



Newton County Board of Commissioners
Work Session
Minutes
August 31, 2022 7:00 p.m.
Historic Courthouse-1124 Clark Street
Covington, Georgia 30014

Present were, Commissioners; Stan Edwards, Demond Mason, Alana Sanders, J.C. Henderson, Ronnie Cowan, Interim County Manager Jarvis Sims, Attorney Patrick Jaugstetter and Deputy Clerk Susan Nolley. Other administrative staff and the media staff were also present.

1. Call to Order: Chairman Banes
2. Invocation: Commissioner Mason
3. Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Edwards
4. Iparametrics, LLC – ARPA Update

Chairman Banes opened the floor to ICM Jarvis Sims.

Jarvis stated representatives of Iparametrics, LLC are present this evening to discuss concerns and to answer questions from the board regarding distribution of the Newton County ARPA funds.

The floor was now open for discussion of the Newton County ARPA funds to Ms. Kennedy Shannon, Director of Long Term Community Recovery and Ms. Michelle Fidelia, Project Manager, of Iparametrics LLC.

The discussion included:

- Criteria and eligibility limitations
- The application process
- Revenue recovery
- Reporting to the Federal Government
- COVID 19 Impact (Small businesses/Non-profits)
- Tangible capital projects
- Effective documentation
- Identifying programs/fund categories
- Internal funds for infrastructure

Ms. Shannon said they will need to craft an application, create parameters and draft a grant agreement.

Board Discussion

Prior request for ARPA funds distribution for board approval
Prior payments of allocated ARPA funds
Revenue loss and community services/needs
Prioritizing and identifying categories
Sub-Committee worksheet and proposed ARPA funds allocation
Scheduling additional meetings
Timeline

Ms. Shannon said her first priority will be to take a look at the funds that have already been promised and to get that money out of the door first.

Ms. Shannon said the next step would be to produce a Task Order based on the discussion with an estimate of the amount of hours it will take, look at the initiatives and prioritize individually, and to look at the money that's already gone out the door. After that, we will take a look at the money that has not been allocated to help determine where you all want to park those funds with the parameters of how it will be distributed out to the community.

Chairman Banes said he would like for each Commissioner to resubmit their ARPA projects list to Jarvis to assure the correct information has been received confirming they all have the same understanding. This information will be sent to Ms. Shannon to retrieve the proper research and bring back before the board.

The board will have more discussion regarding ARPA Tuesday.

Chairman Banes thanked Ms. Shannon and Ms. Fidelia for coming.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Banes called for a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Henderson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Mason.

Adjourned 7:58 p.m.

Marcello Banes Chairman

ATTEST:

Susan G. Nolley Deputy Clerk