

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 20th, 2021
12:00 P.M.**

Present: Johnny Buckley, Brenda Abercrombie and Ben Bridges. Also present, L.W. Nolan.

Mr. Buckley called the meeting to order. Mr. Buckley led the group in prayer.

Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Bridges and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote to approve the agenda as written.

Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Bridges to recommend to the full jury to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to solicit proposals for a grants manager that will oversee the American Rescue Plan Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

A brief discussion was held regarding premium pay for essential workers. Mrs. Abercrombie would like to use a portion of the ARPA funds for the qualified use of providing premium pay to personnel who were employed during the time period 4/1/20 to 12/31/20 and are still employed as of today. The premium pay checks will be given to employees on November 18, 2021. **Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Bridges to recommend to the full jury to authorize premium pay of 160 hours for essential workers (Landfill, Road, General Maintenance and General Annex) who were employed during the time period 4/1/20 to 12/31/20. This will be paid out of the ARPA Funds. Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held regarding funding the proposed agreement from Technology for Rural America. Mr. Bridges inquired as to whether the municipalities and school board would be contributing to the fees. The Secretary/Treasurer was asked to schedule a meeting with the municipalities and school board to determine if they would like to contribute to the Phase 1 and Phase 2 funding. **Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Bridges to authorize an expenditure up to \$60,000 out of the ARPA funds to cover the Phase 1 and Phase 2 grant opportunity for Broadband funding. Motion carried unanimously.**

There being no more business to come before the committee, Mr. Buckley declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Bridges and duly seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie on this the 20th day of October, 2021.

Johnny Buckley, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer