



# Newaygo County Board of Commissioners

Health, Education & Human Services Committee

MINUTES

August 25, 2021

10:30 A.M.

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| CALL TO ORDER   | James Maike, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. |
| MEMBERS PRESENT   | Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike                      |
| AGENDA - MOTION NO.   | 21-319  |
| Motion by Brenda Bird, second by Mike Kruithoff, to approve the Agenda of August 25, 2021. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.  |   |
| PUBLIC COMMENT  | None  |
| MINUTES – MOTION NO.  | 21-320  |
| Motion by Mike Kruithoff, second by Brenda Bird, to approve the Health, Education & Human Services Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2021. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.  |   |
| MOTION NUMBER   | 21-321  |
| Motion by Brenda Bird, second by Mike Kruithoff, to recommend to the Finance Committee to approve <u>Resolution #09-011-21</u> adjusting the terms of the current Commission on Aging Advisory Council. 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"> <li>• Picnic planned at Fremont Lake Park on Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Meals on Wheels are delivering about 190 meals per day.</li> <li>• Hired a new Nutrition’s and Meals Coordinator, Tammy McCracken.</li> </ul>  |   |
| DEPARTMENT UPDATE   | Steven Cain, Veteran Affairs                                  |
| The following departmental updates were reported by Steven Cain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to assist veteran customers with their claims for VA Benefits and Emergency Relief.</li> <li>• Volunteer drivers are available for Veterans of all wartime eras.</li> <li>• Utilizing daily/weekly task lists on the Veteran Claims Management Software VetraSpec.</li> <li>• Free Military Camping Weekend at White Cloud County Park from September 17-19<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul> |   |
| MOTION NUMBER   | 21-322  |
| Motion by Mike Kruithoff, second by Brenda Bird, to approve the agreement for Extension Services provided by Michigan State University effective October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022, and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign any and all of the necessary documents pertaining to the agreement. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.  |   |
| ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT  | Christopher Wren, County Administrator                        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with 44 North next week regarding BCBS renewal. The budget includes no adjustments for healthcare for employees.</li> </ul>  |   |

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| PUBLIC COMMENT   | Nate Thompson, Grant Resident   |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would like further clarification of Commissioner DeLaat's comments regarding the vaccine. Agrees with Commissioner Kruihoff regarding 'free choice'.</li> </ul>  |
| PUBLIC COMMENT   | Gabe Schillman  |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agrees with Commissioner Kruihoff that 'free choice' regarding masks and vaccines is the best route. Appreciates the work the County does with veterans, and it is important to remember why our veterans served.</li> </ul> |
| PUBLIC COMMENT   | Kaitlyn Thompson, Grant Resident  |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It's difficult to be proud to be an American with everything going on in the country currently. Need "real patriots" to do what is right.</li> </ul>   |
| PUBLIC COMMENT   | Pat Collins, Grant Resident   |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Believes the November 2020 election was stolen and needs "fixed".</li> </ul>   |
| PUBLIC COMMENT   | Rachel Gort, Grant Resident   |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would like more info regarding the DHD#10 Board meetings.</li> </ul>   |
| PUBLIC COMMENT   | Doug Turner, Grant Resident   |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed opposition to the COVID vaccine and that it has not been approved as reported.</li> </ul>  |
| PUBLIC COMMENT   | Mike Connell, Grant Pastor  |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed how his church has dealt with COVID.</li> </ul>  |
| PUBLIC COMMENT   | Nikki Hilbrand, Grant Resident  |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spoke regarding Health Department and feels the government has overstepped their boundaries.</li> </ul>  |
| PUBLIC COMMENT   | Shelly Kruihoff, Grant Resident   |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would like the Board to pass a resolution against masks in schools.</li> </ul>   |
| PUBLIC COMMENT   | Terry Bott, Newaygo Resident  |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spoke regarding the effects of masks on children and asked the Board to speak to the Health Department.</li> </ul>   |
| PUBLIC COMMENT   | Tracey Smith, Newaygo Resident  |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spoke regarding free choice regarding masks at school</li> </ul>   |
| PUBLIC COMMENT   | Amy Nelson, Grant Resident  |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would like freedom of choice to be passed onto the Health Department.</li> </ul>   |
| MISCELLANEOUS  | None  |
| ADJOURNMENT – MOTION NO.   | 21-323  |
| <p>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.</p> |   |

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| COUNTY CLERK CERTIFICATION |                    |
| CHAIRPERSON CERTIFICATION  |                    |
| DATE                       | September 22, 2021 |