

Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board
Minutes
Meeting Monday April 25, 2022

Chuck Marinec, Chair, called a meeting of the Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board to order on April 25, 2022 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 (Phoned In), Monica Horton, Joyce Munden, Amy Montebello, Mike Jungers and Bobbie Wurst (Phoned In).

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: Deborah Allen, Catherine Medley, Bob Caulderon (Ash Grove Sunshine Center), Trent Sims (Council of Churches), Teena Jacobs (South Side Senior Center), Martha Farrell & Cindy Bailey (SeniorAge), Darla Harmon (Salvation Army) and Terry Smith, Fair Grove Senior Center

Meeting Minutes: March 28, 2022. Approved as submitted. Motion to approve Minutes made by Joyce Munden. Seconded by Amy Montebello. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report for March 2022 was presented by Monica Horton (copies attached). Total Cash Balance \$3,717,311.08. Property Tax Revenue \$54,769.90, Bank/Investment \$2,078.17, Refunds and Reimbursements \$14,510.49 with a total Revenue of \$71,358.56. Total Expenditures for March \$45,081.31 with Checks issued: Deborah Allen (3), Greene County Treasurer, Jordan Valley, MoALSO, Mercy Hospital. Total Ending Balance \$3,743,588.33. Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by Amy Montebello. Seconded by Mike Jungers. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Presentation: South Side Center – Teena Jacobs

Requesting Funds 15,000.00. Original motion was tabled. Joyce Munden made a motion to remove from table. Amy Montebello seconded. Motion carried.

Revised Funding request \$10,000.00. This request is for Janitorial/Maintenance services for the center. It would serve in maintaining a clean, comfortable and safe environment for the senior citizens. SeniorAge provides staffing that is approved by their funding such as administrative and culinary, but does not include janitorial. The Center is responsible for up-keep and maintenance of the building. In the past the Center would have an occasional fundraiser to cover the costs but due to COVID the success of these projects have been limited and the funds are just not available. Even volunteers are harder to find with so many of the seniors working well into their seventies.

Motion to approved made by Joyce Munden with a one-year commitment. Seconded by Monica Horton. Vote Chuck Marinec, Denny Pilant and Mike Jungers – opposed. Joyce Munden, Bobbie Wurst, Amy Montebello and Monica Horton – in favor. Four to three in favor, motion carried.

Presentation: Council of Churches of the Ozarks, Trent Sims

Requesting Funds for \$158,000.00. The Board is revisiting the funding application for clarification on the amount to be approved. Monica stated that she made a motion at the last meeting to remove the Handyman services the reasoning around the funds would not be sufficient enough to cover the need that is out there, it would not even put a dent in what was required. The recommendation was to subtract the Handyman expenses that are

personnel as well as the program expenses and then the personnel associated with Safe to Sleep be removed but keep the program expenses. Making the total of \$158,000.00 instead of the previously approved \$144,000.00.

Motion to approve by Amy Montebello in the amount of \$158,000.00. Seconded by Joyce Munden. Motion carried.

New Business

Presentation: Ash Grove Sunshine Center – Catherine Medley and Bob Calderon

Requesting Funds for \$2,800.00. A request for additional funding for replacement of an Ice Tea Brewer since the current equipment is leaking. Also requesting, two stainless-steel work tables with drawers. The current work table has splintering, broken drawers and the Formica top has broken edges. This would allow for proper working equipment to provide a safe working environment. The stainless-steel work tables will help to provide a clean and sanitary work station.

Motion to approve by Mike Jungers. Seconded by Amy Montebello. Motion carried.

Presentation: Rogersville Area Senior Center, No presenter in attendance – Food Enhancement Program

Requesting Funds for \$7,000.00. The purpose of this request is to help provide a pleasant space for Seniors to have a nutritious meal, socialize and not be home alone. Because of the rising cost of operating expenses, the Board approved an increase in the Food Enhancement program of \$8,000.00

Motion to approve \$8,000.00 made by Joyce Munden. Seconded by Amy Montebello. Motion carried.

Presentation: The Salvation Army, Darla Harmon

Requesting Funds for \$50,200.00. The program helps to provide hot meals Monday through Friday, at no charge from the full-service kitchen on campus. This allows the seniors to socialize and have a nutritious meal. Back in October of 2021 with the availability of additional funding from the Board, The Salvation Army launched “Weekend Warriors”, which is a backpack program for senior citizens. The Weekend Warrior program provides three meals a day on Saturday and Sunday, as well as snacks. At Thanksgiving and Christmas each senior is provided with either a ham or a turkey. The program has hit home for many seniors and is the hope of The Salvation Army to continue the service.

The Salvation Army works with the Emergency Social Services (ESS) Office which provides a wide variety of assistance to senior citizens. Their food pantry, which is part of ESS, provides seniors with much needed food for home. Seniors can utilize this program once a month. In 2021, the food pantry served a total of 3,404 people, which included 1,000.00 seniors. ESS also helps with other needs, including rental and prescription assistance, clothing, bus passes or other emergency services. They are requesting funding to purchase food for the pantry, the Price Cutter gift cards and the Walgreen’s gift cards.

Motion to approve by Mike Jungers. Seconded by Amy Montebello. Motion carried.

Communication:

Fair Grove Senior Center – Terry Smith

Terry Smith offered a small presentation on the Solar Panels that were installed last year and the anticipated savings. A hand-out stating the savings is attached.

The Board took a moment to Congratulate Monica Horton for her recent appointment to City Council. Chuck Marinec read Monica’s letter of intent to not request another term on the Senior Board, she will allow her service term to expire on July 1, 2022. Monica has been a great addition to the Board and will be missed, however, we

take this opportunity to wish her all the luck and know that she will handle the City Council appointment with the same integrity and grace that she has always presented with the Senior Board.

10:00 A.M. moved to adjourn by Amy Montebello. Joyce Munden seconded. Motion Carried.

Next meeting May 23, 2022 – 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