

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 27, 2026

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Russ Amo at 1:05pm.

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II. Roll Call

Present: Russ Amo, Commissioner Terry Collins, Commissioner David Aungst, Gloria Bortnichak, Jeff DiCenzo, Burt Fenby, Julie Hackett, Julie Wetherby, Chris Peoples, Cathy Burr

Also Present: Director Cari Rebottaro, Deputy Director Dillon Donaghy, Administrator Kim Murphy, Deputy Administrator Shannon Elliott, Marketing & Communications Coordinator Jennifer Ambrose, Community Engagement Specialist Quinn Wilt, Aging Services Navigator Angela Martinez

Absent: Alan Dickerson, Carol Zawacki, Karol Bolton, Commissioner Ralph Tillotson, Robert Trevino

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: July 23, 2026

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

IV. Presentation

A. Angela Martinez, Aging Services Navigator
60 and older on medicare
SER program liason
Operates a Loan Closet (wheelchairs, walkers, etc. you name it.) FREE
Helps people apply for medicaid

V. Department on Aging Director's Report

A. LDA - Director's Report

Director Rebottaro shared some updates on this year's Lenawee County Fair and "Let's Make a Deal" at the fair. She shared it was a huge success and that there was a strong turnout of both participants and viewers.

Director Rebottaro shared that the 11-month walk-through in the centralized kitchen recently took place. It was also shared that the partnership with the Maurice Spears Campus has resulted in sharing staff management who will supervise both programs. The Nutrition Director and Cook III positions will now be dual supervised by both the LDA and the MSC through a collaborative partnership. This has been in effect since August 21, 2026.

Director Rebottaro provided an update on the FY27-FY29 RFP. It has been submitted, and the department will be presenting to WellWise on August 31st in detail and will be answering any questions. This round of funding will be offering new opportunities, and there will be some that we have been utilizing that are longer available. The new funding variants allow us to apply to our core programs that most of our clients rely on, as well as some new opportunities like caregiver funds and unmet needs that will ultimately allow us to expand our services. The availability of a Health Promotion & Disease Prevention grant would allow us to take some of that vital programming out into our senior centers and community. Adult Day Services was not an area to apply for this year. Millage Dollars will supplement the \$50,000 of lost grant funds for FY2027.

The annual meeting was a great success. The LDA staff came together, got creative, and also learned a lot. TLC Community Credit Union gave an eye-opening presentation on scams and how people are using AI for all the wrong reasons. Lenawee County Sheriff's Office gave an informative talk about 911 and the Smart 911 program.

Director Rebottaro shared that TLC will be giving that same presentation on October 22nd around 12:00PM at the Onsted Senior Center for those that are interested in hearing it for themselves.

VI. Existing Business

There was no existing business.

VII. New Business

Russ Amo reported that three individuals were up for renewal and asked them each individually if they would like to continue serving on the board.

Burt Fenby - Accepted
Julie Hackett — Accepted
Cathy Burr — Accepted

Chris Peoples made a motion to recommend to the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners the renewal of these three members to the LDA Advisory Board for a 3-year term ending in 2030. Gloria Bortnichak offered support. The motion was voted upon and passed

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IX. Board Member Comment

There was no board member comment.

X. Adjournment

Commissioner David Aungst made a motion to adjourn. Burt Fenby offered support. President Russ Amo adjourned the meeting at 1:44PM.