

- Call to meeting to order: Magistrate Danny Eades

In attendance: Chairman: Danny Eades, Members: Treasurer Sheila McGee, Judge Executive Dan Ison. Others in attendance: Deputy Judge Executive Jon Park, Finance Officer Samantha Montgomery, EMA Director Chris Spaulding, Project Manager Willie Luca, Sheriff Mark Moore, Magistrate Bill Hedges, Magistrate Joey Riddle, Magistrate Gene Witt, Magistrate Karen Waller.

### Minutes

1. Presentation of Expended & Obligated Funds log – Samantha Montgomery  
Log presented and reviewed by committee. The committee recommended transferring \$250,000.00 of interest gained to the General Fund. This will go to Fiscal Court on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, for approval.
2. Presentation of unpaid and approved applications – Samantha Montgomery  
Unpaid and approved applications presented to the committee, no questions.
3. Presentation of received, reviewed, and completed applications – Samantha Montgomery  
Update given, no questions.
4. Update that all Federal (ARPA) Funds have been obligated.  
Updated the committee that all Federal (ARPA) Funds have been obligated and the remaining amount in account is interest gained monies.
5. Discussion of Interest earned in Federal Fund account.  
The Treasurer discussed with the committee that all interest that has been earned in the Federal Fund account is money that can be transferred to the General Fund account and used for anything, she advised she had confirmed this with Stites and with Compass and that Compass would need a copy of the transfer documents and bank statements. Interest that is earned in the Federal Fund account is not considered Federal Funds and can be moved and used in the General Fund.
6. Update on Stites opinion regarding issue with Fairgrounds conducting & completing work on distribution center agreement project.  
The Treasurer updated the committee on a response that was received from Stites on their opinion regarding the Fairgrounds completing work prior to release of funding and prior to executing a MOU with the county. With the opinion from Stites and the recommendation of the Treasurer, the committee agreed they will not refund the Fair Board for funds they have spent prior to approval, execution of the MOU and where the Fair Board did not follow Federal and County procurement policies.

**7.** Status update on Ruritan Club distribution center responses and executed contract.

- Court to approve execution of EMA Director to sign warming center MOU contracts.
- The committee gave Ruritan Clubs 30 days to provide forms, quotes, and execute contracts.
- Application #2023-13 – Fairgrounds Warming Station Request
- Issue regarding Cropper Ruritan

EMA Director Chris Spaulding gave a status update to the committee on the Ruritan Club distribution centers. Chris informed the committee that he created separate MOU's for all facilities and will be scheduling a time for everyone to meet at his office to sign the MOU's at the same time. Chris also informed the committee that the Fair Board had a building that they wanted closed in to be able to use for the distribution center. Chris will be reaching out to Carol at the Fair Board to get quotes from her on this project. Chris explained to the committee that each location will need to have a transfer switch installed and this will be first priority in their portion of funding distribution. The committee recommended that Chris create and submit an application for all transfer switches for all locations.

**8.** New Business

EMA Director Chris Spaulding gave an update to the committee on communication devices. He explained that when speaking with Simpsonville about funding to use for this project, they informed him that they did not see a use for them to have county wide coverage and would not be participating funds to the county. Chris also presented new quotes from RCS. The quote that he would like to go with is for a 5 Site – 4 Channel service. The total quote is \$2,399,568.00. There has already been \$2,000,000.00 of ARPA funds obligated and the remaining amount of \$399,568.00 would need to come from another source. The committee recommended that Chris submit an application for this project after getting all quotes that are needed so this project can move forward.