



**GENERAL ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 2:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** David Thielen, Ken Benson, Renee Grummer-Miller, Chris Poole, Rebecca Price, Monica Tate, and Linda Stavropoulos

**GUEST:** Staci Meade, LCCS Finance

**STAFF:** Ashley Balius and Debbie Leaming

**INTRODUCTIONS & CALL TO ORDER:**

Ashley Balius welcomed the General Assistance Advisory Board Committee Members. Members then introduced themselves.

Ashley called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

GA Advisory Committee reviewed the minutes of April 11, 2018 and October 10, 2018. Motion made by Chris Poole, seconded by Monica Tate, and approved as presented.

**BUDGET USAGE INFORMATION**

Ashley reviewed the GA Budget Usage Report for July 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018 (1st and 2nd Quarters FY2019). Ashley noted that 1,626 households were served. The total amount of claims paid was \$595,741.00, which is 53% of the total budget expenditure.

**POLICY REVIEW**

Ashley introduced a packet of the Linn County GA Policy Review and walked through the packet with members regarding current policy and community data. Discussed policy and practice considerations for possible flexibility for use of the maximum \$450 (Increase amount used for utilities or use up to \$450 for rent). Possibly use the funds for security deposit for homeless applicants, resolve issues regarding families vs. roommates, and the best utilization of community funds.

These are things for the committee to consider and possibly make changes to policy and practice.

Ashley questioned whether the City is investing in community resources also. She also would like to look into helping rural Linn County residents more.

The committee went over the timeline outline (January - July). Ashley is hoping we will be able to have a new policy in place by July 1st.

## **MEETING SCHEDULE**

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:01p.m.