

EDUCATION, VETERANS AND AGING SERVICES COMMITTEE
October 20, 2009

Call to Order Chair Wiedenfeld called the meeting of the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee to order at 4:06 P.M. on Tuesday, October 20, 2009, in Conference Room N-1 on the fifth floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Wiedenfeld, Gustina, Thomas, Thompson (4:30 PM).

Committee Members Excused. Supervisor Wopat.

Staff Members Present: Joyce Lubben, Director of Elderly Programs; Josh Smith, Assistant to the County Administrator.

Others Present: Robert Harlow, Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Gustina moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Thomas. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes. Supervisor Thomas moved approval of the minutes of September 15, 2009, second by Supervisor Gustina. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcements, Information. Chair Wiedenfeld said he will be asking Donna Duerst and Sue Fredrich, U.W. Extension, to attend the November meeting.

Transfers & Appropriations. None.

Bills/Encumbrances.

Veterans Service	\$	374.00
Title III-B		118.00
Nutrition Program		615.32
Delivered Meals		700.34
E & H Transportation		1,593.20
Title III-D		26.28
Title III-E		2,008.48
Elder Abuse Grant		746.81

Ms. Lubben said one of the \$65.00 charges to WAND, page 3, Training Expense, should be deleted as she decided not to attend.

Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments. None

Supervisor Gustina moved approval of the above Bills for the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee with Ms. Lubben's deletion, second by Supervisor Thomas. ADOPTED as amended.

Resolutions

Amending the 2009 Council on Aging Budget for Elderly and Handicapped Transportation

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2009 does hereby amend the Adopted 2009 Rock County Council on Aging budget as follows:

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Supervisor Gustina moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Thomas. ADOPTED.

Council on Aging – Public Hearing on the 2010-2012 Rock County Plan on Aging. Chair Wiedenfeld opened the public hearing at 4:12 P.M. No citizens were present. Chair Wiedenfeld closed the public hearing at 4:14 P.M.

Approval of the 2010-2012 Rock County Plan on Aging. Chair Wiedenfeld moved approval of the 2010-2012 Rock County Plan on Aging, second by Supervisor Thomas. ADOPTED.

Department Reports.

RSVP – Program Update. Mr. Harlow said the school programs have started up and the first Folk Fair was October 19th. The number of volunteers and the number of kids served in these programs are on target. Mr. Harlow said community referrals are going strong. The In-House Groups Program (knit and crochet) distributed 1,500 items last year and he anticipates the number could be over 2,000 this year.

He said he is just getting into the funding process for both United Ways and does not anticipate any large increases.

Veterans Service. Mr. Solis was unable to attend today’s meeting. His items will be placed on the November agenda.

Budget Review.

Senior Services of Rock County. No one was present.

Heritage Rock County. No one was present.

U.W. Rock County. No one was present. Supervisor Thomas asked about the landscaping issue with Mr. Smith advising they will hold off until next spring.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Mr. Harlow said he received word from the County that no increase is recommended in 2010 and said it was not a real surprise. He said most non-profits are experiencing the same situation and that it is not just one funding source doing it, all are doing it. He does not anticipate any increase from the feds. He said they have only received

a 1.8% increase in the last five years from the feds and it was rescinded last year. The State is decreasing funding 1%. The United Way Campaign is just under way, so that funding is unknown at this time. Mr. Harlow said RSVP touches everywhere in the county and deals with over 170 agencies.

Chair Wiedenfeld offered to go before the Finance Committee and appeal for additional funding for RSVP. Mr. Harlow thanked Chair Wiedenfeld, but said he would like to leave it as is at this point.

Supervisor Thompson arrived at the meeting (4:30 P.M.).

Council on Aging. Ms. Lubben advised she did not ask for anything additional in the 2010 budget. She anticipates cuts in federal and state funding in early 2010. The Council on Aging is expanding prevention programs, but is able to do this without additional funding. She said the evaluations from this year's Senior Statesmanship Program were the best ever.

Veterans Services. Mr. Solis was unable to attend the meeting.

Committee Requests and Motions. Supervisor Thomas asked about establishing a "Wall of Honor" here in the Courthouse. This item will be placed on a future agenda and Mr. Leu, General Services Director, will be invited to the meeting.

Adjournment. Supervisor Thomas moved adjournment at 4:50 P.M., second by Supervisor Gustina. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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