

To Grants Committee Meeting

October 9, 2024

MINUTES

Members Present:

Stephen Reeb, Chairman
Susan Gruberman, Asst. Chairman
Courtney Moore
Ken Sharkey

Members Excused:

Richie Meile
Matt Smallheer
Scott Greenwald

Staff Present:

Rick Stubblefield, Executive Director
Becky Rose, Executive Assistant

Others Present:

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Chairman Steve Reeb called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the St. Clair County Annex Conference Room, 2nd Floor.

Attendees rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Reeb took roll call.

Chairman Reeb asked if there were comments from the public on the agenda. There were none.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sharkey and a second by Ms. Gruberman, the minutes from the September 11, 2024 Grants Committee meeting were approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Moore, and a second by Mr. Sharkey, the letter from the Grants Committee Chairman to the County Board Chairman transmitting the payroll and expense claims for the month of September, 2024 was approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Moore, and a second by Mr. Sharkey, the Check Register Summaries for the pay periods in September, 2024 were approved unanimously and placed on file.

There were no questions concerning the Community Services Group and the reports were 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. Sharkey, and a second by Mr. Moore, the Community Services, Community Development, and Workforce Development Group reports were approved unanimously and placed on file.

Old Business

None.

New Business

A. Director's Report

Mr. Stubblefield stated that the Community Development Block Grant has bids out for the SAVE site which are due back on November 8th, 2024. CAPER, the year-end report for HUD, is being finalized. Grant agreements for this year are in place for CDBG and HOME. He also stated that the applications for Disaster Recovery are out and are due back by October 16, 2024. They have received several calls and questions from different engineers and municipalities regarding this grant. They are working directly with HUD Technical Assistance for guidance on fiscal and programmatic reports. Mr. Stubblefield expressed his concern about not having enough funding for the needs of the county.

Mr. Stubblefield stated that the Housing Resource Center Continuum of Care applications are out and due back by October 30, 2024.

Mr. Stubblefield stated that Weatherization is still currently having state-wide issues with the new Weather Works program, and it continues to hinder productivity. Weatherization currently has 25 homes ready to begin but is on hold until the state-wide system is up and running. Weatherization is also looking at a multi-family project with Ameren.

Mr. Stubblefield stated that LIHEAP opened October 1st. October is the only month with priority guidelines for age 60 and older, people with disabilities, disconnect or pending disconnect notices and households with children under the age of 5. They have already received numerous applications. November will be open to all qualifying clients.

Mr. Stubblefield stated that Workforce Development has worked through their waitlist. All their grants and supplementals have been submitted. He expects they will have to apply for additional funding.

Mr. Stubblefield stated that Community Services Block Grant's modifications have been approved.

Mr. Stubblefield stated that Community Development Block Grant's 5-year consolidated plan is due and will be updated. They will be sending out surveys to the board members to help meet the needs of the community.

Mr. Stubblefield stated that the County Board will provide a proclamation for National Apprenticeship Week for Workforce Development.

Ms. Gruberman made a motion to approve the Director's report and Mr. Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Comments

None.

Adjournment

Chairman Steve Reeb entertained a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Mr. Moore, and a second by Mr. Sharkey, motion passed, and Chairman Reeb adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.