



JOINT SERVICES COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2022, 8:30 AM.
SAM KING ROOM

PRESENT:

Sundai Stevenson, Mayor, Rome City Commission
Bill Collins, Rome City Commission
Allison Watters, Chair, Floyd County Board of Commissioners
Larry Maxey, Vice Chair, Floyd County Board of Commissioners
Judy Dickinson, City Clerk, Cave Spring
Sammy Rich, City Manager
Jamie McCord, County Manager
Susie Gass, Administrative Services Division Director, Floyd County
Meredith Ulmer, Assistant City Manager
Joe Smith, City Clerk
Toni Rhinehart, Finance Director, City of Rome
Doug Walker, City of Rome Information Officer
Doug Crowder, WRGA
Adam Carey, RNT

WELCOME:

Mayor Sundai Stevenson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. The minutes of the February 7, 2023, meeting were approved by common consent.

SPLOST UPDATE:

County Manager Jamie McCord stated that the SPLOST Committee County Appointees were confirmed and included: Evie McNiece, Mike Burnes, Keara Leonard, Brad Doyle, Cleve Jackson, Corey Townsend, and Ladonna Collins as an alternate. Monica Shepard, Sam Burrell, Jr., Jake Hager, and Wendy Davis, (along with an alternate yet to be determined) would make up the City appointees. The Cave Spring appointee will be Nick McLemore. Commissioners Hancock, Watters, Stevenson, and Collins will be the representing Commissioners on the Committee and they will be non-voting observers. Commissioner Bill Collins asked McCord if the County would object to the City having 2 alternates. McCord reminded the group that historically, alternates that had perfect attendance were allowed to vote. If alternates are allowed to vote with perfect attendance again this year, only one would be allowed to vote to keep the numbers the same given that the county only has one alternate. Collins agreed with McCord that the alternate number should remain at 1 each for the city and county. McCord shared with the group that approximately 65 submissions have been made at roughly \$200 million. McCord stated that projects for Chulio Road improvements were submitted four separate times, a big indicator that it should be a priority. McCord discussed that the committee should stay with the LOST distribution (County 53%, City 45.2%, and Cave Spring 1.8%), and that previous SPLOSTs had never gone past 5 years but could become 6 years with year 6 being 100% transportation projects, mentioning that there were

several transportation improvement SPLOST requests received. Mayor Stevenson stated that she feels that the SPLOST should run 6 years with the 6th being for transportation only.

The SPLOST Kickoff meeting is scheduled for April 20th. The first meeting for SPLOST presentations will be May 4th at 5:30 pm and will continue to be held weekly until all projects are discussed. McCord stated that the 2017 SPLOST has shown an overcollection and that they are expecting approximately \$75 - \$80 to be collected in the new, upcoming 5-year SPLOST. However, not all the data has been examined and March 2023 has shown a decline in collections. City Manager Sammy Rich stated that the City Commission would be having a called meeting to go over all the city SPLOST projects to sort and prioritize them. Commissioners Watters and Collins again brought up and discussed the possibility of a 6-year SPLOST with 100% of the collection from year 6 going entirely to transportation projects. Commissioner Collins discussed his water park project proposal and asked if the County would be interested in partnering with the City. Commissioner Watters stated that more information was needed before any decisions could be discussed or made.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelley Parker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kelley Parker
Assistant to the City Manager