

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

April 2, 2024

FINANCIAL REPORT

- **SPLOST AND LOST.** SPLOST and LOST revenue shown in the report dated March 31, 2024 reflect collections reported for February. For that period, SPLOST collections were \$1,197,662.91 which is a \$128,161.59 (11.98%) increase over the same period last year. LOST collections were \$729,491.07 which is a \$71,847.27 (10.92%) increase over the same period last year.
- **BUDGET.** Department heads, elected officials and agencies have submitted their budget requests to the Finance Department. Your Finance team has reviewed those requests and had discussions as necessary to clarify needs and accuracy. I have reviewed all of the budget material and then the Finance Director and I have met and we have gone over every request. Starting tomorrow, we will begin the first of 25 budget meetings that will take place over the next couple of weeks. As you know, last year we recommended and the Board adopted significant budget cuts (approximately 14%). We accomplished those cuts largely by removing funded line items that were unused or underutilized. This allowed the Commissioners to roll back the tax rate while still improving pay and benefits to keep and attract necessary staff. This year, I commend our Elected Officials, Department Heads and Agencies for working well with us in their Budget Requests so we can keep our tax rates as low as possible while still providing essential government services. We expect to present a proposed budget to the BOC and public in May.
- **OPIOIDS.** Gordon County has received over \$95,000 this week from national opioid settlements. In cooperation with the Superior Court, we plan to budget this money for the Court's drug treatment programs.

SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS AND ACTIVITY

- **CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.** Keith King hosted a SPLOST projects meeting on April 1st and we have the following to report:
 - Evidence Building
 - Substantially complete this month.

Records Retention

- The building is complete.

Public Works

- This project should be completed in August.

Government Plaza

- Boiler project is complete and security wall has been installed for the Tax Assessor.

Administration Building

- The back parking area improvements for accessibility are underway. We expect completion of the entire project before July.

Brookshire Park. Picnic tables, disk golf and grills are ordered and we expect completion before July.

Sugar Valley Community Center. We are waiting on a soil analysis to determine the occupancy load of the buildings and feasibility of and type of septic system required for this project.

- **MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH ROAD DAM REPLACEMENT.** The County received one bid at the opening on March 20, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. This bid is being analyzed and we expect to bring a recommendation to the BOC at the next meeting this month.
- **SENIOR CENTER.** We are interviewing qualified candidates.
- **ROME FLOYD JDA.** The JDA sold another ten acre tract last week so the JDA now has a positive cash balance for the first time in many years.
- **MEETINGS AND EVENTS.**
Development Authority; General Admin Committee; Regional Opioid Committee as a voting delegate;