

# HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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## MEMBERS

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## MEETING LOCATION

Chambers

**Minutes:** Monday, June 3, 2024

### I. Call to Order

**Present:** Commissioners: Karol Bolton, Terry Collins, Kevon Martis, James Van Doren  
**Also** Administrator Kim Murphy, Deputy Administrator Shannon Elliott, Undersheriff  
**Present:** Jeff Ewald, Community Development Coordinator Francine Zysk, Marketing & Communications Jen Ambrose, Administrative Coordinator Carissa Zubke, Health Officer Monica Hunt, Finance Director Daniel Zimolzak, Carrie Hartley & Wendy Knox-Habitat for Humanity, Dan Nichols, Matt Witte, Vivian Witte, Phil Kittredge, Linda Kittredge

**Absent:** Dawn Bales, Cari Rebottaro

*The meeting was called to order by Comm. Bolton at 11:00am.*

### II. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: May 6, 2024

*Commissioner Bales was unable to attend. Comm. Bolton appointed Commissioner Collins to act as a voting member of the committee.*

*Motion by Collins, to approve the minutes of May 6, 2024, seconded by Martis. Motion carried.*

### III. Habitat for Humanity of Lenawee County- Carrie Hartley

A. Powerpoint

*Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Wendy Knox and Development & Marketing Director, Carrie Hartley presented information about their organization. Knox shared Habitat for Humanity was established in 1989 and this year marks the 35th anniversary. The Re-Store opened in 2006 and was relocated to its current location on US 223, Adrian, in 2015. The Re-Store was expanded in 2021, along with relocating their Affiliate Office to better serve all clients.*

*Knox shared that in October 2022 a new truck was purchased with the assistance of the ARPA funds received from Lenawee County. The pickup truck plays a vital role within their organization. A dependable truck allows them to pick up more donations for their Re-Store. All proceeds from the Re-Store help fund the work they provide in Lenawee County. With the new truck, they were able to complete 714 pickup requests, a 59.3%*

*increase from the pickups they were able to do with the old truck. Knox stated the truck has been very beneficial to their organization.*

*Marketing Director Hartley shared information about their Homeownership program. Habitat for Humanity is preparing to build two homes in Morenci in the near future. Hartley stated the homeowners work alongside the organization during the building of their home, participating in the construction and attending financial classes.*

*The new homes are energy-efficient, owners' mortgage payments are capped at 30% or less of their monthly gross income, and have a 3% APR Fixed-Rate mortgage.*

*In addition to building homes, Habitat for Humanity also has a Repair Program. The Repair Program is for residents in Lenawee who own their home and are below 80% of the area median income. This program assists homeowners to remain in their homes. Eligible repairs may include: roof repair/replacement, accessibility modifications, electrical, plumbing, water heaters, furnaces, windows, siding, and insulation. The repair process opens annually in the spring when they receive funds from the Federal Home Loan Bank. This funding is usually depleted by the end of spring.*

*Funding for additional repairs may be completed by their Habitat Construction Team, year-round as funding allows.*

*Hartley stated that one of their most requested repairs is for an accessibility ramp. Currently, they have 45 people on the wait list.*

*Donations from the community and the hardworking volunteers make Habitat for Humanity possible. Some upcoming fundraising events include a pickleball tournament on June 29th, to help fund critical home repairs. A Farm to Table Dinner August 24, at Adrian College. Rock the Block in Hudson will be on September 7, where volunteers and residents work together on exterior repairs.*

#### **IV. Department Highlights**

##### **A. Health Department - Monica Hunt**

*Health Officer Hunt shared updates from the Health Department. The recent Health-check they hosted resulted in 136 participants. The National Drug take back day included 159 participants and 648 lbs. of prescription drugs. The spring clean up event in May was also very successful with 1,100 tires collected and 80,000 pounds of household hazardous waste, was collected.*

*Officer Hunt included a report on the Lenawee County's 2024 health status, from the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. Lenawee County has a life expectancy of 76.7, Michigan is 76.6, and the U.S. life expectancy is 77.6. Leading causes of death under age 75 in Lenawee County are included in the report. Hunt shares death from drug use was the only thing not included.*

##### **B. Department on Aging - Cari Rebottaro**

*Comm. Bolton shared information provided by Director Rebotarro, as she was unable to attend.*

*June 7th is their "Every Door is the Right Door", where staff members will share the many services and programs provided by the Human Service department.  
The Walk to End Alzheimers is on September 29th at the ProMedica Hickman Hospital. Those interested may join a team or make a donation at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).  
Foster Grandparents are invited to attend the Summer Pop Ups throughout the school districts in Lenawee, providing educational information to reduce the summer "learning slide".*

**C. Community Development - Francine Zysk**

*Coordinator Zysk shared updates with her department. Zysk continues to provide Narcan training in the County and the 200th person was trained recently.*

*Reflecting on the numbers reported from overdoses, she encourages to take a closer look at the Community needs Assessment. Zysk states Fentanyl is very present, and it has been attributed to approx 77% of the drug related deaths in the County, during the past two years*

*Zysk is continually working on bringing fiber internet to all of Lenawee County. She states a large percentage of the County has access and, while it may seem like a large percentage, there are still approximately 2,100 residents who do not have any access to fiber internet.*

*Recovery Housing subcommittee will continue to have a guest speaker each month, before the members come together to have discussions in August 2024. The next Recovery Housing meeting will be June 26th.*

*Zysk reports the Land Bank policies and procedures are up-to-date. New and improved Land Bank signage has arrived and will be placed on the properties very soon. The next Land Bank meeting will take place on June 25th.*

*Lenawee County's next Community Book Read is "Prescription for Pain: How a Once-Promising Doctor Became the "Pill Mill Killer", by Philip Eil. A Zoom discussion will take place on July 18, 6pm.*

**V. Updates & Other Business**

**VI. 2024 Goals**

Visiting Community Organizations Wells and Septic Planning for Strategic Plan  
Schoarship Fundraising Attendance at Legislative Meeting

**A. Visiting Community Organizations**

*Administrator Murphy shared presentations will continue during the Human Services Committee, including those who received ARPA funding.*

**B. Wells and Septic**

*Officer Hunt reflected on the thorough report that was given to the Human Services Committee last month. It was discussed that Lenawee County has an updated environmental*

*health code. Some of the surrounding County codes are older, and that may be contributing to the varying costs in wells and septic.*

*Hunt reports the State of MI has not released a draft of the possible upcoming revisions to their Septic code.*

C. Planning for Strategic Plan

D. Scholarship Fundraising

*Comm. Bolton attended the scholarship ceremony in May. Pictured in the packet are the two Blissfield High School graduates that were awarded the Board of Commissioners scholarships.*

E. Attendance at Legislative Meeting

*Deputy Elliott shared that there were 53 people in attendance at the spring breakfast and dates for the Fall Dinner will be coming in the near future.*

*Comm. Bolton suggests the committee bring forward any topics they would like to see discussed. In addition to the "State of the County", Comm. Bolton would like to see the revised park plan presented.*

*Comm. Bolton reminds and encourages all to take the County's Parks Survey that is currently open for about 1 more week.*

**VII. Public Comment**

*Public comment was made by Matt Wittee and shared information regarding a presentation given by Dr. Frank at Hooligans Bar & Grill, in Adrian, MI.*

**VIII. Adjournment**

*Motion by Martis, Seconded by Collins to adjourn the meeting at 11:48am. Motion carried.*