

OCEANA COUNTY FUNDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

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

Date: October 29, 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

Others: Undersheriff Ryan Schiller, Lt. Mark Schneider

Mr. Hardy called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and introduced Undersheriff Ryan Schiller and Lt. Mark Schneider who discussed a proposed contractual agreement for inmate health care provided by Advanced Correctional Health (ACH). The agreement would provide an on-site nurse for 30 hours per week; and include reduced Rx costs by using ACH's Rx program.

The Board of Commissioners heard a presentation from Sheriff Mast and Undersheriff Schiller earlier in the month, and commissioners agreed with the need to transition to a new inmate medical process. Although the Board of Commissioners had already included funding for the program in the FY 2022 budget, commissioners wanted to keep members of the advisory committee informed about the commitment of ARPA funds to pay for the agreement.

Mr. Hardy informed the other committee members that Congress is considering a bill that would allow local governments to claim revenue loss up to \$10,000,000. Doing so would allow governments to have greater discretion on how the funds can be used.

Dr. Sobie notified the committee of a verbal request he received from Mr. Richard Raffaelli, Shelby Township Supervisor, to provide funding for the township's community park project. Mr. Raffaelli requested at least \$600,000.

Additionally, Dr. Sobie shared a request from Commissioner Phil Morse to provide more funding to the Oceana County Economic Alliance. The current budgetary commitment is \$45,000 annually until the ARPA funds expire. Committee members discussed the

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request and Ms. Carey stated that she would bring some financial data from the economic alliance to the next advisory committee to better explain the need for financial support.

Ms. Carey provided additional details related to the financial request and how the economic alliance is working on a new partnership agreement with The Right Place that provides a full time executive director to the alliance.

Dr. Cavazos discussed the importance of a countywide housing assessment. Ms. Carey stated that the economic alliance will be presenting a November “community update” regarding a housing study conducted by the Upjohn Institute and encouraged advisory committee members to attend the event.

The meeting ended at 10:35 a.m. The next meeting will be November 15 at 10:30 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners Room.

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