

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
DISTRICT FOUR SPLOST PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2011, a SPLOST referendum was approved by the citizens of Newton County (SPLOST 2011). The approved SPLOST 2011 included \$545,000 for a multi-use community facility in District 4 and \$500,000 for recreation projects for District 4; and

WHEREAS, Newton County utilized \$500,000 in SPLOST 2011 funds to construct a multi-use Community Facility in the New Leaf Center; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to approve a plan for the expenditure of the recreation funds and the balance of the community facility funds; and

WHEREAS, as authorized by the Georgia Open Meetings Act, detailed information regarding a land acquisition budget was presented to the Board of Commissioners in executive session on April 1, 2014;

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

1. Expenditure of SPLOST 2011 District 4 recreation funds is authorized for land acquisition, in accordance with the budget presented to the Board of Commissioners, for the following parks:
 - a. Nelson Heights Park
 - b. Victoria Station Park
 - c. Dinah Pace Park
 - d. Oxford Road Park
 - e. Trelawney/Fire Station No. 7 Park
 - f. Trailblazer Park

As land acquisition proceeds, funds may be reallocated among the various line items, if necessary, with the joint approval of the Chairman and the County Manager.

2. Expenditure of the balance of the SPLOST 2011 recreation funds is authorized for recreation improvements for the following parks:
 - a. Nelson Heights Park
 - b. Victoria Station Park
 - c. Dinah Pace Park
 - d. Oxford Road Park
 - e. Trelawney/Fire Station No. 7 Park
 - f. Trailblazer Park

A portion of the funds may be used to retain a professional recreation planner for advice as to the recommended improvements for each park site.

3. Expenditure of the balance of the SPLOST 2011 community facility funds is authorized for (1) facility improvements, and (2) audio-visual and computer equipment for the following community facilities:
 - a. Nelson Heights Community Center
 - b. Washington Street Community Center
 - c. Garden of Gethsemane Homeless Shelter
 - d. New Leaf Center

4. As authorized by Section 9(b) of the SPLOST 2011 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Intergovernmental Agreement, if the District 4 recreation projects are satisfactorily completed for less than \$500,000, the remaining unexpended funds shall be applied to the community facility budget.

SO RESOLVED, this ___ day of April, 2014.

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

William K. Ellis, Chairman

(COUNTY SEAL)

ATTEST:

Jackie Smith, County Clerk