

Sandersville City Council & Washington County Board of Commissioners
Joint Called Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2019 – 4:00 P.M.

Council Members and City Employees present:

Mayor Jimmy Andrews

Mayor Pro Tem Jeffery Smith

Council Member Henry Watts

Council Member Mayme Dennis

Judy McCorkle, City Administrator

Kandice Hartley, City Clerk

Keenan Howard, City Attorney

Brianna Wiley, Finance Officer

Dave Larson, Building Official

Absent: Jason Davis and Danny Brown

Mayor Andrews called the July 15, 2019 meeting of the Sandersville City Council to order.

City Administrator of Davisboro Daniel Thomas gave the invocation.

County Administrator Dustin Peebles reviewed and passed out the 2019 SPLOST 8 Revenue projections and proposed distributions to the County Commissioners and City Council Members. Administrator Peebles explained that the Jail and the Radio System comes off the top of the 14,040,000.00 leaving 5,840,000.00 to be divided among the municipalities. City Administrator McCorkle went on to explain that the formula is based on population served, Commercial and Industrial value, and General Fund expenditures. City Administrator of Davisboro Daniel Thomas explained that this formula is hurting the small cities, and the other cities were not aware that this meeting was taking place and a vote would be taken. City Administrator McCorkle stated that this meeting was advertised and that herself and the County Administrator met and explained this to the cities in a meeting on July 11th. Commissioner Hitchcock said that Riddleville was not going to have any money to operate. Council Member Dennis questioned the County Commissioners what were they going to be willing to give these smaller cities so that they will not suffer as bad. Chairman Daniels said if the County gives up 1% of their divided percent and the City of Sandersville gives up 1% of their percentage it would help the smaller cities. Council Member Dennis explained it was not fair for the City of Sandersville to give the same percentage as the County. City of Sandersville Mayor Pro Tem Smith asked if it would satisfy the smaller communities if the City of Sandersville gave 1% of their portion to the smaller communities. City of Davisboro City Administrator Thomas stated that it would still not be much help to Riddleville, and questioned couldn't something else be done to the formula to give them closer to what they were receiving from previous SPLOST disbursements. County Administrator Peebles refigured the figures in the formula. Mayor Andrews stated that these smaller communities were not required to help fund other benefits that the City of Sandersville is required to help such as the Animal Control services, the library and the senior center to name a few. Commissioner Hitchcock stated that unless the commercial land factor was taken out of the formula the smaller cities would always suffer. Mayor Pro Tem questioned what the millage rate was in Riddleville or maybe they need to take a look at their water rates to help make up the difference. After further discussion the City of Sandersville decided they would give up 1% of their distributed funds to be divided to the smaller communities.

MOTION TO ALLOCATE 1% OF THE DISTRIBUTED AMOUNT THAT THE CITY OF SANDERSVILLE WOULD RECEIVE FROM SPLOST BACK TO BE DIVIDED AMONG THE SMALLER COMMUNITIES.

Mayor Pro Tem made a motion to allocate 1% of the distributed SPLOST amount that the City of Sandersville would receive to be put towards the smaller communities based on the current formula. Council Member Watts seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO TABLE THE RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPALITIES OF WASHINGTON COUNTY CONCERNING A ONE PERCENT SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES AND USE TAX ENACTED PURSUANT TO OCGA 48-8-110 ET SEQ; REPEALING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Council Member Dennis made a motion to table the intergovernmental agreement between Washington County and the Municipalities of Washington county concerning a one percent special purpose local option sales and use tax. Mayor Pro Tem Smith seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Council Member Dennis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Watts seconded and the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Jimmy Andrews, Mayor

Kandice Hartley, City Clerk

Date Approved