

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN TASKFORCE**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021 5:00 PM**  
**Jackson County Sheriff's Office**

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Call to Order (5:00 PM)

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

Also present: Josh Barringer, Bart Hagston, Jennifer Lindsey, Jeff Whitbeck, Robert Burns  
Rendleman began the meeting. Larkin arrived at 5:06pm.

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Approval of Minutes

- I. [21-6228](#) Approval of July 13, 2021 Minutes  
A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Basden II, to approve the July 13, 2021 minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Old Business

- II. [21-6229](#) Small Business Funding  
Basden and Rendleman began discussing their small business funding plan for businesses in Jackson County noting that the full request for this plan would be \$100,000. The basic idea is to have the small business apply for \$5K from the County and have their application reviewed by a group of citizens made up of local Mayors and Chambers of Commerce rather than the County Board. Once approved, they could then use the funds to purchase services or equipment from within the County. Rendleman suggested they work out the details to have ready for discussion at the next meeting.  
Larkin arrived and Rendleman summarized the discussion. Rendleman also suggested that the applicant pay some kind of taxes in Jackson County. Comparato questioned why the review group would not be the County Board. Rendleman commented that it would remove the appearance of impropriety. Basden commented that the people chosen for the review board would know more about the specific needs of the applicants.  
A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Basden II, to approve including the small business funding project in the ARP intended expenses category going forward. The motion carried by the following vote:  
Yes: 5 - Basden II, Comparato, Larkin, Rendleman and Snyder  
No: 1 - Peterson  
Absent: 1 - Mueller
- III. [21-6230](#) Health Department Request  
Hagston discussed his department funding requests noting that ARP funding from IDPH has not come through yet. He noted that he was asking for an immediate \$106,000 to cover current fiscal year costs due to COVID. He also requested \$270,000 for contact tracing efforts to be used January to June 2022.  
A motion was made by Snyder, seconded by Comparato, to approve recommendation to the full Board the immediate release of \$106,000 of ARP funds to cover current fiscal year losses for the Health Department. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Basden II, to approve including a request of \$270,000 in ARP intended expenses for FY22 contact tracing efforts for the Health Department. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

IV. [21-6231](#)

Med Seg/Morgue Funding Discussion

The County Administrator and Burns began the discussion by presenting information from 2018 on the cost of a stand alone morgue, as well as a Med/Seg unit at the jail. Burns expressed the needs for the Med Seg project. The committee discussed a combined Med/Seg Morgue idea. Larkin suggested the County Administrator reach out to Hurst Roche for updated drawings and cost information for the combined project. Comparato suggested the County write a letter to SIH regarding the use of their morgue.

A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Basden II, to approve the County Administrator reaching out to Hurst Roche for updated drawings and cost information on a Med Seg/Morgue project for future discussion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

V. [21-6232](#)

Further Discussion Requests

Several new items were brought up for discussion. These included the HVAC system at the Eurma Hayes Center in Carbondale, Dentmon Center HVAC/Roof repairs, and small water districts receiving funding to help repair water systems. Larkin noted that he wanted information on what kind of funding Carbondale was providing for Eurma Hayes and the Dentmon Center. He commented that the committee would consider the items at the next meeting. Larkin also commented that for the small water districts, he would like them to provide a specific ask for the committee to consider the funding.

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**New Business**

VI. [21-6233](#)

Lost Revenue Plan

The County Administrator commented that the Treasurer had been working on getting an amount for lost revenue for the County, based on current guidelines; final guidelines will not be out until the end of the month. Currently the amount is about \$1.9 million. She also commented that this money could be used for whatever the County decided. Mirabella pointed out that her report of intended purposes for lost revenue was due on August 30th and that she needed a rough idea of how the County was going to spend the money. Larkin suggested this item be put as the first item of Old Business for the next meeting on August 23rd so the committee can start a fresh discussion.

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**Executive Session**

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**Adjourn (6:02 PM)**

Comparato moved and Basden seconded to adjourn, motion carried.