

Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board

Minutes

Meeting Monday February 23, 2026

Chuck Marinec, Chairman, called a meeting of the Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board to order on February 23, 2026 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, Stephen Short, Mary Ellison and Sharon Forrester.

Board Members Absent: Robert Thurman

Others Present: Deborah Allen, Cindy Stein, Tess Woolie (Auditor's Office), Rene Frazier (OATS), Ashley Fleming (Community Foundation of the Ozarks), Maggie Rogers (Springfield-Greene County Health Department), Brian Hom (Habitat for Humanity), Nancy Williams (Habitat for Humanity), Don Jarvis (Strafford Senior Center), Jim Barnes (Ash Grove Sunshine Center), Pat Codutti (Ash Grove Sunshine Center)

Meeting Minutes: November 24, 2025. Motion to approve Mike Jungers. Seconded by Mary Ellison. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report for December 2025 and January 2026 presented Cindy Stein, Greene County Auditor. Cash Balance as of the end of December was \$2,362,619.28. Property Tax Revenue was \$336,167.04, Bank/Investment \$7,457.59, Refunds & Reimbursements \$0.00, Other Revenue \$0.00 with a Total Revenue of \$343,624.63, the YTD Revenue is \$4,024,977.48. Total Expenditures \$0.00, the YTD Expenditures are \$3,151,357.54.

Cash Balance as of the end of January is \$2,362,619.28. Property Tax Revenue was \$2,444,960.78, Bank/Investment -\$4,947.56, Refunds & Reimbursements \$8,590.25, Other Revenue \$0.00 with a Total Revenue of \$2,448,603.47, the YTD Revenue is \$2,448,603.47. Total Expenditures \$30,880.50, the YTD Expenditures are \$30,880.50. Checks issued: Jordan Valley Health Center. Total Ending Balance of \$4,780,342.25. Total Investments Principal \$1,416,191.20 at longer term investment and that should yield Approximate Annual Interest \$46,551.70.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by Denny Pilant. Seconded Mary Ellison. Motion carried.

Donation: Ashley Fleming from the Community Foundation of the Ozarks presented a check in the amount of \$40,000.00 to the Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board. This donation is a yearly tradition from the Community Foundation of the Ozarks as a way of showing gratitude for the work the Board has accomplished throughout the years in providing knowledge, expertise, and services to the senior citizens of Greene County.

Old Business:

Presentation: Senior Age on Behalf of Northview Center – Chuck Marinec

The Northview Center lost their hot water heater and had to close their doors. Due to the emergency nature of the situation, communications with the Board were conducted via email to request a replacement. There were no other available funds for Northview Center to use in order to facilitate the replacement, so Senior Age contacted the Board to request funding.

A new water heater was approved and purchased through Senior Age. Reimbursement for the new hot water heater will be requested through Senior Age. The hot water heater has already been installed and the Northview Center has reopened.

Amount Requested: \$16,786.00.

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

Presentation: OATS, Transit – Rene Frazier

Motion to remove from table made by Mary Ellison. Seconded by Denny Pilant. Motion to remove from table and reopen carried.

Total Amount Requested After Revision FY2026 \$628,364.60 – An increase of just under \$15,500.00 of previous request of \$512,910.00, in order to increase their services in Republic to five days a week.

Motion to approve made by Denny Pilant. Seconded by Sharon Forrester. Motion carried.

Presentation: Ash Grove Sunshine Center – Jim Barnes & Pat Codutti

The previous action for Ash Grove Sunshine Center was approval of \$4,066.35 with the provision that \$25,000.00 would come from Ozarks Food Harvest to cover the remaining balance. Ash Grove Sunshine Center was not awarded the \$25,000.00 grant from Ozarks Food Harvest. Their revised funding request is now \$29,066.35 to replace an aging electric oven with a gas oven. In order to upgrade the oven to gas and run the required gas lines, an additional \$2,000.00 will be needed.

An emergency repair was required for the Center's porch in order to avoid further damage to the building. The cost of repair was \$3,491.00.

The Center's kitchen air-conditioning unit's blower fan also broke. One quote for the part was provided and is approximately \$360.00. Labor has not been quoted at this time, but the total bill is estimated at \$725.00.

The Board is requesting a total of three estimates for this repair or documentation that there is only one vendor in the area capable of repairing the aging A/C units.

Three estimates were provided for needed electrical work in the kitchen. The work is required to update the breaker box. Two of the estimates include the cost for the needed gas line for the new gas oven, while one estimate does not.

The Board has requested a second grant application for the emergency porch repair, as well as the repairs to the kitchen A/C unit and needed electrical work.

Motion to rescind the previous approval of \$4,066.35 and approve the new total cost of the oven at \$29,066.35 made by Denny Pilant. Seconded by Robert Thurman. Motion carried.

New Business:

Presentation: Habitat for Humanity – Nancy Williams & Brian Hom

In 2023, Habitat for Humanity requested \$50,000.00. In 2024, their first request was for \$100,000.00 and they received an additional \$30,000.00 later that year. In 2025, their first request was for \$130,000.00 and their second request was for an additional \$70,000.00. The \$380,000.00 awarded served 75 households and 87 seniors. This averages about \$5,000.00 per household and facilitated sewer replacements, waterline replacements, and HVAC replacements.

Due to the continued trend of expensive repairs and an increase in households served, Habitat for Humanity requested a \$50,000.00 increase from what they were awarded last year.

The Board amended the amount to \$200,000.00 and encouraged Habitat for Humanity to return later in the year to request additional funding if needed.

Motion to approve amended amount made by Denny Pilant. Seconded by Mike Jungers. Motion carried.

Presentation: Springfield-Greene County Health Department – Maggie Rogers

Amount Requested FY2026 \$246,158.45. Support of this proposal will enable the continuation of their vaccine clinic. Previously, the clinic only provided the shingles vaccine. In 2023 they added the RSV vaccine, and in 2025 they were able to onboard four additional vaccines recommended by the CDC for individuals 60 and older.

Vaccines now offered by the clinic include: Influenza (routine dose and high dose), COVID-19, Pneumococcal, RSV, Tdap, and Shingles.

The clinic is staffed by one nurse on Tuesdays and Thursdays, who also comes in on other days when there is high demand. They also work with long-term care facilities and community partners to make vaccines accessible to seniors.

Approximately 75% of this grant will go toward covering the cost of vaccines, which increase every year. However, the Health Department participates in a government contract that allows them to purchase vaccines at reduced costs.

In 2025, they administered 573 vaccines to 244 seniors, averaging just over 2.2 vaccines per person visiting the clinic.

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

Presentation: Strafford Senior Center – Don Jarvis

Amount Requested FY2026 \$10,000.00. The Strafford Senior Center building is aging and all of the flooring in the building is original. Three estimates have been obtained for replacing the flooring in the facility; however, the Center has not yet determined which type of flooring would be best. While the estimates are for different flooring types, they each come in at approximately \$25,000.00, though the final cost is expected to be higher.

In December 2025, the Center began a fundraising drive to help pay for the replacement of the flooring. To date, they have raised approximately \$19,000.00.

The Board has requested to table consideration of the current proposal until the Strafford Senior Center has made a final decision on the type of flooring they will proceed with. At that time, they may return with three bids reflecting the selected flooring type, along with a final amount raised through fundraising, and request a grant for the remaining balance.

Motion to table made by Stephen Short. Seconded by Sharon Forrester. Motion to table carried.

Presentation: Strafford Senior Center Food Enhancement – Don Jarvis

Amount Requested \$10,500.00. Strafford Senior Center wants to significantly enhance the dining experience for their seniors. Funding will allow them to add higher-quality ingredients, offer special menu days, and expand the fruits and vegetables available on their salad bar. Rising food costs continue to challenge our budget, and this support will help them maintain nutritious, appealing meals that encourage more seniors to visit the center.

Motion to approve was made by Stephen Short. Seconded by Sharon Forrester. Motion carried.

Presentation: Ash Grove Sunshine Center – Food Enhancement Request

Amount requested \$8,000.00. Ash Grove Senior Center intends to use the grant funds for a Food Enhancement Program designed to add some nutritious selections to the lunch menus, as well as funding a volunteer-run salad bar, to provide fresh vegetables and healthy options. By doing this, they hope to attract more of the area seniors

to participate in the noon lunch program, where they can enjoy an affordable meal while visiting with friends. It has been proven that food insecurity and social isolation contribute to mental and physical decline in the elderly population. Besides the Sunshine Center, there is no other organization in this area that provides programs to help combat this problem.

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

Communications:

Debbie Allen has retired from the Greene County Auditor's Office effective January 31, 2026. Tess Wroolie has joined the Auditor's Office and will be taking over Debbie Allen's duties in both the Auditor's Office and with the Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Board moving forward.

Cindy Stein – When the Commission adopted the 2026 budget for the Senior Board, the unappropriated contingency budget line was not included. Typically, a contingency of \$300,000.00 is budgeted from the cash balance in the event that annual needs exceed revenue. The grant line was included in the budget. While this contingency line is not typically utilized, it has been used in previous years. This item will need to be placed on a future agenda to determine what course of action should be taken.

Mike Jungers attended a Zoom meeting on December 11, 2025, for a new organization. The meeting focused on gathering information to assist potential levy boards and to facilitate information sharing between levy boards. The organization is developing a survey intended to be distributed annually to senior levy boards across the state. The goal is to create uniformity in how funds are allocated, categorized, and described, as well as to better demonstrate how funding boards operate and contribute to improving services for seniors. The organization plans to hold regional meetings; the next meeting is scheduled for March 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Those interested in attending may contact the organization via email.

Stephen Short noted that on the Missouri State income tax return this year, taxpayers may choose to donate one dollar to support senior services in the state of Missouri.

The meeting concluded at 10:10 A.M. Sharon Forrester moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mike Jungers. Motion carried.

Next meeting is March 23, 2026 – Location: Historic Courthouse, Room 309.

Minutes submitted by: Tess Wroolie