

# Senior Millage Allocation Committee

Friday, November 1, 2019 8:00 am – 9:30 am  
Calhoun County Building, 315 W. Green Street, Marshall  
Garden Level Conference Room

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## MINUTES

1. **SMAC meeting called to order by Chairperson Gary Tompkins at 8:01am. Roll called.**
  - **Attending:** Gary Tompkins, Richard Lindsey, Yvonne Chapman, Bob Lyng, Tom Hunsdorfer, Diane Peters, Willie Tabb, Jim Powers, Teresa Schell, Art Kale (arrived at 8:45am)
  - **Absent:** Rochelle Hatcher
  - **Excused:** Michelle Hill, Jill Booth
2. **Approval of Agenda**
  - Motion to accept agenda – **Tabb & Lindsey: Motion, Second. Motion carried. Voice vote.**
3. **Approval of Minutes for October 4, 2019**
  - Motion to accept minutes – **Powers & Tabb: Motion, Second. Motion carried. Voice vote.**
4. **Introductions and Citizen's Comments**
  - **Introductions:** Linda Grap, Director of Senior Health Partners; Luann Sommers, Executive Director of the Forks Senior Center; Karla Fales, CEO of CareWell Services SW; Jen Bomba, Community Development Director; Carl Gibson, member of the public and retired Senior Services manager; Steve Ferency, Video Producer & Photographer with Brick Street Marketing.
  - **Citizen's Comments:**
    - Linda Grap informed the Committee that Senior Services of Southwest Michigan is joining the Senior Health partnership, and the SHP offices should be fully moved into the Battle Creek Family Y by the end of next week.
    - Carl Gibson will wait to speak until the renewal discussion (time ran out before SMAC got to this agenda item).
5. **Reports**
  - a. **Manager's Report**

Helen apologized for the email issues, and late distribution of meeting materials. As part of a Senior Millage promotional video, Brick Street Marketing in Albion will be filming today.
  - b. **Budget Report as of 10/31/2019**

Many vendors are not at 25% of budget remaining, but should catch up, so underspending should not be an issue. Helen & Lora have been working with Habitat for Humanity, as they have all new staff and while they are actively building ramps, they are not billing Senior Millage for the work. The Vision Program may submit a supplemental request in December. The remaining \$20,000 in Program Grants will most likely go unspent, as the Albion Health Care Alliance is not prepared to apply at this time. Program grants are not included in the 2020 budget because while Senior Millage does have discretionary funds through the fund balance, annual budget authority is fully committed through existing contractual programs.

### **Calhoun County Senior Services Mission:**

*Enhance, promote, and ensure the availability of needed quality services for Calhoun County seniors through the effective and efficient allocation of County Senior Millage resources.*

## 6. New Business

### a. Logo Revisions

Going into renewal, we want to really emphasize our identity as Calhoun County Senior Millage. Our office does not actually provide any services, we contract with vendors who provide services, and seniors confuse us with Senior Services of Southwest Michigan. Committee members feel our identity has always been as Calhoun County Senior Services, and that it is too close to the millage renewal to make changes to branding, as many members of the public are not sure what a millage even is. Powers & Schell make a motion to make a voice vote, but later withdraw the motion.

### b. Senior Strategic Project Fund

The name of the fund was changed from Senior Capital Investment Fund, to more accurately reflect the purpose of these dollars. County administration is very supportive, and would like to see this money set aside in time for the 2020 budget. This would be one-time funding, up to \$250,000. Conversation around whether this funding could and should be used for brick and mortar projects, especially housing. Kale is concerned that if we have this large of a fund balance, we need to look at decreasing taxes. Powers thinks we need to keep a much larger fund balance, in the event of the millage being voted down. **Lindsey & Powers motion to pass the recommendation, with removal of the potential uses, Motion & Second. Roll call vote taken. Failed 5-5, with 2 excused, and one absent.** Helen will make revisions, and a new discussion and vote will be taken at the December SMAC meeting.

c. **Say Yes to Seniors: Senior Millage Renewal Campaign** – not discussed.

d. **Senior Millage Video Project: Brick Street Marketing, Albion** – Filming started.

## 7. Next SMAC Meeting: Friday, December 6, 2019, 8am, Marshall County Building

## 8. Upcoming Events:

- October 15 – December 7, **Medicare Open Enrollment**
- Thursday, November 21, 8:00am, **Professionals in Aging: Caregiver Compassion Fatigue & What To Do About It**, Marshall United Methodist Church
- Thursday, December 5, 8:00am, **Professionals in Aging: Eating Not Meeting**, breakfast at The LUX Restaurant, 2587 Capital Avenue, SW, Battle Creek (pay your own)
- Wednesday, April 8, 2020, **Senior Fair**, Marshall Middle School

## 9. Adjournment at 9:40am.

Respectfully submitted, Kate Turner