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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 1, 2020

4:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Budget and Finance

Robert Palmosina, Chair; Liv Bennett, Sam DeMarco, Tom Duerr, Nick Futules, Cindy Kirk and Bob Macey, Members

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:01.

Invited Guests:

William D. McKain, CPA, County Manager or Designee(s)

Mary C. Soroka, Director, Budget and Finance or Designee(s)

Mr. McKain was present from the Office of the County Manager.

Ms. Soroka was present from the Department of Budget & Finance.

Mr. Barker and Mr. Varhola were present from the Office of County Council.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 1 - Robert Palmosina

Members Absent: 0

Members Phone: 6 - Olivia Bennett, Sam DeMarco, Tom Duerr, Nick Futules, Cindy Kirk and Bob Macey

Members 2 - Anita Prizio and Tom Baker

Non-Members:

III. Approval of Minutes

[11620-20](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2020 meeting of the Committee on Budget & Finance.

**A motion was made by Macey, seconded by Duerr, that this matter be Passed.
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

IV. Agenda Items

Resolutions

[11615-20](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2020 (Submission #08-20).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. McKain summarized its provisions, noting that the first grant is for just over \$2 million as part of the Choice Neighborhood Program in order to benefit roughly 150 families through the provision of supportive services in Larimer/East Liberty, and the grant would be administered by the Department of Human Services. Mr. McKain noted that the second grant is for \$1.8 million in funding from the Commonwealth's DCED as part of the CARES Act, to be used for contracted community partners to address COVID-19 emergency needs including food, transportation, housing assistance, and the like through September 20, 2021. Mr. McKain noted that the third grant is in the amount of \$127,000, also to be administered by the Department of Human Services and from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, for the purpose of providing mental health first aid training. Mr. McKain noted that the fourth grant is \$3.5 million for the Kane Community Care Centers,

in order to provide expense recovery for eligible costs associated with the COVID-19 outbreak under the terms of the CARES Act.

In response to a question from Ms. Bennett, Mr. McKain indicated that rental relief programs under the initial \$212 million CARES Act funding had been established, but that this is administered by the Department of Economic Development and that not all of this funding has been expended as of yet, as it is intended to assist with rental payments. Mr. McKain indicated that the new funding is to be used more broadly, for other forms of assistance to individuals who rent their homes in the designated area.

In response to a question from Mr. Macey, Mr. McKain noted that the first grant is anticipated to assist 155 families/382 individuals, the second grant's affected population is expected to be 540 individuals, and for the funding for the Kane Centers, the affected population would be all Kane residents.

A motion was made by Macey, seconded by Futules, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12.