

WINNEBAGO COUNTY
ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission
Minutes

DATE: Thursday, August 31, 2023

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Winnebago County Sheriff's Office
Richard Meyer Community Resource Room
4311 Jackson Street
Oshkosh, WI 54901

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
Andy Buck, County Board Member (Via ZOOM)
Tom Belter, Public Member
Beth Oswald, Public Member
Tim Galloway, Public Member
Paul Kaiser, Director of Finance (non-voting member)

ALSO PRESENT:	Cassie Smith-Gregor, Deputy County Clerk	<u>via ZOOM</u>
	Mary Anne Mueller, Corporation Counsel	Supervisor Kay Horan
	Tori Kinderman, Corporation Counsel	Supervisor Rebecca Nichols
	Supervisor Conley Hanson	Lara Vendola, Sheriff's Office
	Supervisor Shanah Zastera	Dustin Heideman, Sheriff's Office
	Todd Sweeney – Fox Crossing Fire Dept	Jennifer R. – IT Dept
	Lynn Kromm	Doug Gieryn
	Lu Scheer	Alana Erickson
	Tony Daley – Journalist	Beth G.

Co-Chair Tom Egan called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

1. Public Comments

Supervisor Conley Hanson voiced his concerns that there was a conflict of interest with the County Executive's office being involved in the ARPA Commission. He believes those concerns have been confirmed according to an article written in the August 25, 2023, Neenah newspaper. Supervisor Hanson has submitted a corrective measure with a resolution if the County Board Chairman Egan decides to put it on the next County Board meeting agenda.

County Board Supervisor Shanah Zastera spoke in support for the Winnebago County Fire Chiefs Association (Chief Brian Harbison) request for radios for the Fox Crossing Fire Department.

Supervisor Kay Horan asked for clarification regarding the requested amount totals that were on the Community Requests and the Municipalities project requests spreadsheet documentation. Those answers were addressed by Beth Oswald.

2. Approval of August 10, 2023, meeting minutes.

Motion by Belter, seconded by Cox to approve the August 10, 2023, meeting minutes. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

3. Update/discussion on the Towns and Municipalities Amendment

Co-Chair and County Executive Doemel stated that the amendment doesn't change anything. The County Executive is in charge of operations. He feels the process is working so it doesn't need to change, and they will continue down the path that they have been going. He will not veto, nor will he be signing the resolution (amendment) that was presented, voted, and passed at the August 15, 2023, County Board meeting.

Co-Chair and County Board Chairman agreed that the amendment after all the changes back and forth doesn't really change anything.

4. Update/discussion on where Towns and Municipalities are in the process.

County Executive Doemel stated there has been some criticism in this process but believes the process has been going well. Requirements need to be met as defined in the resolution that was approved by the County Board before checks can be cut. Paul Kaiser provided an update for the Commission on where all the towns and municipalities are at in this process. He also identified which municipalities have not turned in anything yet. County Executive Doemel confirmed his staff will send out reminders to any municipalities that may not have responded to be sure they are aware of the funds and follow the proper process to receive those funds.

5. Discussion/Possible Action: Update on additional projects submitted in appropriate time frame.

The commission discussed the total radio ask among all municipalities. It is possible that some of those requests may have been duplicated. The County Executive will have his staff complete a report on the entire radio ask.

Beth Oswald informed the commission that she did add some projects that were received from Supervisor Rachael Dowling so they would be included on the "All Projects List" spreadsheet.

6. Discussion/Possible Action: Government Identified Projects

- **Discussion for presentation at the September 5, 2023, County Board Special Orders Session – Beth Oswald**

Beth Oswald shared her thoughts and looked for direction from the commission regarding the upcoming presentation that she will present at the September 5, 2023, County Board Special Orders Session meeting. She will have a power point presentation that will provide a visual of the timeline, the process the commission has completed up until this point and the process to determine where to start spending some of the Spirit Funds.

- **Update and discussion for process moving forward for the Citizen Review Work Group – Beth Oswald**

The commission will complete the presentation at the September 5, 2023, County Board of Supervisors Special Orders Session. After that meeting, the commission will begin to determine how to move forward and bringing projects to the County Board for approval.

6. Set next meeting date and time.

The next meeting date will be Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, Richard Meyer Community Resource Room.

7. Adjournment.

Motion made by Farrey, seconded by Doemel to adjourn at 3:19 p.m. MOTION CARRIES.

Submitted by:
Cassie Smith-Gregor