

Grants Committee Meeting

June 8, 2016

MINUTES

Members Present:

Rick Vernier, Vice Chairman
June Chartrand
Oliver Hamilton, Sr.
John West

Members Excused:

Joseph Kassly, Jr., Chairman
Roy Mosley, Jr.
Ken Sharkey

Staff Present:

Terry W. Beach, Executive Director
Jennifer Little, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was relocated to the adjacent Community Development Conference Room located on the second floor of the Intergovernmental Grants Department as auditors were utilizing the Administrative Conference Room.

In Chairman Kassly's absence, Vice Chairman Vernier called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. in the Community Development Conference Room.

Attendees rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chairman Vernier asked if there were comments from the public on the agenda. There were no public comments.

Upon a motion by Mr. West and a second by Mr. Hamilton the minutes from the May 11, 2016 Grants Committee meeting were approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Chartrand and a second by Mr. West the letter from the Grants Committee Chairman to the County Board Chairman transmitting the payroll and expense claims for the month of May, 2016 was approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Hamilton and a second by Mrs. Chartrand the Check Register Summaries for the pay periods in the month of May, 2016 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 Mrs. Chartrand and a second by Mr. West, the Community Services, Community Development and Workforce Development Group reports were approved unanimously to be placed on file

Resolutions

Old Business

New Business

A. Director's Report

- Terry Beach stated the budget concerns from last year are occurring again. Federal dollars may be held up beginning July 1st. Mr. West questioned if federal funds could be held. Mr. Beach stated they cannot; however, the state attempted to do so last year until the County threatened to sue. Mr. Beach explained in the case of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, WIOA, the federal act states that states must release federal funds to local agencies within thirty days of receipt. Last year, the state released funds shortly before the thirty days was up. The U.S. Department of Labor got involved last year as well as Senator Durbin and Senator Kirk; the County may have to do that again this year. Mr. Beach expressed it is a concern.
- The LIHEAP program has ended. IGD served 6,344 households this year throughout the County. Four temporary LIHEAP staff will be laid off this Friday; they will have an opportunity to come back next year.
- Community Development Public Hearings begin this month. On June 21st, hearings will be held in the Administrative Conference room at IGD as well as the Mary Brown Center in East St. Louis. Mr. Beach provided members summary pages from the power point presentation that will be distributed at the public hearings. He reviewed Community Development Block Grant and HOME funding dollars for Program Year 2016 which starts October 1st. IGD receives roughly \$3.1 million in Community Development funds; St. Clair County's portion of approximately \$1.1 million is down 1.78% from last year; Belleville's allocation of \$614,000 is up 3.3%; and the City of East St. Louis' allocation is down 1.9% from last year. The County manages the funds for both the City of Belleville and the City of East St. Louis. Mr. Beach explained anticipated grant allocations are determined directly by HUD. Funding dollars are based on the population served and the need/poverty levels within the community. He expressed the need in East St. Louis has not gone down; the change in allocation is most likely the result of a decrease in population. Mr. Beach informed members he along with Christina Anderson meet monthly with the East St. Louis Mayor, City Manager, and additional staff to provide updates. Beginning this fall, the City's largest portion of allocated funds will be used for public facilities; \$607,000 will be added to prior year projects for St. Louis Avenue. The City of East St. Louis has also chosen to reallocate funds from housing rehabilitation to be used for demolition. The St. Clair County/Belleville allocation of \$1.6 million is divided between cities outside of East St. Louis where they compete competitively for projects such as streets and sewers. The cities currently have applications to submit back to IGD; approvals will come this fall.

Other Comments

Adjournment

Vice Chairman Vernier entertained a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Mrs. Chartrand and a second by Mr. West, Vice Chairman Vernier adjourned the meeting at 5:41p.m.