

Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board

Minutes

Meeting Monday December 23, 2024

Chuck Marinec, Chairman, called a meeting of the Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board to order on December 23, 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, Mike Jungers, Robert Thurman, Stephen Short and Mary Ellison

Board Members Absent:

Others Present: Debbie Allen, Cindy Stein, (Greene County Auditor), Janice Piper, Liz McClelland, Becca Fields, (SeniorAge) Nancy Williams, Brian Hums, (Habitat for Humanity) Bob Stevens, Amy Jardell, (Ozarks Literacy Council) Whitney Williams, (LSSM) Teena Jacobs, Dennis Mooneyham and Marie Mills (Southside Senior Center)

Meeting Minutes: November 25, 2024. Motion to approve with corrections made by Mike Jungers. Seconded by Mary Ellison. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report for November 2024 was presented by Cindy Stein, Greene County Auditor. Your Revenues to date are almost right on target as of a year ago. Expenditures are also running in line which has allowed us to be able to afford a slight improvement as far as an increase in some of the grant disbursements that were made this year. We did have an investment vehicle that matured in November this is why you are seeing a slightly larger investment interest hit the account in the month of November.

Cash Balance as of the end of November is \$1,600,486.11. Property Tax Revenue is \$5,978.41, Bank/Investment \$15,761.69, Refunds & Reimbursements \$0.00, Other Revenue \$0.00 with a Total Revenue of \$21,740.10, the YTD Revenue is \$3,067,998.52. Total Expenditures \$223,744.39 the YTD Expenditures are \$3,198,163.04. Checks issued: Debbie Allen, Habitat for Humanity, Mike Jungers, Chuck Marinec, Denny Pilant, Robert Thurman, Jordan Valley Community Health (4) and OATS. Total Ending Balance of \$1,470,321.59. Total Investments Principal \$1,365,963 at longer term investment and that should yield Approximate Annual Interest \$58,587.00.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by Denny Pilant. Seconded by Mike Jungers. Motion carried.

Old Business:

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

Amount Requested \$1,241,241.00. Motion to table for corrections to the Budget page.

Motion to Remove from Table made by Denny Pilant. Seconded by Robert Thurman. Motion carried.

Corrected Budget page was re-submitted in the amount of \$1,241,241.00.

Motion to approve corrected Budget Page made by Denny Pilant. Seconded by Joyce Munden. Motion Carried.

Presentation: Habitat for Humanity – Nancy Williams and Brian Hums

Amount Requested \$250,000.00. Funds being requested will be used for the Critical Repair Program which assists low-income homeowners with emergency repairs and serious deferred maintenance projects. The requested funds will only be used for emergency or high-priority repairs to homes of senior citizens residing in Greene County. All projects focus on repairs that can be completed quickly to avoid the approval and reimbursement delays that exist with other programs.

This year's request is based on full expenditures of the initial \$100,000.00 in funding that was allocated in 2024, plus an additional request of \$30,000.00 needed to complete back-logged projects in the final months of the year.

Habitat Eligible Repairs List – 2025

Eligible payments made to contracts include:

- **Utilities** – Water Heaters, HVAC, roof repair/replacement, water lines, sewer lines, gas & water plumbing and electrical repairs/upgrades.
- **Structural** – Subfloor repairs, exterior window/door replacement or repairs, porch, deck and step repairs, foundation and joist repairs and mitigating hazardous clutter/hoarding situations.
- **Accessibility Modifications** – Building/repairing ramps or replacing toilets/bathtubs/vanities with accessible versions.
- **Other** – Replace inoperable cook stoves or refrigerators, and remediate environmental/pest issues related to other proposed work, i.e., mold, termites, etc.

Motion to Approve made by Robert Thurman. Seconded by Mike Jungers. An amended amount of \$130,000.00 was made by Denny Pilant. Stephen Short seconded the amended amount. Motion carried for \$130,000.00

Presentation: Ozarks Literacy Council – Bob Stevens and Amy Jardell

Amount Requested \$7,340.00 – which should be regarded as Pilot Program. Funds will be used to facilitate and present at least one “Preserving Memories” workshop at each of the senior citizen centers within the county as well as selected public libraries around Greene County.

The workshop would include receipt of a workbook entitled “**Freed Verse**” for each participant as well as an approximate two-hour workshop on developing free verse poems that get memories down on paper. A small portion of the funds will be used for mileage reimbursement costs for travel throughout the County.

The Public Poetry Readings will help with mental health and socialize template for brain development and provide the necessary support to help complete the project.

After lengthy questions from the Board, it was decided to table the program until a revised funding application could be provided.

Motion to Table made by Denny Pilant. Seconded by Mike Jungers. Motion carried.

Presentation – Legal Services of Southern Missouri (LSSM) – Whitney Williams replacing Sharon Alexander's promotion to Chief Operating Officer

Amount Requested \$70,000.00. The funds requested for this project will provide for three components: community education, individual assistance and systemic advocacy to protect senior citizens.

The funds requested would address legal issues related to vulnerable adults 60 years of age or older whose financial situations do not allow them to resolve their legal problems. These senior citizens generally have multiple problems related to poverty, poor physical and/or mental health, lack of education, domestic violence, or disabilities. Aging, lower-limited incomes and other factors make the elderly a vulnerable population ripe for victimization. Legal Services of Southern Missouri will utilize the funds provided for legal guidance and direct legal representation to qualified senior citizens. The nature of the legal guidance and representation will vary depending upon the type of legal problem. These funds will provide approximately 935 hours of legal guidance and direct legal representation to qualified senior citizens.

Motion to Approve by Joyce Munden. Seconded by Mike Jungers. Motion carried awaiting resubmission of a signed Budget page.

Presentation – Southside Senior Center – Teena Jacobs, Dennis Mooneyham and Marie Mills

Amount Requested \$11 to \$13,000.00. The funds requested are for replacement of a 30-year-old rooftop furnace unit that was destroyed in an electrical fire. The Southside Senior Center is under the umbrella of SeniorAge which provides nutrition programs, exercise classes, care coordination, telephone reassurance, benefits enrollment assistance, foot care clinics, education programs, tax service, wellness programs and dementia support. The number of seniors that were served in 2023 was 2,379. The mission of the center is to provide a warm place for seniors to come and enjoy all the activities that are provided. The four bids received are listed below:

Skaggs Heating & Cooling	\$11,527.00
All Klear Plumbing, Heating, Air & Electric	\$16,600.00
All Klear Plumbing, Heating, Air & Electric	\$12,688.00
John Wayne Heating & Air	\$10,989.00

Motion to approve made by Denny Pilant for the lowest bid amount of \$10,989.00 pending copy of sign bid from John Wayne Heating & Air. Second by Mary Ellison for \$10,989.00. Motion carried for low bid pending receipt from vendor.

10:15 A.M. Denny Pilant moved to adjourn. Seconded by Joyce Munden. Motion Carried.

Next meeting January 27, 2025 – 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