

E-SPLOST COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting Date: September 15, 2020 8:30 am by teleconference.

Attendees: Alex Sams Rick Parker Andrew Malec Lara Mathes Andrea Farnham
Nancy Hart Greg Davis Mike Waldrip Patricia Yager Xernona Thomas
Dexter Fisher John Gilbreath Troy Bassett Gerald Arscott

Staff Reports: Copies of the following were distributed:

- August, 2020 Meeting Summary
- September, 2020 SPLOST Monthly Report
- September, 2020 SPLOST Contingency/Change Order Report
- September, 2020 Construction Schedule
- July, 2020 SPLOST 5 Revenue Monthly Trend
- July, 2020 SPLOST 5 Financials
- July, 2020 SPLOST 5 Budget Projections

Hilsman: The County has approved the as built plans and a permanent certificate of occupation is about to be issued. A completion report will now be made to the BOE.

Manufacturing Lab: The SPLOST work is complete, with the punch list being worked through. An order for welding equipment is to be placed. This will comprise a variety of different equipment to provide training across a range of machines. The equipment is being funded by the Athens Community Foundation.

Public Safety Radio: This project is required to bring certain buildings up to date as a result of a change in the fire code. A start date is being determined with the successful contractor, with a view to the work being completed by December 31.

Clarke Central Track/Field: A drone video and pictures were shown to the Committee. Bleacher installation is complete and installation of the artificial turf is commencing this week. A meeting with the fire marshal for use of the bleachers/press box is scheduled. The plan is to have the field complete and the track asphalt laid in time for the first game on October 9.

Cedar Shoals Track: A drone video and pictures were shown to the Committee. The asphalt for the track has been done. Laying of the track surface is subject to the weather and use of the field. The track surface requires 28 days to cure. Concern was expressed at the substantial discrepancy in the funding that had gone to Clarke Central versus Cedar Shoals and that it was important that the proposed field house should proceed as soon as possible. The plan is for the field house to be funded toward the end of E-SPLOST 5 or in E-SPLOST 6.

Board HQ: Quotes are being obtained for internal building scans and drawings. A site survey is also required. Meetings are being scheduled with Departments for space planning purposes. The plan is to have renovation proposals/prices in December/January, with a view to works being completed for occupation during summer 2021.

Clarke Middle School: A meeting is being arranged with the LSGT and the architect to report on the findings to date and to enable them to begin establishing a Local Building Committee (LBC). The first LBC meeting will involve feedback from the parent/staff surveys and the architect's assessment of renovation vs new build. Andrew Malec is the COC representative for the project. LBC meeting dates will be circulated to the COC.

West Broad Campus: A virtual meeting was held with Linda Davis as preparation for the first Local Building Committee meeting. This made clear that the original proposal could not work on the site. The district is in the process of prioritizing education needs to determine what facility could be best located at the site. It was noted that some of the community expectations could not be met from school district funds, which can only be used for educational purposes. Several names have been received to form the LBC and decisions on this will be made shortly.

School C: Student enrollment numbers for that area are being monitored. This will determine if and when this project proceeds. It would be an E-SPLOST6 project if it proceeds. Construction of School "C" will require rezoning of several Elementary schools on the West side of town.

Facilities Review: E-SPLOST 6 planning meetings will be held over the next 6 months with every school to determine their schools needs/wishes. The outcomes from these meetings will be merged with the physical buildings reviews (age of plant, maintenance issues etc.) to determine the E-SPLOST 6 program. This will also feed into the DOE 5 year facility plan. This will need to be ready for approval by the Board in spring 2021, ready for the E-SPLOST referendum in November 2021.

Transportation & Technology: All new 2020 buses on order have been delivered. In view of the increased dependence on virtual learning, devices have been ordered so that each K-12 student will have an individual device. Many of these are on back-order due to the heavy demand from school districts across the country. Agreement has also been given to hot spots on buses to facilitate internet access in certain areas.

COC Membership: Lara Mathes put forward the name of a local architect for the COC who was considered to be highly suitable by those who know her. One issue would be that her firm would not be able to bid for any school district work while she was a member. Lara Mathes will raise this with her and report back. Alex Sams encouraged everyone to reach out for other potential new members.

Sales Tax Revenue: The July figure was \$2.04m, which is well ahead of the \$1.85m used for planning purposes.

Future Meetings

October 13, 2020

November 10, 2020

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00am.