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Monroe County Commission on Aging Budget Appeals Meeting Minutes September 17, 2008 Monroe County Commission on Aging Conference Room

Chairman Martin Kaufman called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Member's present: Noel Dentner, Nancy Hamman, Aleta Jackson, Martin Kaufman, Paul Simonton, John Sledge, Gerald Stone and Loyd Sype.

Member excused: Bruce Freimark

Chairman Martin Kaufman led the Pledge of Allegiance and silent prayer.

Approval of the Agenda:

Noel Dentner motioned to approve the agenda of September 17, 2008 as presented. Supported by John Sledge. **Motion carried.**

Guest Present:

No guests present at this time.

Public Time:

No public present at this time.

Budget Appeals:

Bedford Senior Citizens Center:

Pam Rybka presenting- The Bedford Senior Citizens Center initially requested \$195,752.00 for fiscal year 2009. At the Budget Workshop of the Commission on Aging, held August 26, 2008, the commission approved a recommendation in the amount of \$175,681.00 for fiscal year 2009 that would be forwarded to the County Board of Commissioners for final approval.

Ms. Rybka requested the commissions' consideration to reconsider the initial request of \$195,752.00 for fiscal year 2009 to increase the two (2) part-time staff hours. This is an 11.4% increase in request over the current funding year.

Lake Erie Transit Commission:

Mark Jagodzinski and Denise Drodts presenting- The Lake Erie Transit Commission initially requested \$185,381.00 for fiscal year 2009. At the Budget Workshop of the Commission on Aging, held August 26, 2008, the commission approved a recommendation in the amount of \$179,447.00 for fiscal year 2009 that would be forwarded to the County Board of Commissioners for final approval.

Mr. Jagodzinski commented that he is not appealing the commissions' recommendation however, proposed eliminating Wednesday's on the Bedford-Ida run to manage within the recommended funding. In addition, Mr. Jagodzinski mentioned that they are getting high requests for service in

North County townships and are looking at expanding in the areas of Berlin Township, Newport, Ash Township, Carleton, and South Rockwood. This is an 11% increase over fiscal year 2008.

Monroe County Opportunity Program – Resource Advocacy:

Diane Tacket and Larry Hansen presenting- The Monroe County Opportunity Program initially requested \$118,672.00 for fiscal year 2009 for the Resource Advocacy program. At the Budget Workshop of the Commission on Aging, held August 26, 2008, the commission approved a recommendation in the amount of \$99,316.00 for fiscal year 2009 that would be forwarded to the County Board of Commissioners for final approval.

Ms. Tacket presented a new request of \$116,306.00 for the Resource Advocacy program. This would be a 17% increase over fiscal year 2008. The Resource Advocates fill out many applications when they are in the client's homes and if the program does not receive at least the new request they would have to cut one (1) staff person that will result in an average cut of 456 client and 1,220 hours of service.

Monroe County Opportunity Program – Home Chore:

Diane Tacket and Larry Hansen presenting- The Monroe County Opportunity Program initially requested \$115,360.00 for the Home Chore program for calendar year 2009. At the Budget Workshop of the Commission on Aging, held August 26, 2008, the commission approved a recommendation in the amount of \$107,840.00 for fiscal year 2009 that would be forwarded to the County Board of Commissioners for final approval.

Ms. Tacket presented a new request of \$113,160.00 for the Home Chore program. This would be a 5% increase over fiscal year 2008. The program does not have "income guidelines". However, it does have cost share guidelines that are based on household income. The commission suggested having income guidelines for this program to prevent clients who can afford the services from taking advantage of the program. Ms. Tacket will check the Area Agency on Aging 1-B eligibility guideline criteria for this program to see if that is viable.

Living Independence for Everyone:

Frankie and Alan Foidl presenting- The Living Independence for Everyone initially requested \$444,013.28 for fiscal year 2009. At the Budget Workshop of the Commission on Aging, held August 26, 2008, the commission approved a recommendation in the amount of \$401,351.00 for fiscal year 2009 that would be forwarded to the County Board of Commissioners for final approval.

Ms. Foidl presented a new request of \$409,945.00 for the senior meal program. This would be a 2% increase over the current funding year. The new request is to give the employee's a \$0.15 per hour raise to be competitive in today's job market.

Commission Members' Time:

Loyd Sype addressed the full commission regarding the excellent news he received from his oncologist that the cancer is completely disappeared.

Terri Hamad presented a letter from Hearthland Home Health Care & Hospice regarding a sponsorship opportunity for the Commission on Aging to sponsor an independent film on Alzheimer's disease titled "You Are Here" that will be featured in the Meyer Theater in the La-Z-Boy Center at the Monroe County Community College on Sunday, October 26, 2008 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Following the film, a panel of experts will provide information and answer questions about Alzheimer's disease. This free community event is designed to provide education and resources to families who have been touched by Alzheimer's disease.

Ms. Hamad gave particulars of a special preview of the film that she attended on Friday, September 12, 2008 that was very moving and requested the commissions' consideration in being a part of this important community event. The sponsorship opportunity is \$300.00 and includes the following:

- Organization Name and Logo printed on all event promotional flyers and program
- Recognition as a sponsor in all press releases and any media advertising
- Opportunity to exhibit before and after the showing of the film in the La-Z-Boy Center atrium
- Recognition on event signage

Motion by Noel Dentner to approve the request to be a sponsor of the “You Are Here” film to help raise awareness of Alzheimer’s disease and help individuals in our community better understand the resources available to them in Monroe County. Supported by Aleta Jackson.

Roll call:

Paul Simonton – Yes
 Noel Dentner – Yes
 Loyd Sype – Yes

Gerald Stone – Yes
 Martin Kaufman – Yes
 Aleta Jackson – Yes

Nancy Hamman – Yes
 John Sledge – Yes

Motion carried.

Public Time:

No public present at this time.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Nancy Hamman, supported by Paul Simonton. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be on October 08, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at the Sullivan Senior Citizens Center, 13613 Tuttlehill Road, Milan, MI 48160.

Vicky L. Terrasi

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