

# AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

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## MEMBERS

*David Stimpson, Ralph Tillotson,  
Dawn Bales, Terry Collins, Martin Marshall*

## MEETING LOCATION

Committee Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Annex Building, 113 W. Front Street, Adrian, MI

**Notes:** Friday, March 4, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

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**Present:** Commissioners Stimpson, Tillotson, Bales, Collins, and Marshall

**Also Present:** Steven Palmer, Jim Palmer, Joe Williams, Jenny Escott, Joel Henricks, Brian Wilcox, Scott Merillat, Dale Ost, Chris Miller, Danielle Gross, Melinda Stubli, Sara Patel, Wendy Knox, Lynne Punnett, Jacob Tripp, Melinda Tripp, Annette Sebronski, Dave Pixley, Kelly Castleberry, John Gould, Pamela Byrnes, and Kim Murphy.

- I. Review Applications: The Committee provided a recap of the recommendations that came from the last meeting. The total amount of funding being recommended is \$650,000 in requests from the community, and \$16,245,000 in requests from the County, for a total of \$16,895,000 in requests to be put forward to Personnel Ways & Means Committee for review and consideration. The remaining balance of ARPA funds is \$2,105,000.
- II. Recommend Projects/Funding to Full Board: Commissioner Stimpson reviewed the purpose of the funds and the deadline of December 1, 2021 to file the application, December 31, 2024 to have funds allocated, and December 31, 2026 to spend funds.

It was noted that the Committee was following ARPA guidelines when evaluating project requests and also agreed not to fund reoccurring personnel costs. Knowing an applicant is willing to include matching funds for their project was very helpful.

The Committee discussed whether another round of funding for applications should be considered and what that looked like. It was discussed that if opened up, all entities, including those that had previously been denied could reapply.

*Motion by Bales, seconded by Tillotson to re-open the solicitation for applications May 1<sup>st</sup> and keep open until the County's remaining allocation is received in June. Motion carried unanimously.*

III. There were several public comments received:

Randy Yagiela – Asked if Lenawee Now's project was denied or if it was still pending.

John Gould – Expressed his concerns and dissatisfaction with the Committee's allocation process and when the meetings were held.

Dave Pixley – Asked if they have a project still pending funding can they submit another application to expand their original application.

Scott Merillat – Clarified that the Road Commissions request for funding was for lost revenue. The Road Commission experienced a \$1.7 million deficit in 2020 due to COVID.

Joe Williams – Asked if there was a scoring matrix or some type of system utilized to determine what projects received funding and what projects did not receive funding.

IV. Adjournment

*Motion by Collins, seconded by Bales to adjourn the meeting at 10:35. Motion carried unanimously.*