

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Dunagan, Hamrick, Figueras, Wangemann, Couvillon
OFFICIALS ABSENT: Bruner
STAFF PRESENT: Padgett, Sheppard, Jordan

Representatives from the Hall County Board of Commissioners were in attendance along with representatives from the municipalities of Buford, Flowery Branch, Gillsville, Lula and Oakwood.

Hall County Administrator Randy Knighton called the meeting to order. He stated the County would release a draft project list on December 9 and would receive public comments on December 11. A referendum question would be placed on the March 17 election ballot.

Jock Connell reminded attendees of the original plan to place the referendum on the November 4 ballot. The current plan was to address the question on March 17. Today's kickoff meeting was being held to avoid technical errors and to provide clarity regarding the process. He used a power point presentation to supplement discussion on the following topics.

1. What is a SPLOST
2. What can SPLOST funds be used for
3. Benefits of SPLOST
4. Hall County SPLOST History
5. Potential Project Categories for SPLOST VII
6. Public Input Process
7. SPLOST VII Oversight Process
8. SPLOST VII Timeline/Actions

The projected SPLOST VII Revenue was \$158 million. The County planned to include tier 2 projects at a projected cost of 14.5% of \$158 million. The project list could change after the public input meeting.

Emphasis was placed on adopting intergovernmental agreements in January to allow the Commissioners to adopt a resolution on February 9 instructing election superintendent to conduct an election on March 17 for the referendum question. SPLOST VII would be implemented on July 1 if passed.

Council Member Wangemann asked what other cities were doing regarding SPLOST. He also commented on regional versus county SPLOST.

Inquiries about the oversight committee led Mr. Connell to state the intent was to work with the county to ensure projects listed on the ballot were addressed. There were no veto powers and the law did not require the committee. Their task would be determined by the elected officials. Details regarding the creation of the committee were undetermined at this time. There was a comment indicating the committee was for transparency purposes. There was also a comment suggesting that the committee be appointed before the election.

ADJOURNMENT: 2:38 PM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk