



Committee Meeting

June 16, 2025 | 5:30 PM
700 Poplar Street Macon, GA 31201

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
 - A Approval of minutes from the March 31, 2025 meeting
3. Update on SPLOST Projects
4. Adjournment

**MINUTES OF THE
MACON-BIBB SPLOST ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
March 31, 2025 – 5:30 PM**

Board Members Present:

Theron Ussery, Chairman
Kay Beliveau
Patty Gibbs

Others Present:

Clay Murphey, SPLOST Manager
Liz Fabian, Center for Collaborative Journalism
Janice Ross, County Clerk

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Chairman Ussery called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Update on SPLOST Projects

*Clay Murphey, SPLOST Manager, gave a report on the SPLOST Projects.
A copy is attached to the minutes*

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Janice S. Ross, CMC
Clerk of Macon-Bibb County Commission

SPLOST Update 6/16/25

2018 SPLOST

1.	Collections Life to Date (4/30/25) -	\$271,470,710
2.	Bond	\$ 35,000,000
3.	Bond Premium	\$ 5,826,045
4.	Interest Collected	<u>\$ 9,200,114</u>
	Total Income to Date	\$321,496,869
	Total Spent to date	\$238,617,109
	Total Encumbered to Date	<u>\$ 10,861,965</u>
	Total spent and encumbered	\$249,479,074
	Cash on hand, uncommitted	\$72,017,795
	March 2025 SPLOST Tax Collected	\$3,793,529
	March 2024 SPLOST Tax Collected	\$3,321,076
	April 2025 SPLOST Tax Collected	\$3,633,112
	April 2024 SPLOST Tax Collected	\$3,733,607

Walker Road Landfill

1. Work has started on the closure, which is expected for 2024. The contract was awarded to Piedmont Mining for approximately \$9.3 million. **We are currently 96% complete. Additional funds will be needed from the 2025 SPLOST to complete the closure.**

Courthouse Addition

1. **Due to the costs proposed by Nelson Worldwide for the proposed work, the Mayor has authorized BTBB Architects to move forward with the work to provide a safer travel flow for judges and to design a secure sallyport for detainee movement. BTBB will also look at the feasibility of a 20-year**

redesign of the courthouse and how it is being used. Preliminary work is underway.

- 2. Juvenile Justice – We have been asked to “finish” the third courtroom into a meeting space/training room.**

Public Safety

- 1. Fire Upgrades – A list of fire upgrades for this calendar year has been developed by Fire Administration to include extraction gear, breathing apparatus and turnout gear. The fire chief intends to complete all of his purchases for this SPLOST by the end of the fiscal year 2025.**
- 2. Sheriffs Vehicles –Coordination continues between SPLOST Coordinator and the Sheriffs Department for future equipment needs for this calendar year. A list of vehicle needs has been provided. This included approximately 22 new vehicles with the necessary equipment to outfit them for use. The sheriff has completed his expenditures from the 2018 SPLOST.**
- 3. IT Upgrades –We are working on relocating a portion of Macon-Bibb IT to a building already owned by MBC. IT has been tasked with determining ALL outstanding IT needs within Macon-Bibb. This list has been provided and includes the renovation of a county owned building on Knight Road for use as the new radio shop.**
- 4. Towers – MBCIT will complete their use of remaining SPLOST monies by the end of fiscal year 2025 to complete all tower upgrades and associated needs at each of the radio sites. A structural review of the towers is complete and a contract with International Towers is on the Commission agenda. A contract for additional radios for the towers has been issued to Williams Communications.**

Roads and Bridges

- 1. LMIG – The County has signed a contract for various road re-surfacing projects totaling \$2,264,000 with Reeves Construction. The County match is \$680,000. The scope of work was expanded as funds were available. The total contract is now \$2,943,462. This is 100% complete. A new LMIG contract has been executed with McLeroy, Inc for \$1,783,000 and a request has been made to the State of Georgia for an award for 2025.**

2. Bass Road – Engineering continues. Estimated cost of \$35 million. County share estimated to be \$10 million. A funding commitment from GA DOT has been received by the Mayor and has passed the Commission. Preliminary engineering began in 2020 with ROW work/acquisition in 2024 and actual construction to begin in 2026.
3. Forest Hill Road-Engineering continues. Estimated cost of \$15 million. The County share estimated to be \$3 million has been appropriated by the Commission for ROW purchases. The State has provided an expected funding date of 2026 for this work.
4. Jeffersonville Road- There has been \$1,000,000 appropriated by the Commission for sidewalk improvements beyond that work being done by GDOT. **Engineering of the sidewalks is nearly complete and will go out to bid by early July 2025.**
5. Old Clinton Road - \$200,000 was appropriated by the Commission for new sidewalks. Engineering for this project will be awarded to a local firm. **The state has agreed to provide funding for a shared sidewalk/bike path so SPLOST dollars will not be used.**
6. MBC Engineering is working on plans for 2.5 miles for sidewalks in Barrington Hall. **The first phase is complete. The second phase has gone out for bid and will be awarded to Bostic and Associates for \$310,775.**

Cultural and Public

1. Auditorium- Assuming funds can be identified, there will be a 4th phase of construction that will include an elevator, new loading dock, new restrooms and new theatrical equipment. This has been preliminarily priced at approximately \$6MM. Phase 3 of this project is complete. **Supplemental funds were provided in the mid-year adjustments for the County to provide for the installation of the new elevator and the replacement of all interior doors into the main auditorium. Sheridan Construction will perform this work at a cost of \$704,485 and this work has begun.**
2. Tubman – Various improvement projects at the Tubman have begun at a total cost of \$480,000. **The Tubman has requested these funds be used for HVAC replacement/repairs, the painting of the exterior of the facility and the potential of a**

- total roof replacement. We are working on identifying the estimated costs so we can get the most accomplished with the limited funds remaining.**
- 3. Grand Opera House – Grand leadership and Mercer have identified improvements to the dressing rooms and restrooms backstage as well as a total replacement of the stage lighting and sound system. BTBB Architects have been retained to develop a scope of work for the improvements to the dressing rooms and restrooms backstage. We have already ordered the necessary equipment to replace the stage lighting and sound equipment. A set of plans and specs are being refined and should go out to bid before the end of June 2025.**
 - 4. Rose Hill – Parks and Beautification is working on a list to uses the remaining \$177,000 to make further improvements to the cemetery.**

Parks and Recreation

- 1. Bloomfield/Gilead- The repairs of the damaged field lighting are underway. They should be complete by ball season. Due to newly discovered damage to the lighting system, MBC has identified the additional funding will need to complete this project. This project should be complete by the end of June 2025.**
- 2. JDS Tennis – New furniture and new security cameras have been ordered. The security cameras are in place.**
- 3. Filmore Thomas Park – A contract was issue to Pro Construction of Georgia for \$506,000 to add a new pavilion, additional restrooms, enclose the splash pad equipment, resurface the basketball courts and replace the awnings over the playground equipment. This work should take 120 days. Due to there being a large budget for the park, we were able to expand the scope of work to include new rubber mulch for the playground, repair of broken sidewalks, upgrades/painting of the existing pavilion.**
- 4. Memorial Park – A contract was issued to Turner Construction for \$1,100,000 to add new tennis/pickleball courts, improvements to the baseball field, two new pavilions, upgrades to the swimming pool and an adaptive playground. We will have to add a new roof to the gym after it was discovered that it was**

- failing. This work is scheduled to take 150 days. **The renovations to the interior are complete and summer camp is being held. The pool work is complete and the pool will open June 14, 2025.**
5. **Frank Johnson Park** – A contract was issued to Spillers Design and Construction for \$2,047,000 to add additional space to the existing gym, construct new parking, improve the existing basketball courts, make improvements to the pool, add additional pavilions and an adaptive playground. This work should take 180 days. **The pool work is complete and the pool will open June 14, 2025.**
 6. **East Macon/Delores Brooks** – Work will be done to the pool to repair the pool surface. This will cost approximately \$125,000. **This work is now complete and the pool is open for the summer.**
 7. **Central City Park** – **New athletic lighting has been installed at the skate park.**
 8. **Cliffview Park** – **With remaining funds, the pond will be partially dredged, fertilized and stocked.**