

MINUTES
HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
And
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT COMMITTEE
JULY 25, 2022 – 10:30 A.M.
Conference Room 1A
Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center
One Hamilton County Square
Noblesville, Indiana

Commissioner President Dillinger called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. with a quorum present of Commissioner Christine Altman, Commissioner Steven C. Dillinger, and Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt.

American Rescue Plan Act Committee members present were Councilor Steve Nation, in person, and Councilor Sue Maki joining virtually via Teams.

FAIRGROUNDS PROJECT

Altman reported in order for the fairgrounds committee to move forward to meet a deadline for the bicentennial they need to start engineering and design of the fairgrounds per the proposed master plan. Altman knows there is a request for an additional appropriation that is scheduled for the August council meeting to cover some of the design fees but knowing what she knows about appropriations it will be appropriated at the council meeting with another 15 days before we get approval from the State. The concept is through ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) money we had reserved \$650,000 for drainage work, if we flex that into the loss of revenue category we would be able to utilize that \$650,000 to support a contract award today at the commissioners meeting which is what they are requesting to do if we want to try and meet the bicentennial deadline for the loss of buildings we will have for Pleasant Street project.

Maki moved to move the \$650,000 ARPA funds from the drainage program to the loss revenue program so we can move forward with the design of the fairgrounds. Heirbrandt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Robin Mills has prepared a transfer from the ARPA from two line items to a single line item for those professional services that will be on the August council agenda for the \$650,000. Altman confirmed we could approve the agreements today subject to the transfer approval and move forward. Mills asked about the \$855,000 being requested out of county general, will you reduce that by \$650,000 or will they need that full amount. Heirbrandt asked Mr. Steve Wood to explain what is needed. Wood stated for now he needs a contract amount of \$650,000 and the remaining for another contract so they can get started with everything and they will get the remaining part when they request it from council. They need that contract today, immediately, so the commissioners can vote on it today. A reduction in the request to Council of \$650,000 because you will not need the \$650,000 through ARPA. Altman understood but for her to vote for the second half it needs to be for the three buildings that are being done for the bicentennial and drainage.

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Mr. Dan Stevens reported Susan Peterson is presenting two contracts today, one for Mussett Nicholas & Associates and one for Veridus Group so between now and when that is presented to the commissioners today they need to come up with a number between the two of them. Altman asked to reduce the scope of work to what we need to have done to meet the bicentennial projects, that is the whole purpose of moving faster because we still have a difference between the bond amount and what the full project amount is and she is not comfortable with paying for final design work when that is not covered. Stevens confirmed what they want accomplished with the \$650,000 is the master drainage for the site, correct? Dillinger and Altman both replied correct.

Ms. Susan Peterson asked if this is not just for Phase 1, it is just Bicentennial. Wood replied it is for the drainage and the three buildings. Peterson asked if it could be for the design part of the update. Mr. Tim Schwalm, Mussett Nicholas, confirmed schematic and design development and drainage which would get us far enough into the design for pricing. Wood replied there are two parts, the \$650,000 and the second part with Schwalm confirming the second part would do the other parts with Wood confirming yes. Wood stated through the ARPA money we want the drainage and design for that portion and the finalized part of that would be the remaining money. The original contract he sent they are breaking into two parts; ARPA money is geared towards drainage and design. Schwalm asked if they are suggesting instead of breaking it by building, breaking it by phase of service with Wood confirming that is fine. Altman stated we have to have the three buildings going to bid with this money. You have to present us design that we can bid on the three buildings. Wood asked if that was the original price they gave us? Schwalm replied no with Heirbrandt confirming it was not.

Altman asked how much the total design costs are, she wants to know what they are looking at, it was \$800,000 something total. Heirbrandt stated \$115,000 is for Veridus and \$855,000 for Musset Nicholas. Schwalm added they have to have a survey which is \$50,000. The \$855,000 will get to bid. Wood confirmed it is \$915,000 total for both contracts? Schwalm stated it is \$855,000 plus \$50,000 for a survey plus \$115,000 for owners' representation for a total of \$1,020,000. Altman stated those numbers are different than what she heard at the meeting. Mills reported they have only asked for \$855,000 on the original. Schwalm stated that is one of three pieces. Stevens confirmed Musset Nicholas asked for \$855,000 and Veridus asked for \$115,000. Schwalm added the survey they need to order is \$50,000. Heirbrandt asked what the net difference is between the \$650,00 with Schwalm replying, \$400,000. Heirbrandt stated we are going to need to have a discussion with Council as to how they want to move forward with the additional \$400,000. Wood does not think they would have to, his understanding is there is \$650,000 coming from ARPA and with the additional requests they would have enough money

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with Stevens stating if the Council wants to appropriate \$400,000 at their August meeting that would get Wood what he wants. Wood stated they would reduce their original request.

Heirbrandt let Maki know they would send out an email outlining everything with Maki commenting she has full confidence that what they are doing is the best way. Heirbrandt asked Nation if he is fine with this? Nation replied yes if he could have a more defined explanation. Nation confirmed we approved the transfer, but we do not know the exact numbers. Dillinger asked if we need to vote on the request to the Council. Mills reported the request for the \$855,000 out of the County General Fund can be reduced to \$370,000. Altman confirmed this is fine with her with the understanding that she may not vote for the full amount. Heirbrandt so moved. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Altman moved to adjourn the meeting. Heirbrandt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Present

Christine Altman, Commissioner
Steven C. Dillinger, Commissioner
Mark Heirbrandt, Commissioner
Steve Nation, County Councilor
Sue Maki, County Councilor (virtually)
Robin Mills, Auditor
Connor Sullivan, Assistant County Attorney
Dan Stevens, Director of Administration
Steve Wood, Buildings & Grounds Superintendent
Kim Rauch, Administrative Assistant to Auditor
Todd Clevenger, Auditor's Grant Administrator
Jennifer Chavez, Auditor's Grant Clerk
Lauren Powell, Auditor's AP Clerk
Susan Peterson, Hamilton County Extension
Tim Schwalm, Musset Nicholas & Associates
Kathy Richardson, Clerk (virtually)
Scott Senefeld, Veridus Group
Nancy Ramsey, Family Promise of Hamilton County

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ATTEST

Robin M. Mills, Auditor

Date Approved: 8/8/2022