

CASS COUNTY BOARD MEETING

May 8, 2020

Special Board Meeting

The Cass County Board met via teleconference, on Monday, May 8, 2020 at the hour of 1:00 P.M.

Present: Mike Barnett
Chairman

Attest: Shelly Wessel
Cass County Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barnett, who directs the Clerk to call roll.

Roll Call:

Barnett	Present	Noe	Absent	Schaefer	Absent
Massie	Absent	Hagloch	Present	Merriman	Present
Starkey	Present	Douglass	Present	Hance	Present
Wessel	Present	Brannan	Present		

As a result of the roll call, the Clerk states that all board members are present Massie, Schaefer and Noe.

Chairman Barnett now leads the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Barnett states there is a quorum.

The Chairman next presents for approval to submit the Downstate Small Business Stabilization Grant Application for AJ's Bar & Grill, Inc., to the State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for consideration and approval.

Douglass makes the motion to approve the submittal of the application for AJ's Bar & Grill, Inc. and Brannan seconds the motion.

The Chairman directs the clerk to call roll.

Roll Call.

Barnett	Yes	Schaefer	Absent	Wessel	Yes
Hagloch	Yes	Starkey	Yes	Noe	Absent
Douglass	Yes	Massie	Absent	Brannan	Yes
Hance	Yes	Merriman	Yes		

As a result of the roll call, the Clerk states that all board members present have voted in the affirmative. The Chairman declares the motion carried.

The Chairman next presents a Board Resolution of Support No. CDBG-11 for AJ's Bar & Grill, Inc.

Brannan makes the motion to approve the Resolution of Support No. CDBG-11 for AJ's Bar & Grill, Inc. and Starkey seconds the motion.

The Chairman directs the clerk to call roll.

Roll Call.

Barnett	Yes	Schaefer	Absent	Wessel	Yes
Hagloch	Yes	Starkey	Yes	Noe	Absent
Douglass	Yes	Massie	Absent	Brannan	Yes
Hance	Yes	Merriman	Yes		

As a result of the roll call, the Clerk states that all board members present have voted in the affirmative. The Chairman declares the motion carried.

(See Attached Resolution)

The Chairman states there is no need for executive session at this time.

A motion to adjourn at 1:20 p.m., is made by Wessel and seconded by Douglass. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.


Shelly Wessel
Cass County Clerk

DOWNSTATE SMALL BUSINESS STABILIZATION PROGRAM GRANT
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
HELD ON May 8, 2020, AT 1:00 P.M.

This public hearing was called to order at 1:00 p.m., by Cass County Board Chairman, Michael Barnett.

Chairman Barnett announced to those attending the public hearing that a notice of public hearing had been duly given by publication in the newspaper, for AJ's Bar & Grill, Inc.

Chairman Barnett also announced that copies of the applications are available in the Cass County Treasurer's office in the Cass County Courthouse.

Chairman Barnett stated that the amount of funds available for the Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program Grant is \$20,000,000, with a maximum of \$25,000 per business, to be used for working capital.

The Following Housing Needs of Cass County were presented at the Public Hearing

The Housing Authority of the County of Cass operates 172 rental units throughout the county.

Public Housing (Riverside in Beardstown 50 Units)

Riverside has a backlog of \$1.25 million in deferred capital improvements. These items include: site concrete, plumbing upgrades, electrical upgrades, and unit renovations.

Rural Development (Elderly/Disabled units located county wide 60 Units)

The Elderly/Disabled units have a backlog of \$500 thousand in deferred capital improvements. These items include: site concrete, window replacement, accessibility improvements, plumbing upgrades, electrical upgrades, and unit renovations.

Low Income Housing Tax Credits (Welch Woods in Beardstown 42 Units)

Welch Woods does not have any deferred capital improvement items, but will have approximately \$250 thousand in items due within the next five years.

Low Income Housing Tax Credits (Sagebrook in Virginia 20 Units)

Sagebrook does not have any deferred capital improvement items.

County Wide Housing Needs

There is an overall need to upgrade the rental housing available in Cass County for not only low income families, but also for moderate income families. All the communities in the county could use upgrades. The two with the most need presently are Ashland and Beardstown.

Recommendations

- (1) If funding was available it would be the housing authority's recommendation to demolish the Riverside apartments and construct new apartments at approximately \$10-12 million. Also, to construct a 20-25 home development in Ashland at approximately \$5-6 million. Update Elderly/Disabled and Welch Woods at approximately \$750 thousand. Total need approximately \$16-19 million.
- (2) Update existing rental housing at approximately \$2 million.

Chairman Barnett presented a narrative of the project summary including the costs for AJ's Bar & Grill, Inc.

Chairman Barnett asked if there was any further discussion or objections.

With no further discussion and no public objections, Chairman Barnett called for a vote by the participants of the hearing to

recommend to the Cass County Board for approval of the Resolution of Support for AJ's Bar & Grill.

All participants voted in the affirmative.

Chairman Barnett asked if anyone knew of any business that planned to submit an application next week.

Hearing concluded at 1:10 p.m.

