

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

September 2, 2025

FINANCIAL REPORT

- **SPLOST AND LOST.** SPLOST and LOST revenue shown in the report dated July 31, 2025 reflect collections made in July and remitted to Gordon County in August of 2025. For that period, SPLOST collections were \$1,402,819.31 which is a \$67,777.16 (5.08%) increase over the same period last year. LOST collections were \$862,594.84 which is a \$41,994.08 (5.12%) increase over the same period last year.
- **FLOST.** Gordon County citizens have the opportunity to decide whether they will shift a part of their local tax burden from their property to a sales tax through a Flexible Local Option Sales Tax (FLOST). The only purpose of FLOST is to lower the tax rate assessed against property. It is very similar to LOST which rolls back the millage rate from 12.27 to 9.042 which is a 3.23 decrease. In theory, a FLOST could further lower the 9.042 rate to 5.81 mills in a shift from taxation of our property to sales. We anticipate much of the sales tax would be paid by people passing through our county.

SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS AND ACTIVITY

- **STATE OF CITY AND COUNTY.** The Development Authority hosted the State of the City and County reports last Friday morning. Mayor Jimmy Palmer and Chairman Bud Owens gave reports for our respective jurisdictions.
- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.** We are pleased that a Belgian company named stow has decided to locate in Gordon County in a portion of the "Thor" building on South Highway 41. Stow will make a \$38,000,000 investment in Gordon County and create 200 jobs. Gordon County did not give stow any tax abatements so the project will be fully taxable from the start of its investment. Interest in the South highway 41 area remains high with developers looking at creating over 3 million square feet of industrial development and a neighborhood of 65 homes.
The Gordon Floyd JDA met last week in Rome. The JDA has approximately 42 acres remaining.
- **HERO AGRICULTURE.** I attended a meeting at HERO Agriculture last week which hosted a visit from the President of Kubota Tractor Company.
- **MISCELLANEOUS.**
 - Met with elected officials or their assistants.

- Safety Committee
- Met with Alice Mashburn
- Met with several development prospects at Community Development.

PROJECT REPORTS FROM KEITH KING

SPLOST Project Updates

- **Morgue**
 - GMP rescheduled for September 16, 2025 - waiting on Data Quotes
- **Ranger Community Center and Playground**
 - Demo has been completed
 - Building is up and dried in, Completion scheduled for October 2026
 - The playground has shipped, and should be delivered any day now.
- **Multi Purpose Ag Facility**
 - GMP has been approved by the BOC
 - Project Meeting held on Aug 5th
 - Grading has begun
 - Project meeting scheduled for Sept 2nd.
- **Mt Olive Dam Replacement**
 - Permitting is completed to the best of my knowledge
 - Land acquisition is completed
 - Kickoff meeting held on Aug 12th
- **Belwood, Lovers Lane, Boone Ford, Dews Pond, Harmony Church**
 - 2024 SPLOST - Lovers Lane and Dews Pond Intersection
 - EXP Work Order has been approved by the BOC for engineering and traffic study
- **LED Lights for Sonoraville Parks & Recreation**
 - RFPs have been scored and recommendations will be presented to the BOC on Aug 19th.
 - BOC awarded the RFP to Musco on August 19, 2025

Public Works Projects

- **Pocket Road**
 - Crews are actively working on the project and hope to be completed by the end of Q3 / beginning of Q4
 - 2 pipes have been set and the first set of head walls is being set on Aug 19th
 - As of August 19th we are at 40% complete.
- **Johnson Lake Road at Buc-ees**
 - Phases 1 & 2 have been completed
 - Phase 3 is being designed
- **Salem Road**

- Project meeting was held on Aug 13th.
- A redesign for the girders is needed for the 100 year flood level
- Geo-Hydro is scheduled to have final reports within 4 weeks
- Then final engineering will be 4-8 weeks after the final Geo-Hydro reports