

EDUCATION, VETERANS AND AGING SERVICES COMMITTEE
September 20, 2011

Call to Order. Chair Thomas called the meeting of the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee to order at 4:25 P.M. on Tuesday, September 20, 2011, in Conference Room N-1 on the fifth floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Thomas, Gustina, Innis, Wopat (4:27 P.M.) and Yoss (5:06 P.M.).

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Joyce Lubben, Council on Aging Director; John Solis, Veterans Service Officer; Sue Fredrichs, U.W. Extension; Sue Zastoupil, Human Resources Secretary; Jeff Kuglitsch, Corporation Counsel and Jeff Smith, Finance Director for part of the meeting.

Others Present: Kim Kostka, Interim Dean UW-Rock County; Robert Harlow, RSVP Director.

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Gustina moved approval of the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Innis. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes. Supervisor Gustina moved approval of the minutes of August 16, 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>
30-3915-0000-62624	\$ 3,000	30-3915-0000-64200	\$ 4,500
III-B SD		Training	
30-3915-0000-64615	1,500		
Client Related Costs			

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

Bills/Encumbrances.

Veterans Services	\$ 1,682.00
Title III-B	110.00
Nutrition Program	70.00
E & H Transport	1,682.96
Title III-D	1,221.46

New Freedom Program	390.00
Title III-E	922.60

Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendment. None.

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

Approval of Home Delivered Meal Waiting List Policy. Ms. Lubben said the advisory council met and approved the policy.

Supervisor Wopat said he is still against a waiting list for meals for our seniors. He said he would rather see a safety net to make sure this doesn't happen and suggested more funds be put in the account so these seniors can receive meals.

Ms. Lubben said, right now, there are three seniors on the waiting list to receive meals. Ms. Lubben added that if someone came to them in dire circumstances they would make sure they received something.

Supervisor Wopat said if we can provide three meals and a bed for inmates in Jail, it is shameful for this to happen to our elderly.

Chair Thomas said we are all in agreement that we do not want this to happen but feels we need a policy measure in place for a last resort in case there is no money.

Supervisor Gustina said there has to be money somewhere.

The Committee discussed drafting a resolution for additional funds for the remainder of 2011 with any remaining funds to go back to the General Fund.

Supervisor Wopat moved approval of the Home Delivered Meal Waiting List Policy, 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.

Department Reports.

UW-Rock County – Campus Update/Activity Report – Interim Dean Kim Kostka

Interim Dean Kostka said enrollment is at a record 1,288 students, which is 6% over last Fall and a 23% increase in the past four years; the interviews are underway for the new Dean; the Academy for International Studies is in place in the lower level seminar room; space during the day is tight and we are looking into options to optimize our resources; the art wall/skylight was reconstructed and the renovation has already helped with the climate in the art studio, though they are unhappy with the ductwork; they have an opportunity to participate in a state-sponsored energy savings initiative that could also lead to future maintenance savings for the County; the landscaping is looking good; the Master Planning launch meeting is scheduled for September 30th and other Fridays through the semester; the parking lot is complete and they have 60 additional spaces, which filled immediately. She said they are working with the Sheriff's Office for increasing some walk-throughs on campus because they want the students to feel safe and aware there is a link with law enforcement and we don't want it to be a dramatic event when a squad car is on campus.

RSVP – Senior Volunteers for Seniors Update – Robert Harlow Mr. Harlow said they have 60 volunteers serving over 200 seniors with just under 2,000 requests for service.

RSVP – Intergenerational Program Update – Robert Harlow Mr. Harlow said school program is starting again and we are just a little behind in the Folk Fairs, because the schools are booked solid and they are booking some in the fall and some in the spring.

Waiting List for Home Delivered Meals Chair Thomas explained to Mr. Kuglitsch that the Committee would like to draft a resolution for \$10,000 be added to the Home Delivered Meals and asked if this could be "on the fast track." Mr. Kuglitsch asked where the funds would come from. Chair Thomas said from the General Fund. Mr. Kuglitsch said it would need to go through this Committee, the Finance Committee and then on to County Board, where it would need a 2/3 vote for approval.

Supervisor Yoss arrived at 5:06 P.M.

Supervisor Wopat asked if any other funds were available for this. Mr. Smith said a transfer from the Contingency Fund, which would need to go through this Committee and then Finance Committee.

Supervisor Yoss moved to transfer \$10,000 from the Contingency Fund to the Home Delivered Meals account, second by Supervisor Wopat. ADOPTED.

The Committee requested this transfer go to the Finance Committee on September 22, 2011.

Youth in Government Update – Sue Fredrichs. Ms. Fredrichs said she is retiring at the end of this year, and U.W. Extension is going to be losing 5.1 positions in 2012. She said the Youth in Government Program will need to be tabled at this time. She said she would put a book together with all the information she has gathered, her notes, contacts, etc. She said it will take someone who can manage, direct, etc. to make this program work.

Ms. Fredrichs said Dane County has a game for youth called The Amazing Government Race in which youth are given the task of setting up a race and what departments they need to go through, forms needs, permits, etc. to do this. They visit the departments and put their plan together at the end of the day. They had to ask “how do I do this” and “what do I need to do.” She said she has documentation of this program. She also said she would be interested in volunteering for this program after a certain amount of time after retirement. Chair Thomas asked Ms. Bondehagen to hold this information until they can get the program up and running again. Ms. Bondehagen agreed to do this.

Department Reports.

Council on Aging – Mobility Management Update – Joyce Lubben Ms. Lubben said Mr. Hennings has been making strides and has developed a program called Wednesday Walks, which are ten leisurely walks around Rock County (a brochure was handed out); he is also conducting learning sessions on how to use public transport (a brochure was handed out); he is also developing a community shuttle on specific days to drop people off at various sites and then come back at certain times to pick them up.

Council on Aging – Congregate Site Closures – Joyce Lubben Ms. Lubben said the announcements have been made, they have visited the sites to inform the people of the closings of the two sites. She said the older people at Scoville were interested in the other sites, but the people at Faith Lutheran were not happy.

Council on Aging – Caregiver Update – Joyce Lubben Ms. Lubben said the transfer the Committee had approved earlier is for this caregiver conference, Relax and Rejuvenate (a brochure was handed out) on November 10th and the need to get this information out to the people. Chair Thomas suggested having brochures available at the information desk here at the Courthouse. Supervisor Wopat suggested sending some to HospiceCare Inc., Chair Thomas said the Job Center would be another good place to have some.

Council on Aging – LogistiCare Update – Joyce Lubben Ms. Lubben said the complaints have cut down to a drizzle. She feels they have probably been getting tired of complaining and have found other means.

Committee Requests and Motions.

Ideas for Future Discussion Chair Thomas said he would like to hold a meeting and tour UW-Rock County and suggested November 15th as a possible day.

Ms. Lubben handed out a flier on the Rock County Senior Fair & Expo to be held Friday, October 28th from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Adjournment. Supervisor Wopat moved adjournment at 5:47 P.M., second by Supervisor Gustina. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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