

The Roscommon County Commission On Aging September 18, 2019, Meeting Minutes

Held at the Commission on Aging Headquarters
1015 Short Dr., Prudenville, MI 48651

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, John Sutter, Al Schultz, Marc Milburn. Members Absent: Kathy Jernigan.. Members of staff present: Tom Pettit, Director.

Public Guests: Paul Olson, Heidi Powers, Jim Ryder, Emil Bellenbaum, Persis Sopariwala, Barbara Ernst,. Dennis Warner, Peggy Poynter, Audrey Williams

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 Maddie Hiller, Approved by vote of the board.

Approval of Minutes from August 21, 2019, COA Board Meeting:
Motion by Marilyn Allison, 2nd by Kim Warner to accept the minutes.
Approved.

Public Comment:

Chuck Corwin read his letter of resignation that he had emailed to board members earlier and explained ethics. He said our board by-laws require that we hold a vote to elect a new chairman. He read our bylaws about replacing the president. Our Vice President is Kathy Jernigan. There was a long discussion by board members about Chuck staying on as president. There were no negative comments toward Chuck Corwin's performance.

Dan Fishel said he checked with Region 9 and was told we are not bound by the open meetings act., although in keeping with best practices we should

abide by it.. Tom Pettit said we need to spend the money to have an expert on the open meetings act come in and educate us. He said everyone on the board has the seniors' best interests at heart.

Al Schultz made a motion to accept Chuck Corwin's letter of resignation, seconded by Maddie Hiller. A roll call voted was taken: Those voting NO, NOT TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION: Kim Warner, Dan Fishel, Maddie Hiller, Marc Milburn, Marilyn Allison, John Sutter and Al Schultz. *Kathy Jernigan was absent and Chuck Corwin Abstained.* **The motion failed. Chuck Corwin remains as the board president.**

Paul Olsen, of Municipal Underwriters of Michigan, explained our insurance costs. He said this year's premium of \$14,974 is about a \$300 increase from \$14,603 last year. He was asked how much that would increase if our COA were to build a 2,400 sq. ft. pole barn to store equipment. Olsen said about a \$240 rate increase per year.

Heidi Powers, Senior Companions, continued her explanation from last month. She explained how her senior program provides friendship to other seniors and the foster grand parents program that serves in the schools helping students improve their studies. She said to effectively recruit people in our county for her program, she needs COA support and needs a liaison from our COA, usually the in-home service coordinator, to evaluate the volunteers on a yearly basis. She said senior companions should not be doing things for, but with their companions.

Dennis Warner and Jim Ryder complained about the Roscommon Parking Lot.

Financial Report: Tom Pettit gave an oral report from his written version that was on the agenda

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

Director's Report. Tom Pettit gave a written report, with oral comments

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

Motion to accept the Director's Report and the In-Home Services Report by Kim Warner, seconded by Marilyn Allison. All voted in favor.

Old Business:

Pole Barn update: This subject was covered in the insurance estimate if our COA were to build a 2,400 sq. ft. pole barn to store equipment. Paul Olsen said about a \$240 rate increase per year, but nothing else about the barn was discussed

Tom Pettit confirmed that new air conditioners were installed at the Roscommon Center last month.

Parking Lot: Dan Fishel asked why the Roscommon Parking Lot was made so much smaller with the new black top project, (about 6,000 to 7,000 square feet). Tom Pettit said because it's cheaper to maintain grass than black top. He said that an aerial map, included in an earlier meeting, showed how big the parking lot would be.

New Business:

Dan Fishel reported that Michigan State University can conduct classes on Rules of Order and the Open Meetings Act. He will check with the Roscommon County Extension Office to see what needs to be done to set up a class.

Center Activities: Houghton Lake reported increases in the number of people served at lunch. Roscommon reported holding an auction and a garage sale the Saturday of the Firemen's Memorial Festival and St. Helen reported holding a Ho Down.

Adjourn: Marc Milburn made motion, 2nd by Al Schultz to Adjourn. All in favor. Meeting ended at 2:25 p.m.

Minutes taken by Dan Fishel, board secretary

October Meeting to be held Wednesday, Oct. 16, at the St. Helen Center