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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Health & Human Services Committee Minutes
Senior Service Tax Levy Hearings – Part I
April 4, 2022**

The Health and Human Services Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Legislative Center's Gathertorium in Sycamore, Illinois. Madam Chair Crawford called the meeting to order. Those Members present were Mrs. Karen Cribben, Mr. Bill Cummings, Ms. Michelle Pickett, Mr. Ellingsworth Webb, and Chair Rukisha Crawford. Those absent were Mr. Scott Campbell and Ms. Maureen Little. A quorum was established with five Members present and two absent.

Others present were Deanna Cada, Jim Hutcheson, Patty Steffens of Fox Valley Older Adult Services, Anne Piron of Prairie State Legal Services, Inc., Jessica Brady of Family Service Agency, Brian Bickner and Kayla Heimerman of Kishwaukee Family YMCA, Maureen Gerrity of Barb City Manor Retirement Home, and Jackie DiNatale of DeKalb County Community Gardens.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Webb, seconded by Mr. Cummings and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2022 Committee Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Jim Hutcheson, South Grove Township, wanted to address some comments that were made at the last County Board Meeting regarding getting rid of highly compensated Nurses (Agency Nurses). Mr. Webb provided some additional clarifications.

SENIOR SERVICES TAX LEVY PROCESS

In April 1997, the voters of the County of DeKalb passed a Resolution to assess a tax of up to .025% of the County's assessed property value for the provision of social services for DeKalb County elderly residents. The resulting funds would be collected and distributed by the DeKalb County Board. Approximate funds available for GY2023 are \$433,400.

There was a brief overview of how the Hearings were going to take place for the Senior Service Tax Levy allocations. Each interview 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 funds were to prevent the unnecessary institutionalization of elderly DeKalb County residents. 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 and to forward their recommendations to the full County Board for approval.

SENIOR SERVICES TAX LEVY HEARINGS

Chair Crawford opened the GY2023 Senior Services Tax Levy Hearing at 6:15 p.m. The following agencies presented their GY2023 Senior Services Tax Levy Proposals to the Committee:

Agency	Request	Service Provided
Fox Valley Older Adult Services d/b/a Fox Valley Community Services	\$75,000	Community Care Program (CCP) Services. including Home Services (HS) and Adult Day Service (ADS)
Prairie State Legal Services, Inc.	\$3,000	Legal Services for Older Adults
Family Service Agency of DeKalb County, Inc	\$60,000	Promoting Wellness & Independence
Kishwaukee Family YMCA	\$4,749	Senior Fitness Programs
Barb City Manor Retirement Home	\$16,200	Affordable Housing/Rental Assistance
DeKalb County Community Gardens	\$17,000	Community Food Needs/Grow Mobile – Food Distribution

**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 GY2023 Senior Services Tax Levy Hearing at 7:41 p.m.

The Chair reminded the Committee that they will be meeting again next Monday, April 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to resume to the rest of the Senior Tax Levy Hearings.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ms. Pickett, seconded by Mr. Cummings, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rukisha Crawford, Chair

Tasha Sims, Recording Secretary