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### Monroe County Commission on Aging Budget Appeals Workshop Meeting Minutes August 15, 2007

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, Bruce Freimark, Aleta Jackson, Martin Kaufman, John Sledge and Loyd Sype.

**Member excused:** Nancy Hamman and Paul Simonton

**Member absent:** Gerald Stone

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

#### **Approval of the Agenda:**

John Sledge motioned to approve the agenda August 15, 2007 as presented. Supported by Noel Dentner. **Motion carried.**

#### **Guest Present:**

Floreine Mentel, Area Agency on Aging 1-B Board of Directors and Monroe County Commissioner and Larry VanWasshenova, Director, Monroe County Senior Legal Services.

#### **Public Time:**

No public addressed the Commission at this time.

#### **Budget Appeals:**

##### **Monroe Senior Legal Services:**

Larry VanWasshenova presenting- The Monroe Senior Legal Services requested \$268,550 for fiscal year 2008. This is a 10% increase over funding year 2007. The increases are budgeted towards operations and additional staff time.

Loyd Sype motioned to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners to grant the Monroe County Senior Legal Services \$260,218 a 7% increase for fiscal year 2008 with the stipulation that the funds be used only for the specific line items proposed. Transfers from the approved line items are prohibited without the advance written permission of the Commission. Any funds not used in accordance with the Directive of the Commission shall be returned forthwith. Supported by John Sledge. **Motion withdrawn.**

Noel Dentner motioned to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners to grant the Monroe County Senior Legal Services \$266,450 for fiscal year 2008 with the stipulation that the funds be used only for the specific line items proposed. Transfers from the approved line items

are prohibited without the advance written permission of the Commission. Any funds not used in accordance with the Directive of the Commission shall be returned forthwith. Supported by John Sledge.

**Roll call:**

Noel Dentner - Yes  
John Sledge – Yes

Aleta Jackson – Yes  
Lloyd Sype – Yes

Martin Kaufman – Yes  
Bruce Freimark - Yes

**Motion carried.**

**Monroe County Opportunity Program – Dental, Vision & Hearing:**

The Monroe County Opportunity Program requested \$35,831 for the Dental, Vision & Hearing program for fiscal year 2008. The program is projecting service to forty-five (45) clients. They would use 200% of Poverty Guidelines with a cap of \$2,000 per household. Other qualifications are that the client cannot have dental, vision, or hearing coverage.

The Commission decided that the Dental, Vision & Hearing program needs further discussion and the full board in attendance to vote on the program.

**Ash Seniors:**

The Ash Seniors requested \$22,007.50 for budget year 2008. This is a 3% increase over fiscal year 2007. The increase is budget toward operations only.

Aleta Jackson motioned to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners to grant the Ash Seniors \$21,788 for fiscal year 2008 with the stipulation that the funds be used only for the specific line items proposed. Transfers from the approved line items are prohibited without the advance written permission of the Commission. Any funds not used in accordance with the Directive of the Commission shall be returned forthwith. Supported by Noel Dentner. **Motion carried.**

**Bedford Senior Citizens Center:**

The Bedford Senior Citizens Center requested \$175,681 for fiscal year 2008. This is a .41% increase in request over the current funding year. The center is expanding their educational classes and doing additional fundraisers to keep their allocation request down.

Aleta Jackson motioned to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners to grant the Bedford Senior Citizens Center \$175,681 for fiscal year 2008 with the stipulation that the funds be used only for the specific line items proposed. Transfers from the approved line items are prohibited without the advance written permission of the Commission. Any funds not used in accordance with the Directive of the Commission shall be returned forthwith. Supported by Lloyd Sype. **Motion carried.**

**Deaf & Hearing Impaired Services:**

The Deaf & Hearing Impaired Services requested \$23,855 for fiscal year 2008. This is a .8% increase from their current fiscal year. The \$200.00 increase is budgeted toward the staff's mileage.

Aleta Jackson motioned to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners to grant the Deaf & Hearing Impaired Services \$23,855 for fiscal year 2008 with the stipulation that the funds be used only for the specific line items proposed. Transfers from the approved line items are prohibited without the advance written permission of the Commission. Any funds not used in accordance with the Directive of the Commission shall be returned forthwith. Supported by John Sledge. **Motion carried.**

**Living Independence for Everyone:**

Living Independence for Everyone requested \$405,064.93 for fiscal year 2008. This is a 4.5% increase over the current funding year.

Aleta Jackson motioned to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners to grant the Living Independence for Everyone \$399,965 for fiscal year 2008 with the stipulation that the funds be used only for the specific line items proposed. Transfers from the approved line items are prohibited without the advance written permission of the Commission. Any funds not used in accordance with the Directive of the Commission shall be returned forthwith. Supported by Loyd Sype. **Motion carried.**

**Monroe County Opportunity Program –Grandparents Raising Grandchildren:**

Diane Tackett presenting- The Monroe County Opportunity Program requested \$662 for the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program for fiscal year 2008. This is a new request to secure the Area Agency on Aging 1-B grant. The program would educate grandparents and all the dollars budgeted are to directly assist the clients.

Noel Dentner motioned to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners to grant the Monroe County Opportunity Program \$370 for the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program for fiscal year 2008 with the stipulation that the funds be used only for the specific line items proposed. Transfers from the approved line items are prohibited without the advance written permission of the Commission. Any funds not used in accordance with the Directive of the Commission shall be returned forthwith. Supported by Aleta Jackson. **Motion carried.**

**Monroe County Opportunity Program – Prevention of Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation:**

The Monroe County Opportunity Program requested \$990 for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation program for fiscal year 2008. This is a new program request to secure the Area Agency on Aging 1-B grant. The program would educate the homecare workers on how to recognize abuse, neglect, and exploitation. In the future, they plan to expand the education to other homecare agencies.

However, the contract was not awarded to them by Area Agency on Aging 1-B, so there is no match required.

**Monroe County Opportunity Program – Resource Advocacy:**

The Monroe County Opportunity Program requested \$100,616 for Resource Advocacy for budget year 2008. This is an 18% increase over fiscal year 2007. Majority of the funds are budgeted toward a new resource advocates salaries and fringe, with the remaining increase budgeted for the audit.

Aleta Jackson motioned to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners to grant the Monroe County Opportunity Program \$99,316 for the Resource Advocacy program for fiscal year 2008 with the stipulation that the funds be used only for the specific line items proposed. Transfers from the approved line items are prohibited without the advance written permission of the Commission. Any funds not used in accordance with the Directive of the Commission shall be returned forthwith. Supported by Loyd Sype. **Motion carried.**

**Monroe County Opportunity Program – Home Chore:**

The Monroe County Opportunity Program requested \$108,640 for the Home Chore program for calendar year 2008. This is a 5% increase over fiscal year 2007. The budgeted amount is for the operational portion of the program.

Aleta Jackson motioned to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners to grant the Monroe County Opportunity Program \$107,740 for the Home Chore program for fiscal year 2008 with the stipulation that the funds be used only for the specific line items proposed. Transfers from the approved line items are prohibited without the advance written permission of the Commission. Any funds not used in accordance with the Directive of the Commission shall be returned forthwith. Supported by John Sledge. **Motion carried.**

**Monroe County Opportunity Program – Home Injury Control:**

The Monroe County Opportunity Program requested \$3,649 for the Home Injury Control program for calendar year 2008. This is a match request only to secure the Area Agency on Aging 1-B grant.

Noel Dentner motioned to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners to grant the Monroe County Opportunity Program \$3,649 for the Home Injury Program for fiscal year 2008 with the stipulation that the funds be used only for the specific line items proposed. Transfers from the approved line items are prohibited without the advance written permission of the Commission. Any funds not used in accordance with the Directive of the Commission shall be returned forthwith. Supported by Aleta Jackson. **Motion carried.**

**Monroe County Opportunity Program – Temporary Ramps:**

The Monroe County Opportunity Program requested \$52,000 for the Temporary Ramp program for fiscal year 2008. This is a 60% increase over fiscal year 2007. The additional funds are budgeted strictly to purchase more parts and install eight (8) more ramps.

Aleta Jackson motioned to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners to grant the Monroe County Opportunity Program \$52,000 for the Temporary Ramp Program and remaining under a fee-for-service contract for fiscal year 2008 with the stipulation that the funds be used only for the specific line items proposed. Transfers from the approved line items are prohibited without the advance written permission of the Commission. Any funds not used in accordance with the Directive of the Commission shall be returned forthwith. Supported by Loyd Sype. **Motion carried**

**Monroe County Opportunity Program – Unmet Emergency Needs:**

Diane Tackett presenting- The Monroe County Opportunity Program requested \$15,295 for the Unmet Needs program for fiscal year 2008. This is a 5% increase over fiscal year 2007. The program served forty-four (44) unduplicated clients with medications, electric shut-offs, air conditioner repairs and furnace repairs during fiscal year 2007.

Aleta Jackson motioned to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners to grant the Monroe County Opportunity Program \$15,295 for the Unmet Emergency Needs program for fiscal year 2008 with the stipulation that the funds be used only for the specific line items proposed. Transfers from the approved line items are prohibited without the advance written permission of the Commission. Any funds not used in accordance with the Directive of the Commission shall be returned forthwith. Supported by Loyd Sype. **Motion carried**

**Monroe County Opportunity Program –Emergency Fuel:**

The Monroe County Opportunity Program requested \$38,500 for the Emergency Fuel Assistance program for fiscal year 2008. This is a 16% increase over fiscal year 2007. Clients in this program are encouraged to contribute towards their fuel assistance.

Aleta Jackson motioned to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners to grant the Monroe County Opportunity Program \$38,500 for the Emergency Fuel Assistance program for fiscal year 2008 with the stipulation that the funds be used only for the specific line items proposed. Transfers from the approved line items are prohibited without the advance written permission of the Commission. Any funds not used in accordance with the Directive of the Commission shall be returned forthwith. Supported by Loyd Sype. **Motion carried**

**Monroe County Opportunity Program – Commodities Supplemental Food Program:**

Linda Emerson presenting- The Monroe County Opportunity Program requested \$38,175 for the Commodity Supplemental Food program for calendar year 2008. This is a 4.9% increase over the current fiscal year.

Aleta Jackson motioned to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners to grant the Monroe County Opportunity Program \$37,794 for the Commodities Supplemental Food Program for fiscal year 2008 with the stipulation that the funds be used only for the specific line items proposed. Transfers from the approved line items are prohibited without the advance written permission of the Commission. Any funds not used in accordance with the Directive of the Commission shall be returned forthwith. Supported by Noel Dentner. **Motion carried**

**Monroe County Opportunity Program – Specialized Transportation:**

The Monroe County Opportunity Program requested \$66,330 for the Special Transportation program for calendar year 2008. This is a 4.9% increase over fiscal year 2007. Eighty percent (80%) of this program is private pay.

Aleta Jackson motioned to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners to grant the Monroe County Opportunity Program \$65,690 for the Specialized Transportation program for fiscal year 2008 with the stipulation that the funds be used only for the specific line items proposed. Transfers from the approved line items are prohibited without the advance written permission of the Commission. Any funds not used in accordance with the Directive of the Commission shall be returned forthwith. Supported by Loyd Sype. **Motion carried**

**Monroe County Opportunity Program – Medication Management:**

Janet Crego presenting- The Monroe County Opportunity Program requested \$46,800 for the Medication Management program for fiscal year 2008. This is a new program request targeting twenty (20) low-income, frail seniors.

The Commission tabled the Medication Management request until the full board is in attendance to vote on the program.

**Monroe County Opportunity Program – Home Care Services:**

The Monroe County Opportunity Program requested \$59,500 for the Home Care Services program for fiscal year 2008. They are also requesting that this be full fee-for-service in instead of cost share as in 2007.

Aleta Jackson motioned to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners to grant the Monroe County Opportunity Program \$58,805 for Home Care Services for fiscal year 2008 with the stipulation that the funds be used only for the specific line items proposed. Transfers from the approved line items are prohibited without the advance written permission of the Commission. Any funds not used in accordance with the Directive of the Commission shall be returned forthwith. Supported by Loyd Sype. **Motion carried**

**The Monroe Center 2007 Funding Reinstatement:**

John Sledge expressed his desire to table the reinstatement of the third position for the Monroe Center Healthy Aging Alliance program.

Noel Dentner motioned to reinstate the \$8,656.00 to the Monroe Center for the 2007 third position for the Healthy Aging Alliance program with the stipulation that the funds be used only for the specific line items proposed. Transfers from the approved line items are prohibited without the advance written permission of the Commission. Any funds not used in accordance with the Directive of the Commission shall be returned forthwith. Supported by Aleta Jackson.

**Motion carried.**

**Commission Members' Time:**

No commission member addressed the full commission at this time.

**Public Time:**

No public addressed the Commission at this time.

The next regular board meeting will be on September 12, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at the Frenchtown Senior Citizens Center, 2786 Vivian Road, Monroe, MI.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn by Noel Dentner, supported by Loyd Sype. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

*Vicky L. Terrasi*

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Recording Secretary