

**STATE OF ILLINOIS     )**  
**COUNTY OF LA SALLE  )**

The La Salle County Board met for an ARP Full Board Meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of February, it being the 28<sup>th</sup> day thereof.

Chairman Jensen called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

This is the sixth meeting of the December 2022-2023 Session.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman asked the Clerk to call the roll for Per Diem and Mileage.

**PRESENT:** Mr. Small, Ms. Findley Smith, Ms. Owens, Ms. Bright, Mr. Stockley, Mr. Gatza, Mr. Oscepinski, Ms. Bernal, Mr. Kasap, Mr. Savitch, Mr. Torres, Mr. Brown, Mr. Trager, Ms. Carretto, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Dose, Mr. Aubry, Mr. McEmery, Ms. Znaniecki, Mr. Tooley, Mr. Roach, Mr. Slager, Ms. Busch and Chairman Jensen

**ABSENT:** Ms. McNally, Ms. Pottinger, Mr. Emmett, Mr. Witczak, Ms. Beckett, and Mr. Blue

There are 16 ayes claiming mileage.

Motion by Ms. Carretto to approve the roll call for mileage and per diem, second by Mr. Gatza. Voice vote: 23 ayes and 6 absent (McNally, Pottinger, Emmett, Witczak, Beckett, Blue). Motion carried.

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**MOTION**

Motion by Mr. Small to dispense of February 9<sup>th</sup> 2023, meeting minutes, second Mr. Tooley. Voice vote: 23 ayes and 6 absent (McNally, Pottinger, Emmett, Witczak, Beckett, Blue). Motion carried.

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

Board Member, Mr. Trager, addressed the board on behalf of an article in the newspaper regarding the United Way of Eastern La Salle County and how it will administer

ARPA funds throughout the county determined by a local board they made up of representatives from the Illinois Department of Human Services, DHS-Rehabilitation Services, IVCC, OSF Health Care, United Way in Streator, The Center of Youth and Family Solutions, Salvation Army in Streator, Housing Authority of La Salle County, Red Cross and Alternatives for You. He mentioned the La Salle County Board should have been involving these kind of people with the disbursement of the American Rescue Plan Act funds and suggests if there is any money left over after all the applications have been gone through the La Salle County Board should consider giving funds to these organizations and the United Way of Western La Salle County.

Theresa Schmidt, Joshua Mammen, Glen Pratt, Crystal Loughran all expressed their concerns regarding the process used by the county board to disburse ARPA funds received in La Salle County. They all asked the board to please be wise with their decisions today as constituents are watching and need them to guard the tax dollars in La Salle County and to consider any internal projects that will save tax payers money in the future. They also ask that the La Salle County Board consider getting a morgue in La Salle County with disbursement of the ARPA funds.

Chris Lukow, expressed his opinion on the ARP funding and disbursement and as the ProLife leader of La Salle County he asked the County Board to please at least match the funds that are given to Planned Parenthood of La Salle County for the parental pregnancy centers and also for their help to develop a morgue in La Salle County.

Rebecca Morphey with the Village of Somonauk, along with the public works superintendent explained the village's ARPA request for the need of a new sanitary sewer system.

### **MOTION**

Motion by Mr. Aubry to set aside two million dollars of the remaining ARPA funds to develop a morgue in La Salle County, second by Ms. Findley Smith.

**Motion to Withdraw:** Mr. Aubry and Ms. Findley Smith withdrew their motion and second to set aside the ARPA funds to develop a morgue.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 5 TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC BODY.**

**ENTER IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:10 A.M.**

Motion by Mr. Trager, second by Ms. Bernal to go in to executive session for 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 5. The purchase of lease of real property for the use of the County, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. Roll call vote: 23 ayes and 6 (McNally, Pottinger, Emmett, Witczak, Beckett, Blue). Motion carried.

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**RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:30 A.M.**

Motion by Ms. Findley Smith, second by Mr. Stockley to come out of executive session and go into open session. Roll call vote: 23 ayes and 6 (McNally, Pottinger, Emmett, Witczak, Beckett, Blue). Motion carried.

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**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN**

Chairman Jensen stated that they would address the internal applications first.

**ORDINANCE: APPROVING QUALIFIED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN INTERNAL APPLICATION #3 – HIGHWAY- WATER PROJECT**

An ordinance was submitted recommending approval of qualified ARPA funding application for the La Salle County Highway Department and that the La Salle County Board authorizes the allocation of up to \$1,622,021.00 of ARPA, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, for the disbursement of constructing a water main, preliminary

engineering and construction engineering, a more particular description is attached ARPA funding application.

No Motion. Ordinance denied.

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**ORDINANCE: APPROVING QUALIFIED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN INTERNAL APPLICATION #5 – CIRCUIT CLERK – LOST REVENUE**

An ordinance was submitted recommending approval of qualified ARPA funding application for the La Salle County Circuit Clerk and that the La Salle County Board authorizes the allocation of up to \$254,158.00 of ARPA, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, for the disbursement of lost revenue, a more particular description is attached ARPA funding application.

No Motion. Ordinance denied.

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**ORDINANCE: (#23-40) APPROVING QUALIFIED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN INTERNAL APPLICATION #11 – ROE – TRANSPORT VANS**

An ordinance was submitted recommending approval of qualified ARPA funding application for the Regional Office of Education and that the La Salle County Board authorizes the allocation of up to \$90,000.00 of ARPA, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, for the disbursement of the purchase of two student intervention/assistance transport vans, a more particular description is attached ARPA funding application.

**Motion to Approve:** Motion by Mr. Gatza to approve the ordinance, second by Ms. Owens.

**Motion to Amend:** Motion by Mr. Trager to amend the ordinance to provide for only one vehicle, second by Mr. Kasap.

**Motion to Withdraw:** Mr. Trager and Mr. Kasap withdrew their motion and second to amend the ordinance.

**Original Motion:** Roll call vote: 20 ayes (Findley Smith, Owens, Bright, Stockley, Gatza, Oscepinski, Bernal, Kasap, Savitch, Torres, Brown, Trager, Carretto, Walsh, Dose, Aubry, McEmery, Tooley, Roach, Slager), 3 nays (Small, Znaniiecki, Busch) and 6 absent (McNally, Pottinger, Emmett, Witczak, Beckett, Blue) Motion carried.

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**ORDINANCE: APPROVING QUALIFIED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN INTERNAL APPLICATION #31 – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – BUILDING SECURITY**

An ordinance was submitted recommending approval of qualified ARPA funding application for the La Salle County Health Department and that the La Salle County Board authorizes the allocation of up to \$30,768.00 of ARPA, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, for the disbursement of CCTV System, bullet resistance window and Access Control System, a more particular description is attached ARPA funding application.

Ordinance denied. No Motion.

SEE RECORD BOOK 246 PG 314

**ORDINANCE: APPROVING QUALIFIED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN INTERNAL APPLICATION #38 – NURSING HOME – LOST REVENUE AND EQUIPMENT**

An ordinance was submitted recommending approval of qualified ARPA funding application for the La Salle County Nursing Home and that the La Salle County Board authorizes the allocation of up to \$1,366,542.06 of ARPA, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, for the disbursement of hours spent on COVID related duties, Loss of Revenue from deaths, supplies spent from March of 2021, equipment, and additional seating for family, a more particular description is attached ARPA funding application.

**Motion to take from the Table:** Motion by Mr. Kasap to take from the table, second by Mr. Dose.

**Motion to Approve:** Motion by Kasap to approve the ordinance, second by Mr. Small.

**Motion to Amend:** Motion by Mr. Kasap to amend the ordinance amount from \$1,366,542.06 to \$500,000.00, second by Trager.

**Motion to Table:** Motion by Mr. Gatza to table the ordinance, second by Mr. Oscepinski. Roll call vote: 13 ayes (Findley Smith, Bright, Gatza, Oscepinski, Bernal, Trager, Carretto, McEmery, Znaniecki, Tooley, Roach, Slager, Busch), 10 nays (Small, Owens, Stockley, Kasap, Savitch, Torres, Brown, Walsh, Dose, Aubry) and 6 absent (McNally, Pottinger, Emmett, Witczak, Beckett, Blue). Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 246 PG 315-316

**ORDINANCE: APPROVING QUALIFIED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN INTERNAL APPLICATION #43 – TREASURER - SECURITY**

An ordinance was submitted recommending approval of qualified ARPA funding application for the La Salle County Treasurer and that the La Salle County Board authorizes the allocation of up to \$80,998.00 of ARPA, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, for the disbursement of remodeling entry/service area and two laptops, a more particular description is attached ARPA funding application.

No Motion. Ordinance denied.

SEE RECORD BOOK 246 PG 317

**ORDINANCE: (#23-41) APPROVING QUALIFIED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN INTERNAL APPLICATION #44 – CORONER – COVID PROTECTION PPE**

An ordinance was submitted recommending approval of qualified ARPA funding application for the La Salle County Coroner and that the La Salle County Board authorizes the allocation of up to \$7,277.27 of ARPA, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, for the disbursement of mesh body bags, biohazard equipment, nitrile gloves, body bag seals and normal and oversized body bags, a more particular description is attached ARPA funding application.

Motion by Mr. Stockley to approve the ordinance, second by Mr. Torres. Roll call vote: 23 ayes and 6 absent. Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 246 PG 318-319

**ORDINANCE: (#23-42) APPROVING QUALIFIED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN  
INTERNAL APPLICATION #45 – EMA – APP DEVELOPEMNT AND 1 YEAR USE**

An ordinance was submitted recommending approval of qualified ARPA funding application for the La Salle County EMA and that the La Salle County Board authorizes the allocation of up to \$23,985.00 of ARPA, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, for the disbursement of APP development and first year use, a more particular description is attached ARPA funding application.

**Motion to Approve:** Motion by Ms. Findley Smith to approve the ordinance, second by Ms. Busch.

**Motion to Amend:** Motion by Mr. Gatza to amend the ordinance to extend the number of years to a total of three years and change the amount allocated to up to \$39,975.00 which is the original amount of the ordinance plus an additional two years, second by Mr. McEmery.

Ms. Carretto noted that in the Citizen Comment it was brought to the board's attention that some applications were given more than they asked for and that this amendment should be reconsider.

**Motion to Withdraw:** Motion by Mr. Gatza to withdraw his motion to amend and Mr. McEmery withdrew the second.

**Original Motion:** Roll call vote: 22 ayes, 1 nay (Kasap) and 6 absent (McNally, Pottinger, Emmett, Witczak, Beckett, Blue). Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 246 PG 320-322

**ORDINANCE: APPROVING QUALIFIED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN INTERNAL APPLICATION #46 – HIGHWAY – LEONORE SHED IMPROVEMENTS**

An ordinance was submitted recommending approval of qualified ARPA funding application for the La Salle County Highway Department and that the La Salle County Board authorizes the allocation of up to \$500,000.00 of ARPA, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, for the disbursement to remodel of Leonore shed, a more particular description is attached ARPA funding application.

No Motion. Ordinance denied.

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**ORDINANCE: (#23-43) APPROVING QUALIFIED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN INTERNAL APPLICATION #51 – COUNTY PARK**

An ordinance was submitted recommending approval of qualified ARPA funding application for the La Salle County Parks Department and that the La Salle County Board authorizes the allocation of up to \$780,000.00 of ARPA, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, for the disbursement of multi-use building, picnic pavilion, site prep, ADA parking, paths, and sidewalks, facility systems, security, generators and IT, a more particular description is attached ARPA funding application.

***Motion to Approve:*** Motion by Mr. Torres to approve the ordinance, second by Mr. Small. Roll call vote: 22 ayes, 1 nay (Carretto) and 6 absent (McNally, Pottinger, Emmett, Witczak, Beckett, Blue) Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 246 PG 324-326

**MOTION**

***Motion to Amend:*** Motion by Mr. Trager to amend the agenda by moving the first group of external ordinances and the second group of external ordinances to the next meeting, those ordinances are the qualified ARP applications #4, #5, #13, #14, #15, #21, #28, #30, #40, #44, #48, and #38, #62, #78, #79, #80, #81, #82, #83, #86, second by



Mr. Gatza. Voice vote: 23 ayes and 6 absent (McNally, Pottinger, Emmett, Witczak, Beckett, Blue). Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Trager to adjourn, second by Mr. McEmery. Voice vote: 23 ayes and 6 absent (McNally, Pottinger, Emmett, Witczak, Beckett, Blue) Motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN JENSEN DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:13 P.M.**