

**THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**WORKSHOP**

The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, Mr. C. D. Zeigler, Chairman, Mr. Reginald S. Loper, Sr., Vice-Chairman, Mr. Robert Brantley, Mrs. Vera Jones, Mr. Steve Mason, and Mr. Phil Kieffer met in a workshop at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Effingham County Administrative Complex.

**PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING**

Mr. David Crawley, County Administrator, Mr. Adam Kobek, Director of Community Relations, Mrs. Joanna Wright, Finance Director, Mr. George Shaw, Zoning Administrator, Mr. Toss Allen, Civil Engineer and Mrs. Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Zeigler called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

Chairman Zeigler gave the invocation and pledge to the American Flag.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Vice-Chairman Loper made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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**JAIL FINANCING AND WATER AND SEWER DEBT (02) (03):** County Administrator Crawley explained staff recommends proceeding with capitol cost recovery fees for the following reasons: reduced reporting requirements, ease of contractibility and calculation of fee structure, and because the County does not currently collect impact fees for Roads, Recreation or Public Safety. Steps to abolish or repeal the CIE Impact Fee Ordinance are to repeal the Impact Fee Ordinance, notify DCA of this action, refund of unencumbered impact fees, and submit final CIE annual update to the DCA upon disbursement of all unencumbered Impact Fees.

If July 31<sup>st</sup> Transportation Sales Tax referendum present to voter's passes, SPLOST funds for transportation project may be able to be redirected and the, Board may request to ask voters to amend SPLOST allocation by referendum in November. Impact fees funds can be encumbered for Effingham Parkway/Georgia Portway. If the

referendum fails it requires the Board to reprioritize funding for transportation projects and determine if funds will be available for water and sewer projects or debt service.

**SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM (01):** Community Relations Director Kobek explained that the Short Term Work Program (STWP) is a planning and implementation strategy for construction, maintenance and renovation of Public Facilities and Infrastructure. STWP is designed to be the surviving planning document moving forward, and should be updated annually for planning and budgetary purposes. It shows a plan for expenditures on capital projects over the next 5 years and included all reliable revenue types.

Projects that are in the STWP are any project, facility or equipment that has a monetary value of over \$1,000 with life expectancy of 1 year or more, that benefit from extended life through renovation, replacement, refurbishment or expansion and is currently funded in an existing capital improvement referendum that will not be completed before July 1, 2012.

STWP identifies revenues that are forecasted to be available for capital expenditures. Included revenues are SPLOST, LOST, general and enterprise funds, fund balances and financing revenue. Funding that is not forecasted in the STWP are state aid funding, transportation SPLOST, closed loans and federal funding. Reasonable assumptions based on historical trends in funding sources that are used to create the STWP.

STWP is divided into categories by areas to be served: roads, drainage, recreation, technology, public buildings and water and sewer.

The STWP is designed to assist and guide planning, purchasing and budgeting decisions. A draft of the STWP should be provided to the Board in November of each year with an adoption the following January to assist with budget process.

The current capital building projects that are in progress are:

Goshen Station, which will be operated by Rincon Fire Department, Sheriff's Office and County EMS Service. The station is designed to house three services, meet the needs of the area, lower ISO ratings, provide law enforcement presence and relieve the County of the rental fees. RFP was issued and staff is in negotiations with Lavender Construction on Pricing.

Sanitation Office and Site Improvements project is budgeted and in the works. Site improvements include ramp construction for convenient drop off of waste, site cleaning area to remove stored debris, wood waste and other inert materials, and concrete.

Sheriff's Office and Jail project is budgeted and in the works.

The current capital building projects that have not started are:

Hodgeville Road Station will be a manned station located on property acquired from the IDA. Plan and construction cost is slotted for the Fiscal Year 2012/2013.

LeDessie Zeigler Station is in a great location, but needs upgrading and remodeling.

Courthouse Road Station is a newer building that is in a good condition. Due to the location of this station, it has been chosen to operate as a 24/7 station, but currently does not have crew quarters. The crew quarters need to be added and the driveway to be paved.

Fleet Maintenance is in desperate condition, cramped space, inadequate facilities, outdoor storage and poor appearance. Staff recommends building a new facility to house public works and fleet maintenance.

Tusculum and Pineora Station will be unmanned and sites for these stations have not been determined. Funding for these stations are slotted as funding permits in the years following Fiscal Year 2012/2013 budget.

The current capital building demolition has been completed.

The current recreation building projects that have not started are:

Proposed Springfield Recreation site will have a gym expansion and renovation, concession renovation, office site work, Library/Health Department site renovations, new fields and equipment. This project will also have property acquisition to help make the site renovations work.

If the Central Learning school site is acquired the Gym at Central is scheduled for renovations.

Steel Bridge has bank erosion, unorganized parking, and the boat ramp is in disrepair. A project to upgrade Steel Bridge has been submitted to King Finishing for EPA review.

Ulmer Park is a planned joint project with the City of Springfield and was originally discussed as a SPLOST 2012 project.

The current capital road projects that have not started are:

- Blue Jay/McCall Road resurfacing
- I-16/Old River Road

The current capital road projects that are in progress are:

- Courthouse Extension
- Herbert Kessler Road
- Old Augusta Road
- Effingham Parkway
- Fort Howard Road County resurfacing
- Ash road repair
- Effingham Parkway Phase I

The current capital road projects that are in the planning stage are:

- Hodgeville Road resurfacing
- Low Ground/Zittrouer
- Patterson Road
- Cherokee/Ogeechee River Road

The current capital road project has been completed is General Road repair.

The current capital Heavy Equipment projects that are in progress are:

- Two ambulance remounts
- Two supercrew work trucks
- Kubota M9540 Tractor
- 672 Brown Rotary Mower
- Fire Engine Replacement
- Goshen Generator

The current capital Heavy Equipment project that is in planning is Fire Engine for New Station and two ambulances.

The current capital Heavy Equipment projects that are not started are:

- Fire Engine for new station
- Fire tanker for new station
- Waste water service truck remount

The current capital Drainage projects that are in the planning stage are:

Aerial Photograph new survey  
Drainage basin study  
Drainage construction repair and maintenance  
Drainage equipment  
The current capital Water and Sewer projects that are in the planning stage are:  
Old Augusta Water Extension  
Old Augusta Sewer Extension  
Sprayfield improvements

The current capital Technology project is in progress is Hospital IT Agreement.

The current capital Technology projects that are in the planning stage is:  
PC replacements for 2012-2013  
Email archive  
Pubworks software  
Document/Record Management

The current capital Technology projects that have not started are:  
PC replacement 2013-2014  
PC replacement 2014-2015  
VM server cluster replacement  
VM server cluster replacement storage  
Remote site network replacement  
Network hardware

The STWP was created to serve as a Master Planning Document which will assist with planning and the allocation of funding. Each project will still be required to be formally allocated each year in the budget process and there is not implied guarantee that projects on the STWP will actually be funded or completed or started in the year stated.

Request was made that the STWP Financial Plan includes the projects listed with the funding source.

County Administrator Crawley explained that the Board of Education would like to own the Moss Loop property.

Wesley Corbitt, Interim City Manager of Rincon requested that the Board look at different options than building the Goshen Road Public Safety facility.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:09 p.m., Chairman Zeigler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chairman Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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C. D. Zeigler, Chairman

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Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk