

**Senior Millage Allocation Committee  
May 4, 2012 8:00 a.m.  
Calhoun County Building  
315 W Green St., Marshall Michigan 49068**

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m. by Art Kale.

**Members Present:** Rod Auton, Arlene Bolton, Julie Camp-Siefke, Shirley Clutter, Jim Haadsma, Art Kale, Joanne Konkle, Jennie Hoffmann, Willie Tabb,

**Members Absent:** Jill Booth, Ralph Moore,

**Staff Present:** Carl Gibson, Rodna Stealy, Brad Wilcox

**Guests Present:** Bill Bushman, Kate Harris Beverly Bentley, Dan Gremore

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Konkle made a motion to approve the Agenda Auton supported. ***Motion Carried.***

**Approval of Minutes:**

Clutter made a motion to approve the minutes from April 6, 2011 Bolton supported the motion. ***Motion Carried.***

**Citizen Comments:** None

**Reports**

Camp-Siefke made a motion to approve the reports. Clutter seconded the motion. ***Motion Carried***

Jim Haadsma, Chairman, took over running of the meeting.

**Information & Discussion**

Gibson explained to members that there had been a letter of complaint sent to the Board of Commissioners, regarding issues that Bedford Residents were concerned about with Lifecare Ambulance, Transportation Dispatch provider. The items noted in the letter were from earlier in the year had already been addressed. Gibson provided responses from LifeCare to each of the issues mentioned in the letter. LifeCare is responding and following up on these issues.

**Continuing Business:**

**Update Forks Senior Center**

Kale reported that he has been talking with people from Forks Senior Center regarding their continuation at their current location. He met with Maureen Reed, John Sprandle resigning from the Board, so they will be electing a new Chairman of the Board in the near future. Kellogg Community College may be moving some of its programs into the building Forks Senior Center is in to use some space being vacated by the Administrative Offices of Albion Public Schools. That would help to keep the building available for the Senior Center but the rent would go up to

\$2,000 per month instead of the \$200 they pay now. The rent would be based on square footage of use and would include utilities.

Board will review membership fee structure. Kale noted that there is some concern that they aren't seriously looking at alternative funding. There was a reduction in funding from the City of Albion this year.

Discussion was held regarding Senior Millage funding, it is possible for Senior Millage to continue some support in the future but they need to realize that it is important for them to look for other funding.

Konkle reported that some new Board members were appointed last night and there are some plans to start taking a look at options.

### Updates

Meal Services The transition of meals to Senior Services Inc. has gone smooth.

Transportation Transportation Dispatch has been challenging. A meeting is scheduled, May 14th to address issues mentioned in a letter addressed to the Board of Commissioners from some seniors who live at Bedford Manor. The transition to LifeCare for dispatch services has been a learning experience. One discovery is that there are 3,000 more people in Calhoun County who are 60 years of age and older than there were in 2000. The overall population of Calhoun County has gone down but the "senior" population has increased. Therefore there are a lot more people who are eligible for Senior Transportation.

### **Continuing Business**

#### Directors Report

Members were provided with a copy of the Directors report and invited to address any questions to Gibson at a later time.

#### Strategic Planning

Auton reported on the work being done by the Strategic Planning Committee. Members were provided with an written update from the Strategic Planning Committee. Work on a Needs Assessment is ongoing. The committee is requesting the approval of the SMAC to work with Area Agency on Aging sharing costs and responsibilities for decisions. With the approval of this committee to move forward with this work, Wilcox and Gibson would lead this effort. They will do an RFQ and report back to the SMAC at the June meeting, for purpose of review and decision of Needs Assessment Consultant..

Tabb, Wilcox, Gibson, and Moore will work on development of the RFQ by early June.

Gibson requested that the SMAC combine June and July Allocation Committee meetings and hold one meeting mid-June.

Bolton made a motion to combine June and July meetings and have on meeting on June 15, 2012. Clutter supported the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Bolton made a motion to empower the Strategic Planning Committee to ppush through with the work on the RFQ. Clutter supported the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Clutter made a motion to accept the Strategic Planning map presented by Wilcox. Hoffmann

supported the motion. ***Motion Carried.***

Member Terms & Reappointments

Gibson addressed the subject of Membership Appointments. There is a notice in Senior Times and local papers. Gibson noted that it is important for members of the SMAC to help with recruiting new members from Urban areas. Members suggested Lee Township and Marshall area. Bolton noted that it is important to recruit older adults.

Konkle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Auton supported the motion. ***Motion Carried.***

**Adjourned 8:55 a.m.**

**Next Meeting: June 15, 2012**