

City of Villa Rica

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JOINT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Villa Rica Library 869 Dallas Highway
Tuesday, February 25, 2025 | 12:00 pm

Meeting Call to Order (Chairman)

Scott Cowart called the meeting to order @12:12 PM

Present: Scott Cowart, Diana DeSanto, Bart Smith, Jody Millians, and Jennifer Hallman

Adoption of the Agenda (Chairman)

Member Jody Millians moved to adopt the agenda as presented.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Jody Millians, Member
SECONDER:	Diana DeSanto, Member
AYES:	DeSanto, Cowart, Smith, Millians

A. General

1. Appointment/ Re- Appointment of Members for 2025

Member Bart Smith moved to appoint Jennifer Hallman, Deputy City Manager as a member.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Bart Smith, Member
SECONDER:	Jody Millians, Member
AYES:	DeSanto, Cowart, Smith, Millians

Member Bart Smith moved to reappoint Scott Cowart as Chairman.

RESULT: **ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: Bart Smith, Member
SECONDER: Diana DeSanto, Member
AYES: DeSanto, Cowart, Smith, Millians, Hallman

2. Approval of November 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Member Diana DeSanto moved to approve November 14, 2024 minutes.

RESULT: **ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: Diana DeSanto, Member
SECONDER: Bart Smith, Member
AYES: DeSanto, Cowart, Smith, Millians
ABSTAIN: Hallman

B. City of Villa Rica Update

1. **TAD Financial Update**

Jennifer Hallman Presented TAD Financial Update

2. **Data Tracking Chart Update**

Nic Griffin provided a status update on all residential and commercial developments.

3. **Downtown Villa Rica Happenings Update**

Diana Desanto mentioned an upcoming Downtown Street Scape Meeting and future retreat for Council.

C. School System Update

1. **March 18, ESPLOST**

Scott Cowart mentioned the upcoming vote for the education SPLOST.

D. New Business

1. 2025 Joint Commission Meeting Calendar

Member Jody Millians moved to adopt the 2025 meeting calendar every 4th Tuesday at noon.

RESULT: **ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: Jody Millians, Member
SECONDER: Bart Smith, Member
AYES: DeSanto, Cowart, Smith, Millians

Public Comment (We ask that you sign in for Public Comment before the meeting begins. Please state your Name and Address for the record and limit your comments to three minutes.)

Brian Harkley- advocated for his parents being uninformed about the potential data center. His parents have lived on S. Van Wert Rd for 50 years. He believes the date center was pushed through in the dead of night.

Pam Whyte mentioned that Mayor McPherson advised her the Joint Commission chose where the TAD was placed. She mentioned a previous conversation she had with Scott Cowart and believes Clint Chance's home was deliberately removed from the TAD.

Aleta Farmer- asked a question about the Arbor's Phase II and the new Chick Fila A. She also wants to know why Villa Rica is filling up with 55 and older communities.

Adjournment

Member Jody Millians moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Member Diana DeSanto and the vote was unanimous. Scott Cowart adjourned the meeting. @ 1:12 PM.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Jody Millians, Member
SECONDER:	Diana DeSanto, Member
AYES:	DeSanto, Cowart, Smith, Millians, Hallman


Co-Chair
Chair