

**FIRST CDBG PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
MONTICELLO CITY FIRST CDBG PUBLIC HEARING
HEARING HELD HIDEOUT COMMUNITY CENTER, 648 S HIDEOUT WAY
JANUARY 13, 2026, 7:09 PM**

Present: Mayor Dunn, Councilmember Brewer, Councilmember Westcott, Councilmember Crowley, Councilmember Chamberlain, Councilmember Skinner
City Manager Kaeden Kulow, Assistant City Manager Megan Gallegos,
Community Development Director Jasmine Nielson, Public Works Director Chris Baird
Manike Pipkin, John Bucur, Doug Allen

City Recorder: Melissa Gill

City Clerk: N/A

City Attorney: Not Present

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Dunn opened the public hearing for the CDBG program and stated that the purpose of the public hearing is to provide citizens with pertinent information about the Community Development Block grant program and to allow for discussion of possible applications for the 2026 funding cycle. It was explained that the grant money must be spent on projects benefiting primarily low and moderate-income persons. The Southeastern Region, in which Monticello City is a member, is expecting to receive approximately \$6,590,959.63 that was stated later corrected to \$778,287.00 in this new program year. All eligible activities that can be accomplished under this program are identified in the CDBG Application Policies and Procedures Manual and interested persons can review it at any time. Mayor Dunn read several of the eligible activities listed including examples, such as Construction of public works and facilities, e.g., water and sewer lines, fire stations, acquisition of real property, provision of public services such as food banks or homeless shelters. Mayor Dunn indicated that in the past Monticello City has received funding for a skate park in 2005 which is estimated to be \$220,000.00, and bathrooms for the pavilion at Veterans Park which is estimated to be \$300,000.00 The city has handed out its capital investment plan as part of the regional "Consolidated Plan". This list shows which projects the city has identified as being needed in the community. It was asked that anyone with questions, comments or suggestions during the hearing please identify themselves by name, before they speak. The clerk/recorder will include your names in the minutes and we would like to specifically respond to your questions and suggestions during the hearing. Megan Gallegos presented as a resident of Monticello. She suggested the purchase of a new brush truck for the volunteer fire department or other equipment the fire department may need. Mayor Dunn thanked her for her input. Councilmember Crowley asked how much the City could expect to

receive if awarded the grant. City Manager Kulow stated the total amount for the region would be split among all awarded. John Bucur asked if multiple applications could be submitted by Monticello City? Community Development Director, Jasmine Nielson, stated they could but there were stipulations. Kulow reported he has received a request from a citizen. Mark Colgan stated he would like to see a Monticello City Community Center built. Mayor Dunn thanked all present for their comments and asked if there were any more suggestions. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Dunn adjourned the public hearing at 7:13 pm.

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL 03/10/2026