



Newaygo County Board of Commissioners

Health, Education & Human Services Committee

MINUTES

September 22, 2021

10:30 A.M.

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| CALL TO ORDER | James Maike, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. |
| MEMBERS PRESENT | Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike |
| AGENDA - MOTION NO. | 21-361 |
| Motion by Mike Kruithoff, second by Brenda Bird, to approve the Agenda of September 22, 2021. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried. | |
| PUBLIC COMMENT | None |
| MINUTES – MOTION NO. | 21-362 |
| Motion by Brenda Bird, second by Mike Kruithoff, to approve the Health, Education & Human Services Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of August 25, 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing to assist veteran customers with their claims for VA Benefits and Emergency Relief. Volunteer drivers are available for Veterans of all wartime eras. Budweiser Clydesdales will be at the Parade on November 10th in Fremont from 3-4 p.m. | |
| DEPARTMENT UPDATE | Joseph Fox, Director, Commission on Aging |
| The following departmental updates were reported by Joleen Fleese: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Had a picnic for all meal sites at the Newaygo, Muskegon River Park on Friday September 17th. Meals on Wheels are delivering about 190 meals per day. Homemaker services are very active and there are no people on a waiting list. | |
| ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT | Christopher Wren, County Administrator |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met with 44 North regarding health renewal and there will be a slight increase. Prescription drug costs are very high. Will be starting the "Wren Road Show" in October. Worked in Hesperia on Friday morning with Stewart Sanders, Register of Deeds, for the United Way Day of Caring. | |
| PUBLIC COMMENT | Theresa Emshwiller, Newaygo County Resident |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spoke about a resolution she would like the Board to consider regarding vaccines and employment. "No one is mandated to stay healthy, so no one should be mandated to get a vaccine." | |
| PUBLIC COMMENT | Douglas Turner, Grant Resident |

- Would like to speak to the Board in regards to if Newaygo County has a Health Officer or if it's just the District Health Department. Also, spoke regarding the negative effects of the vaccination and the negative effects of masks.

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| MISCELLANEOUS | James Maike, Commissioner |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proud of the job the Health and Wellness committee does for the employees of Newaygo County. |

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| ADJOURNMENT – MOTION NO. | 21-363 |
| Motion by Mike Kruithoff, second by Brenda Bird, to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 a.m. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried. | |

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| COUNTY CLERK CERTIFICATION | |
| CHAIRPERSON CERTIFICATION | |
| DATE | October 27, 2021 |