

EDUCATION, VETERANS AND AGING SERVICES COMMITTEE
June 21, 2011

Call to Order. Chair Thomas called the meeting of the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee to order at 4:04 P.M. on Tuesday, June 21, 2011, in Conference Room N-1 on the fifth floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Thomas, Gustina, Wopat and Yoss.

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Innis.

Staff Members Present: Joyce Lubben, Council on Aging Director; John Solis, Veterans Service Officer; Nick Osborne, Assistant to County Administrator; Steve Skelly, Transportation Program Supervisor; Scott Hennings, Mobility Manager.

Others Present: Robert Harlow, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Director; Dean Diane Pillard, UW-Rock County; Ellen Trewartha, League of Women Voters.

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

Approval of Minutes. Supervisor Wopat moved approval of the minutes of May 17, 2011, second by Supervisor Gustina. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcements, Information. Ms. Lubben introduced Scott Hennings the Mobility Manager for the Council on Aging.

Bills/Encumbrances.

Veterans Services	\$	375.00
Title III-B		198.00
Nutrition Program		220.62
Delivered Meals		984.00
E & H Transport		844.30
Title III-D		632.97
New Freedom Program		398.58
Title III-E		2,812.00
MMIS		327.30

Supervisor Wopat moved approval of the above Bills/Encumbrances for the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee, second by Supervisor Yoss. ADOPTED.

Resolution.

Amending the 2011 Council on Aging's Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Budget and Information Technology's Budget for the Purchase of Software, Van Equipment and the Local Share of the Acquisition of 3 New Vehicles

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2011 does hereby authorize the Council on Aging’s Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Program and Information Technology’s 2011 budgets be amended as follows:

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Supervisor Yoss moved the above Resolution for the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee, second by Supervisor Gustina. ADOPTED.

Department Reports.

Veterans Services – Brief Success of Wisconsin Veteran’s Property Tax Credit (PTC) in Rock County – John Solis Mr. Solis said the tax credit used to cover those Veterans 65 years of age or older and under the new schedule it will cover all Veterans at any age. There have been reimbursements totaling in excess of \$132,000 since the first of the year.

RSVP – Program Updates – Robert Harlow Mr. Harlow said the 38th Annual Recognition Dinner was held June 16th at the Janesville Moose Lodge and they had about 300 people in attendance.

Mr. Harlow said the Seniors Volunteering for Seniors program is now serving 170 people. Mr. Harlow said he is very pleased with the progress of the program.

Council on Aging – Non-Emergency Medical Assistance Transportation Brokerage – Joyce Lubben Ms. Lubben said effective July 1st there will be a big change when the Department of Health Services (DHS) will implement a new transportation management system that will coordinate non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) services statewide. The DHS has contracted with LogistiCare Solutions, LLC to provide NEMT management services for Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus members. LogistiCare will act as a medical assistance broker and contract with local transportation providers across the state through common carrier, specialized medical transport and volunteer driver systems.

Ms. Lubben went over the report, which gives an explanation and considerations of the program. Ms. Lubben said staff recommendation is not to go with LogistiCare as there are many unknown factors in working with them, any revenue generated from this contract would not reduce county tax levy, and this would then open opportunities for them to expand service to the elderly and persons with disabilities beyond medical trips.

Supervisor Wopat moved to not go with LogistiCare Solutions, LLC, second by Supervisor Gustina. ADOPTED.

Semi-Annual Report of Training Costs Exceeding \$1,000 per Employee per Event. The Committee accepted the report and asked to have it placed in the file.

Committee Requests and Motions.

Ideas for Future Discussion Chair Thomas asked to have Landscaping at UW-Rock County and Youth in Government on the next agenda.

Adjournment. Supervisor Gustina moved adjournment at 4:47 P.M., second by Supervisor Yoss. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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