

**MINUTES OF THE
SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE**

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2009

At a meeting of the **Senior Services Committee**, held Thursday, March 19, 2009, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Rocca-Chair, Brdak, Brown, Camphous-Peterson, Kepler, Mocerri, Rengert,
Torrice, Vosburg and Gielegem (ex-officio).

Other Commissioners Also Present:

Commissioner J. Flynn

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Rocca called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by Mocerri, to adopt the agenda, as presented. **The Motion Carried.**

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by Mocerri, to approve the February 5, 2009 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

REPORT FROM AREA AGENCY ON AGING 1-B

MOTION

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by Rengert, to receive and file the report from Area Agency on Aging 1-B.

Ms. Kristin Wilson, Community Planner, Area Agency on Aging (AAA) 1-B gave a verbal

presentation. She held up a magazine called, Generations. There is a feature article in each publication. She brought copies for distribution.

The Macomb County Older Michigianians Rally will be held on May 29th at the Ukrainian Culture Center in Warren. She will provide more information next month.

The digital television transition date has been switched to June 12th. Back in October, she developed a Digital Television Transition Toolkit which was disseminated through their six county region, as well as other facilities such as senior centers, fire departments, etc. The document still shows the February transition date, but everything else is correct. She brought copies for distribution.

The following commissioners spoke: Brown and J. Flynn.

Chair Rocca called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

APPROVE ELIMINATION OF ONE VACANT FULL-TIME SENIOR SERVICES ASSISTANT DIRECTOR POSITION

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Vosburg, to approve elimination of one vacant full-time Senior Services Assistant Director position. **Forward to the Personnel Committee.**

The following commissioners spoke: Rocca and Vosburg.

Chair Rocca called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MOTION

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to receive and file the Senior Services Department Director's Report.

Ms. Willis gave an overview of her report.

In addition, she spoke about a therapeutic riding stable for veterans that will be located on Florence Road in Armada. It will be the only adult rehab riding stable in the tri-county area. It should be open in June or July.

She spoke about the building of a homeless shelter and community area for disabled veterans and homeless veterans. It will be a 20-unit facility in which veterans will be able

to reside for up to two years. Job coaching and job training will be provided. She was asked to do a letter of support and had sent a copy of the letter to Commissioner Bruley since it is in his area and to Board Chair Gielegthem.

A flyer entitled, Safelink Wireless was distributed. Safelink Wireless is a government supported program that provides a free cell phone and airtime each month for income-eligible customers.

Two other handouts were distributed. The first handout was a flyer advertising the Senior Fun Festival to be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The second handout was a flyer entitled, Yes, Sir. That's My Baby! Enter your grandchild's picture in the First Annual Senior Fun Festival photo contest and you could win a prize!

The following commissioners spoke: Brown, Vosburg, Rengert, J. Flynn, Kepler and Rocca.

Chair Rocca called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by Torrice, to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

**Denise M. Jacks
Committee Reporter**