



**Searcy A & P Commission
Tuesday, April 28, 2026, 9:00 AM
Minutes**

With Chairman Howell out of the room, Commissioner Centola called the meeting to order at 9:00am. Present were Commissioners Centola, Howell, House, Jones, Orozco, and Patel. Commissioner Hale was absent.

Commissioner Centola asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Patel made the motion with Commissioner Orozco seconded. The motion to approve

Tim Blansett presented the Financial Report. For March, the Total Fund Balance as of 3/31/26 was \$2,797,074.85. The Restricted Fund Balance is \$1,154,000.00 (accounting for Bond Repayment) and the Unrestricted Fund Balance is \$1,643,074.85. Total Liabilities and Net Assets is \$2,797,074.85 Collections for the month of February were for Lodging \$33,352.52 Prepared Foods \$110,377.13. Interest & Penalties on late payments \$327.73. Early Payment Discounts (\$2,232.33). Expenditures were: Legal Services \$1,425.00, Professional Services \$3,340.00. Website and Social Media Expense \$12,335.00. Bank Fees \$146.62, Merchant Fees \$90.00, Bond Payment to the City \$83,293.64, 4th of July 2026 \$10,000.00, Get Down Downtown \$95,000, Little Red River Ozark College Rodeo \$7,000.00, Searcy Parks and Rec. (Tournaments) \$9,000.00. Interest Income on Deposits \$2,487.77. Net Income of November \$(79,805.21).

Mike Parsons presented the recap from last year's Holiday of Lights grant. The funds were used to purchase the fire truck and police car displays, along with other lights that needed replacing. The partnership between the Holiday of Lights and A&P has helped gain Searcy national recognition the last two years from Southern Living. During the months of November and December, visits to Berryhill Park between the times of 5-10pm totaled 30,500. The Living Nativity had their busiest year last year. He thanked the A&P for helping Searcy to become the Cutest Chtristmas Town in the South.

Mike Pasrons presented. He said that these are the funds for a few items this year. First there will be an Experience Searcy light display for the roundabout at the City Center. This display can also be used at various events throughout the year. Second, Spring Park will be a new display featuring a well-known Kids Christmas movie. Each year, this display will be expanded. Third, would be the purchase of a train for events around town. A&P will pay for the engine, to be named the experience Searcy Express, and shipping. There will be 4 cars for children to ride in,

two have already been sponsored, the third is 99% sponsored, and the last one will be sponsored within two weeks.

Tyler Meyl presented the funding request for \$5,000 for the Arkansas State Golf Association Junior Match Play, to be held at Searcy Country Club. This is the first time this event will be held in Searcy and with support from the A&P Commission, the event may continue in Searcy yearly.

Jeanette Williams presented the request for the Searcy Juneteenth celebration. She said that last year there was a crowd of 400, with some coming from as far as Mobile, Alabama. It was asked when they come back in May to have a better idea about what the cost of the celebration will be and the breakdown of the items. This would allow the Commission a better understanding of the needs and proceed with the grant as appropriate.

Mr Humphrey presented the grant request for \$30,000. He said that Searcy has been the home of the Special Olympics for 30 or more years. Over 6,000 athletes will attend this year's event. Commissioner Patel motioned to suspend the rules to allow a vote on this request. Commissioner Centola seconded. The vote to suspend the rules was unanimously approved. Commissioner Centola motioned to approve the grant request. Commissioner Patel seconded. The vote to approve the grant was unanimous.

Commissioner Centola stated that the next meeting is scheduled for the day after Memorial Day. The suggestion was made to move the meeting to Tuesday, May 19th. At 9am. Centola also stated that he would be sending notification to the City Council to approve reappointment's of Commissioners Hale, Howell and House. Chairman Howell adjourned the meeting at 9:37am.

Tommy Centola, Secretary