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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**Health & Human Services Committee Minutes  
Senior Services Tax Levy Part II  
April 9, 2018**

The Health and Human Services Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, April 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East in Sycamore, Illinois. Chairperson Little called the meeting to order. Those Members present were Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Whelan, and Chair Little. Ms. Askins was absent. A quorum was established with six Members present and one absent.

Others present were Deanna Cada, Lesly Wicks of Hope Haven of DeKalb County, Inc., Tara Russo of Elder Care Services, and Ellen Rogers and Paul LaLonde of Voluntary Action Center.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**SENIOR SERVICES TAX LEVY HEARINGS**

Chairperson Little reopened the FY 2019 Senior Services Tax Levy Hearing at 6:00 p.m. The following agencies presented their 2019 Senior Services Tax Levy Proposals to the Committee:

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Service Provided</b>
Hope Haven of DeKalb County, Inc.	\$19,032	Dresser Court Case Mgmt.
Elder Care Services	\$70,000	Elder Abuse, Neglect & Financial Exploitation Investigation & Care Coordination Services
Voluntary Action Center	\$232,225	Meals on Wheels & Transportation

*\*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 2019 Senior Services Tax Levy Hearing at 6:45 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING: STATE OF ILLINOIS 5311 RURAL/DOWNSTATE OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION**

**Mr. Hughes moved to opened the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m. to hear comments on DeKalb County's intent to submit to the State of Illinois a Section 5311 Rural/Downstate Operating Assistance Grant Application. Mr. Whelan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Voluntary Action Center's Executive Director Ellen Rogers presented herself and spoke in favor of the County submitting the application. She noted that the assistance provided to the residents of DeKalb County though this Grant has proven to be very beneficial.

**No other persons presented themselves for the Public Hearing and Mr. Whelan moved to close the Hearing at 6:50 p.m. and Mrs. Emmer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

**AUTHORIZING TO EXECUTE AND FILE A SECTION 5311 DOWNSTATE OPERATION ASSISTANCE GRANT AGREEMENT**

This application, if approved, provides funding for the County's rural transportation services such as TransVac and MedVac. The County has been applying for these funds for the past fourteen years and these funds are used for services outside the DeKalb/Sycamore/Cortland area. When funds are approved they are passed through the County to the Voluntary Action Center along with all responsibilities and liability. This assistance program combines Federal and State Funds.

**It was moved by Mr. Whelan, seconded by Mr. Reid and it was moved unanimously by voice vote to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending its approval.**

**ACCEPTANCE OF A SPECIAL WARRANTY AS A CONDITION TO RECEIVE SECTION 5311 FUNDS**

When the County applies for Financial Assistance it must also agree to certain conditions. These conditions mainly deal with ensuring that the County would not be in competition with any private transportation service and that union employees of those companies would not be adversely affected by the awarding of the financial assistance.

**It was moved by Mr. Whelan, seconded by Mr. Reid and it was moved unanimously by voice vote to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending its approval.**

**ALLOCATION OF SENIOR SERVICES TAX LEVY FUNDS**

It was reiterated that there was \$533,645 requested from the ten agencies for FY 2019 and that the suggested amount to allocate was about \$396,385, which was a little lower than what the Committee first thought they were going to have to work with. Additionally it was reminded that they had about \$59,000 in unallocated funds that the Committee could decide to dip into if they so choose.

Chairperson Little commented that she really didn't want to see the Committee tap into the unallocated funds if they really didn't have to. She thought it was best to save those funds in the instance that an unexpected emergency may arise.

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The Committee then discussed whether or not they should fund DeKalb County Community Gardens (DCCG) being that they were a new applicant this grant year. It was noted that they were not funded last year and they already have to cut funding without even adding them into the mix.

Ms. Cada added that with the \$396,385 amount, it would take an additional \$9,615 in unallocated funds to bring them to the \$406,000 amount that they originally thought they had to work with.

Additional discussions regarding funding DCCG were ensued and ultimately there was a consensus from the Committee Members to not fund the DCCG this grant year due to the lack of funding they had to work with.

The Committee then agreed to do about a 4% across the board cut for the remaining applicants to try and make the allocation amounts as fair as possible.

Therefore, the following allocations were made to these agencies for FY 2019:

<b>Agency</b>	<b>2018 Allocated</b>	<b>2019 Request</b>	<b>2019 Recommend</b>
Funding Start Date	7/1/2017		7/1/2018
Funding End Date	6/30/2018		6/30/2019
Barb City Manor	\$10,000	\$13,260	\$10,000
DeKalb County Community Gardens	\$0	\$12,500	\$0
Elder Care Services	\$63,000	\$70,000	\$60,500
Family Service Agency	\$58,800	\$60,000	\$56,500
Fox Valley Older Adult Services	\$61,500	83,455	\$59,000
Hope Haven	\$15,400	\$19,032	\$15,000
KishHealth System Hospice			
Powerful Tools for Care Givers Class	\$0	n/a	n/a
Transitions Program	\$0	n/a	n/a
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0
Kishwaukee Family YMCA			
Silver Sneakers to Music & Splash	n/a	\$2,174	n/a
Silver Sneakers Yoga	n/a	\$1,739	n/a
Total	\$2,000	\$3,913	\$1,500

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Opportunity House	\$26,500	\$35,060	\$25,000
Prairie State Legal Services	\$3,200	\$4,200	\$3,000
Voluntary Action Center			
Meals on Wheels	n/a	\$175,000	n/a
Transportation	n/a	\$57,225	n/a
Total	\$182,600	\$232,225	\$175,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$423,000</b>	<b>\$533,645</b>	<b>\$406,000</b>

**It was moved by Mr. Whelan, seconded by Mr. Hughes and it was carried unanimously to forward the suggested allocation amounts for the FY 2019 Senior Services Tax Levy Funds to the full County Board recommending their approval.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved by Mrs. Emmer, seconded by Mr. Reid, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Maureen Little, Chairperson

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Tasha Sims, Recording Secretary

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