

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND COMPUTER COMMITTEE MEETING

February 7, 2022

County Board Room

Meeting called to order by Chairman Tim Cottingham.

Present: Jerry Niles, Roy Granger, Steve Thomas, Jim Parrett, Denise Giebel, Mike Hunkins, Katie Steinke and Lori Chipman.

Motion Thomas, second Granger, to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

Andy Zobal, Undersheriff, was present to discuss a request from the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department to gain access to Spillman and Net Motion through the County. They would have to pay the cost to get on the systems, as well as pay the County for annual maintenance fees. After a brief discussion, the Committee told him to research the costs and logistics and bring it back to the Committee if they wish to join.

Julie Oleson, Housing Authority Director, and Tom Brounacker, member of the Housing Authority Board, were present to request ARPA funds to repair the Bluff Aire Apartments in Necedah. They do not have the funds to finish the repair of 8 units that they had to do mold remediation in. Motion Niles, second Granger to put the \$250,000 request on the ARPA request list. Motion carried.

Jeremy Bonikowske, Emergency Management Director was present to request \$500,000 from ARPA funds to be available for upgrading or adding more towers to the communication system if the State upgrades to 800 megahertz. Motion Thomas, second Parrett to add to the ARPA funds list. Motion carried.

Denise handed out the cash on hand report.

The Committee discussed the ARPA funding and how to equitably allocate it. They also discussed the fact that the Housing Authority's request addresses an important need under ARPA, affordable housing. Motion Thomas, second Granger to take a resolution to the February County Board meeting to commit up to \$250,000 for the repair of the Bluff Aire Apartments in Necedah. Motion carried.

Mike talked to the Committee about 2 factor authentication and different proposals he is receiving. The current low cost proposal he has received is for \$25,000. He is asking that this be added to the ARPA request list. Motion Thomas, second Granger, to add the \$25,000 for multi-factor authentication to the ARPA list. Motion carried.

The Committee adjourned to Wednesday, February 23 at 8:30 am for a meeting to discuss ARPA requests and Monday, March 7 at 8:30a.m. for the next regular meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Chipman

cc: Committee, Co Board Chair, IT, Finance, Treasurer, County Clerk