

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2022

Pursuant to law, the Board of Commissioners called a Special Board Meeting on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioner's Room and were called to order by the Chairperson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

PRESENT: Margaret Batzer, Jeff Dontz, Pauline Jaquish, Nikki Koons and Richard Schmidt

ABSENT: Karen Goodman and Eric Gustad

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark B. Griner, Cleon Township Fire Chief addressed the Board regarding the request for ARPA funds.

Tom Berard, questioned regarding the election tabulators that are used by the County as well as paper ballots. He also inquired as to the posting of minutes from committee and board meetings.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

ACT FUNDS (ARPA)

Lisa Sagala, County Administrator/Controller indicated that the purpose of the meeting was to review the County Project Requests, Grant Requests submitted by County Entities and other grant applications by non-profits, for the distribution of ARPA funds.

Jeff Dontz advocates for taking care of in-house matters before being about to take care of the other requests. Margaret Batzer inquired of when those request applications were sent and received, to be able to review them once again. Richard Schmidt wanted to know who was on the committee that reviewed and scored the other non-county requests. The committee was made up of five (5) members, including: Jared Henry, Jordan Miller, Connie Krusniak, Heather Vasquez and Lisa Sagala. The committee had 9 scorable questions on the applications. The process for reviewing and scoring is similar to how other entities like the Community Foundation reviews and processes certain grant applications they receive.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

ACT FUNDS (ARPA) FOR COUNTY ENTITIES/BUILDINGS

Discussion regarding the specifics on the County Entities/Building requests included all five grant requests that were submitted. The Lion's Pavilion is specific to that building and not to the fairgrounds. The request is for lighting and kitchen equipment in the building. The Airport request included a request for terminal and fuel updates, updates to hangars and funds for environmental cleanup and equipment. Richard Schmidt would like to further discuss the request of \$2,000,000 by the Land Bank. Jeff Dontz added that just because an entity requested a certain amount, does not mean that the full amount needs to be granted.

Moved by Koons, seconded by Batzer to have a representative from all five (5) Grant

Request by County Entities/buildings, including: the Manistee Lion's Club, the Parks and

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Recreation Commission, the Manistee Airport, the Manistee County Land Bank and Manistee Brownfield, appear to present their requests in more detail.

YEAS: 5 Batzer, Dontz, Jaquish, Koons, Schmidt
NAYS: 0 None
ABSENT: 2 Gustad, Goodman

Motion Carried

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REVIEW AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

ACT FUNDS (ARPA)FOR COUNTY PROJECTS

There are fifteen (15) projects being requested by the County for the use of ARPA funds. Margaret Batzer inquired about the Hazard Pay for staff. Lisa Sagala indicated that even if these projects are approved, before works begins on any of these, they will be brought before the Ways and Means Committee for final review of costs and to review if the project is still necessary. Margaret Batzer wanted to know if the total amount indicated is adequate for all the projects listed. Ms. Sagala indicated that there is a cushion she believes within the amounts listed.

Moved by Batzer, seconded Koons to designate \$2,385,000 of the American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA) Funds for the County Projects listed in Appendix A, items 1 through 15.

YEAS: 5 Dontz, Jaquish, Koons, Schmidt, Batzer
NAYS: 0 None
ABSENT: 2 Gustad, Goodman

Motion Carried

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REVIEW AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

ACT FUNDS (ARPA)FOR OTHER GRANT APPLICATIONS

There was discussion regarding the scoring that was used by the five (5) person committee on the other grant applications for the use of ARPA funds. There was a total of 360 points possible, per application. The scores for each project were: Manistee Recreation Association, 319; Lakeshore Children’s Advocacy Center, 316; ECHO His Love, 302; Rolling Thunder Michigan Chapter 1, 280; Lighthouse Pregnancy Care Center, 258; Manistee Area Public Schools, 236; The Historic Vogue Theatre, 234; Friends of Orchard Beach, 210; Cleon Township, 169; Maple Grove Township, 144; Maple Grove Fire Department, 127; and Manistee Township, 83. Nikki Koons indicated that without seeing the requests and scoring that these numbers aren’t helpful. Ms. Sagala indicated that every request is important however, there are only so many funds to distribute. Margaret Batzer

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proposed narrowing down the list to those that scored 200 or higher. Ms. Sagala wondered if the Maple Grove and Manistee Township requests could be requested from the Revenue Sharing Grant Funds.

Moved by Batzer, that the scoring cutoff be 200 and to request that the top 8 entities present their projects to the Board for further consideration.

No Second.

Motion Failed

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Moved by Koons, seconded by Schmidt to have all twelve (12) grant applications on Appendix B, make a full presentation to the Board regarding their project and fund request.

YEAS: 4 Jaquish, Koons, Schmidt, Batzer
NAYS: 1 Dontz
ABSENT: 2 Gustad, Goodman

Motion Carried

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Griner, Cleon Township Fire Chief, indicated that the timeline for the use of Revenue Sharing Grant Funds has a very short window and isn't a possibility for the scope of their project.

Adjourn at the Call of the Chair at 1:55 p.m.

_____, Clerk
Lindsey Marquardt