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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Health & Human Services Committee Minutes
Senior Services Tax Levy Part II
April 12, 2021**

The Health and Human Services Committee of the DeKalb County Board met virtually via Zoom on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Madam Chair Crawford called the meeting to order. Those Members virtually present were Mr. Scott Campbell, Mrs. Karen Cribben, Mr. Bill Cummings, Mr. Neill Mohammad, Ms. Linda Slabon, and Chair Rukisha Crawford. Ms. Maureen Little was absent. A quorum was established with six Members present and one absent.

Others present were Deanna Cada, Vinh Le, Tara Russo of Elder Care Services, Bob Shipman, Carol Parson, and Joanna Ferguson of Opportunity House, Lesly Wicks of Hope Haven of DeKalb County, Inc., and Ellen Rogers, Michael Neuenkirchen, and Leah Jordal of Voluntary Action Center.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Slabon moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Cummings seconded the motion. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Mohammad, Ms. Slabon, and Chair Crawford. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

SENIOR SERVICES TAX LEVY HEARINGS

Chair Crawford reopened the FY 2022 Senior Services Tax Levy Hearing at 6:10 p.m. The following agencies presented their 2022 Senior Services Tax Levy Proposals to the Committee:

Agency	Request	Service Provided
Elder Care Services	\$70,000	Elder Abuse, Neglect & Financial Exploitation Investigation & Care Coordination Services
Opportunity House	\$25,000	Activities & Support to Senior with Disabilities in Developmental Training
Hope Haven of DeKalb County, Inc.	\$20,197	Dresser Court Case Mgmt.
Voluntary Action Center	\$233,225	Meals on Wheels & Transportation

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

Chair Crawford closed the FY2022 Senior Services Tax Levy Hearing at 7:24 p.m.

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

Chair Crawford opened the Public Hearing at 7:25 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.

There were no members of the public present and there were no comments made during the Public Hearing. Chair Crawford closed the Public Hearing at 7:26 p.m.

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FEDERAL 5311 GRANT AGREEMENT

The provision of public transit service is essential to the transportation of persons in the non-urbanized areas. Federal Section 5311 makes funds available to the State of Illinois to help offset certain operating deficits and administrative expenses of a system providing public transit service in non-urbanized areas. The State of Illinois, acting by and through the Illinois Department of Transportation, is authorized by 30ILCS 740/3-1 et seq. to provide the Section 5311 grant. Grants for said funds will impose certain obligations upon the recipient, including the provision by it of the local share of funds necessary to cover costs not covered by funds provided under Section 5311.

The Resolution authorizes and directs the County Administrator to execute and file on half of DeKalb County a Section 5311 Grant Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation, and amend such Agreement, if necessary, in order to obtain grant assistance under the provisions of Section 5311 for fiscal year 2022. It also accepts acknowledges the Acceptance of Special Warranty and understands as a condition of receipt of funds under 49 U.S.C. 5311 funds, that 49 U.S.C. 5311(b) requires fair and equitable arrangement must be made to protect the interest of employees affected by assistance. For FY2022, there is \$372,000 in fund available through the 5311 Grant.

Mr. Cummings moved to forward the Resolution to the full County Board recommending its approval. Mrs. Cribben seconded the motion. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Mohammad, Ms. Slabon, and Chair Crawford. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ALLOCATION OF SENIOR SERVICES TAX LEVY FUNDS

The Committee began by sharing that none of them were ready to make any allocation decisions tonight and wanted to wait until the May Meeting.

Their total FY 2022 allocation amount to work with was \$435,000. It was reminded that in 2019 the Committee decided the following: *"The Committee came to a unanimous consensus that over the next 3-4 years they would implement a Planned Spenddown of their Senior Tax Levy Reserve Fund until their Fund Balance was down to around \$10,000.00. This way the Committee could*

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better fund the applicants in the hopes that more Senior Citizens throughout the County could benefit from the services they provide.”

During discussion, the Committee agreed that the most valuable services needed to keep seniors in their homes was food and shelter. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, social service agencies have been doing all that they can to continue to provide their services. The Committee further discussed utilizing their reserves so that they could allocate more to the agencies.

Mr. Cummings moved to utilize the Senior Tax Levy Reserves between \$20,000 - \$25,000 and to not exceed the amount of \$25,000. Ms. Slabon seconded the motion. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Mohammad, Ms. Slabon, and Chair Crawford. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The new allocation amount for the Committee’s consideration is now between = \$455,000 - \$460,000 and the Committee agreed that over the next month they would work with the numbers and bring their allocation suggestions to the May Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Mr. Mohammad seconded the motion. Those Members voting yea were Those Members voting yea were Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Mohammad, Ms. Slabon, and Chair Crawford. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rukisha Crawford, Chair

Tasha Sims, Recording Secretary