

## *Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board*

### **Minutes**

**Meeting Monday November 25, 2024**

Chuck Marinec, Chairman, called a meeting of the Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board to order on November 25, 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, Robert Thurman, Stephen Short and Mary Ellison

**Board Members Absent:** Mike Jungers (excused)

**Others Present:** Janice Piper, Liz McClelland and Becca Fields (SeniorAge), Bob Patterson and Ashley Walden (Mercy), Brendan Griesemer (Restore), Greg Burris (United Way-Give 5) and Randall Hoskins and Stephanie Shell (Fair Grove Fire Department) and Bob Stevens.

**Meeting Minutes:** September 23, 2024. Motion to approve with corrections made by Denny Pilant. Seconded by Robert Thurman. Motion carried. The meeting for October 28, 2024 was cancelled.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report for October, 2024 was presented by Denny Pilant. Total Cash Balance as of the end of August is \$1,600,486.11. Property Tax Revenue is \$30,567.19, Bank/Investment \$13,948.33, Refunds & Reimbursements \$0.00, Other Revenue \$0.00 with a Total Revenue of \$44,515.52, the YTD Revenue is \$3,046,258.42. Total Expenditures \$310,582.29 the YTD Expenditures are \$2,974,418.65. Checks issued: SeniorAge Area Agency on Aging and Debbie Allen. Total Ending Balance of \$1,672,325.88. Total Investments Principal \$1,354,000 at longer term investment and that should yield Approximate Annual Interest \$56,710.59.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by Joyce Munden. Seconded by Mary Ellison. Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation (OACAC)**

Requesting reallocation of funds. They would like to reallocate the following:

- \$453.38 from the Admin. Category to the Home Care category.

Motion to Approve by Denny Pilant. Seconded by Robert Thurman. Motion carried.

### **SeniorAge**

Requesting reallocation of funds. They would like to reallocate the following:

- \$18,000.00 from In-Home to Transportation
- \$19,104.57 from GC Healthcare Help to Transportation
- \$ 2,500.00 from Southside Feasibility to Technology Watchcare Help

Motion to Approve by Denny Pilant. Seconded by Stephen Short. Motion carried.

### **Presentation: SeniorAge – Janice Piper, Liz McClelland and Becca Fields**

Amount Requested \$1,241,241.00. Motion to table until corrections can be made to the Budget page.

Motion to Approve by Denny Pilant. Seconded by Robert Thurman. Motion carried.

***Presentation: Strafford Senior Center***

Amount Requested \$1,500 additional funding. Additional funding has been requested to help make a difference in the lives of their seniors. They want to help improve the meals they are currently serving by adding special touches, preparing a special menu for the day or adding fruits and vegetables to the salad bar. Prices are continuing to rise every day and with the additional funds more seniors will find their way to the center.

Motion to Approve by Denny Pilant. Seconded by Mary Ellison. Motion carried.

***Mercy Health Foundation – Bob Patterson***

Amount Requested \$64,916.00 additional funds. Original application was for two vans, the Board, at that time only approved one. When one loading ramp vehicle was recently deployed, another vehicle leaving a resident's drive drove over the extended ramp, causing catastrophic damage. The vehicle was a 2012 Dodge Caravan with over 180,000 miles and repairs to the wheel bearing and axle work estimated to cost upwards of \$2,000. The ramp repair is estimated at over \$6,000. After consideration of the repairs for the ramp, the age, mileage, maintenance status of the vehicle it was decided to replace the vehicle with a newer model.

Motion to Approve by Denny Pilant. Seconded by Joyce Munden. Motion carried.

***Restore-SGF, Inc. – Brendan Griesemer***

Amount Requested \$105,000.00 is for a Pilot program that would include all of Greene County. This is a new program to complement other programs currently being administered by Restore-SGF. This will be a stand-alone program and will enhance funding to our senior population in our neighborhoods to allow them to improve their housing and be able to age in place.

There is an awareness that Habitat for Humanity offers some of the same home improvements. However, their program is focused on low-income population. The Restore-SGF program is focused on more moderate/middle income senior population. Data from the programs show that there is a need for assistance for those who are not considered low-income, but rather just above the threshold. Restore-SGF would be the only organization offering these services as there are not any services being provided in Greene County for this moderate/middle income senior population.

Motion to Approve by Joyce Munden. Seconded by Denny Pilant. Motion carried.

***United Way of the Ozarks (Give 5 Program) – Greg Burris***

Amount Requested \$30,820.00 which is \$10,000.00 less than FY2024 request. Give 5 is an innovative, community-based program designed to ensure our community's retirees and seniors have purpose and relevance in their lives, while applying their talents and passions to our community's primary areas of need. This is being done via a first-of-its-kind program that offers an opportunity for class participants to experience a "taste testing" of many and varied volunteer opportunities within our community.

The Give 5 program celebrates our seniors and their many contributions to our community and does so in a very public manner. The more visible our seniors' contributions are celebrated, the more seniors will want to participate in Give 5 and become more engaged in their community. Since its inception, the Give 5 program has received an extraordinary level of media attention, which reflects well on the funding organizations (including the Greene County Senior Citizen's Services Fund Board) partner nonprofits and the participants.

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

***Fair Grove Fire Department – Randall Hoskins & Stephanie Shell***

Amount Requested \$8,085.00. The funds are being requested to purchase 40 Home KNOX Boxes. With these home KNOX Boxes the district will be able to start an access program for high-risk senior adults. The KNOX Box allows a senior to securely place a key to their resident within it. The Fire District carries a master key to all KNOX Boxes within the district granting them access to the keys within.

As seniors age the risk of failing, and/or medical conditions becomes a substantial factor for independent living. When the Fire District responds to assist seniors, many times the senior is unable to get to the door to let them in. This poses a challenge in emergency situations that cause the fireman to have to break into the home to assist the senior. While they try not to cause damage, many times this can't be avoided. The cost to repair damaged access points may be difficult for seniors on a fixed income. This program, they are trying to start, would eliminate this financial burden on those seniors, as well as improve their ability to reach them in a timely manner.

Once funding is secured, we would place the order for KNOX Boxes. The estimated delivery time is 6-8 weeks. Immediate coordination with Fair Grove Senior Center and local contacts would begin. This coordination would help identify and get in contact with the most at-risk Seniors within the community.

Motion to Approve by Robert Thurman. Seconded by Mary Ellison Motion carried.

10:10 A.M. Robert Thurman moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mary Ellison. Motion Carried.

Next meeting December 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