

WINNEBAGO COUNTY  
ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission

Minutes

DATE: Friday, February 24, 2023

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: Winnebago County Administrative Building  
112 Otter Ave, Oshkosh WI 54901  
Conference Room 120

PRESENT: Co-Chair Tom Egan, County Board Chairman  
Co-Chair Jon Doemel, County Executive  
Morris Cox, Personnel and Finance Chair  
Chuck Farrey, County Board Vice-chair  
Tom Borchart, County Board Member  
Tom Belter, Public Member  
Beth Oswald, Public Member  
Paul Kaiser, Director of Finance (non-voting member)

EXCUSED: Tim Galloway, Public Member  
Andy Buck, County Board Member

ALSO PRESENT: Ethan Hollenberger, County Executive Assistant  
Cassie Gregor, Deputy County Clerk  
Mary Anne Mueller, Corporation Counsel  
Andrew Kaspar, Corporation Counsel  
Doug Gieryn, Public Health  
Heidi Keating, Public Health  
Ashlee Rahmlow, Public Health  
Captain Lara Vendola  
Jim Edmondson  
Art Ratjen, Greater Oshkosh Economic Development  
Bob Schmeichel  
Paul Eisen (via Zoom)  
Steve Binder (via Zoom)  
Conley Hanson (via Zoom)  
Rachel Dowling (via Zoom)  
Jennifer Ruetten (via Zoom)  
Rebecca Nichols (via Zoom)  
Jim Schell (via Zoom)  
Ellen Skerke (via Zoom)  
Deb Martin (via Zoom)

Co-Chair Jon Doemel called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**1. Public Comments**

Bob Schmeichel, Town of Neenah Chairman and also Town Chairman for all units here in Winnebago County. These federal allocations are important not only to the townships but also the county. He requests that the commission have all the addendums brought up-to-date. The towns are very active community members of Winnebago County. It would please the Towns Association that you consider their responsibilities to the county as the county has responsibilities to the towns. If you have any questions for the towns, they are also available to help the county.

Supervisor Conley Hanson supports several projects that are being discussed that he is in favor of and some he still has concerns and questions about. He would like to see some of these projects moved forward.

Supervisor Rachel Dowling proposed spending the money on adding a sidewalk on Appleton Road in Menasha. She has received letters of support for this project from City of Menasha, Menasha Joint School District, UW Oshkosh Fox Cities and the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.

Steve Binder requested that we use the ARPA funds wisely and make sure the county's needs and projects are met first before we consider giving money to other entities.

Deb Martin addressed the Commission and strongly supports getting some projects started and taking some action.

Kelly Olson, Support Services Director, along with Lisa, the Executive Director and Founder, and Tara, the Outreach Director, have come to talk and try to secure some funding for their non-profit organization, Damascus Roads Project. Kelly briefly discussed the population they serve and what their organization provides.

**2. Approval of 2/06/2023 meeting minutes.** Motion by Farrey to approve the 02/06/2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Boelter. MOTION CARRIES 8-0.

**3. Comments of the Co-Chairs.** Co-Chair Doemel informed everyone he had invited more staff to work with this commission in hopes of helping to facilitate and provide more direction for this commission to come up with a process and plan moving forward. Doemel does not believe we are behind schedule and does not want to rush the process. He would like the commission to look at all options before they decide what to do. He also stated that he appreciates all the concerns that are being shared from the citizens.

Co-Chair Egan agreed with both Doemel and Deb Martin (citizen) stating he believes we need to move forward and begin some of these projects.

**4. Review and questions on previous presentation on the acceptable uses of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLRF) provided by the ARPA and practices to account for Winnebago County's allocation. Questions and discussion from commission members.** No one had any questions for Finance Director Paul Kaiser on the presentation he presented to this commission at the February 6, 2023 meeting. He will be presenting this presentation to the County Board at their March 7, 2023 Special Orders Session.

**5. Facilitation and discussion to create a planning document which includes the priorities for spending of the county's ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds grant.** Public Health Director Doug Gieryn, and his staff, Heidi Keating and Ashlee Rahmlow presented a presentation involving exercises from the members to help facilitate, organize, prioritize and identify specific goals to make the best use of this funding and how it can directly impact our county. A copy of this presentation and resources will be included in these minutes.

**6. Set next meeting date and time.** The next meeting date will be Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the County Administrative Building (CAB) in Room 120.

**7. Adjournment.** Motion made by Egan, seconded by Doemel to adjourn at 3:57 p.m. MOTION CARRIES.

Submitted by:  
Cassie Smith-Gregor  
Winnebago County Clerk's Office