

**Board of Commissioners of Candler County
Called Meeting
September 14, 2017
5:00 P.M.**

The Board of Commissioners of Candler County held a called meeting on Thursday, September 14, 2017, at 5:00 p.m., in the Commissioners' boardroom at 1075 East Hiawatha Street, Suite A, Metter, Georgia. The purpose of the called meeting was to discuss the 2018 SPLOST, to issue a Call for Election and Intergovernmental Agreements for City Elections. Those attending the meeting were Candler County Commission Chairman, Glyn Thrift; Candler County Vice-Chairman, Brad Jones and Commissioners Donny Wells, David Robinson and Wayne Culbertson; Candler County Clerk, Maranda K. Lank; Candler County Administrator, Kendall Gross; Candler County Attorney, Kendall Gross. Guest attending the called meeting included Candler County EMS Director, Melburn Kelly; Candler County Sheriff's Department, Investigator Justin Wells and the Metter Advertiser representative, Jerri Goodman.

Call to Order

Chairman Thrift called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Wells delivered the invocation followed by Chairman Thrift leading the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Approval of IGA for the Use and Distribution of proceeds from the 2018 SPLOST

Chairman Thrift made the motion seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the use and distribution of proceeds from the 2018 SPLOST. The motion passed unanimously. (Exhibit A)

Approval of Resolution calling for an election to impose a County SPLOST

Commissioner Wells made the motion seconded by Commissioner Robinson to approve the resolution calling for an election to impose a County SPLOST in 2018 subject to any changes with respect to the City of Metter and the Town of Pulaski's portion of the SPLOST so long as the changes do not impact the County's portion of this resolution. The motion passed unanimously. (Exhibit B)

Approval of IGA with City of Metter, Probate Judge and the County to allow the County to conduct the City Elections

Commissioner Wells made the motion seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the intergovernmental agreement with the City of Metter, the Candler County Probate Judge and Candler County Board of Commissioners to allow the County to conduct the City Elections. The motion passed unanimously (Exhibit C)

Financial Report

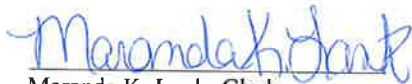
Mr. Eaves informed the Board the general operating fund's current balance is approximately \$500,000.00. There will be a need to borrow money from the Landfill Closure account in the near future until tax revenues are received. This money will be returned once the general operating fund balance is restored to a substantial state. The 2018 LMIG check has been received in the amount of \$405,747.27.

Other Business

Chairman Thrift made the motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Jones to reschedule the September Regular meeting for September 18, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Culbertson made a motion at 5:53 p.m. seconded by Commissioner Wells to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.



Maranda K. Lank, Clerk
Attest



Chairman Glyn Thrift

E.A.

**CANDLER COUNTY
SPLOST PROJECTS
2018 REFERENDUM**

The County projects will include twenty percent (20%) of the total SPLOST for a capital project related to the retirement of general obligation debt and capital projects related to capital improvements or replacement of capital equipment for; all County buildings, County equipment for roads and bridges, recreation, Public Works to include Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Activities, Sheriff functions to include jail and vehicles, communications, County general vehicles, County General Administration computer support and hardware, and Public Safety to include ambulance and EMA capital needs.

Level 2	\$1,500,000.00
County Portion after Level 2	\$3,480,000.00
Capital improvements or replacement of capital equipment for all County buildings	\$200,000.00
Roads and bridges	\$1,600,000.00
Recreation/capital projects	\$250,000.00
Public Works to include Solid Waste Collection and Disposal activities	\$50,000.00
Sheriff functions to include jail and vehicles	\$250,000.00
Communications Radio	\$720,000.00
County general vehicles	\$150,000.00
County General Administration computer support and hardware	\$20,000.00
Public Safety to include ambulance and EMA capital needs	\$240,000.00
 Total non-level 2	 \$3,480,000.00

SPLOST 2018 Projects for City of Metter

Project Level	Capital Project	Amount	Justification
A	Fire Station	\$1,000,000	Supplement 2005 SPLOST remainder to build new station.
A	Economic Development	\$300,000	Placemaking; signage; incubator; downtown development; welcome center upgrades
A	Public Utilities: Rehabilitation and expansion to include water, wastewater. Collection, distribution, and treatment.	\$490,000	Priority 1 & 2 water & Sewer projects as identified in engineering study. To supplement renewal and replacement fund.
A	Drainage Improvements	\$100,000	To properly size and maintain drainage infrastructure
A	Equipment and Vehicle Purchases	\$470,000	Fire Engine; Police Cars; Public Works Trucks; and Equipment for Public Works and Public Safety

The Town of Pulaski SPLOST expenditures will include capital projects related to road expansion and improvements, capital improvements or replacement of capital equipment for all town buildings and facilities, capital projects for the General Administration to include computer support and hardware, the expansion and improvement of the Town's water system, and acquisition of new fire and emergency support capital equipment.

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO IMPOSE A COUNTY SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA IMPOSING A COUNTY ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX AS AUTHORIZED BY PART 1 OF ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 48 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED, SPECIFYING THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX ARE TO BE USED; SPECIFYING THE PERIOD OF TIME FOR WHICH SUCH TAX SHALL BE IMPOSED; SPECIFYING THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE FACILITIES TO BE FUNDED FROM THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX; SEEKING APPROVAL TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT; REQUESTING THE ELECTION SUPERINTENDENT TO CALL AN ELECTION OF THE VOTERS OF CANDLER COUNTY TO APPROVE THE IMPOSITION OF SUCH SALES AND USE TAX; APPROVING THE FORM OF BALLOT TO BE USED IN SUCH AN ELECTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. (the "Act") authorizes the imposition of a county one percent sale sand use tax (the "SPLOST") for the purpose, inter alia, of financing certain capital outlay projects which include those set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Candler County, Georgia (the "Board of Commissioners") has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Candler County, Georgia (the "County") that a one percent SPLOST be imposed in a special district within the County to raise approximately \$8,000,000.00 for the purpose of funding capital outlay projects the (the "Projects"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners mailed a written notice (the "Notice") to the mayor in each municipality located within the County regarding the continuation of the SPLOST; and

WHEREAS, the Notice contained the date, time, place, and purpose of a meeting at which designated representatives of the County and the City of Metter and the Town of Pulaski ("the Municipalities") met and discussed the possible projects for inclusion in the referendum, including municipality owned and operated projects; and

WHEREAS, the Notice was delivered or mailed at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting, and the meeting was held at least 30 days prior to the issuance of a call for the referendum; and

WHEREAS, the County has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the Municipalities that are party to the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Municipalities represent 43.23 percent of the total population of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Candler County, Georgia as follows:

- A. Assuming the question of imposing a County SPLOST is approved by the voters of the special district in the election hereinafter referred to, the SPLOST shall be

imposed for the term, purposes and costs as follows:

1. In order to finance the Projects described herein, a SPLOST in the amount of one percent (1%) on all sales and uses in the County is hereby authorized to be levied and collected within the special district created in the County as provided in the Act.
2. The proceeds of such tax are to be used to fund the Projects. The Projects consist of "County Projects" and "Municipal Projects." The County Projects, the Municipal Projects, and the estimated Costs are set forth in **Exhibit "A"** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
3. The SPLOST is to be imposed for a period of six (6) years.

B. Call for the Election; Ballot Form; Notice.

1. The Election Superintendent of Candler County is hereby requested to call an election in all voting precincts in the County on the 7th day of November, 2017, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the County the question set forth in paragraph 2. below.

2. The ballots to be used in the election shall have written or printed thereon substantially the following:

"() Yes Shall a special one percent sales and use tax be imposed in the special district of Candler County for a period of time not to exceed 6 years and for the raising of an estimated amount of \$8,000,000.00 to be distributed in accordance with the intergovernmental Agreement for the Use and Distribution of Proceeds from the 2018 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for Capital Outlay Projects for purposes of (1) The County projects will include twenty percent (20%) of the total SPLOST for a capital project related to the retirement of general obligation debt and capital projects related to capital improvements or replacement of capital equipment for; all County buildings, County equipment for roads and bridges, recreation, Public Works to include Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Activities, Sheriff functions to include jail and vehicles, communications, County general vehicles, County General Administration computer support and hardware, and Public Safety to include ambulance and EMA capital needs; (2) the City of Metter, Georgia SPLOST expenditures will include projects for building new Fire Station; Economic Development projects for placemaking, signage, business incubator, downtown development, and Welcome Center upgrades; for Public Utilities, Rehabilitation and expansion to include water, wastewater, collection, distribution and treatment; drainage improvements to properly size and maintain drainage infrastructure; and equipment and vehicle purchases (fire engine, police cars, public works trucks, and equipment for public works and public safety); and (3) The Town of Pulaski SPLOST expenditures will include capital projects related to road expansion and improvements, capital improvements or replacement of capital equipment for all town buildings and facilities, capital projects for the General Administration to include computer support and hardware, the expansion and improvement of the Town's water system, and acquisition of new fire and emergency support capital equipment;

and (4) for funding, subject to the availability of excess SPLOST Proceeds, for the Candler County Industrial Authority for purposes of acquiring real property for economic development and providing the necessary infrastructure to serve said economic development, to include but not limited to roads, water, sewage, drainage and other necessary investments?

() No"

- 3. It is hereby requested that the election be held by the Election Superintendent of Candler County in accordance with the election laws of the State of Georgia, including, without limitation, the election laws relating to special elections. It is hereby further requested that the Election Superintendent of Candler County canvass the returns, declare the result of the election, and certify the result to the Secretary of State and to the Commissioner of Revenue.
- 4. The Election Superintendent of Candler County is hereby authorized and requested to publish a notice of the election as required by law in the newspaper in which Sheriff's advertisements for the County are published once a week for four weeks immediately preceding the date of the election. The notice of the election shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit "B"**.
- D. The Clerk of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to deliver a copy of the resolution to the Election Superintendent of Candler County, with a request that the Election Superintendent of Candler County issue the call for an election.
- E. The proper officers and agents of the County are hereby authorized to take any and all further actions as may be required in connection with the imposition of SPLOST.
- F. The Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this 14th day of September 2017.

COUNTY OF CANDLER, GEORGIA

By: Glyn Thrift
Glyn Thrift, Chairman

Attest: Maranda K. Lank
Kellie Lank, Clerk



CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

The undersigned Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Candler County, keeper of the records and seal thereof, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution approved and adopted by majority vote of said Board of Commissioners in a meeting assembled on September 14, 2017, the original of which resolution has been entered in the official records of said Board of Commissioners under my supervision and is in my official possession, custody, and control.

I further certify that said meeting was held in conformity with the requirements of Title 50, Chapter 14 of the Official Code of Georgia.



Maranda K. Lank
Kellie Lank, Clerk
Board of Commissioners of Candler County

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE SALES
AND USE TAX ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 7, 2017**

TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA

Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Candler County on September 14, 2017, and a call for an election issued by the Election Superintendent for Candler County, Georgia, notice is hereby given as follows:

1. On November 7, 2017, a special election will be held in Candler County to submit to the qualified voters of Candler County the following question:

- YES
 - NO
- Shall a special one percent sales and use tax be imposed in the special district of Candler County for a period of time not to exceed 6 years and for the raising of an estimated amount of \$8,000,000.00 to be distributed in accordance with the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Use and Distribution of Proceeds from the 2018 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for Capital Outlay Projects as follows: (1) The County projects will include twenty percent (20%) of the total SPLOST for a capital project related to the retirement of general obligation debt and capital projects related to capital improvements or replacement of capital equipment for; all County buildings, County equipment for roads and bridges, recreation, Public Works to include Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Activities, Sheriff functions to include jail and vehicles, communications, County general vehicles, County General Administration computer support and hardware, and Public Safety to include ambulance and EMA capital needs; (2) the City of Metter, Georgia SPLOST expenditures will include projects for building new Fire Station; Economic Development projects for placemaking, signage, business incubator, downtown development, and Welcome Center upgrades; for Public Utilities, Rehabilitation and expansion to include water, wastewater, collection, distribution and treatment; drainage improvements to properly size and maintain drainage infrastructure; and equipment and vehicle purchases (fire engine, police cars, public works trucks, and equipment for public works and public safety); and (3) The Town of Pulaski SPLOST expenditures will include capital projects related to road expansion and improvements, capital improvements or replacement of capital equipment for all town buildings and facilities, capital projects for the General Administration to include computer support and hardware, the expansion and improvement of the Town's water system, and acquisition of new fire and emergency support capital equipment; and (4) for funding, subject to the availability of excess SPLOST Proceeds, for the Candler County Industrial Authority for purposes of acquiring real property for economic development

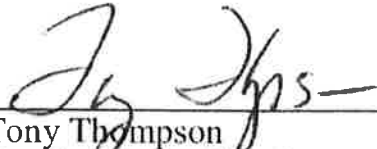
and providing the necessary infrastructure to serve said economic development, to include but not limited to roads, water, sewage, drainage and other necessary investments?

2. All qualified voters desiring to vote in favor of imposing the tax shall vote "Yes" and all qualified voters opposed to levying the tax shall vote "No," If more than one-half of the votes cast are in favor of imposing the tax then the tax shall be imposed beginning May 1, 2018, or the earliest date authorized by law.

3. The last day to register to vote in the election is Tuesday, October 10, 2017. Anyone desiring to register may do so by applying in person at the voter registration office located at 432 N. Rountree Street, Metter, Georgia, or by any other method authorized by the Georgia Election Code.

4. The election will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

This 19 day of September, 2017.



Tony Thompson
Candler County Election Superintendent

To be published: October 11, 18, and 25 and November 1, 2017.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF METTER, GEORGIA, CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA AND THE PROBATE JUDGE OF CANDLER COUNTY FOR THE CANDLER COUNTY PROBATE JUDGE TO CONDUCT ELECTIONS FOR THE CITY OF METTER, GEORGIA

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this 14th day of August, 2017, by and between the **CITY OF METTER, GEORGIA**, an incorporated municipality of the State of Georgia (hereinafter referred to as the "City"); **CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA**, a body politic and a political subdivision of the State of Georgia (hereinafter referred to as the "County" or "Candler County"); and the **PROBATE JUDGE OF CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA** (hereinafter referred to as the "Probate Judge").

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, the City considers it in its best interest to authorize the Probate Judge to conduct City elections and to perform certain functions related thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Probate Judge has the resources and qualified personnel available for handling of such elections; and

WHEREAS, Candler County will incur additional expenses as a result of the Probate Judge handling said City elections for which the City must compensate the County; and

WHEREAS, cities and counties may enter into contracts for services under the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Article IX, Section 3, Paragraph 1; and

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The City agrees to perform the following services related to City elections:
 - a) Prepare and send in all State Ethics forms as required by the State Election Division.
 - b) Prepare and send any other reports required by the State Election Division.
 - c) Handle qualifying candidates for office.
 - d) Prepare and advertise all election notices.
 - e) Mail final elections results to the Secretary of State's office.
2. The City agrees to be responsible for all costs incurred by the County and/or Probate Judge for holding the City's election including, but not limited to the following:

- a) Cost of ES&S compiling the ballots for the machines, doing L & A Testing and during actual election, setting up the machines, and coming in the day after election to run reports.
 - b) Cost of mailing of absentee ballots.
 - c) Cost of absentee ballots ordered from ES&S.
 - d) Cost related to certifying the election results.
 - e) Cost of runoff, if necessary.
 - f) Cost of election supervisor, poll workers, Probate Judge's members and/or staff assisting in election, runoff, early voting, absentee balloting, etc.
 - g) Cost of early voting.
 - h) Cost for any additional training required for holding municipal elections.
 - i) If the State requires a rental charge for the City's use of the voting machine, the County will charge the amount required by the State and nothing more for the use of the voting machines.
3. In exchange for payment of the above costs to the County, the Probate Judge shall do the following:
- a) Hire and train all election workers.
 - b) Provide facilities and equipment.
 - c) Set up and hold City elections.
 - d) Pay election workers.
 - e) Maintain proper certifications to hold City elections.
 - f) Secure adequate number of poll workers for City election.
 - g) Handle L & A Testing of DRE and Optical Scan machines.
 - h) Prepare final results of the City election required to be sent to Secretary of State's office.
 - i) Work with ES&S to make ready machines (DRE, Optical Scan, card readers, etc.).

- j) Secure absentee ballots (applications, mailing, and data entry in State of Georgia database).
 - k) Handle early voting as required by law.
 - l) Provide to the City such financial data as deemed necessary by the City to document the expenditures made by the Probate Judge and/or County in performing this Agreement.
4. The County agrees it will not charge the City for any costs over and above the County's actual out of pocket expenses incurred as a result of holding City election.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto set their hands and seals this day and year first above written.

"County"

"City"

[Signature]
Authorized Representative of
Candler County, Georgia



[Signature] (Seal)
Authorized Representative of the
City of Metter, Georgia

[Signature]
Attest

[Signature]
Attest

"Probate Judge"

9-8-17

[Signature] (Seal)
Authorized Representative of
Probate Judge

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Attest

