

**EDUCATION, VETERANS AND AGING SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**June 15, 2010**

**Call to Order.** Chair Thomas called the meeting of the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee to order at 4:05 P.M. on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, at the RSVP office. 2433 S. Riverside Drive, Suite B, Beloit.

**Committee Members Present:** Supervisors Thomas, Wopat, Gustina, and Kuznacic.

**Committee Members Absent:** Supervisor Innis.

**Staff Members Present:** Joyce Lubben, Director of Elderly Programs; John Solis, Veterans Service Officer; Sue Fredrich, UW Extension.

**Others Present:** Robert Harlow, R.S.V.P. Director.

**Approval of Agenda.** Supervisor Wopat moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Gustina. ADOPTED.

**Approval of Minutes.** Supervisor Gustina moved approval of the minutes of May 18, 2010, as presented, second by Supervisor Kuznacic. ADOPTED.

**Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcements, Information.** Chair Thomas reminded everyone about the Hall of Honor Presentation Ceremony on Thursday, June 17, 2010 at 6:00 PM at the UW Rock County Campus.

**Transfers & Appropriations.** None.

**Bills/Encumbrances.**

Sr. Citizen Program	\$	30.00
Title III-B		30.00
Nutrition Program		508.07
E & H Transportation		695.26
Title III-D		123.86
Title III-E		140.00

Supervisor Wopat moved approval of the above bills for the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee, second by Supervisor Gustina. ADOPTED.

**Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendment.** None.

**Youth in Government Update – Sue Fredrich.** Ms. Fredrich said she has visited Kenosha, Crawford and Columbia Counties to see how they ran their programs and all of them needed to have a resolution in place before proceeding. She was leery about moving ahead without a resolution in place. Chair Thomas said he checked into when it would be appropriate to submit a resolution and was told when the groundwork is in place. Ms. Fredrich said she had interest from Parkview, Milton, Brodhead and Edgerton school districts. She said the youth should be involved in the decision of how the program will be run. The youth will apply for the board, we will select the individuals, they will then have workshops on how county government works, they will then make a recommendation on how/what kind of committee will work best.

We need to decide on the number in the group and how to make the selection. She feels we should have students from eight of the nine schools on board for the program.

Supervisor Wopat suggested sending letters to the school districts first asking for their support. Ms. Fredrich said she will contact the school boards and superintendents after July 1<sup>st</sup>. Then, in early September, she will contact the teachers via e-mail with follow-up phone calls. She said they should have a selection process in place by late September/early October.

Chair Thomas asked how many students should be on the committee? Supervisor Kuznacic felt two from each school, one junior and one sophomore as an alternate with the intent of the alternate becoming the representative the next year. She asked if they would get mileage or a stipend? Supervisor Wopat suggested the possibility of the schools giving them credit for being on the committee. Chair Thomas said they might be able to earn a Scout badge or use it as a 4-H project. The Committee discussed having the sophomores sign a two-year contract.

### **Department Reports**

#### **Council on Aging – Joyce Lubben**

**Status of Senior Companion Program.** Ms. Lubben said the Council on Aging (COA), Rock County and the United Way all contributed to this program, which they were advised three weeks ago was not in compliance with Federal guidelines. She informed the Committee that she wrote a letter to the Senior Companion Program Director informing them the COA will not be funding the program any longer. She said this has affected 60+ Senior Companion people and has left over 200 clients without services.

Supervisor Wopat asked what Ms. Lubben plans to do with these clients? Ms. Lubben said this has left a large gap. If they want another Senior Companion Program they will have to start from scratch and this will take quite some time.

**Report on ADRC / Family Care Planning.** Ms. Lubben said about three years ago the County received a planning grant to form an ADRC. They met with the State on Monday and a team of people visited a couple different ADRCs in other counties, which were both run differently. They will be meeting with the State on Thursday and there might be someone who may be able to take care of Rock County. They may be ready to start by June or July of 2011.

#### **Retired & Senior Volunteer Services – Robert Harlow.**

**Program Update.** Mr. Harlow said the programs are running well. The school program is done for this school year. They will be doing a summer program at the Library in July.

Their office person had open-heart surgery and will be out for a while so they had to hire a temporary person.

**Volunteer Recognition Dinner.** Mr. Harlow said the Volunteer Recognition Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, June 17, 2010 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM at the Moose Lodge in Janesville. The Council on Aging is providing transportation and John Solis is providing entertainment.

**Committee Requests and Motions.**

**Ideas for Future Discussion.** Chair Thomas said he would like the members to think about what they would like for future discussions.

Supervisor Gustina asked about doing a resolution honoring Mark Finnegan for his work with the WWII Veterans.

Supervisor Wopat asked about the UW Rock County landscaping problems and where things are in resolving the issues? Chair Thomas said they do not have anything concrete at this time, however, when they do it will be agendized.

**Adjournment.** Supervisor Wopat moved adjournment at 4:53 P.M., second by Supervisor Gustina. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Bondehagen  
Secretary II

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