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July 9, 2019

Billy Morse, Manager
City of Toccoa

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Dear Billy,

On behalf of the Stephens County Board of Commissioners, this letter is a good faith final counter-offer to the prior offer of a 70% County/ 30% City split of the County SPLOST collections after the City of Martin and City of Avalon shares stated in our letter dated June 25, 2019. The County is willing to increase the percentage on the conditions below.

In the spirit of cooperation and serving all citizens of the community, the Board of Commissioners is willing to agree to a 68% County/ 32% City split after payment of the City of Martin and City of Avalon shares conditioned on a reduction in the water rates for the unincorporated areas of the County to be equal to those residents in the incorporated areas of the City of Toccoa for the life of SPLOST VII and a reimbursement to the County of \$55,150.00 for the additional costs associated with the relocation of the City of Toccoa's water line in connection with the W. Currahee Street slope stabilization project and change order from Hayward Baker dated April 30, 2019. If the City of Toccoa will agree to charge the same water rates to citizens in the unincorporated County and reimburse the County Tax Payers for the City water line relocation the Board will agree to the 68%/32% split of the County SPLOST collections. If the City of Toccoa is not willing to meet these conditions then the Board of Commissioners stands by its prior offer of a 70%/30% split of the SPLOST collections after payment of the City of Martin and City of Avalon shares.

Please respond with formal written communication as to the above counter-offer by Friday July 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. so that we can move forward with the resolution and meet the necessary deadlines.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Ayers
Administrator