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2 277-022022

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4 **RESOLUTION: Authorize the Creation of a Winnebago County ARPA Strategy and**
5 **Outcomes Commission**

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7 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

8 **WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA),
9 which provided money to respond to the COVID-19 global pandemic; and

10 **WHEREAS**, at the August 2021 county board meeting, the board passed Resolution 196-082021 to officially
11 accept \$16,695,459 in ARPA funds with ARPA funds being invested pending board action on appropriations; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in the spring of 2022, Winnebago County expects to receive the second tranche of ARPA
13 proceeds in the amount of \$16,695,459 for a total of \$33,390,918; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in January of 2022, the US Department of Treasury released a final rule, which will take effect
15 on April 1, 2022, to guide the county on allowable uses for the local allocation; and

16 **WHEREAS**, it is necessary for Winnebago County to take a strategic approach to ensure that the eventual
17 disposition of all the ARPA proceeds fully reflects the County's highest priorities and meets the County's most
18 significant needs; and

19 **WHEREAS**, it is also necessary for the County Board of Supervisors, County Executive and members of the
20 community to work together in a collaborative approach to ensure the best use of ARPA proceeds; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the new Treasury guidance clearly articulates that local governments can use ARPA dollars to
22 invest in evidence-based strategies and resources to improve community outcomes by stating, "these resources
23 include but are not limited to data gathering, data cleaning, data analysis, data infrastructure, data management, data
24 sharing, data transparency, performance management, outcomes-based budgeting, outcomes-based procurement,
25 and other data needs";

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27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that an ARPA
28 Strategy and Outcomes Commission is created and to be chosen from the new County Board after the April 2022
29 election. It is to be co-chaired by the County Board Chairperson and County Executive. All ARPA spending and
30 appropriation requests are to be submitted to the ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission for its recommendation
31 prior to action by the full County Board.

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33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the ARPA Strategy and
34 Outcomes Commission will consist of the County Executive, County Board Chairperson or designee, Chair of the
35 Personnel and Finance Committee, three additional county board supervisors selected by the County Board
36 Chairperson, Director of Finance, who will serve as a non-voting staff person; and three members of the public
37 selected by the County Executive, with all appointments subject to county board confirmation.

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39 **Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact.**

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41 Respectfully submitted by:

42 **PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

43 Committee Vote: 5-0

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45 Vote Required for Passage: Majority of Those Present

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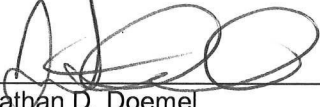
47 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this 8th day of March, 2022.

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Jonathan D. Doemel
Winnebago County Executive

Agenda Item Report



Winnebago County
The Wave of the Future

DATE: January 27, 2022
TO: Members of the Personnel and Finance Committee
FROM: Human Resources and Interim Finance Director Mike Collard
RE: Strategic Planning and ARPA Funds

Background:

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). The legislation provided money to respond to the COVID-19 global pandemic. Unlike previous relief packages, ARPA provides direct grants to all county governments which will be distributed in two tranches. In May of 2021, Winnebago County received the first half of our over \$33 million. At the August 2021 county board meeting, the board passed Resolution 196-082021 to officially accept \$16,695,459 in ARPA funds. At that time, no appropriations were made. Currently, all ARPA funds have been invested pending board action on appropriations. The US Department of Treasury final rule on how local governments may spend ARPA allocations has been issued and will take effect April 1, 2022.

Under ARPA, Winnebago County has until the end of 2024 to incur and obligate the money, with the work to be completed by 2026. We also need to file quarterly reports regarding how the money has been allocated and spent.

Under ARPA counties may spend resources on planning, consultants, and other expenses to ensure proper allocation of the resources. Treasury has been actively encouraging governments to go through this process to ensure ARPA is spent effectively.

Policy Discussion:

ARPA funds need to be seen as investment dollars for a better future and not simply money to be spent on projects. We know the pandemic will cause future challenges such as the labor crisis and supply chain disruptions. We must be ready to adjust our spending to adapt to the challenges met by our citizens. ARPA allocation should be a slow and cautious effort to ensure the wellbeing of Winnebago County residents for the long-term effects suffered from this pandemic. We should also be prepared to collaborate with Winnebago County's towns, villages and cities to further compound resources for the highest and best needs across the county.

We are asking this committee to begin the process by asking the Board to create an ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission. The commission will discuss and advance ARPA spending ideas so that they may be considered by the County Board in a cohesive fashion.

Requested Action:

Motion to advance the draft resolution to authorize the creation of a Winnebago County ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission.

Attachments:

Draft Resolution

Resolution No. 277- 022022
 Farry amendment to amend Lines 33 & 34,
 "Chair of the Personnel & Finance Committee"
 and change "three" to "four"
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Thomas Konetzke	1		✓	
Michael Brunn	Z 2		✓	
Thomas Borchart	3		✓	
Paul Eisen	4		✓	
Shiloh Ramos	5		✓	
Brian Defferding	— 6			
Steve Lenz	Z 7	✓		
Jim Wise	— 8			
Donald Nussbaum	9			✓
Bryan Stafford	10	✓		
David W. Albrecht	11		✓	
Maribeth Gabert	12		✓	
Steven Binder	13		✓	
Kevin Konrad	Z 14		✓	
Vicki Schorse	— 15			
(vacant)	— 16			
Julie Gordon	Z 17	✓		
Bill Wingren	Z 18		✓	
Larry Lautenschlager	Z 19		✓	
Michael Norton	20	✓		
John Hinz	21	✓		
Doug Zellmer	Z 22	✓		
Koby Schellenger	23		✓	
Andy Buck	24		✓	
Karen D. Powers	25		✓	
Susan Locke	— 26			
Morris Cox	27		✓	
Jerry Finch	Z 28	✓		
Rachel Youngquist	Z 29		✓	
Chuck Farrey	Z 30	✓		
Joel Rasmussen	31		✓	
Robert Keller	Z 32		✓	
Thomas Egan	33		✓	
Thomas Ellis	34		✓	
Tom Snider	35	✓		
Ben Joas	Z 36	✓		
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(with Rasmussen friendly amendment)

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