

Finance Committee
February 10, 2021

Present: Cedric Schnitzler, Wallace Habegger, David Pierce, Mark Halverson, Toni Wissestad
Others: Tina Osterberg, Diane Erickson, Alison Elliott, Kevin McCoy, Tara Nichols, Kelly Talsky, Eric Weihe, Susie Brownell, David Ohnstad, Mindy Hemmersbach
WebEx: Roxie Anderson, Bob Micheel, Adrian Lockington

The meeting was called to order at the Monroe County Board Assembly Room at 2:00 p.m. by Chair Cedric Schnitzler.

- The Public Hearing began.
- Eligible Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Activities and Overview – Chair, Cedric Schnitzler provided an overview of the Block Grant Close. The following topics were discussed at the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Citizen Participation Public Hearing.
 1. An overview of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program was provided.
 2. The total Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds (including anticipated Revolving Loan Funds) available for Housing (CDBG-HSG); Planning (CDBG-PLNG); Public Facilities (CDBG-PF); Economic Development (CDBG-ED); and/or Public Facilities for Economic Development (CDBG-PFED) were provided.
 3. Types of activities eligible for CDBG funding include Housing (CDBG-HSG): Rehabilitation, Homebuyer Assistance, Special Housing Projects, Other; Planning (CDBG-PLNG); Public Facilities (CDBG-PF); Economic Development (CDBG-ED); and/or Public Facilities for Economic Development (CDBG-PFED).
 4. Housing needs were identified by staff prior to the Public Hearing.
 5. Community Development needs (Planning, Public Facilities, Economic Development, and/or Public Facilities for Economic Development) were identified by staff prior to the Public Hearing.
 6. Housing needs were identified by attendees of the Public Hearing.
 7. Community Development needs (Planning, Public Facilities, Economic Development, and/or Public Facilities for Economic Development) were identified by attendees of the Public Hearing.
 8. Activities proposed for the CDBG application – Highway Commissioner, David Ohnstad explained the County Highway N reclamation project.
 9. The potential for residential and/or business displacement as a result of the proposed CDBG activities.
 10. The public attending this meeting were allowed an opportunity to discuss the proposed CDBG application.
- Community Development Block Grant DR – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-PF) Funds for Identification of Potential Projects – Alison Elliott, Sanitation, Planning & Zoning and Dog Control Administrator explained the potential use of funds for properties damaged in the 2018 flood. This project would include acquisition and demolition of four properties. Kevin McCoy, Citizen Participation Committee Chair explained that Bob Micheel, Land Conservation Director had also requested funds for a project to modernize the Tri-Creek Flood Warning System. Kevin McCoy explained that the Citizen's Participation Committee recommended

that both projects apply for the Disaster Recovery Funds. The total amount of funds requested was \$484,844.00 for the acquisition and demolition project and \$17,300.00 for the warning system.

- Update of the Current Community Development Block Grant Close – Public Service (CDBG-PS) Project Drug Court – Tara Nichols, Justice Department explained that due to Covid, treatment court started virtually. In June, drug court began in person. Twelve participants are currently enrolled in the program.
- Update of the Current Community Development Block Grant Close – Public Service (CDBG-PS) Project, County Highway N – David Ohnstad, Highway Commissioner explained that soil testing was completed this past fall. Also completed was inspections of bridges, right away's and the department began clearing the area and provided letters to property owners.

Diane Erickson explained the Department of Administration increased funding an additional \$20,000.00. These funds will be provided to County Highway N Project and the budget was revised.

- Citizen Input Regarding Current and Future CDBG Activities – None
- Motion by Toni Wissestad second by David Pierce to adjourn the meeting at 2:49 p.m. Carried 5-0.

Shelley Bohl, County Clerk
Recorder