



Finance Committee Meeting – August 3, 2021 (Social Services Hearing)

Third Floor County Board Room, Old Lee County Courthouse
112 E Second St, Dixon, Illinois 61021

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Jim Schielein

Members present: Vice Chair Jim Schielein, Tom Kitson, Doug Farster, and Rick Humphrey were all present in person.

Members absent: Chair Arlan McClain and Lirim Mimini.

Board Members, Department Heads or Employees: Board Chairman Bob Olson, Wendy Ryerson (Administrator), Jonathan Henrikson (IT) and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary) were all present in person.

Visitors Present Via Zoom: Linda Setchell (Director of Dietary at KSB and Meals on Wheels Boardmember) and Susan Lawler (Lee County Council on Aging), were present in person, Mike Hughes (Executive Director of Lifescapes Community Services), Emily Taylor (Executive Director at Rock River Valley Hospice), Cathy Weightman-Moore (Director of Catholic Charities) and Julie Schuppmer (Regional Ombudman for Catholic Charities), Lynn Knodle and Kathy Groenhagen (Serenity Hospice and Home, Hospital).

Jim Schielein opened the meeting by welcoming several social service organizations who were requesting funding from Lee County for their senior citizens programs. The organizations were given a chance to highlight the features and needs of their programs. Bob Olson reported that the City of Amboy was trying to attend, but could not get in the meeting on Zoom. Susan Lawler also had trouble joining Zoom so came to the meeting in person.

The committee discussed, if the programs qualified, using ARPA (American Rescue Fund Act) funds to provide additional funds.

Motion from Tom Kitson: To fund all of the organizations with the same amount that was awarded in the FY2021 budget with the caveat that the amount would be increased if the programs qualified for the ARPA funds. .

Second by Rick Humphrey. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

- Lee County Council on Aging - \$69,500
- Lifescape - Adult Protective Services - \$5,500
- Lifescape - Community Services, Inc. - \$5,500
- Rock River Valley Hospice - \$5,000
- Catholic Charities - \$2,500
- Meals on Wheels - \$4,000
- City of Amboy - Meet and Eat - \$4,000
- Dixon Public Library - \$400
- Serenity Hospice and Home – \$4,000
- Village of Paw Paw - \$1,000.00

For the total allotment of \$101,400.

Motion to Adjourn by Tom Kitson:

Second by Doug Farster: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Becky Brenner – County Board Secretary