

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday October 9, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Room 248 Services Center 801 N. Sales St., Merrill, WI 54452

MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurie Thiel, Jim Meunier, Elizabeth McCrank

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Greta Rusch

DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT: Jessi Rumsey

VISITORS IN PERON:

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE: Marty Lemke

Attendance Policy: All public participants' phones, microphones and chat dialog boxes must be muted or disabled during the meeting.

MINUTES

1. **Call Meeting to Order** - Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm
2. **Approval of September 11, 2023 Minutes** - M/S Meunier/McCrank to approve minutes - carried
3. **Financial Report**
 - a. **2023 YTD** - Rumsey noted no significant changes to report at this time with regard to the financial report as presented tonight. Report Placed on File
 - b. **2024 WHEAP Contract signed - \$61,138.00** - Rumsey noted this is the initial contract for 2024, however in the past we do usually see a contract amendment adding more dollars. If at such time that should happen - an update will be provided.
4. **Director's Report** - Report placed on file.
5. **Update on Status of Lift Van** - Lift van sold at auction for \$4,350.00. Check will be coming soon from that process. It is believed the money will go to the general fund, but those details will be sorted out by finance.
6. **Approve Director Timesheets for 9/4/23-10/1/23** - M/S McCrank/Meunier to approve - carried.
7. **Policy & Resolutions ***
 - a. **Resolution in Support of Expanding the Legal Definition of "Kinship Care Relative"** - Discussion was held on proposed change in the legal definition that was introduced by Senator Ballweg, Senator James and Representative Snyder per correspondence from DCF. Thiel agreed to sponsor the resolution and Lemke, Meunier, and McCrank will be the co-sponsors. M/S Meunier/McCrank to send the resolution to the County Board for approval - carried 4-0
 - b. **Resolution to Restructure the Child Support Department and Convert Child Support Lead Position From Part-Time to Full-Time** - McCrank agreed to sponsor the resolution and Thiel is the co-sponsor. M/S McCrank/Thiel to send to A&L for approval - carried 4-0
8. **Future Agenda Items - Presentation from social worker on National DEC conference at November 13th meeting; Child Support Department staffing due to vacancy** - Rumsey noted that the Child Support Department vacancy portion of this future agenda item should have been removed when the above resolution was drafted and proposed. There is no additional vacancy to address at this time.
9. **Next Meeting Date(s)- November 13, 2023 - 4:00 p.m. Service Center Room 248**
10. **Adjourn** - Meeting adjourned at 4:43 pm

Minutes prepared by Jessi Rumsey