



Newaygo County Board of Commissioners

Health, Education & Human Services Committee

MINUTES

January 24, 2024

10:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER	James Maike called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m.
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MEMBERS PRESENT	Mike Kruihoff, Brenda Bird, James Maike
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AGENDA - MOTION NO.	24-034
Motion by Mike Kruihoff, second by Brenda Bird, to approve the Agenda of January 24, 2024. Ayes – Mike Kruihoff, Brenda Bird, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.	

PUBLIC COMMENT	None
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MINUTES – MOTION NO.	24-035
Motion by Brenda Bird, second by Mike Kruihoff, to approve the Health, Education & Human Services Committee regular meeting minutes of December 20, 2023. Ayes – Mike Kruihoff, Brenda Bird, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.	

DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Steven Cain, Veteran Affairs
The following departmental updates were reported per written report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Operations – Continue to assist veteran customers with claims for VA Benefits and Emergency Relief. • Employment – Currently in the interview process for the open part time service officer positions. • Veterans Affairs Committee – The Veterans Affairs Committee has processed 7 Soldiers and Sailors Relief Fund applications, 2 Peace Time Relief Fund applications, and 4 Michigan Veterans Trust Fund Applications to date from the start of FY 2024. 	

MOTION NUMBER	24-036
Motion by Mike Kruihoff, second by Brenda Bird, to recommend to the Finance Committee to approve the Commission on Aging’s contract with the Michigan Public Transit Association for Rural Transit Assistance Program funds for the period of October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2026, and authorize the Board Chair or Commission on Aging Director to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Mike Kruihoff, Brenda Bird, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.	

DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Brad Hinken, COA Director
The following departmental updates were reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kicking off the Aging in Place program by offering hi-visibility reflective house number signs for clients receiving in home service. • Published an RFB for a company to offer in-home bathing services to the Older Adults Respite Services clients. • The COA’s annual AAAM program assessment will be held on January 30th. 	

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT	Administrator Christopher Wren
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report. 	

PUBLIC COMMENT	None
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MISCELLANEOUS	None
ADJOURNMENT – MOTION NO.	24-037
Motion by Brenda Bird, second by Mike Kruithoff, to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 a.m. Ayes – Mike Kruithoff, Brenda Bird, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
COUNTY CLERK CERTIFICATION	Jason Vanderstelt, County Clerk
CHAIRPERSON CERTIFICATION	James Maike, Committee Chair
DATE	February 27, 2024