

DEPARTMENT ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD

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MEMBERS

Russ Amo, President, Karol Bolton, Darwin Vandevender, Gloria Bortnichak, Jeff Dicenso, Ralph Tillotson, Burt Fenby, Terry Collins, Cathleen Judkins, Carol Zawacki, Chris Peoples, Alan Dickerson
301 N. Main St.
Adrian, MI 49221

MEETING LOCATION

Old County Courthouse

Minutes: Thursday, April 24, 2025

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:02PM by Russ Amo.

II. Roll Call

Present: Russ Amo, Commissioner Ralph Tillotson, Commissioner Terry Collins, Carol Zawacki, Gloria Bortnichak, Darwin Vandevender, Jeffrey Dicenso, Burt Fenby, Karol Bolton, Alan Dickerson

Also Present: Director Cari Rebottaro, Deputy Director Dillon Donaghy, Administrative Coordinator Carisa Zubke, Administrator Kim Murphy, Board of Commissioners Chairperson Jim VanDoren, Julie Hackett

Absent: Catherine Judkins, Chris Peoples

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: March 27th, 2025

A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Commissioner Collins. Gloria Bortnichak offered support. The motion was voted upon and passed.

IV. Department on Aging Director's Report

A. LDA - Director's Report

The Senior Resource Fair took place this afternoon and was a great success. 205 people attended the event while 47 vendors were there representing various businesses and organizations throughout the area. Director Rebottaro extended thanks to the planning committee of the event and all the work that went into planning it.

Budget: Director Rebottaro clarified that the contribution amount listed for March is the amount that came from February services.

Volunteers: The department is in need of Volunteer Drivers for our Home Delivered Meals and Non-Emergency Medical Transportation programs.

Support Groups: Director Rebottaro highlighted two of our support groups for older adults.

- *Men's Caregiver Group - meets the first Friday of every month at 2PM (Adrian Senior Center)*
- *Caregiver Support Group - meets the first and third Monday of every month at 2PM (Adrian Senior Center)*

Michigan SHIP: The Michigan Medicare Assistance Program has switched to the Michigan State Health Insurance Assistance Program. LDA will still be providing the same assistance as far as navigating Medicare.

V. Existing Business

Centralized Kitchen: Director Rebottaro noted that the new centralized kitchen will be 5,451 sq/ft. The total cost of the kitchen space is \$5,483,484, with the LDA contributing \$1,371,838 towards equipment and \$1,281,162 as an advance for operating within the space. The LDA Team has been organizing and taking inventory in preparation for the transition to this centralized facility.

Administrator Murphy explained that the total cost of this project is \$20,000,000 and highlighted that none of it had to be bonded through the residents of Lenawee County. Administrator Murphy also reminded the board that Granger is sharing weekly photo updates that can be found on the Lenawee County website at lenawee.mi.us

VI. New Business

Russ Amo welcomed Julie Hackett, a prospective board member from District 3. Julie introduced herself and explained her background and interest in joining the board. Burt Fenby offered a motion of support to accept Julie Hackett's application to the LDA Advisory Board. KZ Bolton offered her support. The motion was voted upon and passed.

VII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VIII. Board Member Comment

KZ Bolton inquired about the possibility of an LDA Picnic. Director Rebottaro shared that there are currently no plans for a picnic at this time but she will look into this.

IX. Adjournment

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A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Terry Collins. Support was offered by Commissioner Ralph Tillotson. Russ Amo adjourned the meeting at 01:20 PM.