

**Senior Millage Allocation Committee**  
**Friday August 8, 2014 8:00 a.m.**  
**Calhoun County Building – Garden Level Conference Room**  
**315 W Green Street, Marshall, MI 49068**

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**MINUTES**

**Call to Order/Roll Call: Jim Haadsma at 8:05 a.m. and roll call**

**Roll Call Attending: Jill Booth, Jane Chappell, Shirley Clutter, Jim Haadsma, Art Kale, Willy Kalnins, Joann Konkle, Ralph Moore, Willie Tabb and Drew Walker**

**Absent Excused: Rod Auton, Kathy-Sue Dunn and Jim Powers**

Staff: Carl Gibson, Leslie Olbrig, Rodna Zuck and Lora Stevens

Visitors: Bev Bentley; Linnea Mobley, Community HealthCare Connections; Micki Olgibee - Forks Senior Center

**Agenda – Willy Kalnins and Art Kale: Motion, Second and Approved – *Motion Carried***

**Minutes for July, 2014 – Willi Tabb and JoAnn Konkle: Motion, Second and Approved – *Motion Carried***

**Old Business:**

- Forks Senior Center in Albion – Micki Olgibee
  - Contract with County has not been signed.
  - Physical address is 101 North Albion Street, Albion, MI 49224
  - Meeting Tuesday August 12 at 9:00 am. (contract has been looked over by attorneys)
  - If lease is signed the County (Curtis and Brad) said they should have it ready by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. No renovations are being done right now.
  - Olgibee drew a picture of the set up on the white board and answered questions about where things and people would be located there.
  - Albion Community Foundations gave a grant of \$4769.00 for new kitchen equipment. i.e. new stove and oven and more, but their will need to hold 2 to 3 healthy meals demonstrations within the next year and work with WIC to help them get their recipients to attend.
  - Membership improving, she doesn't think the membership has ever decreased. They do have a new and improve system of tracking memberships. Members get a 30 day grace period to re-signup. Within that time they will receive a letter and phone call from staff. Olgibee doesn't know the current membership number.
  - Meal program will lease the front 1,000sq ft area for their programs
  - Senior Millage will not do anything until the lease is signed.

**Centenarian Luncheon at Schuler's July 22nd**

- Rodna Zuck
  - 13 Centenarians signed up, but only 12 could attend that day
  - The luncheon was for 99 years and older seniors
  - Oldest attending was 105 years old and she was so happy she wants us to do it again next year so she can come back and see her new friends.
  - **MOTION** to have the Centenarian Luncheon annually.

**Art Kale and Willy Kalnins: Motion, Second and Approved – *Motion Carried***

## RFP

- Leslie Obrig from Purchasing Department was present to answer any questions
- RFP was posted online last night (30 pages)
- They can be found on the County's website under Purchasing Department
- Updated Minimum Standards were handed out in the boards packet
- NEW - These 5 contracts will be for a 3 year period, not one year as before.
- Carl Gibson discussed revisions for each standard.
  - Forks Senior Center – added to contract
    - Must have a SMAC member attending each board meeting as ex-officio
    - Must allow public to attend board meetings for constructive input.
    - Recommendations for changes in standards were made.
  - Chore Service Assistance –
    - Still cap at \$250.00 per year.
    - Prescription-drug program
    - Very few changes.
    - This program has been under-utilized this year – review spending issues
  - PERS
    - AAA manages this services, not many changes
  - Community Care Options Service –
    - Completely new Standard

**MOTION** to add: Up to 200% poverty level no cost and over 200% they will pay 50% of the charges.

**Jill Booth and Joann Konkle:** Motion, Second and Approved – ***Motion Carried***

## MINI Grants:

- Community Action - \$20,000 request to supplement Home Heating Assistance a second time.
  - Increase for home heating assistance needed. Big back log of requests
  - DHS, State and Consumers and other companies have stopped extra support now
  - CA requires recipients to attend a training about conserving energy
- Miles for Memories - requesting \$2,500 – same as last year for Advertising.
- Forks Center - \$2,975 request for moving office furniture and fitness equipment.
- Community HealthCare Connections – \$5,000 request to support Care-A-Van
  - Linnea Mobley discuss why this money is needed for Care-A-Van health services they provide to rural and outreach sites.
  - Recently let 6 employees go and looking for volunteer nurses to help in the van care for the needs of the seniors. Very expensive program to run
  - Changes in Medicaid have more people to go to the doctor with a 2 ½ month wait for an appointment. With this Medicaid adjustment more people are going to doctors but they feel overtime not getting into a doc soon enough they will come back for help.
  - Rural churches in the County want to start to work with them more for outreach.
- City of Marshall - \$2,500 request to support local match for transit service between Albion & Marshall
  - Received a grant from the State, but needs local grant match. City of Marshall and Albion have added to the grant match.
  - This is a new service starting in October to transport people between Albion and Marshall for different appointments. It will be a set route, but offered to disabled persons and with a need for the elderly. A van may need to be rented for 4 months until the new one arrives.
  - This is a pilot program to see if it will work. Dial-A Ride will be running the service
- T-Shirts - \$1,300
  - Shirts for Senior Health Partners Health Fair that was held at Burnham Brook, in May; our logo was large on the back of each shirt.

**MOTION** to approve all mini grants:

**Joann Konkle and Willi Tabb:** Motion, Second and Approved – ***Motion Carried***

## United Way Dollars:

\$30,000 to \$50,000 have not been spent, looking at paying for back dated dental services or more to the home heating assistance.

Moore: concerned that if people get it this time they will expect it next time and it to become an annual thing. Need to collaborate between Kalamazoo, Marshall and Albion United Way funds.

**Maps in handout:**

These show where the congregate meal sites are and where the home delivery meals are distributed in the county.

Clutter – worried that the people that drive the senior to these sites are also getting meals

Gibson – there have been a lot of changes and cut backs, i.e. liquid meals eliminated; down to 3 days, not 5 etc. It should go back to 5 days this fall and delivery is 4 to 5 days a week and didn't change.

**Hearing Assist program:**

Discussion was held concerning the 5 year time limit to receive a new hearing aid again. Proposal was made that, a senior can get a broken, stolen, damaged or lost device replaced, for 50% of the cost for a new device if they still meet income eligibility. AND an exception to this policy can be made for disasters in senior housing units. Moore reminded everyone that most companies that sell these to have an insurance policies for these problems.

**Jill Booth and Jane Chappell:** Motion, Second and Approved – *Motion Carried*

**Gibson announced problems of door-to-door insurance salesman in senior living centers and hospitals.**


**Presentation** from the State Bar Association on “Living Trust and planning your estate” held here on Wednesday this week, presented by Brett Cummings, an Attorney from Kalamazoo. 33 people attending – good presentation and discussion on Elder Abuse Collation in Calhoun County.

**Premiere** “Mask of the Sun” a murder mystery on elder abuse. Will be at the Frank Center on August 16 at 7:00pm. \$5.00 charge and the money will go to I-pads for Dementia patients. This has been a 2 ½ year project for Drew Walker and it shows how music brings life back into these patients.

**Art Kale** thanked everyone for their support while he was campaigning. Jim Haadsma commended that Kale ran a good campaign and he is a good Chair for the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners.

**9:30 am Adjournment by Willy Kalnins - Motion and Jill Booth - Second - Adjourned**

**Next Meeting – Sept 5th, 2014, 8:00 am – Calhoun County Building Garden Level Conference Room**

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