

## **GREENE COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS' SERVICE FUND BOARD**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**January 27, 2020**

A meeting of the Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board was called to order at 9:00 am on Monday, January 27, 2020. The meeting was held in Historic Courthouse Conference Room 309.

**Board Members Present:** Chuck Marinec, Monica Horton, Amy Montebello, Bobbie Wurst and Joyce Munden.

**Board Members Absent:** Thelma Neff and Denny Pilant (excused).

**Others Present:** Ash Grove Sunshine Center- Pat Cook and Janice Christle, Community Foundation of the Ozarks – Bridget Dierks, Council of Churches – Christine Moses and Rick George, Jordan Valley – Betsy Fogle, OATS – Jeff Robinson and Mercy Health Foundation – Melinda Smithwick, Abbie Pennegar and Jay Moon, Connie Hayes.

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- Chuck asked that the last name of others present at the meeting be added.
- Amy moved to approve minutes from January 13, 2020, Bobbie seconded. All in favor and motion carried.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Chuck gave the Treasurer's report for December 2019 in Denny's absence. Joyce made the motion to approve Treasurer's report and Amy seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **Old Business:**

- Ash Grove Sunshine Center: Amy made a motion to remove Northview's grant application from a "tabled" status and Bobbie seconded.
- Janice Christle from Ash Grove Sunshine Center was here to give an explanation on what the essentials from their request consists of: napkins, salad bar plates, dinner trays, straws, etc.
- The question raised about why the lowest bid for paint job was not chosen was explained by Pat Cook.
- Pat said the reason was most of the bidders said the price would depend on how many coats of paint were needed. Pat said Mr. White was the most thorough and said he would use a quality paint that would only require one coat, therefore they went with him.
- Pat said the space had not been painted since 2004.
- Joyce made the motion to approve request for \$14,200.00 and Amy seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **New Business:**

#### **Community Foundation of the Ozarks:**

- Bridget Dierks was here today to present to the Greene County Senior Services Fund a partnership check for \$40,000.00 to help with grant fund request.

### **Council of Churches of the Ozarks:**

- Christine from The Council of Churches was here today to present their request for grant funding.
- Christine said they have seen a slight increase from last year due to the Handy Man Services needed.
- Monica said she was blown away by the donated hours and how they were broken down into cost.
- Joyce asked about Home Bound Services if the citizen goes along or just the volunteer, Christine said just the volunteer.
- Richard said they have to be aware of the safety issues of the volunteers.
- Amy asked if the "Give 5 Program" had any impact on them and Christine said yes it helped them with new volunteers.
- Monica made the motion to approve request for \$172,538.00 and Joyce seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Jordan Valley:**

- Betsy Fogle was here today to present Jordan Valley's grant request.
- Betsy said they used about all of 2019 funds except for a little over \$18.00.
- Betsy said they had less citizens come in last year for dental services.
- Betsy stated that they plan on going to more Senior Centers this year to let them know about services that are provided.
- Amy said they might contact PBS about an ad, that this might help get information out.
- Betsy said they are going to start advertising on the radio.
- Bobbie made the motion to approve request for \$150,000.00 and Amy seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

### **OATS:**

- Jeff Robinson was here today to present his request for grant funding.
- Jeff said thank you to the Board for the 20% match funding in order to buy a new bus. He said this bus will be used in the Republic area.
- Jeff said the cost to run bus is about \$37.00 per hour and the Board rate is about \$31.75.
- Jeff said they have been subsidizing the difference with Federal funding.
- Jeff said last year they added Fair Grove to their areas of service.
- Chuck asked how they are keeping track of who services are for in the subsidized area. Jeff said they are using a new program called Equal Lane that keeps track of who is on the bus and where they are going. This is done by scheduling in advance for the service.
- Joyce said she would like to see the numbers of citizen served and number of rides provided.
- Bobbie asked what happens to citizens that find out they need to go to doctor that day. Jeff said at this time they do not offer same day service. Jeff said maybe in 6 months or so they

would be able to save 1-2% of the services for same day service, but right now they are booked up.

- Jeff said one of the things they are looking at is to make services more efficient in city limits.
- Jeff was ask how often bus runs were made to the other municipalities. He said they go to Republic, Ash Grove, Fair Grove, Strafford and Walnut Grove 5 days a week.
- Bobbie made the motion to approve request for \$381,261.00 and \$44,390.00 as one grant request instead of two for a total request of \$425,651.00 on the contingency receiving the progress report and Amy seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Mercy Health Foundation:**

- Melinda Smithwick, Abigail Pennegar and Jay Moon were here today from the Mercy driving program to present their request for funding.
- Melinda is the Occupational Therapist that does the evaluations and driving test for seniors.
- Bobbie asked about the closing of services in 2019 and Abigail said that was for the teenaged driving program.
- When asked about the trouble with their billing, Abigail said this would now be going through Out Patients Therapy Services instead of Mercy. Hopefully this will take care of all the other services that were showing up on the driver's training and evaluation billing.
- Melinda said the DMV now has a program where if you come in using a walker, that they require you to go through testing to make sure you are able to drive.
- Melinda said the driving test is 1 hour long and that they have the citizen drive all over the city to see how well they handle different situations.
- Quest was asked how they came up with cost per citizen. Abigail said they took last year's (2019) service cost and divided by number of citizens served.
- Monica asked if they have a waiting list and Melinda said she does have a list waiting to see if grant funds are going to be provided.
- Melinda was asked if Cox Health provided these services and she said they provided in-house services, but not the actual driving experience.
- The Board would like to see the progress report on how many citizens were helped with this grant.
- Connie asked how they would be doing their billing, since in the past there were other charges on the invoices.
- Abigail said she is the new manager of this program and that they will be billing straight from Outpatient Therapy. This should take care of the billing errors.
- Amy made the motion to approve request for \$35,000.00 and Bobbie seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Communications**

- Chuck and Monica will be going on the Senior Age radio program 92.3 FM on February 18, 2020, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM to discuss the 2018 annual report.
- Motion to adjourn meeting made by Bobbie and seconded by Joyce. All in favor, motion carried.

**Adjourn:** 10:20 Am

Next Meeting: February 24, 2020.

Connie Hayes  
Greene County Senior Citizens Service Fund