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# Health & Human Services Committee Minutes Senior Services Tax Levy Part I April 3, 2017

The Health and Human Services Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the west side of the Legislative Center's Gathertorium. Chairperson Little called the meeting to order. Those Member presented included Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Whelan, and Chairman Little. Ms. Askins was absent. A quorum was established.

Others present were Gary Hanson, Jess Collins, Cynthia Worsley and Pati Stephens from Fox Valley Older Adult Services,

Amaris Danak from Prairie State Legal Services, Inc., Dave Miller, Diana King, and a Program Participant from Family Service Agency, Finance Director from Opportunity House, Inc., Debbie Madeley from Kishwaukee Family YMCA, Maureen Gerrity from Barb City Manor Retirement Home, and Sue Doty from KishHealth Systems Hospice.

# APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Porterfield, seconded by Mr. Whelan and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2017 meeting.

# APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Whelan, seconded by Mr. Porterfield and it was carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments made.

# SENIOR SERVICES TAX LEVY PROCESS

Chairperson Little briefly reiterated the Senior Services Tax levy allocation process to the Committee. Each interview is scheduled to take about 15 minutes and she encouraged Members to ask any questions they may have to the agency representatives. She also noted to keep in mind that the purpose of these funds were to avoid the premature institutionalization of Senior Citizen. It is the Committee's job to determine where the tax levy funds should be best allocated in order to provide the best outcome for the Community. The 2017 requested amount from all ten agencies totals \$523,278 and the recommended amount to allocate is \$407,000. The Chair additionally noted that there is roughly an additional \$65-75,000 in reserves that the Committee can decided whether or not they would like to dip into.

# SENIOR SERVICES TAX LEVY HEARINGS

Chairperson Little opened the 2018 Senior Services Tax Levy Hearing at 5:45 p.m. The following agencies presented their 2018 Senior Services Tax Levy Proposals to the Committee:

Agency	Request	Service Provided
Fox Valley Older Adult Services Community Care Program	\$85,161.89	Adult Day Service, In Home Services and Senior Center Activities & Programs
Prairie State Legal Services, Inc.	\$4,200	Legal Services for Older Adults
Family Services Agency	\$60,000	Overall Personal Wellness
Opportunity House, Inc.	\$34,400	Activities & Support to Senior with Disabilities in Developmental Training
Kishwaukee Family YMCA	\$3,634	Personal Wellness – Silver Sneakers Classes for Seniors
Barb City Manor Retirement Home	\$13,260	Affordable Housing
KishHealth System Hospice	\$4,908	Community Caregiver Educ. & End-of-Life Care

<sup>\*</sup>Please note that all Senior Services Tax Levy Proposals are on file in the DeKalb County Administration Office and the DeKalb County Community Action Department and may be made available upon request.

Chairperson Little closed the 2018 Senior Services Tax Levy Hearing at 7:45 p.m.

The Chair reminded the Committee that they will be meeting again next Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East to resume to the rest of the Senior Services Tax Levy Hearing and make their decisions regarding the allocation of the funds.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Little, Chairperson

Tasha Sims, Recording Secretary

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