

Grants Committee Meeting

**July 12, 2017**

**MINUTES**

Members Present:

Rick Vernier, Vice Chairman  
June Chartrand  
Willie Dancy  
Susan Gruberman  
Roy Mosley, Jr.  
John West

Members Excused:

Joseph Kassly, Jr., Chairman

Staff Present:

Terry Beach, Executive Director  
Jennifer Little, Administrative Assistant

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In Chairman Kassly's absence, Vice Chairman Vernier called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. in the IGD Administrative 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. Mosley, the minutes from the June 14, 2017 Grants Committee meeting were approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Chartrand, and a second by Mr. Dancy, the letter from the Grants Committee Chairman to the County Board Chairman transmitting the payroll and expense claims for the month of June, 2017 was approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Mosley, and a second by Mr. West, the Check Register Summaries for the pay periods in the month of June, 2017 were approved unanimously and placed on file. IGD financial statements were present for review.

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

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

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

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

**Resolutions**

None

**Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

### **A. Director's Report**

- Terry Beach stated IGD has previously given out window air conditioner units as part of a program through Ameren. This year Ameren distributed the units through various non-profits such as the JJK Center. Members who receive inquiries from the public regarding air conditioners should refer them to JJK or similar programs such as the Catholic Urban Programs.
- IGD programs remain busy. LIHEAP will restart in September; elderly and disabled can apply in September; households with children under five in October; and all other households in November. The program will be busy through the end of May.
- Mr. Beach informed members the States Attorney's office has moved five staff members to the vacant space located on the first floor below IGD; it is the Domestic Violence Unit. The group relocated from 3<sup>rd</sup> and Main Street. There is a possibility the States Attorney's office will move more staff to this location early next year to alleviate overcrowding in their current location. Mr. Beach expressed this location is becoming a campus-like setting with the relocation of the States Attorney's office; the building holds the Veterans Assistance Center with three employees, the Judicial Arbitration Center with two employees, the Health Department has sixty-two employees, and IGD has thirty-seven employees with thirty located in this building. The number of staff at this location will lead to the rearrangement of the parking lots. Ideas have been discussed for the attached parking lot as well as the lot located across the street. Mr. Beach explained the lot across the street is now County property obtained from the City of Belleville.
- Mr. Dancy asked if the passing of the state budget had any effect on funding for IGD. Mr. Beach responded yes. IGD had approximately \$11.8 million at stake in federal pass through dollars; however, since the budget passed, all funding will return as normal. Mr. Beach stated the concern now will be federal dollars; if the proposed budget passes IGD will lose approximately \$8.1 million in funding resulting in the loss of the Community Development Block Grant Program, Community Services Block Grant Program, LIHEAP, Weatherization Program, and Homeless Program, as well as 35% of WIOA funding. IGD would lose 75% of its staff. Mr. Beach stated historically budgets are not passed as presented and our programs have strong bipartisan support; however IGD remains vigilant.

Mrs. Chartrand asked if the cuts would include the Thanksgiving and Christmas food vouchers. Mr. Beach responded yes and added it would also include scholarships, school uniform assistance, energy assistance, housing rehabilitation, demolition, street projects, business loans, and other similar programs.

Mrs. Gruberman asked if the cuts would include streets and sewers. Mr. Beach responded yes.

Mr. Beach added cuts would include homeless assistance as well as funding provided by IGD for a number of non-profits such as CDBG Operations, Christian Activity Center, Mt. Sinai, and Catholic Urban Programs.

Mrs. Chartrand offered a motion to approve the Director's Report and Mr. Dancy seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Vernier called for a vote to approve; the motion was approved unanimously.

## **Other Comments**

None

## **Adjournment**

Vice Chairman Vernier entertained a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Mr. Mosley, and a second by Mr. Dancy, Vice Chairman Vernier adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.