

Floyd County Council
ARP Workshop
2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104
New Albany, IN 47150
September 10, 2021
3:00 P.M.

Brad Striegel called the meeting to order and led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Roll Call – Brad Striegel, Denise Konkle, Dale Bagshaw, Danny Short, Adam Roberts and Tony Toran

Absent – Connie Moon

Also Present – Attorney Steve Langdon, Auditor Jacqueline Wenning, Assessor James Sinks and Commissioner Shawn Carruthers

1. Discussion on Resolution for the RDA Plan

Brad Striegel asked for any objections to add the Resolution in support of the RDA Plan. There were no objections to adding it to the September 14, 2021 agenda.

2. Discussion on ARP Plan

Don Lopp gave a presentation on the ARP Plan.

Highlights

American Rescue Plan – Floyd County Implementation Report

- ▶ **County established ARP non-reverting Fund – FCO-2021-08 April 6, 2021**
- ▶ **County received first tranche of funds – May 2021 - \$7,625,989.00**
- ▶ **County passed Implementation Plan – FCO-2021-12 July 6, 2021**
- ▶ **Subsequently has passed amendments for allocation plan FCO-2021-13 August 3, 2021 and FCO- 2021-16 September 7, 2021**
- ▶ **To date: \$750,000 has been appropriated or nine percent of first tranche**
- ▶ **To date: \$7,634,765 has been allocated in plan or fifty percent of the funding has been allocated in plan**
- ▶ **Plan addresses spending categories**
 - ▶ **Support Public Health Response**
 - ▶ **Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss**
 - ▶ **Water and Sewer Infrastructure**
 - ▶ **Address Negative Economic Impact**
 - ▶ **Premium Pay for Essential Workers**
 - ▶ **Broadband Infrastructure**

- ▶ **County established lost revenue calculation July 2021- \$3,749,119 total**
 - ▶ **Used NACO provided calculator to get growth rate 7.6 percent**
 - ▶ **Review 2019 vs 2020 revenue of eligible accounts to verify calculation**
 - ▶ **Commissioners funds including park department - \$2,357,592**
 - ▶ **Remaining funds not Commissioner controlled - \$1,391,527**
- ▶ **County Council appropriated ARP funds in August**
 - ▶ **Premium Pay -Health Department Bonus Pay - \$250,000**

- ▶ **Lost Revenue – Election Machines - \$500,000**
- ▶ **Plan Process**
 - ▶ **Requests are to be sent internally to County Attorney, Auditor and Director of Operations**
 - ▶ **Placed on Commissioners agenda for approval to be amended into the plan**
 - ▶ **Allocation provided with approval**
 - ▶ **Submitted to County Council for approval of appropriation**
 - ▶ **Allocation to follow guidance and compliance documentation**
 - ▶ **Quarter review and reports submitted to US Treasury, County Commissioners and County Council**
 - ▶ **Website to be established**
- ▶ **Plan addresses spending categories**
 - ▶ **Support Public Health Response and Address Negative Economic Impact**
 - ▶ **County has conducted three public meetings to gain input from various community stakeholders regarding needs in response to COVID 19**
 - ▶ **Preliminary findings will be presented to Commissioners in October**
 - ▶ **Allocation plan has a placeholder of \$150,000 for non-for profit program to offset effects of COVID. Anticipate this need to be sizable more than placeholder allocation**
 - ▶ **Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss**
 - ▶ **Initial amount determined - \$3,749,119**
 - ▶ **Appropriated \$500,000 for election machines**
 - ▶ **Anticipate Commissioners and Parks appropriation request in October – Focus to be road infrastructure**
- ▶ **Plan addresses spending categories**
 - ▶ **Water and Sewer Infrastructure**
 - ▶ **Commissioners made a call for water projects in July 2021 to water utilities**
 - ▶ **Received 21 proposed projects – vetted projects through ARP guide – Clean Water Regulations**
 - ▶ **Approved 20 projects for plan – ranging from backup generator for water tank to transmission line upgrade to booster station improvement to replacement of aged lines to hydrants to water storage**
 - ▶ **Allocation \$3,279,765 part being used to leverage State funds**
 - ▶ **44,000 total residents receiving benefit from projects**
 - ▶ **Met with Floyd County Health Department to determine areas with existing failing septic**
 - ▶ **Commissioners have contracted with Heritage Engineering to conduct cost estimate for affected neighborhoods**
- ▶ **Plan addresses spending categories**
 - ▶ **Premium Pay for Essential Workers**
 - ▶ **Council approved Premium Pay in July for Health Department Employees**

- ▶ Commissioners established three-member committee to review government requests from employees
- ▶ Committee has received request from department's totaling over \$2.3M
- ▶ **Broadband Infrastructure**
 - ▶ Placeholder set \$150,000 to assist in Broadband Infrastructure
 - ▶ Anticipate first quarter review and allocation fund establishing – contacted State office to attempt to coordinate efforts and leverage state funding

Received or Pending Requests American Rescue Plan

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- ▶ EMA – Radio Upgrade Request for fire departments and DHPW
- ▶ Personnel Counseling Service – Capital Request for new building
- ▶ HOPE Southern Indiana – Operating request to address evictions, homelessness and utility assistance
- ▶ HYR- FKC –Funding request to be officially made at Commissioners September 21 meeting
- ▶ **Vetted Request**
 - ▶ I Jury software and server – \$43,000.00 from County Clerk – eligible through Lost Revenue pending determination

Next Steps

American Rescue Plan – Floyd County Implementation Report

- ▶ **October 1 – Preliminary Findings regarding Addressing Economic Impact and Public Health Response**
- ▶ **October 1 – Set up compliance guidance and documentation for Water projects**
- ▶ **October 15 – Provide Commissioners with Capital Storm Water project eligible under Clean Water provisions and Road projects under Lost Revenue**
Commissioners
- ▶ **November 15 – Preliminary Report from Sanitary Sewer Report**
- ▶ **December 1 – Communications with State Broadband regarding state programming and how best to utilize local funding**

Adam Roberts asked if they had pursued a third party company to audit some of the appropriations to ensure they follow the guidelines of the ARP money. Don Lopp stated they have not put that in the plan but could be beneficial depending on the cost.

Adam Roberts asked about an IT upgrade. Denise Konkle stated that she and Tim Kamer have discussed an ERP system. Don Lopp stated it could come out of the lost revenue category.

Denise Konkle asked if ARP funds could be used for the HVAC system in the remodel of the City-County Building. Don Lopp stated the funds can be used for upgrades but not new construction.

Public - none

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. Moved by Dale Bagshaw. Seconded by Danny Short. Motion passed unanimously.

FLOYD COUNTY COUNCIL



Brad Striegel, **PRESIDENT**



Denise Konkle, **VICE PRESIDENT**



Adam Roberts, **MEMBER**

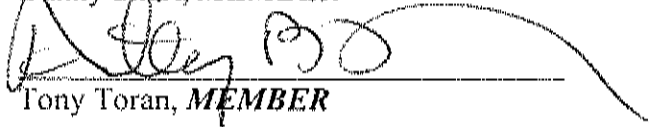
Dale Bagshaw, **MEMBER**



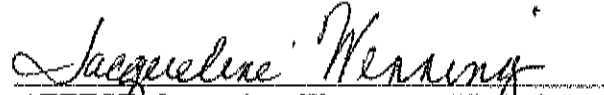
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Danny Short, **MEMBER**



Tony Toran, **MEMBER**



ATTEST Jacqueline Wenning, **AUDITOR,**
FLOYD COUNTY