

# DEPARTMENT ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD

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## MEMBERS

Russ Amo, President  
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**MEETING LOCATION**  
Old County Courthouse

**Minutes:** Thursday, April 23, 2026

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## I. Call to Order

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

## II. Roll Call

**Present:** Russ Amo, Commissioner David Aungst, Gloria Bortnichak, Julie Hackett, Cathy Burr, Jeff Dicenzo, Rob Trevino, Julie Wetherby, Burt Fenby

**Also Present:** County Administrator Kim Murphy, Director Cari Rebottaro, Deputy Director Cari Rebottaro, Marketing and Communications Coordinator Jen Ambrose, Community Engagement Specialist Quinn Wilt, Assessor Shelby Noffsinger

**Absent:** Carol Zawacki, Karol Bolton, Alan Dickerson, Chris Peoples, Commissioner Ralph Tillotson

## III. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: March 26, 2026

*Jeff Dicenzo made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Gloria Bortnichak offered support. The motion was voted upon and passed.*

## IV. Presentation

A. Shelby Noffsinger, Assessor

## V. Department on Aging Director's Report

A. LDA - Director's Report

*Director Rebottaro shared details about a full day at the 2026 Senior Resource Fair. She shared that it was a great success and there were over 200 attendees at this year's event with over 50 vendors.*

*Director Rebottaro reminded everyone that April is Volunteer Appreciation Month and thanked the board for their time and dedication to everything the department stands for.*

*Director Rebottaro reminded everyone that it is currently budget season. This year is our 3-year RFP window with WellWise Services that will outline our Older Americans Act funding from them for the next three years.*

*WellWise Services is holding their annual public hearing on May 19th at their main office in Brooklyn. On May 20th, WellWise will be hosting a focus group at 10:30AM. This session will take place at the Adrian Senior Center.*

*Director Rebottaro shared that the department has continued to experience a large growth in the HDM program. Additionally, the waitlist for home services has been reduced in large part to an influx in staffing.*

*The annual LDA all-staff meeting will be held on August 20, 2026, and Director Rebottaro invited the board to attend all or part of the day.*

*Director Rebottaro took time to honor Toni Pickerign who has been with the department for over 20 years. Toni currently serves as our Cook III and has help many roles over the years. Toni Pickerign was honored by the board.*

*Director Rebottaro took time to honor Lenawee Community Foundation award winners Bob & Sandy Trevino as well as Tom McNaughton who were recognized for their years of volunteer service and leadership within the Lenawee Community. These individuals were celebrated by the board.*

## **VI. Existing Business**

*There was no existing business.*

## **VII. New Business**

*Deputy Director Donaghy invited the board to attend Older Michiganians Day on May 13th and gave some background in regard to that day's programming.*

## **VIII. Public Comment**

*There was no public comment.*

## **IX. Board Member Comment**

*Rob Trevino observed that the Resource Fair seems at about capacity with 50 vendors. Director Rebottaro shared that there have been discussions about changing locations for next year if possible.*

**X. Adjournment**

*Gloria Bortnichak made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Burt Fenby offered support. The meeting was adjourned at 1:47PM by President Russ Amo.*