

**SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023 ARPA COMMITTEE**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron West, Commissioner, at 9:00 a.m. Kevin Walls, Commissioner, Brian Baird, Commissioner, Jonathan T. Myers, Councilman, and Ron Deer, Councilman, were present. John Mallers, Councilman, was absent.

**Discussion of Recommending the Appropriation of Funds for the Mental Health Facility Project**

Mr. West had questions regarding the operation of the facility and the population that would have priority to the services provided by the facility.

Mr. Myers stated the facility is a need in the community that has not yet been met. He added time is a large factor in the costs of building the facility so the project needed to move quickly.

Mr. Deer raised concern of utilizing most of the balance of the ARPA funding without considering possible problems that may arise during the currently scheduled projects.

It was the consensus of the Committee that the operational factors of the facility still need to be discussed as the process moves forward.

Wes Harrison, Project Manager, came before the Committee to inform them that the lowest bid for the Mental Health Facility Project came in at \$10.5 million. He recommended budgeting \$11 million for any unforeseen costs during the project.

Mr. Myers moved to recommend appropriating \$11.5 million from ARPA funding for the Mental Health Facility Project. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which carried 4-1; Mr. Baird voted nay.

Mr. Baird explained his concern of appropriating an extra \$500,000 over the requested amount because the funds would be restricted through the completion of the project. He added the project is projected to take 16 months, which would be past the deadline of December 31, 2024 to appropriate ARPA funding.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Myers moved to adjourn. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which carried 5-0.

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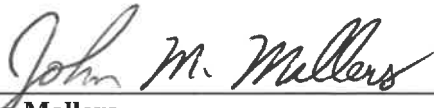
**Kevin Walls**



**Ron West**



**Jonathan T. Myers**



**John Mallers**



**Ron Deer**

**Attest:**  
**Elizabeth A. Alvey**  
**Auditor**

