

**Dukes County Commission (DCC)  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 25, 2022  
4:30 PM**

*SPECIAL MEETING*

*REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY*

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

**Other County Officials Present:** Martina Thornton – Dukes County Manager, Ann Metcalf – County Treasurer

**Others Present:** Aidan Pollard –MV Gazette, Abigail Rosen – MV Times, Bob Rosenbaum – MV Airport Commission, Richard Knabel,

**Christine Todd called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.** She had issues with internet connection and asked Peter Wharton to chair the meeting.

Minutes – 4-11-2022 and 4-20-2022

**Tristan/ John moved to approve minutes of 4-11-2022 and 4-20-2022. So voted.**

**Minutes of 4-11-2022 – Peter – yes, Leon – yes, John – yes, Tristan – yes, Don – abstained, Keith – abstained, Christine - yes. Motion carries.**

**Minutes of 4-20-2022 – John – yes, Tristan – yes, Leon – yes, Keith – yes, Don – yes, Christine – abstained, Peter – abstained. Motion carries.**

American Rescue Plan Act Updates

Leon brought up the question of using 30B procurement rules versus Uniform guidelines, which are in the documents.

**Leon/Don moved to where it refers to procurement in the documents and Uniform Guidelines are referenced that it would mean that 30B is used as it is more stringent and a procurement method that will be used are compliant with the federal Uniform Guidelines. Discussion followed:**

Peter added that in 30B itself it states that where 30B procedures are not in compliance with Federal rules, if procurement is done in order to spend federal funds, federal rules prevail.

Comment was made that other counties did not go out to bid to select their CPA they are using for ARPA. Our auditors made a statement that if the federal government has an issue with the fact the county did not do a bid for their services, they will give the money back they billed us for the services if federal government wants it back. The CPAs will be billing us hourly and not to exceed \$10K per year for the duration of ARPA for their work on reviewing the applications and compliance on top of their regular audit work for us.

**So voted – John - yes, Tristan -yes, Keith -yes, Don - yes, Peter -yes, Christine – yes. Motion carries.**

John informed the commissioners that Island Health Care informed us that they were able to obtain other federal funds and are withdrawing their application for ARPA funds.

Martina should guestimate the cost of ARPA work for us as well... they will review good legal standing of the entities and that the project the way it is proposed falls under the guidelines of ARPA. They will not be reviewing individual invoices.

Tristan did feel that it would be duplication to have the lawyers and auditors looking if it complies with the regulations. Peter explained that only if the auditors flag something will we have the lawyers involved to opine on validity of an invoice.

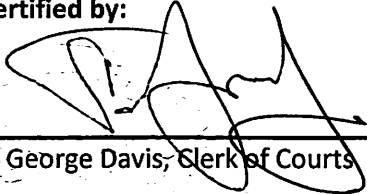
Martina is to present the applications to the two applicants – MV Airport and MV Commission – so they can get all the necessary documentation to us and then forward it to lawyer and CPA.

\*Don Leopold left the meeting.

Bob Rosenbaum was curious how the rest of the money will be allocated and if the Airport can apply for more. Christine suggested the Airport ask for more funds when they are filling up the application. Others felt that if we allow Airport to ask for more that we would have to open it up to others as well. We had a process, and we need to honor the work that was already done and not changing the process. The Review Committee will discuss further steps and what other applications they would like to propose for funding.

**Leon/Tristan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:58PM. So voted. R. Peter Wharton – yes, Keith Chatinover – yes, Tristan Israel – yes, Leon Brathwaite – yes, John Cahill – yes, Christine Todd – yes. Motion carries. The Dukes County Commission meeting was adjourned at 4:58PM.**

**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
- DRAFT ARPA documents
- Manager's Report