

**JOINT WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD REPUBLICAN  
AND DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS MEETING**

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REPUBLICAN CAUCUS  
MEETING**

**PER: CAUCUS CHAIRMAN,  
JOE HOFFMAN AND PAUL  
ARENA**

**DATE:** MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021

**TIME:** 5:30 P.M.

**LOCATION:** ROOM 303  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BLDG  
404 ELM STREET  
ROCKFORD, IL 61101

**AGENDA:**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Committee Reports
- D. Other Matters
  - 1. Discussion of reapportionment plan
  - 2. Discussion of ARP allocation for economic development
- E. Adjournment

## ARP Funds for Economic Impacts

In March on 2021, the Federal Government approved funds as part of their American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) to assist in combatting the COVID-19 pandemic. Winnebago County will be in total receiving approximately \$55 million of these ARP funds over the next 2 years. Of the \$55 million dollars, the Winnebago County Board has already approved \$1,000,000 to use specifically for economic impacts. While the funds have been approved, they need to be determined on how they should be handled for disbursement to the community. Please answer the below questions to how you wish to utilize the funds. The results will be compiled to understand how the majority wishes to use them.

1. **How would you like to utilize the \$1,000,000 ARP funds?** Requests must be between a minimum of \$10,000 and a maximum of \$200,000 per project.
  - \$50,000 per Board Member**
    - Board Members may pool their funds together to increase their amount. Any/all Board Member(s) submitting a request for a specific project would be considered sponsoring it.*
  - \$1,000,000 pool**
    - Board Members submit a request of their project. A minimum of 3 Board Member(s) would need to sponsor each request prior to submitting a request for a specific project.*
  
2. **How would you like to approve these projects?**
  - Approve one project at a time, as they arise.**
    - This would be similar to the Host Fee Grant Program.*
  - Approve all projects at one time (a specific date would be determined for review).**
    - This would be similar to the Annual Host Fee Award, where several awards are allocated at once.*
  
3. **Should taxing bodies be eligible to apply for these funds?**
  - Yes**
    - Yes - Taxing Bodies**
      - Would allow any/all taxing bodies to apply for funds, even if they (taxing body) were to receive this type of ARP Funds.*
    - Yes - ONLY Taxing Bodies who didn't receive any ARP Funds.**
      - Would allow taxing bodies who **did not** receive ARP Funds to apply for funding.*
  - No**
    - Immediately eliminates the application from being eligible to receive funds.*

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### **Program Requirements**

1. Projects must be within located within the geographic boundaries of Winnebago County, Illinois.
2. Application must be fully completed.
  - a. Application
  - b. Signed W-9 form
  - c. Narrative for Baker Tilly Review
  - d. Invoice
3. Must be in compliant with ARP Fund expenditures.
  - a. Reviewed by Bakery Tilly
4. Must be in "Good Standing with the State of Illinois as a business organization.
5. Organizations who have / could receive ARP funds are not eligible for this program.

### **Process (Review & Approval)**

This assumes approval each step of the process.

1. Completed Application Submitted
2. Preliminary Administration Review
3. Baker Tilly Review
4. Administration Process Submittal
5. Economic Development Committee Meeting
6. County Board Meeting