

# CLINTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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**Administrator/Controller**  
John F. Fuentes  
**Clerk of the Board**  
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**DATE** April 26, 2023      The Clinton County Board of Commissioners met on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. with Chairperson Robert Showers presiding.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**      Chairperson Showers called for a moment of silence. The pledge of allegiance was given to the flag of the United States of America.

**ROLL CALL**      Roll was called with a quorum of the members in attendance:  
Bruce DeLong, John Andrews, Dwight Washington, Val Vail-Shirey, David Pohl, Kenneth Mitchell and Robert Showers

**COUNTY PERSONNEL**      John Fuentes, Cindy Mosier and Jennifer Richards

**VISITORS**      Adam Smiddy

**AGENDA**      The agenda was presented for review and approval.

**BOARD ACTION:** Commissioner DeLong moved, seconded by Commissioner Pohl to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**      John Fuentes, County Administrator/Controller

- Expressed gratitude to the board for making time to assemble and introduced Mr. Adam Smiddy of Guidehouse, to explain recent developments concerning the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021(ARPA).

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT UPDATE**      Adam Smiddy, Managing Consultant from Guidehouse presented the following:

- Explained that as part of deficit negotiations at the federal level, last week Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy introduced a bill that would clawback unobligated American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds. Essentially, clawing back every unobligated dollar cited under the authorizing law for the plan.
- Mr. Smiddy stated that Guidehouse is advising clients to obligate any unobligated funding to either projects that have already been identified or towards a category called Provision in Government Services which is Revenue Replacement 6.1., to prevent any clawback of dollars.
- Mr. Smiddy stated that previously, Clinton County elected to use a 10-million-dollar allowance under that category, to be able to put any dollars that were allocated toward the County into that category.
- Last year, Clinton County initially allocated just over 3 million dollars toward public safety payroll for the Sheriff's Department under government services, but then it was moved toward the eligible category to have the freedom of utilizing that full ten million dollars going into the future.
- Further explained the bill that the Speaker of the House McCarthy

proposed did advance out of committee early this morning and could receive a floor vote in the house today. Advised this will be a topic of discussion going forward at the federal level.

COMMISSIONERS'  
DELIBERATION

Chairperson Showers called for questions and discussion.

- Administrator/Controller Fuentes clarified the recommendation was to obligate the remaining funds to the Revenue Replacement, understanding that 2.4 million has been committed toward a potential broadband match which is awaiting authorization from the state, subject to the approval within the obligation that could be transferred to that Broadband component category. Stressed that the county is not abandoning or disregarding that previous allocation.
- Commissioner Pohl inquired about an effective date if approved; Mr. Smiddy stated that is unknown.
- Commissioner Washington asked if those funds can be re-obligated in the future; Mr. Smiddy advised that they could.
- Commissioner Vail Shirey questioned if there was language in the bill that if approved, reverting it back to a certain date. Smiddy stated it was termed "effective immediately any unobligated funding."
- Chairperson Showers inquired as to why this was not initially recommended. Administrator/Controller Fuentes explained that initial direction and guidance from Treasury was local units had until 12/31/24 to make an obligation and then a subsequent two years to do the expenditures; so at that time it was not deemed necessary. Administrator/Controller Fuentes added that it provided flexibility for projects as they were identified and prioritized by the board.

**BOARD ACTION:** Commissioner DeLong moved, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to obligate 9.3 million to the Expenditure Category 6.1 Revenue Replacement Provision for Government Services and \$190,000 to 7.1 Administrative Expenses. Voting on motion by roll call vote, those voting aye were John Andrews, Dwight Washington, Val Vail-Shirey, David Pohl, Kenneth Mitchell Bruce DeLong and Robert Showers. Seven ayes; zero nays. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairperson Showers called for public comments.

- Adam Smiddy provided an update on Broadband. Stated Mr. Fredrick, Chief Connectivity Officer will have a panel review of applications around May 11<sup>th</sup> and results would be made available publically after that panel discussion.

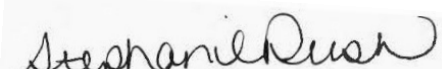
COMMISSIONER  
COMMENTS

Chairperson Showers called for Commissioner comments.

- Chairperson Showers applauded Commissioner Dwight Washington for being elected into the MAC Board of Directors.

ADJOURNMENT

**BOARD ACTION:** With no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Showers adjourned the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

  
Stephanie Dush, Chief Deputy Clerk/Register of Deeds

NOTE: These minutes are subject to approval on May 30, 2023.