



Newaygo County Board of Commissioners

Health, Education & Human Services Committee

MINUTES

March 24, 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.	21-120
Motion by Brenda Bird, second by Mike Kruithoff, to approve the Agenda of March 24, 2021. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
PUBLIC COMMENT	None
MINUTES – MOTION NO.	21-121
Motion by Mike Kruithoff, second by Brenda Bird, to approve the Health, Education & Human Services Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2021. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
MOTION NO.	21-122
Motion by Brenda Bird, second by Mike Kruithoff, to recommend to the Finance Committee to approve the proposed NEWAYGO COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL BYLAWS. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Joseph Fox, Director, Commission on Aging
The following departmental updates were reported by Joseph Fox: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meals on Wheels is delivering about 220 meals per day. Special delivery routes have begun to the Fremont area which focuses on several senior housing locations. • Distributing over 300 Care Kits to older adults in various programs. These kits were donated and assembled by United Way of the Lakeshore. • Case managers are very busy with telephone connections and assessments. They continue to make in-home visits while observing C-19 precautions. • An information only sheet about the soon coming Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Continuation of Funding proposal is being shared separate from this update. 	
DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Steven Cain, Veteran Affairs
The following departmental updates were reported by Steven Cain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Have received \$20,000 in Meijer Vouchers and have been distributing these to veterans in need in a fair and structured manner while maintaining compliance with all County Policies. • The Veterans Affairs Committee has processed 12 Soldiers and Sailors Relief Fund applications to date from the start of FY 2021. 	
ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT	Christopher Wren, County Administrator
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The American Rescue Plan has been changing and the County is monitoring these changes as they can affect the COBRA plan and employee dependent care. 	

- Working with 44 North regarding the County's current healthcare and a fairly substantial uptick in health care claims.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brenda Bird, Commissioners

- Discussed concerns with the safety of "Farm to Family" food boxes as they can be handled inappropriately. Have been working with the MSU Extension regarding this. This issue is not just in Newaygo County.

ADJOURNMENT – MOTION NO. 21-123

Motion by Mike Kruithoff, second by Brenda Bird, to adjourn the meeting at 11:26 a.m. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.

COUNTY CLERK CERTIFICATION

CHAIRPERSON CERTIFICATION

DATE

April 28, 2021