

## Monroe County Commission on Aging

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### Monroe County Commission on Aging Budget Hearing Minutes July 27, 2006 Commission on Aging Conference Room

Chairman Martin Kaufman called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

**Member's Present:** Noel Dentner, Nancy Hamman, Paul Iacoangeli, Martin Kaufman, Paul Simonton, John Sledge Gerald Stone, and Loyd Sype.

**Member Excused:** Aleta Jackson

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

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Noel Dentner motioned to approve the July 27, 2006 agenda as presented. Supported by John Sledge. **Motion carried.**

**Public Time:** No public present.

The following Budget Hearings were held:

**Ash Seniors:**

Mary Walker and Rita Sanders presenting- The Ash Seniors requested \$23,350 for budget year 2007. This is a 9% increase over fiscal year 2006. There has been a 6% decrease in meals but a 2% increase in membership over the same period last year. The VFW has raised their rent due to recent renovations and the center is looking at the possibility of moving.

**Berlin Seniors:** Richard Springstead presenting- The Berlin Seniors requested \$11,880 for calendar year 2007. This is a 1% increase over fiscal year 2006. There has been a 2% reduction in membership and a 3% decrease in meals from last year. The increased request is to cover the mileage expenses of the director, which is due to the rising cost of fuel.

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

Stephanie Kasprzak and Diane Tackett presenting- The Monroe County Opportunity Program requested \$103,468 for the Home Chore program for calendar year 2007. This is a 3% increase over fiscal year 2006. The program has seen a 26% increase in clients served in the same period as last year.

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

Stephanie Kasprzak and Diane Tackett presenting- The Monroe County Opportunity Program requested \$4,526 for the Home Injury Control program for calendar year 2007. The program has seen a 25% increase in clients served in the same period as last year. This is a match request only to secure the Area Agency on Aging 1-B grant.

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

Stephanie Kasprzak and Diane Tackett presenting- - The Monroe County Opportunity Program requested \$93,998 for Resource Advocacy for budget year 2007. This is a 36% increase over fiscal year 2006. Requesting funds to increase one of the part-time personnel to full-time.

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

Stephanie Kasprzak and Diane Tackett presenting- - The Monroe County Opportunity Program requested \$14,565 for the Unmet Needs program for fiscal year 2007. This is a 27% increase over fiscal year 2006. The program has seen a 20% decrease in clients served over the same period last year.

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

Stephanie Kasprzak and Diane Tackett presenting- - The Monroe County Opportunity Program requested \$36,960 for the Emergency Fuel Assistance program for fiscal year 2007. This is a 23% increase over fiscal year 2006. Clients in this program are encouraged to contribute towards their fuel assistance.

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

Stephanie Kasprzak and Diane Tackett presenting- - The Monroe County Opportunity Program requested \$32,500 for the Temporary Ramp program for fiscal year 2007. This is an 11% reduction over fiscal year 2006. The program has seen an increase of 120% in ramps installed over the same period last year.

**Commission Member’s Time:**

Paul Simonton commented on the Toledo Blade article regarding the Area Agency on Aging 1-B Multi Year Plan Proposal that was on the Monroe County Board of Commissioners July 25, 2006 agenda for approval.

Loyd Sype commented that recently has have been receiving calls fro the Toledo Blade and thinks that they maybe trying to get information from him on the plan too.

Nancy Hamman commented that she contacted Aaron Simonton to apologize and was surprised that the Commissioners in the Bedford and Frenchtown areas supported the plan.

**Public Time:** No public present.

Motion to adjourn by Paul Simonton, supported by Gerald Stone. **Motion carried.**  
Meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

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Vicky Ferrasi, Recording Secretary