

EDUCATION, VETERANS AND AGING SERVICES COMMITTEE
February 16, 2010

Call to Order. Chair Wiedenfeld called the meeting of the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee to order at 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 16, 2010, in Conference Room N-1 on the fifth floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Wiedenfeld, Gustina and Thomas.

Committee Members Excused: Supervisors Thompson and Wopat.

Staff Members Present: Joyce Lubben, Director of Elderly Programs; John Solis, Veterans Service Officer.

Others Present: Robert Harlow, Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

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

Approval of Minutes. Supervisor Gustina moved approval of the minutes of January 19, 2010, as presented, second by Supervisor Thomas. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcements, Information. Supervisor Thomas informed the Committee that Vets Rolls is collecting \$100,000 to take World War II veterans to Washington DC to view the memorials, monuments, etc.

Ms. Lubben handed around copies of a "Lunch and Learn" program sponsored by the League of Women Voters on April 14th at M&I Bank (100 N. Main St., Janesville) on why seniors can't afford basic necessities. This is a free presentation and is open to the public.

Transfers & Appropriations. None.

Bills/Encumbrances.

2009

Title III-E	\$	2,873.00
Elder Abuse		1,287.00

2010

Senior Citizen Program	\$	5,453.00
Title III-B		552.00
Nutrition Program		75.00
Delivered Meals		1,416.00
E&H Transportation		522.74
Title III-D		67.50
Benefit Specialist Grant		35.00

Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments. None.

Supervisor Thomas moved approval of the above 2009 and 2010 Bills for the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee, second by Supervisor Gustina. ADOPTED.

Resolution

Amending the 2010 Council on Aging Budget for Titles III-B, III-C-1, III-C-2, III-D, III-E and State Senior Community Services

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2010 does hereby amend the Adopted 2010 Rock County Council on Aging budget as follows:

...”

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

Department Reports

Retired Senior Volunteer Program – Robert Harlow

Program Update Mr. Harlow said all the programs are running fine. The in-home volunteers distributed 2,050 items in 2009. They have two new programs: 1) Lunch and Learn at Beloit Memorial High School – teachers and counselors identify freshmen in need of help with homework assignments and this group of volunteers works with them. There are presently six volunteers. 2) Cell phone program – they collect used cell phones, send them in to be refurbished and when they come back they are used for domestic abuse and other 911 purposes.

Relocation Plans Mr. Harlow said they will be moving the office to a location on Riverside Drive, this will reduce their overhead nearly in half. They will be closing the office for the move on March 29th and reopen at the new location on April 6th. The Committee agreed May 18th would be a good time to meet at the new location.

Veterans Services – John Solis

Wisconsin Veterans Home at Union Grove Rate Increases Mr. Solis said the issue of the rising rates has been brought up several times. The reason for the rates going up is because the facility had been receiving a supplement from the facility in King and, per state statutes, the facility has to be self-supporting. To avoid fines, the cost had to go up by approximately 65%. The nursing home portion is okay because they receive Medical Assistance.

Wisconsin GI Bill Legislation Status Mr. Solis said at a meeting with the schools the schools did not like some of the different legislative bills and a compromise is being worked on. He said, at this time, if you are eligible for federal benefits to use these first and the amount is based on years of service.

LZ Lambeau Ticket Sales Mr. Solis said the group heading up this welcome home Vietnam Veterans is offering discounts on the sale of tickets, 50% off for groups. He heard there is a motorcycle rally scheduled to leave from La Crosse to Green Bay on May 20th of approximately 150,000 motorcycles. He said this is a welcome home party for the Vietnam Veterans and no claims will be done, the only speaker will be the Governor, and the traveling wall will be there.

Committee Requests and Motions. Chair Wiedenfeld said the May 18th meeting will be held at the new RSVP center on Riverside Drive in Beloit.

Adjournment. Supervisor Thomas moved adjournment at 4:40 P.M., second by Supervisor Gustina. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Bondehagen
Secretary II

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