

Regular Board Meeting
January 20, 2026, 4:30pm 4388 W M-72 HWY, Grayling

The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm by Karl Schreiner.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Karl Schreiner, Laurie Jamison, Sandy Woods, Mark Ostahowski, Cheryl Wolkens, and Shannon Sorenson.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jason Thompson absent.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Brian McLaughlin, Sarah Pollock, Carlie Wilson, and Lynn Cheney.

The Pledge of Allegiance led by Schreiner. A prayer was offered by Schreiner.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

AGENDA:

Schreiner Stated that we will add public comment under Correspondence.

Motion by Ostahowski to approve the agenda for January 20, 2026, supported by Woods. Ayes (6) six, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Motion by Jamison, to approve the minutes dated November 18, 2025, supported by Wolkens. Ayes (6) six, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Discussed the financial report.

Motion by Sorenson, to accept and file the financial report dated October 31, 2025, supported by Ostahowski. Ayes (6) six, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Wayne Koppa, Erich Podjaske and Duncan Gray discussed getting a trail from the Burger King to Rayburn's. The estimated cost for the trial is just over 5 million. Usually with the trails there needs to be a match. They have been going around and asking for funding for the \$80,000 gap. They are asking the COA and other community organizations to cover part of the \$80,000 gap. Looking for pledges by April or May. Schnider thanked them for coming in and speaking about this.

REPORTS:

- A. Northeast Michigan Regional Council on Aging – Scott Ulery
No Report Next board meeting is Monday, January 26, 2026.
- B. Michigan Senior Advocates Council (MSAC) – Lorelei King
No report. Next MSAC meeting is Wednesday, January 28, 2026.
- C. Directors Report
Discussed the Directors Report. McLaughlin discussed the Homemaker shortage. Discussed an on-call homemaker.

Motion by Ostahowski to advertise an on-call homemaker, supported by Wolkens. Ayes (6) six, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

Discussed the new activities that have been scheduled. Food insecurity – food truck on Thursday the 22nd at the fire station. 355 residents logged in for commodities in the last 2 months. SHIP program met with 86 clients.

Motion by Ostahowski, to receive and file the director's report, supported by Woods. Ayes (6) six, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Year End Review 24-25

- a. Year End Financial Report ending September 30, 2025
- b. Fund Balance Recommendation

Motion made by Woods, to transfer \$6,777 into the Contingency Fund Balance, and the remaining amount into the Fund Balance Capital, supported by Wolkens. Roll call: Schreiner - Aye, Jamison - Aye, Ostahowski - Aye, Sorenson – Aye, Woods – Aye, Wolkens - Aye. Ayes (6) six, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

B. Governance Calendar

- a. Evaluation of Ends FY 24-25

Motion made by Wolkens, to receive and file the Governance Ends at 97% supported by Ostahowski. Ayes (6) six, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

b. Agency Evaluation

Motion made by Ostahowski, to receive and file the Agency Evaluation at 97%, supported by Sorenson. Ayes (6) six, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

C. Updated Board Member Listing

Jamison has been removed from the board and Sandra Moore has been assigned to the board.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

Woods stated the annual report was outstanding. I read it from cover to cover, and it was outstanding. Ostahowski stated that the work you do is outstanding.

Schriener stated to keep track on the property tax issue. In March, we need to put on the trail issue. Discussed the cost of plowing. McLaughlin stated that we spent \$5,000 in December and will reach that in January. We might want to look into purchasing a used plow truck. We would also have the cost of insurance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:04pm.

Respectfully Submitted,