



EDUCATION, VETERANS AND AGING SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes – July 21, 2020

Call to Order. Chair Rashkin called the meeting of the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee to order at 4:31 P.M. on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 via teleconference.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Rashkin, Pam Bostwick, Peer, Taylor and Wilde.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Randy Terronez, Assistant to the County Administrator; Paula Schutt, Director of Council on Aging; John Solis, Veteran Service Officer.

Others Present: None.

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Peer moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Pam Bostwick. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes – June 16, 2020. Supervisor Wilde moved approval of the minutes from June 16, 2020 as presented, second by Supervisor Taylor. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcements, Information. None.

Transfers. None.

Review of Payments. The committee accepted the report.

Resolutions.

Amending the 2020 Council on Aging Budget to Adjust the Following Older Americans Act Programs: Title III-B, C1, C2, Title III D, NFCSP, AFCSP Allocations

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2020 does hereby amend the 2020 Rock County Council on Aging budget as follows:

.....”

Supervisor Pam Bostwick moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Wilde. ADOPTED.

Amending the 2020 Council on Aging Budget to Accept FFCRA and CARES Funding

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2020 does hereby amend the 2020 Rock County Council on Aging budget as follows:

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Supervisor Peer moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Taylor.

Ms. Schutt said these funds need to be spent before we use our budgeted funds for home delivered meals. She said we will definitely use these funds. We are currently spending about \$55,000 per month on home delivered meals.

ADOPTED.

Updates and Possible Action.

Status of 1717 Center Avenue Project. Mr. Terronez said they continue to analyze bids. They anticipate a resolution awarding the contract to go before General Services Committee on August 4th and County Board on August 13th. They are planning on summer of 2021 occupancy.

Council on Aging.

Review of Updated 2019-2021 Aging Services Plan. Ms. Schutt reviewed the updated plan with the committee. She continues to work with Janet Zander at GWAAR. They have been able to provide many virtual presentations/education events. Council on Aging staff has been very creative with the situation. Their biggest challenge right now is reaching older seniors who don't have access to technology or knowledge of technology. RSVP has started working on this. RSVP received a grant and are loaning out tablets to seniors. The committee would like to know the number of isolated seniors that need assistance getting connected. Ms. Schutt will check with RSVP to see if they have that number.

Report on Mobility Management. Ms. Schutt said they have had the trishaw in Palmer Park from 9 to 11 A.M. Fridays in June; Friday, June 12th they gave 9 rides, Friday, June 19th no rides, Friday, June 26th they gave 5 rides. They have also been doing Wednesday Walks at different locations such as Rotary Gardens and Beckman Mill. July 1st, 15 people participated. July 8th, 15 people participated. July 15th, 18 people signed up but only 10 participated due to bad weather. The next Wednesday Walk is scheduled for August 5th at the Lincoln Tallman House.

Statistics and Update on Nutrition Program. Ms. Schutt said all meals are currently considered home delivered. She provided participation numbers: Jan – June 2019 32,925; Jan – June 2020 40,866; June 2019 – 5,603; June 2020 7,493. She said besides COVID our numbers may be rising as Mercy isn't accepting any new customers right now. She said Council on Aging

volunteers are very dedicated. Ms. Schutt said they are currently doing all the routing by hand which becomes very time consuming. She would like to look in to purchasing a routing software. Chair Rashkin and Mr. Terronez said that she should put this request in to IT.

Report on Aging Mastery Program. The Janesville Gazette wrote a story on the Aging Mastery Program. Ms. Schutt said she received sixty requests for kits from that article. The article was also published in the State Journal and picked up by the Associated Press. She said she has been connecting non-county residents with the National Council on Aging to receive a kit. She has had a total of 148 requests. She showed the committee the items that are included in the kit. Any Rock County residents interested in the kit should reach out to Ms. Schutt.

Semi-Annual Training Reports. The committee accepted the reports.

Committee Requests and Motions. None.

Adjournment. Supervisor Pam Bostwick moved adjournment at 5:07 P.M., second by Supervisor Peer. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey VanZandt,

Human Resources Secretary

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