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Monroe County Commission on Aging Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes November 05, 2008 Monroe County Commission on Aging Conference Room

Chairman Martin Kaufman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Members present: Noel Dentner, Bruce Freimark, Nancy Hamman, Aleta Jackson, Martin Kaufman, John Sledge, Gerald Stone and Loyd Sype.

Member absent: Paul Simonton

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

Approval of the Agenda:

Nancy Hamman motioned to approve the November 05, 2008 agenda as presented. Supported by Aleta Jackson. **Motion carried.**

Guest Present:

No guest present.

Public Time:

No public present at this time.

Ms. Hamad distributed and reviewed with the board a spreadsheet showing the Monroe County Commission on Aging current 2009 recommendations to the County Board of Commissioners as well as the post appeals.

The 2009 Budget Discussion:

Bedford Senior Center:

Initial Request:	\$195,752.00
COA Recommendation:	\$175,681.00
Appeal Request:	\$ 20,071.00

Nancy Hamman motioned to approve the appeal request of \$20,071.00 and to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners to grant the Bedford Senior Citizens Center \$195,752.00 for fiscal year 2009 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.

Roll call:

Bruce Freimark- Yes	John Sledge – No	Loyd Sype – Yes
Aleta Jackson – Yes	Gerald Stone – No	Nancy Hamman –Yes
Noel Dentner – Yes	Martin Kaufman – No	Motion carried.

Lake Erie Transit Commission:

Initial Request:	\$185,381.00
COA Recommendation:	\$179,447.00
Appeal Request:	\$ 0.00

Eliminating Wednesdays on the Bedford-Ida run to manage within the recommended funding of a \$5934.00 reduction.

Noel Dentner motioned to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners to grant the Lake Erie Transit Commission \$179,447 for fiscal year 2009 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 Bruce Freimark.

Roll call:

John Sledge – Yes	Loyd Sype – Yes	Aleta Jackson – Yes
Gerald Stone – Yes	Nancy Hamman –Yes	Noel Dentner – Yes
Martin Kaufman – Yes	Bruce Freimark- Yes	Motion carried.

Monroe County Opportunity Program-Resource Advocacy:

Initial Request:	\$118,672.00
COA Recommendation:	\$ 99,316.00
Appeal Request:	\$ 16,990.00

Gerald Stone motioned to approve the appeal request of \$16,990.00 and to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners the Monroe County Opportunity Program \$116,306.00 for the Resource Advocacy program and remain under a fee-for-service contract for fiscal year 2009 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.

Roll call:

Loyd Sype – Yes	Aleta Jackson – Yes	Gerald Stone – Yes
Nancy Hamman –Yes	Noel Dentner – Yes	Martin Kaufman – Yes
Bruce Freimark- Yes	John Sledge – Yes	Motion carried.

Monroe County Opportunity Program-Home Chore

Initial Request:	\$115,360.00
COA Recommendation:	\$107,840.00
Appeal Request:	\$ 5,320.00

Gerald Stone motioned to approve the appeal request of \$5,320.00 and to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners to grant the Monroe County Opportunity Program \$113,160.00 for the Home Chore program and remain under a fee-for-service contract for fiscal year 2009 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.

Roll call:

Aleta Jackson – Yes	Gerald Stone – Yes	Nancy Hamman –Yes
Noel Dentner – Yes	Martin Kaufman – Yes	Bruce Freimark- Yes
John Sledge – Yes	Loyd Sype – Yes	Motion carried.

Living Independence for Everyone:

Initial Request:	\$444,013.28
COA Recommendation:	\$401,351.00
Appeal Request:	\$ 8,594.00

Noel Dentner motioned to approve the appeal request of \$8,594.00 and to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners to grant the Living Independence for Everyone \$409,945.00 for fiscal year 2009 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.

Roll call:

Gerald Stone – Yes	Nancy Hamman –Yes	Noel Dentner – Yes
Martin Kaufman – Yes	Bruce Freimark- Yes	John Sledge – Yes
Loyd Sype – Yes	Aleta Jackson – Yes	Motion carried.

Milan Senior Center:

Initial Request:	\$64,784.00
COA Recommendation:	\$18,659.00
Appeal Request:	\$ 21,515.00

Loyd Sype motioned to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners the current recommendation of \$18,659.00. Motion failed due to lack of support.

Noel Dentner motioned to grant an additional \$5,000.00 and to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners to grant the Milan Senior Citizens Center \$23,659.00 for fiscal year 2009 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.

Roll call:

Nancy Hamman –Yes	Noel Dentner – Yes	Martin Kaufman – Yes
Bruce Freimark- Yes	John Sledge – Yes	Loyd Sype – No
Aleta Jackson – No	Gerald Stone – No	Motion carried.

The Monroe Center for Healthy Aging:

Initial Request: \$421,783.00
COA Recommendation: \$ 339,831.00
Program Adjustment Request: \$ 307,136.00

Nancy Hamman motioned to approve the program adjustment request and to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners to grant the Monroe Center \$307,136.00 for fiscal year 2009 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 Bruce Freimark.

Roll call:

Noel Dentner – Yes Martin Kaufman – Yes Bruce Freimark- Yes
John Sledge – No Loyd Sype – Yes Aleta Jackson – Yes
Gerald Stone – No Nancy Hamman –Yes **Motion carried.**

The Monroe Cancer Connection:

Initial Request: \$25,938.00
COA Recommendation: \$ 4,000.00
Program Adjustment Request: \$11,450.00

John Sledge motioned to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners to grant the Monroe Center \$5,000 for fiscal year 2009 for the Cancer Connection Transportation 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 Gerald Stone.

Roll call:

Martin Kaufman – Yes Bruce Freimark- Yes John Sledge – Yes
Loyd Sype – No Aleta Jackson – No Gerald Stone – Yes
Nancy Hamman –Yes Noel Dentner – Yes **Motion carried.**

Monroe County Senior Legal Services:

Initial Request: \$284,210.00
COA Recommendation: \$ 0.00
Appeal Request: \$284,210.00

The commission reviewed a letter sent by Ms. Hamad to Mr. VanWasshenova with the commission’s concerns about the details outlined in the “Legal Assistance” document. And, based on those concerns, the commission is continuing to recommend \$0 in funding for the Monroe County Senior Legal Services for fiscal year 2009.

Chairman Martin Kaufman and Terri Hamad will meet with Mr. VanWasshenova to work with him on the “Legal Assistance” document.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Monroe County:

Initial Request: \$126,861.00
COA Recommendation: \$126,552.00

Appeal Request: \$ 309.00

Loyd Sype motioned to approve the appeal request of \$309.00 and to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners to grant RSVP the request of \$126,861.00 for fiscal year 2009 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 Gerald Stone.

Roll call:

Bruce Freimark- Yes	John Sledge – Yes	Loyd Sype – Yes
Aleta Jackson – Yes	Gerald Stone – Yes	Nancy Hamman –Yes
Noel Dentner – Yes	Martin Kaufman – Yes	Motion carried.

Monroe County Health Department-Diabetic Education:

Initial Request:	\$25,956.00
COA Recommendation:	\$ 0.00
Appeal Request:	\$25,956.00

The commission discussed how the program is ineffective and decided that they need to rethink how they are delivering their service in the community.

Aleta Jackson motioned to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners to grant the Monroe County Health Department \$25,017.00 the 2008 allocation for fiscal year 2009 for Diabetic Education 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.

Roll call:

John Sledge – No	Loyd Sype – Yes	Aleta Jackson – Yes
Gerald Stone – No	Nancy Hamman –No	Noel Dentner – No
Martin Kaufman – No	Bruce Freimark- No	Motion failed.

The Commission directed Ms. Hamad to meet with Rebecca Head to discuss the commission’s concerns on the delivery of the program in the community.

Discussion took place regarding future funding for the Monroe County Health Department’s Diabetic Education and the Monroe County Senior Legal Services and it was decided to transfer the requested amount of \$310,166.00 from both agencies into general contingency putting the account at \$460,166.00.

Gerald Stone motioned to add funding for the Monroe County Health Department’s Diabetic Education and the Monroe County Senior Legal Services in the requested amount of \$310,166.00 from both agencies into general contingency putting the account at \$460,166.00.

Roll call:

John Sledge – Yes	Loyd Sype – Yes	Aleta Jackson – Yes
Gerald Stone – Yes	Nancy Hamman –Yes	Noel Dentner – Yes
Martin Kaufman – Yes	Bruce Freimark- Yes	Motion carried.

Commission Members' Time:

Bruce Freimark announced that on November 11, 2008 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. the Rendezvous Coffee House is hosting a free concert to benefit Homeless Awareness Week "The Shelter Concert" where he will be playing. The concert is to collect items and monetary donations to keep the homeless warm through the winter months.

Aleta Jackson announced that County Commissioner Floreine Mentel was re-elected.

Ms. Hamad distributed a revised spreadsheet showing the Monroe County Commission on Aging current 2009 recommendations to the County Board of Commissioners as well as the post appeals. The revised recommendation for fiscal year 2009 is \$3,450,155.00 that will be forwarded to the County Board of Commissioners for final approval.

Aleta Jackson motioned to accept the funding recommendation for fiscal year 2009 in the amount of \$3,450,155.00 and forwarded it to the County Board of Commissioners for final approval. Supported by Nancy Hamman.

Roll call:

Loyd Sype – Yes

Aleta Jackson – Yes

Gerald Stone – Yes

Nancy Hamman –Yes

Noel Dentner – Yes

Martin Kaufman – Yes

Bruce Freimark- Yes

John Sledge – Yes

Motion carried.

Public Time:

No public present at this time.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Gerald Stone, supported by Aleta Jackson. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be on November 12, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at the Water Tower Senior Citizens Center, 11345 Harold Drive, Luna Pier, MI 48157.

Vicky L. Terrasi

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Recording Secretary