

Senior Millage Allocation Committee (SMAC)

Friday June 3, 2016 8:00 a.m.

Calhoun County Garden Level Conference Room
315 West Green Street, Marshall, MI 49068

MINUTES

Call to Order/Roll Call: Jim Haadsma at 8:05 a.m. and Roll Called

Attending: Rod Auton, Mike Bearman, Jim Haadsma, Dianne (Willy) Kalnins, Joanne Konkle, Richard Lindsey (8:15), Ralph Moore Jim Powers, Carla Reynolds (8:11) and Willie Tabb

Absent Excused: Jill Booth, Art Kale, and Teresa Schell

County Personnel: Carl Gibson, Senior Services Director and staff, Rodna Stealy and Lora Stevens

Visitors: Luann Sommers - FSC Director/AAA Staff

June Agenda – Bearman and Konkle: Motion, Second and Approved - **Motion Carried**

Minutes for May 6th, 2016 – Powers and Tabb: Motion, Second and Approved - **Motion Carried**

Citizen's Time: None

Contract Spending - Report through End of May 2016:

- ✓ Meals program have not invoiced - spending down state and AAA funding
- ✓ Community Health Care Connections – downsizing to 5 people, canceling their dental program and moving offices out of the second floor

Motion to accept Budget Reports - Bearman and Auton: Motion, Second and Approved - **Motion Carried**

Old Business:

- ✓ **Forks Senior Center (FSC) - Luann Sommers Reporting**
 - New memberships, exercise classes going well
 - New equipment – treadmill and stationary bike in the near future
 - FSC is using city 11 passenger vans for transportation activities, only have to refill gas – no other fees. 5 Volunteers are qualified to drive the vans.
 - Tabb, Bearman, Powers and Gibson attended FSC Strategic committee meeting, more meetings set for the summer
- ✓ **County Transportation discussion:**
 - Looking at a County wide transportation system - Discussion
 - Albion-Marshall Connector will be stopping services end of July without more funding
- ✓ **Centenarian Luncheon - Stevens Reporting**
 - Currently 20 Centenarians attended with 90 people total attending
 - Many State and Local representatives attended from all levels of government
 - Great luncheon with many stories and memories shared, looking forward to next year
- ✓ **Heritage Day - Senior Breakfast**
 - Karin Galliger from Maplewood co-planner with Senior Services
 - Many residents with Church members making the breakfast food

New Business:

- ✓ **SMAC By-Laws**
 - Discussion

Motion to accept Updated By-Laws - Lindsey and Kalnins: Motion, Second and Approved – **Motion Carried**

✓ **Activity Center in Marshall**

- Sturgis opened a new Senior Center
 - Gibson, Powers, Kalnins, and Stealy visited last week
 - Their County uses the delinquent tax money for this center
 - Center is in the Dole Community Center building – very large community center (fitness center and day care and more)
 - Senior center is a small part of the building
 - Assisted Living is next to the community center
 - St. Joe County does have a small senior millage
 - Powers commented – senior can use the fitness center and they have lunches served at the senior center. Very large place with many things for them to do and services that help seniors. All tables and chairs are removable and they have a lot of storage space to easily place them in. Very looking forward vision; lots of energy with public input and information on the walls about the planning of this center. This building can be rented out for other events which brings in revenue. They have one full time person and 3 part-time staff. Not sure about membership dues.
 - Resource center with a library in the north part of town
 - They received a USDA grant; we will be looking into this.

Directors Report:

✓ **Grace Health**

- Will not be submitting a RFP for 2017, they will have a contract through the Fountain Clinic for services. (Like AAA with meal program)
- Fountain Clinic will be requesting more funds to cover them and administrative costs

✓ **Treasurer's Office:**

- Applying for a state grant where we would be co-sponsors with the Treasurer's Office to help seniors catch up with their property taxes.
- Treasurer's Office will be writing the grant, NO County or millage money used
- Stealy read a letter from SMAC Booth stating she was not in favor of this partnership
- Lindsey said this will be extraordinary circumstances. \$10,000 will be awarded to Senior Services through this grant.

Motion to increase the Emergency Services and Repairs fund with an additional \$5,000 – Bearman and Reynolds: Motion, Second and Approved – *Motion Carried*

- ✓ **Miles for Memories** - September 17th - Save the date
- ✓ **United Way Grant** - \$13,650 more funds for the next 4 months
- ✓ **Project Fresh** – Granted \$5,000 as we have in previous years
- ✓ **Senior Activity Center** - Gibson will be writing up a grant request to Firekeepers.
 - Lindsey stated the Marshall Mayor is in favor of this Center and if the City and County ask for the grant together to the Firekeepers it has a higher chance at being accepting.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Motion to approve authorizing Fountain Clinic to serve as the eligibility/screener for Grace Health for dental services. Grace Health not submitting a bid/proposal for FY 2017-2019. The Fountain Clinic will determine the administrative costs and provide case reserve for a fast turnaround with payments. - Powers and Lindsey: Motion, Second and Approved - *Motion Carried* – Kalnins Abstained**

- **Motion for the SMAC to be a co-sponsor for a grant to FLRSB with the Treasurer's Office to pay for senior property taxes in arrears - Lindsey and Tabb: Motion, Second and Approved - *Motion Carried* – (Konkle, Moore and Bearman Voted No)**
 - No SMAC money will be used and a requested for guidelines once the grant has been approved
- **Motion to approve acceptance of United Way grant 4 month extension of grant \$13,650 - Kalnins and Reynolds: Motion, Second and Approved - *Motion Carried***
- **Motion to grant \$5,000 for Project Fresh to Reg3B Area Agency on Aging - Powers and Lindsey: Motion, Second and Approved - *Motion Carried***
- **Motion to authorize FSLRB grant request up to \$12,500 to be matched with Millage Fund Balance up to \$7,500 for purposes of senior center feasibility study and submit RFQ to consultants with maximum of \$20,000 for study - Powers and Lindsey: Motion, Second and Approved - *Motion Carried***

(Haadsma left at 8:47am and turned the chair over to Tabb)

Discussion – Marshall Senior Center building possibilities

Talons Out is tomorrow June 4th, at 7:00 pm Wings Stadium in Kalamazoo with Veterans arriving 9:15 pm

Eckford Township agreed to place Senior Millage Brochures into their newsletter and tax statement mailing at the end of June.

AAA Conference in Lansing – all staff attended one day of the conference

Older Michiganians Day celebration on the east lawn of the Capital building in Lansing – Stevens and Stealy attended with AAA staff

Grand Vista – new assisted living center with 20 apartments on the southwest side of Marshall. When you sign up to live their rent will never be raised as long as they live there.

5 Health Issues politicians should be addressing this year (Keiser report)

- Out of pocket health care spending
- Drug prices
- Long term care
- Medicare
- Dental care

Education: Ray Higbee – Dental Review – Conclusion the dental program is very successful with a need for more funds to alleviate the waiting list. The funds used are spent wisely, but never enough money for dental services.

✓ **SMAC July Meeting date:**

- Change date from July 1st to July 8th due to July 4th Holiday

Motion to change SMAC July meeting date to July 8th – Bearman and Powers: Motion, Second and Approved – *Motion Carried*

Adjournment at 9:42 a.m. – Powers and Konkle: Motion, Second and Approved - *Motion Carried*

Next SMAC Board meeting – July 8, 2016, Friday at 8:00 a.m. at Calhoun County Building Garden Level Conference Room - DATE CHANGED FROM JULY 1ST, 2016

	<p>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</p> <p>Questions regarding the minutes may be answered prior to the next meeting by contacting Calhoun County the Office of Senior Services at 269-781-0846</p>
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