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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**Health & Human Services Committee Minutes  
Senior Services Tax Levy Part I  
April 4, 2016**

The Health and Human Services Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, April 4, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East. Chairperson Haji-Sheikh called the meeting to order and those Committee Members present were Ms. Little, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Whelan, and Chairperson Haji-Sheikh. Ms. Askins arrived at 5:37 p.m. A quorum was established.

Others present were Gary Hanson, Jeremy Perrotta, Cynthia Worsley and Pati Stephens from Fox Valley Older Adult Services, Amaris Danak and Kathy Bettcher from Prairie State Legal Services, Inc., Dave Miller and Diana King from Family Service Agency, Connie Birsa from Opportunity House, Inc., Debbie Madeley from Kishwaukee Family YMCA, Maureen Gerrity from Barb City Manor Retirement Home, and Sue Doty and Teresa Gobeli 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 7, 2016 meeting with minor corrections.**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Chairperson Haji-Sheikh noted that she would like to add Chairperson's Comments to the agenda following Public Comments.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments made.

**CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS**

Chairperson Haji-Sheikh introduced Intern Jeremy Perrotta. He additionally shared that he currently a student at Northern Illinois University and his major is Civic Engagement Community Leadership, which in takes non-profit management, grant writing, and strategic planning. He hopes to work in local non-profits in the future.

The Chair also wanted to provide a little more information regarding the DeKalb County Solid Waste Program’s CRT TV recycling event that happened Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The DeKalb County Solid Waste Program provided this special CRT TV recycling event on April 2 to offer residents an opportunity to dispose of TVs as local outlets no longer accept them for no charge. Per State law electronics have been banned from the landfill since 2012. It also prohibits residents from being charged unless a premium service is being provided such as curb side collection or a coupon of equal value is offered. Unfortunately the materials in electronics are no longer valuable and there is a cost to recycle. This collection event was estimated to cost the County approximately \$20,000. Unfortunately the day before the event the scheduled vendor cancelled and they needed to find a replacement vendor to collect and transport the TV’s to the recycler. This reduced the amount of labor that was planned for the day. There was an overwhelming response from residents looking to dispose of TVs that could not be anticipated. The plan was to collect approximately 25 tons of TVs based on previous collections, but collected 60 tons before the event was cancelled. In consultation with the City of DeKalb Police Department it was agreed to close the event early due to traffic concerns. There will be a notification to the public regarding future television recycling events when a date is determined.

**SENIOR SERVICES TAX LEVY PROCESS**

Chairperson Haji-Sheikh 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 \$508,906 and the recommended amount to allocate is \$419,000. The Chair additionally noted that there is roughly an additional \$61,000 in reserves that the Committee can decide whether or not they would like to dip into.

**SENIOR SERVICES TAX LEVY HEARINGS**

Chairperson Haji-Sheikh opened the 2017 Senior Services Tax Levy Hearing at 5:45 p.m. The following agencies presented their 2017 Senior Services Tax Levy Proposals to the Committee:

Agency	Request	Service Provided
Fox Valley Older Adult Services Community Care Program	\$70,950	Adult Day Service, In Home Services and Senior Center Activities & Programs
Prairie State Legal Services, Inc.	\$4,200	Legal Services
Family Services Agency	\$60,000	Overall Personal Wellness

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<b>Agency</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Service Provided</b>
Opportunity House, Inc.	\$34,400	Activities & Support to Senior with Disabilities in Developmental Training
Kishwaukee Family YMCA	\$3,634	Personal Wellness
Barb City Manor Retirement Home	\$13,260	Affordable Housing
KishHealth System Hospice	\$2,268 ----- \$2,640	Community Caregiver Educ. ----- End-of-Life Care

*\*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.*

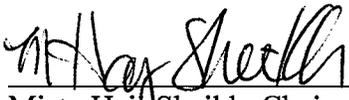
Chairperson Haji-Sheikh closed the 2017 Senior Services Tax Levy Hearing at 7:45 p.m.

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,

  
Misty Haji-Sheikh, Chairperson

  
Tasha Sims, Recording Secretary

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