

COMMISSION ON AGING COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: COMMISSION ON AGING
DATE: NOVEMBER 2, 2022
TIME: 10:30 A.M.
PLACE FOREST COUNTY COURTHOUSE COUNTY BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Miller called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Koziol, Miller, Jungwirth, Abney, Black, Sponable, Sommer

Not Attending: Van Grinzven

Others Present: Fohrman, Musson, Landeau, Gatton

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Abney to approve agenda, second by Sponable. All present voting (AYE).
Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Black to approve Commission on Aging July 12, 2022 minutes, second by Koziol. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Motion by Black to recommend that the Forest County Board accept Abney, Sommer and Jungwirth for renewal of their three-year terms as members of the Forest County Commission on Aging, second by Koziol. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION WITH NICK MUSSON, GWAAR TRANSPORTATION SPECIALIST, AND DARRYL LANDEAU, SENIOR PLANNER FROM NCWRPC (NORTH CENTRAL WI REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION)

Musson reports that the Forest County Commission on Aging has three projects for 2022 using 85.21 state funding: Area retail transportation via the COA bus driven by Mark Gatton (\$83,766), contract with the Center for Independent Living for non-emergency medical care transportation (\$17,000), and contract with Headwaters, Inc, for transportation provided by Headwaters to Forest County residents going to supported work environments (\$7000). Excess funds from 85.21 monies not used by these three projects can be moved into the COA trust fund, which can only be used for capital

purchases, not operating costs. Musson reports that it is possible for the Forest County Commission on Aging Committee to terminate its contract with the Center for Independent Living Western Wisconsin at the end of 2022. Musson also suggests that it is possible to cancel the Headwaters contract at the end of 2022. Non-emergency medical transportation can be provided to those Forest County residents on Medicaid or Badger Care via a state-funded brokerage service. If the FC COA was to provide the transportation, it could invoice the brokerage service. Additional inspections and training for drivers would be required. The Center for Independent Living transportation service could be a back-up in case of need. The FC COA could meet the needs of Forest County residents not on Medicare or Badger Care who are in need of non-emergency medical care transportation. The COA could apply for 5310 Federal funds in order to provide mobility management, operating costs and capital purchases. These funds are annual grants.

Landeau reports that a grant of \$20,000 has been awarded to FC COA but has not been secured. The purpose of this grant is to make an assessment of transportation needs in the county, to identify gaps, and to make recommendations. Motion by Koziol to verify that the grant has been secured, and if so, enable a contract between COA and NCWRPC to go forward with the Needs Assessment, second by Sommer. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

UPDATE AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A USED FORD TRANSIT 350 BUS THAT IS FOR SALE

Gatton reports that this vehicle is no longer for sale. Gatton and Fohrman recommend the midsize Ford Transit 350. They will work together to find a floor layout of a midsize Ford Transit 350 than does not have a wheelchair lift.

CURRENT APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSTED BUS DRIVER POSITION

Motion by Black to move the two applications held by Fohrman to the next Personnel Committee meeting held after 11.2.22, second by Sponable. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

RESIGNATION OF CHRISTINA RITZER, DIETCIAN

Fohrman will pursue asking Lynn's Catering to provide meals for the Alvin website. She will consider providing the nutrition education programs at all of the meal sites.

REVIEW OF COMMISSION ON AGING BY-LAWS AS FOUNDED BY ANN KOZIOL

Koziol reviewed her investigation of COA By-Laws. Current By-Laws will be finalized at next COA Committee meeting on November 10, 2022.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

-2021 Annual Aging Report Edits

- Plan for spending 85.21 State Funds that are currently in the FC COA Trust Fund
- Price of recommended bus

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Commission on Aging Board will be November 10, 2022 @ 10:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Sommer, second by Sponable. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.