



WASECA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL MEETING

April 29, 2022 - 7:00 AM

East Annex Public Meeting Room

300 North State Street – East Annex · Waseca, Minnesota 56093

The Waseca County Board of Commissioners met in a special session on Friday, April 29, 2022 in the Commissioners' Room, 300 North State Street, Waseca, Minnesota. Members present were Chair Brad Krause, DeAnne Malterer, Doug Christopherson, Brian Harguth, and Blair Nelson.

Other members present were Michael Johnson, County Administrator and Tammy Spooner, Property and Election Services Director

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Krause called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. A roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Resolution #2022-21 to Spend ARPA Funds on Lost Revenue Replacement

a. Resolution 2022-21

Commissioner Malterer moved and was seconded by Commissioner Christopherson to approve Resolution 2022-21 to Spend ARPA Funds on Lost Revenue Replacement Category. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 2022-21 to Spend ARPA Funds on Lost Revenue Replacement Category

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act, H.R. 1319 (ARPA) was signed into law by President Biden in March of 2021; and

WHEREAS, ARPA modifies provisions of Title VI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 801 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, 42 U.S.C. § 803 (b)(2) appropriates \$65,100,000,000 to Counties to mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the appropriations under 42 U.S.C. § 803 (b)(2) are titled State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF); and

WHEREAS, “Counties” are defined in 42 U.S.C. § 803 (3)(g)(1) as “... a county, parish, or other equivalent county division (as defined by the Bureau of the Census); and

WHEREAS, Waseca County (the County) has received its portion of the SLFRF; and

WHEREAS, 42 U.S.C. § 803 (c) permits the County to spend ARPA funds under one of four major categories, which include (A) responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic and its negative economic impacts, (B) providing premium pay to essential employees, (C) for government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue, and (D) investments in water, sewer, and broadband; and

WHEREAS, 86 Fed. Reg. 26,801 (May 17, 2021) indicates that any amount attributable under lost revenue replacement can be used towards government services, but cannot be used as debt service or to create or replenish savings (rainy-day fund); and

WHEREAS, in January of 2022 the Department of Treasury (Treasury) released the completed Interim Final Rule titled SLFRF Final Rule (Final Rule), establishing the completed guidance for the SLFRF; and

WHEREAS, the Final Rule took effect on April 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, page 240 of the Final Rule indicates that the Treasury allows lost revenue replacement to be calculated through a formula as provided by the Treasury, or by a \$10,000,000 “standard allowance”; and

WHEREAS, the County will use \$3,615,163 as allotted to them by the standard allowance; and

WHEREAS, the County seeks to pay for government services with funds out of lost revenue replacement; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of government services is a permitted expenditure category by the United States Department of Treasury in its Compliance and Reporting Guidance for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County will use ARPA funds to pay for the provision of government services in the 2021 and 2022 reporting period as part of lost revenue replacement under Project Expenditure Category 6.1 – Provision of Government Services.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the provision of government services for the 2021 and 2022 reporting period is named “Waseca County 6.1 Rev. Rep.” and has a recipient project ID of “WaCo2022RR”.

3. Adjourn

Having no further county board business, Commissioner Christopherson moved and Commissioner Harguth seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:12 a.m.

Brad Krause, Chairperson
Waseca County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Beth Weimert, Clerk
Waseca County Administration