



American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Committee

Meeting Minutes

Lee County, Illinois

May 5, 2022 at 9:00 AM CDT

Old Lee County Courthouse, Third Floor, 112 E 2nd St, Dixon, IL 61021

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:58 a.m., by member Tim Bivins.

II. Roll Call - Board Members - Bob Olson, Chair, Jim Schielein, John Nicholson, Chris Norberg, Rick Humphrey, and Tim Bivins

Chair Bob Olson was absent. All other Board Members were present in person.

III. Committee Members - John Simonton, Kevin Lalley, Charley Boonstra, Sara Leisner, Patty Rudolphi, Paul Rudolphi, Wendy Ryerson

Charley Boonstra and Kevin Lalley were absent. All other committee members were present in person.

Also present: Tom Wilson, Mike Book, Lirim Mimini (County Board Members), Dave Anderson (Highway/County Engineer), Greg Saunders (Maintenance Supervisor), and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary) were all present in person.

IV. Approval of Minutes (April 7, 2022 meeting)

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2022, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Meeting. **Moved** by John Nicholson. **Second** by Jim Schielein. **Motion** moved unanimously by voice vote.

V. Visitors

Visitors present: Dr. Aaqil Khan (KSB Hospital), Chris Tennyson (ROE), Cathy Ferguson-Allen (Health Department Administrator), Liz Bedford (Clipper Kiddies Christian Preschool), Jeff Stauter (Kreider Services), Chief Ryan Bruskohl (Dixon City Fire Department), Chief Jeff Bryant (Amboy Fire Department), Patrick Krager (EMS Coordinator for Dixon Rural Fire Department), Jason Anderson (Economic Development Director at GREDCO for the City of Rochelle), and Andy Shaw (Zone Administrator at Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone in Rock Falls).

VI. Monthly PowerPoint Presentation

Sara Leisner walked the committee through the attached PowerPoint presentation and summaries, which will be added to the end of the minutes. She explained that there were three (3) items on the agenda that would required action. All other items and presentations would be reviewed by the committee and added to the agenda for June's meeting to be voted on.

VII. Old Business - No old business items

There were no items under old business.

VIII. New Business

A. Outstanding ARPA Funds Requests to Review

1. Health Department/ROE/KSB-Cathy Ferguson-Allen

Dr. Aaqil Khan, Chris Tennyson, and Cathy Ferguson-Allen Lee County Health Department Administrator walked the committee through their request for a school based mobile health clinic that would require a large van or RV that would be fitted to provide space for clinical, behavioral, vision, dental and/or audiological services. The capital expenditure of \$465,000 is being requested. The full PowerPoint presentation that was submitted to the committee by the group will be added to the end of the minutes.

2. Clipper Kiddies Preschool-Liz Bedford

Liz Bedford explained that due to Covid-19 the preschool was required to close which translated into significantly lower enrollment rates and diminished fund raising efforts. A recent fund raiser brought in \$4,000 which could be subtracted from the requested amount of \$15,000.

3. Kreider (3 requests) - Jeff Stauter

Jeff Stauter walked the committee through the three (3) requests submitted by Kreider services. The first request was for \$11,209.38 for covid testing kits to test unvaccinated staff, exposures, and outbreaks. The second request was for \$200,000 for frontline staff bonuses. The third request was for the purchase of an irrigation system at the Timber Creek Golf Course that Kreider had the opportunity to buy for \$1. The amount requested for the irrigation system was \$800,000. The property would not be purchased if the funding for the irrigation system is not funded.

4. Lee County Fire Chiefs - Ryan Buskohl

Fire Chief Buskohl addressed the committee on behalf of all the fire departments in Lee County with a request of \$450,000 to purchase and construct a live-fire training facility.

5. Amboy Fire Department - Chief Bryant

Fire Chief Jeff Bryant addressed the committee with his request for a trailer mounted mobile sign for \$17,945.

6. Dixon Rural Fire Department - Chief Aurand

Patrick Krager walked the committee through the request from the Dixon Rural Fire Department for a Lucas 3 Compression Device for the cost of \$15,579. The device would help reduce the risks of Covid-19 exposure, help retain personnel, prevent injury, and decrease potential liability from equipment failure, while saving lives in the community and maintaining the the wellbeing of the first responders.

7. Historic Dixon Theatre - Action Item

Support for this project had previously been pledged, but was not voted on because the grant had not been awarded. Wendy Ryerson explained that the grant had been awarded, so the pledged support needed to be addressed by a motion.

Motion to approve \$100,000 for the Historic Dixon Theatre renovation project and move to the Finance Committee for approval. **Moved** by Chris Norberg. **Second** by John Nicholson. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

8. IDOT Raise Planning Grant - Action Item

Wendy explained that this topic had been brought to the County by the City of Dixon after the March ARPA meeting. The deadline to apply for the grant was quickly approaching, so the topic was discussed in the March Finance Committee Meeting and moved to the March County Board meeting, where it was approved. However, a formal application had never been submitted to the ARPA committee. The motion passed in the March County Board meeting was to approve the \$5,000 for the benefit cost analysis and up to \$50,000 of “match” funds.

Motion to approve \$55,000 from ARPA funds for the grant writing, engineering study, and cost sharing for the project and move to the

Finance Committee for approval. **Moved** by Jim Schielein. **Second** by Chris Norberg. **Motion** passed 5 yes, 1 no.

9. Planning grant for Traffic Analysis around Steward/Rochelle Industrial Park - Jason Anderson - Action Item

Jason Anderson explained that the EDA (Economic Development Administration) has a program whereby they will fund economic development planning studies. There is a 1000 acre area South of Rochelle, in Lee County, where the City of Rochelle, Rochelle municipal utilities, and the railroads have been building infrastructure. The strategy is to have a study done of this area that would provide specific information regarding what needs to be done and where, to make the area desirable to sight selectors. Equally as important is to assure the sight selectors that there is a comprehensive plan for funding and development of the area. He went on to explain that that they would like to get financial support to complete a study in this area to see where the utility easements need to lie and how a transportation plan can be developed. There is a \$250,000 grant that will fund the study that requires a 50% match. \$50,000 has been committed by the Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone Board. Jason and Andy were hoping that the County would fund the remaining \$75,000.

Motion to recommend the approval of \$75,000 of ARPA funds from the Economic Development category to the Finance Committee. **Moved** by John Nicholson. **Second** by Jim Schielein. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

10. EMA - Kevin Lalley

Kevin Lalley was not able to attend the meeting, but will be attending the June meeting.

11. Summary of requests to review at June meeting

Sara Leisner summarized the requests that will be coming to the meeting in June and reported that to date she has received ten (10) small business program requests.

After all the presentations on the agenda were completed, John Simonton was asked to briefly walk the committee through the requests that he had submitted to the committee. Discussed were the following requests **1)** eight (8) portable radios, 10 mics, two (2) new mobile Starcom radio, 2

(two) refurbished mobile Starcom radios for \$24,200 and **2)** Premium pay for staff (no dollar amount identified).

IX. Next Meeting Date (June 9, 2022)

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. **Moved** by Chris Norberg. **Second** by John Nicholson.
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

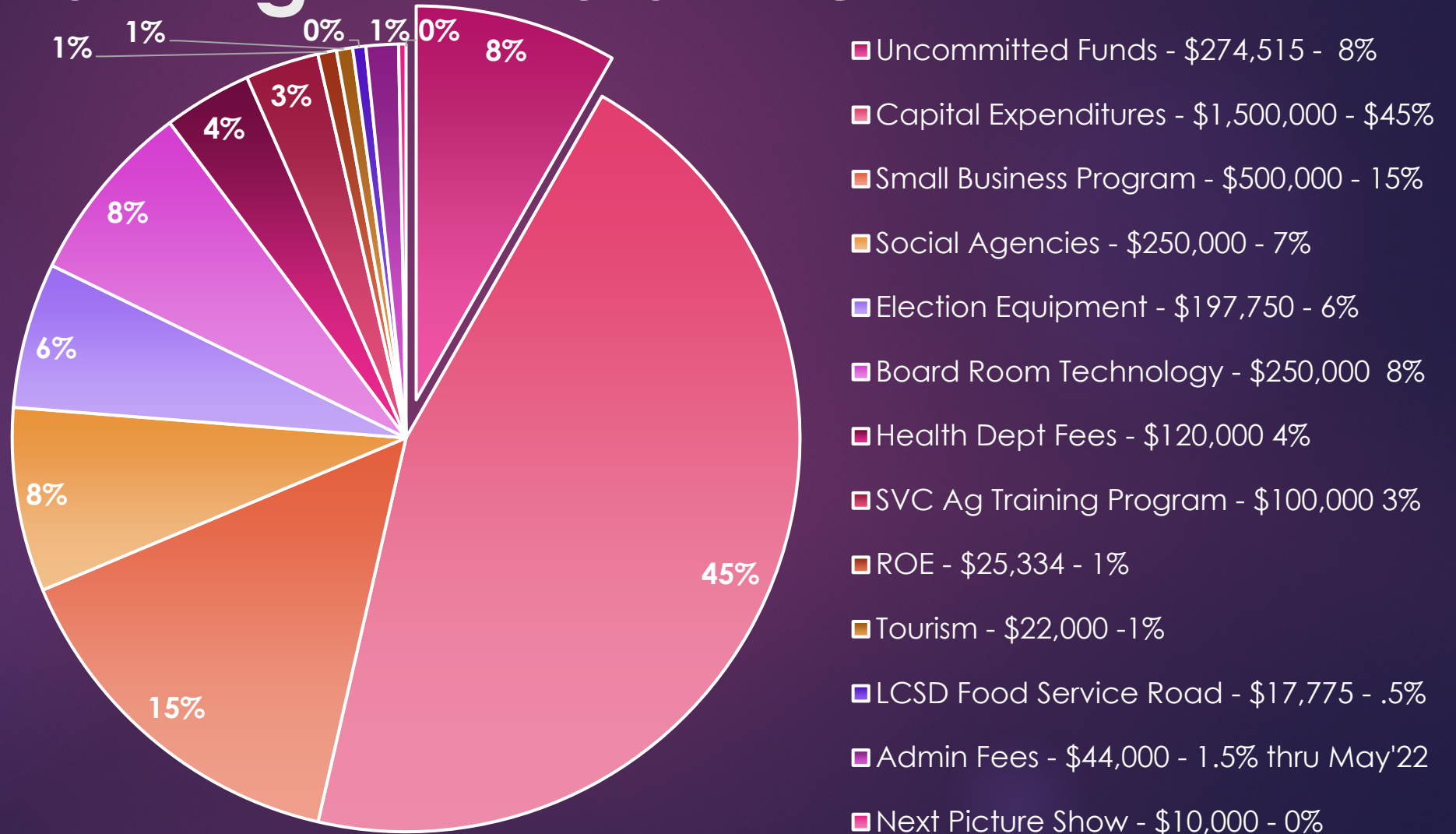


American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Committee Meeting

MAY 5, 2022

Funds Expended, Approved & Remaining- 1st Installment

\$3,036,859
Committed Funds



Total Award \$6,622,748.00
Obligated Funds \$1,036,284.00
REMAINS \$5,586,464.00

2024- \$1 M Reserved

2023- \$1 M Reserved

2022- \$1.5 M capital projects

\$500k Sm. Business

\$500k Business Development

\$1.0M Optional Spending

Proposed Allocations as of April 7, 2022 ARPA Meeting

Presentation Schedule

(12 total requests, 10 presenters)

	Time	Requestor	Request	Cost	Submitted	Discussed at Committee?
1	9:05-9:10am	Cathy Ferguson-Allen/Health Dept/ROE/KSB	School Based Mobile Health Clinic	\$430,000.00	11/4/2021	11/4/2021
2	9:10-9:15am	Clipper Kiddies Preschool/Liz Bedford	Funding for preschool & summer camp program	\$15,000.00	3/9/2022	Not discussed yet
3	9:15am-9:30am	Jeff Stauter/Kreider	Frontline Staff Bonuses (previously ineligible as they had already recv'd premium pay)	\$200,000.00	11/5/2021	Not discussed yet as previously ineligible
		Jeff Stauter/Kreider	COVID test kits for clients & employees	\$11,209.38	12/16/2021	Mentioned at Committee 1/6/22-Jeff unable to attend
		Jeff Stauter/Kreider	Golf Course Irrigation System (previously ineligible) (\$700k-840k)	\$840,000.00	11/11/2021	Not discussed yet as previously ineligible

Continued

	Time	Requestor	Request	Cost	Submitted	Discussed at Committee?
4	9:30-9:35am	Ryan Buskohl/Lee County Fire Chiefs	Fire Training Facility for all Lee Co Fire Depts	\$450,000.00	5/26/2021	6/10/2021
5	9:35-9:40am	Chief Jeff Bryant/Amboy Fire	Mobile trailer mounted sign to communicate COVID and other emergency related information	\$17,945.00	11/26/2021	Mentioned on 12/9/21-Chief unable to attend
6	9:40-9:45am	Sid Aurand/Dixon Rural Fire	Lucas 3 Compression Device	\$15,579.00	9/21/2021	11/4/2021
7	9:45-9:50am	Historic Dixon Theatre Group/City of Dixon* ACTION ITEM	Dixon Historic Theatre Project-Marching funds for grant	\$100,000.00	4/13/2022	Discussed briefly at 1/6/22 ARPA meeting
8	9:50-9:55am	Wendy Ryerson* ACTION ITEM	IDOT RAISE Planning Grant for multi-use paths	\$60,000.00	4/18/2022	Discussed at Finance & Full Board March 2022
9	9:55-10:00am	Jason Anderson* ACTION ITEM	Planning Grant for traffic analysis around Steward/Rochelle Industrial Park	\$75,000.00	4/14/2022	Discussed at Finance 4/14/22-referred to May ARPA
10	10:00-10:05am	Kevin Lalley/EMA	CODE RED system (County Board declined in Jan 2022)	\$32,080.00	6/30/2021	Discussed at 8/12/2021 ARPA Meeting

June Meeting-New Requests to review as of 4/28/2022



	Requestor	Request	Cost	Date Submitted
1	Paul Rudolphi/Greg Saunders Premium Pay for all County Employees	Updated request \$1k FT/\$500 PT	\$257,000.00	6/29/21 orig req-4/19/22 updated req
2	Greg Gates/LOTS	ADA Vehicle	Amount Forthcoming	No Official Request Submitted
3	Sheriff Simonton	Reimbursement for all salaries and benefits for the Sheriff's Office employees	No Amount Specified	11/17/2021
		Replacement hires to bring staffing to pre-pandemic levels	\$232,850.00	11/17/2021
		Ballistic Panels	\$9,170.00	2/3/2022
		Portable & mobile radios	\$24,200.00	4/22/2022
		Drug Terminator	\$5,440.00	4/22/2022

June Meeting-New Requests Cont'd

	Requestor	Request	Cost	Date Submitted
4	Dave Anderson/Lee Co Hwy Dept	Concrete box culvert replacement	\$525,000.00	4/22/2022
		Facility Maintenance & Modernization	\$ 1,829,500.00	4/27/2022
5	Duane Long/Dixon Park District	Priority #1-repaving Lowell Park roads	\$755,503.00	4/27/2022
		Priority #2-2 Greenflush restrooms	\$205,000.00	4/27/2022
		Priority #3-solar system for new indoor facility	\$221,490.00	4/27/2022
6	Goodfellows of Lee County	Community Service Program application recv'd late on 4/25/2022	\$10,000.00	4/25/2022
7	Lee County Fairgrounds/Andy Pratt	Request forthcoming		Request forthcoming



Questions, Comments, Feedback

NEXT MEETING DATE
THURSDAY JUNE 9, 2022
9:00 AM

Mobilize Lee County

Lee County ARPA Committee Meeting

May 5th, 2022

Lee County Statistics

- 6% of population uninsured
- Lee County designated as a:
 - Federal Health Professional Shortage Area for Mental Health, Dental, and Primary Care Services
 - Medically Underserved Area for primary care, mental health, and dental
- \$57,600 median household income for our residents (approx. \$12,000 less than state level)
- 47% of students on free/reduced lunch; 17% of children living in poverty
- 60% of Lee County adults have 1+ chronic disease (vs 51% for IL)
 - 36% Obesity (vs 32% for IL)
 - Heart disease death rate of 264.2 (vs 165.9 for IL)

Key Transportation Statistics

States with lowest rates of car access

Rank	State	% of homes without a car
1	District of Columbia	35%
2	New York	29%
3	Massachusetts	12%
4	New Jersey	11%
5	Illinois	11%

In a recent Community Health Needs Assessment, survey respondents rated “public transportation for all residents” with the lowest score out of 11 categories on the survey

Mobile Health Unit Model

Mobilize Lee County (MLC) will require a large van or RV which has been fitted to provide space for clinical, behavioral, vision, dental and/or audiological services.

Intent is to deliver services to:

- Lee County families
- Key facilities like schools, shelters, and underserved neighborhoods
- Geographically isolated areas which lack access to care



Mission & Vision

Mission:

MLC will educate and empower Lee County residents & families by providing accessible, multidisciplinary healthcare; promoting prevention; and partnering with parents & staff to enable students to achieve their academic personal best.

Vision:

Every Lee County resident will be healthy and thriving

Potential List of Services

- Acute Disease Management
- Chronic Disease Management
- Social & Emotional Counseling
- Dental/Oral Health
- Eye & Vision
- Hearing Assistance
- Nutrition Counseling & Food Distribution
- Community Building, Outreach, Education
- COVID Testing
- Return to School Care
- Immunizations & Vaccines
- Health Exams & Screenings
- School & Sport Physicals
- Podiatry Clinics
- Wound Care
- Medicine Management
- Benefits Enrollment
- Social Services/Referrals

Populations Served

- LEE COUNTY RESIDENTS
- Underserved neighborhoods
- Students & their families
- School Faculty
- Churches
- Homeless Shelters
- Festivals/Community Events
- Senior Centers
- Corporate Partners



Positive Impact of a Mobile Health Unit

- Improved health outcomes from detection of issues/early intervention
- Improved overall health of body and mind for children & families
- Higher quality of life through addressing social determinants of health
- Reduced healthcare costs through avoidable ER visits & readmissions
- Enhanced academic performance of students with reduced absenteeism

Mobile health units advance population health

Limitations of Mobile Health Unit

- Barrier: Fragmentation of care
 - SOLUTION: partnership with hospital, health department, behavioral health & social service agency as well as the use of a shared data warehouse to connect all entities
- Barrier: Financial issues
 - SOLUTION: diverse funding streams such as grants, donations, philanthropic organizations, corporate sponsorship, partner foundations, and health insurance when applicable
- Barrier: Logistical challenges
 - SOLUTION: MLC manager to coordinate staff, schedule, supplies, etc.

Staffing Model

- Mobilize Lee County Project Manager
- Variable depending the primary service(s) being provided
 - Clinical will require Advance Practice Provider and nursing support
 - Behavioral will require licensed counselor/therapist
 - Oral health will require dentist and/or dental hygienist
 - Eye & Vision will require an optometrist
- LCHD has an Advanced Practice Provider and nurses
- KSB has all needed positions except for oral health
- Local dentist(s)



Questions?
