



EDUCATION, VETERANS AND AGING SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes – August 15, 2017

Call to Order. Chair Richard called the meeting of the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee to order at 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 15, 2017, in Conference Room, N-1, fifth floor, Courthouse East.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Pleasant, Richard, Owens, Zajac and Schulz.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Nick Osborne, Assistant to the County Administrator; and John Solis, Veteran Service Officer at 4:02 P.M.

Others Present: Bob Harlow, Executive Director, RSVP of Rock County.

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Owens moved approval of the agenda, second by Supervisor Pleasant. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes – June 20, 2017. Supervisor Zajac moved approval of the minutes from June 20, 2017 as presented, second by Supervisor Owens. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcements, Information. Mr. Solis reminded the committee that the Veterans Service Office will be closed for a week in September for their annual training. He will be placing a notification in the local newspaper.

Transfers. None.

Review of Payments. The committee accepted the report.

Resolution.

Amending the 2017 Council on Aging Budget to Adjust NSIP and Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Budgets.

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2017 does hereby amend the Adopted 2017 Rock County Council on Aging budget as follows and authorizes the purchase of two trishaws from The Cargo Bike Shop in the amount of \$20,000.

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Supervisor Owens moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Pleasant.

Mr. Osborne explained the resolution in the absence of Ms. Lubben. Supervisor Schulz is concerned about the cost of the trishaws. She feels it is frivolous when other programs are being cut. Mr. Osborne explained these funds can only be used for transportation services and the trust fund has a capped amount. If these funds are not used, we could lose the funds. The committee discussed the use, storage, safety and liability of the trishaws. Ms. Lubben will prepare a trishaw guideline addressing these issues. The committee would like to review the guidelines before the trishaw program is implemented. This will be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

ADOPTED.

Semi-annual Reports – Attendance at Conventions/Conferences. The committee accepted the reports for the Council on Aging and Veterans Services.

Committee Requests and Motions.

Discussion of Federal Budget Impacting Aging, Veterans and RSVP Budgets. Mr. Harlow said he has 152 people on a waiting list for assisted transportation services. He would love if he had \$20,000 in transportation funds to spend, but he doesn't. He said he received an email about a week ago stating they are hoping for flat lined funding. (status quo) This is the ninth year in a row that the federal government has proposed eliminating funds for RSVP. He will not speculate but will wait for the final decision, hopefully sometime in September. He said RSVP has a strong lobbying contingent working very hard every day. One positive note for RSVP of Rock County is that Wisconsin ranks third in the country for volunteers age 55 and older. Mr. Harlow said there is a lot of reporting attached to the federal funding. Supervisor Owens suggested doing an analysis to see what it would cost RSVP to run without federal funding. The committee discussed opportunities for volunteers either through RSVP or United Way. Supervisor Schulz asked if the committee would support drafting a letter of support for RSVP funding (time constraints would not allow for a County resolution). The committee agreed and Supervisor Schulz will draft a letter.

Adjournment. Supervisor Zajac moved adjournment at 4:55 P.M., second by Supervisor Owens. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey VanZandt
Human Resources Secretary

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