

Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board

Minutes

Meeting Monday August 26, 2024

Chuck Marinec, Chairman, called a meeting of the Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board to order on August 26, 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 (Phoned In), Joyce Munden (Phoned In), Mike Jungers, Robert Thurman, Stephen Short and Mary Ellison (Phoned In)

Board Members Absent:

Others Present: Cindy Stein, Greene County Auditor. Allen Criger, Greene County Deputy Auditor, Nicole Brueggeman, Missouri Council of Aging and Deborah Allen

Meeting Minutes: July 22, 2024. There was a delay in receiving the Minutes. For those who have received and reviewed the Minutes are there any corrections or additions to the Minutes as presented.

Motion to approve made by Mike Jungers. Seconded by Stephen Short. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report for July, 2024 was presented by Cindy Stein. Total Cash Balance as of the end of July is \$1,600,486.11. Property Tax Revenue is \$9,691.14, Bank/Investment \$11,211.99, Refunds & Reimbursements \$0.00, Other Revenue \$0.00 with a Total Revenue of \$20,903.13, the YTD Revenue is \$2,960,189.40. Total Expenditures \$498,491.17 the YTD Expenditures is \$2,422,748.32. Checks issued: Alzheimer's Association of SW MO (2), Jordan Valley Health Center (3), Senior Age, Debbie Allen (4) and OATS. Total Ending Balance of \$2,137,927.19. Total Investments Principal \$1,704.00, at longer term investment and that should yield Approximate Annual Interest \$76,784.27.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by Stephen Short. Seconded by Mike Jungers. Motion carried.

Presentation: Proposal from Missouri Council of Aging – Nicole Brueggeman

Amount Requested \$10,000.00 Funding Partner. As one of the largest levy funds in the state of Missouri, Greene County has had an opportunity to make a difference by supporting the Missouri Council on Aging to advance important policies that impact older adults across Missouri.

1. Support statewide education and advocacy for older adults and their families
2. Coordinate across counties with existing (and future) levy funds to improve data management and statewide reporting.

Becoming a supporter of the Missouri Council on Aging allows Greene County to be seen as a leader in innovative and strategic partnerships that focus specifically on older adults. St. Louis City Senior Fund and Clay County Senior Fund have signed on as supporters. Together, we would be amplifying the focus of Missouri's aging population and communicating to decision-makers about the rising in needs seen at the local levels. Ultimately, we are translating these collective county-by-county needs to influence state-level change.

They have been working on the Missouri Council on Aging for the past 18-months to set up a statewide non-profit organization that will benefit older adults through advocacy and policy change work at the legislative level and the administrative in Jefferson City. As a result, they have become really close partners with the Missouri

Association of Levy Funds and Senior Organization (MoALSO). They discovered in the process that they were doing similar things and decided to become one organization under the umbrella of the Missouri Council on Aging. The Council has worked very hard on setting up state-wide infrastructure to be able to communicate about the most pressing issues for older adults that we are facing. There are pressing issues/needs that are listed below:

1. The biggest is transportation
2. Food and Security
3. Currently Fifty-Five Levies and One Sales Tax
4. Additional Funding from the Marillac Mission Fund, Missouri Foundation for Health, Retirement Research Foundation, and several local funding groups.
5. Levy exist only on a County Level

There are several county's that are wanting to participate, however, most people do not know where to start. They have received a grant from the Missouri Foundation for Health to be able to help communities build capacity to start levy fund campaign initiatives. They cannot run the campaign for a county, they can only provide training; what does that look like, how do you get started, do you need signatures verses can the Commissioners help put it on, so on and so forth. Which makes them capacity builder for communities.

So currently most of the bigger senior levy funds are Clay County, St. Louis City and Christian County (the latter is on the Board of Directors for MCofA), so coming to Greene County Senior Citizens Board to ask for a sponsorship/donation is the next step in the process.

With the Boards support we would be helping to start up the state-wide data management piece to continue the education for senior levy funds that has been brought to you by the Missouri Association of Senior Levy Boards and support the infrastructure that we already have in place and are growing to keep communication going across senior levy boards.

Cindy did point out that the 5-cent levy is a maximum levy and that Greene County is slightly below due to the roll-back since we are a sales tax levy. Denny also added that we have a very tax adverse legislature right now and a very tax adverse County Commission. He thinks our biggest problem should be maintaining what we have instead of doubling it. This was a great point and Chuck made the comment that they would not be in a hurry to rush to the County Commission at this point because the Board has a reserve, they will need to spend down prior to asking for additional funds.

Denny stated that when we get a grant, we always raise the questions; are the funds going to Greene County residents with an age qualification. Since this money would not be going directly to Greene County how would that work legally, does the Board have the authority to make the decision to fund dues or contributions legally to move forward. Chuck also felt that if we contribute on a state-wide effort would Greene County residents benefit as well as other seniors in the state of Missouri. He is going to ask Clay County and St. Louis County if they have already run the question by legal counsel.

Chuck Marinec knows that we have at least one question on the legality and wants to be comfortable with actions they have taken thus far before consideration of the \$10,000.00 request. He would entertain a motion tabling the issue until they can talk with legal counsel or get a legal opinion that might be provided through another agency.

Motion to Table by Robert Thurman. Seconded by Mike Jungers. Motion carried.

Presentation: FY2025 Budget – Cindy Stein, Greene County Auditor's Office

Cindy Stein presented the new FY2025 Budget to the Board, a copy attached. As of the date the report was run last week, there was \$1.8M in the balance which might have a little bit of a different then you cash balance that is on your July 2024 statement because that was as of July 31, 2024. Keep in mind that there might be little in tax collections between now and December so anything that we are funding is coming out of Cash Balance which will drop between now and the end of the year.

If they were to approve the donation a new line item would be created to track the expense. It is also, a good idea to keep a little higher amount in the requested budget line in case a printer needed replaced or any other unexpected expense. The bottom line is, whatever is not spend will go down into grants a win, win situation.

Motion to Approve by Robert Thurman. Seconded by Mike Jungers. Motion carried.

Communication:

Chuck Marinec inquired as to who serves as counsel, Austin Fax is the new County Counsel. He is still with the same firm and trained under John Housley for several years. Stephen Short reference Article III item 6 of our By-Laws state the Board shall serve as an advocate for the elderly of Greene County. Stephen sees advocacy on this level is personal.

Cindy asked, if the Board would be interested at all in doing any Social Media Posts – at this time they would not.

For those you who will be attending the MoAlso Conference they are organizing a dinner the night before the Monday Conference, September 8, 2024, 5:30 P.M. at the Oceans Zen. Chuck is planning on going along with his wife, it will be a good networking opportunity.

9:50 A.M. Mike Jungers moved to adjourn. Seconded by Robert Thurman. Motion Carried.

Next meeting September 23, 2024 – 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

**SENIOR SERVICES FUND
2025 BUDGET REQUEST**

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>2024 BUDGET</u>	<u>2025 ESTIMATED</u>	<u>2025 DEPT REQUEST</u>		
208-55-661-52201	Contract Services	7,000.00	7,073.04	7,000.00	6 hours x 48 weeks	288.00
208-55-661-52211	Insurance	2,500.00	2,491.00	2,500.00	2 hours x 12 months	24.00
208-55-661-52225	Telephone	-	-	-	Estimated hours	312.00
208-55-661-52228	Website	-	-	-	Rate	22.67
208-55-661-52257	Legal Counsel	1,000.00	-	1,000.00		<u>7,073.04</u>
208-55-661-52265	Rent	-	-	-		
208-55-661-53301	Training & Meetings	2,500.00	2,317.40	2,500.00		
208-55-661-55501	Office Supplies	1,000.00	102.53	1,000.00		
208-55-661-55521	Postage	400.00	221.58	400.00		
208-55-661-55524	Printing	500.00	42.00	500.00		
208-55-661-56611	Office Equipment	-	-	-		
208-55-661-56612	Computer Equipment	-	-	-		
208-55-661-58801	Grants Awarded	3,185,145.00	3,267,770.97	3,416,600.00		
208-55-661-59999	Unappropriated Contingency	300,000.00		300,000.00		
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,500,045.00	3,280,018.52	3,731,500.00		
	REVENUE					
	Property Tax Revenue	3,069,945.00	3,285,500.00	3,291,500.00		
	Bank & Investment Interest	90,100.00	100,000.00	100,000.00		
	Other Revenue	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00		
	TOTAL REVENUE	3,200,045.00	3,425,500.00	3,431,500.00		
	Available		145,481.48			