

Dodge County Board of Commissioners
SPLOST Negotiations
Thursday, June 20, 2024, 6:00 PM



City and Counties Present:

Dodge County

Commissioner Chairman Dan McCranie
Commissioner Sharon Cobb Flanagan, District 1
Commissioner Vice-Chair Brian Watkins, District 3
Attorney John P. Harrington
County Manager Conner Bearden
County Clerk Kimberly Smith-Parkerson

Eastman

Chairman Graham Synder, District 2
Vice Chair Sebrina Williams, District 1
City Manager Spencer Barron

Chauncey

Harrell Burch

Milan

Chad Puckett

Rhine

Hardy Eady
Susie Jones
Jennifer White

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting for SPLOST negotiations at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman McCranie presiding. He called the meeting to order and asked Cecil Barden with the Dodge County Hospital Authority Board, to lead a prayer. Next, County Manager Bearden reminded attendees that the SPLOST referendum must be advertised 60 days prior to appearing on the ballot in November. He stated this meeting would be used to give the local authorities an opportunity to address the boards to state their five-year capital outlay plans.

Dodge County Hospital Authority

On behalf of the hospital authority, Chairman Paul Jones requested the hospital remain at the same level of disbursement, which is 15%. He detailed equipment needs for the next five years in the amount of \$10,948.00. Dr. Donald Selph also offered perspective from a medical standpoint about up-to-date technology to provide a standard of care.

Heart of Georgia Regional Airport Authority

Board member Phil Bearden spoke on behalf of the airport authority and stated they currently make requests for SPLOST funds. They would like to receive a regular disbursement in the upcoming SPLOST, if agreeable. He detailed capital expenses as mandated by FAA and GDOT at the match amount of \$318,000, which must be completed by 2031.

Dodge County-Eastman Development Authority

Executive Director Robert Pruitt requested the current disbursement of 3% and to receive monthly disbursements. Funds would be used to continue moving forward with the GRAD site developments and future projects.

Eastman Downtown Development Authority

Chairperson Andrea McCranie stated the Eastman DDA covers city limit sign to city limit sign and all major arteries. She requested a one-percent allocation of SPLOST funds for lighting, alley beautification, and irrigation. Also, funds would be used to purchase historical buildings.

Dodge County Recreation Department

Recreation Department Director Randy Spivey detailed several projects including fencing and expansion of activities. He requested to stay at the current percentage of 1.1.

Adjournment

The next meeting was set for July 11 at 5:00 p.m. With no further business to address, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Attested:

Approved:

Kimberly Smith-Parkerson, County Clerk

Dan McCranie, Chairman