



SOUTHWEST MISSOURI COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 08, 2020
3:00 p.m.
Zoom Call

ATTENDEES: Chris Coulter, Cindy Stephens, Dennis Pyle, Allen Kunkel, Mark Maples, Todd Wiesehan, Duane Lavery, Steve Childers and Jason Ray

1. Open Meeting

Chris Coulter

2. Approval of September 8, 2020 Agenda

Motion made by Cindy Stephens and seconded by Dennis Pyle to approve the September 8, 2020 Agenda. Motion carried.

3. Approval of July 14, 2020 Minutes

Motion made by Duane Lavery and seconded by Mark Maples to approve the July 14, 2020 Minutes. Motion carried.

4. FY 4th Quarter Financial Report – Jason Ray

The financials including spreadsheets were sent out by email. Jason Ray reviewed them along with checking account balances, etc.

Motion made by Dennis Pyle to approve the FY 4th Quarter Financial Report and seconded by Allen Kunkel. Motion passed.

5. Programs Updates – Jason Ray

- Staffing updates- Aishwarya Shrestha is the new Transportation Planner working the Transportation Program and helping with Comprehensive Plans. Thomas Cunningham will oversee our Hazard Mitigation planning and disaster recovery. He will be taking over the RhSOC Program at the end of the year when Dorothy retires. We need to fill a Grant Administrator position and a Long-Term Economic Recovery position through the EDA program. We are re-writing the job descriptions and re-advertising. Jane is out, recovering from surgery at home for a few weeks. One of our team members tested positive for COVID and another has symptoms. All are self-quarantining.
- Brandon made a presentation to GRO Marshfield on SMOG services. They are interested in a Recreational Trails Grant in connection with their new interchange.
- We are in partnership with Show Me Christian County and their upcoming webinar on 9/23/20 regarding Use Tax.
- Closing out Bull Creek floodplain buyout and hope to be finished with the Monett buyout by the end of October.

- We have been experiencing problems with our traffic counter equipment (warranty ran out a few months ago) and had to borrow one Kaysinger Basin COG while we determine whether we can repair ours.
- Coordinating with MoDOT and Representative Brad Hudson on Highway 86 regarding safety issues.
- We are wrapping up the NFIP Cassville project which consisted of a workshop and conducted a floodplain structure inventory. We have been working with FEMA and SEMA to determine the next steps necessary for Cassville to reenter the NFIP. Congressman Long's office got involved in getting FEMA to get us information we were needing. We may continue involvement with FEMA, SEMA and the Army Corp regarding Section 205.
- The Branson Wastewater Treatment Plant flood proofing wall cost is \$12m. We have gotten verbal commitment from HUD and EDA to fund the project with their maximum allowed and CDBG has found money which could be available. This would make it fully funded. We should know by the end of the year.
- EDA has come back with our full funding request of \$1M. We are putting information together that they have requested which is due 9/18/20. It will then go to Washington for final review and approval. Our match amount was \$25K.
- MoDED has asked us to find out from our counties how the CARES Act distribution is going.
- We submitted 4 projects for the DNR 604B.

7. Other Business – Jason Ray

State mileage reimbursement rate decreased from 43 cents to 37 cents.

8. Adjourn

Motion made by Steve Childers and seconded by Cindy Stephens to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.