

Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board

Minutes

Meeting Monday September 22, 2025

Chuck Marinec, Chairman, called a meeting of the Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board to order on September 22, 2025 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, Mike Jungers, Robert Thurman, Stephen Short, Mary Ellison and Sharon Forrester.

Board Members Absent:

Others Present: Deborah Allen, Nancy Williams and Brian Hom (Habitat for Humanity), Chris Brumett and Hannah Hawk (Salvation Army).

Meeting Minutes: August 25, 2025. Motion to approve with correction made by Mike Jungers. Seconded by Denny Pilant. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report for August 2025 presented by Stephen Short, Treasurer. Cash Balance as of the end of July is \$1,488,999.34. Property Tax Revenue is \$12,833.35, Bank/Investment \$5,254.79, Refunds & Reimbursements \$0.00, Other Revenue \$0.00 with a Total Revenue of \$18,088.14, the YTD Revenue is \$3,616,919.75. Total Expenditures \$46,769.06 the YTD Expenditures are 2,469,012.76. Checks issued: Ash Grove Sunshine Center, Jordan Valley Health Center, Missouri Council of Aging (MCoA), Rogersville Senior Center, Debbie Allen and Springfield Stamp & Engraving. Total Ending Balance of \$2,636,906.33. Total Investments Principal \$2,163,191.20 at longer term investment and that should yield Approximate Annual Interest \$58,127.23.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by Mike Jungers. Seconded Sharon Forrester. Motion carried.

Old Business:

New Business

Presentation: Habitat for Humanity – Nancy Williams and Brian Hom

Amount Requested \$70,000.00 – Additional Funding Request. The Critical Repair Program assists low-income homeowners with emergency repairs and serious deferred maintenance projects. The requested GCSCSF funds will only be used for emergency of high priority repairs to the homes of senior citizens residing in Greene County. The projects focus on repairs that can be completed quickly to avoid the approval and reimbursement delays that exist with other programs.

While Habitat's overall repair efforts do not exclusively target seniors or people with disabilities, those individuals represent a significant segment of the populations that are served. They are also the demographic most likely to live on fixed incomes and are more likely to defer home maintenance and repair issues, which can often lead to health and safety concerns.

This year's additional \$70,000.00 request is for the repairs of various scope/scale that will be identified, screened, scheduled and completed based on available funding. As with previous years, they will continue receiving more qualified repair requests than they have dollars and bandwidth to complete. They have just expended the last of the multi-year FHLB repair grant, and the 2026 FHLB proposal is submitted and under consideration at this time. They also have access to Habitat for Humanity International initiatives that support home repairs for Seniors, such as the Aging in Place program. Additionally, they are pursuing private foundation grants to extend the capacity of the repair programs, as well as exploring internal options to extend staff's ability to complete additional repair projects.

Progress report as of September 22, 2025:

- 29 projects so far: 28 completed or will be this week; one other in "design phase" with Building Development Services (BDS) inspector.
- Expenditures range from service calls/replacing toilets/replacing A/C capacitor on the smaller end, to a full electrical upgrade.
- There is currently \$7,705 "uncommitted" with five immediate projects waiting (including a furnace replacement) and many others in the queue. Plus, heating season is upon us.
- So over \$122,000 was spend in 4 ½ months since receiving the funds.
- We moved one larger rehab (BDS code compliance issue that evolved and grew) to our last, reopened spot in another grant; that is no tapped out.
- Overall, completed 2 water heaters, 5 water lines, 1 sewer line, 1 well tank, 5 roofs, 6 furnaces, 2 electrical upgrades and a set of walker steps.

It was questioned on how many services are being completed outside the city limits and that figure is currently at two, with the majority within the city. It was suggested to help get the word out for the outlying cities, schedule a visit with the Senior Centers and also post information at the local libraries.

Motion to approve made by Stephen Short. Seconded by Mary Ellison. Motion carried.

Presentation: The Salvation Army – Chris Brumett and Hannah Hawk

Amount Requested \$57,850.00. The program provides a hot meal Monday through Friday, free of charge. For most of the year, lunch is served from noon to 12:45 p.m. from the full-service kitchen at The Salvation Army's campus. During the Summer months, lunch is served from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. due to contractual obligations between the Day Camp and the State of Missouri. Seniors are also invited to participate in a social hour prior to lunch. A growing group comes in nearly every day to play cards, have coffee and enjoy fellowship.

In October 2021, in response to the Greene County Senior Citizens Services Fund's call for additional proposals, The Salvation Army launched "Weekend Warriors", a backpack program for senior citizens. The idea came when several of the seniors shared that the only meal, they could count on through the week is the lunch provided by The Salvation Army. The Weekend Warrior program provides nutritious food for three meals and snacks both Saturday and Sunday. If there are some weekends that are extended to possibly three or four days, that is taken into consideration and the meals are prepared for the extended time.

Seniors also receive a gift certificate for food each Christmas to help ensure they have a holiday meal. In 2024, the Senior Board supported The Salvation Army in providing Price Cutter gift certificates and Walgreen's gift cards in the amount of \$50.00 each to 115 seniors.

The Customer Choice Food Pantry is open from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. most Wednesdays, The Salvation Army Springfield's Customer Choice Food Pantry provides guests with the opportunity

to select their own items rather than receiving a standard, prepacked food box. This change in service approach helps restore and honor each shopper's dignity.

The pantry generally offers products such as canned vegetables, peanut butter, jams, jelly, preserves, canned meat & soup, breakfast items and frozen meat. Through community partnerships, shoppers often can select baked goods from a local bakery along with fresh, local produce that fits their dietary needs. The quantity each shopper receives is contingent on the number of people in the household. Strict guidelines have been implemented to make sure that all seniors are getting the items necessary.

Motion to approve \$57,300.00 due to a calculation error on the gift cards and providing a revised Budget page submitted made by Denny Pilant with the addition to the Walgreen Gift Cards stating what items that are not eligible for purchase. Seconded by Mary Ellison. Motion carried.

Communications:

Discussion on the final approval for the revisions made to the current contract have been submitted for review.

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

The board members were invited to the Ash Grove Sunshine Center for lunch on October 8th at 11:15 hopefully everyone along with their spouses will be able to attend. The Board members for Ash Grove will be in attendance and would like to do a meet and greet.

A little over a week ago Mary, Mike along with Chuck, attended the Missouri Council on Aging Levy Board Meeting in Columbia.

Mary stated that it was very interesting. It was a small but a mighty group. The gist was the concern over cuts at the federal level. Several people, in particular the individual from St. Louis, did a very methodical evaluation and demonstration as to what could happen and what may continue to happen. Anything that is cut at the Federal level will hit the State, which will in turn hit the local level so there was a large discussion on this particular item.

Meals on Wheels seemed to be a theme and Mary made a point to call in town for some additional information. At this point in time, they have served 650 different people. There are 80 people currently on a waiting list with 1666 congregate meals served. The concern is that the program could take a big hit. They are sending out feelers to inquire about different sources of funding that could possibly be available.

The other key point was the real concern that there is a big push in some corners to eliminate property tax and go for something else. What exactly does this mean and what measures can be taken on what the fix might be?

Mike commented on the St. Louis presentation as to how thorough it was and the amount of research that went into the preparation. What was emphasized was their strategic plan on the community agencies and how they will be looking at the short falls in funding and where and how they will be seeking replacement funds. There will be a lot of stress not only on funding boards but on individual agencies. The big study is to go beyond what the agencies are providing with funds that are being given and where they will be getting funds to help with the bigger picture. What could possibly happen is all of these agencies are going to the same funding sources which will have everyone competing for the same dollars.

There was also a presentation on fund raising by funding boards and an established member of one of the county boards is an attorney and did some extensive research. He did state that it is probably legal, but you do want to make sure to verify that with your County Commission and get prior approval before moving forward to make sure they are fully aware of your activities.

The meeting concluded at 9:52 A.M. Mike Jungers moved to adjourn. Seconded by Sharon Forrester. Motion carried.

Next meeting October 27, 2025 pending on items placed on the agenda – 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