

Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board
Minutes
Meeting Monday January 24, 2022

Chuck Marinec, Chair, called a meeting of the Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board to order on January 24, 2022 at 9:00 am. Self-Intros were made. Meeting held at the Historic Courthouse Room 309, 840 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri.

Board Members Present: Chuck Marinec, Mike Jungers, Amy Montebello, and Joyce Munden; Denny Pilant phoned in. The phone line was not available for Monica Horton due to lack of speakerphone.

Board Members Absent: Bobbie Wurst (excused)

Others Present: Sharon Alexander, Legal Services of Southern Missouri.

Meeting Minutes: No minutes from last meeting, November 29, 2021.

Treasurer's Report: Not available.

No Old Business:

New Business:

Presentation: Legal Services of Southwest Missouri, Sharon Alexander

Currently in person legal assistance to Greene County seniors is on hold due to COVID concerns. The professional staff, and private attorneys when expertise is needed, help seniors with wills, abuse concerns and other civil legal services. The staff also provides on-site visits as well as formal presentations at all County senior centers. Denny noted that end-of-year progress reports should be submitted by next week. Joyce moved to approve the request for \$60,000. Denny seconded the motion, which carried. Ms. Alexander reported the organization has many more requests than they can meet with the funding that they currently have available. Mike suggested that they consider requesting more funding in the future.

Since no representative from OATS was present, Chuck moved to the next Agenda item, MoAlso dues. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Amy to renew our membership dues of \$100.00 for the coming year. Motion carried. During the past two years, the statewide organization has met virtually.

Per City Council approval at the February 27th meeting, the Springfield/Greene County Health contract extension will be formalized for shingles vaccines previously approved by the Board. Joyce made a motion to approve the formality, Amy seconded; motion carried.

Telephone contact was made available with Jeff Robinson, OATS Regional Director, regarding their grant request for the coming year. Due to technology failures at the main office, Jeff was not able to attend the meeting in person. He summarized the grant request, noting that the agency had met approximately the same service last year as previously even with problems of supply and demand in obtaining buses. Some services were decreased due to reduced hours of programming at the County senior centers because of COVID restrictions and not all funds were used from last year's grant. Jeff also addressed the request for the purchase of two buses which have handicapped access accommodations, as well as individual seating. OATS has a 20% match for the buses from MODOT specifically for Greene County. Chuck noted that bids for bus purchases would be needed to process

grant request. Jeff agreed to send the Board a copy of the MODOT purchasing process. Amy moved to approve the request of \$451,923.00. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joyce moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 A.M. Amy seconded. Motion carried.

The next scheduled meeting is set for February 28, 2022.

Minutes submitted by: Joyce Munden