

St. Clair County Board of Commissioners Workshop

Board of Commissioners' Room

County Administrative Office Building, 2nd Floor

200 Grand River Avenue

Port Huron, MI 48060

April 20, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Bohm at 4:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Commissioner Simasko, Baldwin, Beedon, Torello, Rushing,
Vandenbossche, Bohm – Present

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda

None

5. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Liz Masters – Wales Township

RE: 26 Mile Corridor & ARPA Spending

Ken Harris – 1521 Wells St., Port Huron MI 48060

RE: ARPA Disbursement

6. New Business

A. Health Department Building Discussion

Administrator Hepting gave commissioners an update on the current condition and repairs needed for the Health Department. Administrator Hepting was looking for direction from the Commissioners if they would like to explore alternate locations for the Health Department or renovate the existing location. Liz King and Greg Brown were present and updated the Commissioners on some of their concerns with the current Health Department building which included mechanical issues, ADA compliance, limited space for storage, square foot needed compared to current square footage, and shipping containers/ trailers stored onsite with emergency supplies. Discussion followed between Commissioners of possible alternate locations, satellite sites, fixing the existing building or dividing the departments up with in the current Health Department. No motions made.

B. ARPA Funds Discussion

Administrator Hepting discussed items on the current County capital improvement plan as well as the County mini capital improvement plan.

Administrator Hepting reviewed each project that already has a funding source and which would be eligible to be paid under the different buckets. Outside the Health Department Building there is approximately 7 million dollars' worth of projects that would be ARPA eligible. Parts of them included dispatch project for Burtchville Tower site; several IT projects – promote remote work environment and upgrade some equipment; two projects at the Airport which would fit under the lost revenue portion for equipment replacement and upgrade of fuel services to have self-service fuel pumps; parking lot projects and roof projects; water damage in Administration building that needs attention; Sheriff Department projects for radio replacements. Looking at mini capital improvement plan it included more IT related projects; Jail has pieces of equipment they need; Sheriffs Office has a storage building and office reconstruction needed; building and grounds for HVAC upgrades, and office construction in District Court. Some fall under lost revenue and some do fit the public health bucket and the estimates on this is \$7 million dollars.

Jim Spadafore, Undersheriff, was present and gave a brief update in regards to the Marine Division being underfunded and items that Sheriff's Department could use for the safety of the department.

Discussions followed with Commissioners on what they would like to see the rest of the ARPA funds spent on. No motions made.

7. Receive and File Packets and all Information Presented

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Torello, to receive and file packets and all information presented. Passed by a voice vote.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to adjourn at 5:37 p.m. Passed by a voice vote.