

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN TASKFORCE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 5:00 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

Call to Order (5:00 PM)

Members Present: Basden II, Comparato, Larkin, Mueller, Peterson, Rendleman and Snyder

Also present: Josh Barringer, Jennifer Lindsey, Bart Hagston, Linda Flowers, Aaron Lee, Karen Knodt, Chastity Mays

Approval of Minutes

- I. [21-6366](#) Approval of August 23, 2021 Minutes
A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Comparato, to approve the August 23, 2021 minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Old Business

- II. [21-6371](#) Review of Total Spending
- Larkin began the meeting by reviewing the ARP spending breakdown spreadsheet with the committee which led to further detailed discussions of items in each category. The Dentmon Center of Carbondale was given time to make their request. Larkin commented that he would like to tour the facility on Monday, September 20th to get a better idea of the needs of the facility and that the request would be put on the further discussion list. The Jackson County Homeless Services Visionary Group was also given time to make their request. After discussion with Ms. Knodt, Larkin asked for more detailed information on the groups needs and request. He noted that the request would be put on the further discussion list.
- The discussion of spending items continued. The Committee Coordinator was tasked with researching information on Paducah, Kentucky's downtown revitalization program and to create an outline of how that process could be approached in Jackson County.
- The Health Department made a request for \$294,000 for COVID vaccination personnel. A motion was made to allocate \$294,000 of ARP funds for vaccination personnel at the Health Department.
- Snyder questioned adding the water districts to the expense request category. The committee agreed to add it to the further discussion list. Larkin asked the Resource Coordinator to see what other funds may be available for the water districts.
- Broadband was discussed by the committee. Rendleman commented that he would contact Kathy Lively with Connect SI to see if they already have a plan in place that could help the County.
- Rendleman commented that he had done some research on the small business grant plan. He noted that the requested \$100,000 from ARP funds would not be duplicative from other small business funds from the state. Larkin commented that he would like to see how this project would work and how the County could allocated the money.

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Peterson, to approve \$294,000 of ARP Funds for Vaccination Personnel at the Health Department. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

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New Business

Executive Session

Adjourn (6:26 PM)

Comparato moved and Mueller seconded to adjourn, motion carried.