

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN TASKFORCE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022 5:00 PM
Dial-in Number (US) 1-312-584-2401 meeting id: 1378275#
OR
<https://call.lifesizecloud.com/1378275>

Call to Order (5:03 PM)

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

Also present: Jennifer Lindsey, Jeff Whitbeck, Robert Burns, Gary Raines, Stefanie Anderson, Stephanie Renee Brown, Scott Wilmouth, Frank Byrd, Lynn Heins, Betti Mucha, William Lo, Bart Hagston, Jeff Grubbs, Liz Hunter

Approval of Minutes

- I. [22-6799](#) Approval of November 15, 2021 Minutes
A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Basden II, to approve the November 15, 2021 minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Old Business

- II. [22-6800](#) Med/Seg Update
Burns updated the committee on the Med/Seg plans noting that the drawings in the packet were preliminary and that there would need to be minor changes. He commented that the final cost for the Med/Seg unit would be just over \$2.3 million. Larkin questioned if there would be a revenue stream associated with the med/seg unit. This stemmed a discussion between the board members concerning whether to spend ARP money for the med/seg unit or issue bonds to pay for it. Basden commented that he would rather see the money spent now rather than issue bonds that would have interest. Larkin commented that the item would stay on the discussion/agenda and that he and the County Administrator would do some research on issuing bonds to pay for some of the med/seg unit.
- III. [22-6801](#) County Clerk Digitizing Records
Byrd commented that he received a quote from his vendor to digitize 169 record books only. He noted that this would be 40 years worth of records, but would not include everything. Byrd and the board discussed whether there would be other funding available for digitizing records through grants. Mirabella commented that she had found some grants that may qualify, but that a match would be required. Larkin asked Byrd to look into these other funding sources. Comparato then questioned funding for voting machines. Byrd commented that he would not implement new voting machines until 2023. Larkin asked if Byrd and Mirabella could work on finding other revenue sources due to no grants being available for the current year regarding implementing new voting machines.
- IV. [22-6802](#) Other Funding Discussion
Mirabella began the discussion by reviewing the completed spreadsheet with the Board members. Larkin commented that the Kinkaid Marina had several funding requests and asked the Board to focus on the wastewater ask for \$300,000. There was a long discussion between the Board members and the Kinkaid representatives. Larkin ended the discussion when a consensus could not be reached.
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Larkin then began a discussion on repairing the ADA steps to the courthouse. Basden questioned what the timeline was to spend/allocate the ARP funds. He asked if the Board should collect more detailed information on the requests and then come back at a later date to discuss. Larkin commented on the amount of requests and whether the Board was going to allocate funding to for non-profits. The Board continued the discussion further, while Comparato commented that he didn't feel comfortable with the Board having to pick and choose which non-profits would be funded due to already allocating money for County items. Larkin commented that the County would be able to make better decisions next month at an in-person meeting. He reiterated that he and the County Administrator would work on funding options for the med/seg unit, the Resource Coordinator and Mr. Byrd will work on concrete funding options for digitizing records, and asked that Whitbeck have the bids for the courthouse stairs ready at the next meeting.

New Business

Executive Session

Adjourn (5:53 PM)

Comparato moved and Basden seconded to adjourn, motion carried.