



Commission on Aging

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Minutes of a meeting of May 19, 2021

Roscommon County Commission Aging., a Non-Profit Corporation

Meeting place: Administrative offices, Prudenville, Michigan

Meeting called order at 1:05 PM by Kim Warner, Vice-Chairman.

Pledge of Allegiance said by all attending.

Roll Call: present: Chuck Corwin, Tracy Constance, Maddie Hiller, Kim Warner, Dan Fishel, Marc Milburn, and Al Schultz.

Member's absent- John Sutter, Kathy Jernigan

Member excused- John Sutter

Guests-see attached list.

Attending Jim Deamud, attorney, John Gardiner via Zoom.

Mission Statement: Tom Petit

Chairperson's Comments: Kim read a statement to the Board about her position and that she will not take this lightly and pledge to all the Seniors of Roscommon County to do her best to put their needs above anything else, follow the Bylaws and be accountable to the Board and listen to their ideas and suggestions. She recommended we send John Sutter a letter of commendation for his years of service to our Commission on Aging and to be signed by the Board members.

Approval of Agenda: Al asked that we add to the agenda after Public Comment to have Board Comments. Jim Deamud asked for closed session. Motion to accept with Al and Marc seconded. Motion agreed by all board members. Closed session put under New Business.

Intro of Guest: Vicki Goodburne, Region 9AAA

Approval of Consent Agenda: Chuck made motion to accept, and Marc seconded. Motion accepted by all Board members.

Public Comment: None

Directors Report: Tom read article that he wrote to the HL Resorter and Dan questioned if he had permission from the Board to write this but he did not do as Director but as an individual and Jim commented he did not need permission. Tom reminded that Houghton Lake Chamber Business Expo is May 24th from 4-7PM at the Northern Event Center. The Adult Day Care and Nutrition Services assessment from Region 9AAA both went very well and are waiting for a finalized report from Brook Mansfield showing compliance with all standards and a summary of recommendations. Agency still short staffed as well as other agencies. There is a wait list for homemaking services and individuals are placed on list by prioritized by need and consideration given to those who require shopping services.

Correspondence: Letter of Resignation from John Sutter, Chairman. Al made motion to accept with Dan seconded. A vote was taken and approved by all Board Members to

accept. Tom read email from Linda Roe. Document of Release was read by Tom regarding Johnna Ancel lawsuit and her signature dated on January 26, 2021.

County Commissioner's Report: None

Region 9 Advisory Committee Report: None

Old Business: By-Law discussion Dan stated that it was Kathy, Kim, John and Dan that were on By-Law committee. He has 1997 and 2013 by laws to rewrite from this. Asking that all Board look over and report at next meeting their comments.

NEMSCA Grant Funding: Emil wrote letter to Board asking of funding is still coming to agency and this was answered by attorney, Jim that funds are not being withheld to the agency.

Financial Report: Ending March balance: \$1,242,829.48 ending April balance: \$1,157,011.16. Chase Commercial Loan Balance: \$415,508.74.

New Business: Email correspondence from Board. Chuck asked why Dan did not retract email statement which was not correct about Laurie Sauer and her attending the Roscommon Commissioners meeting and asking about millage funding and their oversight of the RCCOA. She was informed that they do not oversee the RCCOA but do have a Commissioner on our Board. Dan said he did not feel this was needed but Chuck asked him again to correct his statement.

Election of Vice-Chair: Motion was made by Chuck to elect Tracy Constance as Vice-Chair and a roll call vote was taken by secretary with (2) NO's by Dan and Kim and (4) YES's by Marc, Chuck, Al, Maddie. Tracy Constance was approved by roll call vote.

Closed/Session: Motion made by Dan to go into Executive session at 2:09PM with roll call vote being taken and all Board members in agreement.

Closed/Session: Motion made by Chuck and seconded by Al to close session a 2:33PM with roll call vote made by secretary and all were in agreement.

Decision: No action item needed.

Motion to open meeting at 2:34PM by Al and seconded by Dan. All members in agreement with roll call vote.

Public Comment: Emil commented about using tax dollars of \$1700 this month and \$3,000 last month for legal fees. When will this stop?

Crystal from HL Center spoke on behalf of the Lending closet and all the items that Seniors may obtain at no cost to them and for as long as they need these items. They even have pullups as well as adult diapers available at no cost. She mentioned that she has done a few referrals to Dana Clayton when she has questions on other services that may be available.

Al commented that the Board is not here to judge the employees concerned in this action but to forgive their offenses.

Marc recommended transparency and asked if any questions could be in written form and presented to the Board so that they can be worked on by the Director and the Board chair could answer them at the next meeting.

Johnna asked if funding was behind in payment and Jim answered her questions.

Chuck made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Al seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:44 PM with all members in agreement.

Next meeting: is June 16, 2021 at 1:00PM at the Administrative offices

Respectfully submitted,

Maddie Hiller