

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Friday, January 7, 2022
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: Wood County Courthouse – Room 114

PRESENT: Ed Wagner, Donna Rozar, Lance Pliml, Mike Feirer (via Webex), Adam Fischer (via Webex)

OTHERS PRESENT (for part or all of the meeting, in person or via Webex): Bill Clendenning, Brad Hamilton, Kim McGrath, Kelli Francis, Ed Newton, PaNya Yang, Kathy Alft, Kyle Theiler, Shane Wucherpfennig, Marissa Kornack, Nick Flugaur, Chad Schooley, Mary Schlagenhaft, Adam Fandre

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wagner at 1:00 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Motion (Pliml/Rozar) to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Pliml introduced a discussion regarding the guidance that was released in regards to spending ARPA funds. Finance Director Newton provided a summary of the guidance issued, particularly the change to the lost revenue calculation. Newton explained that there is a standard allowance of \$10 million for lost revenue rather than utilizing the previously released calculation. Discussion ensued at length. There will be a meeting on Monday, January 10th with all standing committee chairs, the county board chair, and county board vice chair to discuss the usage and process of disbursement of county ARPA funding.

Human Resources Director McGrath provided financial information to the Committee on the Public Safety Committee's recommendation to move both Humane Officers onto County IT equipment. McGrath explained that the Humane Officers currently utilize their personal laptop/computers and it causes issues with accessing the County network. Brief discussion regarding the funding of the change ensued.

Motion (Rozar/Pliml) to approve the purchase of County IT equipment for the Humane Officers. Motion carried unanimously.

Wellness Coordinator Fandre gave brief update on Wellness Program activities.

Finance Director Newton and Deputy Finance Director Yang provided a brief update on Finance Department activities.

Newton introduced resolutions for Committed Funds, Jail/CIP Expenditures, County Aid to Libraries, Human Services – Expenditures Appropriation, and Health – Healthy Smiles. Brief discussion ensued about the resolution for County Aid to Libraries.

Motion (Rozar/Feirer) to approve all of the presented resolutions. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda items for next meeting: ARPA Funds & Broadband

Pliml asked HR Director McGrath for an update on the status of the vaccine mandates. McGrath stated that everything is dependent upon the outcome of the Supreme Court hearing occurring today. McGrath stated that the current exposure that the County faces if the vaccine mandates stand is the cost of testing. The cost of testing is \$70 per test, per employee (minimum one test per week).

There were no comments from the Chair.

The next regular meeting is February 1, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Wagner declared the meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Kelli Francis. Minutes in draft form until approved at the next meeting.