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Please enter the agenda topic you wish to speak on or provide your written comments here : - Will Towns be able to use American Rescue Plan money to offset their general budget for one year, thereby providing true tax payer relief, and if so, will Towns be allowed to return to the previous level of spending in their next budget?

Full Name - allan arndt

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Please enter the agenda topic you wish to speak on or provide your written comments here : - Agenda Topic #10 Reports - American Rescue Plan Funding and Uses.

ARP Funds have been given to the State of Wisconsin with zero requirements and uses. If Rock County is representing it's citizens, the responsible thing to do create an ARP committee to oversee the approval of spending by none government employees. The committee should be elected by tax payers

Full Name - Terrence Russell

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Stimulus Funds Distribution

I feel the development of a transparent process should be considered a top priority. The process should be one that involves community input to ensure these funds are utilized to maximize the impact for Rock County.

Furthermore, consideration should be given to establish an ARP public/private taskforce to assist with developing a balanced, non-politicized framework for identifying and recommending the funding of eligible projects.

- The taskforce should help identify, review, evaluate and recommend funding allocations.
- The majority of this group should not be elected or appointed public officials and the group should include varied industry representation.

In consideration of staffing capacities: recommend the county use ARP funds to hire Limited Term Employees (LTE) to augment existing needs. The LTE roles should be classified as project assistants/managers etc. so when funding is depleted those LTE positions no longer exists (unless new funding can be applied).

Sincerely,
Brad Austin

Full Name - Brad Austin

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Please enter the agenda topic you wish to speak on or provide your written comments here : - American Rescue Plan Funding and Uses -

There will be many special interest requests for use of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding, and most will indicate the critical need and immediate urgency for that funding. The federal and state government have already pushed funds to most all immediate and critical "COVID relief" issues – even if the majority of that funding hasn't yet been used -- and Rock County should not use this funding to duplicate or add to any "relief" that has been provided. A slow, deliberate and transparent process for making decisions pertaining to the use of this money is a must. I urge the RC Board of Supervisors to:

- Develop a transparent process for evaluating all requests for funding.
- Consider appointing a committee to evaluate funding use options with the committee made up of citizens representing all segments of our county. (Businesses both large and small, non-profits, local municipalities' representatives, citizens at large.) Only a small minority of committee members should be elected representatives, as the recommendations of the committee should be put before the entire County Board for action.
- Ensure all funds are utilized to maximize the impact for our county and its citizens.
- Do not use this onetime funding to increase programs or departments that will require ongoing funding. Any additional staffing should only be considered temporary, and cease once ARP funding is depleted.

Thank you for your consideration.

Full Name - Mark R Warren

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General Comment:

The federal and state government have already pushed funds to most all immediate and critical "COVID relief" issues – even if most of that funding hasn't yet been used -- and Rock County should not use this funding to duplicate or add to any "relief" that has been provided.

More specifically:

- Develop a transparent process that involves community input to ensure the funds are utilized to maximize the impact for our county
- Thereby establish an ARP public/private taskforce to assist with developing a balanced, non-politicized framework for identifying and recommending the funding of eligible projects.
- The majority of this group should not be elected or appointed public officials. The group should include varied industry representation.
The taskforce should help identify, review, evaluate and recommend funding allocations
- In consideration of staffing capacities: recommend the county use ARP funds to hire Limited Term Employees (LTE) to augment existing needs. The LTE roles should be classified as project assistants/managers etc. so when funding is depleted those LTE positions no longer exists (unless new funding can be applied)

Full Name - Dan DeFore

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Comments:

1. Board created and approved framework on the mechanics of how ARP uses will be contemplated, decided and appropriated.
2. The use of a sub-committee/ taskforce structure assigned to major ARP uses, through which the aforementioned framework can be implemented through, and a Recommendation Report can be provided to the board on the proposed uses.
3. The Recommendation Report should include the purpose of funding, the forecasted public impact, budget and budget breakdown, impact to overall county budget, and phased funding at the achievement of critical milestones, as well as forecasted sustainability for potential multi-year projects and programs.
4. An emphasis on the forecasted sustainability of any Public Assistance Programs beyond the initial ARP stimulus injection, i.e.; what sources of funding will sustain the program into the future and impact to forecasted budget.

Full Name - John Michael Gackstetter

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While I appreciate all the the Rock County Board does for the county, I would recommend keeping the administration of the allocation of these funds with the board, but decision of where the funds go be delegated to a group county industry representatives.

Full Name - Ned Moser

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