



Newaygo County Board of Commissioners

Health, Education & Human Services Committee

MINUTES

June 24, 2026

10:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER	Commissioner James Maike called the meeting to order at 10:49 a.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT	Lori Tubbergen Clark, Brenda Bird, James Maike
AGENDA - MOTION NO.	26-241
Motion by Lori Tubbergen Clark, second by Brenda Bird, to approve the agenda of June 24, 2026, with the addition of an update from District Health Department #10 at 5B. Ayes – Lori Tubbergen Clark, Brenda Bird, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
PUBLIC COMMENT	None
MINUTES – MOTION NO.	26-242
Motion by Brenda Bird, second by Lori Tubbergen Clark, to approve the Health, Education & Human Services Committee regular meeting minutes for May 27, 2026. Ayes – Lori Tubbergen Clark, Brenda Bird, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
UPDATE	Kevin Hughes, District Health Department #10
Mr. Hughes provided and discussed with the Board the total permits issued for Newaygo County from April 1st until June 18th.	
DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Steven Cain, Veteran Affairs
The following departmental updates were reported: Veterans and Military Expo – Veterans and Military Expo is being held at the Wexford Civic Center in Cadillac, MI from 9am – 2pm on August 1st. Medical Transportation – Newaygo County Department of Veteran Affairs has two volunteer drivers to assist veterans in need of rides to medical appointments. Veteran drivers have provided 121 Rides for Veterans in FY2026. Veterans Affairs Committee – In FY 2026, the Veterans Affairs Committee has processed 21 Soldiers and Sailors Relief Fund applications, 8 Peace Time Relief Fund applications, and 3 Michigan Veterans Trust Fund applications.	
MOTION NUMBER	26-243
Motion by Lori Tubbergen Clark, second by Brenda Bird, to recommend that the Finance Committee approve the Commission on Aging's grant application to the Fremont Area Community Foundation in the amount of \$100,000.00 to support the Transportation Department during calendar year 2027 and authorize the Board Chair and Commission on Aging Director to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Lori Tubbergen Clark, Brenda Bird, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
MOTION NUMBER	26-244
Motion by Brenda Bird, second by Lori Tubbergen Clark, to recommend that the Finance Committee approve the Commission on Aging's grant application to the Fremont Area Community Foundation's Bridging Generations Fund in the amount of \$33,631.00 to support the Senior Project Fresh Program during calendar year 2027 and authorize the Board Chair and Commission	

on Aging Director to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Lori Tubbergen Clark, Brenda Bird, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MOTION NUMBER	26-245
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Motion by Lori Tubbergen Clark, second by Brenda Bird, to recommend that the Finance Committee approve the Commission on Aging's grant application to the Fremont Area Community Foundation's Bridging Generations Fund in the amount of \$14,236.00 to support the 2027 Senior Trips Program and authorize the Board Chair and Commission on Aging Director to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Lori Tubbergen Clark, Brenda Bird, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

- **Administration** – Reliance Community Care Partners did not win the Merit Award Trust Fund grant that is normally passed through to the COA for respite programs.
- **Services** – Met with MDOT representatives on 6/16 and confirmed COA is on the right track for both the IPAF application and regular MDOT funding streams.
- **Staffing** – Two full-time employees left the agency this month. In the process of hiring a Food Service and Kitchen Manager and a Transportation Dispatcher.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT	Administrator Christopher Wren
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- Met with Gallagher regarding Health Insurance. Expect a slight increase but overall things are going well.

PUBLIC COMMENT	None
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MISCELLANEOUS	None
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ADJOURNMENT – MOTION NO.	26-246
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Motion by Lori Tubbergen Clark, second by Brenda Bird, to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 a.m. Ayes – Lori Tubbergen Clark, Brenda Bird, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.

COUNTY CLERK CERTIFICATION	Jason Vanderstelt, County Clerk
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CHAIRPERSON CERTIFICATION	James Maike, Committee Chair
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DATE	August 26, 2026
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