



Newaygo County Board of Commissioners

Health, Education & Human Services Committee

MINUTES

January 27, 2021

10:30 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER James Maike, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike

AGENDA - MOTION NO. 21-050
Motion by Mike Kruithoff, second by Brenda Bird, to approve the Agenda of January 27, 2021. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

MINUTES – MOTION NO. 21-051
Motion by Brenda Bird, second by Mike Kruithoff, to approve the Health, Education & Human Services Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2020. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION Kevin Hughes, District Health Department #10 Director

- Currently, there has been a decline in positive COVID-19 cases in Newaygo County for the month of January. There are up to 10 individuals in Michigan who have contracted the variant to COVID. The current vaccines do address these variants, but they have been found to be more contagious.
- There have been over 12,000 vaccines given in the DHD#10 area.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE Steven Cain, Veteran Affairs

The following departmental updates were reported by Steven Cain:

- Department staff are processing claims, answering questions, and assisting Veterans and their families obtain benefits. Have been handling claims using online resources, over the phone, and talking with customers at the window.
- In the 4th month of the FY2021 County Veterans Service Fund Grant. Reporting is going well thanks to the continued support of Administration and our County Grants manager.

MOTION NUMBER 21-052
Motion by Mike Kruithoff, second by Brenda Bird, to recommend to the Finance Committee to approve the submission of the COA Bus Access Transportation Grant application to the Fremont Area Community Foundation in the amount of \$45,000 for fiscal year 2022, and authorize the Commission on Aging Director to submit this application electronically Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MOTION NUMBER 21-053
Motion by Brenda Bird, second by Mike Kruithoff, to recommend to the Finance Committee to approve the submission of the Commission on Aging Homemaker grant application to Fremont Area Community Foundation in the amount of \$22,500 for fiscal year 2022, and authorize the Commission on Aging Director to submit the application electronically. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MOTION NUMBER 21-054

Motion by Mike Kruihoff, second by Brenda Bird, to recommend to the Finance Committee to approve the submission of the MDOT Specialized Services Grant application for FY 2022 in the amount of \$37,942, and authorize the Commission on Aging Director to submit any and all of the necessary documents electronically. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruihoff, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Joseph Fox, Director, Commission on Aging
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The following departmental updates were reported by Joseph Fox:

- Meals on Wheels is currently delivering 215-225 meals per day.
- Currently planning on re-opening Meal Sites on Monday, February 8 – following C-19 protocol.
- Health Van and Volunteer Transportation is very busy at this time – seeking Volunteer drivers.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT	Christopher Wren, County Administrator
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- Will forward information from the Health Department to the Board as it is received.
- Planning on returning to in-person health screenings this summer if possible.

MISCELLANEOUS	Commissioner Mike Kruihoff
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- Read Commissioner Birds post regarding food safety and agrees with her assessment on the safety and freshness of foods that are being handed out.
Note – Commissioner Bird spoke briefly with the Board regarding her concerns on this matter and will continue to try to help correct this issue.

MISCELLANEOUS	James Maike
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- May need to be prepared to discuss vaccinations as it applies to the working environment of the County in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT	None
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ADJOURNMENT – MOTION NO.	21-055
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Motion by Mike Kruihoff, second by Brenda Bird, to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruihoff, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.

COUNTY CLERK CERTIFICATION	
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CHAIRPERSON CERTIFICATION	
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DATE	February 24, 2021
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