

Special Grants Committee Meeting

December 17, 2018

MINUTES

Members Present:

Stephen Reeb, Chairman
June Chartrand
Willie Dancy
Susan Gruberman
Richie Meile
Roy Mosley, Jr.

Members Excused:

Carol Clark, Vice Chairman

Staff Present:

Terry W. Beach, Executive Director
Jennifer Little, Executive Assistant/Special Projects Specialist

Others Present:

Mark A. Kern, St. Clair County Board Chairman
Bob Allen, St. Clair County Board Member
Marty Crawford, St. Clair County Board Member
Norm Etling, P.E., County Highway Engineer
Scott Greenwald, St. Clair County Board Member
Michael O'Donnell, St. Clair County Board Member
Herb Simmons, EMA/911 Executive Director
Robert Trentman, St. Clair County Board Member

Chairman Stephen Reeb called the special meeting to order at 5:43 p.m. in County Board Meeting Room B-564.

Attendees rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Mosley, and a second by Ms. Gruberman, the minutes from the November 14th, 2018 Grants Committee meeting were approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Chartrand, and a second by Mr. Mosley, the letter from the Grants Committee Chairman to the County Board Chairman transmitting the payroll and expense claims for the month of November, 2018 was approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Ms. Gruberman, and a second by Mr. Meile, the Check Register Summaries for the pay periods in the month of November, 2018 were approved unanimously and placed on file.

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

Resolutions

None

Old Business

Chairman Reeb thanked Terry Beach for his weekly email. Mr. Beach explained to all attending he sends an email blast to approximately 500 recipients every Friday detailing activities of both Economic Development and the Intergovernmental Grants Department including the Workforce Development program. He invited anyone interested in being added to the email blast to provide him with their email address.

New Business

A. Director's Report

Terry Beach informed members that one of IGD's Workforce Development vendors, Vatterott College, has ceased all operations throughout the United States effective immediately. Mr. Beach stated the Workforce Development program placed a number of job training participants at Vatterott for nursing assistant, welding, and electrical training. Other participants are placed at SWIC. He added the most that can be paid for any one recipient is \$14,000.

Other Comments

Sue Gruberman asked if the government shutdown would affect the Community Development Block Grants. Mr. Beach responded yes, eventually. Ms. Gruberman asked if current projects would be able to continue. Mr. Beach responded no, everything will be postponed. He added he planned for this to occur under this administration and subsequently reserve funding has been drawn down from the \$14-\$18 million in annual funding; IGD does not receive their funds in a lump sum. If the shutdown lasts too long, Mr. Beach stated all 37 employees will be laid off and all projects will stop including training assistance for 28,000 individuals, energy assistance for 6,000 recipients, and all street and sewer projects. He added he hopes the shutdown does not last long.

Adjournment

Chairman Reeb entertained a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Mr. Mosley, and a second by Ms. Gruberman, motion passed and Chairman Reeb adjourned the meeting at 5:49 p.m.