

DEPARTMENT ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD

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MEMBERS

Russ Amo, President
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MEETING LOCATION
Old County Courthouse

Minutes: Thursday, August 21, 2025

I. Call to Order

President Russ Amo called the meeting to order at 1:00PM.

II. Roll Call

Present: Russ Amo, Commissioner Terry Collins, Commissioner Ralph Tillotson, Alan Dickerson, Chris Peoples, Carol Zawacki, Gloria Bortnichak, Darwin Vandevender, Karol Bolton, Julie Hackett

Also Present: Director Cari Rebottaro, Deputy Director Dillon Donaghy, Marketing and Communications Coordinator, Administrative Coordinator Carissa Zubke

Absent: Jeff Dicenzo, Burt Fenby

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: July 24, 2025

Alan Dickerson made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Terry Collins offered support. The motion was voted upon and passed.

IV. Presentation

A. Judy Bays, Foster Grandparent Program Director

The scheduled presentation was canceled.

V. Department on Aging Director's Report

A. LDA - Director's Report

Director Rebottaro shared details about the annual all-staff Inservice taking place on September 25th.

TRIAD will be hosting their final event of the year on September 17th from 9AM-11AM. The presentation will be focused on driving safety.

Director Rebottaro shared that the LDA will be receiving another wheelchair accessible van from WellWise through grant funding. There is not a set timeline for the arrival of this van due

to manufacturer recalls.

Director Rebottaro shared several of the fundraisers happening in our community that benefit Walk to End Alzheimer's.

- *Lenawee County Walk to End Alzheimer's on 10/5*
- *Mums Sale*
- *LDA Pop Bottle Drive*
- *Un-Run, which offers several fun ways to donate*

The last week of September is Adult Day Services Week. Daybreak will be celebrating with fun activities and events. More details will be shared leading up to this week.

VI. Existing Business

A. Donation Rate Committee Update

Speaking on behalf of the Donation Rate Committee, Chris Peoples shared why the recommended donation rate increase was important and what it might look like. Chris Peoples made a motion to accept the increased recommended donation rate as provided to board members and have these rates go into effect of October 1st, 2025. Alan Dickerson offered support. The motion was voted upon and passed.

B. Centralized Kitchen

Director Rebottaro shared updates on the Centralized Kitchen project. There will be no home delivered meals for Adrian, Tecumseh, Blissfield, or Onsted on September 25th, 26th, and 29th. On these dates, the Adrian kitchen is closed for moving, training, and testing of the new systems. There will be a ribbon cutting for the entire facility on September 26th at 2:00PM.

C. Approval of Advisory Board Member Renewals

- Karol Bolton
- Darwin Vandevender
- Gloria Bortnichak
- Jeff Dicenzo
- Ralph Tillotson

Terry Collins made a motion to accept the renewals of Karol Bolton, Gloria Bortnichak, Jeff Dicenzo, and Ralph Tillotson. Chris Peoples offered support. The motion was voted upon and passed.

Darwin Vanvender elected not to renew his term on the LDA board and his last meeting will be in September. Russ Amo thanked him for his many years of service to the board.

VII. New Business

There was no new business.

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IX. Board Member Comment

Gloria Bortnichak pointed out it was National Senior Citizen Day.

X. Adjournment

Ralph Tillotson made a motion to adjourn. Terry Collins offered support. Russ Amo adjourned the meeting at 1:44PM.