

Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board Minutes

Meeting - Monday May 18, 2026

Introduction:

Chuck Marinec, Chairman, called a meeting of the Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board to order on May 18, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Self-introductions were made for recording purposes. The meeting was held at the Historic Courthouse, Room 309, 940 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri.

Board Members Present:

Chuck Marinec, Denny Pilant, Mike Jungers, Robert Thurman, Mary Ellison and Sharon Forrester.

Board Members Absent:

Stephen Short

Others Present:

Tess Wroolie (Auditor's Office), Michele Fields (The Arc of the Ozarks), Jennifer Cotner-Jones (Springfield Symphony Orchestra), Kaitlyn Pack (Springfield Symphony Orchestra), Isaac Long (Springfield Symphony Orchestra).

Meeting Minutes:

April 27, 2026. Motion to approve made by Mary Ellison. Seconded by Sharon Forrester. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

No Treasurer's report was presented at this meeting.

Old Business:

A request was made for a motion to un-table items from previous the April 27th meeting.

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

Presentation: The Arc of the Ozarks – Michele Fields

Amount Requested: \$15,000.00

The Arc of the Ozarks is dedicated to empowering individuals with disabilities to lead self-directed lives as valued members of their communities. Our vision is to be a leader in service delivery by providing a comprehensive range of supports that foster community integration and enhance overall quality of life. We strive to create opportunities for individuals to live, work, play, and learn in environments that best meet their needs.

The funds requested will be used by The Arc of the Ozarks to provide unfunded quality-of-life improvements, programs, and services for up to 37 seniors with disabilities ages 60 or older residing in Greene County, MO.

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

Robert Thurman recused himself for the following presentation and vote for the Springfield Symphony Orchestra due to a conflict of interest.

Presentation: Springfield Symphony Orchestra – Jennifer Cotner-Jones, Kaitlyn Pack, Isaac Long

Amount Requested: \$54,543.25

The Seniors at the Symphony program was created to ensure that older adults have meaningful and equitable access to live symphonic performances by removing common barriers to participation. The program provides affordable ticket pricing, coordinated transportation to and from Juanita K. Hammons Hall, and opportunities for social connection through a pre-concert reception prior to each Classical performance. Since its inception, the Seniors at the Symphony program has experienced significant and consistent growth in Greene County and its rural communities and continues to expand into surrounding counties.

The Springfield Symphony Orchestra respectfully requests \$54,543.25 to assist with the expenses associated with the Seniors at the Symphony for the 2026 calendar year. This will include the costs incurred for the remainder of the 2025-2026 season (January, February, March, April, May concerts) and expected expenses for the beginning of the 2026-2027 season (September, November, December concerts).

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

Robert Thurman rejoined the meeting at this time.

Communications:

Mike Jungers reported on a Zoom meeting he had with the Missouri Council on Aging (MCoA) to discuss the survey. Mike was able to provide valuable feedback on the survey and how the information was collected. This research that the survey gathers will help provide how important funding is to Senior Boards state-wide. There will be another state-wide MCoA meeting in the future.

Closing:

The meeting concluded at 09:20 A.M. Robert Thurman moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mike Jungers. Motion carried.

Next meeting is June 22, 2026 – Location: Historic Courthouse, Room 309.

The next meeting date was amended to June 29, 2026 due to room availability.

Minutes submitted by: Tess Wroolie