

HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Ratification of ARPA Funds Cost Recovery Reporting in Accordance with Final Ruling

DATE: December 9, 2024

☒ **RECOMMENDATION**

☐ **POLICY DISCUSSION**

BUDGET INFORMATION:

☐ **STATUS REPORT**

ANNUAL-

☐ **OTHER**

CAPITAL-

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: December 16, 2024

PURPOSE: To seek Habersham County Board of Commissioners approval to ratify reporting of ARPA funding as cost recovery of public safety salaries and benefits to utilize funding for select projects in accordance with the ARPA fundings final ruling requirements.

BACKGROUND / HISTORY: Habersham County was awarded \$8.8 million dollars from the American Rescue Plan Act in 2021. A Tranche of \$4.4 was deposited in July 2021 and a final tranche of \$4.4 was deposited in July 2022. Due to Habersham County being under the \$10 million dollar threshold, select reporting requirements were not required. Habersham County staff presented the Board with several different projects and ways this funding was approved to be utilized. The Board decided at that time that the best course for Habersham County was to report funding as cost recovery of public safety salaries and benefits.

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OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve
 - 2) Deny
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3) Commission defined alternative.

RECOMMENDED SAMPLE MOTION:

DEPARTMENT:

Prepared by:

Director _____

ADMINISTRATIVE

COMMENTS: _____

_____ **DATE:** _____

County Manager
