



Newaygo County Board of Commissioners

Health, Education & Human Services Committee

MINUTES

July 28, 2021

10:30 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER James Maike, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike

AGENDA - MOTION NO. 21-283
Motion by Brenda Bird, second by Mike Kruithoff, to approve the Agenda of July 28, 2021. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

MINUTES – MOTION NO. 21-284
Motion by Mike Kruithoff, second by Brenda Bird, to approve the Health, Education & Human Services Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2021. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE Steven Cain, Veteran Affairs
The following departmental updates were reported by Steven Cain:

- Currently in the 10th Month, 4th quarter of the FY2021 County Veterans Service Fund Grant. Reporting is going well thanks to the continued support of Administration and Grant Manager Melanie Doughty.
- Volunteer drivers are available for Veterans of all wartime eras.
- Print ads are in the Silver Tsunami, Times Indicator, and Hi-Lites for Veterans Affairs Services throughout the 2021 year.

MOTION NUMBER 21-285
Motion by Brenda Bird, second by Mike Kruithoff, to recommend to the Finance Committee to approve the Commission on Aging’s Health Transportation (Medical Van and Volunteer Medial Transportation) grant application in the amount of \$94,000.00 for calendar year 2022, and authorize the Commission on Aging Director to submit the application electronically to the Fremont Area Community Foundation’s Elderly Needs Fund. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MOTION NUMBER 21-286
Motion by Mike Kruithoff, second by Brenda Bird, to recommend to the Finance Committee to approve the Commission on Aging’s Meals Programs (Senior Congregate/Community Meals and Home Delivered/Meals on Wheels) grant application in the amount of \$72,500.00 for calendar year 2022, and authorize the Commission on Aging Director to submit the application electronically to the Fremont Area Community Foundation’s Elderly Needs Fund. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MOTION NUMBER 21-287
Motion by Brenda Bird, second by Mike Kruithoff, to recommend to the Finance Committee to approve the Commission on Aging’s Older Adult Respite Services grant application in the amount of \$8,700.00 for calendar year 2022, and authorize the Commission on Aging Director to submit

the application electronically to the Fremont Area Community Foundation's Elderly Needs Fund. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, 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:

- All the AAA grants were approved and the contracts should be available shortly.
- Meals on Wheels are delivering about 190 meals per day.
- Health Van and Volunteer Transportation are very busy at this time.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT	Christopher Wren, County Administrator
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- Health Insurance rates are up and down. Not much of a rush after COVID as expected. Prescription drug costs are a big issue and currently working with 44 North.
- Received survey of 27 Michigan Counties that are self-insured and Newaygo County is the only one that offers no plan cost.

PUBLIC COMMENT	None
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MISCELLANEOUS	Brenda Bird, Commissioner
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- Would like to discuss some of the Health and Human Services Board Policies.

ADJOURNMENT – MOTION NO.	21-288
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Motion by Mike Kruithoff, second by Brenda Bird, to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 a.m. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.

COUNTY CLERK CERTIFICATION	
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CHAIRPERSON CERTIFICATION	
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DATE	August 25, 2021
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