

WINNEBAGO COUNTY
ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission
Minutes

DATE: Thursday, September 14, 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
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 Rebecca Nichols
	Supervisor Conley Hanson	Supervisor Rachael Dowling
	Supervisor Kay Horan	Supervisor Paul Eisen
	Kelly Olson	Lara Vendola, Sheriff's Office
	Lynn Kromm	Dustin Heideman, Sheriff's Office
	Jim Peglow, Neenah Menasha Fire Rescue	Jennifer R. – IT Dept
	Shane Krueger, Neenah Menasha Fire Rescue	Beth G.
	Tony Daley – Journalist	

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

1. Public Comments

Supervisor Kay Horan stated that some larger corporations and/or organizations who are requesting Spirit Funds may also have additional funding sources while smaller organizations may not. Supervisor Horan hoped and requested the commission look at these and possibly fund the smaller organizations before funding a larger business that may have other options to complete their projects.

Kelly Olson, Support Services Director for the Damascus Roads Project, updated the commission on the status, plan, and timeline of their non-profit organization. They have previously submitted a request for spirit funding and without that funding, they will not survive to offer the services that they offer to the community.

Supervisor Conley Hanson stated he would like to see some resolutions advance very quickly. He politely requested to see each project receiving Spirit Funds have a resolution done individually and not grouped together. He also suggested that any administration go through a department head of the county rather than just a check to an organization so that it can be administered and accountable through the county. He reiterated Supervisor Kay Horan's comments. Supervisor Conley Hanson voiced his concern that some of the organizations that have requested Spirit Funds have received monies already from the county that may have been administered through a specific department. Keep that in mind as there is a thought that there might be some double dipping and he would ask that be avoided please.

Jim Peglow, Neenah Menasha Fire Rescue, thanked the commission for the opportunity to speak. He spoke in support for the training tower project. The Station 31 training facility located at 1080 Breezewood Lane is pushing 25 years old and it is used for all their training needs. Some of the other agencies that utilize the training facility include the City of Neenah Police Department, the City of Menasha Police Department, and the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department SWAT team who have used it multiple times. It is a three-story building that includes two burn unit rooms, has the ability to repel off of the third floor, and practice breaking windows going into buildings whether it is for law enforcement or firefighting.

This is a building that they have inherited from Fox Valley Tech and they share this facility with nine other agencies within the county. They had one letter of support in hand, four other letters of support coming in and appreciate any support from the commission regarding their request for Spirit Funds for their training tower project.

Shane Krueger, Deputy Chief, Neenah Menasha Fire Rescue, stated that they have requested Spirit Funds for a training facility and have been coming to these meetings for some time now. They recognize the daunting task that the commission has in front of them. They just wanted to come and give you a little update on the facilities and what their challenges are.

2. Approval of August 31, 2023, meeting minutes.

Motion by Belter, seconded by Farey, to approve the August 31, 2023, meeting minutes. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

3. Update/discussion: Status of where Municipalities stand regarding the \$145,000 Spirit Funds distribution.

Paul Kaiser provided a brief update and handout for the commission on where all the towns and municipalities are at in this process. He also identified which municipalities have still not turned in anything yet.

4. Discussion regarding strategy for prioritizing criteria for project assessments.

Beth Oswald worked with the commission members involving exercises to help facilitate, prioritize, and define criteria to determine a process and strategy to begin the selection of projects for Spirit Funding.

5. Discussion/Possible Action: Prioritize and begin selection of projects for Spirit Funding.

The commission discussed each project separately and started to begin the selection of projects that would meet criteria for Spirit Funding. They identified projects that needed additional questions/information answered; projects that they still want to discuss and consider; and projects that simply did not meet the criteria for spirit funding. The commission will continue the selection process of projects for spirit funding at the next meeting.

Motion by Farrey, seconded by Buck to create a resolution for the Omro Community Center Project requesting \$250,000 in Spirit Funding and forward to the County Board October 17, 2023, business meeting. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

6. Set next meeting date and time.

The next meeting date will be Friday, October 6, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, Richard Meyer Community Resource Room.

7. Adjournment.

Motion made by Doemel, seconded by Buck, to adjourn at 3:50 p.m. MOTION CARRIES.

Submitted by:
Cassie Smith-Gregor