

**MADISON COUNTY GRANTS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 6, 2025, 4:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Frank Dickerson, Valerie Doucleff, Fred Schulte, Ron Simpson, Victor Valentine Jr., Denise Wiehardt, Alison Lamothe

ABSENT: Shawndell Wilson, Alison Lamothe absent during first part of meeting.

OTHERS: Stacey Pace, Lisa Mersinger, Nadine Pfeiffer, Christian Buesser-Hosto, Margaret Dugger, David Goodrich, Melanie Georges, Chris Slusser, Dave Tanzyus, Cynthia Ellis, Tony Fuhrmann, Cathryn Hamilton

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked the Committee if there were any suggestions to add, subtract, or any changes to the minutes from the Grants Committee meeting April 1, 2025.

Motion made to accept the minutes by Fred Schulte and Victor Valentine Jr. therefore the minutes stand as written.

E. PROCLAMATIONS

F. PURCHASE APPROVAL

Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve Monthly Purchase Report.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Victor Valentine Jr.

Motion approved by the 6 members present.

Alison Lamothe has joined the meeting.

G. PURCHASE REQUEST

G1- Chair Denise Wiehardt asked for a motion to approve a Purchase Request for Community Development for thirty-eight (38) 6,000 BTU air conditioners from Lowe's for a total amount \$7,925.90.

Oral vote taken by the Chair and all 7 members present voted yes.

G2- Chair Denise Wiehardt asked for a motion to approve a Purchase Request from Employment & Training Dept. for Early Childhood education at Lewis & Clark Community College for five (5) participants in the amount of \$16,750.00

Oral vote taken by the Chair and all 7 members present voted yes.

G3- Chair Denise Wiehardt asked for a motion to approve a Purchase Request from Employment & Training for a Pre-Apprenticeship training program for Healthcare positions at Southwestern Illinois College for sixteen (16) participants in the amount of \$18,205.92.

Oral vote taken by the Chair and all 7 members present voted yes.

H. PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

H1.- Chair Denise Wiehardt asked for a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing approval of a contract to provide training services for Madison County Employment & Training department with Kaskaskia Community College to provide ten(10) students Pre-Apprenticeship training for careers in Early Childhood Education in the amount of \$34,310.00.

Motion to approve was made by Valerie Doucleff, seconded by Alison Lamothe.

Motion approved by the 7 members present.

Chair Denise Wiedhardt announced that Item H2 on the agenda will not be voted on due to the fact it is a duplicate of item H1.

I.- RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

I1.-Chair Denise Wiehardt asked for a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of the 2026 Supplemental Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program Grant applications for the County of Madison, Illinois.

Motion to approve was made by Victor Valentine Jr., seconded by Valerie Doucleff.

Motion approved by the 7 members present.

I2 - Chair Denise Wiehardt asked for a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of the 2026 Weatherization grant program application for the County of Madison, Illinois.

Motion to approve was made by Ron Simpson, seconded by Frank Dickerson.

Motion approved by the 7 members present.

I3- Chair Denise Wiehardt then asked for a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the utilization of the 2026 Illinois Department of Human Services Rapid Re-Housing grant in the County of Madison, Illinois.

Motion to approve was made by Ron Simpson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 7 members present.

I4- Chair Denise Wiehardt asked for a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the utilization of the 2026 Illinois Department of Human Services Permanent Supportive Housing grant in the County of Madison, Illinois.

Motion to approve was made by Valerie Doucleff, seconded by Ron Simpson.

Motion approved by the 7 members present.

I5 - Chair Denise Wiehardt asked for a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the application to Illinois Department of Human Services for the 2026 Emergency Transitional Housing grant in the County of Madison, Illinois.

Motion to approve was made by Victor Valentine Jr., seconded by Frank Dickerson.

Motion approved by the 7 members present.

I6- Chair Denise Wiehardt asked for a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing a contract for Economic Development Services.

Motion to approve was made by Alison Lamothe, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 7 members present.

J. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Anthony Fuhrmann, from the Employment and Training Department, was present to discuss the monthly Employment and Training report that was previously emailed to the Committee.

Stacey Pace was present to give the MCCD monthly report that was previously emailed to the Committee. Committee member Frank Dickerson complimented Stacey on her thorough report.

K. NEW BUSINESS

L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chair Denise Wiehardt announced that there will be a Special Grants Committee meeting before the County Board meeting on May 21, 2025 @ 4:30 to vote on a resolution from Employment & Training that did not make it onto the Agenda but needs to go to County Board this month.

Next regular Grants meeting will be Tuesday, June 3, 2025 @ 4:00 pm

M. CLOSED SESSION

None

N. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made at 4:25 pm by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 7 members present.