

MINUTES

CRAWFORD COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
Regular Board Meeting
February 24, 2010 @ Grayling Senior Center

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Secretary, Linda Munsey.

Board members in attendance: Kathy Rogers, Linda Munsey, Don Williams, Helen Nolan, and Dean McCray

Board members absent: Howard Taylor and Jack Mahank with notice.

Also in attendance: Director Snyder, Barb Selesky representing the AAA Advisory Council, Kara LaMarre from the AAA, and 6 additional visitors.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dean McCray. The invocation was offered by Helen Nolan.

AGENDA – Director Snyder asked to add item 10. C. Dishwasher to the agenda. Motion by Williams, supported by Nolan, to approve the agenda as amended. Ayes (5) five, nay (0). Motion carried.

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Motion by McCray, supported by Nolan, to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2010 board meeting. Ayes (5) five, nay (0) none. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT – January 31, 2010

Director Snyder reported we are ahead at this point compared to same point as last year. Director Snyder stated it's possible that we will only have an 8% cut instead of 22% as projected for next fiscal year. Motion by McCray, supported by Nolan, to receive and file the financial report ending January 31, 2010. Ayes (5) five, nay (0) none. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE - No correspondence has been received.

REPORTS

A. Director's Report

Director Snyder reported the 2010 Older Michiganians Day is scheduled for June 10th. Director Snyder stated it would be great to have volunteers to facilitate seniors going to the rally. NEMCSA will be sending a group and Director Snyder will get with Laurie Sauer to clarify details. Barb Selesky stated she would help organize a group. Motion by Nolan, supported by McCray, to receive and file the Director's Report. Ayes (5) five, nay (0) none. Motion carried.

B. NEMCSA – No report.

C. Area Agency on Aging – Barb Selesky reported March meeting is cancelled. She stated the rally on June 10th is to help advocate for seniors. According to Barb, MiCafe is working to have food stamps be used at the senior center to pay for meals which would be a new revenue stream. She reported that we should not be happy with just an 8% funding cut and that we need to advocate that seniors not settle for even the 8% decrease. Barb identified the agencies that were involved in the community garden last year. They

consisted of VFW, MSU and COA. This year the goal is to put up a fence to detour the deer. Last year there were 14 people who planted. Camp Shawano planted 32 flats of herbs and other vegetables. Some of the food was donated to agencies. Looking forward to more people getting involved this year.

- D. **Gazette Advertising** – Monthly advertising report was reviewed. Literature included the names of the individuals that sold the ads.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Grayling Housing Commission Lease Agreement for FY 09-10

Director Snyder provided a letter written by Jennie Hatfield, GHC Director in reference to their regular board meeting. GHC did not sign the MOU, but would like to form a committee to work on next years lease. Director Snyder recommended the appointment of Taylor and Rogers for the committee. Taylor and Rogers have agreed to serve on this committee. Motion by McCray and supported by Williams to appoint Taylor and Rogers to sit on the committee to discuss next years lease with GHC. Ayes (5) five, nay (0) none. Motion carried. Explored some of the issues that the COA faces including dining room use by COA and GHC, common space, old RSVP building usage and parking. These issues will not go away and we need to have a lease that all parties are comfortable with. Board decided to put the future building plans on the April agenda when the full board when again present.

B. AAA Advisory Council Appointment Interviews

Interviews were conducted for the position. A list of five questions were presented to applicants. Applicants considered were Gary Rapelje and Earl Corpe. Director Snyder explained the function of the AAA Advisory Council to the board members. Motion by Rogers and supported by Williams to appoint Gary Rapelje to serve on the AAA Advisory Council. Director Snyder agreed to talk with applicants about additional volunteer opportunities at the COA.

C. COA Millage Renewal

Commissioner Rogers reported on the options for the millage renewal. Discussion regarding when to ask for the millage, what year, which election, and what to ask (operating and/or building) for were included in the discussion. Commissioner Rogers will look at the foreclosures sales that the county has to see if any buildings would be suitable for a new center. A suggestion by Kara LaMarre, AAA, was made to talk with the former Otsego COA Director, Arnie Morse as he was successful in his millage campaigns for Otsego County.

NEW BUSINESS

A. MMAP & MiCafe Program Evaluation

Director Snyder described the MMAP and MiCafe services the senior center has been providing. She stated these services are provided by volunteers which has included herself. Recruiting and maintaining volunteers for these programs has been an ongoing struggle. The requirements of the programs are increasing and Director Snyder has identified that she doesn't feel like she has the time to dedicate to these programs any longer. According to Director Snyder to affectively run these programs, we need a minimum of a part time paid staff person. It is evidenced by the individuals that use these services that they are needed in Crawford County but at this time Director Snyder cannot

continue to set aside Director responsibilities to serve individuals personally in these programs. She stated it is critical that she focus on Director work. The lack of volunteers for these programs continues to place the burden on the Director. These volunteer positions have been advertised multiple ways with no response. The board agreed to have Director Snyder send a letter to the AAA stating she is no longer able to coordinate these programs.

B. Policy Governance Calendar-COA By-Laws

Commissioner Rogers suggested reviewing the requirement of needing a quorum of the whole board to pass which is located in Section 4, Article 6. This will be added to the agenda for April when the full board is present. Rogers will get by laws from other boards she sits on to show how it may read.

C. Dishwasher

Director Snyder reported the dishwasher is on its last leg. It is in need of being replaced. The dishwasher was purchased in 1988. The new ones are much more energy efficient which would save money on electric and water. HPS can come and make suggestions for the space modifications needed for a new dishwasher. Director Snyder reported she's in the process of getting 3 quotes and has provided the board with two. Williams volunteered to help with specs if needed. Motion by Williams and supported by McCray to approve up to \$9,000 to purchase a new dishwasher. Cost of installation would be considered a separate expense. Roll call vote: Rogers yes, Munsey yes, Nolan yes, Williams yes and McCray yes Ayes (5) five, nay (0) none. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/CONCERNS Nolan reported to the Board that she is doing a training program through Experience Works. This is paid training and she stated she has been placed at the COA with Director Snyder as her Supervisor. She stated at anytime she needs to reframe from voting on a matter due to conflict of interest she would excuse herself. Director Snyder reported that she talked with Paul Compo, County Controller and he didn't see a conflict of interest.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Barb Selesky wanted to remind the Board that the outlying townships approved the move to the Fish Hatchery. She stated this building isn't equipped for the disabled in regards to floor space. We need to move from GHC.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by McCray, supported by Williams, to adjourn. Ayes (5) six, nay (0) none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:37pm.

Linda Munsey, Chairperson

Melanie Conway, Recording Secretary