

Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board

Minutes

Meeting Monday February 26, 2024

Chuck Marinec, Chairman, called a meeting of the Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board to order on February 26, 2024 at 9:00 am. Self-Intros made for recording purposes. Meeting held at the Historic Courthouse Room 309, 840 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri.

Board Members Present: Chuck Marinec, Denny Pilant, Joyce Munden, Mike Jungers, Judith Billings and Stephen Short.

Board Members Absent: Robert Thurman (excused)

Others Present: Deborah Allen, Rene Frazier, Lisa Bailey Geoff Steele, Nancy Williams, Jaimie Trussell, Stephanie Woehl, Bill Bell, Daniel Mosier, Sarah Long and Shawn

Meeting Minutes: January 29, 2024. Motion to approve Minutes made by Mike Jungers. Seconded by Judith Billings. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report for January 29, 2024 was presented by Denny Pilant. Total Cash Balance as of the end of January is \$1,600,486.11. Property Tax Revenue is \$2,221,848.69 Bank/Investment \$40,077.32, Refunds & Reimbursements \$27,911.75, Other Revenue \$40,000.00 with a Total Revenue of \$2,329,837.76 the YTD Revenue is \$2,329,837.76. Total Expenditures \$311.99 the YTD Expenditures is \$311.99 with Checks issued: Greene County Treasurer with a Total Ending Balance \$3,930,011.88. Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by Stephen Short. Seconded by Joyce Munden. Motion carried.

Old Business: OATS – Rene Frazier and Lisa Baily

On the January 29th meeting the funding request for OATS was tabled until a revised request could be submitted. Motion was made to remove table by Denny Pilant. Seconded by Mike Jungers.

The revised funding request was for \$600,000.00 approximately a \$100,000.00 increase. The major changes for CY2024 are as follows:

- Significant hourly rate hike to \$56.00/hour for **urban** service due to non-availability of federal or state subsidies for **urban** service. Increases are due to continued rising of national transit costs, particularly for increased driver retention pay, maintenance, parts, fuel and buses.
- Hourly rate hike to \$50.00/hour for **rural** service. Any federal subsidy included within the enclosed rural budget is an estimate and requires a minimum 50% match from local sources.

The project's primary goal is to provide additional transportation opportunities to senior Citizens in Greene County. The expected outcome is a greater flexibility in service and increased availability of transportation to seniors in Greene County.

Motion to approve made Joyce Munden. Seconded by Mike Jungers. Motion was carried.

New Business Presentation: Gillioz Center for Arts & Entertainment – Geoff Steele

Requesting funds in the amount of \$56,000.00. Gillioz Movie Matinees are back in 2024 and more streamlined than ever before. Consistently occurring every first and third Wednesday, February through November, the Gillioz will have become a staple routine for Senior Citizens in our community and surrounding areas. In addition to the

popular movies, many considered seniors favorites, the Gillioz will continue the interactive pre-show trivia program challenging attendees to remember facts from the year that the movie showing was released. This type of programming is proven to stimulate memory and brain activity and is enhanced by the historic theatre surroundings.

Initially, it was found that the largest barriers to participation by seniors in this programming were two-fold: cost and transportation. Efforts to address these barriers in the previous year's Matinee Series included seeking financial aid such as the amount granted by GCSCSF and working with numerous partners in our community. We experienced consistent growth throughout the series, seeing patrons all across Greene County and surrounding counties coming from independent homes and communities. The encountered busloads coming from Senior Centers and Senior communities in the area and have even had communities reaching out for information on how they can participate this year.

Motion to approve the funding request of \$50,000.00 was made Joyce Munden. There was no Second – motion failed. A revised amount was offered of \$28,000.00. Motion to approve was made by Denny Pilant. Seconded by Mike Jungers. Motion was carried with a vote of 4-yes and 2-No. Geoff will supply a revised budget request sheet for the funding application in the amount of \$28,000.00.

Presentation: Habitat for Humanity – Nancy Williams

Requesting funds in the amount of \$100,000.00. The objectives are to make repairs on as many homes as possible that need emergency repairs to address health and safety issues and where those homeowners do not have other options for completing the repairs. Priority will be water heater and furnace servicing/replacement, water and sewer repair/replacement, roof repair/replacement and gas and water plumbing. Other priorities will be mitigating security issues with exterior windows/doors, improving porch/step safety, replacing inoperable refrigerators and stoves, and providing modifications for accessibility, such as installing grab bars, replacing bathtubs with low-barrier showers and building or repairing ramps. Also included will be repairs that allow those primary repairs to be made (for example, termite treatments or environmental remediation). Primary success will be determined by the number of seniors who can more safely and comfortably live in their homes. Secondary success of the program will be determined by the number of home repairs.

Motion to approve made Joyce Munden. Seconded by Judy Billings. Motion was carried.

Presentation: Council of Churches – Jaimie Trussell

Requesting funds in the amount of \$196,400.00. Funds received enable seniors to:

- Understand their rights as residents of long-term facilities and maintain their dignity when they are often most vulnerable. Ombudsman volunteers are available to receive complaints and advocate on their behalf.
- Engage in meaningful volunteer work.
- Sustain daily nutritional needs as recipients of the senior food box program, CFSP box program, senior holiday food baskets and grocery services for homebound individuals.
- Avoid homelessness through overnight care at Safe to Sleep and daily case management services designed to promote housing stability.

Motion to approve made Denny Pilant. Seconded by Joyce Munden. Motion was carried pending final approval of FY2023 Progress Report, several questions need addressed.

Presentation: Springfield-Greene County Health Department – Stephanie Woehl

Requesting funds in the amount of \$328,900.00. The Shingles Vaccine Program is an invaluable partnership that began in 2008. This grant will enable the continuation of outreach and clinical efforts to the senior population in Greene County. During 2023, the program has been able to administer approximately 1,100 shingles vaccinations to Greene County citizens. Vaccinations have been administered both on-site, at the SGCHD, through a

partnership with JVCHA, and through outreach clinics hosted at community partner locations such as libraries and senior centers. The 2023 data does represent a decrease in the demand for the shingles vaccine. However, delivering more than 1,000 doses demonstrates there is continued interest for our community outreach vaccination clinics.

Based on current trends, it is anticipated to continued interest in the program, and have the opportunity to expand the program to provide more support to the community.

Motion to approve made Mike Jungers. Seconded by Judith Billings. Motion was carried.

Presentation: Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation (OACAC) – Bill Bell

Requesting funds in the amount of \$85,000.00. Funds will be used to improve the quality of life of Greene County residents, age sixty plus:

- Home Care – eligible expenses include home repairs, rent, mortgage, homeowner’s insurance, appliances, disability accessibility improvements, auto repairs, medical, dental and vision expenditures, household cleaning supplies, and needed furniture.
- Staffing and personnel – a small portion of the grant will be used to pay wages and fringe for the OACAC

Motion to approve made Mike Jungers. Seconded by Stephen Short. Motion was carried.

Presentation: Jordan Valley – Daniel Mosier, Sarah Long and Shawn

Requesting funds in the amount of \$175,000.00. There was additional information/documentation needed on the FY2023 Progress Report. Motion to table will be made and they will be added to the March Agenda.

Motion to table was made by Denny Pilant. Seconded by Mike Jungers.

Communication:

A review of the current Progress Report Template resulted in a couple of changes to clarify information required to audit the prior year.

It was discussed that a Contribution to Benefit the Seniors of Greene County be made in the name of Thelma Neff in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Council of Churches. A motion to approved was made by Denny Pilant. Seconded by Joyce Munden. Motion carried.

10:30 A.M. moved to adjourn by Joyce Munden. Seconded by Mike Jungers. Motion Carried.

Next meeting March 25, 2024 – Location: Historic Courthouse, Room 309. If, additional people are in attendance, a waiting area with appropriate social distancing will be available.

Minutes submitted by: Deborah Allen