

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION
OCTOBER 24, 2017 – 5:00 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a work session on October 24, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the courtroom of the Heard County Courthouse. In attendance at the meeting were Chairman Lee Boone, District 1 Commissioner Larry Hooks, District 2 Commissioner Keri Denney, District 3 Commissioner Gwen Caldwell, District 4 Commissioner Larry Hammond, District 5 Commissioner Joe Adams and County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner. Chairman Boone stated that this work session was to discuss SPLOST V with each County department. He presented the proposed allocations for Heard County’s portion of SPLOST V to the Board. Based on revenue projections of \$300,000 a month, the proposed allocations are as follows:

Sheriff	\$5,500,000.00	31.8%
Roads/Bridges	\$6,750,000.00	39.0%
E911	\$ 250,000.00	1.4%
Parks & Recreation	\$ 375,000.00	2.2%
Fire	\$2,000,000.00	11.5%
Water Authority	\$1,000,000.00	5.8%
Court Technology	\$ 250,000.00	1.4%
Administration	\$1,196,040.00	6.9%

1) Sheriff Henry opened the SPLOST discussions. He discussed the future SPLOST needs for his department. He stated that he needed some storage space, to replace the doublewide trailer in his parking lot; a new inmate POD for 32 additional beds; and an interview room for the investigative unit of his department. Commissioner Denney asked Sheriff Henry if he had an estimate of how much the additional POD may cost. Chairman Boone stated that he and Kevin

Hamby spoke one time a while back about the estimated cost and estimated it to be around \$2,500,000.00-\$3,000,000.00.

2) Darold Wiggins, Public Works Director spoke regarding the future SPLOST needs for the Roads/Bridges department. Mr. Wiggins stated based on his roads computer program he is using he would need approximately \$9,000,000.00 for roads and bridges. The \$9M would be broken down as follows:

\$7,500,000.00	Roads
\$1,400,000.00	Equipment
\$ 135,000.00	Building/Grounds
\$ 50,000.00	Solid Waste

Chairman Boone stated that by law, roads and bridges cannot exceed 40% of SPLOST proceeds therefore 39% (\$6,750,000.00) was budgeted.

3) Chairman Boone stated that \$250,000.00 was allocated for new equipment for E911. And \$375,000.00 was allocated for field lights at the recreation complex on Thompson Road under the parks & recreation line item.

4) Laurie Cook, Executive Director of the Heard County Water Authority (HCWA) presented a list of proposed projects estimated at \$7,000,000.00; (see attached). She explained that the Centralhatchee withdrawal permit needs to be renewed and that EPD is requesting that the Water Authority present a plan to be ready for future drought conditions, to include additional water storage. She also stated that the Water Authority may be eligible for a \$1,500,000.00 low interest GEFA loan and other grant monies. She stated that the County would need to co-sign with them in order for the Water Authority to be eligible for the low interest GEFA loan.

5) Chairman Boone stated that \$250,000.00 was allocated for courtroom renovations to the courthouse. And \$1,196,404.00 was allocated for various capital improvements.

Chairman Boone stated that the current intergovernmental agreements (IGA) with the cities was as follows:

Centralhatchee	-	5%
Ephesus	-	5%
Franklin	-	9%

He stated these percentages and the IGA language, would remain the same as SPLOST IV. He stated that the execution of the IGAs by all the municipalities, is projected to be complete by October 31, 2017. County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner stated that the Board can hold a called meeting if necessary to get this completed by the appropriate time. Commissioner Denney stated she would like to see a complete project list, with more detail, from each municipality.

After further discussion and based on Commissioner Denney's request for more detailed information from each municipality, County Attorney Conner suggested holding another work session, to include each municipality.

There being no further discussions, the work session ended.

County Clerk

Chairman

Date _____