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## DeKalb County Government Sycamore, Illinois

# Health & Human Services Committee Minutes April 6, 2015

The Health and Human Services Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, April 6, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East. Chairman Haji-Sheikh called the meeting to order and those Committee Members present were Ms. Askins, Ms. Little, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Whelan. All six members were present.

Others presents were Mr. Donna Moulton, Ms. Cynthia Worsley from Fox Valley Older Adult Services, Mr. Michael Neumann from Hope Have of DeKalb County, Ms. Maureen Gerrity and Ms. Sarah Davis from Barb City Manor Retirement Home, Mr. Rob Shipman from Opportunity House, Inc., Ms. Tara Culotta from Elder Care Service, and Mr. Tom Zucker and Ms. Ellen Rogers from Voluntary Action Center.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Whelan, seconded by Ms. Little and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from March 2, 2015.

#### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Ms. Little, seconded by Mr. Whelan, and it was carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

#### **CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Chairman Haji-Sheikh made an announcement to the Committee regarding a notice for a City of DeKalb / DeKalb County Public Hearing. The City of DeKalb and DeKalb County are seeking to use IDOT Capital Grant Program funding to begin preliminary engineering, environmental planning, and initial site work for the construction of a new transit facility. The site for the new facility shall be located between Barber Green Road and County Farm Road and between The DeKalb County Highway Department (1826 Barber Greene Rd) and Tails Humane Society (2250 Barber Greene Rd). The size of the parcel is approximately nine acres.

• Date: Monday, April 27, 2015

• Time: 6:00 p.m.

• Room: City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor

• Place: City of DeKalb Municipal Building, 200 South Fourth Street, DeKalb, IL 60115

## SENIOR SERVICES TAX LEVY PROCESS

Ms. Donna Moulton noted to the Committee Members that there are more funds being requested of them than they have to allocate and unfortunately that is a trend that has happened for several years now. Ms. Moulton continued to explain the Senior Services Tax Levy allocation process to the Committee. Each interview will take about 15 minutes and she encouraged members to ask any questions they may have to the agency representatives. The whole purpose of the allocations is to avoid the premature institutionalization of Senior Citizens. The Committee Member's job is to determine where the funds should be allocated to in order to provide the best outcome for the Community.

# SENIOR TAX LEVY HEARINGS

Agency	Request	Service Provided
Fox Valley Older Adult Services	\$77,948.00	Adult Day Service & In Home Service
Hope Haven of DeKalb County, Inc.	\$17,503	Case Management
Barb City Manor Retirement Home	\$13,260.00	Affordable Housing
Opportunity House, Inc.	\$34,400.00	Activities & Support to Senior with Disabilities in Developmental Training
Elder Care Services	\$70,000	Elder Abuse, Neglect & Financial Exploitation Investigation, Care Coordination Services
Voluntary Action Center	\$165,000  \$55,000	Meals on Wheels Transportation

<sup>\*</sup>Please note that all applications are on file in the DeKalb County Administration Office and the Community Action Department.

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# PUBLIC HEARING ON CONSOLIDATED VEHICLE PROCUREMENT It was moved by Ms. Askins, seconded by Mr. Porterfield and it carried unanimously by voice vote to ending into a Public Hearing on Consolidated Vehicle Procurement.

Mr. Tom Zucker explained to the Committee that almost every year the Illinois Department of Transportation makes the Consolidated Vehicle Procurement Program grant available. The program replaces vehicles that they have provided through the same program when those vehicles meet certain replacement criteria. The County owns a fleet of 20 paratransit vehicles that the Voluntary Action Center (VAC) operates for transportation in the rural parts of the County.

Mr. Zucker continued that it has been a few years since they have requested to replace any of their paratransit vehicles because the fleet has been pretty strong. They are now at the point where they have six vehicles that meeting the IDOT criteria for replacement and so VAC is asking the County Board to pass a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to execute an application on behalf of DeKalb County to the Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation, Department of Transportation, State of Illinois, for a financial assistance grant under the Illinois Department of Transportation's general authority to make such Grants, for the purpose of offsetting certain public transportation facility capital costs of DeKalb County.

It was moved by Ms. Askins, seconded by Mr. Porterfield and it was moved unanimously by voice vote to close the Public Health on Consolidated Vehicle Procurement.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL ASSISTANCE GRANT RESOLTUION Mr. Porterfield moved and Ms. Askins seconded a motion to forward this resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Haji-Sheikh reminded the Committee that their next meeting was next Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. At that meeting they will reconvene the Senior Service Tax Levy as well as discussion the allocation of the funding.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Porterfield, seconded by Mr. Whelan, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Misty Haji-Sheikh, Chairman

Tasha Stogsdill Recording Secretary

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