



LUMPKIN COUNTY
Board of Commissioners
Joint Special Called Work Session Agenda
Executive Conference Room

September 12, 2022
2:00 P.M.

- **Call to Order**
- **Determine Joint TSPLOST Project**
- **Determine TSPLOST Distribution Amount**
- **Adjourn**

Chairman Dockery

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The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by Chairman Chris Dockery

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Chris Dockery	Chairman	Present	
Tucker Greene	District 1 Commissioner	Present	
Bobby Mayfield	District 2 Commissioner	Present	
Rhett Stringer	District 3 Commissioner	Present	
Jeffrey Moran	District 4 Commissioner	Present	

Determine Joint TSPLOST Project

Chairman Dockery began by deferring to the committee that was developed to determine the joint project. Commissioner Stringer attended both meetings, so he will be speaking for the committee. He said they came up with the intersection improvement at Auraria and Torrington on Morrison Moore Parkway. They also discussed the Yahoola Creek Park entrance and the city is going to take care of that. They are doing some of the storm water improvements, so they will include that project while they are working in that area. Commissioner Stringer said everyone from all four corners of the county goes in and out of Yahoola Creek Park, so he thought that was a good project for us to have on the list. The city was actually able to do that now with some of their current TSPLOST funding.

Councilman Ariemma expressed his excitement about the Auraria project. He said with the 400 Corridor getting more and more crowded, it will be an alternate route in and out of Dahlonega. It is a great joint project and he can't wait to see it come to pass. Commissioner Moran asked what the problem was on Mechanicsville Road and what they were doing there. Commissioner Stringer responded they are fixing the dual turns on Mechanicsville at the senior center. Mayor Taylor stated they are not going to be able to take the curves out altogether but it will be an improvement. Her staff explained that the first part they will be able to do more with, there is just not enough room on the second curve to do that much. They will be able to get the first part a lot straighter than it is right now.

Councilman Ariemma asked Charles Trammell if GDOT was going to assist with the project. Mr. Trammell confirmed they would but they are waiting to see what we are going to do before they went any further. Commissioner Stringer said in the beginning everyone was suggesting a roundabout at that intersection but they do not need to tell GDOT what to do. His suggestion is keeping the language as "intersection improvements" and let GDOT decide what's best there. Chairman Dockery agreed they need to keep the language the same as they did with the intersection at Oak Grove.

Determine TSPLOST Distribution Amount

Commissioner Stringer stated the committee had discussed that the road length wasn't entirely fair to the city and the population count wasn't entirely fair to the county. The mayor came up with using $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ on the population and that resulted in an 81% county and 19% city split. Mayor Taylor said the city feels good about

that and it offers the county budget relief. They took it from a bottom-up approach and working with their team decided how many projects they could get done with TSPLOST funding. It provides a fair share between the two entities. Chairman Dockery reiterated the recommendation from the committee is an 81% county and 19% city split. He asked for comments and if anyone was in disagreement of the distribution and there were none.

Chairman Dockery stated the City Council had already voted and approved the distribution split at their last meeting. The Commissioners will vote on the amounts next week at their regular meeting. Mayor Taylor confirmed they had approved the percentage amounts and the joint project at their last meeting contingent on the IGA. So, they are in complete alliance with the county on those items but they are going to need another meeting on the IGA. Chairman Dockery asked for more clarification since they had agreed on the project and they agreed on the distribution split, what would be in the IGA. Mayor Taylor responded it was the questions of debt and indebtedness, how the debt was going to be handled, and if there is any debt to be issued. They had asked for a week to review the document and due to circumstances beyond anyone's control, they received a draft copy on Friday that was incomplete.

Chairman Dockery asked if they had a draft IGA that contained the verbiage that they would like for them to consider. Mayor Taylor said she thinks their council has submitted it to the county's attorney. City Attorney Doug Parks responded there is some technical issue. They had just received comments from the bond council this morning that were incorporated into the IGA. They had started reviewing that and they are waiting on comments from Stifel. Mr. Parks said they are very close and have some fairly minor things they are still in process of getting done. He continued that unlike last time, they would like to approve the scope, the budget, and a few minor things. It isn't anything that they cannot overcome.

Mayor Taylor said they are scheduled to have a special called meeting next week on the 19th to approve the IGA. Chairman Dockery asked how the city is on the hook for all of the debt on the joint project? Mr. Parks said the original document called for the city and county to issue debt. You have the ability to issue debt even if you don't want to take it, but the city does not want the ability to issue debt on their own projects. They only want to issue debt on the joint project, so they had to make that change on the IGA. Chairman Dockery asked how we did the one on Oak Grove. Ms. Edelberg responded that verbiage was not included on the IGA. Mr. Parks said the city's goal is the same as the county. Chairman Dockery said they have identified a project and they have identified the distribution but at some point, they have to identify the dollar figure. He asked if the committee had discussed what percentage was to be paid by the city and what percentage was to be paid by the county on that project. Mr. Parks said it is included in the document as of this morning and as 81% and 19%. Chairman Dockery said it is based on the same as the split. He asked if the Commissioners had any comments or objections because that had never been discussed with them. There were no objections or other comments.

Adjourn

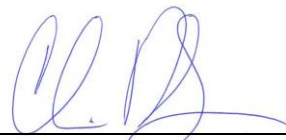
Chairman Dockery adjourned the meeting at 2:20 PM.

October 18, 2022

Date



Melissa Witcher
County Clerk, Lumpkin County



Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners