

Senior Millage Allocation Committee
March 6, 2010 9:00 a.m.
Stealy Manor
US 27 N @ L Drive

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by Chairperson Lisa Gerow.

Members Present: Rod Auton, Julie Camp, Lisa Gerow, Jennie Hoffmann, Jill Booth, Joanne Konkle, Kristy Smith, Rebecca Rocho, Viola Johnson, Mary Crowell,

Members not Present: Eusebio Solis, Tiana Cannon

Staff Present: Carl Gibson, Rodna Stealy

Guests: Sherri Sherban

Approval of the Agenda:

Joanne made a motion to approve the agenda Rod supported the motion. ***Motion Carried.***

Director's Report

Carl discussed the Director's Report. Members discussed some service issues and requested that the Calhoun County Public Health Department be asked to attend the next regular Senior Millage Allocation Committee to report on what steps they are taking to work into the Hearing and Vision Programs.

There was discussion around Transportation Issues. The community needs to be part of the solution. They first need to be educated, and bring health providers into the process.

Discussion Items/Old Business:

Member Renewal

Joanne has agreed that she would like to continue her membership. Carl noted that he believes Eusebio will also continue. Jennie has sent in a letter to resign her membership. Members talked to Jenny and she agreed to continue to finish out her term.

Jill made a motion to approve sending a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners to appoint Eusebio and Joanne each for another term on the Senior Millage Allocation Committee.

Mary Crowell will not seek renewal of her position on the Senior Millage Allocation Committee

and will be looking for someone in the Athens Area who would be interested in sitting on this committee.

Marshall Area Health Fair

The Marshall Area Health Fair will be held on April 8, 2010 at the Marshall House Apartments. This Health Fair is a cooperative of Marshall House Apartments, Oaklawn Hospital, and Calhoun County Senior Millage.

New Business:

Millage Renewal Discussion

Approval of Ballot Language

Carl presented members with the proposed Ballot Language for the Millage Renewal **County Proposal – Renewal to provide services for older persons**

For the purpose of continuing the funding for planning, coordinating, evaluating and providing services to persons 60 years of age and older, shall the previously approved millage authorization to increase the limitation on taxes which may be assessed against all property in the County of Calhoun, State of Michigan, be renewed and the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners be authorized to levy not to exceed 0.7452 mil (\$0.7452 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of ten (10) years, 2011 – 2020 inclusive? It is estimated that this levy will generate \$2,818,080 in revenue in the first calendar year.

Jill made a motion to support the language for the millage proposal. Becky supported the motion. There was discussion around the length of the renewal term. Members voted by Roll Call vote Jill, Becky, Viola, Arlene, Joanne, Rod, Lisa, Mary –Yes; Jennie, Julie, Kristy-NO. ***Motion Carried.***

2010 Senior Millage Campaign Discussion

Carl reported that the Community Meeting that was held on February 25th was well attended, by about 20 to 25 people. It was decided that the campaign slogan should be “Renew for Seniors,” with a by line of Vote Yes.

The campaign will not get into full swing until after the May election as there are a couple of school millages on that ballot and we do not want to interfere with those.

There was discussion about millage issues and about advertising and presentations that should be made prior to the August election. Senior Times will assist with media and securing community leader involvement.

Citizens Time

There were no citizens present who chose to speak at this time.

Announcements

Adjournment

Becky made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jill supported the motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Next Meeting: April 2, 8:00 a.m.