

**FINANCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
COUNTY BOARD ROOM
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call – Chuck Nagel (ch.), Russ Cotton (v-ch), Richard Hill (Mr. Hill left at 7PM), Josh Davis all present. Bryant Kempf is excused. Also present are Emily Barker, and Barry Logan.

Members from Bay View Gardens, Village of Roanoke, Village of Germantown Hills, City of Minonk, City of El Paso, Woodford County Health Dept., village of Congerville, and City of Eureka also present.

3. Public Input

4. New Business

a. Revolving Loan Grant Fund discussion

Mr. Cummings from GPEDC was introduced and it was explained what he will be doing, and that the payment for the application fee will be paid for by the County and not come out of the grant funds. This is a non-competitive grant. The scope of the work needs to be postmarked by April 12, and just state a simple explanation of what the intended project will be. No engineering work can be done at this time.

Members were asked to share what projects they have in mind of submitting. In doing this, they can hear what other townships/municipalities are working on the same type of projects and share information.

*Minonk – Ramps and sidewalk repair on Oak Street to make local business and physical therapy building accessible to handicap.

*El Paso – sidewalk and ramps in a 2 block area of downtown area making it more complaint to ADA. Create more handicap parking spaces, brick roads with water pooling and freezing.

*Germantown Hills – solar light crossing signals at three road crossings. An area of existing sidewalk where water is pooling and wheelchairs/handicap cannot get around.

*Roanoke – sidewalks and ramps in downtown area, Main Street. Sidewalks are patched, and uneven, hard to maneuver around. 3 blocks have stairs, wheelchair, handicap have to walk in street, want to put in ramp, retaining wall.

*Health Department – automatic doors for handicap to make health department more accessible.

*Bayview Gardens – render Village Hall complaint – widening entrance, installing ramp, bathrooms

*Eureka – sidewalk replacement and ramp into city building.

*Congerville – Village Hall – there is a 6 to 8 in drop off from the sidewalk to the gravel. Gravel not ADA compliant. Install ramp and pave area. They received a grant for a walking trail. Have completed the trail up to installing the gravel, then the state pulled the grant funding. That trail is not ADA complaint.

It was explained where this grant money is coming from and how the county has 2 projects that it can be used on. The mission of the county is to have 1 project be an umbrella project that the townships/municipalities can use for improvements that meet ADA. The county will receive the township/municipalities proposed project and apply a formula to determine which project will be completed.

Since this grant is county money, and the county services all citizens of the county, the county projects will be addressed first. The elevator needs repair and sidewalk repair. Mr. Logan stated that Bayview Gardens is thinking outside the box, which is good. He encouraged other communities to do the same and not just look at sidewalks. Look at public buildings and see what needs to be done to make them ADA complaint. The list that was provided included a lot of ideas of where to look for improvements.

Mr. Cummings address the room and stated that sidewalks would not be considered unless they are associated with a building. Fixing a sidewalk that is crumbling that is not associated with a building would not be addressed as it would be looked at as not being maintained, and this grant is not to fix things that the townships/municipalities did not maintain. Mr. Cummings would need to come look at the area that is being considered for a project. He stated that the proposal can be made with the fewest doubts they have. Ms. Hanley stated that the state is willing to work with us on our projects. Suggestions of looking at other areas were made - areas of fire alarms that could be considered. If all the money is not used in this umbrella project, then we have the opportunity for a second project, but will address that at a later date.

It was questioned when Mr. Cummings will come look at the projects. It was stated that the township/municipality can call him at any time to come look at their proposed project and get ideas. He will look at all chosen projects once those projects have been determined. It is hoped that municipalities/townships will work together to help save costs if the projects are similar. We will have one contractor for the all projects. This is a simple process for the townships/municipalities. All they have to do it meet our deadlines, and the county will do the rest – choosing the project, hiring the engineers, contractors, paying the bills, etc.


There are two dates that the townships/municipalities need to be aware of – April 12 and May 6. The April 12 date is for submitting the project description. This description should be very broad – just briefly listing the scope of the project. May 6 the townships/municipalities will submit the estimated cost of project.

5. Unfinished Business

6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Cotton, seconded by Davis. *Motion passed.*
Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Submitted by: Deb Breyman



Chuck Nagel, Chairman
Finance Committee