

**Dukes County Commission (DCC)**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, February 24, 2022**  
**4:00 PM**  
*REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY*

**Dukes County Commissioners Present:** Christine Todd – Chair, R. Peter Wharton, Tristan Israel, Leon Brathwaite, John Cahill, Don Leopold

**Other County Officials Present:** Martina Thornton – Dukes County Manager, Paulo DeOliveira – Dukes County Registry of Deeds,

**Others Present:** Fred Fournier, Robert Rosenbaum – Chairman of Airport Commission, Phone 508-645-2894

**Christine Todd called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.**

Minutes – Don/Tristan moved to approve minutes of 2-16-2022. So voted. R. Peter Wharton - yes, Tristan Israel - yes, Leon Brathwaite - yes, Don Leopold – yes, John Cahill- yes, Christine Todd – yes. Motion carries.

ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding

**Report from ARPA Review Committee** – John Cahill (slides on file)

Recommended three applications that they would like to recommend to the administrative working group for review to see if they will meet all the ARPA requirements and could be funded.

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| 1. Island Health Care / Test MV | \$105,000 (3 months funding)                  |
| 2. Martha's Vineyard Commission | \$475,000 (for wastewater treatment systems)  |
| 3. Martha's Vineyard Airport    | \$1,500,000 (for wastewater plant renovation) |

Leon raised some concerns on process. Discussion followed. It was clarified that at this point any further action will have to wait until the Working Group is ready to propose the process and documents that would be used in the process. It was also clarified that MV Commission project is not an R&D project. Leon asked if Christine had a conflict of interest because she is member of the MV Commission. Christine said she can find out.

**Report from ARPA administration working group** – Peter Wharton

Working group reviewed the MOU with Plymouth to get the documents so county documents can be developed and same questions can be asked of all applicants so we can determine if they will comply with all the federal regulations. It was clarified that it is not an intention to open the process to any new applications. Discussion followed.

**John/Don moved to recommend the three applications and amounts form initial screening committee to a full legal and regulatory review by the working group**

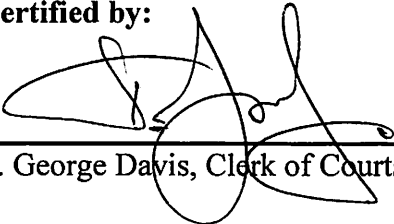
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Discussion: Leon objected to the motion having amounts attached to the recommendation of applications for a review as this would be earmarking funds for a specific purpose which was not the intension of Review Committee to be earmarking the dollar amounts. Discussion followed. It was clarified that the dollar amount is only to refer to the application and what it was not an indication of the final amounts that will be disbursed as the final documents will go back before the County Commissioners for final deliberation and vote.

**So voted. R. Peter Wharton - yes, Leon Brathwaite - yes, Don Leopold – yes, John Cahill-yes, Christine Todd – yes, Tristan Israel - yes. Motion carries.**

**Peter/Tristan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:00PM. So voted. R. Peter Wharton - yes, Leon Brathwaite – yes, Tristan Israel – yes, John Cahill – yes, Christine Todd - yes. Motion carries. The Dukes County Commission meeting was adjourned at 5:01PM.**

**Certified by:**



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T. George Davis, Clerk of Courts

**Documents presented at the meeting and part of the official record:**

- Meeting Agenda
- Review Committee slides