

**Dukes County Commission (DCC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, March 9, 2022**  
**4:00 PM**  
*REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY*

**Dukes County Commissioners Present:** Christine Todd – Chair, R. Peter Wharton, Tristan Israel, John Cahill, Keith Chatinover

**Other County Officials Present:** Martina Thornton – Dukes County Manager, Paulo DeOliveira – Dukes County Register of Deeds, Ann Metcalf – Dukes County Treasurer

**Others Present:** Bob Johnston, Rich Salzberg – MV Times, Bob Rosenbaum – Chair of Airport Commission, Fred Fournier

**Christine Todd called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.**

Minutes – postponed to next meeting

Steamship Authority (SSA) updates – proposed legislation

There was a hearing at the State House relative to the legislation. Christine and Tristan were participating in the hearing. The biggest issue some commissioners raised was relative to process, as the County Commissioners nor the port communities were consulted prior to the legislation being filed. If people want to send comments the link for submitting written testimonies was distributed via e-mail. Representative Fernandez will join us at the next meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss.

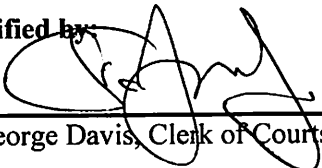
ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) – Updates from committees

**Working Group – Peter Wharton** - working group met and reviewed the MOU with Plymouth. Martina said it is with Plymouth legal counsel and there will be some minor changes to it. She hopes to get it back by the end of the week. Working group also reviewed the Administrative, Financial and Procedural Recommendations. Some sections will need subsequent conversations with the legal counsel and with the auditors (April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting) and their roles throughout the process clarified before the Recommendations can be finalized. Once we have access to the template documents from Plymouth, we can start revising it for our particular needs and finalize it before we can start asking the recommended applicants to go through the formal application process as agreed on. The group is trying to work out if we can along with reimbursement process also accommodate invoice processing for entities that might not have the upfront capital to front the initial expenditures.

**Review Committee - John Cahill** – the Committee met and selected 15 applications as not favorable for recommendation, 3 were already recommended and so that leaves 4 application to potentially recommend for funding.

**Keith/Tristan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:39PM. So voted. R. Peter Wharton - yes, Keith Chatinover – yes, Tristan Israel – yes, John Cahill – yes, Christine Todd - yes. Motion carries. The Dukes County Commission meeting was adjourned at 4:40PM.**

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