

DEPARTMENT ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD

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MEMBERS

Russ Amo, President
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MEETING LOCATION
Old County Courthouse

Minutes: Thursday, March 26, 2026

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by President Russ Amo.

II. Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Terry Collins, Commissioner Ralph Tillotson, Commissioner David Aungst, Russ Amo, Gloria Bortnichak, Julie Hackett, Cathy Burr, Alan Dickerson, Chris Peoples, Jeff Dicenzo, Rob Trevino, Julie Wetherby

Also Present: Department Director Cari Rebottaro, County Administrator Kim Murphy, Tecumseh Senior Center Director Kristine Torres

Absent Were: Carol Zawacki, Karol Bolton, Burt Fenby

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: February 26, 2026

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

IV. Presentation

A. Kristine Torres, Tecumseh Senior Center Director

V. Department on Aging Director's Report

A. LDA - Director's Report

Director Rebottaro shared that the LDA is currently looking for:

- Cook I at the Adrian Senior Center
- Cook III to work in the central kitchen to coordinate the meal program.
- Home/Personal Care workers in the Hudson/Addison/Onsted areas

Director Rebottaro shared that Daybreak received a generous contribution from the attendees of the Blissfield Lenten Breakfast. Director Rebottaro also shared that Daybreak is seeking a

temporary nurse.

The new van will be officially revealed to the community at the WellWise Services Annual Meeting in June. There will be more details to come for those interested in attending.

The Central Kitchen is coming up on 6 months. The kitchen staff is learning and adapting every day. There is still a need for Home Delivered Meal volunteer drivers.

Home Services has begun using online training on a monthly basis.

Good Friday will be used as a training opportunity for staff. The focus will be getting back to the LDA Mission Statement, "Providing services that enable older adults to live with independence and dignity."

Director Rebottaro shared that spending is currently showing under budget at 33.45%; the average would be 41%. Budget discussions are taking place and staff is looking at personnel needs, long term, and short-term needs for growth. This year, the LDA will be completing the RFP for funding provided by WellWise. This will be looking ahead to a 3-year grant cycle.

Director Rebottaro shared several upcoming events to look out for:

- *April 15th — Hospice of Lenawee is hosting an education program around Alzheimer's Disease and caring for those living with memory loss. Director Rebottaro has been invited to be a panelist for discussion.*
- *April 23rd — The Senior Resource Fair will be taking place at the Adrian Senior Center from 9am to Noon. The United Way Health Check will be taking place at the same time at St. Mary's Church. There are 43 vendors committed to the event. There is a free lunch available for those who attend.*
- *May 7th - Walk to End Alzheimer's DJ Trivia Fundraiser from 6-8pm at the Adrian Eagles*
- *June 24 — The Summer Stroll will be taking place from 1-4pm at Hidden Lake Gardens. This event is designed to offer support and an outing to those living with and caring for an individual living with memory loss.*

VI. Existing Business

There was no existing business.

VII. New Business

President Amo invited Kathy Burr to introduce herself to the rest of the Advisory Board.

Commissioner Terry Collins announced that he would no longer be on the LDA Advisory board at the conclusion of the meeting. He shared that he has been appointed to a different board and appreciates the efforts of the department and board members for the work they do.

Commisioner David Aungst has been appointed to the Department on Aging Advisory Board by the Board of Commissioners.

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Board Member Comment

Alan Dickerson commended Director Rebottaro for her meeting in Blissfield the Lenten Breakfast. He stated that it was well received in his community.

X. Adjournment

Chris Peoples made a motion to adjourn. Robert Trevino offered support. The motion was voted upon and passed. Russ Amo adjourned the meeting at 1:52pm.