

Senior Millage Allocation Committee (SMAC)

Friday, March 3, 2017 8:00 a.m.

Calhoun County Garden Level Conference Room
315 W. Green Street, Marshall, MI 49068

MINUTES

Call to Order/Roll Call: Chairman Vic Potter called meeting to order and Roll Called

Attending: Rod Auton, Jill Booth, Art Kale, Willy Kalnins, Joanne Konkle, Richard Lindsey, Ralph Moore, Vic Potter, Jim Powers, Willie Tabb (Via Skype), and Gary Tompkins

Absent Excused: Teresa Schell

County Personnel: Carl Gibson, Director and staff: Rodna Stealy; Michele Johnson, Finance Director Brad Wilcox, Assistant County Administrator; Kelli Scott, County Administrator.; Jen Bomba Community Services Director.

Visitors: Luann Sommers, Forks Senior Center and Katherine Lipari, Aetna Better Health Transportation Services; Linda Grap Director of Senior Health Partners.

Agenda for March 3, 2017:

Motion to accept Agenda Lindsey and Booth: Motion, Second and Approved - **Motion Carried**

Minutes for February 10, 2017:

Motion to accept Minutes - with Amendment: ADMENDMENT -omitting the second of motion to accept Financial Reports by Kalnins and replace that with Tabb -**Tabb and Kale:** Motion, Second and Approved - **Motion Carried**

Introduction: Katherine Lipari - Aetna Better Health - Non-Emergency Transportation Program for Medicaid clients that have Aetna Better Health coverage; **Luann Sommers** - Director for Forks Senior Center (FSC); Linda Grap - Director of Senior Health Partners

Contract Spending/Budget Report:

- ✓ Draft for 2016; Audit not complete for County at this time.
- ✓ 2017

Motion to accept Contact Spending/Budget Report - Booth and Tabb: Motion, Second and Approved - **Motion Carried**

Calhoun County Senior Services Transition Plan. Kelli Scott spoke to the committee about how important Senior Services and the Great Attention Carl Gibson has given to Senior Citizens in Calhoun County. Scott indicated the transition plan to replace the Director of Senior Services with a part time director has been reviewed and Administration has decided on a new plan that Brad Wilcox will present. Wilcox presented the new Transition Plan which includes a full time Manager for Senior Services who would report to Jen Bomba, the Community Development Director.

Potter and Tompkins both stated that they support the plan. Discussion followed concerning the new Manager and Veteran's Affairs Director working together to make sure all are served to the best end.

Kale and Powers motion and second to support this plan. Roll call Vote, vote unanimous in support- **Motion Carried**. Members thanked Scott & Wilcox for working on this plan. Scott thanked members of the Committee for bring forth their concerns and questions about this transition.

Continuing Business:

- ✓ **Forks Senior Center**- Request for funding to renovate and pay rent on added space for one year. Luann Sommers explained that the FSC has the opportunity to expand their space in the Albion County Building. It would require some renovations and extra rental fees. She is requesting up

to \$12,000 for renovations. Anything over an extra \$2,000 would require SMAC approval. In addition they would like one year of rental assistance for the new space. Rental assistance would be about \$8,300 for a year. Gibson recommendation to support Forks Senior Center for \$20,000 to Support Forks Senior Center, any increase of this amount by more than \$2,000, would require SMAC approval. **Lindsey and Auton** motion to approve. Discussion followed. Members were supplied with a floor plan of the area to be renovated. Discussion of cost and members would like firm figures on the renovation costs. **Motion Withdrawn by Lindsey.**

Gibson reported that 300k in lieu of property taxes used to support Senior Centers is a good way to use some of that money to benefit a lot of people. He also suggested that there are programs where all of the money granted is not being used and possibly we could entertain pulling some of that money back and re-allocate those dollars for Senior Center Support in Calhoun County. These centers are very important for socialization and can become important resources for Senior Services outreach and Information referral.

Booth and Lindsey motion and second to approve a one-time grant of up to \$12000.00 for renovations, anything over \$2,000 in additional funds would have to be approved by SMAC. One year of rental assistance up to \$8,300. **Motion Carried.**

✓ **Marshall Senior Center Update**

✓ Draft Lease is ready for review and signing –Senior Millage will pay 1 year of rent at \$10.00 per square foot up to \$31,000 ; this will include The Senior Center having control of the Community Room but allowing Oaklawn Hospital to use the space upon availability and Sr. Center Approval. Heritage Commons Senior Enrichment Center is the committee generated name for the new center. **Powers and Booth** made and seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Roll call vote *Lindsey Abstained, Moore Abstained Potter No, Motion Carried.*

✓ **Gibson to discuss with CareWell services** the possibility of reducing their contract for Community Care Options as they have not been spending the entire grant. Discussion followed and members suggested Gibson and Scott talk to Fales and possibly pull back 75,000 from the original grant as it is not expected to be fully spent this year.

✓ **Grant Discussion**-Firekeepers Revenue Sharing Board had given us a grant to do a study for need of a Marshall Area Senior Center...CareWell Service is now running that so Gibson will send a letter to Firekeepers to report that the grant will still be used to support the center start-up.

Future Events –

- ✓ All Vendor Meeting will be scheduled

- ✓ Senior Fair is scheduled for Thursday, April 6, Marshall Middle School - 10:00am to 1:30 pm

- ✓ Centenarian Luncheon, Tuesday May 16 at Schuler’s Restaurant - noon till 1:30pm

- ✓ Senior ‘Fun and Fitness’ Day at the Zoo – TBD in May

Adjourned 9:44 a.m.

Next SMAC Board meeting – April 7, 2017, Friday - 8:00 a.m. in the Calhoun County Building Garden Level Conference Room.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding the minutes may be answered prior to the next meeting by contacting Calhoun County the Office of Senior Services at 269-781-0846