

## ESPLOST COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – MEETING SUMMARY

**Meeting Date:** March 12, 2024 8:30 am at the Culinary Kitchen, HT Edwards.

**Attendees:** Alex Sams            Rick Parker            Mike Waldrip            Erwin Greene  
Andrew Malec            Ana-Maria Neal            Robbie Hooker            John Gilbreath  
Troy Bassett            Gerald Arscott

**Staff Reports:** Copies of the following were distributed prior to the meeting:

- February, 2024 Meeting Summary
- March, 2024 ESPLOST Monthly Report
- March, 2024 ESPLOST Contingency/Change Order Report
- March, 2024 ESPLOST Construction Schedule
- January, 2024 ESPLOST 5 Financials
- January, 2024 ESPLOST 5 Budget Projections
- January, 2024 ESPLOST 6 Financials
- January, 2024 ESPLOST 6 Budget Projections

**Clarke Middle School:** Pictures of the site were shown. The project is progressing and on schedule. Switchgear has been delivered which will enable permanent power to the building and HVAC systems can then be tested and operated. Atlanta Gas Light and AT&T connections are critical and are being closely monitored. Ceiling grid and light fixture installation in the classrooms are nearing completion. Floor moisture tests are on-going to determine when final floor finishes can be laid. Externally work is progressing on curbs/gutters/ paving where possible. The summer period will be critical and there is close discussion with the Principals at CMS and Bettye H. Holston to ensure no disruption to the work and options if there is any summer delay. The modular buildings will be removed immediately school ends in May. The COC expressed interest in seeing the new building and May 1, after 3:30pm, was mentioned as a possibility. Reference was also made to the community interest in the project and the advisability of ensuring their involvement for an open house if possible.

**Cedar Shoals School Renovation:** Pictures of the site were shown. Work is progressing well. Demolition of the lower level is complete. The Ag Science area has been demolished and building back has commenced. Some sewer problems have been encountered and these are being addressed. Clearing work has commenced for the new tennis courts. Phase 2 design work is progressing.

**HT Edwards Bio-Manufacturing Lab:** Grahl Construction are gearing up to commence the work on June 1.

**BOE – Ellard Hall:** Nothing to report

**Facilities Review:** Bids for the **replacement of HVAC** units at five schools will be reported to the March BOE for approval. These are schools that have been identified by Plant Services as having significant HVAC repair/performance problems.

**Facilities Review: School C & Easom:** Nothing to report

**Transportation & Technology:** Bids for the replacement of whiteboards at 13 sites will be reported to the BOE in March. This will bring all sites up to current standards in readiness for the installation of new projectors over the summer.

**Sustainability Committee:** The sub-committee is meeting tonight. One of the priorities that is likely to emerge, as a recommendation to the Board, is to conduct an energy audit of the facilities.

**COC Membership:** Alex Sams encouraged members to continue to seek out candidates to join the Committee.

**Sales Tax Revenue:** The January collection was \$2.9m, which is consistent with previous years when January figures tend to be the lowest of the year.

#### **Future Meetings**

Future meetings are scheduled for:

May 14, 2024

June 11, 2024

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am.