

RESOLUTION

Establish Senior Nutrition Reserve Account from Unspent Fund 202 Levy

WHEREAS, the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), under the umbrella of the Human Services Department is under contract from the state of Wisconsin to provide nutritious meals to individuals over age 60 at congregate meal sites and delivered to their home, and

WHEREAS, providing healthy meals to Senior citizens offers many benefits such as keeping them healthy longer through good nutrition, offering socialization at congregate meal sites which helps prevent depression and its many ill effects on a person's health, and providing regular contact to those that are isolated through the Home Delivered Meals Program, and

WHEREAS, the County Senior Nutrition Program has seen substantial growth in Home Delivered Meals and meal costs over the past few years and

WHEREAS, the State and Federal funding for Senior Nutrition programs has declined in the recent past with little or no likelihood of increasing in the future, and

WHEREAS, Trempealeau County increased the levy to the Home Delivered Meals program in 2016 by \$37,816, and

WHEREAS, the Senior Nutrition Program accumulated funds decades ago and there will be approximately \$90,000 remaining at the end of 2016 which the County has used to fill the gap between revenues and expenses in the Nutrition program in the past, and

WHEREAS using current rates of utilization it is expected that these reserve funds will be exhausted by 2018 and it is anticipated that the Senior Nutrition Program will have an annual shortfall of \$50,000 or more at that time, and the state requires that once these reserve funds are spent they cannot be replenished, and

WHEREAS, creating waiting lists for the Senior Nutrition Program Home Delivered Meals and/or closing Congregate Meal sites would affect the health and safety of the Senior Citizens of Trempealeau County and create hardships for those individuals, and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Board has created a workgroup to identify ways to prevent shortfalls in the program and prevent financial impact on the County's General Fund, and

WHEREAS, that workgroup considered every option to make the Senior Nutrition Program sustainable and will continue to work to keep the program cost effective,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors hereby establish a separate reserve account for the Senior Nutrition Program to only be accessed and utilized when there is a budgeted shortfall in the Senior Nutrition Program. The Fund would be created using up to \$100,000 unspent funds annually from Fund 202 that are not already committed to the Human Services Contingencies fund effective with the 2015 audit. The

maximum allowed in the fund would \$300,000 and could be replenished in subsequent years if the balance drops below the maximum allowed.

Dated at Whitehall, Wisconsin, this 19th day of September, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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