

# GREENE COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS' SERVICE FUND BOARD

## Meeting Minutes from April 27, 2020

A meeting of the Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board was called to order by Chair Chuck Marinec, Monday April 27, 2020, at 9:15 A.M. The meeting was conducted through a virtual connection due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions against public gatherings.

Board Members participating: Chuck Marinec, Monica Horton, Denny Pilant, Amy Montebello, Bobbie Wurst, and Joyce Munden. Thelma Neff absent: excused.

Other participants included Sarah Lovegreen, Alzheimer's Association and Darla Harmon, The Salvation Army.

Meeting Minutes for February 24, 2020, were approved; motion made by Amy with second by Monica.

Treasurer's Report: Denny summarized the March financial report submitted by Greene County Auditor, Cindy Stein. (see attached). Denny noted net property tax revenue was \$2,143,359.05. Additional revenue included the CFO grant of \$40,000.00 and investment interest of \$18,368.98. Refunds amounted to \$38,480.90. Grant disbursements totaled \$2,231,653.00. Denny expressed concern that the Greene County Health Department had not made an expected grant request for shingles vaccinations and that we might need to reserve funds for their usual request. He offered to contact the Health Department for additional information. Bobbie noted that the shingles serum purchased with last year's grant would need to be returned or used before the expiration date. Joyce moved to accept the report; Amy seconded. Motion carried.

The Board voted to approve the request from the Sunshine Center at Ash Grove to amend their grant request for painting the center to include the addition of new baseboards. No additional funds were needed. Motion made by Amy; seconded by Bobbie. Motion carried.

Darla joined the meeting on line to answer questions regarding The Salvation Army's grant request of \$34,500.00. She noted the many changes the agency has adopted to meet the needs of clients, especially seniors, due to pandemic regulations and safety measures. Most meal programs are conducted curbside. They are asking clients for proof of age and residence. She noted that many of their alternative support groups and activities may not be enough to maintain programs. For example, she noted that the Stamp Out Hunger's annual campaign conducted by the U.S. Postal Service in May has been postponed to October; that food drive

provides substantial support for their pantry. Denny approved the organization's Progress Report for 2019. Bobbie moved to approve the grant request; Denny seconded. Motion carried.

Sarah Lovegreen joined the meeting on line to answer questions about the request for \$22,615.00 from the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association. Sarah noted that the agency has adapted their services according to local and state government health guidelines. They have identified a 27% increase in program participation in Greene County. Bobbie asked about special medic alert systems for their clients, which helps monitor their location. Denny noted that this request was above last year's grant of \$18,000.00 and that County tax revenue would be lower. He asked if they could continue serving senior needs with \$18,000.00; she affirmed that they could. Denny moved and Bobbie seconded that the Board grant the same amount. Motion carried.

In response to the Rogersville Senior Center's request for a \$7,000.00 annual food enhancement grant, the Board discussed that their Progress Report did not have sufficient proof/receipts to approve. Bobbie reviewed the report. Denny will check with the Center to obtain more information. Joyce moved to approve the grant with the stipulation that the Progress Report be completed satisfactorily; Amy seconded. Motion carried.

Chuck announced that Connie Hayes will be retiring as of May 22<sup>nd</sup> from the Greene County Auditor's office. Connie has served the Board as an assistant for several years and will be greatly missed. Auditor Cindy Stein has offered to designate an individual from her office to work with Connie and handle the Board office, communications, etc. The County offices are not currently open to the public although officials are continuing to meet their responsibilities. The next meeting will be Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

Minutes submitted by Joyce Munden, Secretary.