

MADISON COUNTY GRANTS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
February 12, 2018 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Clint Jones, Erica Harriss, Judy Kuhn, Ann Gorman,
Gussie Glasper, Liz Dalton

ABSENT: James Futrell, Bruce Malone, Helen Hawkins

OTHERS: Chairman Prenzler, Trudy Bodenbach, Sharon Trettenero, James Arnold,
Dave Harrison, Nadine Pfeiffer, Lisa Mersinger, Sam Borders, Tony
Fuhrmann, Scott Cousins, Amy Meyer, Cynthia Ellis, Kim Petzing, Eve
Drueke, Ron Baggett Sr., Darrell Williams

Clint Jones asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2018 Grants Meeting. Motion made by L. Dalton, second by E. Harriss

Motion approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ronald Baggett Sr., a member of the South Roxana Zoning board, was present with a proposal and asked the Committee if there was any money through a grant or loan for new water lines for South Roxana. C. Jones advised Mr. Baggett that we would have to have the Village of South Roxana bring it to the Committee. L. Mersinger advised Mr. Baggett that the city of South Roxana would be applying for a CDBG block grant loan and that he should talk to Mr. Bob Coles and Mr. Coles would be able to let him know when the next meeting would be so that he could give his input to the Village of South Roxana to have the grant application go towards water lines.

Mr. Darrell Williams, a resident of South Roxana, asked the committee if there was any money to go towards dredging a retention pond to get the mud out. C. Jones advised Mr. Williams should go to Planning and Development with his request because they might have money for those types of projects.

NEW BUSINESS

BILLS and PURCHASES REQUESTS APPROVAL

The Bills and Purchase report was presented by Clint Jones. A motion to approve was made by G. Glasper, second by L. Dalton

Motion approved unanimously.

C. Jones presented a Resolution to Authorize Resource Education Program Funding FY18 from Planning & Development.

Motion to approve made by A. Gorman, second by G. Glasper

Motion approved unanimously.

C. Jones presented a Resolution Authorizing Environmental Grants FY 2018 from Planning & Development.

Motion to approve made by L. Dalton, second by A. Gorman

Motion approved unanimously.

D. Harrison presented a Resolution to Authorize Madison County Illinois to Join the St. Louis Area Regional Council on Homelessness and Mission and Vision Proposal. After some discussion, the Committee decided that they would wait on this until more information is available.

J. Arnold presented a Resolution Authorizing A Park & Recreation Loan to the Village of Pontoon Beach.

Motion to approve was made by A. Gorman, second by L. Dalton

Motion approved unanimously.

S. Borders informed the Committee about the Public Meeting for FY 2018 Annual Action Plan that is submitted each year to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). L. Mersinger also passed out a handout with the Agenda for the meeting. He stated that we are projecting to receive close to \$2.7 million dollars in allocations to fund the CDBG Program to fund projects that meet the national objectives of benefitting low to moderate income individuals, eliminating slum and blight, and projects that meeting an urgent need.

S. Borders also stated that the HOME program is projected to receive \$700,000 to help fund projects that also meet the national objectives to provide safe, decent, and affordable housing along with housing development, homebuyer assistance, and housing rehabilitation.

S. Borders stated the needs of Madison County and that these items are all listed on the Agenda that L. Mersinger passed out and that the Committee received in their packets.

Tony Fuhrmann from Employment and Training gave the Committee an update on the outreach activities that they have been trying to increase. The First is working with an MBA class a SIUE on a marketing plan. Tony met with the class on January 21 and presented what Employment & Training does and had about 45 minutes of questions from the students. The class ends at the end of February, so there are two groups that will be presenting their plans on 21st and 28th.

Second, Tony stated that they will be co-locating staff at the DHS offices in East Alton and Granite City which they started doing on February 1 to help assist the TANF and the food stamp population. Another area of low income individuals that they are trying to reach out to are those who receive General Assistance through the Township offices. They are trying to reach out to SIU students that may be eligible to receive assistance and may possibly do a video to show to their staff to show to students.

Trudy Bodenbach stated that she had sent each Committee member an email and that she would like to meet with each of them to get to know them and just hear their concerns and thoughts on Madison County.

Chairman Prenzler then stated that he wanted to thank Dave Harrison for inviting him to the Project Homeless Connect and that it was a great event. He also mentioned his concerns about Human Trafficking.

Amy Meyer then presented an old Field notebook that surveyor Robinson used when they were building the Plank Road in the American bottoms. She informed the Committee that this document would be kept and preserved by the Illinois State Archives. The State of Illinois will also take an overview image of the document.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to adjourn was made by J. Kuhn, second by A. Gorman

Motion approved unanimously.

Next meeting Date: Monday, March 12, 2018 at 4:00 pm.