

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND COMPUTER COMMITTEE MEETING

February 23 2022

County Board Room

Meeting called to order by Chairman Tim Cottingham.

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

Numerous board members, county department heads and public citizens were present.

Lori first provided those attending with an overview of the process that the Finance and Computer Committee has been following and the progress so far.

Gina Laack, ADRC/Aging Director, and Dustin Ladd, LWR Director, mad a request for ARPA funds for a handicapped accessible canoe and kayak launch in Union Center. They are estimating the cost at \$175,000, with \$25,000 coming from the Aging Unit's DOT transportation trust fund and the balance of \$150,000 from ARPA funds. After discussion of the project, motion Parrett, second Thomas, to put the launch on the ARPA request list. Motion carried.

Amanda Dederich, Health Officer, briefly explained the Community Health Assessment and the major areas of concern that came out of the assessment. She is requesting that the Committee set aside a specific amount of ARPA funds for that committee to use to decide on projects that address the areas of jobs, housing and transportation, all areas allowed under ARPA. This would allow community involvement in determining projects to spend ARPA funds on. This committee is advisory, so their requests would be brought to the Finance and Computer Committee for approval to send to County Board.

A lengthy discussion occurred about the items on the list, and how we should approach the decision making process, including how to rank items in order of importance.

The Committee adjourned to Monday, March 7 at 8:30a.m.for the next regular meeting and Tuesday, March 22 at 8:30 am for a meeting to discuss ARPA requests.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Chipman

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