



SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee  
Meeting Minutes, Jan. 31, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

**Members Present:**

Teresa Hardy  
Gale Walldorff  
Jenna Teston  
Nancy Love  
Alice Bussey  
Isaac Blythers  
Roderick Frierson  
Ellen Nash  
Charles McCorkle

**DeKalb County Staff and Other Officials Present:**

Delores Crowell, Intergovernmental Affairs Manager  
Zachary Williams, Chief Operating Officer  
Chris Kingsbury, Program Manager, Moreland-Altobelli  
Phil D'Ambrogio, Program Manager, Moreland-Altobelli  
Felton Williams, Purchasing and Contracting  
Jack Lumpkin, Public Safety Director  
Jeff Rader, Presiding Officer and District 2 Commissioner

Co-chair Teresa Hardy called the Citizen Oversight Committee to order at 6:30 p.m. on January 31, 2019.

A motion was made to adopt the agenda for the Jan. 31 meeting. Motion was made and seconded; the agenda was adopted.

A motion was made to table the minutes. The motion was amended to table the minutes to handle other business, then circle back. The amendment was accepted, the motion was seconded and approved.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the red-lined copy of bylaws. Discussion around the red-lined copy of bylaws.

Question: Does the oversight group write an annual report, and what is the reporting period.

Answer: The citizen oversight group does write an annual report, and the county will follow up on the annual period.

Delores Crowell presented the county SPLOST annual report required by the Georgia Department of Revenue. The county met all guidelines and requirements for its report. The report was submitted to the DeKalb Champion and is online.

Question: Is this the SPLOST oversight committee report?

Answer: No, this is the county-required report.

Chris Kingsbury presented the Total Enterprise Activity Management System (TEAMS) software that tracks all projects and finances for SPLOST. He showed where completed projects were

reported and upcoming projects that have been approved by Board of Commissioners and are underway or about to be underway.

Phil D'Ambrogio discussed the process for inputting information into TEAMS and how to view details. The county is developing a website that pulls information directly from TEAMS. It will be similar but simpler for the public. The information comes directly from TEAMS. Within TEAMS, the most important module is financial. It tracks all of the money coming in and where it's going within projects. In December, collections were \$5,800,000, which was more than anticipated. Any source of funds is tracked: bond programs, SPLOST, ect. Active projects approved by the board or are very close to being approved by the board are tracked. Reports can be printed that include all project information.

Delores Crowell presented collateral material that is available to share with the public.

Question regarding new police vehicles: Why are Tahoes being purchased instead of cheaper cars?

Answer: They are safer and outfitted with high-tech equipment. Officers work 10-12 hours in the vehicles, the size protects them better and they are more comfortable.

Felton Williams presented that a clinic on How to Do Business with DeKalb was coming up on Feb. 8 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. In addition, Purchasing and Contracting will host a reverse trade show at March 28 at Porter Sanford. User departments will be assembled and small businesses can approach them to pitch their goods and services.

Question: Is it possible to have information about how many small businesses are participating in SPLOST contract.

Answer: There is a report for that in TEAMS.

Commissioner Jeff Rader thanked the group for serving, emphasizing that it is a key component to keeping public trust in the SPLOST program.

Question: Regarding documents in executive summary, do we need more money to finish the fire station?

Answer: The summary goes with the detailed report. The detailed report shows SPLOST funds allocated, the project may need to be honed or funds used from other sources.

Question: Are the handouts being provided coming from SPLOST funds?

Answer: Yes, in the administrative cost line item.

The group resumed discussion on bylaws. Three edits requested: 1) Add "red-lined from the county attorney" to Page 2, line 14. 2) Correct Mr. Frierson's name throughout document. 3) Correct Teresa Hardy from District 3 to CEO. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes with changes. Motion carried.

#### Public Comments

Sherman Dudley, Sierra Highlands HOA. His community is off of Pleasant Hill Road in Lithonia. His homeowners insurance has increased because there is no fire station within five miles.

Commissioners approved 295 homes to be built and there is no station to serve in case of a fire. Would like a fire station to be built.

Cynthia Taux, Emory Village Alliance. There is small project that is a sidewalk improvement. The community would like to be able to advocate for the item as a safety concern and would like to know the best way to do that.

Vicki Hood, District 1. Some questions were already answered by the TEAMS demonstration. Would like the golf course, aquatics, trails and stream bank restoration SPLOST items revisited so that the county taxpayers aren't funding that. Would like outreach to organizations that could help with stream bank restoration to save some funds.

Larry Edwards, The Summit at Chapel Lakes. Introduced himself and homeowner's association's SPLOST committee. Appreciative of work being done by group. Offered to help organize and assist group however.

#### Oversight Group Comments

A motion was made to change meetings to fourth Thursday of each month. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.