Social Programs Committee Minutes December 12, 2016 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Preston Allen; Supervisors John Collyer, Gardner Congdon, Vince DeLucia, Peter Martin, Kevin Tollisen and Chairman of the Board Mo Wright; Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Sandi Cross, Aging.

Chairman Allen called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. DeLucia the minutes of the November 7, 2016 meeting were amended and approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. DeLucia to authorize an agreement with the Town of Stillwater providing for the County to issue a onetime grant towards the purchase of a van to transport local senior citizens in an amount not to exceed \$21,000. Unanimous.

Mrs. Cross said that the current van is six years old.

A motion was made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. Martin to authorize an agreement with O'Connell and Aronowitz in the amount of \$20,520 for legal services in the Office of the Aging. Mr. Congdon abstained from voting. Motion Passed.

Mrs. Cross said that through 3B Federal Funds they need to provide legal services to clients. Mrs. Cross said that approximately 200 people are served every year. The attorney travels to several different towns throughout the County every Thursday and if necessary will make a home visit. Mrs. Cross said that bids were put out and they received two responses. Mrs. Cross said that they decided to go with one attorney only to streamline the process. Mr. Congdon questioned how the procurement list was generated, Mrs. Cross said that it all went through purchasing.

A motion was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. DeLucia to authorize an agreement with NEC Care, Inc. dba Home Instead Senior Care to provide respite care and companionship services at a cost of \$23.50 per hour for the period of January 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017. Unanimous.

Mrs. Cross said last year \$37,267 was set aside by the balancing initiative, which is part of the affordable care act, to provide respite service to individuals receiving Medicaid that are in need of additional respite services. An additional \$5,216 was received for a total of \$42,483 and extended the contact to run through the end of September 2017. To date \$9,148 has been spent leaving a balance of \$33,335.

On a motion made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. DeLucia the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Therese Connolly Legislative Clerk