

DEPARTMENT ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD

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MEMBERS

Russ Amo, President
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MEETING LOCATION
Old County Courthouse

Minutes: Thursday, December 4, 2025

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by President Russ Amo.

II. Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Terry Collins, Commissioner Ralph Tillotson, Burt Fenby, Carol Zawacki, Jeff DiCenzo, Gloria Bortnichak, Julie Hackett, Chris Peoples, Alan Dickerson, Rob Trevino, Karol Bolton

Also Present: Director Cari Rebottaro, Deputy Director Dillon Donaghy, Administrator Kim Murphy, Marketing & Communications Director Jen Ambrose

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: October 23, 2025

Karol Bolton made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Chris Peoples offered support. The motion was voted upon and passed.

IV. Presentation

A. Lenawee County Department on Aging Nutrition Program: Connie Fenby-Beevers, Nutrition Director

V. Department on Aging Director's Report

A. LDA - Director's Report

Director Rebottaro shared that the LDA is still looking for volunteer drivers to help fill in weekdays, specifically in the Adrian area. She shared some struggles and hopes the board can share this need with others in the community.

Director Rebottaro gave an update on what is happening with the new centralized kitchen. Someone was hired to fill the Cook II role, and the LDA is still looking to fill the Route Coordinator position in Adrian. There is also a need for a Cook I in Tecumseh.

Director Rebottaro shared that the Home Care Services staff was nearly full. The waitlist has

been reduced significantly.

Director Rebottaro reminded everyone that the financial report was a reflection of the first month of FY26. Director Rebottaro also shared that WellWise has voted to use funds directly from their organization in place of the federal funds we normally would have been allocated through their organization. This is only temporary until there is a resolution from the federal government.

Director Rebottaro reminded everyone that the recommended donation amount had changed as of October 1st but there has not yet been enough data to show a positive or negative impact.

It was shared that the new wheelchair accessible van paid for by Wellwise and a grant from Consumers Energy arrived last week.

VI. Existing Business

When asked, Director Rebottaro explained what the new process for congregate and curbside meals looks like as they all come from the same kitchen now.

Concerns were raised over the new HDM delivery process by volunteers. Director Rebottaro explained why this new process is more beneficial and efficient on several fronts.

VII. New Business

Administrator Murphy shared that in 2026, the Board of Commissioners will be engaged in strategic planning for the long term benefit of Lenawee County. Individuals are encouraged to share thoughts or ideas with commissioners, Director Rebottaro, or Administrator Murphy's office.

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IX. Board Member Comment

There was no board member comment.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Karol Bolton made a motion to adjourn, supported by Alan Dickerson. The motion passed. Russ Amo adjourned the meeting at 2:57pm.