

*Minutes approved 09-22-21*



## **AdHoc ARPA Committee**

Jury Commission Room

Thursday, August 19, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Graff, Bill Atkins, Mindy Darcy, Mike Harris, Kim Joesting, Greg Longfellow, Greg Menold

Others Attending:

- Wendy Ferrill, County Administrator
- Brandon Hovey, County Board Member
- Russ Crawford, County Board Member
- Caleb Zobrist, Circuit Clerk Finance Manager
- Amy Fox, TCHD Administrator
- Karla Burress, TCHD Assistant Administrator
- Dawn Cook, EMA Director
- Mary Burress, Treasurer
- John Ackerman, County Clerk
- Craig Fink, County Engineer

**MOTION**    **MOTION BY DARCY, SECOND BY JOESTING** to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2021 meeting.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chairman Graff advised all had received the Bellwether report on Revenue Loss. He advised his understanding was that can be spent on anything but still exploring if the fee funds were included. He advised the Finance Director was requesting further information from Bellwether.

Chairman Graff opened the discussion on funding investment and where and how we want to keep the funds. Treasurer Burress reported how it is being kept at this time and some alternatives. She would do research on options as requested.

Chairman Graff opened discussion on continuation of projects. His goal was to end today's meeting with a list to send to Bellwether for consideration.

Property tax relief had been brought up. Treasurer Burress had done a preliminary look for a quick estimate. A small credit could be given to all property tax payers in the county. The committee agreed that we can benefit the citizens of Tazewell County in a much better way by improving in other areas. Chairman Graff advised the overall consensus of the committee was to not support this.

Salaries was the next discussion which would entail hazard pay and bonus pay. Chairman Graff advised some staff had already received hazard pay. After a brief discussion, Chairman Graff advised this would be on the list and referred the research to the Human Resources Committee to explore.

Chairman Graff led the committee in a discussion on disbursement of the 1.2 million plus in lost revenue. The discussion was how to distribute to departments or funds. The overall consensus of the committee was to refer to the Finance Committee to explore options.

Broadband was another topic briefly discussed. It was determined that would not be a high priority for use of these funds.

**MOTION** **MOTION BY ATKINS, SECOND BY HARRIS** to move the Committee into Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) – Land Acquisition or Leasing at 1:42 p.m.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Committee moved out of Executive Session at 2:16 p.m.

Chairman Graff advised the committee of his funding philosophy for these funds. He has had several requests for minor amounts but his position is we should not touch this monies until we have a final plan. There were no objections.

Chairman Graff reviewed his list of priorities:

- Bonuses/hazard pay
- Acquisition of buildings

The next meeting will be held on September 16, 2021 at 1pm.

Chairman Graff recessed the meeting at 2:21 p.m.

(transcribed by S. Beeney)