



**American Rescue Plan Act Committee Meeting – Thursday, August 12, 2021**

Third Floor Boardroom, Old Lee County Courthouse – 1:00 p.m.  
112 E Second St, Dixon, Illinois 61021

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Bob Olson

**Member Roll Call:** Chair Bob Olson, John Nicholson, Chris Norberg, and Jim Schielein

**Members absent:** Rick Humphrey

**County Officials:** Charley Boonstra (State's Attorney) and John Simonton (Sheriff)

**Advisory Members:** Sara Leisner (ARPA Grant Coordinator), Patty Rudolphi (ARPA Internal Control and Separation), Paul Rudolphi (Chief Deputy in the Treasurer's Office), Dave Anderson (County Engineer Transportation/Sold Waste) Kevin Lalley (EMA), Nancy Petersen (County Chris Tennyson (ROE)(1:00-1:45), Wendy Ryerson (Administrator)

**Visitors:** David Bingaman (Next Picture Show President of Directors).

**Old Business**

No old business

**New Business**

Sara Leisner reported that the County would receive \$6,622,748.00 two (2) payments of \$3,311,374. The first payment was received on 05/19/22 and the other payment was scheduled to be directly deposited on or about 05/19/22. These funds fund expenditures from 03/03/21 to 12/31/24 and the funds can be obligated through 12/31/26. The only category that can be backdated is the Premium Pay category.

She presented a PowerPoint presentation and gave an overview of the ARPA eligible funding categories which included the following:

1. Programs and services that support public health response and address negative economic impacts including:
  - Services to contain and mitigate the spread of COVID 19 (e.g., vaccine clinics, covid related healthcare (hospitals and long-term care facilities, and other group living facilities), contact tracing costs, PPE, isolation, and quarantine expenses. Related construction costs and other capital investments in public facilities to meet COVID related operational expenses (e.g., add a wing to a hospital, living facility, jail, or courthouse to allow for social distancing).
  - Behavioral healthcare services
  - Payroll and covered benefits of public health, healthcare, human services, and public safety staff to the extent that they work on COVID 19 response (e.g., Health Department, EMA, and Maintenance personnel).
  - Deliver assistance to workers and families (e.g., job training programs and assistance to families)
  - Support small businesses
  - Speed the recovery of impacted industries (e.g., loans or grants that respond to the negative impacts of COVID 19 like small business, non-profits, and tourism)
  - Rebuild public sector capacity (e.g., rehiring staff back to the number of employees on 01/27/20 which includes payroll, benefits, and other costs - only from March 23, 2021, and forward).
  - Associate with COVID 19 mitigation/prevention/response
2. Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss
  - Revenue loss can be calculated at 4 points in time: 12/31/20, 12/31/21, 12/31/22 and 12/31/23

- If a County has revenue loss, the funds up to that amount of revenue loss can be used for “government services” (Sara explained that the County had no revenue loss as of 12/21/2020)
3. Premium Pay for Essential Workers
    - Provide premium pay for essential workers directly or through grants retroactive to 01/27/2020
    - Prioritize low-and moderate-income workers
    - Key sectors-grocery, healthcare, education, food service, childcare, sanitation, transit, government, truck drivers, farm workers, food production facilities, and warehouse workers
    - Prioritize providing retroactive pay to employees who have not yet received premium pay
  4. Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure
    - Improvements to water and sewer infrastructure-building or upgrading
    - Must align with EPA Categories of Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving fund
    - Broadband funds project that deliver reliable service of a minimum of 100 Mbps download / 100 MBPS upload
    - Focus on household and business that do not currently have the service

Sara Leisner, Patty Rudolphi, Paul Rudolphi and Wendy Ryerson meet prior to the 08/12/21 ARPA meeting to discuss and workshop a proposed allocation of funding. Their recommendations were as follows:

- Support Public Health Response and Address Negative Economic Impacts 40%
- Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss 15%
- Premium Pay for Essential Workers 15%
- Water, Sewer, Broadband Infrastructure 30%

The committee discussed the proposed allocation funding in length but no final discission was made.

The eligible requests received to date that were presented during the committee were as follows:

- ❖ Next Picture Show – HVAC Upgrades - \$10,000 – Support Public Health Response Category
- ❖ Nancy Petersen County Clerk – Election Equipment - \$202,900 (discount available) Support Public Health Response Category
- ❖ John Simonton, Sheriff, Lee County Sheriff’s Office – Expanded Parking/access to jail kitchen/deliveries - \$17,200 – Support Public Health Category
- ❖ John Simonton, Sheriff, Lee County Sheriff’s Office – Addition of 5 Deputies - \$475,500.00 – Revenue Loss/Gov’t Services – **No Funding Available**
- ❖ Kevin Lalley, EMA – CODE Red County wide alert system (\$6,416/yr-3yr contract, \$19,251/yr-5yr contract, \$32,080 – Support Public Health Response Category
- ❖ Paul Rudolphi on behalf of All County Departments – Premium Pay for all County Employees - \$525,000-\$575,000 - Premium Pay to Essential Workers Category
- ❖ Greg Saunders, Maintenance Department – Premium Pay for Maintenance Employees - \$100,000 – Premium Pay to Essential Workers Category
- ❖ Lee County Fire Chiefs – All Lee County Fire Departments – Fire Training Facility - \$450,000 – Revenue Loss/Gov’t Services – **No Funding Available**
- ❖ Greg Saunders, Maintenance Department – HVAC units in three phases for three different buildings - \$3.1 million – Support Public Health Response Category

**Motion by John Nicholson:** To approve \$202,900 for election equipment for the County Clerk’s Office and recommend to the Finance Committee.

**Second by Jim Schielein.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Motion by Jim Schielein:** To approve \$17,200 for the LEC expanded parking lot and recommend to the Finance Committee.

**Second by John Nicholson.** Motion carried three (3) yes and one (1) no vote.

Sara walked the committee through the Reporting Requirements below:

- Interim Fiscal and Data Reports due by 08/31/21
- Quarterly Fiscal and Data reports detailing expenses, data, and narratives of projects/funding uses

- If we choose to allocate funds to another municipality/agency to allocate to projects or individuals we must ensure that funds are used for eligible expenditures, and they are required to provide the County data and narratives regarding their allocation of funds

Sara also explained to the committee that Kevin Lalley had shared with her that the State of Illinois had release the application process for funding that was available to cities and villages within the County that would be distributed by the state and not the Federal Government. That information is as follows:

- The allocation for the city of Amboy - \$315,526
- The allocation for the city of Ashton - \$121,126
- The allocation for the city of Compton - \$38,472
- The allocation for the city of Dixon - \$2,054,796
- The allocation for the city of Franklin Grove - \$127,515
- The allocation for the city of Harmon - \$15,089
- The allocation for the city of Nelson - \$21,615
- The allocation for the city of Paw Paw - \$115,280
- The allocation for the city of Steward - \$32,762
- The allocation for the city of Sublette - \$57,232
- The allocation for the city of West Brooklyn - \$18,080

**Motion to adjourn by Chris Norberg:**

**Second by Jim Schielein.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

*The next scheduled American Rescue Plan Act Meeting is scheduled for 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 7, 2021*