

BE IT REMEMBERED THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and the ARP Committee met in the Henry County Courthouse Circuit Courtroom, on Wednesday January 12, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. with the following members present: Ed Tarantino, Bobbi Plummer, Steve Dellinger, Debra Walker, Henry County Auditor, Bill Upchurch, County Treasurer, Kenon Gray, County Council and Susan Huhn, County Council.

It was discussed that it has been determined that the county can use loss revenue from the ARP and could be used for some of the County needs.

The Committee talked about what they thought was most important to look at first in budgeting the ARP Funds.

Bill Upchurch think the first thing we should look at is hiring a Grant Writer that would be beneficial for the county. Then we should look at digitizing all county records, roads and essential worker pay.

Susan Huhn feels that we need to look first at essential worker pay and looking at upgrades for Memorial Park. Her list is the same as it was in the beginning.

Bobbi Plummer feels that we need to look at Body Cameras and License Plate readers for the Sheriff's Department and essential worker pay. The license plate readers will be used at the 4 corners of the county on the interstate. The cost for 10 readers is \$1,000 per month.

Ed Tarantino feels that we need to further develop the list before we prioritize it. His list is in no certain order: roads; county buildings repair and maintenance; Memorial Park/plumbing/electrical/ponds; digitizing county records; essential pay; volunteer fire departments; ambulances; sheriffs cars; amphitheater at the Art Park; Veterans Museum and DLZ facility assessment \$8,500.00

Steve Dellinger would like to see the money be used for roads and repair of county buildings

Debbie Walker first should be essential pay, repair of county buildings, digitizing records and to implement a time keeping system for the county.

Kenon Gray feels the first thing done should be to hire a Grant Writer, this would benefit the county as they could help write other grants that could be used with the ARP Funds. Then he feels essential pay should be looked at along with repair of county buildings, parks, Sheriff & EMS vehicles. Kenon stated he feels then we should pause for two months for the big ticket items until more information is available from Food & Beverage and REDI Program.

Revenue loss money that can be used has guidelines that will have to be followed. In the guidelines is a section for employee stipends. This money could also be used as an incentive for people to move to Henry County to work here.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Kenon Gray to move forward with essential pay for employees and hiring a Grant Writer. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Susan Huhn and seconded by Bill Upchurch to write into the ordinance to hire DLZ for a facility assessment. Motion carried unanimously.

Ed Tarantino discussed that he would like to open up applications to the public for their input. Kenon Gray explained the he feels we need to wait on the public input until a decision is made about the Food & Beverage money and the REDI Program. All Committee members expressed their concern about opening it up to the public this early in the process.

The next meeting will be January 20, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. and Joel Harvey will have the ordinance ready for review.

A motion was made by Susan Huhn and seconded by Kenon Gray to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Bobbi Plummer President

Steve Dellinger, Vice President

Ed Tarantino, Member

ATTEST:

Debra G. Walker, Auditor