

The Board of Supervisors of Shelby County, Iowa, met pursuant to law and rules of said board in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Chambers of the Shelby County Courthouse with the following members present: LaVon A. Christensen, Chairman; Gayle Petersen, Vice-Chairman; Richard Ferry; and Marsha J. Carter, Clerk.

It was moved by Ferry, seconded by Petersen, to approve the agenda and the following items contained in the Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes of September 17, 2002
- B. Office Reports – Sheriff’s Quarterly Report
- C. Committee Reports

AYES: Christensen, Petersen, Ferry NAYES: None

It was moved by Ferry, seconded by Petersen, to approve the claims of September 30, 2002.
AYES: Christensen, Petersen, Ferry NAYES: None

Bob Seivert, EMA Coordinator, appeared before the Board to report that he had received notice that the Shelby County Emergency Services Association had been approved for a \$10,000 EMS Training and Equipment Grant and a \$19,400 EMS Systems Development Grant for a total of \$29,400, which compares to \$5,901 in previous years. It was moved by Petersen, seconded by Christensen, to approve the EMS Systems Development Grant #58802018. AYES: Christensen, Petersen NAYES: Ferry

Seivert also explained the necessity of the Amended Budget Request for the Hazardous Mitigation GIS/GPS Project #911-GIS-83-00. It seems that more federal dollars became available, and our request was funded in its entirety, instead of only a partial funding. It was moved by Ferry, seconded by Petersen, to authorize the Chairman to sign the necessary documents. AYES: Christensen, Petersen, Ferry NAYES: None

Since no action was taken at the last meeting, a discussion was held again on the appointment of two new members to the Conservation Board. The Conservation Board had made the following recommendation: Roger Bissen to replace Dave Ohlinger and Mike Howard to replace Mel Andersen. Supervisor Ferry reported that Mert Bargaquist and Dan Heller had approached him after the last meeting, requesting to be on the Conservation Board. It was moved by Ferry to appoint Mert Bargaquist and Dan Heller to the Conservation Board. The motion died for lack of second. It was moved by Christensen, seconded by Petersen, to appoint Mike Howard and Mert Bargaquist to the Conservation Board. AYES: Christensen, Petersen, Ferry NAYES: None

Lonnie Maguire, CPC, appeared before the Board to make the following report:

“On August 20, 2002, a TAT or technical assistance team reviewed the Shelby County Mental health budget which was requested by the Shelby County CPC, Lonnie Maguire. The TAT team was composed of two DHS employees, two CPC's from surrounding counties and the Shelby County CPC. The TAT team reviewed past and current budgetary information, the total number of people currently receiving services and current agreements with providers.

Overall, the TAT could not find any problems with how the Shelby County CPC has funded services. One of the major problems they did discover is the high cost of service of some of the providers utilized by Shelby County for persons with disabilities. This included providers within and outside of Shelby County.

The TAT team compared Shelby County to two other counties that are comparable in size and number of consumers served. The results were that the provider/agency costs are higher in Shelby County. The TAT team also compared Shelby County to these two counties when it came to the dollar amount spent on the mental health block grant, work activity, and ICF/MR.

The TAT team had several suggestions to correct the current budgetary problems. Four of those suggestions were:

- 1) Encumbered budget.
- 2) Working with Providers to reduce costs either by lower rates or utilizing funding streams other than County (such as ARO).

- 3) Team Meetings with individuals placed currently in ICF/MR to determine if it is an appropriate placement. Meetings with consumers and all person involved in the service delivery to discuss voluntary cuts.
- 4) Last resort would be a 5-6% cut in consumer's services

I have begun the process of doing the Encumbered budgets, which must be done on a monthly basis.

A process for meeting with individuals in ICF/MR has been put in place.

I have also begun meeting with all of the providers in Shelby County to begin looking at individual provider's service costs and different funding mechanisms. Case Managers have also been involved in this process and they will be looking at consumer's services during individual's team meetings.

An additional Contract with Mercy Hospital for involuntary commitment is also in progress. It is currently in the legal department, but once in place this could also be a cost savings for the county. We will continue to have a contract with Jennie Edmundson for involuntary commitments.

I have also begun looking at each consumer's services and analyzing these costs as they are renewed; reductions or denial of new services to individual's services have been done as necessary. Each cost/service reduction has been scrutinized over as this could possibly have an effect on individual's lives. I have begun working on the Waiting List Policy and Procedure, as this will need to be utilized this fiscal year. The budget problems Shelby County is currently having will not be resolved over night but with teamwork and cooperation from the county, providers and consumer/families, we can overcome these budget issues. That is why I am attending meetings at the state level to address budgetary issues and the current practice of funding for the counties by the state. I also plan to contact our state legislatures to make them aware, if they are not already of the budgetary issues facing Shelby County and the consumers we serve.”

Maguire also presented an agreement with Concerned, Inc., with lowered charges for some of their services. It was moved by Petersen, seconded by Ferry, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Provider and Program Participation Agreement between Shelby County and Concerned, Inc. AYES: Christensen, Petersen, Ferry NAYES: None

It was moved by Ferry, seconded by Petersen, to enter into a contract with Sundquist Engineering for design and survey costs in the amount of \$5500 for the Mosquito Creek Grade Control Structure near E ¼ Corner NW ¼ Section 35-80-40. AYES: Christensen, Petersen, Ferry NAYES: None

The County Engineer updated the Board on on-going Secondary Road projects.

There being no further business appearing, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

LaVon A. Christensen, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marsha J. Carter
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

NOTE: These minutes are as recorded by the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors and are subject to Board approval at the next regular meeting.