

JOINT SESSION
COUNCIL & COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Jefferson County Courthouse, Room 103, 300 E. Main St. Madison, IN 47250

DATE 05-10-2022

Councilwoman Judy Smith called the meeting to order. Those present: Councilwoman Pam Crozier, Councilwoman Heather Foy, Councilman Chris Shelton, Councilman Gary Copeland, Councilman Ray Denning and Councilman Ray Black. Commissioner Ron Lee, Commissioner David Bramer and Commissioner Robert Little were also in attendance. The purpose of today's meeting is to discuss the American Rescue Plan draft plan.

Premium Pay- Commissioner Bramer and Auditor, Heather Huff have reviewed other counties and have suggested a tiered plan be developed for payout of premium pay to County employees. The time period that is eligible for premium pay is March 2020 through the end of July 2020. Huff has reviewed payroll records and found that those employees that generally work 35 hours, could be eligible for up to 630 hours of premium pay and those employees that work 40 hours, could be eligible for up to 720 hours of premium pay. Auditor Huff explained the details on the payment to employees: the payment will be processed through payroll on an off pay week, or separate from their regular pay. The payment is only eligible to those employees that are currently employed with the County, who worked during the time period above. This payment will not be paid to employees that are no longer employed in Jefferson County government. When the payment is processed through payroll, it will exclude all deductions and retirement. This payment will be subject to all tax withholdings. This payment will be included on an employee's W-2 as taxable income. Councilman Ray Black made a motion to advertise the premium pay. Councilman Gary Copeland seconded the motion. Motion passed 7/0.

Tier 1 Employees- Sheriff/Jail, Health, 911, Highway-\$3.00 per hour

Tier 2 Employees- Recorder's Office- \$2.50 per hour. Note- The Recorder's Office was the only office in the Courthouse that worked full time/ no remote work and was in the office daily during the time period.

Tier 3 Employees- All remaining offices- \$2.00 per hour

Revenue Replacement- The amounts presented below are amounts that are to be used as revenue replacement or money to be used for matching grant funds and studies.

Highway Department Equipment	\$500,000
EMA Equipment/Building	\$300,000
911 Equipment	\$100,000
Sheriff's Office-Kevlar Vest/Tasers	\$100,000
Health Department	\$100,000
Courthouse/County Buildings Cybersecurity Improvements	\$150,000
JPG Airport Planning Study	\$500,000
County Stormwater Management Study/Plan	\$150,000
Matching Grant Funds	\$250,000

Subtotal \$2,150,000

According to Councilman Ray Black, the City of Madison Airport is interested in collaborating with Jefferson County on ideas that the City airport could be used for. Commissioner Bramer had had previous discussions with Brent Spry, City of Madison Airport Director, and it was his understanding that the airport was not interested. Commissioner Bramer explained that the study is needed to look at the potential uses of the airfield at JPG. Request for Qualifications have been published, and responses are due May 20th. Councilman Black would like the Commissioners to have another discussion with Brent Spry. Councilman Ray Black made a motion to table the advertisement of \$500,000 for the JPG Airport Planning Study until the June meeting. Councilman Gary Copeland seconded the motion. Motion passed 2/2: 2 for tabling the advertisement-Copeland and Black, 2 opposed tabling the advertisement-Smith and Denning. Crozier made a statement saying she was against the planning study and chose not to vote. Foy and Shelton did not vote. Councilwoman Crozier then made a motion to strike the planning study from the budget. Councilman Copeland seconded. After discussion, Crozier rescinds her motion and then states she would motion to table for the June meeting. All were in favor. Councilman Gary Copeland made a motion to advertise all other categories in the revenue replacement. Councilman Ray Black seconded the motion. Motion passed 7/0.

Water, Sewer and Broadband Infrastructure- These amounts will be money set aside for water companies within the counties, the City of Madison’s Stormwater Management Study and grant funds for County Broadband plan or projects. The Town of Hanover requested money to upgrade their water meters to utilize drive-by meter reading.

City of Madison	\$1,000,000	6200 users
Kent	\$375,000	2377 users
Dupont	\$160,000	992 users
Canaan	\$150,000	936 users
Rykers Ridge	\$135,000	830 users
Hanover	\$100,000	1050 users
City Stormwater Management Study	\$250,000	
Broadband Plan Grant Matching Funds	\$150,000	

Subtotal \$2,320,000

Councilman Gary Copeland made a motion to table the advertisement for City of Madison, Canaan, Rykers Ridge and Dupont water amounts, for the June meeting. Copeland explained that he was ok with the amounts presented for Hanover and Kent water companies, the stormwater plan and the broadband plan funds. Councilman Ray Black seconded the motion. Motion failed. 3 in favor in tabling the advertisement-Crozier, Black and Copeland. Those not in favor or tabling-Smith, Foy, Shelton and Denning. Councilman Denning made a motion to advertise all water companies, stormwater plan and the broadband funding. Councilwoman Heather Foy seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/3. Those is favor-Smith, Foy, Shelton and Denning. Those opposed- Crozier, Copeland and Black.

Negative Economic Impact- These amounts will be money set aside for fire departments within the City and County, festivals and non-profits that were unable to have revenue in 2020 and money for the Habitat for Humanity to assist with the construction of new homes.

Hanover Fire Dept.	\$100,000
Kent Fire Dept.	\$100,000
Ryker’s Ridge Fire Dept.	\$100,000
Canaan Fire Dept.	\$100,000
Deputy Fire Dept.	\$100,000
Dupont Fire Dept.	\$100,000
Milton Township Fire Dept.	\$100,000
Madison Township Fire Dept.	\$100,000
City-815 W Main Street	\$50,000
City-104 W Third Street	\$50,000
City-631 Clifty Drive	\$50,000
City-North Madison Fire Co. 5	\$50,000
City-Walnut Street Fire Co.	\$50,000
City-Fairplay Fire Co. 1	\$50,000
Neavills Grove	\$15,000
Chelsea Jubilee	\$15,000
Canaan Fall Festival	\$15,000
Habitat for Humanity	\$30,000
Other Non-Profits	\$200,000

Subtotal \$1,375,000

Councilwoman Smith requested an explanation of how the amounts for chosen. Commissioner Bramer explained that the County Fire Departments would be allocated with \$100,000 and those in the City would be allocated half, due to receiving funding from the City of Madison. The council made a recommendation to allocate less to the City fire departments, possibly \$25,000 each and then the County fire departments receive more, depending on research of number of calls. Councilman Ray Black offered his assistance with contacting the fire houses to obtain the number of calls over the past 3 years and present that at the next meeting. Councilman Ray Denning made a motion to advertise the amounts presented for the festivals, Habitat for Humanity and the other non-profits. Councilman Chris Shelton seconded the motion. Motion passed 7/0. Councilman Ray Black made a motion to table to amounts presented for the firehouses until the next meeting. Councilwoman Pam Crozier seconded. Motion passed 7/0.

Public Comment- County representative for the Regional Development Authority, Kevin Kellems was in attendance. He urged the Council to reconsider the JPG plan study and stated that development of the airport could essentially benefit the region and nation, depending on what could be developed there.

Commissioners- Commissioner Lee discussed a possible building that could be used for the EMA storage. The location and owners wish to remain anonymous at this time but have requested earnest money from the County if the Council and Commissioners were in agreement with the building purchase. Councilwoman Pam Crozier made a motion to put \$5,000 earnest money down on the building purchase, which would be paid out of the Rainy Day fund. Councilman Ray Black seconded the motion. Motion passed 7/0. Because this is a joint session, including council and commissioners, Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to approve the \$5,000 earnest money, contingent upon satisfactory inspection. Commissioner David Bramer seconded. Motion passed 3/0.

The next joint session will be held after the June 14th County Council meeting.

Councilman Gary Copeland made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Ray Black seconded. Motion passed 7/0.

ATTEST: _____
Heather Huff, Auditor Ron Lee, Commissioner President

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David Bramer, Commissioner Robert Little, Commissioner

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Ray Denning, Council President Judy Smith, Council

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Pam Crozier, Council Heather Foy, Council

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Chris Shelton, Council Gary Copeland, Council

Ray Black, Council