

**June 28, 2021, Special Board Meeting**

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Monday, June 28, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., Chairperson Patti Peretto called the meeting to order. The meeting was held in the Board of Commissioner's Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Chairperson Patti Peretto, Commissioners Jacob Conery, Jeff Ofsdahl, Mike Stafford and Mark Stauber.

Also present: Administrative Assistant Lynette Lorenz, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the agenda. Voice vote, motion carried.

Peretto called for Public Comment (regarding agenda items only) three times, with no comments voiced.

**New Business:**

Lengthy discussion was had regarding the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Stafford reported that the committee met last week. It was discussed that any lost revenue the county had can come out of the ARPA funds. There were four consulting groups that MAC (Michigan Association of Counties) approved for guidance and to make sure things are documented correctly. Once a consulting group has been chosen, they can help with an estimated lost revenue amount. Stafford presented a project list, which he said is just a list and not approved. Peretto said the ARPA monies may also be able to be used for other organizations too and that the county has only received half of the money. Stauber said we have the money, but are we going to be able to get the projects done in a timely manner. Tinti said the money needs to be spent by 2024. Stafford said the next step now is for the committee to meet again. This meeting will take place on July 6, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

Moved by Conery, supported by Stauber, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Creation of Fund 286, SLFRF/ARPA Funds and to authorize the Chairperson and Clerk to execute the document, and to transfer General Fund dollars to Fund 286, approve the budget amendment for the transfer of the ARPA funds from General Fund to SLFRP/ARPA Fund and approve the authorization to develop and issue an RFP for Administrative/Consulting services for the ARPA.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Conery, Ofsdahl, Stafford, Stauber, Peretto  
Nays: None

Motion carried.

EDC Cornerstone Group LLC loan response was the last item on the agenda. At the May 11, 2021, board meeting the board made a motion that Cornerstone Business Group LLC had 30 days to show arguing documents or pay the full amount due on the loan or the County would pursue legal action. Attorney Waters (Mr. Quayle's attorney) presented a settlement offer to resolve all legal issues. The board made a counter offer to be paid within 30 days from June 8, 2021. Attorney Waters did not accept or reject the counter offer but responded by requesting information. After lengthy discussion, the board directed civil counsel to send another letter to Attorney Waters asking for a response to the counter offer in advance of our next regular board meeting scheduled for July 13, 2021.

Peretto called for public comment three times, with no comments voiced.

Moved by Conery, supported by Ofsdahl, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Chairperson Patti Peretto

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle