



**EDUCATION, VETERANS AND AGING SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes – January 16, 2018**

**Call to Order.** Chair Richard called the meeting of the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee to order at 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, in Conference Room N-1, fifth floor, Courthouse East.

**Committee Members Present:** Supervisors Pleasant, Richard, Zajac and Schulz.

**Committee Members Absent:** Supervisor Owens.

**Staff Members Present:** Joyce Lubben, Council on Aging Director; and John Solis, Veteran Service Officer.

**Others Present:** Robert Harlow, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP); Paul Charnecki and Ted Charnecki.

**Approval of Agenda.** Supervisor Pleasant moved approval of the agenda, second by Supervisor Schulz. ADOPTED.

**Approval of Minutes – October 17, 2017.** Supervisor Zajac moved approval of the minutes from October 17, 2017 as presented, second by Supervisor Pleasant. ADOPTED.

**Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcements, Information.** Ms. Lubben informed the Committee that, at present, the Council on Aging office is down four employees due to moving, retirement, etc.

**Transfers.** None.

**Review of Payments.** The Committee accepted the report.

**Resolution.**

**Amending the 2018 Council on Aging Budget to Adjust the Elderly & Handicapped Transportation Budget and Accept the Medicare Improvements for Patients & Providing Act (MIPPA) Grant**

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 does hereby amend the 2018 Rock County Council on Aging budget as follows:

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Supervisor Zajac moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Pleasant.  
ADOPTED.

**Semi-Annual Reports.** The Committee accepted the reports.

**Committee Requests and Motions.**

**Loss of Funding for Retired & Senior Volunteer Program – Robert Harlow** Mr. Harlow said the United Way cut \$21,000 for RSVP in 2018, and the Council on Aging cut \$11,184 for 2018. Mr. Harlow said he has a board meeting on Friday to see what these cuts will mean to which programs. He said he feels one of the things will be a cut to mileage, and possibly the Seniors Volunteering for Seniors Program, which would mean transportation requests will be denied. He added that he does not know what the impact will be from the federal funding at this time. Mr. Harlow said he should know some time in February about the federal funding.

Supervisor Schulz said she feels the County Administrator needs to know about this. Chair Richard asked Mr. Harlow to write up a summary of this for the County Administrator. Supervisor Schulz said she remembers Mr. Smith saying that if more funds were seriously cut he would take a look to see if there are any funds available to help. Supervisor Zajac said we won't know the final results until the end of February. Chair Richard requested Mr. Harlow speak to Mr. Smith, to have this put on a future agenda, and have Mr. Smith attend the meeting.

**UW Rock County Merger with UW Whitewater – Kristin Fillhouer** Ms. Fillhouer said the two-year colleges are merging with various four-year colleges; the UW System has said tuition will remain the same; identities will remain the same; they will work with the accreditation body to remain an accredited campus; UW System has created work groups for financial aid; NCAA is helping with the athletic programs; are making sure they remain compliant; and each of the merging campuses have created their own work groups to work on things specific to their areas within the system (i.e. nursing program, engineering program, etc.). Ms. Fillhouer said Chancellor Kopper was at the December County Board meeting, as well as various other meetings, to keep communications open and to work on making them even better together. She added that the UW Whitewater website has a link for the merger with UW Rock County to obtain further information. Ms. Fillhouer said there is a great deal to accomplish, it is a massive process.

Mr. Paul Charnecki voiced his concerns about his son being in the engineering program and whether or not he will be able to complete his schooling at the UW Rock campus as planned. He added that UW Platteville is where the engineering program is through but it will cost a great deal more for his son to live and attend school in Platteville. Ms. Fillhouer said this is a discussion they are having now and feels the program will continue at UW Rock County as is, as well as the nursing program with Blackhawk Technical College. She said she hopes the merger will mean there will be even more opportunities offered at the UW Rock County campus.

Chair Richard asked Ms. Fillhouer what the best way is to keep these gentlemen up-to-date. Ms. Fillhouer asked for contact information from Mr. Charnecki and his son, asked them to

access both websites and leave comments on their concerns, encouraged Mr. Ted Charnecki to declare his major, said Ms. Lois Smith is the consultant helping on this and to meet with her.

Supervisor Schulz requested an update on the trishaw bikes at the next meeting. Chair Richard asked to have this put on the next agenda.

**Adjournment.** Supervisor Zajac moved adjournment at 4:38 P.M., second by Supervisor Pleasant. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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