

FINANCIAL REPORT

- **SPLOST AND LOST:** SPLOST and LOST revenue shown in the report dated October 31, 2022 reflect collections reported for September. For that period, SPLOST collections were \$1,265,100.36 which is a \$269,536.95 (27.07%) increase over the same period last year. LOST collections were \$800,046.51 which is a \$168,921.34 (26.77%) increase over the same period last year.

SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS AND ACTIVITY

- **CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:** 1960s Courthouse: Drywall is completed on the first floor and second floor. Framing is completed on the third floor. Electrical and low voltage is underway.
Senior Center: We are 95% completed with just a few items remaining, including new Store front doors and an attic access ladder. The project is expected to be completed in the first half of November.
- **LEGISLATIVE APPRECIATION DINNER:** Keith King, Commissioner Potts and I attended the annual 7th Judicial District dinner in Bartow county.
- **ELECTIONS:** Early voting for the November 8, 2022, General Election ends Friday, November 4th. Office hours are Monday – Friday from 8:30am to 5:00pm.
- **SENIOR CENTER RENOVATIONS:** The SPLOST funded renovations to the senior center are continuing this month. We have a project meeting this Thursday. Hopefully, the renovations will be complete before Thanksgiving.
- **JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT:** Calhoun and Gordon County participated in another community stakeholder meeting on October 20th. About 1,000 people have taken the community survey. The survey link is:
<http://s.alchemer.com/s3/Gordon-County-Moving-Forward-Together-Survey>

- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Members of the Development Authority and Gordon County continue to work with project Pioneer which is a major expansion of an existing manufacturing facility. Trimble Hollow Road is paved and open. The striping was not installed as of last week.
- **REDBONE RIDGES LANDFILL:** Gordon County received the third quarter payments from Republic Waste Services. A host fee of \$161,540.22 has been deposited in the general fund and \$154,633.85 has been credited to the closure/post closure account.
- **SAFETY COMMITTEE:** This committee met today. David Gibson provided lunch and reviewed accidents and claims that have happened since the last meeting. Mr. Gibson's efforts as risk manager in sponsoring this committee and other work at risk reduction save the county many thousands of dollars. The county received notice yesterday of an award of \$8,500.00 for safety equipment.
- **SHARON FOX RETIREMENT:** Assistant District Attorney, Sharon Fox, was treated to a retirement reception last Friday in the assembly room. Mrs. Fox has served the Cherokee Judicial District for over 30 years. During her tenure, she has prosecuted many thousand criminal cases and has tried over 1,000 jury trials. Many thanks are due to Sharon for her dedication and hard work to protect Gordon and Bartow County from criminal behavior.
- **COMMUNITY TASK FORCE:** As the Covid pandemic wanes, the Covid Task will now be known as the Community Task force. The participants have found the regular meetings of officials from all across Gordon County provide an excellent forum to stay on top of community issues beyond Covid.
- **SHERIFF'S AUXILIARY LUNCH:** The Sheriff's Auxiliary served lunch last Friday and we thank them for serving our Law Enforcement Officers.
- **ADVENT HEALTH:** Scotty Hancock from Advent Health met with Administration to maintain communication regarding EMS services.
- **TAX APPEAL:** Chief Appraiser, Dana Burch, and I successfully pursued a tax claim that resulted in a settlement in favor of the county exceeding \$250,000.

- **JUDICIAL MEETING:** Finance Director, Andrea Bramlett, and I met with Chief Judge Scott Smith and District Attorney Samir Patel.
- **GEOPERMITTING:** Code Enforcement is live and we will begin working on Planning and Zoning and Business Licenses on Wednesday, October 19, 2022. Expected completion for all departments is the end of March 2023.