



EDUCATION, VETERANS AND AGING SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes – February 20, 2018

Call to Order. Chair Richard called the meeting of the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee to order at 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, in Conference Room, N-1, fifth floor, Courthouse East.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Pleasant, Richard, Zajac and Schulz.

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Owens.

Staff Members Present: Josh Smith, County Administrator; and John Solis, Veteran Service Officer.

Others Present: Supervisor Russ Podzilni; Bob Harlow, Executive Director, RSVP of Rock County; Kristin Fillhouer, UW-Rock County Campus Administrator; Cassandra Sala and Kalison Hosey, Beloit Memorial High School students.

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Zajac moved approval of the agenda, second by Supervisor Pleasant. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes – January 16, 2018. Supervisor Schulz moved approval of the minutes from January 16, 2018 as presented, second by Supervisor Pleasant. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcements, Information. Supervisor Schulz asked to have a trishaw update on the next agenda. She also wants to make sure that Rock Haven would be able to use the trishaws.

Chair Richard welcomed the two Beloit Memorial High School students that are attending the meeting today as a class requirement.

Transfers. None.

Review of Payments. Supervisor Schulz would like to know what the charge for Council on Aging January 2018 Shepard Brothers in the amount of \$63,889.07. Since Ms. Lubben was not present today, Chair Richard said he will have Ms. Lubben address this question at our next meeting. The committee accepted the report.

Supervisor Schulz would like to have an agenda item in March on the Council on Aging bus service; how much money is collected from the bus service and what is the income used for.

Updates.

Status of Veterans Office Database Entries and Document Scanning. Mr. Solis provided a handout on the status of document scanning. The committee reviewed the handout. Mr. Solis said this has been beneficial as they are able to access the information regardless of which office they are working from on any given day. Supervisor Schulz asked Mr. Solis how they get notification of a death of a veteran. He said most of the time they come across the information on their own, either by obituary or ancestry website.

Status of RSVP Funding. Mr. Harlow explained the services of RSVP. They currently have approximately 600 active volunteers. He said the SVS (Senior Volunteering for Seniors) Program has been cut due to the loss of funding from United Way and the County. They were previously providing over 200 rides per month. Rides are for medical/therapy appointments, pharmacy and grocery trips. They have had to cut rides to approximately 90 per month. They have cut grocery shopping from weekly to twice a month. They are also working on combining rides. As of February 16th, the ride quota had already been met for the month which results in no rides for the remainder of February. There will be no rides given in April to assess where they are at for funding. They have many unhappy consumers. They will be issuing a news release soon about the changes. Mr. Harlow has been writing grants in order to try and recoup some of the lost funds. Supervisor Schulz said she would like to restore these funds for RSVP as she feels this is a very important service for Rock County residents. Mr. Smith explained the history of the budget. Mr. Smith said that any County Board member can draw up a resolution to request funds be transferred out of the General Fund or Contingency Fund. Supervisor Schulz asked the committee if they would support restoring funds. The committee discussed the amount they would support and decided that \$20,000 would bring RSVP back to normal funding for the rest of 2018. Supervisor Schulz will work with Corporation Counsel to draw up a resolution for this amount.

UW Rock County / UW Whitewater Update. Ms. Fillhouer said they continue the process of merging with UW Whitewater. They have developed work groups from both facilities. They have established July 1st as a target date. Curriculum and student services will be maintained for next year. They had a restructuring meeting last week for areas such as IT and student affairs. The Housing Committee met last Friday. They are working on a recommendation for Dean Clark. They have done a lot of research including student surveys and viewing UW Fond du Lac housing. One housing option that was proposed with ARISE was building housing in downtown Janesville. They are researching possible transportation issues. Blackhawk Technical College has shown interest in collaborating in downtown housing as well.

Committee Requests and Motions. None.

Adjournment. Supervisor Pleasant moved adjournment at 4:58 P.M., second by Supervisor Schulz. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey VanZandt
Human Resources Secretary

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