

The Roscommon County Commission On Aging

Oct. 16, 2019, Meeting Minutes

Held at the Commission on Aging Center
St. Helen, Michigan

Called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Board President Chuck Corwin

Roll Call: Members present: Chuck Corwin, Kim Warner, Dan Fishel, Maddie Hiller, Marilyn Allison, Kathy Jernigan, Al Schultz, Marc Milburn. Members Absent: John Sutter, Excused. Members of staff present: Tom Pettit, Director.

Public Guests: Emil Bellenbaum, Mary Williams, Barbara Ernest, Terry L. McLay, Bobbi McLay, Ralph Stephan, Deb. Cooley, Carol Creed, Loralie Reinhardt, Connie Dusseau, Tracy Constance, JoJean Thompson, Bob Houk, Peggy Pyonter, Audrey Williams, Varla Hanusik.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited by all.

Mission Statement was read by Tom Pettit.

Approval of Agenda: Al Schultz made motion to approve the agenda, 2nd by Kim Warner, Approved by vote of the board.

Introduction of Guests: JoJean Thompson, Roscommon County Housing Coalition. She gave a report on the lack of temporary housing in the county and especially for persons being released from the county jail who have no place to go to make a transition back into society. She pointed out that part of our COA headquarters center that had served as the Head Start headquarters could be used for the purpose of temporary housing.

Public Comment:

Ralph Stephan spoke about the lack of handicap parking spaces at the Houghton Lake Center that he has brought before the board some months ago. Tom Pettit said the signs have been ordered and will be put up as soon as they arrive.

Several women from the Houghton Lake Center complained that the furniture in the lounge / lobby area of their center is getting worn and needs to be replaced. A long discussion took place about the furniture and the time of opening of the dining area so members could get coffee. Marilyn Allison said the center could raise the money to buy furniture. Tom Pettit said to let the agency worry about buying the furniture.

Correspondence: Tom Pettit said he received the official report for the Serenity Day Lodge and it passed inspection without any citations.

Approval of Minutes from Sept. 18, 2019, COA Board Meeting:

Motion by Kathy Jernigan, 2nd by Kim Warner to accept the Sept. 18, 2019 minutes. Approved.

Financial Report: Tom Pettit gave an oral report from his written version that was on the agenda. He said Sept. 30 was our fiscal year end. He said we spent a lot of money this year on air conditioning units, parking lot paving at St. Helen and Roscommon, the remodeling of the Serenity Day Lodge and the well repair at the Houghton Lake Center. Chuck Corwin said we are trying to maintain, in advance, six months of operating money and we have been able to do that.

Al Schultz made a motion, seconded by Marilyn Allison to accept/approve the financial report. All board members voted in favor.

Director's Report. Tom Pettit gave a written report.

In-Home Services Report - Tom Pettit gave a written report from the agenda.

Motion by Kathy Jernigan, 2nd by Marilyn Allison to accept the two reports. All voted in favor.

County Commissioner's Report. No Report

Region 9 Advisory Committee Report. **Maddie Hiller** reported that there will be a meeting at 1 p.m., Monday, Oct. 28, at the NEMSCA building in Alpena.

Personnel. **Al Schultz made a motion, 2nd by Kathy Jernigan** to authorize Dan Fishel to continue with his attempt to set up a training class on Roberts Rules of Order and the Open Meetings Act with MSU through the County Extension Office. Motion Passed

Old Business:

Board Training Class -- Chuck Corwin reported that he has set up a training / work session on our bylaws with specialist Julie Ann Rivers Cochran for Nov. 5 or 7th at a location to be named, but not at any of our COA properties. He said he would notify the board of the exact time, date and location.

Dan Fishel handed Tom Pettit a sign application form for the Village of Roscommon to erect a new sign at State Street and M-76 for the Roscommon Center. He said the sign had been requested at the May COA meeting. Tom Pettit said it was just like the application he has filled out on his desk.

New Business

N/A

Center Activities: **Marilyn Allison** reported that hearing tests were held at the Houghton Lake Center and a Halloween party is planned for the end of October, with costumes. **Kim Warner** reported that the Roscommon Center is planning a Halloween party and the advisory board appointed two new trustees. **Kathy Jernigan** reported the St. Helen Center is planning a Halloween party with prizes, had a movie, "A Dog's Journey." The annual soup fund raiser is planned for this coming Saturday for Meals on Wheels

With no more business to discuss Al Schultz made motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Marc Milburn.

Minutes taken by Dan Fishel, board secretary