



MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

April 5, 2022 3:00 PM

Commissioners

Gail Patterson-Gladney, District 1
Kurt Doroh, District 2
Richard Godfrey, District 3
Mike Chappell, District 4
Randall Peat, District 5
Donald Hanson, District 6
Paul Schincariol, District 7

ARPA Committee Meeting

1. Call to Order

Committee members present: Commissioner Paul Schincariol (Chair), Commissioner Gail Patterson-Gladney, Commissioner Kurt Doroh, County Administrator Frank Hardester, Finance Director Ryan Post

Committee members absent: County Treasurer Trisha Nesbitt

Others in attendance: Kenneth Harrington, Tom Wilson, Maria Bowater, Lisa Imus

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Commissioner Patterson-Gladney; Support by Commissioner Doroh; Motion: Carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. 3/1/2022 ARPA Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the 3/1/2022 ARPA Committee Meeting Minutes as presented by Commissioner Doroh: Supported by Administrator Hardester; Motion: Carried.

5. Public Comment

None

6. Agenda Items

A. ARPA Update

Administrator Hardester presented the ARPA update.

- Total award amount: \$14,699,370.00
- Approved amount to date: \$12,112,069.35
- Designated for Broadband Expansion: \$7,000,000.00
- Designated for Capital Improvements: \$4,035,152.00
- Unassigned ARPA funds: \$2,587,300.65

Discussion ensued regarding setting a deadline date for receiving new ARPA proposals.

Motion to set a deadline of May 31, 2022 for accepting new ARPA proposal submissions and move this to the 4/12/2022 COW by Commissioner Doroh; Supported by Commissioner Patterson-Gladney; Motion: Carried.

B. Proposal # 028 - Covert Township Sanitary Sewer Improvements

Ken Harrington, Jeff Wingard and Treasurer Rendell presented their request for sanitary sewer improvements for a total project amount of \$1,323,000. They are requesting ARPA funds to be used for this project in the amount of \$1,058,400. Discussion ensued.

The plan would cover sewer improvements for 141 homes and several businesses. Design would start in 3 to 4 weeks, with a plan for construction to start in 2023. The state revolving fund has not been pursued. There is a possible rural development grant that would cover a 45% grant and 55% loan, but the USDA states that any ARPA funds received would reduce the grant offer by the same amount. Without additional funding, they would have to significantly increase their rates.

Motion to move the request forward to the COW on 4/12/2022 for further consideration by Commissioner Patterson-Gladney; Support by Commissioner Doroh; Motion: Carried.

C. Proposal # 030 - Broadband for Keeler Township area - Sister Lakes Cable

Tom Wilson, General Manager of Sister Lakes Cable, presented his request for the use of ARPA funds in the amount of \$637,269 for Broadband in Keeler Township area through Sister Lakes Cable. They are self-funding in the amount of \$100,000, and receiving Keeler Township's ARPA funds in the amount of \$100,000. The total project amount is \$837,278. Discussion ensued.

Motion to move this request to the 4/12/2022 COW for further consideration by Commissioner Doroh; Supported by Commissioner Patterson-Gladney; Motion: Carried.

D. Proposal #033 - Red Arrow Youth Center

Maria Bowater presented her request for the Red Arrow Youth Center and the updates she has since researching other funding opportunities. No other funding sources have been found, although there have been some offers of help with bussing and the actual construction, and several letters of support. Discussion ensued.

Motion to move the request to the 4/12/2022 COW for further review by Commissioner Patterson Gladney; Support by Commissioner Doroh; Motion: Carried.

E. Proposal # 035 - Lawton Lead Service Line Replacement

Lisa Imus presented the request for ARPA funds in the amount of \$255,000 for replacement of 50 lead service lines in Lawton. As of last week there are some possible funding options opening from the state. However, she does not know if these other options will work out. Discussion ensued.

Motion to move this to the 4/12/2022 COW and the 4/26/2022 BOC for further review by Commissioner Doroh; Support by Commissioner Patterson-Gladney; Motion: Carried.

7. Public Comment

Jean Horton of Bloomingdale Communications spoke to clarify that the ARPA Committee will be absolved and future requests will go to the Committee of the Whole. She requested that clarification be posted on the website on how broadband companies should proceed.

8. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Doroh; Supported by Commissioner Hardester;
Motion: Carried.

Meeting adjourned: 4:50 PM