

**SALES SURTAX CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING  
JULY 12, 2022**

The Sales Tax Surtax Citizens' Oversight Committee met on July 12, 2022, in the Training Room at the School District Central Administration Complex, located at 202 Highway 85 North, Niceville, Florida.

**Committee Members Present**

Jason Belcher, Chairman; Mike Carroll; Susan Holley; Bernard Johnson; Vince Mayfield; Leslie Sheekley; Monica Wallis; and Marcus Wilson (arrived at 4:02 p.m.). Absent: Jacob Foreman.

**Others Present**

C. Jeffrey McInnis, Esq., Attorney to the Board; Steve Horton, Deputy Superintendent; Bill Smith, Program Director, Facilities Planning; Grant Meyer, Director I, Operational Services; and Joel Lindner, Program Director, Jacobs/Titan Technologies.

Mr. Belcher called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., for the purpose of receiving reports related to the School District's Half-Cent Capital Outlay Sales Surtax Program.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 10, 2022. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wallis and carried 7-0.

Steve Horton, Deputy Superintendent, provided a financial update on the sales tax revenue, expenditures, and capital outlay projects to date. He reported that the revenue generated from the sales tax continues to exceed initial estimates, but noted that the District will continue to budget prudently with the realization that the revenue stream generated from the sales tax could change. Discussion followed with Mr. Horton addressing questions and comments from Committee Members.

Joel Lindner, Program Director, Jacobs/Titan Technologies, provided an update of the projects currently being funded by the sales surtax. He reported that the final phase of school security projects will be completed before the start of the school year. Construction has started on the five (5) multipurpose buildings which will be built contiguously. Mr. Lindner stated that the bidding process has begun for the remainder of the Certificate of Participation (COP) projects. Discussion followed regarding the remaining roofing and renovation projects, with Mr. Lindner and Mr. Horton addressing questions and comments from Committee Members.

Mr. Horton provided information related to the priority projects for the 2022-2023 school year. He commented that the repayment of the COPs will begin this year. The payment structure has been accelerated in the first three years with anticipation of potential new school construction.

Mr. Belcher reported that he will present the Committee's Quarterly Progress Report to the School Board on August 8, 2022.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2022, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Niceville Administrative Complex.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Mari McGowan, Recorder



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Jason Belcher, Committee Chairman