



MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

August 24, 2021 4:00 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 (from home office in Lawrence, MI), Commissioner Kurt Doroh, Commissioner Mike Chappell (sitting in for Commissioner Gail Patterson-Gladney), Administrator Frank Hardester, Finance Director Ryan Post, County Treasurer Trisha Nesbitt

Absent: Commissioner Gail Patterson-Gladney

Others in attendance: Commissioner Don Hanson, Commissioner Richard Godfrey, Commissioner Randy Peat

Minutes: Cari Elmore

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the 8/24/21 ARPA Committee Agenda by Commissioner Doroh; Support by Commissioner Chappell; Motion: Carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. 8/10/2024 ARPA Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the 8/10/21 ARPA Committee Meeting Minutes by Administrator Hardester; Support by Commissioner Doroh; Motion: Carried.

5. Public Comment

None

6. Agenda Items

A. ARPA Update

Administrator Hardester reported that we have not received the final/final guidelines from the US Treasury Department yet.

B. Forms

- Administrator Hardester reported that the form has been updated to reflect the actual dollar amounts already received and the anticipated amount and date for the remaining balance.

- After some research, the form was modified slightly to clarify the expenditure categories and to mimic the reporting documentation.
- Commissioner Doroh requested to add a "subject to change" disclaimer.
- Administrator Hardester feels we can publicly announce the form and bring it to the full board on 9/14/21.
- Discussions were held about bill-back versus up-front funds or taking them on a case by case basis.

Motion to accept the form with the disclaimer and move it to the COW on 9/14/2021 by Treasurer Nesbitt; Support by Commissioner Chappell; Motion: Carried.

C. Proposed ARPA Resolution

Administrator Hardester presented a draft resolution for ARPA funds and recommended that it be brought before the full board on 9/14/21. Commissioner Schincariol questioned the 5 year retention; Ryan Post clarified that we have a 7 year retention policy. Administrator Hardester replied that he would modify the resolution.

Motion to present the resolution with the 7 year retention statement to the COW on 9/14/21 by Treasurer Nesbitt; Support by Commissioner Doroh; Motion: Carried.

7. Public Comment

Janine Horton, Assistant General Manager of Bloomingdale Communications, presented a soft-request for ARPA funding for broadband expansion in Van Buren County. They will submit the formal proposal when it has been approved by the full board. Discussion ensued.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Chappell; Support by Treasurer Nesbitt; Motion: Carried.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:00 PM