

**SENIOR SERVICES GRANT COMMISSION (SSGC)
McHenry County Administration Building
667 Ware Road, Conference Room A
Woodstock IL 60098**

MINUTES OF FRIDAY MAY 12, 2006

Vice Chairman Klasen called the meeting to order at 9:52a.m. The following Commission Members were present: Virginia Peschke; Rick Klasen; Don Larson; Anna May Miller; Blake Hobson; Mary Reid; Suzanne Hoban; Catherine Nash; William Markison; Frank Greenwald and Tamara Valentine-Garza., Barbara Wheeler; Lyn Orphal, Sandra Salgado, Mark Shepard, Don Kopsell, and David Harper were absent. Also present: John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator and Executive Director Senior Services: Bette Schoenholtz.

Sandra Salgado, Chairman	
Frank Greenwald	David Harper
Suzanne Hoban	Richard Klasen
Don Kopsell	Don Larson
William Markison	Anna May Miller
Catherine Nash	Lyn Orphal
Virginia Peschke	Mary Reid
Mark Shepherd	Blake Hobson
Tamara Valentine-Garza	

MINUTES

Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Reid to recommend approval of the Senior Services Grant Commission minutes of March 24, 2006 as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

OLD BUSINESS

Presentation of Senior Services Associates Survey Results (not in packet): Ms. Bette Schoenholtz presented committee members a copy of the results of the recently completed McHenry County Senior Survey. The survey was sent to all of the seniors in McHenry County. 4002 responses were received. The study was completed to gain insight into senior services and program needs of seniors in the County. This survey could also be used for proposals for grants to identify senior needs to relieve the economic burden of some services and to prevent institutionalization. Commission members suggested the survey be broken down further by removing data from the age group of 60-64. This would help to highlight where the greatest needs exists. They also suggested a break down by all age groups. They also questioned whether the services that are being requested are available, but, not being serviced. Committee members requested the survey be sent to townships, municipalities, villages and social service agencies. Commission members thanked Ms. Shoeholtz for this survey.

Ms. Miller left committee at 11:00a.m.

Consideration of additional funding for the Township of Richmond – Richmond Senior Transportation Program: Commission members reviewed a request for additional funding for the Senior Transportation Program for the Township of Richmond. Ms. Tamara Valentine-Garza stated that the original grant was used to purchase a van for the program and additional funding is needed to run the program. After review, Ms. Peschke made a motion, seconded by Ms. Reid to recommend approval of an additional \$27,000 grant funding for the Township of Richmond for their Senior Transportation Program. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Peschke, Klasen, Larson, Hobson, Reid, Hoban, Nash, Markison, Greenwald) Ms. Valentine-Garza abstained.

Ms. Hoban left committee at 11:05a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Schedule and Application for Senior Services Grant for the 2007 Funding Round: Commission members reviewed the proposed time line of activities for the Senior Services Grant program for FY2007. Mr. Labaj reported that the time line has been moved forward 1 month to allow for approval prior to the December 1st date for the new budgets. Commission members stated they would like to see more advertising notifying

agencies that these grant funds are available. They noted the need to have a program where people could be paid to perform specific tasks as needed by the seniors. They stated this would fill the gap between services currently being offered. They noted the need to offer services to seniors who make too much money to qualify for some of the agency programs.

Mr. Markison left committee at 11:20a.m.

Commission members were informed that there would not be a June meeting. They suggested that set meeting times be set for the next year. This would prevent any confusion of meeting times making it hard to get a quorum. The next meeting has been scheduled for August 4th with a suggestion that the commission meet bi-monthly.

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, Ms. Peschke made a motion, seconded by Ms. Valentine-Garza, to adjourn the meeting at 11:22a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

Recommend additional funding for Richmond Township Senior Bus Program