

**ROSCOMMON COUNTY ARP STEERING COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 23, 2021**

1. Call to Order – 1:02pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Board Members
  - Present: Jojean Thompson, Ed Bergeron, Sheriff Ed Stern, Rebecca Yuncker, Commissioner Robert E. Schneider, Shannon Phelps, Brenda Bachelder
  - Absent: None
4. Introduction of Guests
  - NA
5. Approval of Agenda
  - Motion by Ed Stern, second by Becky Yuncker: CARRIED to approve the agenda as presented.
6. Approval of Minutes
  - Motion by Ed Stern, second by Ed Bergeron: CARRIED to approve the August 18, 2021 minutes as presented.
7. Unfinished Business
  - Childcare
    - There are outstanding questions related to the Charlton Heston Academy request and a final breakdown.
    - Discussion took place around the amount of money requested by Charlton Heston and the need as related to other childcare/education entities.
    - Concern was voiced around the ability/desire of families in outlying communities to transport their child(ren) to Charlton Heston Academy. Limited transportation options may factor into this.
    - It was noted that it is important to consider childcare/education opportunities throughout the county, mainly as related to the schools in St. Helen, Roscommon and Houghton Lake.
    - Coming into the meeting, there was a total of \$246,312 allotted to childcare above and beyond requests received.
    - It was asked if information from the United Methodist church was received. This information was received and will be forwarded to the group.
  - Economic Development
    - There was a question about the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority presentation. April did submit information related to this request.

## 8. New Business

- The timeline for fund allocation submission was reviewed.
  - An initial submission will need to take place by August 31, 2021. This is flexibility to move funding between categories after this date.
  - The first quarterly spending report must be submitted by September 31, 2021.
- The committee restated the intention of the meeting- to determine an initial recommendation of fund allocations to the Commissioners, who will then be responsible for a final determination of spending categories and fund allotments.
- Proposed fund categories and percentage breakdown for recommendation to the Commissioners is as follows (percentages rounded to the nearest whole):
  - County= 11% (\$500,000)
    - Examples= Jail upgrades, law enforcement, administrative
  - Broadband= 26% (\$1,200,000)
  - Childcare= 22% (\$1,034,000)
    - Examples= proposals from local school district and childcare entities (Charlton Heston, United Methodist, SunDrop Montessori)
  - Economic Development= 14% (\$650,000)
    - Examples= Chamber of Commerce, Area Tourism, Brownfield Redevelopment, small business, housing projects
  - Human Services/Mental Health= 28% (\$1,316,000)
    - Examples= United Way, food pantries, Children's Assessment Center
- It was suggested to encourage category flexibility and fund allotment when planning spending. There may be entities that have not yet come to the table who might wish to submit proposals. Shifts in priorities may occur.
- When thinking about the proposals, it is important to keep in mind that the purpose of this funding is to help America to recover from shutdowns and other adverse impacts of the pandemic.
- No meeting will take place this coming Wednesday. Those who are able will present the above spending proposal to the Commissioners.

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## 9. Motions/Resolutions

- Motion by Ed Bergeron, second by Ed Stern: CARRIED to present the spending proposal, as outlined above (5 broad categories and percentages) to the Commissioners.

## 10. Public Comment

- None

## 11. Adjournment- 2:02pm

- Motion by Ed Stern, second by Becky Yuncker: CARRIED to adjourn the meeting.