



SOUTHWEST MISSOURI COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 10, 2023
3:00 p.m.
Meyer Alumni Center Conference Room

ATTENDEES: Cindy Stephens, Duane Lavery, Todd Wiesehan, Jerry Harman, Steve Childers, Chris Coulter and Bill Monday
Staff: Jason Ray, Jane Hood, and Courtney Pinkham

Open Meeting – Cindy Stephens

1. **Approval of January 10, 2023, Agenda** – With the addition of #6 on the Agenda to include Approve Pierce City Comprehensive Plan Contract.

Motion made by Chris Coulter and seconded by Steve Childers to approve the January 10, 2023, Amended Agenda. Motion carried.

2. **Approval of November 8, 2022, Minutes** – With Amendments as printed in meeting packet.

Motion made by Duane Lavery and seconded by Steve Childers to approve the November 8, 2022, Minutes. Motion carried.

3. **Approve Bank Transfers** – Included in meeting packet. Jason Ray

Transfer \$67,417.02 from the SMCOG EDA Cares Act account to the SMCOG General Account. This zeros out the grant so we can close out that bank account. The grant ended 12/31/23.

Motion made by Bill Monday and seconded by Steve Childers to approve bank transfer from EDA Cares Act account of \$67,417.02 to SMCOG General account. Motion carried.

4. **Approve TAC Appointment for Dallas County – John Crawford, Presiding Commissioner** – Included in meeting packet. Jason Ray

Motion made by Todd Wiesehan and seconded by Steve Childers to approve TAC Appointment for Dallas County Presiding Commissioner, John Crawford. Motion carried.

5. **Approve Springfield Chamber Cost of Living Contract as Amended** – Included in meeting packet. Jason Ray

SMCOG collects Cost of Living data for the Springfield Area Chamber who submits it to The Council for Community & Economic Research. The data required has changed by about 60% so we have reduced our fee and changed the contract from 2 years to one so we can see how much time it will require.

Motion made by Duane Lavery and seconded by Steve Childers to approve the amended Springfield Chamber Cost of Living Contract. Motion carried.

6. Approval of Pierce City Comprehensive Plan Contract – Included in meeting packet. Jason Ray

This is a 2-year contract. Cindy noted the dates on the contract should be corrected from January 1, 2023 - June 30, 2022 to January 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

Motion made by Bill Monday and seconded by Steve Childers to approve Pierce City Comprehensive Plan Contract. Motion carried.

7. Program/Project Updates – Jason Ray

- a. Covid Recovery Grant closed in December, these funds helped to add new positions to our office. Chris Kempke is working on the final report and the economic recovery plan to go with report.
- b. EDA RLF; We are currently working with EDA to resolve a few minor issues with our RLF Plan and should be able to have the plan finalized next month.
- c. There is currently 604(b) funding available. Up to \$45k, no match required, SMCOG must be the applicant.
- d. Bolivar Active Transportation Plan, Lockwood Comprehensive Plan, Coney Island Comprehensive Plan are completed.
- e. Other updates: JRBP is planning on working with SMCOG on submitting a MoDNR grant for a nutrient trading program. We are working with Fair Play on assessment of structures for a possible demolition grant. Kelsi is finalizing the RFP for Billings playground equipment. The Cyber Security Grant for RHSOC region D has been submitted, we do not have the required match yet, the match can be in kind. We are still waiting for the contract from the Missouri Office of Broadband, they have paused the bi-weekly calls. SMCOG will be submitting a new RAISE grant request this time it will be for a state wide rural EV planning strategy, this is based off of the feedback we were given, this will be partnered with MACOG. Our new Fiscal Officer, Krissy Dickens, started last month is doing great and is beginning work with our auditor to get that project moving forward.

9. Other Business

Cindy asked if we have made any process with the dues increase. Jason stated we have collected data that we are organizing to assist with our strategy.

Jason reminded the committee that Rep. John Black is still asking for advice on how to spend surplus funding that Missouri currently has. Federal earmark spending grants will be posted soon. NADO is attempting to get EDA to lower the match requirements for the EDA PP funds. Tracy Slagle, City Administrator in Bolivar is retiring. All SMCOG Board meetings are scheduled to be at the Library Center, except the Annual Board Meeting in September. Jason asked if the committee approved of this location or if they preferred the Job Center. Howard Fisk had suggested the meetings could be held at the new OTC facility, but OTC only wanted us to use the facility for one meeting.

10. Adjourn

Motion made by Jerry Harman and seconded by Chris Coulter to adjourn. Motion carried.