

EDUCATION, VETERANS AND AGING SERVICES COMMITTEE
October 18, 2011

Call to Order. Chair Thomas called the meeting of the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee to order at 4:04 P.M. on Tuesday, October 18, 2011, in Conference Room N-1 on the fifth floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Thomas, Gustina, Wopat and Yoss (4:33 P.M.).

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Innis.

Staff Members Present: Joyce Lubben, Council on Aging Director; John Solis, Veterans Service Officer.

Others Present: Kim Kostka, Interim Dean UW-Rock County; Robert Harlow, RSVP Director.

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Gustina moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Wopat. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes. Supervisor Wopat moved approval of the minutes of September 20, 2011, second by Supervisor Gustina. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcements, Information. None.

Transfers & Appropriations. None.

Bills/Encumbrances.

Senior Citizen Program	\$	70.00
Nutrition Program		168.85
Delivered Meals		656.42
E & H Transport		70.00
Title III-D		4,285.38
New Freedom Program		34.00
Title III-E		4,113.81

Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendment. None.

Supervisor Wopat moved approval of the above Bills, Encumbrances and Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments for the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee, second by Supervisor Gustina. ADOPTED.

Resolutions.

To Recognize Jane Thompson and The Janesville Academy for International Studies

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2011 does hereby recognize Jane Thompson and the Janesville Academy for International Studies for inspiring the youth of this community and encouraging your people to be responsible global citizens; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rock County Clerk will be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Jane Thompson and the Janesville Academy for International Studies.”

Supervisor Wopat moved the above Resolution for the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee, second by Supervisor Gustina. ADOPTED.

Amending the 2011 Council on Aging Budget to Increase NSIP Budget

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2011 does hereby amend the Adopted 2011 Rock County Council on Aging budget as follows:

...”

Supervisor Gustina moved the above Resolution for the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee, second by Supervisor Wopat. ADOPTED.

Budget Review.

Council on Aging Ms. Lubben said there was not much of a change for the 2011 budget. Mr. Knutson said across the board there was a 2% decrease.

Ms. Lubben said the Nutrition Program will operate with six congregate sites, and that the closing of the two congregate sites went very well. Ms. Lubben said they are anticipating being close to having served 30,000 meals this year. The amount going to Beloit Meals on Wheels from Council on Aging will be \$37,000 in 2012. Ms. Lubben said they have added 14 more people within the past month to home delivered meals.

Ms. Lubben said they will be adding three new vehicles next year. She added that the price they charge will be going up next year by \$1 for a one-way trip and by \$2 for a two-way trip. She said she budgeted for a lower amount in Repair and Maintenance because the new vehicles will be under warranty.

Ms. Lubben said their MA revenue is up with their ridership increased; and five nursing homes have contracted with them.

Supervisor Wopat thanked Mr. Knutson and everyone for increasing the amount going to home delivered meals, thus removing the people off the waiting list.

Heritage Rock County Mr. Knutson said Heritage Rock County is a consortium of historical societies in Rock County and the amount going to them is the same as last year.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program Mr. Knutson said the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program will be receiving the same amount as the prior year.

U.W. - Rock County Mr. Knutson said the funds for UW-Rock County are included in the General Services Budget.

Interim Dean Kostka said the State has energy efficiency funds at a match of \$5 for each \$1 spent on energy savings projects. Mr. Knutson said he believes this is a similar program to the Shared Savings Program they had in the past.

Supervisor Yoss arrived at 4:33 P.M.

Veterans Service Office Mr. Solis said their budget is pretty much the same other than staff costs. He added that they are not replacing as many burial flag holders as they have in the past.

Department Reports.

Veterans Service – CVSO Association of Wisconsin Fall Conference Update – John Solis Mr. Solis said they are trying to quickly make headway on the claims being processed, there have been 80,000 additional cases filed with Agent Orange and collection of back pay. Also, with the economy they are seeing more people filing claims.

UW-Rock County – Campus Update/Activity Report – Interim Dean Kim Kostka Interim Dean Kostka said the students are filing fewer reports from the threat assessment group. The new Dean, Carmen Wilson, will be starting December 1st and is coming from UW – La Crosse.

Interim Dean Kostka said they are in the process of working on the Master Plan and Strategic Plan. They did receive some bad news from the Secretary of Administration that the Rock County Campus should expect to receive about \$500,000 less. She added that she does not know how much of this is real and how much might be smoke. She added that they were told to expect to pay about 40% of the lapse over the two-year biennium.

Interim Dean Kostka said they UW – Rock County Campus is fourth in size, almost the third largest in enrollment, and has the second highest number of Associate Degrees.

Committee Requests and Motions.

Ideas for Future Discussion None.

November 15, 2011 Meeting will be at the UW – Rock County Campus.

Adjournment. Supervisor Gustina moved adjournment at 4:55 P.M., second by Supervisor Wopat. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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