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Monroe County Commission on Aging Budget Appeals Meeting Minutes September 22, 2008

Monroe County Commission on Aging Conference Room

Chairman Martin Kaufman called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m.

Member's present: Nancy Hamman, Martin Kaufman, John Sledge, Gerald Stone and Loyd Sype.

Member excused: Aleta Jackson and Paul Simonton

Member's absent: Noel Dentner and Bruce Freimark

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

Approval of the Agenda:

Nancy Hamman motioned to approve the agenda of September 22, 2008 as presented. Supported by Gerald Stone. **Motion carried.**

Guest Present:

No guests present at this time.

Public Time:

No public present at this time.

Budget Appeals:

Milan Senior Citizens Center:

Jennifer Michalak presenting-The Milan Senior Center initially requested \$64,784.00 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 \$18,659.00 for fiscal year 2009 that would be forwarded to the County Board of Commissioners for final approval.

Ms. Michalak presented a new request of \$43,269.00 for the Milan Senior Center. This would be a 132% increase over fiscal year 2008. This would keep the director at part-time (33 hours), add a resource advocate/assistant at twenty (25) hours, and keep all other staff at their current hours. It is anticipated that the center could increase program income by \$10,000.00.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Monroe County:

Deb Brescol presenting- The RSVP initially requested \$126,861.00 for the RSVP 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 \$126,552.00 for fiscal year 2009 that would be forwarded to the County Board of Commissioners for final approval.

Ms. Brescol requested the commissions' consideration to reconsider the initial request of \$126,861.00 for fiscal year 2009 to compensate the changes in workers compensation and the minimum wage increase. This is a .2% increase over the current funding year.

Monroe County Health Department-Diabetic Education:

Rebecca Head, Jamie Leizerman, and Heather Law presenting- The Monroe County Health Department initially requested \$25,956.00 for Senior Diabetic Education for calendar year 2009. At the Budget Workshop of the Commission on Aging, held August 26, 2008, the commission chose not to fund the Diabetic Education program for fiscal year 2009 until funds identified in the Agreed Upon Procedures Engagement have been returned to the Commission in the amount of \$12,812.43.

The Monroe County Health Department reported that the \$12,812.43 repayment to the Commission is scheduled for approval on September 23, 2008 at the County Board of Commissioners Meeting and requested the commissions' consideration to reconsider the initial request of \$25,956.00 for fiscal year 2009. This is a 3.75% increase over the current funding year.

Monroe County Senior Legal Services:

Larry VanWasshenova presenting- The Monroe Senior Legal Services initially requested \$284,210.00 for fiscal year 2009.

Mr. VanWasshenova requested the commissions' consideration to reconsider the initial request of \$284,210.00 for fiscal year 2009 to provide legal services to Monroe County seniors. This is a 6.6% increase over funding year 2008.

The commission discussed funding requirements vs. Service Priorities and commented that the agency's board needs to be involved in the workable level of service based on agency limits and client resources. The commission is concerned with the lack of quantifiable limits placed on how much service is given and who gets the service.

The Monroe Center-Cancer Connection Transportation:

Aaron Simonton, Donna Bruck, Bonnie Weber, and Christine Croley presenting- The Monroe Cancer Connection initially requested \$25,938.00 for fiscal year 2009.

The Monroe Center Cancer Connection requested the commissions' consideration to reconsider the initial request of \$25,938.00 for administration of the program. This is a 4.19% increase over the current fiscal year.

The Monroe Center:

Aaron Simonton, Donna Bruck, Bonnie Weber, and Christine Croley presenting- The Monroe Center requested additional time to have a meeting with Stephanie Kasprzak, Diane Tacket and Terri Hamad to look at the merger of resource/supports coordination programs.

Commission Members' Time:

No member addressed the full commission at this time.

Public Time:

No public present at this time.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Gerald Stone, supported by Nancy Hamman. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 4:07 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

Terri L. Hamad, Recording Secretary
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