



**COMMISSION FOR ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC
FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION**

TELECONFERENCE MEETING AGENDA

**Originating from Secretary Johnny Key's conference Room
April 29, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**

Agenda Summary

1. Summary Meeting Minutes – December 7, 2020

Recommendation – That the Commission approve the minutes for the December 7, 2020, Commission meeting.

2. 2021-2023 Partnership Program Projects

Presenter - Tim Cain, Director, DPSAFT

Per AC.A § 6-20-2507 (d)(1), "The Division shall notify the school district of the Division's decision on the application and, if applicable, the estimated amount of state financial participation in the new construction project no later than May 1 of each odd-numbered year."

The Division reviewed available program funding. Based on funding in the 2021 legislative session and existing program balances, there is \$77.5 million available on July 1, 2021, to fund the Year-One (2021- 2022) projects.

Three additional projects are listed as *"Tentative approval by Commission contingent on funding by Legislature."* The projects are

1. Springdale #2122-7207-022	\$15,279,387.05
2. Western Yell Co. #2122-7509-001	\$ 771,705.15
3. Pine Bluff #2122-3505-001	\$12,817,259.05

The Commission will fund the Year-Two projects prior to July 1, 2022.

2a 2021-2023 Academic Facilities Partnership Program Projects

Recommendation – That the Commission provide state financial participation for 2021-2023 Partnership Program Year-One projects listed in Tab 2a, prioritized per current Rules Governing the Academic Facilities Partnership Program, to a funding level of \$77.5 million.

3. Academic Facilities Catastrophic Program – Winter Storm Damage

Presenter - Tim Cain, Director, DPSAFT

Act 2206 created the Academic Facilities Catastrophic Program (*Program*). The Program authorizes the Division to distribute State assistance to school districts for emergency facility projects due to an act of God or violence. The law defines a catastrophic project as “*repair and new construction for the purpose of supplementing insurance or other public or private emergency assistance to the school district.*”

The law requires that any State assistance under this program shall be used to pay the cost of only the portion of a catastrophic project that is not covered by insurance or other public or private emergency assistance received by or payable to the school district.

3a Fordyce Public Schools

The Fordyce Public Schools had a catastrophic event during the February 2021 winter storm when an act of God damaged the canopy. The total cost of replacement of the canopy was \$17,886 with an insurance deductible of \$5,000.

Fordyce Public Schools requested reimbursement of the State’s portion of the deductible based on the Academic Facilities Wealth Index, which totals \$3,232.90.

3b. Berryville School District

The Berryville School District had a catastrophic event during the February 2021 winter storm when an act of God created water damage and broken pipes. The total cost of replacement of the water damage and broken pipes was \$166,151.74 with an insurance deductible of \$5,000.

Berryville School District requested reimbursement of the State’s portion of the deductible based on the Academic Facilities Wealth Index, which totals \$2,897.51.

Recommendation – That the Commission approve reimbursements of (1) \$3,232.90 to the Fordyce Public Schools, and (2) \$2,897.51 to the Berryville School District, as requested under the Academic Facilities Catastrophic Program.

4. Adjourn