



**SOUTHWEST MISSOURI COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, November 10, 2020**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**Zoom Call**

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

**1. Open Meeting**

Chris Coulter

**2. Approval of November 10, 2020 Agenda**

*Motion made by Dennis Pyle and seconded by Bill Monday to approve the November 10, 2020 Agenda. Motion carried.*

**3. Approval of September 8, 2020 Minutes**

*Motion made by Cindy Stephens and seconded by Duane Lavery to approve the September 8, 2020 Minutes. Motion carried.*

**4. Approval of Megan Clark Contract Extension**– Jason Ray

After Megan Clark left SMCOG employment and moved to California, the Executive Committee approved a contract for her to continue working on special projects and training as we hire replacements. This extension is to extend her contract until the end of May as we have several things coming up in 2021.

*Motion made by Bill Monday and seconded by Cindy Stephens to approve the contract extension to 5/31/21. Motion carried.*

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

The DNR 604B program, which SMCOG marketed, had 5 applications but only the City of Ozark application made it through due to errors by MSU Research Administration. There should be more money coming in the Spring.

Working on the following:

- Village of Saddlebrooke on culvert replacement application through SEMA/FEMA.
- Hazard Mitigation Plans for Christian & Webster counties getting finalized and sending for review. Will be kicking off Barry county shortly.
- Finishing up NFIP Study and maps for Cassville.

- Submitted two CDBG applications for the City of Branson. One for Compton Wastewater treatment plant flood proofing wall and the other for infrastructure in Branson for Elevate Branson.
- Working with Rockaway Beach, Marionville, and Crane on CDBG roadway projects and residential demolition project.
- Working with Marshfield, Branson, and Buffalo on LMI surveys.
- Comprehensive Plans for Battlefield, Nixa and Republic are on track.
- We have reached the halfway point on the 1<sup>st</sup> year of our EDA Planning Grant. Still working through the payment processing issues with EDA. Their online payment system is VERY slow. Have been told we can submit request for funds this Thursday. We have a negative cash on hand balance because we have not been able to get paid by EDA. We now must do a certified financial report since we have a negative balance. Hopefully, this will get resolved soon. Within our general Great Southern account, we have a balance of \$72,116.37.
- CEDS Committee has met twice now and reviewed the Market Study application. This will be done through the \$65,000 CARE Act funds that we received and will be eventually approved by the full Board.
- EDA funds were approved for the Webster County Highway 60 corridor project that includes design and building of interchange at Diggins.
- Working with the City of Springfield on the expansion of a road for EDA funds.
- The City of Springfield and their Workforce Development Momentum survey is out for this year. We are promoting it and will help sponsor their event.

#### **6. Other Business** – Jason Ray

We are interviewing for Grant Administrator position (funded through EDA.)

The 2021 membership invoices will be going out this month.

A discussion on our virtual meetings vs. in person meetings was held. It will probably be a while before full Board will meet in person. Dennis Pyle suggested that the Executive Committee meetings stay virtual. It is a time saver for those that must drive an hour to Springfield, then an hour back from the 1-hour executive meeting. Duane Lavery suggested that maybe Jason be available on zoom for conversation after the meetings.

#### **7. Adjourn**

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