



EDUCATION, VETERANS AND AGING SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes – June 15, 2021

Call to Order. Chair Rashkin called the meeting of the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee to order at 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 via teleconference.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Rashkin, Pam Bostwick, Taylor, and Peer at 5:02 P.M.

Committee Members Absent: One vacancy.

Staff Members Present: Josh Smith, County Administrator; Paula Schutt, Director of Council on Aging; John Solis, Veteran Service Officer.

Others Present: Supervisor Tom Brien.

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Taylor moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Pam Bostwick. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes – May 18, 2021. Supervisor Bostwick moved approval of the minutes from May 18, 2021 as presented, second by Supervisor Taylor. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcements, Information. None.

Transfers. None.

Review of Payments. The committee accepted the report.

Resolutions.

To Recognize Julie Seeman

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this twenty fourth day of June 2021, does hereby recognize Julie Seeman for her 30 years of dedicated service and extend best wishes to her future endeavors.”

Supervisor Taylor moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Peer. ADOPTED.

Updates and Possible Action.

Council on Aging – Paula Schutt.

General Update of Council on Aging. Ms. Schutt reported that the Wednesday Walks and the Trishaw program are gaining popularity and participation has increased. Transit drivers have finished CPR/AED training. They have 554 Farmer's Market vouchers available for distribution: 337 spoken for at this time. Per County reopening guidelines, dining centers can be reopened. Ms. Schutt is checking with GWAAR and is hoping to open dining centers by August or September. Everyone in the office is preparing for the move to the Dr. Daniel Hale Williams Rock County Resource Center.

Discussion on purpose of Education, Veterans & Aging Services Committee in 2022.

Mr. Smith read rule 5F from the Rock County Board of Supervisors Rules of Procedure which explains the responsibilities of the EVAS committee. The Rules will be reviewed in April 2022 at the reorganization meeting. There could be possible amendments to the rules. Two options could be: EVAS remain status quo or eliminate EVAS committee and move Veterans Services to another committee. Supervisor Taylor asked what other integrated counties have done. Mr. Solis said that many other counties have their Veterans Services office governed by the Human Services Board. Supervisor Peer is leery to dissolve the EVAS committee. He doesn't want the Veteran's Office to get lost in the shuffle. This issue will be revisited before the April election.

Discussion regarding keeping Education, Veterans & Aging Services Committee meetings online. EVAS can continue meeting virtually under the emergency rule. It is up to the chair to continue this way. Supervisor Taylor would like to see Supervisor Rashkin's recent County Board resolution amended and reintroduced, removing the County Board from allowed virtual meetings. Supervisor Bostwick would like to see a hybrid option offered.

Committee Requests and Motions. None.

Adjournment. Supervisor Peer moved adjournment at 5:38 P.M., second by Supervisor Bostwick. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey VanZandt,
Human Resources Secretary

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