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Monroe County Commission on Aging  
Budget Workshop Minutes  
September 15, 2009  
Commission on Aging Conference Room

Gerald Stone

Chairman Martin Kaufman called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

**Members present:** Noel Dentner, Bruce Freimark, Richard Gunn, Nancy Hamman, Aleta Jackson, Martin Kaufman, Paul Simonton, John Sledge, and Gerald Stone.

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

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

Aleta Jackson made a motion to approve the September 15, 2009 Budget Workshop Agenda as presented. Supported by Noel Dentner. **Motion carried.**

#### **Guests Present:**

No guests were present at this time.

#### **Public Time:**

No public was present at this time.

#### **Commission Members' Time:**

Paul Simonton reported that they installed a ramp over the week and took a ramp down in Kimberly Estates giving them more parts to put together another ramp.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

##### **A. 2010 Budget Application Discussion:**

Ms. Hamad commented that after she spoke with Mike Wolford, the County Equalization Director, she prepared a revised 2010 Estimated Revenue sheet that reflects a six percent decrease in revenue being collected than originally estimated for 2010.

During their conversation, Mr. Wolford stated that based on what they are seeing with their equalization assessments, the properties that were drawing in more taxable value in revenue for the county has started to drop as well. When they did the apportionment, which the commission based their revenue on in July 2009, it was at a three percent decrease, and now that they have settled the CPI with the State, it is a four to six percent decrease in revenue being collected for 2010.

Ms. Hamad commented that rather than put money out that the commission might not have she rolled back the estimated revenue six percent. The rollback of the six percent decrease from the previous estimated revenue of \$3,077,820.66 presented in July is \$92,334.62, leaving the new estimated revenue at \$2,985,486.

The current 2009 budget is \$3,468,490.00 if nothing changes. With the 2010 requests at \$3,391,636.00, this does not leave the commission room to make modifications in fiscal year 2010.

Ms. Hamad presented and reviewed with the board, the 2009 allocation vs. the 2010 request comparison spreadsheet, which includes a recommendation to the County Board of Commissioners for approval for year 2010.

The commission discussed the decrease in estimated revenue and the 2009 allocation vs. the 2010 request comparison spreadsheets presented, and decided that this is a pivotal time to put as many agencies/programs on fee-for-service.

Nancy Hamman commented that the commission might need to look at combining agencies that provide the same or similar programming to control cost.

Paul Simonton commented that he would like the Milan Seniors Transit request for \$3,000.00 be included in the recommendation for transportation in that area since they went out and obtained vans to transport their area residents. With the cuts to Lake Erie Transit, the commission is trying to encourage the outlying areas to help build a transportation system in their areas.

Paul Simonton made a motion to adopt and recommend to the County Board of Commissioners the 2010 recommended budget of \$3,362,280.00. Supported by Nancy Hamman.

Ms. Hamad commented that Prescription Assistance is underutilized and could be reduced from \$10,000.00 to \$5,000.00. This would allow the commission to allocate \$3,000.00 to the Milan Seniors for transportation that would not affect the bottom line with the remaining \$2,000.00 falling into fund balance.

Aleta Jackson commented that her concern is that the commission is going to cut Lake Erie Transit, which means the Dundee area is going to lose their service, and we are going to add it to Milan.

Paul Simonton made a motion to amend his previous motion to adopt and to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners a 2010 recommendation for \$3,362,280.00. That includes reducing the COA Prescription Assistance from \$10,000.00 to \$5,000.00 and fund the Milan Seniors Transit for \$3,000.00, with the remaining \$2,000.00 into fund balance. 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 Nancy Hamman.

Ms. Hamad commented that she is extremely concerned and wanted to make the commission aware that there is a possibility that the Ash Seniors might not receive their \$5,000.00 allocation from Ash Township that they use to purchase their raw food. Additionally, if the township promises it to them for next year and does not give it to them they are already going to be in a deficit.

John Sledge commented that Ash Township already allocated and put the \$5,000.00 in their budget in April for the Ash Seniors. Someone from the center just needs to go pick up the check from the township.

*Recommendations to the County Board of Commissioners for final approval for fiscal year 2010 for the following 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.*

- **Deaf & Hearing Impaired Services**  
\$23,855.00 *under a fee-for-service contract*
- **Berlin Seniors**  
\$13,134.00
- **Monroe Center for Healthy Aging**  
\$305,575.00
- **Monroe Cancer Connection - Transportation**  
\$5,000.00 *under a fee-for-service contract*
- **Monroe County Health Department - Diabetes Education**  
\$ 25,017.00 *under a fee-for-service contract*
- **Monroe Foster Grandparents Program**  
\$17,666.00 *under a fee-for-service contract*
- **Bedford Health Van**  
\$35,393.00 *using a fee-for-service model*
- **Bedford Senior Center**  
\$195,752.00
- **RSVP of Monroe County**  
\$126,861.00 *using a fee-for-service model*
- **Milan Senior Center**  
\$23,000.00
- **Milan Seniors Transit**  
\$ 3,000.00 *under a fee-for-service contract*
- **Monroe County Opportunity Program – Resource Advocacy**  
\$1116,306.00 *under fee-for-service contracts*
- **Monroe County Opportunity Program - Emergency Needs**  
\$15,295.00 *under fee-for-service contracts*
- **Monroe County Opportunity Program - Fuel Assistance**  
\$40,725.00 *under fee-for-service contracts*
- **Monroe County Opportunity Program - Commodities Supplemental Food Program**  
\$37,794.00 *under fee-for-service contracts*
- **Monroe County Opportunity Program - Home Chore**  
\$113,160.00 *under fee-for-service contracts*
- **Monroe County Opportunity Program - Home Injury Control**  
\$3,649.00 *under fee-for-service contracts*
- **Monroe County Opportunity Program - Home Care**  
\$59,581.00 *under fee-for-service contracts*
- **Monroe County Opportunity Program - Specialized Transportation**  
\$68,465.00 *under fee-for-service contracts*
- **Monroe County Opportunity Program - Temporary Ramps**  
\$52,000.00 *under fee-for-service contracts*

- **Lake Erie Transit Commission - Essential Transportation Service**  
\$179,447.00 *under a fee-for-service contract*
- **Area Agency on Aging 1-B - Administrative Match**  
\$14,247.00
- **Area Agency on Aging 1-B - Monroe County Direct Service Purchase**  
\$203,000.00
- **Living Independence for Everyone**  
\$409,945.00
- **Home Instead Senior Care - Home Companion/Personal Care**  
\$20,000.00 *under a fee-for-service contract*
- **Dundee Senior Center**  
\$162,621.00
- **Frenchtown Senior Center**  
\$175,442.00
- **Frenchtown Friendship Club - Adult Day Services**  
\$21,894.00 *under a fee-for-service contract*
- **Faith in Action for Monroe County**  
\$27,618.00 *under a fee-for-service contract*
- **Self & Family Behavioral Health Care – Senior Counseling**  
\$15,050.00 *under a fee-for-service contract*
- **Ash Seniors**  
\$21,788.00
- **Prescription Assistance**  
\$5,000.00
- **COA Transfer Out General**  
\$350,000.00
- **General Contingency**  
\$75,000.00
- **Restricted Contingency**  
\$150,000.00
- **Senior Legal Services Account**  
\$250,000.00 *under a fee-for-service contract*

**Roll call:**

Noel Dentner – Yes  
Richard Gunn – Yes  
Gerald Stone – Yes

Paul Simonton – Yes  
John Sledge – Yes  
Martin Kaufman – Yes

Nancy Hamman – Yes  
Bruck Freimark – Yes  
Aleta Jackson – No

**Motion carried.**

Ms. Hamad commented on the correspondence she received from the Monroe Center for Healthy Aging and the Bedford Senior Center that addresses the commission's concerns on what the meal count was at their centers. In addition, Barbara Mazur, Director of the Frenchtown Senior Center stated that the meals from Living Independence for Everyone are reflected in their total unit count because they provide a place for them to have the meals.

Aleta Jackson commented that there needs to be consistency.

Ms. Hamad commented that she has told them that if Living Independence for everyone counts the meals they are not to count them.

Ms. Jackson commented that if Living Independence for Everyone and the Frenchtown Senior Center count the meals, they are being counted twice. She recommended a letter be sent to the Frenchtown Senior Center strongly recommending that they track those units in PeerPlace, but not count them in the Commission on Aging figures.

**New Business:**

No new business conducted at this time

**Public Time:**

No public was present at this time.

**Adjournment:**

Nancy Hamman made a motion to adjourn. Supported by Paul Simonton. **Motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the Monroe County Commission on Aging Conference Room, 29 Washington Street, Monroe, MI 48161.

*Vicky L. Terrasi*

Vicky L. Terrasi, Recording Secretary