

## Minutes of the Sales Tax Committee- Regular Meeting

**Date:** March 29, 2022, at 5:00 PM

**Location:** Willow Oak Elementary School  
4815 Bailey Road, Mulberry, FL 33860  
863-417-6670

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Eddy Twyford at 5:15 PM

**Members Present:** David Byrd, Eddy Twyford. Lyle Philipson joined via Zoom.

**Staff Present:** Angela Usher, Harry Fix, Jennifer Farrell, Autumn Ashley.

At 5:15 PM, Chairperson Eddy Twyford called the meeting to order.

Principal Michelle Townley conducted a tour of Willow Oak Elementary School for the committee.

Because a quorum was not met, minutes from the December Sales Tax Committee meeting were held for approval during the following meeting to take place in June.

Jennifer Farrell reviewed the past quarterly sales tax revenue with the committee. Ms. Farrell called attention to the increase in sales tax revenue in a year-to-year comparison for the prior quarter, with a 12% increase in October, 17% increase in November and 35% increase in December.

Ms. Farrell reviewed the new sales tax-funded projects of district-wide safety repairs to bleachers and grandstands, the renovations and remodeling of the Rochelle School of the Arts auditorium to meet ADA standards, and a new kitchen and cafeteria for Medulla Elementary.

David Byrd asked for an update concerning Mulberry Senior High. Angela Usher explained that the school is undergoing further modernization and completion of Phase 2 of the project.

Eddy Twyford asked about the track at Lake Region Senior High. Ms. Usher explained that the project is complete; however, it was paid for with LCI funds.

Ms. Usher stated that this year's large projects funded by sales tax are the modernizations and expansions of Garner Elementary and Southwest Middle School.

The committee discussed growth and changes in the Winter Haven area and local agreements with the city and district.

The next committee meeting was scheduled for June to be held at the school district main office.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.