

Senior Millage Allocation Committee

Special Meeting

Friday, January 3, 2020 8:00 am – 9:30 am
Calhoun County Building, 315 W. Green Street, Marshall
Garden Level Conference Room

MINUTES

1. SMAC meeting called to order by Chairperson Gary Tompkins at 8:02am. Roll called.

- **Attending:** Gary Tompkins, Tom Hunsdorfer, Art Kale, Michelle Hill, Bob Lyng, Diane Peters, Richard Lindsey, Jim Powers, Teresa Schell, Willie Tabb via Skype, Jill Booth arrived at 8:11am
- **Excused:** Yvonne Chapman, Rochelle Hatcher

2. Approval of Agenda

- Motion to accept agenda – **Powers & Hunsdorfer: Motion, Second. Motion carried. Voice vote.**

3. Introductions and Citizen's Comments

- **Introductions:** Brad Wilcox, Calhoun County Assistant Administrator; Linda Grap, Director of Senior Health Partners; Megan Banning, Calhoun County Deputy Controller; Kelli Scott, Calhoun County Administrator & Controller; Carl Gibson
- **Citizen's Comments:**
 - i. Carl Gibson – Talked about Senior Millages throughout the state of Michigan and passed out a map of Counties with a Senior Millage. Calhoun County differs from many counties with a Senior Millage in that it does not provide services directly. Gibson would like to see more collaboration with the City of Marshall recreation department, Marshall Public Library, and a firm plan for the long-term location of the Senior Services office & Heritage Commons.

4. Senior Strategic Project Fund

Originally, SMAC decided to spend Personal Property Tax (PPT) Reimbursement and Firekeepers Revenue Sharing through increases in contractual spending. But these revenue streams are unstable and unreliable, and approximately \$1 million of the current fund balance is attributable to PPT and Firekeepers dollars. While the budget forecast had allowed for incremental growth going forward, to eliminate PPT and Firekeepers from contractual spending, this incremental growth would not be possible, and contract amounts would remain flat for the next five years. By directing PPT and Firekeeper dollars into Senior Strategic Project funding, this would return our contractual spending to only amounts raised through taxes raised through collection of the Senior Millage. This would mean that if PPT and/or Firekeepers were to cease payments, our contracted programs would be unaffected, and we would simply stop offering a Senior Strategic Project Fund. Provided PPT and/or Firekeepers payments continued, Senior Strategic Project funding would also continue to be offered. SMAC would decide in each August how much PPT and Firekeepers funding would be put into funding a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Senior Strategic Projects in the following year. If projects were not submitted that the SMAC RFP Review Subcommittee and SMAC

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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.

did not support then the full amount would not have to be awarded. How much of the funding is awarded would be decided by a subcommittee, which would then make its recommendations to Senior Millage Allocation Committee as a whole, and then go to the Board of Commissioners if needed. Brad Wilcox talked about using a performance-based contracting system when awarding funding through this mechanism. Projects would be overseen by Senior Services staff, in conjunction with Brad Wilcox and Megan Banning.

Hunsdorfer & Lindsey motion to adopt Senior Strategic Project funding as presented with three amendments: change “will” to “may” in purpose & action; replace “one-time” with “individual projects” in purpose and add “Calhoun County/Senior Millage is not required to spend funds”, Motion & Second. Roll call vote taken. Passed 11-0, with two excused.

5. **Next SMAC Meeting: Friday, February 7, 2020, 8am, SHP, Family Y Center, Battle Creek**
(If Battle Creek and/or Marshall Schools are closed, the meeting will be cancelled)
Senior Health Partners’ renovated space at the Battle Creek Family YMCA, 28 Penn Street
Entrance located on the back side of the Family Y Center, near the corner of Capital Ave. and Penn

6. **Upcoming Events:**

- January 16, **Renew for Seniors Ballot Initiative Meeting**, Marshall Public Library, 6pm
- January 31, **Site Visit to the Haven of Rest**, Battle Creek, 9am
- March 20, **SMAC Strategic Planning**, Miller Manor, Battle Creek, 9:30am-3:30pm
- April 8, **Senior Fair**, Marshall Middle School, 10am-1:30am
- April 24, **Nominations for the Joanne Konkle Senior Service Leadership Award due**
- May 21, **Centenarian Luncheon**, Schuler’s in Marshall
- June 4, **Senior Picnic at Wilder Creek Conservation Club**, Marshall
- August 13, **Senior Day at the Ball Park**, Bailey Park, Battle Creek
- August 19, **Senior Day at the Calhoun County Fair**, Marshall

7. **Adjournment at 9:33am**

Respectfully submitted, Kate Turner