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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**Health & Human Services Committee Minutes  
Senior Services Tax Levy Part I  
April 1, 2019**

The Health and Human Services Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Outreach Building's Conference Room West in DeKalb, Illinois. Chairman Porterfield called the meeting to order. Those Members present were Mr. Tim Bagby, Ms. Maureen Little, Ms. Linda Slabon, Mr. Larry West, and Chairman Chris Porterfield. Ms. Rukisha Crawford arrived at 6:30 and Mr. Scott Campbell was absent. A quorum was established.

Others present were Gary Hanson, Deanna Cada, Jeff Whelan, Cynthia Worsley from Fox Valley Older Adult Services, Amaris Danak and Brandy Mutehart from Prairie State legal Services, Inc., Erin Tamms from Family Service Agency, Sheridan Ernst from Kishwaukee Family YMCA, Maureen Gerrity from Barb City Manor Retirement Home, and Dan Kenney from DeKalb County Community Gardens.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**It was moved by Ms. Little, seconded by Ms. Slabon and it was carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**It was moved by Mr. Bagby, seconded by Ms. Slabon and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2019 meeting.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments made.

**SENIOR SERVICES TAX LEVY PROCESS**

There was a brief overview of how the hearings were going to take place for the Senior Service Tax Levy allocations. Each interviewed was scheduled to take 15 minutes and within that time Board Members were encouraged to ask any outstanding questions they may have regarding the request from the agencies. It was reiterated that the purpose of the allocated funds were to avoid the premature institutionalization of Senior Citizens. 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.

Ms. Cada reviewed the financials with the Committee and shared that there was \$507,100 in requests for the grant year running from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 and there was \$405,000 available to allocate. The Committee briefly discussed how much was in reserves that they could utilize but also may not want to use at this time.

**SENIOR SERVICES TAX LEVY HEARINGS**

Chairperson Porterfield opened the FY 2020 Senior Services Tax Levy Hearing at 6:15 p.m. The following agencies presented their FY 2020 Senior Services Tax Levy Proposals to the Committee:

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Service Provided</b>
Fox Valley Older Adult Services Community Care Program	\$68,090	Adult Day Service & In Home Services thru the Community Care Program
Prairie State Legal Services, Inc.	\$5,000	Legal Services for Older Adults
Family Services Agency	\$60,000	Promoting Wellness & Independence
Kishwaukee Family YMCA	\$3,913	Senior Wellness Programs – Silver Sneakers Classes for Seniors
Barb City Manor Retirement Home	\$13,260	Affordable Housing/Rental Assistance
DeKalb County Community Gardens	\$9,415	Community Food Needs/Grow Mobile – Food Distribution

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

Chairperson Little closed the 2020 Senior Services Tax Levy Hearing at 8:00 p.m.

The Committee briefly began discussed their strategies on how they would allocate the funding to the different agencies. The Chair reminded the Committee that they will be meeting again next Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to resume to the rest of the FY 2020 Senior Services Tax Levy Hearing and make their final decisions regarding the allocation of the funds.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved by Mr. West, seconded by Ms. Crawford, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Chris Porterfield, Chairperson

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Tasha Sims, Recording Secretary

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