we
9 weren't able to carry the ball across the finish line.
10 That was for a number of reasons, but I would submit
11 that many times those same potholes and concerns that
12 people had in 2016, they are still there. So you should
13 expect that when the resurfacing and construction
14 begins, those are the same areas that we're going to,
15 for 85 percent, I'll just say, of those areas.

16 Now, when you say that GDOT has changed, I just
17 want to make sure you understand that we're talking
18 about two different projects. I'm not an expert on
19 LMIG, and what I will recommend for your next meeting is
20 that we bring in the folks from roads and drainage and
21 they can talk to you more about LMIG and tell you how
22 those dollars are allocated. But just to address your
23 question, we haven't changed the streets. The streets
24 are still there. They need to be prioritized by the
25 program management team. And they are still going to be

1 working with our roads and drainage teams, but what they
2 are going to be bringing is the technical expertise in
3 getting these projects out and on time.

4 MR. BLYTHERS: This question relates to
5 municipal finances. Once we've gone through the cycle,
6 say a year, we've got pretty much an understanding of
7 the run rate of the cash that's coming in, is it
8 possible that perhaps we could take that data and maybe
9 borrow some money based on the anticipated amount that
10 we might be getting so we can perhaps jumpstart a lot of
11 this stuff? Actually you'll have some debt service that
12 you have to factor in if you go borrow some money, but I
13 think, if that's possible, I think that's one way you
14 can get a lot of these projects going even though the
15 money is not actually in place. Once we've gone through
16 a cycle we pretty much have an idea how much money we're
17 going to get on an annual basis.

18 MS. CROWELL: That's part of what the program
19 manager does with the finance committee. They are going
20 to be mapping out a calendar of when proceeds are coming
21 in and analyzing those projections, and they'll be able
22 to lay those down with the projected projects so that we
23 don't have that lull that I think you're referring to,
24 Mr. Blythers, where you've got projects here and there
25 and we're waiting around for cash to come in.

1 MR. BLYTHERS: No, I'm not talking about a
2 lull. I'm talking we have cash and we ought to keep it
3 going and paying some financial institution. It's
4 just -- and, you know, we'll be servicing the debt that
5 would be incurred, but as it relates to projects, we can
6 go ahead and start some of those projects knowing that
7 we've got money in place to deal with it.

8 MS. CROWELL: We did anticipate that and
9 that's why it's part of what we did. I think that was
10 on your referendum. It included government issued
11 bonds.

12 MS. TESTON: I'd like to go back to the public
13 comment portion of our meeting. The gentleman expressed
14 his desire for us to spend the dollars with service
15 providers and vendors within our community. I would
16 anticipate that there's a request-for-proposal process,
17 and perhaps Mr. Kingsbury could explain how that works
18 so this gentleman can take it back to the community. I
19 would assume, and hopefully I'm assuming correctly, that
20 businesses that provide the services and products that
21 are needed for these projects are invited to participate
22 in the request-for-proposal process. Could you
23 elaborate so this gentleman could have something to take
24 back to his community?

25 MS. CROWELL: Let me just say that one of the

1 things we did do when we selected our program manager,
2 that was one of the requirements that we had. Moreland
3 scored extremely high in that area, so that's certainly
4 something that we cared for. And the CEO himself had a
5 big concern about making sure that we keep jobs and
6 employment here.

7 MR. KINGSBURY: To answer your question, Ms.
8 Teston, every county request for proposal or bids has
9 minimum requirements based on the type of work. It's a
10 varying percentage. It does follow the state law which
11 is modeled after federal law for small business
12 participation. So a bigger job, higher percentage;
13 smaller job, lower percentage. Sometimes small jobs for
14 certain types of work that we know there's a ready and
15 able workforce that can fill those needs, they might
16 have a higher percentage. Paving jobs, there's a lot of
17 opportunities for small to midsize locally-owned
18 businesses to do hauling, striping, traffic safety,
19 things like that. It's a goal we accounted for.

20 One thing to follow up on I think an earlier
21 question -- I've told people this story in other
22 counties -- this is like Christmas for you guys. You've
23 got all these presents under the tree. You got like an
24 erector set, Legos. You got a jigsaw puzzle. So we've
25 got this bucket list of categories with defined dollars

1 but we just have this puzzle to put together how we get
2 all those pieces to fit over six years. And the tax
3 anticipation notices are one of the tools we can utilize
4 in the days going forward. It's fun. Hang on for the
5 ride.

6 MS. CROWELL: You have another question?

7 MS. TESTON: Yes. Just one other question
8 about communication, and Ms. Bussey brought it up
9 earlier. The tax has been in place since April, so the
10 public is wanting to see some progress. Is there a
11 press release or some sort of relationship with the
12 media to do a splash, perhaps these three things that we
13 already spent money on, some sort of communication via
14 the media? I know Channel 2 and all of them are always
15 hungry to get at the local governments.

16 MS. CROWELL: I'm glad you asked that
17 question, because we do plan on doing press releases.
18 We have some fresh new looks for our SPLOST campaign
19 that we'll be unveiling. So, yes, we'll be refreshing
20 the website particularly around the SPLOST information
21 that's out there. So that's a definite yes.

22 MS. BUSSEY: Can I follow up? We listen to
23 the radio, TV, and there are opportunities for the CEO
24 to go on some of those with the anchors on some of those
25 TV shows, opportunities to talk about this SPLOST that I

1 haven't seen or heard. And media, I mean, we have
2 people who are involved with media that could help get
3 the word out through a conversation. It's not so much
4 all this technical, the technology here and all that.
5 You're doing your job on that. But we are dealing in an
6 area of a transition to transform our thinking and how
7 to participate and be included. So we're going to have
8 to use diverse methods of communicating the message to
9 gain understanding.

10 MS. CROWELL: Yes. And I think the CEO has
11 done several interviews, both printed and in-person
12 interviews on SPLOST. I mean, we've done that from the
13 beginning since the passage of the bill up to probably
14 as recently as a few weeks ago.

15 One of the other things that we did do with our
16 program management team, and we didn't go through this a
17 lot tonight, was one of the components includes our
18 communications piece, and that includes the
19 collaborative firm, a communications firm that we're
20 working with. So they will be going out into the
21 community educating more, and our job is to give them
22 the content so they can go out and talk to the
23 communities as SPLOST projects are completed and planned
24 out.

25 MS. BUSSEY: Thank you.

1 MR. FRIERSON: Sounds good.

2 MS. HARDY: We do want to make sure we have a
3 discussion on our next meeting. If nothing else, get
4 kind of a schedule, because we are all here today. Is
5 there any dates or days that we should avoid?

6 MS. CROWELL: Tuesday, Tuesday, Tuesday. Let
7 me just say this from the county's perspective: We know
8 you are here to serve and to support your constituents
9 that you represent. On Mondays we're planning for heavy
10 Tuesdays, and sometimes you want people, especially if
11 one of your commissioners or something would like to
12 come down and address you and talk to you, you probably
13 don't want to pick a Monday or Tuesday to convene.
14 Because on Tuesdays it's been a very long day, and
15 Mondays the staff has spent all day planning for that.
16 And we want to make sure that when you do have a
17 meeting, that the staff has the appropriate time to plan
18 for you to be here.

19 MS. HARDY: Does anyone have recommendations?
20 All of us have busy schedules; right? So let's go with
21 the most common. I've seen that Thursdays have been
22 working even though it may not work every time. Two
23 things that I want us to do is come up with a date and
24 then a sequence. I think we kind of discussed more of a
25 biweekly until we get into a mode, and then we can go to

1 a monthly.

2 MR. FRIERSON: Madam Chair, that's some of the
3 discussion that we've had. I'm open for a Thursday.
4 That's fine. I think we should do it every two weeks.

5 MS. CROWELL: If you don't mind, let me just
6 make a comment. What I would encourage you to consider
7 is that when you meet, you want to have something to
8 talk about. You want to have content, and you want to
9 have some meaningful discussion. Based on the planning
10 that we still know that we need to do with our program
11 management team, especially around the area of road
12 resurfacing, to meet in two weeks, there won't be any
13 content. So our recommendation would be, because we
14 know that people are hungry for some successes and wins,
15 that maybe you wait at least another 30 days to meet.
16 By that time we will have a lot more information to
17 share with you on other projects, and then you can also
18 start looking at how frequently you want to meet going
19 forward in 2019. So that would just be the
20 recommendation.

21 MR. BLYTHERS: I believe, based on the
22 questions that we received tonight, I think the next few
23 meetings ought to be involving department heads that
24 come here and giving us updates on where things are.
25 That was primarily most of the questions that was asked,

1 and none of us had a clue. So I think we need to think
2 about what department heads are involved in a lot of
3 this infrastructure and SPLOST-related things that are
4 going on, and try to line them up to come and address
5 this group, inform us, and then I think we'll be in a
6 better position. At least we'd know what's going on.

7 MS. CROWELL: And I just want to keep
8 reminding you, to pivot back to the fact that we secured
9 the services of a program manager, and that program
10 manager is working with the department heads. So the
11 data that he is going to present to you will be based on
12 his day-to-day work and meetings with those department
13 heads. And he will also be able to give you a clearer
14 picture across all of the entities where the SPLOST
15 dollars are going.

16 So I guess I would defer to Mr. Williams if he had
17 anything additional, but to get a full picture of the
18 programs by the departments, I would recommend that you
19 receive that from the program manager.

20 MR. BLYTHERS: That would be fine. I think
21 based on that, what we need to do is determine what
22 information we want and get that to the program manager.

23 MS. CROWELL: Right.

24 MR. BLYTHERS: And then let him go and
25 interact with the department heads. Then he would be

1 making the presentation.

2 MS. CROWELL: Right. I would refer you back
3 to the slide that the way the process should work is you
4 send those questions back to me, to the county, and then
5 we communicate that to the program manager, and then we
6 give him his marching orders based on feedback.

7 MS. TESTON: As Teresa mentioned earlier, we
8 have to decide on a day of the week to meet, so let that
9 be a first step. And then in terms of frequency, I
10 understand the recommendation is to meet at least 30
11 days from now, perhaps maybe longer. So I'd like to
12 have a motion to schedule meetings on a Thursday at 6:30
13 p.m. at this location. All in favor?

14 MS. HARDY: One second. We are going to learn
15 together. She made a motion. I need a second.

16 MR. FRIERSON: I second the motion.

17 MS. HARDY: Now we can have discussion.

18 MR. BLYTHERS: So when you said Thursday, are
19 you referring to any particular Thursday?

20 MS. TESTON: Not at this point. We know that
21 Tuesdays are out.

22 MR. BLYTHERS: The second Thursday doesn't
23 work for me. Any of the other Thursdays I'm okay with.

24 MS. HARDY: Any other discussion? So a motion
25 and second to do a Thursday maybe in the next 30 days.

1 All in favor let it be known by saying aye.

2 (Simultaneous aye response)

3 Any opposed?

4 (No response)

5 Any abstains?

6 (No response)

7 Motion carriers.

8 MS. CROWELL: Okay. If you send me the
9 confirmation, the county will be glad to send that
10 meeting notice out to you and then we'll do the
11 appropriate notifications.

12 MS. HARDY: September 27th at 6:30.

13 MS. CROWELL: The county board of
14 commissioners will be having their board retreat, so it
15 actually would be better if you met the following week,
16 which would be that first Thursday in October instead of
17 the last Thursday. That would be October 4th.

18 MS. HARDY: Okay. October the 4th. That's
19 fine.

20 MR. FRIERSON: Madam Chair, I just have a
21 question. Can we have our meetings without the
22 commissioners?

23 MS. CROWELL: Without the commissioners?

24 MR. FRIERSON: You said the commissioners are
25 having their retreat. Does that mean we shouldn't have

1 a meeting?

2 MS. CROWELL: Well, the reason is because a
3 lot of the SPLOST information is going to be shared at
4 that meeting, and that will give us more information to
5 share with you.

6 MR. FRIERSON: Okay.

7 MS. HARDY: Are there any other contingencies
8 that we need to be aware of? If there are, just let us
9 know, because I think we are kind of moving in a
10 community-based way, but understanding having visitors
11 that mostly would be the program management team. I
12 don't think we were thinking about the board of
13 commissioners. Just FYI. I think it will be better on
14 an as-need basis for these type of meetings, but we
15 would like to have them come, right?

16 MS. CROWELL: I think the only reason I
17 referenced that is because at that retreat we will be
18 talking SPLOST, and so that will be helpful for us to
19 bring that back and share with you.

20 MS. BUSSEY: These minutes will be made
21 public?

22 MS. CROWELL: Yes. The minutes, we did load
23 them on the county website tonight. They'll probably be
24 refreshed and updated in the morning, and then the
25 minutes from tonight will be loaded on the website as

1 well and we'll send you copies of those. And I'll put
2 some in the mail for anyone that doesn't use e-mail.

3 MS. LOVE: We haven't looked at them.

4 MS. CROWELL: Right. So at your next meeting
5 one of the first orders of business will be to approve
6 the August 9 meeting minutes and then tonight's, because
7 you certainly will have those before October 4th.

8 MS. HARDY: One thing that I'm thinking about,
9 and I don't know if the other board members are thinking
10 about this too, since this is a public meeting, I would
11 expect to see the public. It concerns me. I don't know
12 if it concerns any other people because what's going to
13 happen is my phone is going to ring after we leave,
14 "What happened at the meeting?" So what is it that
15 we're going to send out to the public? I just want to
16 make sure of that process of getting out to the public,
17 and then maybe we may have to make sure our neighbors
18 are getting the word as well. Because it feels better
19 if we have the public involved during this whole
20 process, instead of coming up next year and saying,
21 "Y'all didn't deal with it right."

22 MS. CROWELL: We do post it on the website.
23 And as I mentioned earlier, now that we've got our
24 program management team up and running, I think as you
25 start seeing our communications team, the collaborative

1 firms and others, out talking more about it, and
2 especially as people start seeing resurfacing projects
3 going on, people are going to start seeing signage, and
4 I do think that your participation levels will increase
5 based on that. If you have any suggestions, feel free
6 to send those to me.

7 MS. LOVE: I want to clarify what we're
8 saying. The minutes are already on the website?

9 MS. CROWELL: We just put them on today. We
10 loaded them, and I think it takes 24 hours or so for
11 those to appear.

12 MS. LOVE: Which minutes?

13 MS. CROWELL: The minutes from August 9th, the
14 minutes that you have in front of you.

15 MS. LOVE: But we have not had a chance to
16 correct those.

17 MS. CROWELL: Right. We can amend those.
18 That's not a problem. You can correct those.

19 MS. LOVE: I'm just wondering if they should
20 be public until they've been approved.

21 MS. CROWELL: Good point. That's fine, if
22 that's your pleasure. We just put them on there today,
23 so TJ can ask to hold those until we get your edits, and
24 then we'll load your corrected minutes.

25 MS. LOVE: I would feel more comfortable with

1 that.

2 MS. CROWELL: That's fine.

3 MS. HARDY: If there's any edits, just send
4 them to Delores. Did you want us to collaborate and
5 then send it to you once?

6 MS. CROWELL: That's fine.

7 MS. HARDY: We are all on the same e-mail.
8 Just send them to me and I'll collaborate them and get
9 it to Delores, and you can do that in the next two
10 weeks.

11 (At 7:45 p.m. it was moved, seconded and
12 approved to adjourn the meeting.)

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