

**Senior Millage Allocation Committee**  
**Friday November 6, 2015 8:00 a.m.**  
Calhoun County Garden Level Conference Room  
315 West Green Street, Marshall, MI 49068

---

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order/Roll Call: Jill Booth at 8:04 a.m. and Roll Called**

**Attending: Mike Bearman, Jill Booth, Shirley Clutter, Jim Haadsma, Art Kale, Dianne (Willy) Kalnins, Joanne Konkle, Ralph Moore, Jim Powers, Carla Reynolds and Teresa Schell**

**Absent Excused: Rod Auton and Willie Tabb**

**Staff:** Brad Wilcox, Carl Gibson, Rodna Stealy and Lora Stevens

**Visitors:** Linda Grap, Senior Health Partners; Jon Bartlett, City of Marshall Treasurer and Natalie Dean, City of Marshall Assistant Manager; Gregg Allen, Talons Out – Veterans Flights; Cindy Rude, Probate Court – Guardianship Services

**October Agenda – Moore and Clutter:** Motion, Second and Approved - *Motion Carried*

**Minutes for October 2, 2015 – Powers and Kalnins:** Motion, Second and Approved - *Motion Carried*

**Introductions and Citizens Time:** Carl Gibson introduced Linda Grap from Senior Health Partners. She commented that they have recently opened several more Wellness sites and looking at more in the near future. Hickey Hills is their largest site. They are working with National Family Care-Giver Support Program funds to train a person from the Forks Senior Center to present Care-Givers workshops in Albion at FSC and Albion Library, two trainers are needed.

**8:16 Jim Haadsma took over as Chairperson**

**Motion to follow agenda out of sequence – Clutter and Konkle:** Motion, Second and Approved – *Motion Carried*

**New Business:**

***Jon Bartlett, Treasurer and Natalie Dean, Assistant Manager City of Marshall discussed the Albion Van Connector.***

- ✓ New Freedom Grant is being used to transport people from within Albion City limits to within Marshall City limits. (70/30% from Albion to Marshall approx. 90% are seniors).
- ✓ Connector started 3 days a week, now 5 days a week from 8:00 to 5:30 and later; i.e. schools evening events, holiday parade and other events. Recently hired 2 part-time drivers with curb to curb and call on demand service. \$1.00 for seniors & children under 12 years for and \$2.00 for everyone else. Connector is being used more for school events in Marshall for the students' family members living in Albion. (Parents and Grandparents)
- ✓ Schell – Mobility Transport is closing Nov 30th, there will be more of need for transportation in the County.
- ✓ Bearman –new Albion dialysis center and as more businesses opening might start having more people riding the Connector from Marshall to Albion.
- ✓ MDOT is currently looking into the County for transportation from cities like Homer and Tekonsha that don't have food centers.
- ✓ Asking for \$5,000 grant to keep service going beyond April, running over 2015 budget because of going to 5 days a week. Currently no funding from the City of Albion.

**Motion to grant funding of \$5,000 to Albion Van Connector – Powers and Reynolds:**

Motion, Second and Approved – *Motion Carried*

(Haadsma discussed placing County Wide millage for transportation on the ballot for all County residents. He will discuss this with the BOC.)

**Greg Allen – Talons Out Honor Flight of Michigan presentation**

- ✓ National program; Talons Out is the a local hub
- ✓ 98.2cents out of every dollar raised goes for the WWII Vet expense of \$500 around trip; they have taken Korean and Vietnam Vets under medical priority.
- ✓ All expense trip to Washington DC Memorial sites. Missions scheduled for April and fall 2016 with undetermined number of the Vets from Calhoun.
- ✓ 100% volunteers and they pay their way escorting a Vet.
- ✓ Last mission a film crew from WGVU documented the trip and will show an hour program on public TV - Nov 8 at 4:00pm.

**SMAC Budget Funding Committee will review before action is taken**

**Cindy Rude – Calhoun County Probate Court presentation on Guardianship/Conservatorship for Individuals over 60 years old**

- ✓ Rude discussed the court process for a conservator being appointment. Natural effect of aging affects decision making and they can't make financial decision to their best interest.
- ✓ 30 Attorneys work with the Probate office.
- ✓ Requesting funding assistance for guardian ad litem/attorney fees and independent clinical evaluations for subjects over age 60.

**SMAC Budget Funding Committee will review before action is taken**

(Look at other County's that support this with their Senior Millage funds)

**Directors Report:**

- ✓ No actions needed at this time.

**SMAC Budget Funding Committee will be reviewing before action is taken**

**Renewal of Senior Health Partners Partnership:**

- ✓ Discussion about yearly renewal request for \$25,000

**Motion to Approve \$25,000 renew partnership request: Booth and Kalnins: Motion, Second and Approved - *Motion Carried***

**By-Laws Update:**

- ✓ Committee did meet and changed are being updated on the first half and another meeting will be held this month to finish the By-Laws

**EDUCATION: Kelly Jonker, Long Term Care Ombudsman Program**

- ✓ Jonker covers 5 counties and works closely with APS and Courts
- ✓ Advocate for the residents in AFS facilities and nursing homes and can visit any time of the day or night without notice. She is an Advocate for the residents.

**Adjournment at 9:35 a.m. - Moore and Booth: Motion, Second and Approved - *Motion Carried***

**Next SMAC Board meeting – December 4, Friday at 8:00 a.m. at Calhoun County Building Garden Level Conference Room**

	<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b> 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
---	---