



**SOUTHWEST MISSOURI COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 9, 2024  
3:00 p.m.  
Meyer Alumni Center Conference Room**

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

**Open Meeting** – Cindy Stephens

1. **Approval of January 9, 2024, Agenda** – With the change 4 to 4 A. 2024 Membership Update and addition of 4 B. Climate Grant. Cindy Stephens  
*Motion made by Duane Lavery and seconded by Chris Coulter to approve the January 9, 2024, Amended Agenda. Motion carried.*

2. **Approval of November 14, 2023, Minutes** – Cindy Stephens  
*Motion made by Steve Childers and seconded by Chris Coulter to approve the November 8, 2022, Minutes. Motion carried.*

3. **Approve Bank Transfers** – Included in meeting packet. Jason Ray  
Transfer \$8372.00 from the SMCOC EDA RLF account to the SMCOC General Account.  
*Motion made by Chris Coulter and seconded by Duane Lavery to approve bank transfer from EDA RLF account of \$8372.00 to SMCOC General account. Motion carried.*

Transfer \$17,735.05 from the SMCOC EDA PP account to the SMCOC General Account.  
*Motion made by Steve Childers and seconded by Chris Coulter to approve bank transfer from PP RLF account of \$17,735.05 to SMCOC General account. Motion carried.*

4. A. **2024 Membership Update** – Included in meeting packet. Jason Ray  
Included in the meeting packet is a spreadsheet showing which communities and associate members have paid their 2024 dues. Jason also brought up that we need to be prepared if a County chooses not to be a member, and how this will affect communities under 300 population, with the dues changes, communities under 300 dues are covered by the County's paid membership.

4. B. **Climate Grant** – Included in meeting packet. Jason Ray

*Motion made by Chris Coulter and seconded by Duane Lavery to approve the application for a Climate Grant, and to place Jason Ray as approver. Motion carried.*

**5. Approve OA Application and Authorize the Commitment to Match** – Included in meeting packet. Jason Ray

*Motion made by Duane Lavery and seconded by Steve Childers to approve the OA Application and Authorize the commitment to Match. Motion carried.*

**6. Approval of Regional Node Planning Agreement with Springfield Chamber of Commerce** – Included in meeting packet. Jason Ray

*Motion made by Chris Coulter and seconded by Steve Childers to approve Pierce City Comprehensive Plan Contract. Motion carried.*

**7. Program/Project Updates** – Jason Ray

-Final engineering report issued for City of Seymour's Stormwater Resiliency Plan

-City of Battlefield MS4 Compliance RFP out for bid

-Continue working on comp plans for Walnut Grove, Ash Grove & Fair Grove along with Pierce City. Seymour & Fordland plans have been adopted. Diggins wrapping up. Other interested communities are Mt. Vernon, Marionville, Clever, Fair Play, Fremont Hills and Highlandville.

-Transportation Needs surveys going out sooner than usual

-EDA-Partnership Planning Grant has ended and may be renewed on 4/1/24.

**9. Other Business**

**10. Adjourn**