



Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

1/25/2022

Carmichael Center

- Chairman Chris Howell called the meeting to order at 9:00am
- Commissioners Centola, Chalenburg, House & Jones were present
- Approval of Minutes: Chalenburg motioned to approve, Jones seconded. Vote was unanimous.
- Mr. Blansett gave the financial report. The first page shows a tracking of all funds requested from the Commission. Total fund balance as of 12/31/21 was \$2,319,457.42. Collections for the month of October 2021 were for Lodging \$25,338.12 and Prepared Foods \$92,789.04. Interest Income \$984.25. Expenditures were: White County Fair Improvement \$7995.69 Searcy Holiday of Lights, (\$548.42), City of Searcy, Beats and Eats - New Years Eve \$843.00, Main Street Searcy - Trunk or Treat \$5,000.00, Accounting Services \$2,045.00, Bank Fees \$234.22 Net income for November 2021 \$103,541.92.
- Recap of Holiday of Lights Funding - Kristi Thurmon presented the Commission with the results of the collecting of zip codes. 5 states and numerous zip codes in Arkansas were collected. With the remaining funds, the Holiday of Lights Committee will build a website for future events. The Commission thanked her for taking the time to compile the figures and presenting them.
- Request for Funding - Baseball \$49,840.00 Rigel Page presented the the proposal for 7 over night tournaments to be hosted in

Searcy. Some of these funds will also help the league play. Motion to Approve made by Jones. Seconded by Centola Motion was approved unanimously.

- Request for Funding - Creative Group of Arkansas Brian Jones presented the proposal. This request was a re-request from last year's tournament that was cancelled last year. Motion to Approve made by Centola. Seconded by House. Motion was approved unanimously.
- Request for Funding - White County Fairgrounds Steve Merritt and Alan Quattlebaum presented the proposal. This is phase two of the Equine Arena Renovation to bring in more events. Motion to Approved made by House. Seconded by Chalenburg. Motion was approved unanimously.
- Chairman Howell adjourned the meeting at 9:57am