

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE
June 24, 2021
Minutes

Committee members present: Chairman Dave Hintz, Billy Fried, Alan VanRaalte, Steven Schreier, Bob Thome, Dan Hess, Mary Rideout, Tina Smigielski, Lisa Charbarneau, Mike Romportl and Jeff Verdoorn.

Committee members absent: none.

Also present: Tamara Feest (Human Service Center).

Call to order: Chairman Hintz called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in County Board Room of the Oneida County Courthouse. The meeting has been properly posted and is in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting law and the facility is handicap accessible.

Approve agenda: Motion by VanRaalte to approve today's agenda with the order of items at the Chair's discretion. Second by Schrier. All aye; motion carried.

Election of Vice chairperson

Hintz asked for nominations for vice chairperson of the committee. Fried nominated Alan VanRaalte. Hintz asked for nominations two additional times. Motion by Schrier to appoint Alan VanRaalte as vice chairperson of the committee. Second by Thome. All aye; motion carried.

Hintz explained that all members of the committee can vote, whether you are a County Board Supervisor or staff. He also explained that the FOC is a sub-committee of the Administration Committee and will report to such. The LRES staff will be taking care of the administration function for the committee.

Public Comment

Hintz asked if there was any public comment from people in the room or participating on zoom. There were no public comments at this time.

Review 2020 Funding Opportunities Committee (FOC) spreadsheet

Hintz gave an overview of the spreadsheet that was created by the prior FOC. Hintz also explained that each year every department prepares a budget that is approved by their committee of jurisdiction and then forwarded to the Administration Committee. The Administration Committee holds public hearings on the presented budgets and prepares a consolidated budget for consideration at the November County Board Meeting each year.

Hintz indicated that he would like to take the small team approach as the prior group had done.

Under open items Hintz gave an update on the possible reorganization of Social Services and Human Services organizations. Hintz explained that the Human Service Center (HSC) had hired an independent consultant to review their organization and make recommendations for changes. Since that has been completed, the HSC has been implementing recommendations suggested by the consultant. The possible reorganization was put on hold pending the outcome of the review.

Also, under open items, Bob Thome went over a handout he prepared regarding both Tourist Rooming Houses (TRH) and POWTS. Thome explained that the TRH issue first was looked at in

July 2020. Since that time, Planning & Zoning Department has hired an outside vendor to identify TRH in Oneida County. These TRH must have a proper permit from Planning and Zoning as well as a license from Public Health. To date 700 TRH have been identified by the vendor. The Planning and Zoning Department has permitted about 100 units, leaving 600 units that will likely need to be permitted at a fee of \$250 per unit. Planning and Zoning is currently applying a triple after the fact fee of \$750 per unit. The Public Health Department has licensed over 280 TRH, leaving approximately 420 units that will likely need to be initially licensed at a fee of \$410 per unit. Questions asked that need to be investigated include: is outside vendor only identifying TRH; statutorily can the outside vendor enforce our code and issue citations. Thome did add that there are additional modules that can be added to the vendors contract; however, it has not been decided at this time. He also continued that Planning and Zoning Department cannot keep up with the permitting for TRH.

The Planning and Development Committee have implemented a five-dollar fee for all POWTS (septic systems). This five-dollar fee will be added to property taxes under "special charge". Thome indicated there are between twenty and thirty thousand septic systems in the County.

The final open item is Health Insurance and other employee benefits. Hintz indicated that a special committee was formed last year to review and evaluate the employee health insurance benefit. Hintz indicated that significant and positive changes were made for 2021.

Role of FOC 2021

Hintz indicated that the big difference between the prior FOC and the current FOC is to provide direction and guidance on the use of 6.9 million dollars in Recovery/Relief Funds. Discussion on the following: restrictions, timing, best use, impact on CIP, sustainability and tax relief versus new spending. Schrier asked how are we communicating with cities and towns to make the most of this funding. He expressed a concern on towns staying in compliance. Smigielski indicated that a new Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) came out from the Feds on June 23, 2021. The Feds will be taking comments on the interim rules until July 12, 2021. There will be no final rules until after the comment period. Hintz also indicated that the current FOC will need to continue with the comprehensive review of funding opportunities both cost and revenues.

Hintz would like the FOC to break down into smaller committees as follows:

Team A-Financial: Hintz, Thome, Smigielski

Team B-HR-Employee benefits: Fried, Romportl, Charbarneau

Team C-Social and other services: Van Raalte, Fried, Rideout

Team D-Other opportunities: Schrier, Hess, Verdoorn

Next Steps

Using the team approach, Hintz asked the teams to meet and go through the spreadsheet as a team prior to the next FOC meeting.

Each team should identify which topic they will be assigned. New topics should be brought to the next FOC meeting for consideration to be added to the list.

Smigielski went over a handout she prepared regarding lost revenues. She explained there was a formula provided from the feds that she used to calculate the amount. She continued that having a lost revenue money designation opens up more options on how the new Recovery Funds can be spent.

Public Comment

There was no public comment from the meeting room or zoom.

Dates and items for future agenda/meetings

Next meeting of the FOC is for Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Adjourn

Hintz adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

David Hintz, Chair

Lisa Charbarneau, Recording Secretary

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