



Minutes

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 8th, 2021 – 8:00 A.M.
ROCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE CONFERENCE CENTER - (2nd FL – EAST WING)**

AND VIA ZOOM

The meeting of the Rock County Planning & Development Committee was called to order at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 8, 2021. Chair Sweeney presided. Supervisors present in person: Al Sweeney. Supervisors present via Zoom: Wayne Gustina, Russ Podzilni, Wes Davis and Robert Potter. QUORUM PRESENT.

Rock County Staff Present: Andrew Baker (Planning Director), Christine Munz-Pritchard (Senior Planner), Steve Godding (Planner III), Dana Sanwick (Office Coordinator), and James Otterstein (Economic Development Manager).

Others present in person: Stephanie Aegerter. Others present via Zoom: Josh Smith, Kathy Schulz, Genia Stevens.

1. Call to Order

Roll Call

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Supervisor Gustina **Seconded** by Supervisor Podzilni
Approved (5-0)

3. **Action Item:** Approval of Minutes of the Planning & Development Meeting held June 24, 2021 at 8:00 am

Moved by Supervisor Gustina **Seconded** by Supervisor Podzilni
Approved (5-0)

4. Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements

5. Code Enforcement

6. Community Development

7. Economic Development

8. **Action Item:** *Resolution* Creating American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grants for Small Businesses and Nonprofit Organizations

Moved by Supervisor Davis **Seconded** by Supervisor Potter
Approved (3-2)

Yes votes by Supervisor Davis, Supervisor Potter, Supervisor Sweeney

No votes by Supervisor Podzilni, Supervisor Gustina

Moved to table by Supervisor Podzilni **Seconded** by Supervisor Gustina

Failed (3-2)

No votes by Supervisor Davis, Supervisor Potter, Supervisor Sweeney

Yes votes by Supervisor Podzilni, Supervisor Gustina

Supervisor Aegerter presented the resolution to the committee.

Supervisor Stevens spoke of lack of disaster preparedness and how to prepare for the current COVID-19 situation and future disasters that may occur. Supervisor Sweeney asked Supervisor Stevens what the proposed solution is to the lack of disaster preparedness. Supervisor Stevens responded lack of preparedness would lead to scrambling for solutions instead of having possible solutions in place.

James Otterstein spoke on the resolution and advised that there are some mechanical pieces of the resolution need some due diligence to obtain the proper data to use to make decisions on which businesses to assist, what hardware and software is needed to accomplish the grant process, the application process, etc.

Supervisor Podzilni questioned how the resolution came about and how the dollar amount was decided on. Supervisor Podzilni also asked how the Cities of Beloit and Janesville felt and what they would be doing with their ARPA funds. James Otterstein responded that neither city has made a decision on where their funds would be used. Supervisor Aegerter answered that the amount decided on was based on information from Josh Smith. James Otterstein expanded on how many businesses are in Rock County and advised that many small companies received Paycheck Protection and will not be eligible for this grant. At this point Supervisor Podzilni moved to table. Results above.

Supervisor Gustina asked if there will be an end date to the program. Josh Smith spoke that the grant funds must be allocated by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026. If the funds are not spent they are put back in the county ARPA pot of money and can be used for further expenditure in other areas.

9. Corporate Planning

Action Item: *Resolution* Directing Rock County Staff to Explore the Feasibility of Creating Program to Address Nitrate Mitigation in Rock County's Ground Water.
Moved by Supervisor Davis **Seconded** by Supervisor Potter
Approved (5-0)

Andrew Baker gave an overview of the resolution.

10. Finance

A. Information Item: Committee Review of Payments

B. **Action Item:** Transfers

11. Director's Report

A. Semi-Annual Reports - Attendance at Conventions/Conferences
Andrew Baker reported that neither Real Property or Planning & Development exceeded the conference or convention limit of \$1,000.00.

B. **Possible Action Item:** Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed 2022 Fee Schedule
Andrew Baker went over the fee schedule for 2022. Andrew Baker talked about the land division review fee as it applies to larger subdivisions.
No Action Taken

12. Committee Reports

13. Adjournment at 8:48AM

Moved by Supervisor Potter **Seconded** by Supervisor Gustina
Approved (5-0)

Future Meeting Dates

July 22, 2021 8:00 AM (IF NEEDED)

August 12th, 2021 8:00 AM -Proposed Budget Review