



## HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, & PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA WITH MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: **Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 3:00 P.M.**

John Robinson, Chair	Present
Alyson Leahy, Vice-Chair	Present
Kurt Gibbs	Present
Gayle Marshall	Present
Kody Hart	Present
Ann Lemmer	Present
Yee Leng Xiong	Present

Staff Present – Lance Leonhard, Mike Puerner, Kim Trueblood, Jamie Polley (WebEx), Laurie Miskimins, Kirstie Heidenrich, Chris Holman

Others Present –Representatives of the various entities requesting ARPA funding.

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment**
4. **Approval of the December 13, 2022, January 3, & January 6, 2023 Human Resources, Finance, & Property Committee meeting minutes** – Motion by Xiong, Second by Lemmer to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote, unanimously.
5. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination:** None
6. **Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:**
  - A. **Discussion and Possible Action by HRFC:**
    1. Approval of December 2022 Claims and Questioned Costs – Motion by Leahy, Second by Gibbs to approve the claims and questioned costs. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
    2. Committee Recommendations on Updates to the Strategic Plan – Supervisor Xiong talked through his suggestions for adoption from the Greater Wausau Prosperity Partnership. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered. Supervisor Xiong is requesting that the items he has brought forward to be addressed individually and have outcome measures added to those the committee would like to bring forward.  
Motion by Xiong, Second by Leahy to add strategies 1.22, 1.24, and 1.32 to be forwarded to the Executive Committee for inclusion in the County Strategic Plan, with changes to 1.24 to read, “Target remote workers as a segment of the workforce for relocation to the Wausau region” and 1.32 to read, “Encourage Marathon County to provide non-traditional benefits.” Administrator Leonhard stated that there is a request from the Public Safety Committee to add a similar strategy. That document is located in the Executive Committee packet for the January 12 meeting. Discussion followed.  
Motion by Xiong, Second by Leahy to amend the motion to remove 1.32 from the original motion. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.  
Motion as amended carried on a voice vote but was not unanimous.
  - B. **Discussion and Possible Action by HRFC to Forward to County Board for Consideration:**
    1. 2022 Intergovernmental Budget Transfers – Motion by Xiong, Second by Hart to approve the budget transfers. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
    2. Resolution for Use of Environmental Impact Funds to Fund Groundwater Plan Efforts – Laurie Miskimins and Kirstie Heidenrich from the CPZ Department presented the background for this resolution. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered. Motion by Gibbs, Second by Xiong to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
    3. Discussion and potential approval of ARPA funding requests – Administrator Leonhard and Chair

Robinson stated the requests up for discussion today include all requests received to date, including those from Round 1. Additional discussion regarding the intent and purpose of the ARPA funds.

Discussion was had and questions were asked. Corporation Counsel addressed some of the questions related to the ability of the County to fund specific project requests.

Motion by Gibbs, Second by Xiong to deny funding for the Homme Homes project, Mosinee firetruck and PPE request, Keeping Area Teens Safe, Stratford Streets, and Mosinee Library requests, as they do not conform to state statute. Additional discussion was had and questions were asked and answered. It is felt that the committee has been consistent in applying decisions thus far, but there does need to be additional clarification as to the basic requirements to qualify for ARPA funds. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.

It was suggested to send the Sunnyvale RC Park request through the CIP process and potentially fund the project in the 2024 budget. Additionally, it may be appropriate to request the RC Club to contribute an additional level of funding. Another option would be to amend the 2023 CIP and budget to allocate the funding to the Parks Department. An RFP would be required. Chair Robinson requested administration to have a discussion with the Parks Department to get some more detailed information. Supervisor Xiong also suggested that the process go to additional funding sources as well. Regarding the Wausau Convention and Visitors Bureau request, there was discussion related to the value of a physical location and lack of due diligence related to the condition of the proposed building. Discussion remains to be had on the future role of the County when it comes to economic development and the need to put together a cohesive and strategic plan relative to the same. Motion by Gibbs, second by Marshall that since we do not have an economic development or policy, the request not be funded. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously, with one abstention.

Chair Robinson noted that requests may be brought back at a later time. Administrator Leonhard asked if the current info on the website should be removed due to the discussion surrounding the need to review the policies relative to distribution of ARPA funds. Without objection, Chair Robinson agreed that the info should be removed from the website. Funding totals will be updated for the next meeting.

- 7. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion – None.**
- 8. Next Meeting Time, Location, Announcements and Agenda Items:**
  - A.** Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.
  - B.** Next Scheduled Meeting January 24, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.
- 9. Adjournment – Motion by Hart, Second by Gibbs to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.**

Minutes prepared by Kim Trueblood, Marathon County Clerk