

**FINANCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
COUNTY BOARD ROOM
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022
MINUTES
4:30 PM**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 PM.

2. Roll Call

Chuck Nagel (chairman), Autum Jones, Dan Steffen, Dave Meinhold, and Ansel Burditt all present.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of February 15, 2022 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve February minutes made by Jones, seconded by Meinhold. *Motion passed.*

4. Public Input

None

5. Approval of Claims

a. Approval of March claims

Motion to approve March claims made by Burditt, seconded by Steffen. *Motion passed.*

6. Treasurers Report

Ms. Andrews gave the treasurer's report. At this time she has not received the sale tax numbers. It is the end of the first quarter, and the taxes are continuing to come in. There is still one Revolving Loan, and payments are continuing to be paid on that account. Everything is going well, and she has no concerns with any of the accounts.

The audit is done. The auditors are waiting on an expenditure report from TCRC for We Care. Hope to have a report to give the committee by next month.

A committee member received a call from a citizen wanting to start a business and wanted to know if there were any programs to help financially with the start up. He informed the citizen that at this time there were no programs, but give him a few suggestions of who to reach out to.

7. Budget

8. New Business

a. Discussion on video surveillance throughout Courthouse

It was brought up at the department head meeting that the State Board of Elections recommended having security camera's in areas where money is being handled and at voting places. It was stated that this was something that should be done even if ARPA funds could not be used. There are currently 75 cameras located throughout the jail and Public Safety building. There are 5 cameras located outside. The DVR and controls are already in place, we would just need the cameras and then hook them up to the system. Cyber Security Information Sharing Program will do a fee assessment of our needs. The committee feels it is a good idea to get the courthouse evaluated. It was asked about cameras in the courtrooms, and the court would have to give permission to install them in the courtroom. These cameras would be at counter level to monitor the handling of the money transfer. There would be no audio on them. However, if you hit the panic button on the phone system, the Sheriff's Department can hear. The cameras would also help in viewing should there be a disgruntled

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citizen and monitoring the interaction between them and the employee. The cameras would need to be of a high pixel in order to clearly monitor the activity. The Finance Committee will pass this off to the Public Safety Committee since it is likely the Sheriff will be the one handling this project.

The Treasurer will contact Bellwether and see if this would qualify for ARPA funds.

9. Unfinished Business

a. Discussion on American Rescue Plan projects

The first allotment of the ARPA funds will be used for a new HVAC system for the Courthouse. We will not do anything until the second allotment is received, which should be in May. Mr. Nagel will draft a letter to send to all who have submitted projects and let them know that we are still working on it.

It was brought up that any project that we approve for ARPA funds within the community, they would be subrecipients and the County would be responsible for monitoring the project to see it is done properly and doing all the required reporting. Most of the entities had the opportunity to apply for ARPA funds. It was stated that the County shared 1.6 million dollars in funds with the Woodford County communities in the Revolving Loan Funds. The County needs to look at our own needs before we go handing out money to others. The ARPA funds could be used for salaries of essential employees and would free up general fund finances to be used on expenses that are not covered by ARPA. The spending of the ARPA funds has to be appropriate spending.

It was suggested that we earmark \$500,000 for broadband in case the grant doesn't cover all the costs. This discussion will be ongoing.

10. Other

11. Executive Session

a. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation

Motion to go into executive session made by Steffen, seconded by Jones. *Motion passed.*
(Roll Call vote was inadvertently taken after we entered into Executive Session)

12. Any Action Coming Out of Executive Session

Motion to come out of executive session made by Jones, seconded by Burditt. *Motion passed.*
No action taken.

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Jones, seconded by Steffen. *Motion passed.*

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Submitted by: Deb Breyman



Chuck Nagel, Chairman
Finance Committee