

WINNEBAGO COUNTY  
ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission

Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, July 12, 2022  
TIME: 3:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Winnebago County Administrative Building  
112 Otter Ave, Oshkosh WI 54901  
Room 120  
PRESENT: Jon Doemel  
Tom Egan  
Morris Cox  
Chuck Farrey  
Tom Borchart  
Bob Poeschl  
Tom Belter  
Mike Collard

ALSO PRESENT: Conley Hanson  
Tricia Rathermel

Tom Egan called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Public Comments**

Supervisor Hanson addressed the Commission regarding a potential project.

**Introduction and discussion regarding the role of the Commission.** Mike Collard outlined the resolution creating the Commission and its role in making recommendations to the County Board regarding how ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds given to the County would be used.

**Update regarding status of Winnebago County SLFRF allocation and allowable uses of funds.**

The Commission reviewed a NACo publication regarding use of ARPA fiscal recovery funds by counties. Funds may be used in any of four broad categories: to replace public sector lost revenue, to respond to public health needs and negative economic impacts, to provide premium pay for essential workers, and to invest in broadband, sewer, and water infrastructure.

Mike Collard explained that under the latest guidance from the U.S. Treasury Department, a formula could be used to determine an amount of revenue that the County would be presumed to have lost as a result of the pandemic. Under this formula, we will be able to designate all of our SLFRF funds, in the amount of \$33,390,918, as replacement of lost revenue.

Once the funds have been designated as replacement for lost revenue, under the Treasury rules we will be able to use those funds to pay for a wide range of government services. This will free up funds that have been, or would otherwise be, used to pay for government services, which the County Board can then spend as it chooses. The end result will be that we will have fewer limitations on how the money is spent, fewer reporting requirements, and no time limit for using the funds.

After further discussion, the consensus of the Commission was that the funds would be treated as replacement of lost revenue, but then the funds freed up by allocating the money to general government services for various

projects that are within the spirit of the ARPA rules. Until spent this money will be maintained in a separate fund and not comingled with other County funds.

**Discussion regarding strategic planning, priority and outcome setting, and methods the Commission will use to consider spending and appropriation requests.**

Bob Poeschl suggested that we set up a typical submission process for projects, with an application form, and soliciting proposals from various entities. He also thought that a portion of the ARPA dollars should be allocated to creating a strategic plan for the County. There was considerable further discussion by the Commission regarding a wide variety of community needs

**Set next meeting date and time.**

The commission agreed to meet next on August 9 at 3:00 p.m.

Chuck Farrey moved to adjourn, seconded by Morris Cox. All members voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by  
Mike Collard