

Revised

WINNEBAGO COUNTY
ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission

Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, October 26, 2022
TIME: 2:00 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
Andy Buck
Tom Belter
Tim Galloway
Mike Collard

ALSO PRESENT: Beth Hinds-Oswald
Brian Harbison
Lara Vendola
Tony Daley
Linzi Gazga Parish
Doug Petraszak
Haley Hall
Art Rathjen

Tom Egan called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

1. Public Comments

Paul Eisen addressed the Commission regarding the need for priority-based budgeting. Linzi Gazga Parish addressed the Commission regarding possible use of ARPA funds for employee wages, the Park View training center building, and lost revenue to restore funds to the Park View fund balance.

2. Approval of minutes of the 9/27/2022 meeting. Tom Belter noted a correction that Andrea Feitzer had attended the meeting, not Audra Hoy. Chuck Farrey moved to approve the minutes as corrected; seconded by Morris Cox. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

3. Presentation by Josh Schoemann, Washington County Executive, and Aaron Daul, Washington County Budget, Policy, & Analytics Director, regarding Priority-Based Budgeting, Strategic Planning, and Implementation of Strategic Plans. Mr. Schoemann and Mr. Daul explained the purposes of strategic planning and priority-based budgeting, described their experiences with these programs in Washington County, and answered questions from Commission members.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding resolution transferring \$175,000 from the undesignated general fund balance to the County Executive's Office for use in contracted services to provide strategic planning and development of a priority-based budgeting system (postponed from 9/27/22 meeting). The Commission discussed the resolution. Morris Cox said that he thought the

resolution should go to the Personnel & Finance Committee before going to County Board. Mike Collard said that he had conferred with corporation counsel who told him that the Commission could send resolutions directly to the County Board without first going through Personnel & Finance. The Commission also discussed possible vendors. Tim Galloway suggested looking at someone from the UWO master's degree program. Chuck Farrey moved to approve the resolution, sending it directly to County Board, and to bring proposals back to the Commission to approve a final selection of vendor. Andy Buck seconded the motion. Farrey said that in his opinion it was the responsibility of the Commission to approve a project and send it to County Board, and that after a project was approved by the County Board, then the expenditure of funds to support the project should go through Personnel & Finance. Motion carried 7 -1, with Supervisor Cox voting against.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding of potential County internal uses of ARPA funds, and potential division of funds between County internal uses and community projects. Jon Doemel explained the list of possible projects included in the meeting packet. The list is divided with 25% of the funds allocated to internal County projects, 50% of the funds allocated for community projects to be accomplished through County departments, and 25% for outside community groups. Chuck Farrey moved to approve these allocation percentages, with specific projects to be approved later. Andy Buck seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding process to solicit and collect requests for community projects. Commission members discussed the need for a formal application process to be used to collect project submissions. Tom Belter said that he could find several examples to use as models. The Commission intends to give strongest consideration to one-time projects, as opposed to continuing expenses, and will also consider previous uses of ARPA funds by municipalities.

6. Set next meeting date and time. Chuck Farrey, seconded by Morris Cox, moved to set the next meeting for Wednesday November 30 at 2:00 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Jon Doemel moved to adjourn, seconded by Andy Buck. All members voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Submitted by
Mike Collard