



Newaygo County Board of Commissioners

Health, Education & Human Services Committee

MINUTES

February 27, 2024

10:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER James Maike called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT Mike Kruihoff, Brenda Bird, James Maike

AGENDA - MOTION NO. 24-077
Motion by Mike Kruihoff, second by Brenda Bird, to approve the agenda of February 27, 2024. Ayes – Mike Kruihoff, Brenda Bird, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

MINUTES – MOTION NO. 24-078
Motion by Brenda Bird, second by Mike Kruihoff, to approve the Health, Education & Human Services Committee regular meeting minutes dated January 24, 2024. 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:

- **Employment** – Recently hired Raymond Buyers for the Part-time Veterans Service Officer Position to work 20 hours per week.
- **Veterans Affairs Committee** – The Veterans Affairs Committee has processed 11 Soldiers and Sailors Relief Fund applications, 6 Peace Time Relief Fund applications, and 4 Michigan Veterans Trust Fund Applications to date from the start of FY2024.
- **Housing Resources** – Continuing to work with a veteran who is participating in Hope 101’s Transitional Housing program at an apartment unit in Grant, MI.

MOTION NUMBER 24-079
Motion by Brenda Bird, second by Mike Kruihoff, to recommend to the Finance Committee to approve the Commission on Aging’s agreement with Community Home Health Care of Michigan to provide in-home personal care services to COA clients effective from April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2026, and authorize the Board Chairman to sign any and all of the necessary documents. Ayes – Mike Kruihoff, Brenda Bird, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MOTION NUMBER 24-080
Motion by Mike Kruihoff, second by Brenda Bird, to recommend to the Finance Committee to approve the Commission on Aging’s Provider and Partner Agreements with the Michigan Transportation Connection Rides to Wellness Program effective May 1, 2024, for a one-year term and to 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.

MOTION NUMBER 24-081
Motion by Brenda Bird, second by Mike Kruihoff, to recommend to the Finance Committee to approve the Commission on Aging’s establishment of transit fees for dedicated, individualized trips outside of Newaygo County for medical appointments effective May 1, 2024, and authorize the COA to subsidize up to 50% of the fee for residents 60 years of age and older with operating funds. Ayes – Mike Kruihoff, Brenda Bird, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Brad Hinken, COA Director
<p>The following departmental updates were reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is one full-time bus driver position open. • The Potato Day Open House will be held on March 15th. • The COA will hold A Matter of Balance course at the Fremont Rec Center during April and May. 	
DISCUSSION	Newaygo County Communicable Disease Policy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board discussed this policy with Administrator Wren and Human Resources Director Jodie McGarry. The County follows the guidelines of the CDC, and the need of this policy will be researched. 	
ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT	Administrator Christopher Wren
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner James Maike discussed BCBS changes for prescriptions. 90-day prescriptions are still available through the mail following form completion. • Commissioner James Maike also discussed the findings that the \$1,000 contribution to the FSA plans could not be made in the future. The employees that this affected were notified. 	
PUBLIC COMMENT	None
MISCELLANEOUS	Tour of the Newaygo County Fitness Center
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the meeting the Health Education and Human Services board toured the Newaygo County Fitness Center. 	
ADJOURNMENT – MOTION NO.	24-082
<p>Motion by Mike Kruthoff, second by Brenda Bird, to adjourn the meeting at 11:05. Ayes – Mike Kruthoff, Brenda Bird, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.</p>	
COUNTY CLERK CERTIFICATION	Jason Vanderstelt, County Clerk
CHAIRPERSON CERTIFICATION	James Maike, Committee Chair
DATE	March 27, 2024