Minutes
Stephens County Board of Commissioners
September 6, 2024 • 8:00 A.M.

Toccoa-Stephens County Airport

Present for Meeting: Chairman Tara Simmons, Vice-Chairman Chris Rickman, Commissioners Chuck Wright and Debbie Whitlock; County Administrator Christian Hamilton; County Clerk Samantha Turner; County Finance Director James Elrod

Meeting Appearance Announcement:
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Called Meeting

Chairman Simmons called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. and welcomed those present. Commissioner Wright led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Rickman, seconded by Commissioner Wright, to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

II. New Business

1. Discussion on allocation of ARPA funds.

   A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Rickman, seconded by Commissioner Wright, to reallocate the $235,000.00 in ARPA dollars obligated for a new Criminal Investigation Division building to a capital projects fund for jail improvements, to be controlled by the Board of Commissioners. **Motion carried unanimously.**

   A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Rickman, seconded by Commissioner Wright, to obligate unallocated ARPA dollars in the amount of $10,000.00 for the Stephens County Foundation and in the amount of $24,000.00 for improvements at the Black Mountain tower site. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2. Discussion on allocation of Opioid funds.

   The Board discussed potential needs and asked administration to reach out to the school system, Sheriff's Office, and community organizations to discuss how the County may assist with funding.

III. Executive Session

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, on motion made by Vice-Chairman Rickman, seconded by Commissioner Wright, the called meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Approved this 24th day of September, 2024.

Tara Simmons, Chairman

Samantha Turner, County Clerk

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