

EDUCATION, VETERANS AND AGING SERVICES COMMITTEE
August 16, 2011

Call to Order. Chair Thomas called the meeting of the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee to order at 4:01 P.M. on Tuesday, August 16, 2011, in Conference Room N-1 on the fifth floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Thomas, Gustina, Innis and Wopat.

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Yoss.

Staff Members Present: Joyce Lubben, Council on Aging Director; John Solis, Veterans Service Officer.

Others Present: None.

Approval of Agenda. Chair Thomas added a Transfer Request for the Council on Aging subject to the County Administrator's approval. Supervisor Wopat moved approval of the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Gustina. ADOPTED as amended.

Approval of Minutes. Supervisor Gustina moved approval of the minutes of July 19, 2011, second by Supervisor Innis. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcements, Information. None.

Transfers & Appropriations.

Council on Aging

<u>FROM</u>		<u>TO</u>	
<u>Account #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
00-0000-0001-46205	\$ 3,000*	30-3905-0000-62410	\$ 3,000*
Loss of Fixed Assets		E&H Repair & Maintenance	
30-3903-0000-62119	7,000	30-3903-0000-62105	7,000
Other Contracted Services		Contracted Food Service	
30-3905-0000-62100	11,000	30-3905-0000-63501	11,000
Contracted Personnel		Gas & Other Fuel	

Supervisor Gustina moved approval of the above transfers for the Council on Aging with the \$3,000* transfer contingent on County Administrator approval, second by Supervisor Innis. ADOPTED.

Veterans Services

<u>FROM</u>		<u>TO</u>	
<u>Account #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
38-3800-0001-64607	\$ 596	38-3800-0000-63101	\$ 260
Veterans Burial Benefits		Postage	
		38-3800-0000-63200	22

Pubs/Dues/Subscriptions
 38-3800-0000-63300 314
 Travel

Supervisor Gustina moved approval of the above transfer for the Council on Aging, second by Supervisor Wopat. ADOPTED.

Bills/Encumbrances.

Veterans Services	\$	586.00
Title III-B		545.00
Community Service		200.00
Nutrition Program		374.88
E & H Transport		1,367.78
Title III-D		599.13
New Freedom Program		190.00
Title III-E		2,343.50

Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendment.

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Best Events	\$	7,000.00
Fleet Services		11,000.00

Supervisor Wopat moved approval of the above Bills and Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments for the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee, second by Supervisor Gustina. ADOPTED.

Resolution.

Amending the 2011 Council on Aging Budget to Adjust Title III Program Allocations

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2011 does hereby amend the Adopted 2011 Rock County Council on Aging budget as follows:

...”

Supervisor Gustina moved the above Resolution for the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee, second by Supervisor Wopat. ADOPTED.

Awarding Contract for Driver Recruitment Services for Rock County Council on Aging, Specialized Transit Program

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2011 does hereby approve entering into a Driver Recruitment Contract with Manpower of Janesville, Wisconsin under the terms set forth in Request for Proposal #2012-01,

and authorizes the County Board Chair to approve the contract developed from the above project.”

Supervisor Wopat moved the above Resolution for the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee, second by Supervisor Gustina. ADOPTED.

Approval of Second Dining Center Closures – Joyce Lubben – Ms. Lubben said that in developing the 2012 budget it became clear that closing only the Scoville Dining Center will not be enough to balance the budget, so is requesting approval to close the Faith Lutheran Dining Center, also. She said this center has the lowest attendance of all the sites and is the most expensive site to run. Ms. Lubben said the home delivered meals could be pre-packed by Best Events for an additional cost, but in the end, there would still be a cost savings. There is another site in Janesville and the 4 – 10 people who use the Faith Lutheran site all drive, so they could attend this other site.

Supervisor Innis said we need to look outside the box to see if the money could be utilized in a better way. He said the socialization is very important for the elderly as well as meals and hydration. He suggested looking into Community Gardens as an option to help offset costs. He said we need to look at the quality of programs and what they do to go beyond putting food in their stomachs.

Ms. Lubben said she can look into the kinds of things Supervisor Innis suggested but the program we are talking about is regulated by the Federal Government and must operate within their guidelines.

Supervisor Wopat moved to close the Faith Lutheran site, second by Supervisor Gustina. ADOPTED.

Ms. Lubben said she had discussed the closing of the Scoville Hall dining center with the property owners and they are willing to discuss sharing the cost of transporting, through Specialized Transit, the eligible participants to one of the other Beloit dining centers.

Approval of Home Delivered Meal Waiting List Policy. Ms. Lubben went over the draft copy included with the agenda and explained the people would go on the list and come off on a first-come first-served basis unless they are at risk, then they would be moved up on the list. This nutritional risk is determined by the initial assessment conducted by nutrition staff.

Supervisor Innis said he feels everyone has the right to eat and it should not be left up to someone to make a decision that someone does not eat. The problems caused by malnutrition and hydration problems could be more costly then feeding them would cost. He said he feels there should be some floors on nutrition and hydration.

Supervisor Wopat asked what happened to create this waiting list. Ms. Lubben said other counties also have waiting lists. Participation keeps increasing, costs keep going up, and driver costs keep going up. Ms. Lubben said she has always believed people should not be denied service because of where they live so we do have participants who live on the outskirts of the County and this increases costs, too. Funding is not going up and donations from participants are going down. She said we do not have a list at this time but we are at capacity.

Supervisor Wopat asked what it would take from the County to eliminate a waiting list. He added that we need to take care of our elderly. Ms. Lubben said she does not have a number at this time.

Chair Thomas asked about Mercy's Meals on Wheels program. Ms. Lubben said she has heard that as long as they break even Mercy will keep the program. When they start losing money they will discontinue the program.

Supervisor Wopat asked what could be done now to fix this issue and how do we go about doing this. Chair Thomas asked Ms. Lubben to obtain costs on how much it would cost if someone had to get help because of dehydration for the next meeting.

Department Reports.

Council on Aging – Department Updates – Joyce Lubben Ms. Lubben said the complaints are still coming in from people who are not happy with LogistiCare services. She said they are keeping a tally of everything they have heard and will be compiling a list to send to the legislature.

Ms. Lubben said the Living Well with Chronic Conditions workshop is being held at the New Life Church.

Ms. Lubben said they have a Stepping On class in Clinton that has about 16 participants.

UW-Rock County – Landscaping – Interim Dean Kim Kostka The Committee read Interim Dean Kostka's report.

Committee Requests and Motions.

Ideas for Future Discussion Chair Thomas said he is thinking about holding the October meeting at UW-Rock County.

Adjournment. Supervisor Gustina moved adjournment at 4:56 P.M., second by Supervisor Wopat. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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