

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for a 2021 SPLOST Negotiation Meeting on Wednesday, July 8, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., in the Auditorium at the Brooks County Ag/Extension Building located at 400 East Courtland Avenue, Quitman, GA. Commissioners present were: Mr. James Maxwell, Chairman; and Ms. Myra Exum. Mr. Patrick Folsom, Mr. Willie Cody; and Mr. Rhett Rowe were not present. Others present were Ms. Jessica McKinney, Administrator; Ms. Patricia Williams, County Clerk; and Mr. Scott Johnson; Excellence Exceeded. Mr. McCain, Mr. Hicks, and Ms. Hester were present representing City of Barwick. Mayor Godwin was present representing City of Morven; and Mayor Dennard, City of Quitman.

Chairman called meeting to order.

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Administrator, Ms. Jessica McKinney, asked that everyone introduce themselves.

Mr. Scott Johnson, Excellence Exceeded, introduced himself as the Consultant assisting Brooks County thru the process and mediate the process. He advised that the sales tax is on the rise, more money is being collected than last SPLOST.

City of Barwick stated they are in need of a water system; has applied for and approved for a grant to assist with funding. Mr. Hicks stated they need to improve the water system; and repair streets and roads. Would like to at least stay at the percentage they are currently receiving.

Mayor Godwin, City of Morven, stated they would like to put a new water system on the next SPLOST. They are short on servicing their streets, recreation needs improvement; and would like to include on the next SPLOST. Mayor also stated he would like to at least stay at same current rate of percentage of SPLOST distribution.

City of Quitman, Mayor Dennard, stated that City buildings are in need of repairs/beautification, Police Department needs equipment, road equipment is needed; and improvements to Parks and Recreation.

Brooks County Board of Commissioners provided a proposed list of projects. Mr. Johnson requested they go back and prioritize the list; and provide cost estimate. He also advised the Cities to prepare a list and submit to Administration as soon as possible.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2020, at 2:00 pm at the Ag Building Auditorium.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:38 pm.

Mr. James Maxwell, Chairman
Ms. Jessica McKinney, Administrator
Ms. Patricia A. Williams, Clerk