

WINNEBAGO COUNTY
ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission

Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, November 30, 2022
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: Winnebago County Administrative Building
112 Otter Ave, Oshkosh WI 54901
Third Floor Conference Room

PRESENT: Jon Doemel
Tom Egan
Morris Cox
Chuck Farrey
Tom Borchart
Tom Belter
Tim Galloway
Beth Oswald
Paul Kaiser
Andy Buck (via Zoom)

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Collard
Brian Harbison
Lara Vendola
Tony Daley
Rachael Dowling (via Zoom)
Paul Eisen (via Zoom)
Tina Hafeman (via Zoom)
Other Zoom participants not recorded.

Tom Egan called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Chairman Egan announced that items 4 and 5 on the agenda would be switched in order.

1. Public Comments

Rachael Dowling addressed the Commission regarding access to a grocery store in Menasha.
Tina Hafeman addressed the Commission regarding the potential name change of the Commission.

2. Approval of minutes of the 10/26/2022 meeting. Jon Doemel, seconded by Tim Galloway, moved to approve the minutes. Morris Cox asked that the minutes be revised to show that he voted in opposition to the resolution to approve strategic planning funding. Chuck Farrey asked that the minutes be revised to include his statement that 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. With these two revisions, the minutes were approved with all voting in favor.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding process to solicit and collect requests for community projects. Tom Belter discussed examples of submission forms used by other entities that he had reviewed. He recommended keeping the form very simple, and will prepare a draft form and distribute for comments. This form will be used to solicit proposals for external community projects.

The Commission next discussed the process for considering community projects through county functions, and in particular the \$3,000,000 earmarked in the outline for partner projects with towns and municipalities. Members discussed whether an equal amount should be allocated for each incorporated and unincorporated municipality, or should be allocated to each municipality according to population, or whether projects proposed by municipalities should be considered on an individual basis. Chuck Farrey moved to allocate the \$3,000,000 equally to each of the 22 municipalities in the county, so that each would get \$136,364. Tom Egan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 – 3, with Galloway, Oswald, and Doemel voting against.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding a resolution (to be submitted to County Board in January 2023) establishing a "Spirit Fund", transferring funds from general fund and Park View Health Center fund balances to the Spirit Fund, and changing the name of the ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission to the Spirit Fund Commission. Doemel moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Galloway. Galloway moved to amend the resolution by deleting the phrase "since these are no longer properly considered ARPA funds" from lines 26 and 27. Doemel seconded. The motion to amend carried with all voting in favor. Collard will fill in the blanks in lines 21, 29, and 30 of the draft resolution once the exact amounts are known, but the total will be \$33,390,918. The motion to approve the resolution carried, with all voting in favor.

5. Discussion/Action: Funding from the Spirit Fund for purchase and installing of an emergency generator for the Sunnyview Expo Center in the amount of \$853,016. Motion by Doemel, seconded by Farrey, to approve. Tom Borchart stated that he believed that this project was too focused on the Oshkosh area. Others stated that the project would support the county-wide emergency plan. Motion by Borchart, seconded by Farrey, that these funds would be taken from the Building Improvements category in the County Internal Ask section of the outline. The motion to take the funds from that section of the outline passed 5 – 3, with Doemel, Galloway, and Oswald voting against. The motion to fund the project carried, with all voting in favor.

6. Set next meeting date and time. Borchart, seconded by Cox, moved to set the next meeting for Wednesday December 14 at 1:00 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor. Farrey asked that the agenda include consideration of land conservation projects in the amount of \$3,030,300.

Farrey moved to adjourn, seconded by Doemel. All members voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Submitted by
Mike Collard