

**SPECIAL SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
June 6, 2005**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Thomas Armstrong  
Elizabeth Bartz  
May Chen  
Jeff Heintz  
Delores Jones  
Connie Krauss  
Vivian Celeste Neal  
Gene Nixon  
Sandra Selby  
Dr. Carl Simmers  
Karen Talbott  
Cheryl Urban  
Michael Wise  
Randy Zumbar

**DJFS STAFF:**

Valorie Austin  
Patricia Divoky  
Julie Seeley

**GUESTS:**

Bill Ginter  
Kim Hands  
Linda Phelps  
Karen Salerno  
Dottie Schrum

**NOT PRESENT:**

Bill Alford  
Angela Tucker Cooper  
Connie Hesske  
Connie Humble  
Robert Kulinski  
James Lawrence  
Robert Pfaff  
Jean Van Ness  
Bernett William  
Elaine Woloslyn

**CALL TO ORDER**

Karen welcomed members to the meeting. The purpose of the Special Meeting is to discuss and then vote on the recommendation from the Budget & Levy Committee regarding the levy proposal that Summit County Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities presented to the Budget and Levy Review Committee. The Board reviewed the matter and Tom Armstrong and other representatives from the MR/DD Board then joined the discussion.

**BUDGET & LEVY REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Elizabeth explained that MR/DD has an opportunity to go on the ballot in November, 2005. MR/DD has asked for recommendation from the SSAB for a 4.5 Mill replacement plus addition levy. The current levy is 3.61 Mills. The Budget & Levy Review

Committee met twice to discuss the proposal and then voted, and is suggesting a favorable recommendation of the levy proposal to the Board.

Elizabeth distributed a document that consisted of questions that the Board members had forwarded to her after they reviewed the memo from the Budget & Levy Review Committee. Tom Armstrong presented responses to these questions that had been forwarded to him last week. Tom noted that some public polling has been done to determine acceptance of the levy proposal and was met with a positive public response.

After extensive discussion, a motion was made to approve the recommendation from the Budget & Levy Review Committee to place the 4.5 Mill MR/DD levy proposal on the November, 2005 ballot. The motion passed with one “no” vote and with Tom Armstrong abstaining.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2005 SSAB BOARD MEETING**

The minutes of the April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005 SSAB Board meeting were unanimously approved.

#### **OTHER**

No items were noted.

#### **NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED SSAB BOARD MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at the Summit County Department of Job & Family Services.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:20 p.m.