
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMISSION

FROM: CONNIE COOK *cc*

SUBJECT: MEMO ARP UPDATE #5

DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

CC: COMMISSIONERS, RON WOODY, DEPARTMENT HEADS, AMBER COFER AND LYNDSEY COLLINS

Commissioners,

Based on input from various Commissioners thinking the County Executive and staff are too involved in the decision-making process, we have decided to submit the following to the AD HOC ARP committee without qualifying whether projects are or are not eligible.

1. The capital request for the next Five years for the Primary Government (projects that will be funded by County Revenue, mainly property taxes if not ARP projects).
2. All the requests received by our office without qualifying of ARP eligibility.
3. Reference to information posted on the County's website under American Rescue Plan.

Please remember that two of my staff members, Ron and I will be out of the office as of Wednesday Sept. 29th after 2:00pm in conference. We will hear more updates from the Comptroller Office on "best practices" in managing ARP Funds.

It was my understanding that the Budget Committee would be taking care of the County needs to help control property tax rates but understand that Commission has the final say on funding and setting tax rates.

Only eligible projects of APR can be funded with ARP funding. Projects approved by Commission must have an approved appropriation account. Examples are: approval of Sheriff vehicles from school funds are not allowed, natural gas projects with ARP funds are not allowed, and electrical infrastructure is also not allowed with ARP funds.

Our Goal is to work together and to spend the money wisely that will give us a return on our investment.