



SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee  
Meeting Minutes, April 25, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

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SPLOST OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by  
Co-Chair Issac Blythers. Members present included:

- Theresa Hardy- CEO
- Gail Walldorff- CEO
- Jenna Teston- District 1
- Nancy Love- District 2
- Alice Bussey -District 3
- Issac Blythers- District 4
- Rod Frierson- District 5
- Ellen Nash- District 6

Also present was Delores Crowell, DeKalb county Government Affairs Director and Chris Kingsbury, Moreland Altobelli representative. Issac Blythers asked for the approval of March minutes. Rod Frierson made motion to approve March minutes and Jenna Teston second the motion. Motion was accepted by committee. Ellen Nash stated that the March minutes were confusing. They wanted to put on table until next meeting and discuss the minutes; there was a tie in votes about accepting minutes. Gail Walldorff entertained motion that they will note adjustments and make corrections and revisit this issue at the next meeting. Ellen Nash seconds the motion and the motion carries. Issac Blythers entertain motion to accept the meeting agenda, motion accepted. Issac Blythers wanted to schedule extra session to deal with bylaws. Gail Walldorff asked for by laws and annual Reports be discussed as a separate issue Ellen Nash seconds the motion.

1 Motion carries. Gail Walldorff entertains the motion for a special session to talk about annual reports.

2 Nancy Love seconds motion, motion carries.

3 Delores Crowell confirmed that the annual reports are not due until January each year and the

4 final report in 2024.

5 Theresa Hardy motioned for reports for end of year be due in September for August 2018-

6 August 2019. So they can review and then add on remaining months at end. Alice Bussey

7 Second the motion. Motion carries.

8 Delores Crowell stated that Moreland Altobelli produces the end of year report required

9 By law. Issac Blythers asked for the samples from other counties to help with formatting their own

10 reports. Nancy Love motion to amend July working session, motion carries.

11 Rod Frierson entertained the motion for July meeting be specific about annual reports and the format of

12 The reports, Ellen Nash seconds, motion carries.

13 Theresa Hardy talked about having a working session to discuss as a whole the bylaws and oversight.

14 Theresa Hardy motioned to approve by laws as a substitute motion in the June meeting, Ellen Nash

15 seconds, motion carries.

16 Delores Crowell introduced the guest speaker Peggy Allen. Peggy Allen spoke and educated us about

17 "Paving and Potholes" she spoke about her county job and her workers in what's involved with patching

18 and paving roads and what system they use to distinguish what roads come first with paving. She

19 stated, "They county process and assesses 2,000 miles of road each year. Someone rates every road in

20 DeKalb County every year. (potholes and cracks). A road is rated from 0 to 62, 62 being the worst

21 possible. When a street hits 30 it needs repaving. It costs \$425,000 per mile at 30 Patches. Before

22 SPLOST they were doing 25 miles each year now they are at 1000 miles per year".

23 Nancy Love commented about Peggy Allen's speech as enlightening and was wondering where you can

24 resource this information. Peggy Allen said "You can look on the DeKalb county website about the

25 paving updates and roads completed".

1 Chris Kingsbury spoke about the SPLOST interactive website and all the new updates it now has. He said  
2 the Town Hall Meetings are held at various location listed on the website for Public Involvement as well  
3 as Vendor Fairs. He said you will see more work being done on fire stations, parks and community  
4 centers this year. He said the first playground to go in is in Lithonia. They have about 100 miles of  
5 sidewalk needs. They repair the worst one's first just like they do the streets. The Board of  
6 Commissioners just approved elevator replacements at Exchange Building, police and fire  
7 headquarters to start this year using on-call vendors. Chris mentioned another big line item is the  
8 Bobby Burgess Complex and the Court House. Alice Bussey wants to have more information on website  
9 to let the public know about meetings and events. Ms. Bussey wanted to know what an On Call Vendor  
10 was. Chris Kingsbury said the county board awards contracts to a few local firms as needed for local  
11 jobs. A DeKalb contractor representative spoke about how they pick contractors each year for  
12 Different projects. First you need to be one year certified before you can bid on job. Second you must  
13 have the qualifications and capacity to do the jobs. Aft6er that you bid on the different jobs, DeKalb  
14 then looks at it, the best price and or approach gets awarded then given task order.

15 A DeKalb resident Monica Wood asked Delores Crowell about how they decide what parks to work on  
16 first. She said the 2016 SPLOST park committee did estimates based on recommendations. Delores  
17 Crowell spoke about how they consider "putting a soccer field for kids or other amenities to reduce  
18 crime and or drugs in certain areas.

19 Issac Blythers said was very excited about seeing the new roads in his neighborhood and surrounding  
20 areas. Theresa Hardy encourages everyone to shop in DeKalb so your pennies will go to SPLOST.

21 They noted that the next meeting For SPLOST will be on Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

22 There being no further comments from committee  
23 members, Jenna Teston put forth the motion that the meeting be  
24 adjourned. Ellen Nash seconded the motion, and it was  
25 unanimously carried.

1 (The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.)

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