

## ST. JOHNS COUNTY CIVIC ROUNDTABLE

### MINUTES OF MEETING

March 9, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Lofgren at 9:05 am. The minutes of the February 9, 2015 meeting were accepted as read. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$1167.69 with four paid members.

President Lofgren introduced the guest speaker, Ms. Becky Yanne, Executive Director of the St. Johns County Council on Aging. Ms. Yanni reviewed the work of the Council. It is the primary service agency for the elderly in St. Johns County. Some of the main areas it covers include:

1. Meals on Wheels – The COA serves over 260 meals to housebound seniors daily. It also serves approximately 340 meals daily in for siste locations.
2. The COA has 4 life/long learning centers with many activities for the elderly. A new center is being opened in Hastings.
3. The COA is running a new Memory Enhancement Program for those in early stages of dementia. This program is for small groups of 10-12 and is given at eight locations throughout the county.
4. The COA is the designated county public transportation coordinator. As such, it runs a paratransit program for door to door rides for doctor visits etc. Last year it provided over 50,000 rides in this area. It also runs regularly scheduled service with the Sunshine Bus company on several routes. It will be adding a new route to Vilano Beach by April 1 and is negotiating with the City of St. Augustine Beach for

additional service to that area.

5. Care Connection – The COA runs an active program of providing minor repair services to the elderly. It also is currently involved in constructing handicap ramps in connection with the KeHE Corporation.

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The COA's funding comes from a variety of sources. These include state and federal grants, corporate grants, matching funding and donations. It has an annual budget of 6.9 million dollars.

## OTHER BUSINESS

1. Bill McCormick discussed the latest in the VA move from the old County Health building. He lamented the poor job that is being done by the Veterans Administration in this area.
2. Doug Worth announced that The Beaches Leader and the Ponte Vedra Recorder have agreed to run the articles on the need for additional county funding.
3. Sarah Bailey commented on the resurgence of major new developments in the Northwest area of the county.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Olsen

Secretary