

Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board
Minutes
Meeting Monday June 24, 2024

Chuck Marinec, Chairman, called a meeting of the Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board to order on June 24, 2024 at 9:00 am. Self-Intros made for recording purposes. Meeting held at the Historic Courthouse Room 309, 940 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri.

Board Members Present: Chuck Marinec, Denny Pilant, Joyce Munden, Judith Billings, Mike Jungers, Robert Thurman, Stephen Short and Mary Ellison (Phoned In)

Board Members Absent:

Others Present: Deborah Allen, Allen Criger, Trenton Sims, Stephani Duncan, Brian Dye and Sam Crawford

Meeting Minutes: May 20, 2024. Motion to approve Minutes with corrections made by Mike Jungers. Seconded by Joyce Munden. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report for May, 2024 was presented by Denny Pilant. Total Cash Balance as of the end of April is \$1,600,486.11. Property Tax Revenue is \$53,710.96, Bank/Investment \$24,201.22, Refunds & Reimbursements \$11,853.72, Other Revenue \$0.00 with a Total Revenue of \$89,765.90, the YTD Revenue is \$2,917,962.46, Total Expenditures \$812,040.00 the YTD Expenditures is \$1,702,869.39 with Checks issued: Legal Services of Southern MO, OACAC, ARC of the Ozarks, Springfield South Side Seniors, Fair Grove Senior Center, Unity Way of the Ozarks-Give 5 Program, Strafford Senior Center, Springfield-Greene County Health Dept, OATS, Rogersville Area Senior Center and Fair Grove Senior Center with a Total Ending Balance of \$2,815,579.18. Total Investments Principal \$1,704.00, Approximate Annual Interest \$76,784.27. Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by Judith Billings. Seconded by Mike Jungers. Motion carried.

New Business: City of Republic BUILDS Department – Trenton Sims, Stephani Duncan, Brian Dye and Sam Crawford

Amount Requested \$52,500.00. The objective for this project is to rebuild 15 ramps within the City's right-of-way to meet ADA compliance by the end of the calendar year 2025. The requested amount will be used to hire an ADA experienced contractor to improve 15 troubled areas within the public right-of-way. Each ramp will cost \$3,500.00 and include an ADA compliant truncated dome. Improvements will be made to ramps and sidewalk segments that are highly trafficked by seniors in Republic, MO. These improvements will make it easier and safer for senior citizens to shop as well as walk on the sidewalks.

The Board's main concern is that by State Statue the board of directors shall use the funds in the senior citizens' services fund to provide programs which will improve the health, nutrition, and quality of life of persons who are sixty years of age or older. The budget may allocate funds for operational and capital needs to senior-related programs in the county or city in which such property taxes are collected. While this program may benefit seniors in Greene County, it would not be the sole purpose of the project and the Board did not feel that this would be a program that they could support.

Motion to Approve by Mike Jungers. Seconded by Stephen Short. Motion was denied.

New Business: FY2024 – 2025 Annual Election of Officers

Robert Thurman nominated the current Office Holders for the FY 2024 through FY2025 with the addition of Mike Jungers, Vice Chair. The nominations are as follows:

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| ❖ Chuck Marinec | Chair |
| ❖ Mike Jungers | Vice Chair |
| ❖ Secretary | Joyce Munden |
| ❖ Treasurer | Denny Pilant |

Motion to Approve by Robert Thurman. Seconded by Joyce Munden. Motion carried.

Communication: Up-Date on Annual Report – Allen Criger

Allen Criger updated the Board on the progress of the FY2023 Annual Report. In the last meeting each Board Member was tasked with submitting Agency's to be represented in the Report. The Agency's chosen were SeniorAge, The Gillioz Theatre and the Food Enhancement Program. This will include pictures, testimonies and information on what each agency offers. A final draft will be submitted for the Board's approval by the July meeting and the final document will be printed and ready for distribution for the August meeting.

Allen Criger, in his efforts to improve the website, presented some ideas that the Board approved, such as a complete list of agencies and a link for quicker service. Possibly a larger version of the Annual Report with additional information.

The most recent MoALSO Zoom meeting was an update on the relationship of MoALSO and the Missouri Council of Aging. Jamie from the St. Louis Senior Fund and Tina from the Clay County Senior Fund shared information with both Chuck Marinec and Mike Jungers.

There is a proposal to change the state statute, giving counties the authority to have a tax levy increase from the current 5 cents per \$100.00 limit to a limit of 10 cents per \$100.00

Lacking a state department that addresses the welfare of seniors, it is presently left up to the individual non-profit organizations to advocate to legislators for issues affecting the senior population of Missouri. It would be far more effective to have an umbrella organization that could be the collective voice to the legislature. Tina and Jamie provided the example of Kids Win, an organization representing the many organizations in Missouri that deal with issues related to child welfare. The logical organization to serve in this role for senior organizations is the Missouri Council on Aging. Both the Clay County and St. Louis County Senior Boards presently make an annual financial contribution to the Council on Aging and funnel their concerns and ideas to the Council on Aging. If we wished to join this partnership, we would submit a line item request as part of our annual budget request to the Greene County Commission.

9:50 A.M. Mike Jungers moved to adjourn. Seconded by Joyce Munden. Motion Carried.

Next meeting July 22, 2024 (Tentative – Pending Additional Funding Applications) – Location: Historic Courthouse, Room 309. If additional people are in attendance, a waiting area with appropriate social distancing will be available.

Minutes submitted by: Deborah Allen