

Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board Minutes

Meeting - Monday June 29, 2026

Introduction:

Mike Jungers, Vice-Chair, called a meeting of the Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board to order on June 29, 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:

Mary Ellison, Sharon Forrester, Denny Pilant, Mike Jungers, Robert Thurman, and Stephen Short.

Board Members Absent:

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Others Present:

Cindy Stein (Auditor's Office), Tess Wroolie (Auditor's Office), Chris Brumett (Salvation Army), and Don Jarvis (Strafford Senior Center)

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May 18, 2026. Motion to approve pending spelling corrections made by Denny Pilant. Seconded by Sharon Forrester. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report for May 2026 was presented by Cindy Stein, Greene County Auditor. Cash Balance as of the end of May was \$4,000,870.65. Property Tax Revenue was \$24,729.73, Bank Investment Interest \$7,457.59, Refunds & Reimbursements \$0.00, Other Revenue \$0.00 with a Total Revenue of \$35,982.10, and the YTD Revenue is \$3,203,232.93. Total Expenditures \$385,481.64, the YTD Expenditures are \$1,664,481.10.

Checks issued in May: Jordan Valley Community Health Center, Fair Grove Senior Center, OATS, Restore SGF, Rogersville Area Senior Center, Schuyler Community Center, SeniorAge Area Agency on Aging. Total Ending Balance of \$3,901,731.11.

Total Investments Principal \$2,651,191.20 at longer term investment and should yield an Approximate Annual Interest of \$74,387.74.

New Business:

A request was made for a motion to change the agenda order.

Motion to move the Salvation Army FY2026 Funding Application and the Strafford Senior Center FY2026 Funding Application to be heard after the Contingency Fund agenda item was made by Stephen Short. Seconded by Mary Ellison. Motion carried.

Contingency Fund

Description and context of the Greene County Senior Citizens' Funding Board contingency fund was provided by Cindy Stein.

Historically, the Board has included a contingency allocation in its budget request. This line item is submitted to the Commission and provides the Board with flexibility to respond to grant applications that may arise throughout the year, as well as to address unforeseen circumstances such as COVID or other unexpected needs. The goal is simply to ensure that funds are set aside for situations that cannot be fully anticipated when the budget is initially prepared.

In the budget request submitted last August, the Board did include a contingency amount. However, this allocation did not appear in the Commission-approved budget. The Board has been considering asking that the contingency be reinstated, so that the Board's original action is reflected in the approved budget rather than omitted.

After discussion by the Board, the motion to have the 2026 Board-approved budget contingency fund be reinstated by the Greene County Commission following the passage of the motion, was made by Stephen Short. Seconded by Mary Ellison. Motion carried with 5 in favor and 1 against.

Presentation: The Salvation Army FY2026 Funding Application – Chris Brumett

Amount Requested: \$58,000.00

This 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 our Day Camp and the State of Missouri. Our 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 a cup of 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 our seniors shared that the only meal they can count on throughout 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.

We are requesting funding for food and supplies to help provide the weekly meal, as well as funding for the Weekend Warriors senior backpack program.

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

Presentation: Strafford Senior Center FY2026 Funding Application – Don Jarvis

Amount Requested: \$1,568.60

The Strafford Senior Center is requesting reimbursement funding for the emergency replacement of a refrigerator merchandiser after our previous unit unexpectedly failed. Because this equipment is essential for safely storing food and beverages used in daily meal service, a replacement unit was immediately purchased, delivered, installed, and placed into service on May 27, 2026, to prevent any interruption in meal service to the seniors we serve. The refrigerator is currently being used to store milk cartons, bottled water, sodas, individual salads, and refrigerated meal items such as fruit cups, cottage cheese, puddings, beets, and other cold food components served to our participants.

The refrigerator merchandiser was purchased, delivered, installed, and placed into service on May 27, 2026, and is currently in daily use for meal operations.

Motion to approve pending appropriate budget page submitted, made by Denny Pilant. Seconded by Stephen Short. Motion carried.

White Paper on Food Enhancement Grants Parity – Stephen Short

The Board discussed the history and current structure of Food Enhancement Grants provided to Senior Centers. These grants have allowed Centers to enhance meal offerings beyond the standard SeniorAge-provided meals, increasing congregate meal participation and improving overall meal enjoyment for seniors. Enhancements have included items such as coffee, higher-quality cuts of meat, and vendor-supplied food items. Kitchen staff may

also use these funds for daily needs that may not fall under SeniorAge's guidelines. Not all Senior Centers request Food Enhancement Grants, though historically the Board has approved the requested amounts, which vary by facility.

The Board discussed possible approaches to establishing greater parity among Centers. One option considered was setting a total grant amount and distributing it based on the number of congregate meals served by each Center. The Board noted that Northview, the only Center not currently requesting a grant, would need to be informed of any changes. Another option discussed was establishing a minimum baseline grant amount for all seven Centers, combined with a formula that allocates additional funding according to the previous year's meals served.

Board members also noted that, prior to COVID, the Board conducted annual visits to each Center, and discussed reinstating those visits moving forward.

Staffing challenges at Senior Centers were discussed as several facilities have faced difficulty maintaining kitchen staff. The Board explored whether grants could potentially support personnel costs. While staffing positions have generally not been funded, aside from a few exceptions, the possibility of emergency staffing grants was raised for future discussion. It was also noted that the local Springfield AARP chapter has an established program that may help Centers with staffing needs.

No motions were made, and the Board agreed to continue the discussion. Any decisions regarding Food Enhancement Grants may be made before the end of the calendar year, and Centers will be notified in advance of any changes.

FY2026 – FY2027 Annual Election of Officers

Position:

Chair	Mary Ellison was nominated for her first Term. Motion made by Denny Pilant. Seconded by Robert Thurman. Motion carried.
Vice-Chair	Mike Jungers was nominated to continue through the next Term. Motion made by Denny Pilant. Seconded by Robert Thurman. Motion carried.
Treasurer	Stephen Short was nominated to continue through the next Term. Motion made by Denny Pilant. Seconded by Robert Thurman. Motion carried.
Secretary	Sharon Forrester was nominated for her first Term. Motion made by Denny Pilant. Seconded by Robert Thurman. Motion carried.

Communications:

None.

Closing:

The meeting concluded at 10:21 A.M. Robert Thurman moved to adjourn. Seconded by Sharon Forrester. Motion carried.

Next meeting is July 27, 2026 – Location: Historic Courthouse, Room 309.

Minutes submitted by: Tess Wroolie