E-SPLOST COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting Date: December 8, 2020 8:30 am by teleconference.

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

Staff Reports: Copies of the following were distributed:
- November, 2020 Meeting Summary
- December, 2020 SPLOST Monthly Report
- December, 2020 SPLOST Contingency/Change Order Report
- December, 2020 Construction Schedule
- October, 2020 SPLOST 5 Revenue Monthly Trend
- October, 2020, 2020 SPLOST 5 Financials
- October, 2020 SPLOST 5 Budget Projections

Manufacturing Lab: Welding equipment has been installed, with the final hook-up being completed today. A meeting with the teacher is being set for final approval and the facility will then be ready for students. The Athens Community Foundation has approved payment of approximately $40k as a donation for welding equipment. Consideration will be given to either holding our next meeting at HT Edwards, so that the Lab can be seen, or arranging a separate occasion when it can be seen.

Public Safety Radio: Hilsman, Coile and Burney Harris Lyons have been completed. Oglethorpe will be done when students have left for the holiday. An appointment will then be made with the Fire Marshal for final approval. In the meantime Chief Sizemore and SROs are testing the installations with their radios.

Cedar Shoals Track: The track installer is currently mobilizing and, subject to the weather, will have the track completed as weather allows, typically two to three weeks. They will then move on to Clarke Central.

Clarke Central Track/Field: In addition to the track installation the remaining work comprises:
- Finishing the concession stand roof –there is an issue with the supply of some materials
- Equipment and fixture installation in the concession stand
- Some fencing work
-A man-hole upstream from the field is in poor condition and needs re-building. It is adjacent to a GA Power transformer which will need to be de-energized while the work is being done.
The plan is for work to be completed by the end of the year.

Board HQ: Space planning with the relevant Department Heads is almost complete. The architect is in the process of preparing construction documents/drawings. The overall condition of the buildings is being assessed in order to determine the required work. The plan is to obtain bids in February for a recommendation to be made to the Board in March.
Piedmont will move out by the end of March and a recommendation will be made to the Board to purchase the property at that time.

Clarke Middle School: The initial design meeting with the Local Building Committee (LBC) determined that new build was the preferred option. This was based on the curriculum program requirements, the survey results and the architect's analysis of renovation vs new-build costs. This has previously been reported to the COC and in the monthly reports to the Board but the COC felt that this decision should be given wide publicity, to avoid

misunderstanding later in the process. Accordingly a report will be made to the Board meeting on December 10. The next LBC meeting, which will consider design style and site layout, is being planned.

West Broad Campus: Two options have been developed for the site: an Early Learning Center for 80/90 children or a facility for high school students. The Early Learning Center would limit any use by the local community due to furniture etc. being for small children. The high school student option would give opportunity for community use in line with other schools. These options will be put to a meeting of the Local Building Committee (LBC) being established by the Superintendent and Dexter Fisher. In response to a question it was noted that a Health Center, which had been mentioned as an option at this site, will be included in the Clarke Middle School plans. The COC felt that this should also be reported to the December 10 Board Meeting. It was also suggested that a report on this and the status of Clarke Middle School should be reported to the January Property Committee.

School C: Student enrollment numbers for that area are being monitored. Work is also taking place with the County to obtain details of occupancy certificates as they are issued. This is a better indicator of likely school demand, compared with building permits.

Facilities Review: E-SPLOST 6 questionnaires are being sent to Principals so that they can identify their needs with their LSGT. This information will be merged with building condition assessments to determine the E-SPLOST 6 program. Based on the ages of structures and systems Clarke Middle School, Cedar Shoals, Gaines Elementary and Alps Elementary are the highest priorities. This will raise the question of whether Whit Davis and Gaines should be expanded or Easom built. Consideration will also be given to schools with trailers. In response to questions Mr. Gilbreath explained that upgrades of existing air conditioning systems, to better cope with the Covid virus, was being managed by Plant Services from Cares Funds. SPLOST pays for this in the case of new build or renovation projects.

Transportation & Technology: An order for approximately 1000 Chromebooks for Grade 2 is on back-order. A proposal is being made to the Board in December for the purchase of buses in 2021. E-SPLOST 5 provision for 2021 buses is $500,000.

COC Membership: Alex Sams has one potential new member who he will be approaching. He urged other COC members to continue the search for new members

Sales Tax Revenue: The October figure was $2.366m, which was almost 4% higher than the same month last year and keeps us well ahead of our $1.85m planning assumption. The additional sum of $1.047m, received in September and attributable to a State audit, related to collections over many years. The advice is that it should be treated as income to the current E-SPLOST program.

Future Meetings
January 12, 2021
February 9, 2021

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55am.