

MINUTES
SPLOST 2016 CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
VIRTUAL TELECONFERENCE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS SIMULTANEOUS
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2020 AT 9 AM

Present: Lance Sabbe, Vice Chairman
Bob Franklin
Jane Fraser
William Kitts
Ronnie Perry

Absent: Philip Graitcer, Chairman
John Dow
Ron Maulden

Also Present: Dave Austin, Glynn County Public Works Director
Paul Andrews, Glynn County Engineer
Tamara Munson, Glynn County Interim Chief Financial Officer
Regina McDuffie, Brunswick City Manager
Garrow Albertson, Brunswick Engineer and Public Works Director
Andrew Burroughs, Executive Director, Brunswick - Glynn County Joint
Water and Sewer Commission (JWSC)

1. Discuss and approve the minutes of the August 26, 2020, meeting, subject to any necessary corrections.

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Bob Franklin. The motion was seconded by Jane Fraser. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion of Glynn County project updates [REPORT](#)

Glynn County Public Works Director, Dave Austin began the County update with the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) which included the recently completed work on the Frederica/Demere Roundabout and that the remainder of the LMIG 2020 projects should be completed in November 2020. LMIG 2021 has been submitted for approval by finance.

Ms. Fraser asked about the disparity between the numbers from June 2020 and October 2020. Mr. Austin explained that there was a change in accountants and the numbers

were updated with corrections. Glynn County Interim Chief Financial Officer, Tamara Munson explained after a change in personnel, she has been updating the SPLOST 2016 spreadsheet. She said that due to quite a few errors, the spreadsheets needed to be updated and are 95% correct as of the October 2020 version, but she is continuing to check prior years. Ms. Munson replied that no money was lost, but some of the columns and formulas in the spreadsheet were wrong. She said also that the retainage on many of the contracts was not reversed at the end of the fiscal year as normal and as a result many of the projects were shown as spending more money.

Glynn County Engineer Paul Andrews, updated on the Canal Road widening project on which acquisition is underway on the parcels needed. He said that the intersection improvement is not actually a SPLOST project and are working with the Board of Commissioners to identify the right intersection position. Mr. Andrews continued with Dungeness Drive project which has required a change in plans due to the current land owner's requests, who bought the property after the project was proposed in the SPLOST 2016 referendum. He stated that after meeting with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) an alternative was proposed and the project, which was originally planned to extend Dungeness Drive to South Port Parkway in order to use the traffic signaled intersection, could instead connect South Port Parkway directly to Highway 17. Mr. Andrews said that he is confirming that SPLOST 2016 money can be spent on this project and will bring it to the Board of Commissioner for approval. He stated that the land is all Glynn County or GDOT right-of-way.

Mr. Austin continued with the Pennick Road paving project on which the County is close to acquiring the remaining parcel of land needed. Ms. Fraser asked if the reduction in expenditures on the spreadsheet is due to lower prices on mitigation credits. Mr. Austin replied that he didn't know what the difference is, but it's probably the cost of the mitigation credits. Mr. Austin moved to the Sea Island Road ditch piping project which was due to start the following week. Ms. Fraser asked about the equipment flooding due to king tides in the area. Mr. Austin responded that the project is meant to pipe the ditch and the king tide is probably the reason for the delay in starting work. Mr. Austin said that he doesn't tell the contractor how to build a project, but the project is moving ahead.

Mr. Austin continued with the sidewalk that will be constructed in place after the ditch piping project on Sea Island Road. He said that the plans have been reviewed by the Coastal Resources Division of the Department of Natural Resources and will most likely be bid with the Frederica sidewalk. Ms. Fraser asked about the identical encumbrances on the Sea Island Road and Hamilton Road projects and Mr. Austin replied that it was probably spread evenly across the projects. Mr. Austin continued with the Frederica Road and Kings Way Roundabout which has 60% design plans. Ms. Fraser asked what the best estimate of the cost of the project. Mr. Austin projects that it will be less than the East Beach Demere roundabout because of less drainage. Ms. Fraser asked about the Frederica Road and Demere Road roundabout money remaining. Mr. Austin said

that project was intended to pay for roundabout restructuring and that the paving money came out of the LMIG.

Mr. Austin moved to the SPUR 25/ Altama intersection project which is currently in progress with a title company conduct title searches on 19 needed parcels. Ms. Fraser asked why there has been no progress and Mr. Austin said that because the committee doesn't give him credit for progress until the construction is started then there has been no progress.

Mr. Andrews updated on the Harry Driggers Boulevard sidewalk project which is awaiting federal funding in order to go out for bid for the Southern section. The Northern section is nearing readiness to go to bid. Ms. Fraser asked why this project is also under SPLOST 5. Mr. Andrews responded that money was originally made available for the project in that SPLOST and money is being pulled from SPLOST 5 first for preliminary engineering and that money will be used first. Ms. Fraser asked why SPLOST 5 money was reallocated to courts for pickleball. Mr. Andrews said he would get a note put in for SPLOST 5 projects connected to SPLOST 2016. Ms. Fraser asked why voters should support a new SPLOST when money from SPLOSTs 4 and 5 are still not spent. Mr. Franklin mentioned that a new SPLOST should have a professional management company.

Mr. Austin updated on the Frederica Road sidewalk project that will be bid with the Sea Island sidewalk project, but he doesn't have a good estimate on the cost yet. Ms. Fraser asked why Chapel Crossing sidewalk was not complete. Mr. Austin replied that it is, but it was combined with the Ocean Boulevard project and the funds are combined as well in the above line item.

Mr. Andrews continued with an update on the College Park Drainage project on which GDOT permitting is currently underway and utilities are being coordinated as a part of final design. Lance Sabbe asked what the current plan for the project is. Mr. Andrews responded that the current design is for a new outfall paralleling SPUR 25 from College Park Subdivision and into the marsh area near 4th Street at Highway 17. He stated that the money currently in SPLOST 2016 would be for design and the County is looking for grant funding for construction. Mr. Andrews continued with the Chapel Crossing Road drainage improvements project which is in concept design in conjunction with the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) with which a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is under review. Once approved detailed design can begin. Mr. Fraser asked how long FLETC has had the MOU and Mr. Andrews replied that it's been roughly a month, but at least progress is being made. Mr. Andrews continued with the Sommersby Point drainage project that is under construction by the property owner, the Golden Isles Parkway drainage improvements which is being designed by Pittman Engineering and should be well under the budgeted amount, the Hornet Drive Drainage Outfall and the South Palm drainage ditch which are in design with GDOT.

Mr. Austin concluded the County update with the Animal Control Facility for which the last concrete footing is being poured. The project lost about a month due to rain. Ms. Fraser asked if the excess funds for the animal control project and veterans park project will come from excess SPLOST collections and Mr. Austin said yes that money was already moved.

Ms. Fraser asked if 50% of the budget being spent is correct. Mr. Austin replied that it was probably correct.

3. Discussion of City of Brunswick project updates [REPORT](#)

Brunswick City Manager Regina McDuffie introduced the new format for the Brunswick project updates to clarify SPLOST 2016 projects for the committee. Brunswick City Engineer Garrow Albertson began the update with the Milling and Paving of streets category which is on budget and includes the L Street project which is in Phase 3 and should be completed in a month. He stated that the other project under works in that category is the Magnolia Park project which will use the remaining funds and some storm drainage funds. He continued with the College Park drainage project, a Glynn county/Brunswick collaborative project, which does include some construction money.

Mr. Sabbe asked what the project entails and if the budget is significant enough to cover construction. Mr. Albertson said that the project is divided into four phases and the first phase is to discharge water into the marsh by Highway 17 which will benefit both City and County. The later phases are all upstream from Altama. He said that enough money would be set aside to cover the City portion of construction when permitted from GDOT, but hopefully a grant would cover the other phases of construction.

Mr. Albertson continued with the Mary Ross Park development and mentioned that the Splash pad might be moved to other areas of town. He stated that the Brunswick Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) is in charge of that project. Mr. Sabbe asked that the spreadsheet reflect expenses for the splash pad and other expenses.

Mr. Alberson continued with the Highway 17 infrastructure that a landscape improvement grant will now supplement and the right of way permit has been approved, so the project can move to bid. Ms. Fraser asked if the grant was for plants and not infrastructure. Mr. Albertson replied that it's not for buildings other than enhancing a monument and that no irrigation will be available, but the plants will be local plants that do not require irrigation.

Mr. Sabbe asked about trails in the area. Mr. Albertson said that the MLK trail to 4th Avenue is completed and the remainder of the trail North of 4th Avenue is awaiting permitting from GDOT. He continued with the Wayfinding and Gateways saying that the signs are set to go in the proper locations and should be under construction after the first of the year and to be on budget, the Cemetery Restoration fence repairs and future

projects in Palmetto and Greenwood Cemeteries, the quarterly payment for subscriber radios, and work on Queens Square landscaping and sidewalk improvements. Mr. Sabbe asked about the Wright Square progress and if the dollars will be moved to a different project. Mr. Albertson said that the Brunswick Finance Committee voted down and wait on the project after bids were collected. He stated that the Wright Square traffic realignment was not originally a part of the SPLOST projects and that roadway monies would come out of LMIG if there were no higher priority projects to spend the funding on.

Mr. Albertson continued with park rehab projects through which the Mary Ross Park splash pad could be funded for placement in Orange Park with some other improvements and could use a land and water conservation grant, restroom installation in Sidney Lanier Park due to be completed soon with possible additional improvements, and the addition of a playground and pavilion in Howard Coffin Park.

4. Discussion of Brunswick-Glynn County Joint Water and Sewer project updates [REPORT](#)

Brunswick - Glynn County Joint Water and Sewer Commission (JWSC) Executive Director, Andrew Burroughs began his update with the North Mainland Sewer and Rehab Project which is nearing the completion of Phase 2 which is manhole rehab. He said that Phase 3 is set to be advertised for bid in the near future. He updated on the other JWSC project, the PS4003 System upgrade, in which the new wet well is being dug after removing the old well pump and is expected to be completed in April 2021.

5. Selection of dates for future meetings to be held every 60 days

Ms. Fraser made a motion to meet on December 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. William Kitts seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ronnie Perry made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Fraser seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.