

OCEANA COUNTY FUNDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

**** ADMINISTRATOR'S MEETING NOTES ****

Date: August 16, 2021

Present: Mr. Craig Hardy, Ms. Mary Lou Phillips, Dr. Lynne Cavazos, Mr. James Kelly, Ms. Tammy Carey, and Dr. Robert J. Sobie

Absent: None

Mr. Hardy called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. The meeting began with a current review of all informal funding ideas that have been received to-date by the county, via email, phone call, or in-person. Looking ahead, the committee will make available for general public use a project funding application form by January 1, 2022. The form will be available on the county's web site at that time.

Committee members discussed the revenue loss calculation that was performed by two independent CPAs. The consensus of the committee was to accept the calculation and rely on it for upcoming funding decisions.

Following a general discussion, the committee instructed Dr. Sobie to prepare funding recommendations for consideration by the Board of Commissioners:

1. Provide a funding allocation to District Health Department #10
2. Provide a funding allocation to West Michigan Community Mental Health
3. Provide a funding allocation to Oceana County Economic Alliance
4. Provide funding for a newly established, full time, temporary Economic Development Coordinator position
5. Recommend funding of a website redesign project, for improved citizen engagement/communication, from the General Fund
6. Recommend funding technology enhancements in the Board of Commissioners Room, for improved citizen engagement/communication, from the General Fund

All of the recommendations are eligible expenditures within one or more of the eligible categories such as "Government Services to the Extent of the Loss of Revenue," "Support Public Health Response," "and "Address Negative Economic Impacts."

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The committee reviewed a draft resolution from the Michigan Association of Counties supporting American Rescue Plan State Match Programs. Dr. Sobie was directed to include this resolution on the upcoming meeting agenda for the Finance and Equalization Committee.

The meeting ended at 10:25 a.m. The next meeting will be September 13 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners Room.

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