



MINUTES
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

August 5, 2021 at 6:30 PM

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Roll Call

Chairperson Bohm called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Jorja Baldwin, Lisa Beedon, Duke Dunn, Dave Vandenbossche and Jeff Bohm

Commissioners Absent: Greg McConnell and Dave Rushing

3. Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda

Moved by Lisa Beedon, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to approve the agenda as presented. Carried - Voice Vote 5-0.
Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, Vandenbossche.

4. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

None

5. New Business

A. American Rescue Act Funds

Administrator/Controller Hepting discussed the funds allocated to St. Clair County as a result of the American Rescue Plan. She also discussed the allocations for the municipalities located within the County. There are various other funds available for specific uses included in that Plan that are independent of the County's allocation. We have currently received 50% of the allocation, with the remainder to be received in May 2022.

She then discussed the eligible uses of the funding as defined by the Department of Treasury. An interim guidance has been issued, along with a list of FAQ's. This information may be revised as a result of comments received during the public comment period. She indicated this funding cannot be used as matching funds for grant purposes.

Administrator/Controller Hepting further discussed the ability to use the funds to replace revenue lost to the pandemic. Dena Alderdyce, Finance Director, calculated the lost revenue funds for 2020 which amounted to \$3,591,831. This revenue loss did not result in a loss to fund balance due to the CARES Act funds received. Funding to replace lost revenue can be used for any normal allowable government operations for 2020 through 2024.

To develop a comprehensive internal projects that are qualify for ARPA funds, a project request form was distributed to Department Heads. Projects must support the public health response or increase resiliency, such as remote work expansion, in response to the pandemic. These project request forms are due back to Administration by September 10, 2021.

MAC has four vendors prequalified to assist in determining eligibility for funding. All funds must be either expended or obligated by 12/31/2024. Infrastructure projects must be completed by 12/31/2026. Economic development projects are not eligible unless used for water, sewer or broadband infrastructure or to address negative economic impacts.

Chairperson Bohm suggested that a specified dollar amount be allocated for each Commissioner District to supplement funding received by local municipalities. Non-entitlement municipalities must apply for funding in order to receive an allocation. Discussion continued about Commissioners initiating discussions with local units within each district to determine priorities that would be eligible for an allocation from the County. Establishing a phased, comprehensive appropriation plan was discussion, with an emphasis on sustainable projects. It will be placed on a future agenda once more information is received.

6. Receive and File Packets and all Information Present

Moved by Duke Dunn, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to receive and file packets and all information received. Carried - Voice Vote 5-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, Vandenbossche.

7. Adjournment

Moved by Duke Dunn, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. Carried - Voice Vote 5-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, Vandenbossche.

Chairperson: Jeffrey L. Bohm

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