

Staff Report

Subject: Establishment of new bank accounts for new SPLOST from 2021 referendum
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Meeting Date: 6/7/22
Item Description: Consideration to approve establishment of two new bank accounts for SPLOST 2021 funds

Summary Recommendation:

Staff is requesting approval to create two new accounts with Truist for the purpose of holding SPLOST 2021 funds and bond proceeds related to SPLOST 2021.

Executive Summary:

In November 2021, the citizens of Effingham County approved a new SPLOST, labeled SPLOST 2021, to begin on July 1, 2022. In keeping with the IGA the County has with the cities, accounting best practices, and most bond requirements, Staff is requesting to establish two new bank accounts at Truist bank.

These new bank accounts will help ensure that SPLOST 2021 funds are segregated from other funds and the prior five-year SPLOST funds. One bank account will be for bond proceeds, and one bank account will be for normal SPLOST 2021 funds.

In the near future, staff will also request the creation of a new LGIP account with the State of Georgia for the SPLOST 2021 proceeds.

Background:

1. The new SPLOST begins July 1, 2022.
2. The SPLSOT referendum resolution requires any bond proceeds be segregated in their own account
3. The IGA with the cities requires SPLOST 2021 funds be in their own account

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve the establishment of two new Truist bank accounts for SPLOST 2021.
2. Do not approve the establishment of two new Truist bank accounts for SPLOST 2021.
3. Provide Staff with Direction

Recommended Alternative:

Staff recommends Alternative number 1 – Approve to establish two new Truist bank accounts for SPLOST 2021.

Other Alternatives:

N/A

Department Review: *(list departments)*

Finance

Funding Source:

none

Attachments:

1. Not provided for security purposes, account establishing forms will require signatures