

Regular Board Meeting
November 18, 2025, 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, Jason Thompson, Cheryl Wolken, and Shannon Sorenson.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Brian McLaughlin, Sydney Funnell, and Lynn Cheney.

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

AGENDA:

Motion by Ostahowski to approve the agenda for November 18, 2025, supported by Jamison. Ayes (7) seven, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES:

Motion by Sorenson, to approve the minutes dated September 16, 2025, supported by Woods. Ayes (7) seven, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Discussed the financial report. Cheney explained how the grant funding will now be a reimbursement, instead of getting 1/12 per month.

Motion by Sorenson, to accept and file the financial report dated October 31, 2025, supported by Ostahowski. Ayes (7) seven, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORTS:

A. Northeast Michigan Regional Council on Aging – Scott Ulery

Absent

B. Michigan Senior Advocates Council (MSA) – Lorelei King

Absent – Submitted a written report.

C. Directors Report

Discussed the Directors report. Director discussed the staffing update with the workers comp claims. Special dinners have averaged over 200 for the last several months, last week it was over 300. Second fruit and vegetable food truck had 105 participants. Sandy and Tammy are running the SHIP program. They have 120 appointments filled. Woods stated that Blue Cross Blue Shield cancelled one of the plans for Crawford and Roscommon counties. But it was not cancelled in other counties. Because of this, there is an extra demand. Commodities has continued to increase. Right now, we are over 230.

Motion by Wolkens, to receive and file the director's report, supported by Sorenson. Ayes (7) seven, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Thompson stated that he is concerned that in a year, property taxes might be on the ballot. The ballot would be statewide, and it would be to remove the property taxes. Would we need to sell the property? Ostahowski asked if it would have to be budget neutral? If this passed it could be devastating to us. Schreiner stated that we should start a plan. Thompson thinks it is appropriate to have a subcommittee to look into it. The subcommittee will be Jamison, Thompson and Sorenson, and will work with Director McLaughlin to come up with a plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Budget Amendments

a. Budget Amendment dated September 25, 2025, and October 1, 2025

Discussed the budget amendments.

Motion made by Woods to approve the budget amendments dated September 25, 2025, and October 1, 2025, supported by Wolkens. Ayes (7) seven, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

Sorenson stated that Huntington Bank will be here doing a fraud presentation on Thursday.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Funnell wanted to remind you about the caregiver seminar on Friday from 10-2. It will have lots of door prizes and give aways.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 5:14pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Woods, Secretary

Recorded by Lynn Cheney