

Grants Committee Meeting

August 12, 2015

MINUTES

Members Present:

Joseph Kassly, Jr., Chairman
Oliver Hamilton, Sr.
Kenneth Sharkey
John West

Members Excused:

Rick Vernier, Vice Chairman
June Chartrand
Roy Mosely, Jr.

Staff Present:

Terry W. Beach, Executive Director
Connie DeRousse, Fiscal Manager
Jennifer Little, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Kassly called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the IGD Administrative Conference Room.

Chairman Kassly asked if there were comments from the public on the agenda. There was no public comment.

Upon a motion by Mr. West and a second by Mr. Hamilton the minutes from the July 8, 2015 Grants Committee meeting were approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sharkey and a second by Mr. Hamilton the letter from the Grants Committee Chairman to the County Board Chairman transmitting the payroll and expense claims for the month of July, 2015 was approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sharkey and a second by Mr. West the Check Register Summaries for the pay periods in the month of July, 2015 were approved unanimously to be placed on file.

There were no questions concerning the Community Services Group report being placed on file.

There were no questions concerning the Community Development Group report being placed on file.

There were no questions concerning the Workforce Development Group report being placed on file.

Upon a motion by Mr. West and a second by Mr. Sharkey, the Community Services, Community Development and Workforce Development Group reports were approved unanimously to be placed on file.

Resolutions

Old Business

New Business

- A. Terry Beach asked Connie DeRousse to present Item B. Mrs. DeRousse stated the Annual Report is complete and can be found on the County website under the Intergovernmental Grants Department tab; it can also be found on the IGD Facebook page. She explained the audit ran from January through December 2014. The major grants looked at were Housing and Workforce Investment – Adult, Youth, and Dislocated Worker programs. There were no findings this year or last year; as a result IGD has been designated a low-risk auditee meaning future audits will have a lower-dollar threshold and will cost less.

Members congratulated and thanked Mrs. DeRousse and her team.

B. Director's Report

- Terry Beach reminded members of the concern for layoffs due to the state budget crisis discussed at the July Grants Committee meeting. Staff from Senator Durbin's office contacted the U.S. Department of Labor who in turn sent a letter to the governor stating Section 182e of the new Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act, WIOA, which requires the state to release federal allocations within thirty days to local agencies; that thirty days was up August 5th. Mr. Beach believes the threat from the feds and agencies like ours made a difference as the governor agreed last week to let the senate pass the bill to release the \$5.7 billion in federal funds. Mr. Beach discussed a number of amendments that have been presented by Speaker Madigan adding state funds to the bill. A third amendment without state funds passed the House 98-0; it will move to the Senate in the next week or two; the governor has said he will sign it. Mr. Beach expressed this is good news.

Mr. Beach informed members that he and Cindy Layman, Workforce Development staff, will be exhibiting along with 100+ organizations at a Convey of Hope event Saturday [August 15th] from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Convoy of Hope is based in Springfield, Missouri with a chapter located in the metro-east; the event has been coordinated by Conrad Steinhoff of Lebanon and Beacon Ministries in Belleville. Attendees will receive program services information as well as groceries, haircuts, family portraits for free, along with a number of additional services.

Ken Sharkey asked about the status of LIHEAP funding. Mr. Beach said the large share of their funding is federal and is part of the \$5.7 billion; there is a small state add-on, the PIPP program, which is gone until the state budget is approved.

Other Comments

Adjournment

Chairman Kassly entertained a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Mr. West and a second by Mr. Hamilton, Chairman Kassly adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.