



Newaygo County Board of Commissioners

Health, Education & Human Services Committee

MINUTES

April 27, 2022

10:30 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER James Maike, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike

AGENDA - MOTION NO. 22-159
Motion by Brenda Bird, second by Mike Kruithoff, to approve the Agenda of April 27, 2022. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

MINUTES – MOTION NO. 22-160
Motion by Mike Kruithoff, second by Brenda Bird, to approve the Health, Education & Human Services Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2022. 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:

- **Office Operations** – Continue to assist veteran customers with their claims for VA Benefits and Emergency Relief.
- **Grant Update** – Currently in 3rd quarter of FY 2022 County Veterans Service Fund Grant.
- **Community Events** – Veterans Camping weekend will be Friday May 20th – Sunday May 22nd.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE Flora Sermon, COA Director
The following departmental updates were reported:

- There are currently 9 homemakers and 140 clients. Currently in need of one more homemaker to avoid a waiting list.
- Working on AAAMW Grant due May 5, 2022.
- Opened the Newaygo Meal site and attendance is good, averaging 15-20 people per day.

NEW BUSINESS MOTION NO. 22-161
Motion by Brenda Bird, second by Mike Kruithoff, to recommend to the Finance Committee to approve the Compensation Philosophy & Plan, Benchmarks and Total Rewards Proposal from HR Collaborative in the amount of \$50,000 and authorize the County Administrator to execute any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT Christopher Wren, County Administrator

- Discussed health insurance and some positive changes that will be coming forward. The plan design is not an issue, but how that plan is administered is being reviewed. More to follow at upcoming meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

ADJOURNMENT – MOTION NO. 22-162

Motion by Mike Kruithoff, second by Brenda Bird, to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 a.m. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.

COUNTY CLERK CERTIFICATION	
CHAIRPERSON CERTIFICATION	
DATE	May 25, 2022