



Kane County

KC American Rescue Plan Committee

Government Center
719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A
Geneva, IL 60134

Meeting Minutes

SANCHEZ, Kenyon, Bates, Gumz, Lenert, Molina, Strathmann, Surges & Tepe

Wednesday, December 27, 2023

10:30 AM

County Board Room

1. Call To Order

Chairman Sanchez called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT	Board Member Jarett Sanchez Board Member Michael Kenyon Board Member Mavis Bates Board Member Michelle Gumz Board Member Bill Lenert Board Member Cherryl Strathmann Board Member Vern Tepe
REMOTE	Board Member Myrna Molina
ABSENT	Board Member Clifford Surges

Also present: Co Bd. Chairman Pierog; Co. Bd. members Allan*, Berman, Ford*, Juby, Kious*, Lewis, Roth; ARPA Manager Fahnestock; ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock & staff Lasky*, Thompson*, Files, Kash; Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson; KCHD Exec. Dir. Isaacson & staff Snowden*; OCR Dir. Berger*; ASA Frank, Ford; and members of the press and public including City of Aurora Richard Irvin, Gould & Ratner Attorney Rob Taylor, OnLight Aurora Executive Consultant Charles Baker, Municipal Capital Markets Group, Inc. Senior Vice President James (Jim) Anderson, and Managing Director Chris Perlitz.

3. Remote Attendance Requests

Committee Chairman Sanchez announced the remote attendance requests for today's meeting. He asked the Committee if there were any objections to Committee Member Molina attending today's meeting remotely. There were no objections.

4. Approval of Minutes: November 29, 2023

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Michelle Gumz

5. Public Comment (Agenda Items)

None.

6. Discussion Items:**A. ARP Committee Report**

No ARP Committee Report was provided.

B. Other Committee Matters

City of Aurora's Chief Information Officer, Michael Pegues, is seeking to partner with Kane County's American Rescue Plan Act Committee to provide funding for an OnLight Aurora project that would provide accessible broadband. Pegues introduced the Mayor of Aurora, Richard Irvin.

Mayor Irvin spoke on Broadband in Aurora. He stated his plan is to create citywide broadband. Therefore, every resident in Aurora would have the ability to access high speed internet. Irvin spoke on the broadband struggles of residents during the COVID pandemic. With Aurora being the largest portion of Kane County, it is in position to create a fiber-optic city. As Aurora expands it's broadband accessibility, it could be utilized by surrounding communities. Mayor Irvin explained that they are seeking approximately \$120M in funding from ARPA for this expansive project.

Michael Pegues introduced the Aurora team who will be working on the broadband project: Gould & Ratner Attorney, Rob Taylor, OnLight Aurora Executive Consultant, Charles Baker, Municipal Capital Markets Group, Inc. (MCM) Senior Vice President, James (Jim) Anderson, and Managing Director, Chris Perlitz.

Michael Pegues provided a presentation: Internet-4-All Deployment Plan. This project is thought of as a forward thinking economic development strategy founded on the fundamental belief that growth, innovation, and community transformation will follow with every connection in the city and throughout Kane, Will, and DuPage Counties. Pegues stated that internet is now considered the fourth utility in households as it is seen as a necessity. This broadband project would enable the next generation broadband network infrastructure to support the public sector, telecommunications, bridge service gaps, enhance redundancy, and provide access to advanced telecommunication capabilities to enable the private sector to use shared infrastructure to better deliver broadband services. Pegues reviewed the benefits that accessible broadband would bring to the city and county. He provided information on internet service provider, OnLight Aurora. He provided a video depicting the benefits and uses of citywide broadband.

OnLight Executive Consultant, Charles Baker, spoke on the citywide overview of the broadband infrastructure. He spoke on the projects deployment process. This project will be spilt into three phases to minimize disruptions in neighborhoods, and to target the areas that are in need of this kind of infrastructure. The goal is to bypass fiber to every resident and business in Aurora. Baker provided a map of Aurora and highlighted those areas that would

be included in phase one.

Pegues continued speaking on the City of Aurora's demographics. The number of potential subscribers would be approximately 63K. He provided a Deployment Timeline for the project's phases. Pegues noted that 1G of internet service would cost the subscriber approximately \$59.95 per month.

MCM Managing Director, Chris Perlitz, provided the capital and operation costs of this project. He spoke on the benefits of citywide broadband to citizens and businesses. From an economic perspective, he stated that these networks take time to build. Therefore, this project will be spilt into increments. Perlitz explained that the full build of this capital project could potentially cost \$122,204,798.22. MCM Senior Vice President, James (Jim) Anderson, explained what the grant money would help cover costs throughout the project. Perlitz stated that once the net work is built, it would bring a cash flow, which then could be utilized for numerous benefits and be used in areas within the City of Aurora and Kane County.

ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock stated that discussion has been had on numerous occasions on the expansion of fiber optics throughout the County. The County's investment in fiber optics has been looked at as a wholesale of an asset or long distance connection. Currently, the County's fiber optic footprint does not support residential homes and business. He reviewed the number of government services that utilize the County's fiber optics. Fahnestock explained that this capital project would be a good opportunity to expand the fiber optic infrastructure. The Committee provided their questions and comments. Much discussion ensued.

7. New Business

- A.** Authorizing Amendment to 23-357 Authorizing the Use of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Hire Two Staff Members for the American Rescue Plan Program and Fund Associated Expenses

Madam Chairman Pierog inquired about the reasoning of the pay increase. Committee Chairman Sanchez stated the increase would help to stay competitive within the job market.

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RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Mavis Bates
SECONDER:	Michael Kenyon
AYE:	Jarett Sanchez, Michael Kenyon, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Bill Lenert, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Clifford Surges

- B.** Authorizing Amendment to Res 23-356 Authorizing the Use of Revenue Recoupment Funds Under the American Rescue Plan Act for the Countywide Water Monitoring Network Project and the Water Sustainability Mapping Project for the Kane County Department of Environmental and Water Resources

Committee Chairman Sanchez provided additional information on this resolution.

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C. Discussion: Public Health Facility

Committee Chairman Sanchez provided a presentation on the decision making flow for the Public Health Building project. He stated that funding would be a combination of funding through APRA and County funds. On the County side, there will be multiple revenue sources utilized and approvals from multiple committees. He spoke on the proposed timeline of the project's planning process. Sanchez reviewed the list of all projects submitted to date categorized by allocation status. He spoke on the "under consideration" projects. He asked the Committee for their input on accepting the Public Health Building project and annexing other projects that are still "under consideration". Much discussion ensued.

The Committee entered into a recess due to technical difficulties at 11:48 a.m.

The Committee returned at 11:54 a.m. for further discussion on the Committee's input on the proposed Public Health Building capital project.

8. Old Business

None.

9. Executive Session (if needed)

None.

10. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

None.

11. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Michael Kenyon
SECONDER:	Cherryl Strathmann

This meeting was adjourned at 12:03 PM.

Savannah Valdez
Recording Secretary