

Dukes County Commission (DCC)
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 18, 2021
4:30 PM

REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY

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

Other County Officials Present: Martina Thornton – Dukes County Manager and Paulo DeOliveira – Register of Deeds, Ann Metcalf – County Treasurer, Bruce Montrose – Veterans Services Officer, Geoff Freeman – Airport Manager, Richard Knabel, Bob Rosenbaum – Airport Commission,

Others Present: Scott Medeiros, Lauren Hertel, Jessica Richard - Woodart & Curran Co., Laurie Toscano – Owners Project Manager; Rich Lasdin – McFarland & Johnson;(all left after Airport presentation), Julia Wells -MV Gazette, Eunki Seonwoo – MV Times.

Christine Todd called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM.

Minutes – will be voted on at the next meeting

Airport Request for borrowing – Bob Rosenbaum explain that the request is for DCC to allow for the Airport to proceed with an application to the State revolving fund for this project, there will be another request for approval of the actual loan when the final project proposal and funding needs are available.

Scott Medeiros made a presentation about the process of the Wastewater Treatment Facility upgrades – need, timeline, deadlines, etc. (presentation on file). The loan would be a 20-year, 2% interest rate interim construction loan. In October 2021 Airport would repay all current debts and be in good financial position to make this new financial commitment. Finance Committee met with the Airport representatives and went in detail over the proposal. Unfortunately, no portion of the loan will be forgivable, it will have to be repaid in full. This project will go before the MV Commission and there will be a public hearing about the project. Discussion followed.

Leon Brathwaite moved, and Tristan Israel seconded to approve the Airport Commission's request and authorized the Airport Commission to file the application to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan program to borrow up to \$6.7 million for 20 years at 2% interest rate to fund the Airport's Wastewater Facility Upgrades as presented. So voted. John Cahill aye, R. Peter Wharton aye, Tristan Israel aye, Keith Chatinover aye, Leon Brathwaite aye, Don Leopold aye and Christine Todd aye. All in favor.

ARPA funding update

Don gave an update on the work of the ARPA Funding Steering Committee (SC) (presentation on file). Don and Peter met with Ann to discuss next steps. Ann will start charging for the time she spends dealing with the funds. Target date to request funds is not October 1st. The SC did not receive the broad input they were hoping to get. Peter went over presentation and what he found

Tristan / John moved to formally accept ARPA funding and authorize the Treasurer to create a special fund to deposit the funds into and to authorize the Steering Committee to develop recommendations regarding spending the funds (budgetary authority) and bring it back to DCC for approval. So voted. John Cahill aye, R. Peter Wharton aye, Tristan Israel aye, Keith Chatinover aye, Leon Brathwaite aye, Don Leopold aye and Christine Todd aye. All in favor.

Don finished his presentation with showing what island-wide themes are starting to raise. The deadline for application was moved to September 30th and there will be targeted outreach to specific organization and also hold a public forum mid-September. The SC will meet again on September 1st at 3pm

Increase of Delta variant – discussion

Indoor mask mandate is coming into effect for all down island towns tomorrow (Edgartown, Tisbury, Oak Bluffs). Some commissioners felt that it took longer that it should have to put this in place (Nantucket had it much sooner). Discussion followed on mandatory vaccination. Martina asked that if Commissioners will consider it they it on next agenda and invite employees to be able to raise their questions and concerns.

Manager's Report – see document on file

Budget carry overs from FY2021 to FY2022:

Tristan/ Don moved to carry over \$15,000 for cyber security assessment (Dept. 610 – Mics Contractual) and \$2,632 for cyber security training (Dept. 3400) from FY21 to FY22 to make sure that these two projects can move forward in FY2022. So voted. John Cahill aye, R. Peter Wharton aye, Tristan Israel aye, Keith Chatinover aye, Leon Brathwaite aye, Don Leopold aye and Christine Todd aye. All in favor.

Tristan/ Peter moved to ask CAB to carry over \$15,000 from FY21 to FY22 in unspent funds for Dept. 630 – MV Senior Services Building to cover unexpected and unbudgeted expenditures in FY2022 related to waste and wastewater bills and repairs. So voted. John Cahill aye, R. Peter Wharton aye, Tristan Israel aye, Keith Chatinover aye, Leon Brathwaite aye, Don Leopold aye and Christine Todd aye. All in favor.

Martina informed the Board that Roger Wey, DCC appointee to the Dukes County Contributory Retirement System board passed away and since his term does not expire until December of 2023 there is a need to appoint someone for the remaining term. Tristan recognized Roger's many years of public services and contributions as Oak Bluffs selectman, County Commissioner, member of the Retirement Board as well as other roles he played over the years in the public arena. DCC agreed to advertise to fill in the seat on the Retirement Board for the remaining term and collect applications with a deadline of September 10th.

John asked for webinar format to be use for the DCC meetings. Discussion followed.

Don/Keith moved to pursue the panelists and attendees' model of zoom meetings provided that the public can see who else is participating (as amended). Discussion followed. So voted. John Cahill aye, R. Peter Wharton aye, Tristan Israel aye, Keith Chatinover aye, Leon Brathwaite aye, Don Leopold aye and Christine Todd aye. All in favor.

New Business

2020 Census numbers – Dukes County increased by 20% to 20,600 residents. This means more money for grants and social programs. Keith thanked all who participated in the count.

Sheriff's Department retirees – Finance Committee should meet to discuss this issue and if and how it is affecting the county budget.

Draft FY2021 Financial Statement was distributed to DCC and will be discussed at the next Finance Committee.

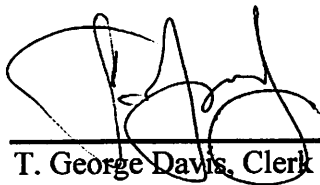
Public Comment - There were no public or press comments.

Don/Leon made a motion adjourn the meeting. So voted. John Cahill aye, R. Peter Wharton aye, Tristan Israel aye, Keith Chatinover aye, Leon Brathwaite aye, Don Leopold aye and Christine Todd aye. Motion carries.

The Dukes County Commission meeting was adjourned at 5:... PM.

The next Dukes County Commissioners Meeting is on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 4:30 PM.

Certified by:



T. George Davis, Clerk of Courts

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

- Meeting Agenda
- Manager's Report 8-18-2021
- Airport presentation and documents
- ARPA funding presentation