

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
COBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 25, 2025
7:00 PM**

The Regular Meeting of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at the David Hankerson Building, 100 Cherokee Street, Marietta, Georgia, in the second-floor public meeting room. Present and comprising a quorum of the Board were:

Chairwoman Lisa Cupid
Commissioner JoAnn Birrell
Commissioner Keli Gambrill
Commissioner Monique Sheffield

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Cupid called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

HB 581 Homestead Exemption

1. **To conduct the third public hearing on the opt out of the statewide adjusted base year ad valorem homestead exemption for Cobb County, Georgia, as defined by Georgia law.**

Stephen White, Support Services Agency Director, presented information regarding the statewide adjusted base year ad valorem homestead exemption and requested a public hearing be conducted.

Chairwoman Cupid opened the public hearing and asked those wishing to speak to come forward to address the Board. Following 22 speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Following the public hearing, Dante Handel, Associate Director of Governmental Affairs – ACCG, Bill Volckmann, Chief Financial Officer, and Stephen White, answered questions from the Board.

A copy of the information presented is attached and made a part of these minutes.

2. **To adopt a resolution to opt out of the statewide adjusted base year ad valorem homestead exemption for Cobb County, Georgia, as defined by Georgia law.**

Motion by Cupid, second by Sheffield, to **adopt** a resolution to opt out of the statewide adjusted base year ad valorem homestead exemption for Cobb County, Georgia, as defined by Georgia law and **authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents. A copy of said resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

VOTE: ADOPTED 4-0

Chairwoman Cupid called a brief recess at 8:53 p.m. - 9:05 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. JT Jackson addressed the Board regarding pedestrian safety.
2. Matthew Peck addressed the Board regarding transit and pedestrian safety.
3. Cameron Hood-Cree addressed the Board regarding transit and pedestrian safety.
4. Sam Foster addressed the Board regarding pedestrian safety.
5. Mitchell Redd addressed the Board and expressed his appreciation of the County's services and concern about the pedestrian crosswalk at Cumberland Parkway.
6. Denny Wilson addressed the Board regarding a plane crash in her community.
7. Craig Harfoot addressed the Board regarding federal spending and funding road projects.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Cupid, second by Birrell, to **approve** the following items on the Consent Agenda, *as revised; with the exception of Item 3, which was heard as a regular item* (See item 30 of these minutes); and **authorize** execution of the necessary documents by the appropriate County personnel.

Superior Court Clerk

3. **To accept a reimbursement to the General Fund for previously collected mail fees associated with the expedited shipping of passports from the Cobb County Superior Court Clerk.**

This item was heard as a Regular Item. (See item 30 of these minutes)

Juvenile Court

4. **To authorize the acceptance of additional funds from the Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocates, Inc. for the Juvenile Courts Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).**

To **authorize** the acceptance of additional funds from the Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocates, Inc. for the Juvenile Courts Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program in the amount of \$150,000.26; **authorize** the corresponding budget transactions; and **further authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

Funding will be available in the Grant Fund with the following budget appropriations:

Increase revenue	270-190-G484-4508	(Local Grants)	\$150,000.26
Increase expenditure	270-190-G484-6012	(Salaries)	\$150,000.26

Water System

5. **To approve Supplemental Agreement No. 3 to the Agreement with Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. for South Cobb WRF Influent Lift Station Recovery Forensic Engineering Services, Program No. T5004.**

To **approve** Supplemental Agreement No. 3 with Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$498,500.00 with a 12-month time extension, for South Cobb WRF Influent Lift Station Recovery Forensic Engineering Services, Program No. T5004; **authorize** the corresponding budget transactions; and **further authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

Funding is available in the Water System's CIP Budget as follows:

Increase Revenue:	500-500-5100-4992	(Water System Reserve)	\$498,500.00
Increase Expenses:	500-500-5100-6594	(Interfund Out)	\$498,500.00
Increase Revenue:	510-500-5750-4960	A5750-A	\$498,500.00
Increase Expenses:			
South Cobb Water Reclamation Facility Influent Lift Station Recovery Forensic Engineering Services Professional Services	510-500-5753-6326	T5004-A	\$498,500.00

6. **To approve final funding for the work under the FY23 Stormwater Management Unit Price Contract with W.E. Contracting Co., Inc. for 1586 Sprayberry Drive, Program No. SW2256.**

To **approve** final funding for the work order under the FY23 Stormwater Management Unit Price Contract with W.E. Contracting Co., Inc., a savings to the project in the amount of \$56,434.50, for 1586 Sprayberry Drive, Program No. SW2256; **authorize** the corresponding budget transactions; and **further authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

No additional funding is required for the Water System's 1586 Sprayberry Drive, Program No. SW2256.

Decrease Encumbrance:			
GAE 51006132318	510-500-5758-6496	SW2256-C	\$56,434.50
Transfer from:			
1586 Sprayberry Drive			
Drainage Contract R&M Service	510-500-5758-6496	SW2256-C	\$56,434.50
Transfer to:			
Stormwater Multi-Year Budget			
Drainage Contract R&M Service	510-500-5758-6496	SW9999-Z	\$56,434.50

7. **To approve final funding for the work under the FY23 Stormwater Management Unit Price Contract with Chatfield Contracting, Inc. for 3616 Nessa Court, Program No. SW2195.**

To **approve** final funding for the work order under the FY23 Stormwater Management Unit Price Contract with Chatfield Contracting, Inc., a savings to the project in the amount of \$35,044.05, for 3616 Nessa Court, Program No. SW2195; **authorize** the corresponding budget transactions; and **further authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

No additional funding is required for the Water System's 3616 Nessa Court, Program No. SW2195.

Decrease Encumbrance:

GAE 51003142307	510-500-5758-6496	SW2195-C	\$35,044.05
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Transfer from:

3616 Nessa Court

Drainage Contract R&M Service	510-500-5758-6496	SW2195-C	\$35,044.05
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Transfer to:

Stormwater Multi-Year Budget

Drainage Contract R&M Service	510-500-5758-6496	SW9999-Z	\$35,044.05
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8. **To approve final funding for the work under the FY23 Stormwater Management Unit Price Contract with D & H Construction Company, for 1589 Debbie Drive, Program No. SW2255.**

To **approve** final funding for the work order under the FY23 Stormwater Management Unit Price Contract with D & H Construction Company, a savings to the project in the amount of \$20,980.21, for 1589 Debbie Drive, Program No. SW2255; **authorize** the corresponding budget transactions; and **further authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

No additional funding is required for the Water System's 1589 Debbie Drive, Program No. SW2255.

Decrease Encumbrance:

GAE 51006132316	510-500-5758-6496	SW2255-C	\$20,980.21
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Transfer from:

1589 Debbie Drive

Drainage Contract R&M Service	510-500-5758-6496	SW2255-C	\$20,980.21
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Transfer to:

Stormwater Multi-Year Budget

Drainage Contract R&M Service	510-500-5758-6496	SW9999-Z	\$20,980.21
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9. **To approve final funding for the work under the FY23 Stormwater Management Unit Price Contract with K.M. Davis Contracting Co., Inc. for 5834 Brookstone Overlook, Program No. SW2227.**

To **approve** final funding for the work order under the FY23 Stormwater Management Unit Price Contract with K.M. Davis Contracting Co., Inc., a savings to the project in the amount of \$19,950.00, for 5834 Brookstone Overlook, Program No. SW2227; **authorize** the corresponding budget transactions; and **further authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

No additional funding is required for the Water System's 5834 Brookstone Overlook, Program No. SW2227.

Decrease Encumbrance:

GAE 51003142308	510-500-5758-6496	SW2227-C	\$19,950.00
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Transfer from:

5834 Brookstone Overlook

Drainage Contract R&M Service	510-500-5758-6496	SW2227-C	\$19,950.00
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Transfer to:

Stormwater Multi-Year Budget

Drainage Contract R&M Service	510-500-5758-6496	SW9999-Z	\$19,950.00
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10. **To approve final funding for the work under the FY23 Stormwater Management Unit Price Contract with W.E. Contracting Co., Inc., for 4656 Newell Drive, Program No. SW2237.**

To **approve** final funding for the work order under the FY23 Stormwater Management Unit Price Contract with W.E. Contracting Co., Inc., a savings to the project in the amount of \$7,720.00, for 4656 Newell Drive, Program No. SW2237; **authorize** the corresponding budget transactions; and **further authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

No additional funding is required for the Water System's 4656 Newell Drive, Program No. SW2237.

Decrease Encumbrance:

GAE 51003142309	510-500-5758-6496	SW2237-C	\$7,720.00
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Transfer from:

4656 Newell Drive

Drainage Contract R&M Service	510-500-5758-6496	SW2237-C	\$7,720.00
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Transfer to:

Stormwater Multi-Year Budget

Drainage Contract R&M Service	510-500-5758-6496	SW9999-Z	\$7,720.00
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11. **To approve final funding for the work under the FY23 Stormwater Management Unit Price Contract with Wade Coots Company, Inc. for 5893 Brookside Drive, Program No. SW2244.**

To **approve** final funding for the work order under the FY23 Stormwater Management Unit Price Contract with Wade Coots Company, Inc., a savings to the project in the amount of \$9,079.00, for 5893 Brookside Drive, Program No. SW2244; **authorize** the corresponding budget transactions; and **further authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

No additional funding is required for the Water System's 5893 Brookside Dr, Program No. SW2244.

Decrease Encumbrance:

GAE 51007252308	510-500-5758-6496	SW2244-C	\$9,079.00
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Transfer from:

5893 Brookside Drive

Drainage Contract R&M Service	510-500-5758-6496	SW2244-C	\$9,079.00
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Transfer to:

Stormwater Multi-Year Budget

Drainage Contract R&M Service	510-500-5758-6496	SW9999-Z	\$9,079.00
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Transportation

12. **To adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of a Transportation Alternatives Program grant application to the Georgia Department of Transportation, on behalf of the Cumberland Community Improvement District, for Cumberland Sweep, Segment C, Project No. TR519.**

To **adopt** a resolution authorizing the submission of a Transportation Alternatives Program grant application to the Georgia Department of Transportation, on behalf of the Cumberland Community Improvement District, for Cumberland Sweep, Segment C, Project No. TR519; and **authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents. A copy of said resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

13. **To approve Change Order No. 1 (final) to Project No. T086-TO#2 to the 2022 Master Task Order Contract with WSP USA, Inc., for CobbLinc Fleet Inspections and Thermal Event Assessments, Cobb DOT Contract No. 002116.**

To **approve** Change Order No. 1 (final) to Project No. T086-TO#2 to the 2022 Master Task Order Contract with WSP USA, Inc., a savings to the project in the amount of \$93,850.18, for CobbLinc Fleet Inspections and Thermal Event Assessments, Cobb DOT Contract No. 002116; **authorize** the corresponding budget transaction; and **further authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

A savings to the Transit Grant Fund, with the following budget transfer:

Decrease Encumbrance			
GAE 20304112314:	203-050-T086-6326	Professional Services	\$93,850.18
Transfer from:	203-050-T086-6326	Professional Services	\$93,850.18
Transfer to:	203-050-T086-8005	Preliminary Estimate	\$93,850.18

14. **To adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of a Transportation Alternatives Program grant application to the Georgia Department of Transportation, on behalf of the Town Center Community Improvement District, for Noonday Creek Trail at SR 3 and Noonday Creek - Pedestrian Bridge, Project No. TR525.**

To **adopt** a resolution authorizing the submission of a Transportation Alternatives Program grant application to the Georgia Department of Transportation, on behalf of the Town Center Community Improvement District, for Noonday Creek Trail at SR 3 and Noonday Creek - Pedestrian Bridge, Project No. TR525; and **authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents. A copy of said resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

15. **To authorize installation of signage to convert the intersection of Ground Pine Drive at Moss Creek Drive to an all-way stop-controlled intersection.**

To **authorize** installation of signage to convert the intersection of Ground Pine Drive at Moss Creek Drive to an all-way stop-controlled intersection.

Available in the Department's approved FY25 General Fund Operating Budget, as follows:

Available:	010-050-0781-6197	Signage Supplies	\$750.00
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16. **To authorize installation of signage to convert the intersection of North Arbor Trail at Arbor Club Drive to an all-way stop-controlled intersection.**

To **authorize** installation of signage to convert the intersection of North Arbor Trail at Arbor Club Drive to an all-way stop-controlled intersection.

Available in the Department's approved FY25 General Fund Operating Budget, as follows:

Available:	010-050-0781-6197	Signage Supplies	\$750.00
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17. **To approve a Pedestrian Bridge Air Rights Easement Agreement with Circle 75 Land Condominium Association, Inc., for a required easement over a portion of Circle 75 Parkway.**

To **approve** a Pedestrian Bridge Air Rights Easement Agreement with Circle 75 Land Condominium Association, Inc., for a required easement over a portion of Circle 75 Parkway; and **authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

Public Services Agency

PARKS

18. **To amend a previously approved agenda item to correct the named contracting party in the approval statement of the facility use agreement for the North Georgia State Fair, and approve the facility use agreement with the Cobb County Fair Association, Inc.**

To **amend** a previously approved action to approve the facility use agreement with the Cobb County Fair Association, Inc. for the use of Jim R. Miller Park for the North Georgia State Fair; and **authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

Library System

19. **To authorize the application for and acceptance of the 2025 Marketing Grant from the Board of Regents, Georgia Public Library Service.**

To **authorize** the application for and acceptance of the Georgia Public Library Service FY2025 Marketing Grant in the amount of \$2,000.00; **authorize** the corresponding budget transactions; and **further authorize** the Chairwoman or Library Director, to execute the necessary documents.

Increase Revenue:	270-080-LI38-4455	(Department of Education)	\$2,000.00
Increase Expenditure:	270-080-LI38-6205	(Other Supplies)	\$2,000.00

20. **To authorize the application for and acceptance of the Sandra Deal Supplemental Reading Grant FY2025 from the Board of Regents, Georgia Public Library Service.**

To **authorize** the application for and acceptance of the Sandra Deal Summer Reading Mini Grant in the amount of \$1,500.00; **authorize** the corresponding budget transactions; and **further authorize** the Chairwoman or Library Director to execute the necessary documents.

Increase Revenue:	270-080-LI44-4455	(Department of Education)	\$1,500.00
Increase Expenditure:	270-080-LI44-6204	(Other Supplies)	\$1,500.00

Senior Services

21. **To authorize the submission of an application for the AARP Community Challenge grant to increase digital literacy and awareness among seniors in Cobb County.**

To **authorize** the submission of an application for the AARP Community Challenge grant to increase digital literacy and awareness among seniors in Cobb County.

Support Services Agency

Property Management

22. **To approve a contract with Patterson Pope, Inc. and Subsidiary for the purchase and installation of archive record box storage and racking for the new Records Services Division located at 1975 West Oak Circle.**

To **approve** a contract with Patterson Pope, Inc. and Subsidiary for the purchase and installation of archive record box storage and racking for the new Records Services Division Building, in an amount not to exceed \$784,229.80; **authorize** the corresponding budget transfers; and **further authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

Funding will be available in the FY25 Real Estate budget with the following budget transfer:

Decrease Expenditure:	380-110-4723-8110	(Reno. of Bldg. & Structure)	\$449,070.00
Increase Expenditure:	380-110-4723-6594	(Interfund Transfer)	\$449,070.00
Increase Revenue:	010-125-0655-4960	(Interfund Revenue)	\$449,070.00
Increase Expenditure:	010-125-0655-8110	(Reno. of Bldg. & Structure)	\$449,070.00
Available in FY2025:	010-125-0655-8110	(Reno. of Bldg. & Structure)	\$335,159.80

Create a GAE in the amount of \$784,229.80.

23. **To approve Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Atlas Technical Consultants, LLC, for phase two of the Facilities Condition Assessment at 42 selected County-owned properties.**

To **approve** Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Atlas Technical Consultants, LLC., in an amount not to exceed \$235,200.00, for the Facilities Condition Assessments at 42 selected County-owned properties; **authorize** the corresponding budget transaction; and **further authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

Funding is available in the FY2025 Property Management Operating Capital Budget as follows:

010-110-3640-8676	(Professional Services)	\$235,200.00
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Public Safety Agency

Police Department

24. **To approve the purchase of five replacement patrol vehicles utilizing federal, state or cooperative pricing agreements.**

To **approve** the purchase of five GMC SUVs, utilizing federal, state or cooperative pricing agreements, not to exceed \$198,880.00; **authorize** the corresponding budget transactions; and **further authorize** the Procurement Director to execute the necessary documents.

Funding is available in the FY2025 budget.

010-120-2100-8605	(Autos, Vans, Trucks, and Motorcycles)	\$198,880.00
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25. **To approve a Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the acceptance of a grant from OUR Rescue for the acquisition of forensic software.**

To **approve** a Memorandum of Understanding; **authorize** the acceptance of a grant funded through OUR Rescue in an amount not to exceed \$3,100.00; **authorize** the budget transactions; and **further authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

Human Resources

26. **To approve Amendment #4 to the Health Risk Management Agreement with Healthstat, Inc. for the administration and operation of the Employee Wellness Clinic.**

To **approve** Amendment #4 to the Health Risk Management Agreement with Healthstat, Inc. for one year, beginning February 17, 2025, and **further authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

Funding is available in the Human Resources Wellness budget; no additional funding is required.

Cobb Works

27. **To approve the 2024-2027 WorkSource Metro-Atlanta Regional Workforce Plan in accordance with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity**

To **approve** the 2024-2027 Regional Plan on behalf of WorkSource Cobb/Cobb Works; and **authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

Finance

28. **To adopt a resolution adopting all budget amendments set forth in agenda items on this date.**

To **adopt** a resolution adopting all budget amendments set forth in agenda items on this date. A copy of said resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

County Clerk

29. **To approve minutes.**

To **approve** the minutes from the following meetings:

- February 10, 2025 - Agenda Work Session
- February 11, 2025 - BOC Regular Meeting
- February 18, 2025 - BOC Zoning Hearing (Submitted Under Separate Cover)

CONSENT VOTE: **ADOPTED 4-0**

REGULAR AGENDA

Superior Court Clerk

30. **To accept a reimbursement to the General Fund for previously collected mail fees associated with the expedited shipping of passports from the Cobb County Superior Court Clerk.**

Motion by Cupid, second by Sheffield, to **accept** a reimbursement to the General Fund for previously collected mail fees associated with the expedited shipping of passports from the Cobb County Superior Court Clerk, in the amount of \$83,658.90; **authorize** the corresponding budget transactions; and **further authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

The reimbursement of \$83,658.90 will be recorded in the following location:

010-165-8600-4558

Mail Fee

VOTE: ADOPTED 4-0

County Manager

31. **To approve the proposed timeline, notice to cities, and resolution for consideration of a 2028 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Program.**

Motion by Cupid, second by Sheffield, to **approve** a proposed timeline, notice to cities, and resolution for consideration of a 2028 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Program. A copy of the approved timeline and said resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

VOTE: ADOPTED 4-0

Transportation

32. **To adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of a Transportation Alternatives Program grant application to the Georgia Department of Transportation for Powder Springs Road Trail, Project No. X2706.**

Motion by Gambrell, second by Birrell, to **adopt** a resolution authorizing the submission of a Transportation Alternatives Program grant application to the Georgia Department of Transportation for Powder Springs Road Trail, Project No. X2706; and **authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents. A copy of said resolution is attached and made part of these minutes.

VOTE: ADOPTED 4-0

33. **To approve Project No. B2745-TO#2 to the 2022 Master Task Order Contract with BCC Engineering, LLC, d/b/a Heath & Lineback Engineers, Inc., for engineering design of King Springs Road Sidewalk, Cobb DOT Contract No. 002397.**

Motion by Sheffield, second by Birrell, to **approve** Project No. B2745-TO#2 to the 2022 Master Task Order Contract with BCC Engineering, LLC, d/b/a Heath & Lineback Engineers, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$230,243.00, for engineering design of King Springs Road Sidewalk, Cobb DOT Contract No. 002397; **authorize** the corresponding budget transactions; and **further authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

Available in the 2022 SPLOST Transportation Improvements Program Fund, with the following budget transfers:

Transfer from:	348-050-B270-B270-8005-B2720-A	Preliminary Estimate	\$230,243.00
Transfer to:	348-050-B270-B270-8722-B2745-E	Engineering	\$230,243.00

The 2022 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST), adopted by the Board of Commissioners on July 14, 2020, provides for capital improvements and anticipated corresponding budget funding to address, inter alia, Sidewalk Improvements.

King Springs Road Sidewalk is an eligible project/program under the Sidewalk Improvements Component of the 2022 SPLOST Transportation Improvements (2022 Cobb SPLOST Renewal, pp. 1, 16). SPLOST funding for sidewalk improvements will provide construction of sidewalks and other pedestrian improvements, including pedestrian bridges, along roadways in the vicinity of schools, activity centers, multimodal facilities, and other congested areas.

SPLOST Project Summary as of February 3, 2025: King Springs Road Sidewalk

Budget:	\$0.00	Expended:	\$0.00
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Adjusted SPLOST Project Summary, following requested budget transfer:

Adjusted Budget:	\$230,243.00
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VOTE: **ADOPTED 4-0**

34. **To approve a contract with Deep South Industrial Services, Inc., for Resurfacing 2025 Countywide Crack Sealing, Project No. B2922, Cobb DOT Contract No. 002405.**

Motion by Cupid, second by Birrell, to **approve** a contract with Deep South Industrial Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$936,839.80, for Resurfacing 2025 Countywide Crack Sealing, Project No. B2922, Cobb DOT Contract No. 002405; **authorize** the corresponding budget transaction; and **further authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

Available in the 2022 SPLOST Transportation Improvements Program Fund, with the following budget transfer:

Transfer from:	348-050-B290-B290-8005-B2950-A	Preliminary Estimate	\$936,839.80
Transfer to:	348-050-B290-B290-8762-B2922-C	Turnkey Construction	\$936,839.80

The 2022 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST), adopted by the Board of Commissioners on July 14, 2020, provides for capital improvements and anticipated corresponding budget funding to address, inter alia, Roadway Resurfacing.

Resurfacing 2025 Countywide Crack Sealing is an eligible project/program under the Roadway Resurfacing Component of the 2022 SPLOST Transportation Improvements (2022 Cobb SPLOST Renewal, pp. 1, 12). SPLOST funds will be used for resurfacing activities, including milling, patching, leveling, and resurfacing of various roadways throughout the county.

SPLOST Component Summary as of February 3, 2025: Roadway Resurfacing

Budget:	\$216,478,618.49	Encumbered/Expended:	\$142,544,075.15
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VOTE: **ADOPTED 4-0**

35. To approve a contract with Bartow Paving Company, Inc., for South Gordon Road at Pisgah Road, Project No. B2310, Cobb DOT Contract No. 002235.

Motion by Sheffield, second by Birrell, to **approve** a contract with Bartow Paving Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$2,095,745.41, for South Gordon Road at Pisgah Road, Project No. B2310, Cobb DOT Contract No. 002235; **authorize** the corresponding budget transactions; and **further authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

Available in the 2022 SPLOST Transportation Improvements Program Fund, with the following budget transfer:

Transfer from:	348-050-B230-B230-8005-B2310-C	Preliminary Estimate	\$1,750,364.61
Transfer to:	348-050-B230-B230-8762-B2310-C	Turnkey Construction	\$1,750,364.61

The 2022 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST), adopted by the Board of Commissioners on July 14, 2020, provides for capital improvements and anticipated corresponding budget funding to address, inter alia, Operational and Safety Improvements.

South Gordon Road at Pisgah Road is an eligible project/program under the Operational and Safety Improvements Component of the 2022 SPLOST Transportation Improvements (2022 Cobb SPLOST Renewal, pp. 1, 15). SPLOST funds will be used to make operational and safety improvements at intersections and corridors throughout the county.

SPLOST Project Summary as of February 3, 2025: South Gordon Road at Pisgah Road

Budget:	\$3,309,962.00	Expended:	\$259,155.53
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Available in the Water System DOT Projects – Relocate Lines Adopted CIP Budget, with the following budget transfers:

Transfer from:	DOT Projects - Relocate Lines		
	510-500-5756-8005-W4069-Z	Preliminary Estimate	\$362,380.80
Transfer to:	Cobb DOT South Gordon Road at Pisgah Road		
	510-500-5756-8260-W4485-C	Drainage Contract R&M Svc.	\$345,380.80
	510-500-5756-8265-W4485-M	Materials and Supplies	\$ 10,000.00
	510-500-5756-8810-W4485-T	Contingency	<u>\$ 7,000.00</u>
		Total:	\$362,380.80

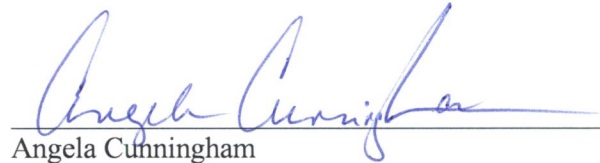
VOTE: ADOPTED 4-0

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 pm.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Angela Cunningham", is written over a horizontal line.

Angela Cunningham
Deputy County Clerk
Cobb County Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION BY COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA, TO OPT OUT OF THE
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 48-5-44.2

WHEREAS, Georgia Code O.C.G.A. § 48-5-44.2, effective January 1, 2025, creates a statewide homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes levied by, for, or on behalf of the state or any county, consolidated government, municipality, or local school district in this state; and

WHEREAS, more specifically, O.C.G.A. § 48-5-44.2(i) authorizes the governing authority of any county, consolidated government, municipality, or school district to opt out of the homestead exemption otherwise granted with respect to such political subdivision through certain procedures and the adoption of a resolution by March 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Cobb County, Georgia, desires to opt out of the homestead exemption otherwise granted; and

WHEREAS, Cobb County, Georgia, has complied with the required procedures pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-5-44.2(i), including but not limited to, holding at least three public meetings on the intent to opt out and placing the required advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation and on its website as required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners, of Cobb County, Georgia, hereby opts out of the homestead exemption otherwise granted by O.C.G.A. § 48-5-44.2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective upon its approval by the Board of Commissioners of Cobb County, Georgia.

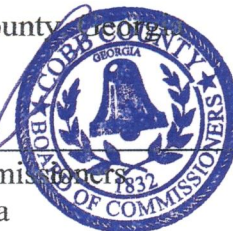
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cobb County, Georgia, County Clerk is hereby directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to the Georgia Secretary of State no later than March 1, 2025.

PASSED AND RESOLVED this 25th day of February, 2025.

Board of Commissioners, Cobb County

By:

Chair, Board of Commissioners
Cobb County, Georgia



ATTEST:

County Clerk
Cobb County, Georgia

[Affix Seal]

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Lisa N. Cupid
Chairwoman

February 26, 2025

Secretary of State
Elections Division
Attention: Joy Nichols
Suite 802, West Tower
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-1505

RE: House Bill 581 (2024)
Cobb County, Georgia Election to Opt-Out

Dear Ms. Nichols:

Cobb County, Georgia has elected to opt out from the Statewide Exemption established by House Bill 581 (2024). All requirements outlined in O.C.G.A. § 48-5-44.2 have been met and proof of same are attached to this letter:

- 1) Copies of the Board of Commissioners' meeting minutes to show that three public hearings occurred at the following dates and times:

January 28, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
February 11, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
February 25, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

- 2) Publisher's affidavit to show that the required advertisements ran before each public hearing on the following dates and at the size and location required by O.C.G.A. § 48-5-44.2:

January 17, 2025
January 31, 2025
February 14, 2025

- 3) A copy of the advertisement on Cobb County's website of its intention to opt out.
- 4) Evidence that a press release was sent to the local media.

Also attached to this letter is an original, executed homestead exemption resolution approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Nichols
February 26, 2025
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Sincerely,



Lisa N. Cupid
Chairwoman
Cobb County Board of Commissioners



cc: Keli Gambrill, District 1 Commissioner
Joann Birrell, District 3 Commissioner
Monique Sheffield, District 4 Commissioner

Enclosures

Resolution

Resolution authorizing the submission of a Transportation Alternatives Program grant application, on behalf of the Cumberland Community Improvement District, to the Georgia Department of Transportation for Cumberland Sweep, Segment C, Project No. TR519.

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2025, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) announced a Fiscal Year 2026 call for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) project funding proposals to include eligible metro Atlanta jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, applications are due by February 28, 2025, and will be competitively selected for award based on predetermined evaluation criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Cumberland Community Improvement District (CCID) desires that the County submit, on their behalf, an application for funding assistance with right-of-way activity for Cumberland Sweep, Segment C, Project No. TR519 (\$6,396,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the grant agreement for TAP funding assistance, if awarded, will impose certain oversight obligations upon Cobb County; and

WHEREAS, the County's submission of the TAP application does not commit the County to contribute financially towards any project costs or required oversight fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cobb County Board of Commissioners authorize the County's submission of a TAP grant application to GDOT, on behalf of the CCID, for the aforementioned project.

CERTIFICATION

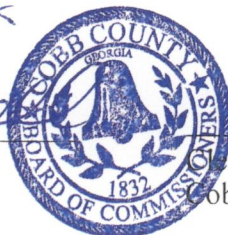
The undersigned duly qualified Chairwoman of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners, acting on behalf of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners held on February 25, 2025.

This 4th day of March, 2025

Attest:

JoAnn K. Birrell

JoAnn K. Birrell, Vice Chair Cobb
County Board of Commissioners



Patricia L. Maly

Clerk
Cobb County Board of Commissioners

Resolution

Resolution authorizing the submission of a Transportation Alternatives Program grant application, on behalf of the Town Center Community Improvement District, to the Georgia Department of Transportation for Noonday Creek Trail at SR 3 and Noonday Creek - Pedestrian Bridge, Project No. TR525.

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2025, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) announced a Fiscal Year 2026 call for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) project funding proposals to include metro Atlanta eligible jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, applications are due by February 28, 2025, and will be competitively selected for award based on predetermined evaluation criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Town Center Community Improvement District (TCCID) desires that the County submit, on their behalf, an application for funding assistance with construction costs for Noonday Creek Trail at SR 3 and Noonday Creek - Pedestrian Bridge, Project No. TR525 (\$4,514,896.00); and

WHEREAS, the grant agreement for TAP funding assistance, if awarded, will impose certain oversight obligations upon Cobb County; and

WHEREAS, the County's submission of the TAP application does not commit the County to contribute financially towards any project costs or required oversight fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cobb County Board of Commissioners authorize the County's submission of a TAP grant application, on behalf of the TCCID, to GDOT for the aforementioned project.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned duly qualified Chairwoman of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners, acting on behalf of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners held on February 11, 2025.

This 4th day of March, 2025



JoAnn K. Birrell test: Patricia L. Maly
 JoAnn K. Birrell, Vice Chair Cobb Clerk
 County Board of Commissioners Cobb County Board of Commissioners

Resolution

COBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION

ADOPTING ALL BUDGET AMENDMENTS SET
FORTH IN AGENDA ITEMS ON THIS DATE

WHEREAS, Georgia Law, O.C.G.A. § 36-81-3 (b), requires each unit of government to operate under an annual balanced budget adopted by ordinance or resolution; and

WHEREAS, Cobb County Code 2-49 provides for revisions to the adopted budget during the year only by formal action of the commission in a regular meeting; and

WHEREAS, in official opinion date February 24, 1999, the Attorney General of the State of Georgia concluded that all amendments to the budgets of local government must be adopted by ordinance or resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Cobb County Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt all such budget amendments as are set forth in agenda items which are adopted by the Board of Commissioners without change this date, as well as other such budget amendments as shall be specifically detailed in motions adopted by the Board of Commissioners this date.

This 25th of February 2025

Reference No.

28

RESOLUTION

Resolution approving the proposed preliminary timeline for consideration of a 2028 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST), which, if imposed by the Board of Commissioners and approved by the voters, would begin collections January 1, 2028, and further authorize notice to the mayors of each qualified municipality located within the county of a meeting at which the Board of Commissioners shall meet with the mayors of the municipalities to discuss the possible projects for inclusion in such SPLOST referendum, as required by law

WHEREAS, Cobb County currently has in place a one percent Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax ("2022 SPLOST") that is set to terminate on December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 48-8-112(c) allows for the reimposition of a tax while the current SPLOST is in effect upon the termination of the tax then in effect such that there is no interruption of taxes collected from one SPLOST to the next; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 48-8-111(a) requires a county desiring to impose a SPLOST to notify the mayors of each qualified municipality located within the county of the date, time, place, and purpose of a meeting at which the Board of Commissioners and the mayors are to meet to discuss the possible projects for inclusion in the SPLOST referendum; and

WHEREAS, Cobb County desires to proceed with such notice to the mayors of each municipality in the county; and

WHEREAS, County staff has developed a proposed preliminary timeline to take steps toward initiating a reimposition of a SPLOST, with tax collections to begin on January 1, 2028, subject to future Board of Commissioners and voter approvals as required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cobb County Board of Commissioners approve the proposed preliminary timeline for a 2028 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, and authorize delivery of the required notice to the mayors of each municipality in the county of the meeting at which the Board of Commissioners and the mayors will meet to discuss the possible projects for inclusion in the 2028 SPLOST program.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned duly qualified Chairwoman of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners, acting on behalf of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners held on February 25, 2025.

This 28th day of Feb., 2025

Attest:

JoAnn K. Birrell, Vice Chair Cobb
County Board of Commissioners



Paula L. Malen
Cobb County Board of Commissioners

Approved As To Form:

APPROVED
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Reference No. 31

COBB COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Proposed 2028 SPLOST Timeline

County presents proposed timeline and notice to cities for joint meeting to Board of Commissioners for approval*	February 25, 2025
Meeting with City Mayors	June 25, 2025
Deadline to submit Draft project list (County projects)	October 1, 2025
Public Information/Input Meetings	January/February 2026
Board of Commissioners approves final SPLOST project list (County projects)*	April 28, 2026
Cities submit final lists for inclusion in SPLOST Book	April 28, 2026
SPLOST Book (Exhibit A to IGA) published; copies sent to Cities	May 8, 2026
Board of Commissioners approves IGA*	May 12, 2026
All IGA's approved/signed by Cities and submitted to County Attorney's Office; Chair to sign IGA's prior to June 23, 2026	June 12, 2026
Board of Commissioners Resolution to place SPLOST on November ballot*; submit Resolution and ballot language to Elections	June 23, 2026
Elections coordinates advertising for publication in legal organ for 4 weeks	October 2026
Election/SPLOST Referendum held	November 3, 2026

* Requires an official vote of the Board of Commissioners for approval

Resolution

Resolution authorizing the submission of a Transportation Alternatives Program grant application to the Georgia Department of Transportation for Powder Springs Road Trail, Project No. X2706.

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2025, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) announced a Fiscal Year 2026 call for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) project funding proposals to include eligible metro Atlanta area jurisdictions, with a deadline of February 28, 2025, for submission of applications; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to submit an application for funding assistance with right-of-way, utilities and/or construction for Powder Springs Road Trail, Project No. X2706 (\$4,529,000.00), of which \$3,623,200.00 is the federal funding request; and

WHEREAS, the GDOT grant agreement for TAP funding assistance, if awarded, will impose certain obligations upon Cobb County and will require the County to commit local match funding, not to exceed \$905,800.00; and

WHEREAS, Cobb County will provide all necessary certifications and assurances to GDOT required for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cobb County Board of Commissioners authorize the submission of a TAP grant application to GDOT, and:

- 1) That the Cobb County Board of Commissioners are aware that GDOT may choose not to fund any of the projects or may choose to award funds in an amount less than the amount applied for.
- 2) That the Chairwoman of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners is authorized to execute and submit applications to GDOT for TAP grant funding for the projects shown below, on behalf of Cobb County.
- 3) That the chairwoman of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners is authorized to execute and file the necessary certifications, assurances and other documents GDOT may require before awarding TAP grant funds.

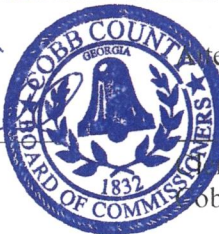
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This 4TH day of March, 2025

JoAnn K. Birrell

JoAnn K. Birrell, Vice Chair Cobb
County Board of Commissioners



Test:

Samuel L. Maloy

Samuel L. Maloy, Chairman
Cobb County Board of Commissioners

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