

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) planning

July 28, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, County Manager Erik Martin, Todd Chaput, Richard DeBolt, Becky Butler, Josh Metcalf, JP Anderson, Willie Painter, Lee Napier, Grace Jimenez, Tailor Arrington

Guests: n/a

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Updates on requirements and guidance regarding allocations and reporting: Becky Butler said updated guidance has not yet been released.

Becky said the county is awaiting a final rule regarding funding administration from the U.S. Treasury. She said the county's grants position remains unfilled and that she is struggling to recruit qualified applicants. Becky said Grace Jimenez has updated Munis to help with tracking and reporting. Becky said templates for funding applications will be finalized after the U.S. Treasury sets its funding administration rules.

Becky said the city of Napavine and a representative from Boistfort water have reached out regarding funding opportunities.

Becky said she and Matt Jaeger are conducting an analysis regarding backlogs in Lewis County courts.

Richard DeBolt said the Port of Centralia has indicated it will provide data. Todd Chaput said the EDC is drafting with city of Chehalis.

Todd said he will begin sending monthly email updates to stakeholders.

Todd said:

- Mapping system will be 85 percent complete by the end of August
- Scoring metrics will be in place by September
- Meetings with small communities and stakeholders will take place in September and October (Richard said the commissioners will be invited to the meetings taking place in their districts)
- Next stakeholder meeting will take place concurrently with the Legislative Roundtable

Todd said he would work with Public Works regarding the EDC's use of GIS's time. He said he would work with the GIS to determine whether there would be any proprietary concerns regarding the data-sharing map.

Richard said the EDC plans to create a schedule that outlines lobbying efforts. Richard said the state has indicated another trough of money that could be used for broadband might be announced in the future.

JP Anderson said Public Health and Social Services plans to focus on providing funding for community resilience grants.

Announcements

Richard said the grain terminal project funded by .09 “Distressed Counties” has been delayed.

Richard said EDC will hold a class on cybersecurity in August.

The group selected the first Friday in October as the date for the Legislative Roundtable. The group said the meeting would take place in person in the Commissioners’ Hearing Room.

Meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.