



Newaygo County Board of Commissioners

Health, Education & Human Services Committee

MINUTES

April 22, 2026

10:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER James Maike called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT Lori Tubbergen Clark, Brenda Bird, James Maike

AGENDA - MOTION NO. 26-162
Motion by Lori Tubbergen Clark, second by Brenda Bird, to approve the agenda of April 22, 2026. Ayes – Lori Tubbergen Clark, Brenda Bird, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

MINUTES – MOTION NO. 26-163
Motion by Brenda Bird, second by Lori Tubbergen Clark, to approve the Health, Education & Human Services Committee regular meeting minutes for March 25, 2026. Ayes – Lori Tubbergen Clark, Brenda Bird, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE Brad Hinken, COA Director
The following departmental updates were reported:

- **Administration** – Reliance Community Care Partners monitoring review concluded with no findings or recommendations.
- **Services** – The Grant Community Center congregate meal site opening is pending approval from the District Health Department (DHD). The architect failed to submit plans to the DHD for pre-approval.
- **Staffing** – Holly Fisher, Transportation Coordinator, and Director Hinken attended MDOT’s Rural Transit Managers Workshop.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE Steven Cain, Veteran Affairs
The following departmental updates were provided via written report:

- **Michigan Veteran News** – The Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency hosted the fourth Women Veterans Conference from April 9-11, 2026, in Grand Rapids.
- **Medical Transportation** – Newaygo County Dept of Veterans Affairs has two volunteer drivers to assist veterans in need of rides to medical appointments. Veteran drivers have provided 99 Rides for Veterans in FY 2026.
- **Veterans Affairs Committee** – In FY 2026, the Veterans Affairs Committee has processed 15 Soldiers and Sailors Relief Fund applications, 8 Peace Time Relief Fund applications, and 3 Michigan Veterans Trust Fund applications.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT Administrator Christopher Wren

- Discussed Health Care plan renewals as well as PA 152.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

MISCELLANEOUS Commissioner Brenda Bird

- Discussed employee restroom cleanliness. Would like the County to update or designate an improved cleaning situation for the restrooms. Discussing lighting options for the restrooms with Commissioner Kruihoff.

ADJOURNMENT – MOTION NO.	26-164
Motion by Brenda Bird, second by Lori Tubbergen Clark, to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Ayes – Lori Tubbergen Clark, Brenda Bird, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
COUNTY CLERK CERTIFICATION	Jason Vanderstelt, County Clerk
CHAIRPERSON CERTIFICATION	James Maike, Committee Chair
DATE	May 27, 2026