

Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board

Minutes

Meeting Monday April 28, 2025

Charles Marinec, Chairman, called a meeting of the Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board to order on April 28 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 (Phoned In).

Board Members Absent:

Others Present: Debbie Allen, Cindy Stein (Auditor), Maria Garcia and Sarah Long (Jordan Valley), Michele Fields (Arc of the Ozarks), and Sarah Lovegreen (Alzheimer's Association) (Phoned In)

Meeting Minutes: March 24, 2025. Motion to approve made by Mike Jungers with corrections. Seconded by Joyce Munden. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report for March 2025 presented by Cindy Stein, Auditor. Cash Balance as of the end of March is \$1,488,999.34. Property Tax Revenue is \$33,257.89, Bank/Investment \$24,932.36, Refunds & Reimbursements \$304,086.31, Other Revenue \$40,000.00 with a Total Revenue of \$402,276.56, the YTD Revenue is \$3,394,961.15. Total Expenditures \$69,057.02 the YTD Expenditures are \$69,057.02. Checks issued: Greene County Treasurer (FY2024), Jordan Valley Community Health (FY2024) and PJC Insurance Agency. Total Ending Balance of \$4,814,903.47 Total Investments Principal \$2,115,963.45 at longer term investment and that should yield Approximate Annual Interest \$71,380.52.

The month of March is a much smaller tax collection month from what was received in January and February. Only delinquent taxes received in at this time. Our taxes to-date are just under 3.0 million, we were at 2.6 the previous year which is an increase overall. Cindy did note that with the City of Springfields action to enforce timely vehicle tags has created an uptake in personal property collections over the last months. The direct effect to the Board is not going to be substantial but we are seeing a direct action on personal property taxes paid timely. There has been some talk in the legislature to move the vehicle renewal licensing to five years. Hopefully, enough communication to the legislature on how this would delay collections since people tend to not pay their property taxes until their tags need renewed. The largest increase we saw for this month was in the Refunds & Reimbursements mainly dealing with the Springfield-Greene County Health Department with them returning a very large portion of unused funds, since there was a decrease in vaccinations.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by Stephen Short. Seconded by Joyce Munden. Motion carried.

Old Business:

New Business

Presentation: The Arc of the Ozarks – Michele Fields and Tena Morrow

Amount Requested \$15,000.00. The Arc of the Ozarks is dedicated to ensuring that individuals of all abilities have the opportunity to live, work, learn and engage in their communities. In partnership with the Missouri Department of Mental Health, The Arc advocates for independent living; however, a shortage of housing and support services has led to a growing waiting list for residential and in-home support programs.

Supporting seniors with disabilities in independent living is essential to their well-being, dignity, and overall quality of life. By providing necessary resources, accessibility modifications and community support, this project helps seniors remain in their homes safely while fostering independence, social connection and greater sense of belonging. Ensuring access to these vital services allows seniors with disabilities to thrive in their own homes and communities rather than face displacement. By providing the necessary resources, accessibility modifications and community support, we can help seniors with disabilities remain in their homes safely, independently and with dignity for as long as possible

Motion to approve made by Denny Pilant. Seconded by Mary Ellison. Motion carried.

Presentation: Jordan Valley – Sarah Long and Maria Garcia

Amount Requested 175,000. The goal of this program is to expand dental services to low income, uninsured, underinsured senior citizens. By providing these essential services, Jordan Valley and GCSCSF aim to improve health outcomes, boost self-confidence and enhance the quality of life for this population. With this funding, it is anticipated that senior citizens will receive much-needed dental care, including routine dental care, dentures, fillings and cleanings and emergency services.

Motion to approve made by Mike Jungers. Seconded by Mary Ellison. Motion carried to approve.

Presentation: Alzheimer's Association – Sarah Lovegreen (Phoned In)

Amount Requested \$30,836.00. Upon requesting additional information and revised documentation a motion to table was made.

Motion to table the request was made by Joyce Munden. Seconded by Robert Thurman. Motion to table was carried.

Presentation: Southside Senior Center – Food Enhancement Request

Amount requested \$8,000.00. With this assistance they will be able to enhance the “blue plate special” meals for seniors in their area – both for those who come in to the center and those who need more help with having meals delivered to their home. Participation at the senior center greatly extends independence, according to many studies, A special meal is often the catalyst for seniors to first come to the center, and then become involved in volunteering.

Motion to approve was made by Stephen Short. Seconded by Denny Pilant. Motion carried.

Communication:

Cindy wanted to bring a few procedural points before the Board. Mostly as educational items.

Public Meetings and the posting of these meetings -- The Missouri Statute states that meeting agendas be posted 24 hours in advance of the actual meeting, those are business hours. So, for a Monday meeting at 9:00 the posted agenda has to be posted by Friday at 9:00 AM. If after this time, any changes would have to appear on the next meeting agenda.

Purchasing Guidelines -- we require our recipients to follow the Greene County Purchasing Guidelines as public procurement. If purchasing larger items such as a piece of equipment that is greater than \$12,000.00, it has to be publicly bid and has to be an open bid. The Board does like to see items on items under \$12,000.00 that they require three quotes, which is an always a good idea to follow. Cindy will provide an informal bid form to the Board members.

Conflicts of Interest -- If we have a conflict where we may be related to the agency or active with the agency, or volunteer we need to make sure that we recuse ourselves from that particular vote. If in question, it is always better to error on the side of caution.

10:05 A.M. Joyce Munden moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mike Jungers. Motion Carried.

Next meeting May 19, 2025 (Original date had to be rescheduled due to Memorial Day) – 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